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## Retiring history



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Rob Boise Wasco-Yakuma, Bryan Hudson and Casey Smith drum in the Many Nations Longhouse.

## Habitat of heritage

The Many Nations Longhouse, an American Indian cultural site on campus, is being retired because of structural damages

**Jennifer Bear**  
Campus/City Culture Reporter

Members of the American Indian community and students and staff from the University gathered together Sunday to respectfully retire their longhouse on the east side of campus.

Herman Quinn, a Yurok tribal member and regular visitor at the longhouse, said although he was saddened by the building's retirement, it was something that had to be done.

Jana Schmieding, co-director of the ASUO Multicultural Center, described the longhouse as a spiritual, cultural

and academic center.

"It is a holy place and it is a place for gathering," Schmieding said. "The longhouse is a place for building and maintaining community."

With the decommissioning of the old longhouse, American Indians and other members of the campus community will use a temporary modular rental until the new Many Nations Longhouse is built sometime in the near future.

For more than 30 years, the longhouse was a cultural nexus for American Indian community members and University groups such as the Native American Student Union, the Native American Law Students Association, and the Center for Indigenous Cultural Survival. NASU has used the longhouse as a meeting place where students and community members could connect and revitalize

American Indian customs and traditions. Activities such as drumming, singing, dancing and native beadwork were practiced at NASU meetings at the longhouse every Sunday.

NASU Co-Director Brent Spencer said it's important for American Indian students to continue these traditional practices in order to sustain their culture.

"When you stop practicing these types of activities, the knowledge is lost," Spencer said.

Mitch Wilkinson, interim steward for the Many Nations Longhouse, said the longhouse was originally a soldier barracks in World War II and was used for graduate student housing after the war. About 35 years ago, American Indian students, in conjunction with community

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## Halloween brings more riot control, prevention

After a weekend of distributing citations, EPD anticipates a busy Halloween; they encourage students to take part in on-campus activities

**Danielle Gillespie**

Safety/Crime/Transportation Reporter

The Eugene Police Department had busy Friday and Saturday nights, handing out more than 75 citations in the West University neighborhood the weekend before Halloween.

EPD continued its focused presence, breaking up four parties and citing 39 people with minor in possession of alcohol. Twelve residents who hosted parties also received first response warnings and some received citations for allowing minors to consume alcohol.

In addition, EPD field activity — which monitors street activity in the neighborhood — cited four more for MIPs and wrote 20 citations for open container violations.

With Halloween around the corner, University officials, police authorities and community members met Friday to plan how to prevent another riot from occurring. Rioting occurred in the West University neighborhood on Halloween in 1996, 1997 and 1998. The task force also discussed other ways to entertain students this Thursday.

The holiday has been of great concern for EPD. Authorities heard rumors during the weekend about the threat of a riot Thursday, but Lt. Pete Kerns said that it hasn't been verified.

"We hear rumors like this all the time," he said. "It's common."

EPD Special Operations Capt. Steve Swenson said he is worried a Halloween riot will occur because he thinks that the relationship between students and police has intensified.

"With the number of citations that we have been writing lately, a lot of animosity has occurred among students," he said.

Swenson said he does not want students and police at odds with each other. He said EPD is thinking of ways to have more

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## Peace rallies held nationwide

Eugene's weekend anti-war rally gathered hundreds and coincided with other events nationwide

**Chelsea Duncan**  
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Local residents and students gathered at the Eugene Federal Building plaza for an anti-war rally Saturday, marking a national day of action and the one-year anniversary of the USA Patriot Act.

The rally coincided with rallies in Washington, D.C., San Francisco and other cities nationwide. Bahati Ansari,

director of Racism-Free Zone at Jefferson Middle School, hosted the rally, which also featured Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury and award-winning radio journalist Alan Siporin.

A crowd of about 500 gathered for an address concerning the possibility of war in Iraq, the war on terrorism and the harmful repercussions of the Patriot Act.

Many people held protest signs that read, "Nonviolence works" and "No blood for oil." Vehicles drove by, honking at the crowd and the signs. Most drivers honked in support while others yelled at the crowd to "Go home." One

drove by waving a sign reading, "Support our president."

Siporin advised the crowd to be positive about the anti-war movement's progress and suggested the best way to gain more participants is through "word of mouth."

"Word of mouth: It may sound simplistic, but that's how people change," he said.

Comparing the movement to the one that stemmed from the Vietnam War, he said the challenge is not mounting a movement to end a war, but to prevent one.

"It's very empowering to be part of a

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Charles Fox Philadelphia Inquirer (KRT)

Jesse Jackson and marchers rally in Washington, D.C. A rally in Eugene on Saturday mirrored the D.C. march and others across the country.

## Measures to 'clean' local government

The upcoming election gives voters an array of local measures on issues such as education, elections, city representation and a code of ethics

### Oregon votes 2002

**Brad Schmidt**  
News Editor

Among the many housekeeping measures clouding the Nov. 5 general election are a handful of provisions that would give voters, through

their decisions, the chance to clean a little house of their own.

Eugene residents have been asked to hold city officials responsible for grossly negligent spending, to force officials out of office if they have conflicts of interest and to require the city to have its own attorney by 2005.

Measure 20-69 would require the city council to adopt a code of ethics that would prevent elected officials from discussing, debating or voting on matters from which they, or their relatives, could financially gain. If intentional, the violation could result in removal from office.

"It's a way of making sure that they respect a

level of integrity in the local government," said Councilor David Kelly of Ward 3, which represents the University.

Measure 20-70 asks voters whether the city manager should be required to report to the City Council after hiring, promoting or firing individuals. Currently, the manager is not required to do so.

"If we're supposed to evaluate that person, we have very little basis on how these very important decisions are made," Ward 2 Councilor Betty Taylor said.

Of all the measures that would affect city officials, Turn to **Measures**, page 5A

### WEATHER

Today: High 58, Low 40,  
isolated showers clearing  
Tuesday: High 55, Low 30,  
cloudy with chance of drizzle

### LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday  
ASUO holds special election  
Wednesday  
Get down with Low in concert