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Faculty tell UO to issue reports on PATRIOT Act

The Faculty Senate approved a motion requiring the University to report how the government uses the USA PATRIOT Act on campus

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The Faculty Senate unanimously approved a motion on Wednesday request-

ing that the University disclose how the federal government is using the USA PATRIOT Act on this campus.

The motion, proposed by Professor Emerita Barbara Pope, stipulates that the administration provides annual reports that disclose exactly what information the federal government has gleaned and what rules the University has set in controlling the process.

In addition, the administration's final report will detail any government-imposed limitations on research. The initial report should be delivered at the Senate's first fall meeting on Oct. 8.

Senate President Greg McLaughlan said he was not surprised by the unanimous vote.

"It seems to be a straightforward issue,"

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U.S. seeks link between Iran, Saudi bombings

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Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

WASHINGTON — U.S. intelligence agencies are investigating whether senior al-Qaida leaders hiding in Iran may have helped to plan or coordinate the terrorist bombings that killed 34 people, including eight Americans, late Monday in Saudi Arabia.

Intelligence officials said several al-Qaida leaders, including Saif al Adel, who's wanted in connection with the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa and may now be the terrorist group's third-ranking official, and Osama bin Laden's son Saad have found refuge in Iran, where they remain active.

National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, speaking to foreign journalists in Washington on Wednesday, made no mention of a possible link between al-Qaida members in Iran and the Saudi bombings but said: "We are concerned about al-Qaida operating in Iran."

If the CIA or other intelligence agencies find evidence confirming suspicions that the Saudi bombings were planned or supported from Iran, one senior U.S. official warned Wednesday, the conversation with Iran "could

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Campus prepares to take back night with rally, march

The 10th annual Take Back the Night will feature speakers, survivor accounts and musical performances as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Week

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Copy Chief

After almost 15 years of hurt and confusion, University alumna Keely C. Helmick single handedly put her abuser in jail. Sexually abused by her stepfather as a child, for years Helmick was unable to gain access to the services that would enable her to openly discuss the abuse she endured.

Finally, as a senior in college, Helmick used diary entries, her sharp memory and help from the University's Sexual Assault Support Services to work through her painful memories.

"I was sick of the lies," she said. "I knew I had made that effort so no one else could get hurt."

Providing information about sexual assault and helping to empower women are just some of the goals of today's Take Back the Night rally, march and speak out. The annual event, coordinated by SASS and the ASUO Women's Center, is part of the University's Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

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Soul fulfillment



Joel Skinner leads hundreds of college students in song during a Friday night service at the Onyx House. Mark McCambridge Emerald

Following the faith

The Onyx House attracts hundreds to its Friday evening services and also serves as a communal home for students

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Campus/City Culture Reporter

Most student groups would jump at the chance to attract as many as 400 students to their weekly events, but most don't gather a fraction of that.

The Onyx House, one of the largest Christian college ministries

in the Northwest, doesn't advertise or charge admission, but it draws hundreds of college students to a Friday night service — even though few students outside the ministry know it exists.

"It's a place that's characterized by a bunch of people coming together to pursue their spiritual journey," Onyx House pastor Nathan Poetzl said. "The Onyx House is a place where you can come to follow Jesus."

The house is a different type of church, Poetzl said, adding that his

role as a pastor for college students is to take an unchanging ancient message and present it in a culturally relevant way.

"Church' in the Bible doesn't mean a building — it means people," he said. "We have a motto that says 'come as you are.'"

The 90-minute services usually include a sermon by Poetzl and 30 minutes of praise and worship, where a full band of students plays music.

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Wal-Mart denies existence of virus on CD distributed at UO

Compact discs distributed nationally in college newspapers by Wal-Mart may have contained a suspicious file, alleged by some to be a trojan horse or spyware

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On April 2, Wal-Mart ran a nationwide advertisement in college newspapers that included a compact disc with music, music videos and movie and video game previews. One month later, University chemistry Professor John Hardwick discovered the distributed CD carried a file of unknown origin.

Hardwick said a student put one of the CDs in a lab computer out of curiosity, and immediately Norton AntiVirus launched, detected a virus and

warned the user. He said he then reported it to the University's computing center.

University Microcomputer Services, through Norton AntiVirus, verified a program titled "TagRecall.exe" existed at the base level of the CD and was infected with a "trojan horse," a file containing data that, when triggered, could cause loss or theft of data. The trojan horse spreads when a user invites the program onto their computer, either by opening an e-mail attachment or downloading and running a file from the Internet.

Patrick Chinn, a network consultant with the Computing Center, submitted the file to Symantec, a company that produces software utilities such as Norton AntiVirus. He later received an automated reply confirming it was a trojan horse, but Symantec failed to supply the exact type of trojan horse that existed in the file. Because of

this lack of information, it is unclear whether the file actually does any damage.

Chinn added that if one CD is infected with a trojan horse, then most likely all of the CDs that were distributed were infected.

"The CDs are commercially reproduced," he said. "Each copy contains the same stuff."

Karen Burk, the public relations manager for Wal-Mart, denied that the CD contained a virus. However, she said it contained a program that allowed Wal-Mart to receive information to better improve the program.

"We are not aware of any viruses on any of the CDs," she said. She said if a person does have

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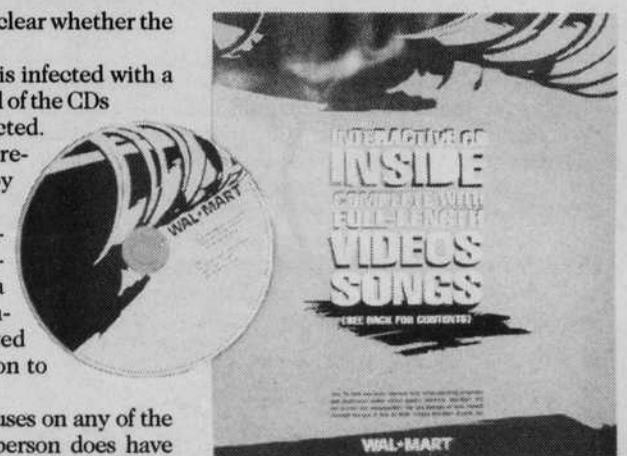


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