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■ **Tonight** ■  
**Chicks in Arms Tour: Sheila Nicholls**  
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*Variety/Benefit for Womenspace*  
 8:00 pm  
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■ **Saturday** ■  
**The Sugar Beets Rebirthday Party**  
*Psychedelic Bluegrass*  
 8:30 pm  
 \$10 advance, \$10 door

■ **Tuesday** ■  
**The Polyphonic Spree**  
 Summer Hymns, Patrick Park  
*Psychedelic Chamber Music*  
 8:00 pm  
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■ **Wednesday** ■  
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**News brief**

**Senate approves funding for La Paz**

The ASUO Student Senate approved a \$999 special request on Wednesday evening to fund an event co-sponsored by the Multicultural Center that will feature La Paz, a group of "spoken word" artists and musicians.

The senate also approved a request from the Jewish Student Union for a transfer of \$503 from various accounts to fund SHOA Week. The group also requested \$100 be transferred to its food account.

The Japanese Student Organization was approved for a request of \$700 to be transferred to its food account in order to pay for Sushi Night. Group members said the purpose of the event is to educate students and community members about Japanese culture.

The senate also approved a \$435 transfer from various accounts of the Black Student Union to be used toward a dinner event.

Finally, a request was approved for the transfer of \$180 from the Latino/a Law Student Association speaker account to its student affairs account to compensate for an event

held in March.

Members of the Oregon Student of Color Coalition asked for the senate's endorsement for Senate Bill 10, which would allow students whose parents are not U.S. citizens but have lived here for three years and have high school diplomas to pay resident tuition. The senate agreed to form a resolution for debate before signing its endorsements.

Andrew Elliott resigned from his position as ombudsman. The senate will nominate members for the position next week.

— Chelsea Duncan

**Electronica**

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dance are just a few. However, the sound is orderly, rather than jumbled.

The band released "escuela" in 2001, and "gopal to starwin: live in san francisco 2002" is the newest release. Manipulations and loops make for a slightly more homogenous sound than Surrounded By Ninjas. However, the tracks are nowhere near boring, and they offer ample, spacey relaxation.

Portland-based duo Surrounded By Ninjas is listed second on 4th Rail Productions' press materials, but this group is really the shining star of the two. The duo released "Real Time Modify" in February. The CD

is a conglomeration of snippets extracted from more than 30 hours of music group members Asher Fulero and Joel Barber created during a six-month residency at Portland's Good-foot Lounge.

It's unlikely that audiences will ever hear the same combinations played live again, given the fact that Surrounded By Ninjas doesn't have a single set piece of music. Each song is completely improvised. According to the CD liner notes, "all music contained herein was 100 percent improvised with no prearranged notions or arrangements of any kind, and was created 100 percent live with no overdubs or post production." This aspect comes through even in recorded form.

The sound, produced with the aid

of 14 different machines, is metallic, fresh and infused with emotion — another rarity for electronic grooves. The tracks where Barber and Fulero utilized voice recordings, from television and other sources, are most adept at drawing the listener in. "several things in one," and "out of the loop" are notable for this. Another exceptional track, "sleepytime music for robots" is a soothing, slow expanse of noise capable of inducing sleepytime even for humans.

Surrounded By Ninjas and kookin & hoomen will do what they do best at 9 p.m. Friday. Wild Duck Music Hall is located at 169 W. Sixth Ave., and tickets are \$7 at the door.

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**West**

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stop their work to go knock some pins — taking it every bit as seriously as making a bike. I swear he's bipolar.

Of course, the Teutul roller coaster would be meaningless if they weren't producing outstanding motorcycles against all odds. I'm afraid of motorcycles as a rule — I fall off

normal bikes enough to be scared — but these machines make me want to saddle up. They are sculptures on wheels with glimmering chrome parts that seethe power. Even their basic models are beautiful, but the show focuses on masterpiece custom jobs requiring consummate creativity and skill in short amounts of time.

It's Tim Allen meets "Days of Our Lives"; "Full House" plus Firestone;

therapy with tools — it's friggin' awesome. The only thing that could make it better is if Paulie and his dad fell in love with a rich widow (who is secretly a long-lost relative) when she comes in to request a bike. Next time on "American Chopper"! Dun dun DUN!!!

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**War**

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Former Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger told the BBC this week that if Bush were to expand the war in Iraq to Iran or Syria, "We would last in office for about 15 minutes. In fact, if President Bush were to try that now, even I would think that he ought to be impeached."

State Department spokesman Philip Reeker said Wednesday that "there is no plan to attack Syria, Iran or anyone else."

But the administration has strongly criticized Iran's alleged attempt to develop nuclear weapons, particularly at a nuclear power plant being built with Russian help near the port city of Bushehr. The U.S. has imposed sanctions against Russian companies and

pressured Russia, China and Ukraine to refrain from supplying technological know-how.

One Iranian scholar, who did not want to be quoted by name, said that if there is any military action against Iran, it could be in the form of an air strike against these nuclear facilities. He doubted there would be a full-scale invasion.

Instead of using military force, the Bush administration plans to continue supporting Iranian opposition groups and broadcasting anti-government messages into Iran. It will also step up its rhetorical confrontations with the ruling clerics in an effort to keep them off balance and, ultimately, topple them, administration officials said.

Bush's rhetoric toward Iran has not been as heated as it has been

against Iraq. Last July, after declaring Iran a member of the "axis of evil" along with Iraq and North Korea, he issued a statement hailing the Iranian reform movement's efforts to openly defy the government. He accused the clerics ruling the country of enriching themselves at the expense of the people.

Iran is showing its usual concern, said David Long, a Washington consultant and retired U.S. Foreign Service officer who served in the Middle East. "The Iranians are concerned that the cowboy from Texas will expand the roundup to Syria and Iran," he said.

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