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# **Bush considers options for Liberia**

By David Jackson The Dallas Morning News (KRT)

WASHINGTON - President Bush is considering sending American troops to help keep peace in civil war-torn Liberia, aides said Wednesday, as Bush called on the indicted president of the West African nation to leave the country.

No final decisions have been made, Bush aides said, adding that any American commitment would be a small one, with carefully defined objectives within an international peacekeeping force. Some aides also said they hope a voluntary departure by Liberian President Charles Taylor would reduce the

pressure for American troops.

"We're looking at all options," Bush told reporters, but added: "In order for there to be peace and stability in Liberia. Charles Taylor needs to leave now.

Even as Bush pondered another foreign engagement, he fielded questions about the ongoing effort in Iraq, where undiscovered weapons of mass destruction and a rising American death toll continue to invite criticism. Bush again defended his use of prewar intelligence and vowed to deal "harshly" with Iraqi resisters who target American troops.

"There are some who feel like ... the conditions are such that they can

attack us there - my answer is, bring them on," Bush said. "We've got the force necessary to deal with the security situation.

The "Bring them on" comment brought rhetorical attacks from Democratic rivals. Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo.

"I have a message for the president - enough of the phony, macho rhetoric," Gephardt said. "We should be focused on a long-term security plan that reduces the danger to our military personnel "

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### **DPS**

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has worked for DPS over the past four years. She said she was asked to serve as a voting member through the summer because she knows the ins and outs of the department.

Reed said because DPS has a potential to get a bad reputation, it's important to have a group that allows for public feedback. She also felt, however, that the mission of the group was still open to formation, acknowledging that the group has only held one meeting.

"It has a lot of potential for what it can be," she said. "It's kind of a vision right now. It can go wherever the board wants it to go.'

Both Hicks and Reed agreed that one of the strengths of the group is its large student representation. Six of the eleven voting members are from student groups, three from ASUO.

The group held its first meeting June 5 primarily to discuss the functions of the group and its processes,

Hicks said

"The first meeting was really an opportunity to discuss the membership, to discuss the function of the PSAG, to take a look at the bylaws and the charter, and to try to reach an agreement on what peoples' expectations are of the PSAG," he said.

The group's next meeting is scheduled for July 10 at 4:00 p.m. in the EMU Umpqua Room.

Jared Paben is a freelance reporter for the Emerald.

## Country fair

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father was so intrigued that he walked across the room and introduced himself. The woman told Evangelista she was convinced that without the play, her parents would never have met. However, the woman had never been able to obtain a copy of the play.

"Then she flipped the book around that she was holding, and it was the play," Evangelista said. "She was just delighted.

The library, which is located on the riverside near the Dare Devil Palace stage at the country fair, has also gained support at the University. ASUO President Maddy Melton said Evangelista asked the ASUO for permission to build the drop-off box in front of the ASUO office so students and community members could easily donate books, adding she thought the library was a good idea.

"I think it's a great thing anytime you can pass knowledge onto folks for free," she said.

Norma Sax, an administrative assistant with the Oregon Country Fair. said that the library is definitely a good

asset to the 34-year-old fair. Sax said the fair, held in Veneta July 11-13, has 12 performing stages and 250 booths, along with 50 food stands featuring food from around the world.

"There is so much to the fair," Sax said. "There will be beautiful art ... extensive spoken word ... and many great performances."

Evangelista spent many years working for other booths before he obtained the opportunity to start the library, and said once he presented the idea it resonated with people.

"I've had some remarkable and sweet experiences (at the fair)," he said. "With the library, we were able to show the best of the fair ... by celebrating that part of our family experience that the fair really speaks to that wonder and imagination.'

Another part of the library is the book of secrets, a journal for anyone to write down their anonymous musings. Evangelista said over the years, the book has been filled with everything from drawings and poetry to secret desires and confessions.

Evangelista said one of his customer's secret desires came true a couple of years ago. Evangelista was standing in the library when he felt a tug on his shoulder from a younger boy who asked Evangelista if he had the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

"We looked, but we couldn't find it," Evangelista said. "But I said if you come back tomorrow, chances will be you'll find at least one of the books. Sure enough, at the end of the next day, this one boy came and pulled on my elbow again and he had a smile from ear to ear. There he had held in his hand the Lord of the Rings trilogy."

This year, Evangelista said he set up the drop-off box in front of the ASUO offices hoping to continue book circulation so more people can find that one book they're looking for. He said his goal for this year is to get every fair-goer to bring one book in with them - and take one out which he said adds to the mystique of the booth

"The library is really magical," he said. "And the dream that I've got is that the library will continue to grow into the fabric of the fair.

Ali Shaughnessy is a freelance reporter for the Emerald.

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