

# Clinton critiques Bush's policies at political dinner in Portland

The social icon talks about the economy and terrorism while helping raise campaign funds for two Oregon politicians

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PORTLAND — Deep inside Portland's Hilton Hotel, more than 800 gatherers sat in candlelit circles, eating their \$150 to \$1,000 dinners and talking quietly. Shifty-eyed security agents wandered the room, making sure nothing was out of place. High-rolling politicians with white name tags pasted fake smiles on their faces and acknowledged one another in the dim light. All around, the sound of voices, silverware and smooth jazz permeated the room.

On the ticket for Friday night was former President William Jefferson Clinton, with a twofold purpose for his appearance: to raise money for U.S. Senate hopeful Bill Bradbury's and U.S. Representative Darlene Hooley's elections.

Clinton began his speech, which covered the economy, the war on terrorism and corporate scandals, with acknowledgments to Bradbury and Hooley, and he then wasted no time making a crack about the disputed 2000 election.

"One thing (Bradbury) has done

here is to make sure Oregon at least counted the votes," Clinton said. "I think he should put that in his brochure."

On that note, Clinton charged into a scathing critique of President George W. Bush and his administration, saying Washington has turned into an "evidence-free zone," where politicians don't give evidence to support their arguments about policy. He blasted Bush's economic and environmental policy, two of Clinton's major focuses in office.

"(Bush's) economic plan promised big changes — it did. It took us from the biggest surplus in history back to deficits," he said. "They told us they would go after the environment with a vengeance, and they kept their word."

Switching to corporate malfeasance, Clinton said that his administration warned in 1998 and 2000 that corrupt corporate accounting practices would lead America into trouble. He also said the Bush administration is spending too much money on the war on terrorism instead of focusing on Social Security, Medicare and other programs.

"We tell the middle class people, 'You have to give up your Social Security and retirement because we have to go back to deficits so people like me can have a tax cut,'" he

said. "I told somebody the other day, this is reverse-Titanic economics. You throw the women and children overboard; the captain and crew go off to Tahiti."

Despite Clinton's disagreements with current policy, he stressed the need to support America in defending itself from terrorists, saying Democrats should work to bring America together in the face of adversity.

"What happened to us on Sept. 11 was an act of religious and political hatred," he said. "I believe the world is in a conflict between those who are trying to put things together and those who are trying to tear things apart. We Democrats — we have to be the ones trying to put things together."

Clinton also said political leaders should work together to overcome America's problems and ultimately bring the world together as a whole.

"It is not enough for us to criticize our adversaries; that is what, after all, most of them did to me for eight years," he said. "I think we should send people to Washington who want to accomplish things, who want to work with people across party lines."

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# Bicycle tour gives students a chance to explore University area routes

The Eugene Bicycle Coalition and Eugene Public Works are sponsoring a guided bike tour of shortcuts around campus

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Bicycle enthusiasts and beginning riders alike can explore Eugene's many routes during guided bike tours in July and August.

Today at 6 p.m., a tour will explore the University area, starting at 29th Avenue and Amazon Parkway, and explore areas from 13th Avenue to the Autzen Stadium area.

The Eugene Bicycle Coalition and Eugene Public Works Department are sponsoring the tours, which will cover different routes around Eugene on alternate Tuesdays. Experienced bicyclists will give participants a ride through local shortcuts and points of interest.

Public Works Bicycle & Alternative Modes Coordinator Diane Bishop said there are many advantages to biking instead of using a car or public transportation.

"For one thing, it's more personal," she said. "The benefit of a bike over a car is, believe it or not, it can be more efficient."

Guides on the University tour will show participants many popular spots, including shops on East 13th Avenue, the EMU area, Autzen Stadium area, and the Knight Library. The tour will also

**Campus Bike Tour**

1. Amazon Park & Ride at 29th Ave. and Amazon Parkway
2. 24th Ave. and Hillyard
3. Alder near Beall Hall
4. 13th next to Smith Family Books
5. 13th Ave. next to Maple Garden
6. 16th Ave. by UO Bookstore
7. Knight Library
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12. UO Rec Center
13. UO Post Office
14. Millrace
15. Autzen Stadium
16. WISTEC
17. Cuthbert Amphitheater
18. Hayward Field
19. Return to Amazon Park & Ride

include trips around the Millrace and Autzen areas to demonstrate the ease of travel via bike paths.

Paul Moore, who coordinated the University path, said the trip would be a good opportunity for incoming freshmen to see the area.

"(The tour) would be a real way to jump-start how to get around half a mile off campus and get an idea of what's out there," he said.

University student Paul Digregorio said bikes are sufficient for him to get around, but winter rains usually force him to take the bus.

"The biggest thing a bike does is allow you to make your own

schedule," he said.

Two other trips are also planned for Aug. 6 and 20 that will explore other parts of Eugene.

A quick safety check will be conducted at the start of each ride, and some equipment such as air pumps will be available to increase safety. Bicycle helmets are required but will be provided if a participant doesn't have one.

All rides will last less than two hours. For more information, visit [www.ci.eugene.or.us/pw/bike/NeighRides.htm](http://www.ci.eugene.or.us/pw/bike/NeighRides.htm)

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# Movie

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underage prostitution, and the film's title reflects this criticism.

"'Butterfly Man' is a name that (Asian) sex workers call the foreign man flitting from one woman to another," Darrah said.

Part of the sex industry in Thailand and Cambodia involves sex

tours for the foreign visitors who come to the area. The women and girls wear numbers and sit in a glass-enclosed room, called a fish bowl, and the men pick out the women and girls by number.

If a man wants an underage girl, all he has to do is ask in these places, Darrah said.

"I get very irritated seeing these men from the U.K., U.S. and Eu-

rope on these sex tours," Darrah said. "If they want a 9-year-old, (the proprietors) will go and get one."

Davis will head a question-and-answer session following the screening. Admission is \$4 for the general public. For more information, call 346-4231.

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