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Group's rally will protest President

Students for Peace is sponsoring a walkout and rally on Thursday, protesting President Bush, his administration and the war

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Campus/City Culture Reporter

The United States' military presence in Iraq has angered many anti-war students on campus, and they are rallying together in protest, a sight that has become common since the start of the war two weeks ago.

Students for Peace is sponsoring a student walkout at 2:30 p.m. Thursday to protest war with Iraq and President George W. Bush and his administration. A rally is also scheduled for 3 p.m. at the EMU Amphitheater, which will include student and faculty speakers, poetry and music. Afterward, protesters will march at 4 p.m. to the Federal Building on Seventh Avenue, coinciding with the second monthly Bikes Not Bombs protest.

Students for Peace, a political student group on campus, is critical of the war and is not letting up its effort to protest the conflict. In a recent news release, the group stated: "George Bush is a war criminal ... and should be indicted for war crimes." The statement went on to say that the U.S. government is guilty of the same crimes that Nazi leaders were prosecuted for during the Nuremberg Trials, and that the USA PATRIOT Act — which the government said is meant to rid the country of possible terrorists — is assaulting civil liberties.

"Historic figures like Ghandi and Martin Luther King, Jr. could easily be labeled terrorists," the statement said. "Students for Peace refuses to succumb to the fear these laws mean to instill."

Students for Peace coordinator Alex

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Troops close in near Baghdad

S. Thorne Harper, Juan O. Tamayo and Martin Merzer

Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

NEAR KARBALA, Iraq — The opening phase of the battle for Baghdad erupted early Wednesday as thousands of U.S. Army troops and Marines thundered into action, approaching Republican Guard divisions that block the southern passages to the capital.

Only light mortar fire and other minor resistance was reported in the early hours of the attack and no reports surfaced of U.S. casualties. One unit managed to travel more than 15 miles through hostile territory in about 90 minutes.

"There's an eerie easiness to it," said Spc. Timmy Malia of Omaha, Neb. Other soldiers cautioned that tougher times seemed certain. On Tuesday, one U.S. soldier was killed in south-central Iraq, raising the U.S. death toll to 49 since the war began.

In another development, U.S. military officials announced without elaboration that an Army prisoner of war had been rescued. The Pentagon identified the soldier as Jessica Lynch, 19, from Palestine, W.Va., who had been listed as missing in action.

In the full-scale ground attack, all

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Nuccio Dinuzzo Chicago Tribune
Pfc. Kurt Singer surveys Highway 70 just north of Al Kifl, Iraq, littered with bombed out vehicles and dead bodies of Iraqi soldiers.

Duck Recycle Mania

The University is currently in second place in the national program to increase recycling awareness on college campuses

Ali Shaughnessy
Environment/Science/Technology Reporter

For more than 3,000 students living on campus, recycling has become more than just a chore; it has become an activity involving free soda, people dressed as dancing trees and the possibility of winning Recycle Mania — a 10-week event that began Feb. 3.

Recycle Mania started as a friendly recycling competition between Ohio University and Miami University, with the winner determined by whichever school recycled more pounds per on-campus student.

Ed Newman, Ohio University's recycle and refuse manager, said he created the recycling project with hopes of raising awareness and increasing participation in recycling programs on college campuses.

"The fact that we're getting through another season of (Recycle Mania) is a success in and of itself," he said.

The participants in the University of Oregon's program — which ends April 13 — have brought the University just pounds away from taking first place. According to Housing Recycling Coordinator Robyn Hathcock, spring break hurt the University because of the de-



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creased number of students that lived on campus for the week.

Gabe Kjos, vice president and spokesman for the Residence Hall Association, agreed that spring break may have hurt the University, adding that it was also trouble for the rest of the competing schools.

RHA has been working closely with the recycling program at the University to make Re-

cycle Mania successful. Just before winter finals, RHA hosted a recycling awareness activity called "Get Your Pop On," with 500 bottles of free soda, water and juice.

"We were trying to get residents (living on campus) to know what recycling is all about," Kjos said.

The number of schools participating in Recycle Mania has grown from two to eight since the program began in February 2001. The University will be competing against Ohio University, Western Michigan University, Harvard University, Ohio State University, Washington University, Miami University and Bowling Green State University, the current holders of the Recycle Mania trophy.

Hathcock said she hoped increase recycling awareness among students living on campus, but that was only one of three goals Recycle Mania had set forth. She said the other two goals were to strengthen the collaboration between University Housing and the recycling program and to give students living on campus a chance to express school spirit.

The University of Oregon is currently in second place, but Kjos said he has faith the college can pull forward to win the contest.

"Even though we aren't in first place, I think the University and RHA have taken huge strides," he said. "I think that in the end, we'll come out on top."

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Senate Seat 2 candidates report senator know-how

Students seeking the ASUO Senate Seat 2 position are Colin Andries, Beth Overgard, Michael Sherman and Chris Sittner

ASUO elections

Jennifer Bear
Campus/Federal Politics Reporter

University students have the opportunity to choose who they want to guard their pocket-books in student government for the 2003-04 school year. The ASUO Programs Finance Committee is responsible for allocating approximately \$5 million in student incidental fees, and

there are five elected seats that need to be filled. There are four people running for ASUO Student Senate Seat 2, a finance senator position that requires participation in both the weekly senate meetings and the annual PFC process.

The Emerald asked each candidate four general questions and also asked two specific questions pertaining to student government to see how rule-savvy this year's candidates are: What two ways can a special meeting of the senate be called (answer: by the senate president or at the written request of 1/3 of the Senate), and what is the most important part of Senate Rules Section 5, which lists senators' duties?

Colin Andries is a first-year law student who graduated from the University with a degree in

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ASUO candidates discuss campus safety, spending

Spence/Mantel hope to provoke student interest in the ASUO; White/McNeill focus on reducing incidental fees for students

ASUO elections

Jan Montry
News Editor

The ASUO president and vice president are high-profile positions on the University campus, and together they must lead an organization that represents all students. Next year, the leadership may face the fallout of increasing tuition and decreasing financial

aid. Today, the Emerald presents the final two candidates.

Pierre Spence and Jack Mantel are focusing their campaign on making campus safer for students, while Jarrett White and Greg McNeill plan to institute a student's bill of rights and make student groups more accountable.

Pierre Spence, a sophomore political science major, is running for president with Jack Mantel, a sophomore journalism major. Spence is not involved with any groups on campus but participates on the spring

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