

Rumsfeld's tenure may ride on stability in Iraq, timing

Defense Secretary Rumsfeld focuses on damage control

By David Lightman
The Hartford Courant (KRT)

WASHINGTON — When Donald Rumsfeld was 10, said biographer Midge Decter, his father gave him some advice: "If it doesn't go easy, force it."

That's potentially useful these days because little is going easy for the Pentagon secretary. After two weeks of intense focus on the abuses of prisoners in Iraq, news reports Sunday maintained Rumsfeld encouraged the kind of behavior that led to the abuses.

A suicide bomber on Monday killed the head of the Iraqi Governing Council. When Congress returns Tuesday, many Democrats are likely to continue

clamoring for Rumsfeld's resignation while lots of key Republicans offer him only conditional support.

Yet he survives, and the chatter is that unless it's proved that he's directly responsible for something awful or illegal, he will remain in office.

"He's done better than expected," said Marcus Corbin, senior analyst at

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APASU celebrates cultural heritage with performance

Sunday's event put on by the Asian Pacific American Student Union features dancing, singing and video

By Jesse Dungan
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Sunday evening in the EMU Ballroom began with a bang — the bang of drums, that is — as the University celebrated Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with an event hosted by the Asian Pacific American Student Union.

The drums accompanied a traditional lion dance that kicked off an evening full of performances including hip-hop, wushu and spoken word.

"For May, we traditionally host one main event and offer a series of workshops throughout the month," APASU

co-Director Kit Myers said.

Art major Hanif Panni and English major Adam Lewis brought audience members to their feet with a high-energy hip-hop set.

"We're here to have a good time and accentuate the positive," Lewis said.

The Mango Tribe, a Chicago-based Asian/Pacific Islander American women's performance team that specializes in spoken word, provided the evening's main performance.

"It was really powerful to see APIA women on stage performing," APASU co-Outreach Coordinator Jasmin Thana said.

The Mango Tribe presented "Bombs and Butterflies," a performance that used singing and dancing to address issues of cultural identity, stereotyping and gender relations.

APASU co-Director Lydia Koo said


it is necessary to approach such issues.

"Overall, their performance was very serious in a good sense," Koo said. "By bringing awareness of these issues out, they show how they can be overcome."

The Mango Tribe performance also included a collection of visual images entitled "Hello Kitty is Dead" to show a representation of the relationship between American media and Asian women. The video montage was projected on a screen that hung over the Ballroom's stage.


"For me, as an Asian woman, these images reveal things that I already know, but throwing those images in your face is a way to alert those who are not aware," Koo said.

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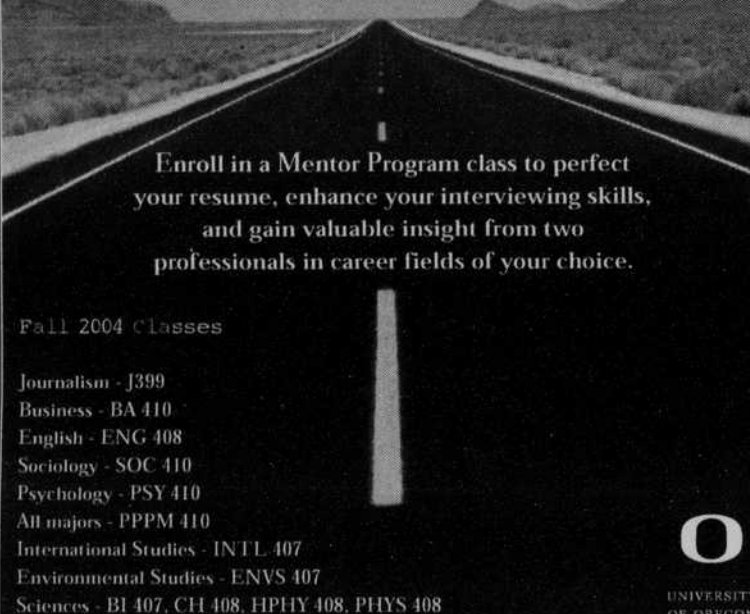


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"Getting through the bureaucracy is a major hurdle and we're not helping," she told the Emerald on May 12.

Piercy has garnered support from the Oregon League of Conservation Voters and several labor organizations. Piercy, who emphasizes her statewide political experience, also has said jobs are a key issue in the Eugene race.

"I don't think that Eugene has taken advantage of ... promoting the development and long-term growth of existing and new sustainable business," Piercy said in a May 13 Emerald article. "It seems like Eugene, of all places, ... ought to be really hooking into developing sustainable niches for this community."

City Council Wards 1, 2, 7 and 8 seats are also on the ballot.

Council President Bonny Bettman, local real estate broker Tom Slocum and University student Adam Walsh are seeking the Ward 1 seat. Bettman is the incumbent for the ward, which includes most of West Eugene and encompasses City View Street, Amazon Parkway, West 28th Avenue and West 7th Avenue along the edge of the downtown area.

Maurie Denner, a retiring elementary school principal, is challenging Ward 2 incumbent Betty Taylor. The ward encompasses areas of Eugene south of West 28th Avenue.

Incumbent Scott Meisner is up against Andrea Ortiz, a Bethel School District board member, for the Ward

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Ballots must be dropped off by 8 p.m. today. White drop boxes are located at:

On Campus:

- EMU near the ASUO office

In Eugene:

- Elections Office
Lane County Annex Building,
135 E. 6th Ave.
- Between City Hall and the County Public Service Building,
east side of Pearl Street, between East 7th and 8th avenues
- Parking lot behind the State of Oregon Building,

165 E. 7th Ave.

- Amazon Pool parking lot,
2600 Hilyard St.
- City of Eugene — Bethel Library,
1990 Echo Hollow Road
- Juvenile Justice Center,
2727 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
- Sheldon Library, Sheldon Plaza,
1566 Coburg Road
- Wal-Mart parking lot,
4550 W. 11th Ave.
- Public Works Administration
building, 3040 N. Delta Hwy.

SOURCE: Lane County Elections

7 seat. The ward includes the Whiteaker, Trainsong and River Road neighborhoods, as well as portions of downtown.

Ward 8 candidate Chris Pryor, public affairs manager for the Willamalane Park and Recreation District is running unopposed. Ward 8 encompasses the Churchill area, some of Highway 99 and borders West Eugene out to Green Hill Road.

Lane County Chief Deputy County Clerk Annette Newingham said about half of all ballots are usually turned in between the last weekend before an election until the deadline. She added that ballot returns have so far been at

normal levels.

"It's following pretty much the same pattern we've had in the past," she said.

Newingham said about 57 percent of Lane County voters turned out for the primary election in 2000, and about 47 percent voted in the 2002 election. She predicts this year's final returns to be about 50 percent.

Election results will be displayed live on the Lane County Web site at <http://www.co.lane.or.us/Elections/> starting at 8 p.m.

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