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National candidates debate war, terrorism

U.S. congressional candidates present their views on the war in Iraq in relation to terrorism

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In two weeks the United States will hold its first major election since the devastating terrorists attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, making the fight against terrorism one of this election year's biggest talking points.

The year-and-a-half-old war in Iraq has cost the United States about \$120 billion, according to factcheck.org, and has taken more than 1,000 American lives, making it one of the most controversial topics in this year's election.

While both President Bush and Sen. John Kerry have focused strongly in their presidential debates on their stances toward the war in Iraq and the broader war on terrorism, U.S. congressional candidates have had fewer opportunities to weigh in on the important issues.

U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives candidates interviewed by the Emerald had different ideas about how to keep America safe from terrorists. Some saw the war in Iraq as a pro-active step to fighting terrorism, taking the fight to those who support terrorism and moving the battle away from U.S. shores. Others saw the war as a distraction from the fight against terrorists, who have the proven desire and capability to kill Americans at home.

U.S. House of Representatives

Republican candidate Jim Feldkamp, who is challenging incumbent Rep. Peter DeFazio, said he supports President Bush's decision after Sept. 11 to attack terrorists like war enemies, instead of pursuing them like criminals.

"We've switched the game to playing offense," Feldkamp said.

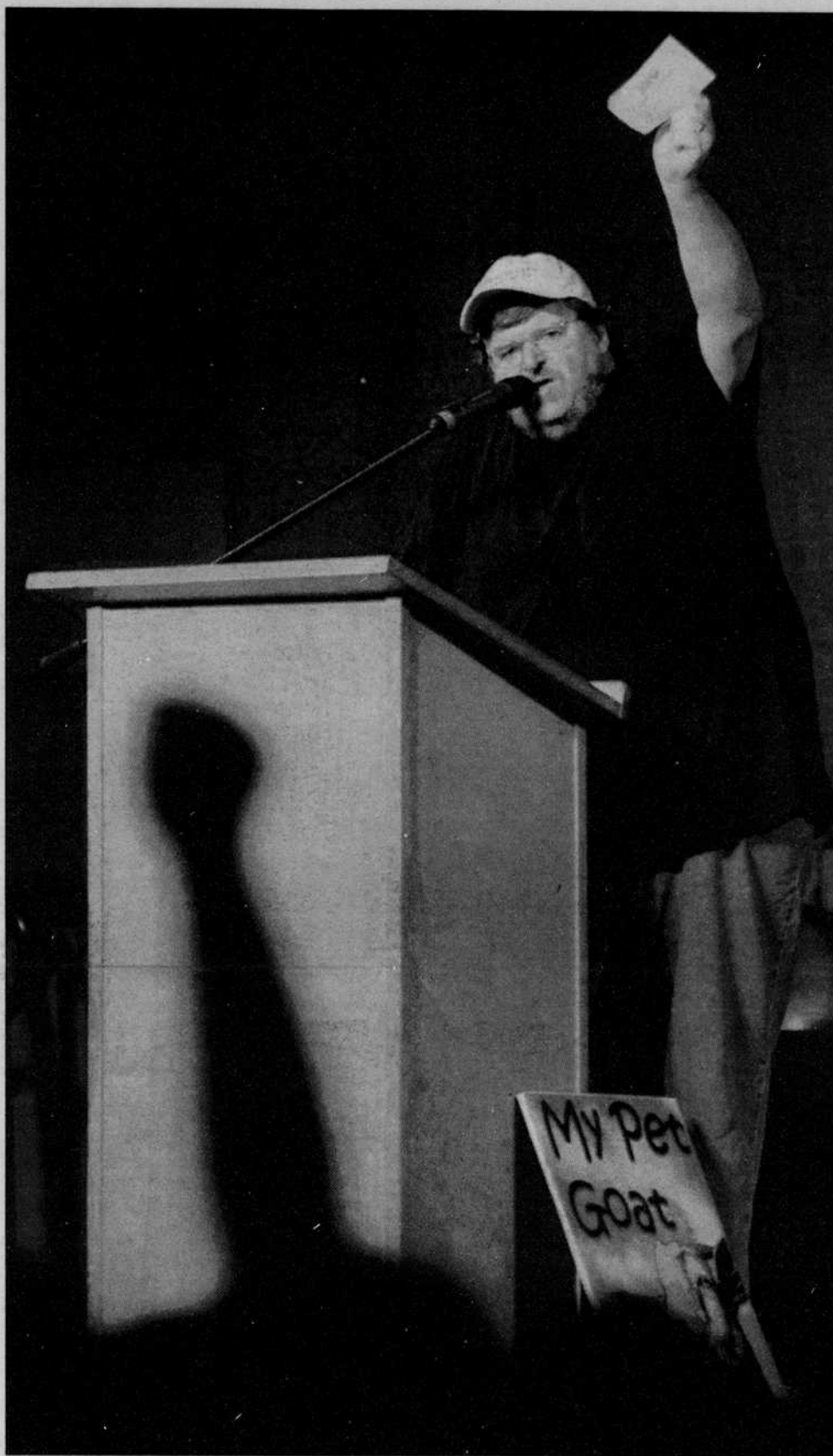
Feldkamp said the United States knew Saddam Hussein had contact with known international terrorists, paid the families of Hamas suicide bombers, conducted research and development of weapons of mass destruction and violated 12 United Nations resolutions.

"Once we provide stability and democracy in Iraq, it's going to reform the whole Middle East," Feldkamp said. "It's good that we're establishing a democracy in Iraq and hunting the terrorists wherever they go ... I think in 20 years you're going to see this was just a fabulous opportunity we took advantage of."

Feldkamp did say it would have been helpful if the United States would have consulted former Soviet states to learn how to establish a democracy in a region where it's not a tradition.

"If that's a complaint, it's a very minor

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Holding a MoveOn.org volunteer registration card, filmmaker and political activist Michael Moore encourages Oregonians to help "get out the vote" and support Sen. John Kerry.

MOORE Bush-bashing

The maker of 'Fahrenheit 9/11' delivers a politically charged monologue at the fairgrounds

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Controversial filmmaker and author Michael Moore blasted President Bush as a member of a "ruthless" minority and implored people to vote for presidential candidate John Kerry during a show at the Lane Events Center Monday.

Moore delivered a lashing monologue before a sold-out crowd of about 4,000 during the event, which was organized by the UO Cultural Forum. Moore, whose blockbuster documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" was recently released on video, said the Eugene show was the 31st on a 60-city "Slacker Uprising Tour" of 20 battleground states.

Wearing a yellow University baseball hat, Moore said the tour is designed to encourage non-voters and slackers. Moore offered prior nonvoters clean underwear and ramen noodle packages — the "sustenance of slackers everywhere" — in exchange for their participation in the election.

"We just want you to try voting, just this once," he said. "I can't think of a more important election in our lifetime."

Moore said he and his wife are organizing a team of lawyers to travel to Florida for the Nov. 2 election to help any people there who encounter voter fraud.

He also said he wants to organize an "army of video cameras" to document any voter fraud that occurs nationally at the polls.

"It won't be in the darkness this time," Moore said. "It will be with a big fucking light on them."

If election fraud occurs, Moore said he will "call for massive, nonviolent civil disobedience."

Moore criticized the Republican Party, saying Republicans have "always done a lot of bad things," but that party members of old weren't "evil people."

"They were like cheapskates, tightwads and penny pinchers; the Republican in the family was the one who wouldn't leave a tip at the restaurant," he said.

Moore said times have changed, and a majority of Americans disagree with the Bush administration's policies on taxes and education.

"[Republicans] don't even try anymore, do they?" Moore asked. "It's just one big 'fuck you.'"

He added that Bush's minority controls the government.

"They know the minority," he said. "The only

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Board of Education appoints president

As president, Henry Lorenzen plans to examine and then meet Oregon's educational needs

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When Henry Lorenzen was born, his grandmother, a German immigrant, gave him a gift that he'll never forget: A \$100 savings bond set aside especially for his college education.

Lorenzen said his grandmother was one of the many that inspired his passion for education, leading him eventually to be elected as Board of Education President on Oct. 8. He is the first from his family to graduate from

college. He received his Bachelors from Oregon State University, his Masters of Business Administration from Harvard and his Juris Doctorate from Northwestern Law School.

Lorenzen replaces Neil Goldschmidt, who stepped down from office after allegations arose that he had sexual relations with a fourteen-year-old during his term as mayor of Portland.

Lorenzen, a lawyer with Corey, Byler, Rew, Lorenzen and Hojem, LLP, hails from Pendleton, Ore.

He is also from a third-generation farming family and manages a wheat farm started by his parents.

Lorenzen, who has been on the board since 2003, said one of his goals as president would be to examine educational needs in Oregon and then develop a "methodology or structure to meet these needs." He said his immediate goal is to provide the legislature with information regarding the efficiency of funds in the Oregon University System.

He added he hopes "the



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legislature will gain confidence in our efficiency and will fund (higher education) to the best level possible given current budget constraints."

Board members described the president as "thoughtful and wise."

"Well, I think he's extremely bright," board member and University chemistry professor Geri Richmond said. "He's knowledgeable in a lot of different fields from engineering to law to public policy."

Board member Tim Nesbitt

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