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## RUSH to war?

Demonstrators express concerns about impending war with Iraq by displaying signs and giving speeches at the Federal Building

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Campus/Federal Politics Reporter

In a perfect world, Xuan Ngoc Nguyen's husband would have stood next to her as she rallied against war in Iraq.

But he died 30 years ago in the Vietnam War — a 19-year-old U.S. soldier caught in a battle he never wanted to fight.

Nguyen, holding a picture of her husband, was one of several hundred people who gathered Saturday at the Eugene Federal Building to listen to anti-war speakers and make a statement against another war in the Middle East.

"Sept. 11 was one time, one place," Nguyen said. "In Vietnam, 30 years later, we're still looking at the sky for the B-52 bombers."

"We don't belong in war."

Saturday, the group at the Federal

Building echoed Nguyen's sentiments in a rally, called "Not in Our Name," sponsored by a coalition of community groups including Progressive Responses and Faith in Action. Bearing signs with anti-war statements — such as "Attack Iraq: Are You On Crack?" and "Don't Kill for the Oligarchy" — the participants crowded together and lined the surrounding sidewalks as cars honked again and again in support.

And despite blocked traffic on East Eighth Avenue afterward, the rally was peaceful.

Speakers such as Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Eugene, Ward 3 Eugene City Councilor David Kelly and two veterans of the Vietnam War encouraged the crowd to put pressure on Congress, which will vote soon on a resolution to invade Iraq.

DeFazio, who compared a preemptive attack on Iraq to the movie "Minority Report," said Bush has been determined to invade Iraq since "day one."

The proposed resolution "is a total blank check of indefinite and unlimited

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Ben Boriskin, 4, and his father Mitch Boriskin listen to Oregon Rep. Peter DeFazio during Saturday's anti-war rally.

## ASUO opens dialogue on riot

Hoping to avert future riots, the ASUO seeks to begin forums about the latest melee

**Danielle Gillespie**

Safety/Crime/Transportation Reporter

The actions of the rioters in the West University neighborhood on the weekend of Sept. 27 drew nationwide attention, while their motivations for their conduct have been largely overlooked.

In the aftermath of the rioting, community members and students have tried to understand the reasons for the behavior, and have come together to brainstorm ways to prevent future riots.

ASUO held a press conference Friday to allow students to voice their responses to the rioting. ASUO President Rachel Pilliod said the conference was designed to let the community know that students at the University care and hope to prevent future outbreaks.

"We wanted the coverage to send our message to the community, and we got that today — so hopefully that will start a conversation," she said.

She said ASUO's next step will be to start a series of town hall meetings to address how and why the rioting occurred, and to discuss ways of improving relations between students and the Eugene Police Department.

"Through the media, we have seen a lot of hostility between the community and students, but these people, all of them, are our home. I am glad to see the ASUO taking steps to mend this conflict," University Diversity Affairs Coordinator Joy Nair said.

University Health Center Peer Health Educator Sariantra Kali said she thinks both alcohol and mob mentality fueled the riots.

Bertram Malle, a social psychologist at the University, said mob mentality occurs when there is a large enough group

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## Students voice ideas on Iraq

With the prospect of U.S. military action against Iraq looming, the possible repercussions and motivations of an attack concern many students

**Jennifer Bear**

Campus/City Culture Reporter

The possibility of a U.S. military attack against Iraq has dominated the headlines of local, regional and national newspapers for months. The prospect of war has also raised concerns for University students, many of whom question the motivation behind new intervention in the Middle East.

Emily Cooke, a journalism major and senior at the University, said she opposes the war because she believes that a regime change in Iraq is unrelated to the war on terrorism.

"The war is very much a political move on Bush's part, and unwarranted," Cooke said.

Kristina Armenakis, co-director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Alliance, said she is a pacifist and

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Demonstrators amass Saturday for "Not in Our Name," a rally outside the Federal Building.

### WEATHER

Today: High 70, Low 43, morning clouds then sun

Tuesday: High 68, Low 45, partly sunny turning cloudy

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Tuesday**  
Sorority house becomes a rental spot in the sun

**Wednesday**  
International students face changes in visa regulations

## Pepsi monopolizes UO soda sales

Pepsi outbid Coca-Cola this summer to become the sole soda provider on campus

**Brad Schmidt**

City/State Politics Reporter

"Thanks for choosing Pepsi."

That's the slogan slapped on each of the 106 brand-new, high-visibility University vending machines that exclusively house Pepsi products.

At a price tag of more than \$3,000 each, the machines have all the bells and whistles needed to catch the eyes of thirsty students. More impressive, though, is the stronghold the dispensers symbolize.

Thanks for choosing Pepsi? It's not like there's a choice.

The vending machines mark the final piece of the puzzle for Pepsi. From its shelving contract with Erb

Essentials to the new vending machines, to fountain drinks at restaurants to its agreement with the residence halls, the cola maker now has a monopoly on campus.

Pepsi is everywhere, and its competitors are not. Sound like an advantage?

"We'd like to think so," said Tim Larkin, food service director of Eugene's Pepsi distribution.

But for Pepsi, campus supremacy didn't come cheap.

In August, Coca-Cola's five-year vending machine contract with the University expired. With Pepsi agreements already in place at the residence halls and on restaurant fountain drinks that run midway into 2003, the company outbid Coke for a three-year vending machine deal — with two additional two-year

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This summer, Pepsi took over the University's vending machine rights and installed 106 new vending machines, which ended a five-year Coca-Cola contract.