



UO senate votes not to hear war resolution

After an hour of testimony from community members, students and faculty, the senate votes to discontinue resolution debates

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Tensions ran high Wednesday as the University Senate, after an hourlong debate, voted 29-8 to not hear or discuss a resolution condemning the war in Iraq, a decision that dismayed some but drew the praise of University administration.

The senate's vote on whether to consider the resolution, originally introduced by biology Professor

Emeritus Frank Stahl, prevented further discussion on the issue. If the resolution had been successfully brought to the floor and passed, it would have been the senate's first official stance on war since 1970, when the Faculty Senate voted to condemn the Vietnam War in the wake of national and local protests.

"Making official statements in the name of the University is something we traditionally don't do — and that has to be observed," University President Dave Frohnmayer said in a telephone interview from Philadelphia, where he was on a business trip.

More than 200 professors, students, members of University administration and the community packed the EMU Fir Room on Wednesday for two

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Professor Emeritus Frank Stahl addresses the University Senate and a large group of students and community members during a meeting held Wednesday in the EMU Fir Room.

Mark McCambridge
Emerald

'Tis the season



University sophomore Ben Parrell (far right) waits in line for the security checkpoint at the Eugene airport. Parrell was traveling to San Francisco for Thanksgiving and only had to wait about five minutes to get through security.

Jeremy Forrest
Emerald

Leaving on a jet plane

Heightened post-9/11 security and holiday travel flurry could spawn delays, officials say

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University student Yuh Wen will fly from the Eugene Airport to Los Angeles to catch a connecting flight to her home country, Taiwan, for winter break. Although she is excited to see her family

and friends again, she does not look forward to the flight.

"It's long, and it takes 24 hours to get there," she said. "I am just going to sleep the whole trip."

Similar to Wen, many students will fly over the holidays to locations throughout the United States and the world to visit their loved ones.

And students will most likely be taking flights from the Eugene Airport or Portland International Airport.

Eugene Airport operations director Mike Coontz said airports will still implement the heightened security guidelines in place since Sept. 11, at a bare minimum. He said the Transportation Security Administration, a government agency created to safeguard American airways after Sept. 11, has not given airline authorities any specific reason to increase safety measures.

"We will maintain current security and increase our visibility

since we know things are going to be busier," Coontz said.

The FCC has banned passengers from carrying an assortment of items aboard planes, such as long-bladed scissors, sharp tools, pocket knives and fingernail files on the airplane, Portland International Airport spokesman Steve Johnson said.

"If passengers can't bring an item on the plane, and if they have time, they can go and mail

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ASUO lists housing standard as priority

Student government will continue an informational Web site for students and plans to propose housing standards

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Campus/Federal Politics Reporter

The ASUO is making plans to work on housing issues in the second half of the school year, and it hopes to continue rental information services left behind by the Rental Information Office as well as develop a housing standard for Eugene.

Both campaigns have been in the ASUO's sights since the summer, but coordinators say plans are now starting to take shape.

Information on the Web

After the Rental Information Office was shut down in September, the future of the office's Web site and rental listing boards — which provide students with information about available housing in Eugene — was unclear.

The ASUO decided these services were too important for students to let them disappear.

"The Rental Information Office was de-funded, so the ASUO said, 'Look, we really want this service to continue because it's the only off-campus housing office or resource for students at the University,'" said Megan Hughes, the ASUO's housing information manager.

Now that the ASUO controls the Web site, they plan to expand it to include more information, faster service and more publicity.

"We want to replace that Web site, Turn to **Housing**, page 10

WEATHER

Today: High 50, Low 37, light rain, mostly cloudy

Friday: High 48, Low 38, foggy, afternoon sun

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday
New INS regulations may prompt a trip to Portland for international students

Monday
Campus community will hold a panel discussion on broadcast media climate.

Community celebrates Hanukkah

A Menorah lighting Tuesday kicked off a number of Eugene events that will continue through the weekend

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Rabbi Asi Spiegel stood on the stage and lit the first candle under the watchful eyes of the crowd.

"The menorah we light tonight is to

commemorate the menorah of our ancestors," he had said to the audience before inviting four others onto the stage to help him light the five candles set in the menorah.

"There is light in the world. It flows naturally, and that is the natural state of the world," he said.

The crowd, which gathered at Agate Hall on Tuesday for music and celebration in honor of Hanukkah, broke into applause after the fifth candle was lit.

Hanukkah, the Hebrew word for dedication, is a traditional Jewish celebration that begins every year on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev, which falls between the end of November and the end of December on the Western calendar. This year's observance of Hanukkah started at sundown on Friday and will last through Saturday.

Jewish people have many different

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