

Today	Friday	Saturday
High: 51 Low: 40 Precip: 50%	High: 49 Low: 33 Precip: 10%	High: 50 Low: 37 Precip: 20%

**IN BRIEF**

**Latin American Studies Program hosts lecture**

Renowned theologian Father Gustavo Gutiérrez will speak about Bartolomé de las Casas — a prominent Spanish priest and defender of the rights of the individual people — today at 3:30 p.m. in the EMU Gumwood Room. The lecture is being presented by the Latin American Studies

Program and is co-sponsored by the St. Thomas More Newman Center.

Gutiérrez is a Peruvian Catholic who founded the liberation theology movement. The movement is an initiative to bridge the gap between the Catholic Church and the poor and oppressed.

Latin American Studies Director Carlos Aguirre hailed Gutiérrez as one of the most important figures of 20th century Latin culture.

"He has denounced the oppression and exploitation of the poor as sinful and is calling for commitment on part of all Catholics to change the society and liberate the poor," Aguirre said.

As well as lecturing today, there will be an open forum with Gutiérrez on Friday from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Newman Center at 1850 Emerald St.

Both events are free and open to the public, and a reception follows.

— Amanda Bolsinger

**STUDENT SENATE**

The Student Senate approved finance benchmarks for three major programs during a tense and lengthy meeting Wednesday night.

Senators authorized tentative funding increases of 5.3 percent for the Athletic Department Finance Committee, 5.62 percent for the Programs Finance Committee and 7 percent for the EMU Board of Directors.

The Senate also granted \$5,772 to the Men's Water Polo team to attend nationals at University of Notre Dame.

Senators discussed drafting a resolution condemning the Nov. 11 University basketball game against Illinois because the Chief Illiniwek mascot is offensive.

See Friday's Emerald for a more detailed account of the meeting.

The UO Russian and East European Studies Center, UO students of Russian, European studies and theater, with support from Yamada Language Center, present

**A new bilingual Russo-English play by J. Nemirovskaya**

*"Russian for the Princess"*

A young German Princess arrives at the Russian court, charms everyone and later becomes the Russian Empress Catherine the Great.

The play is a set of masquerades, puppet shows and funny Russian lessons given to young Catherine. Presentation of each letter is followed by court intrigues, love affairs, politics, dance, music and even acrobatics.

The play will be performed just once, Friday, November 19, in UO Agate Hall (Agate and 18th) at 7:30 p.m. The show is free and open to the public.



**Ten killed, twelve wounded by suicide car bomb in Beiji**

*U.S. troops continue search-and-destroy mission in Fallujah*

BY TINI TRAN  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide car bomber blasted an American convoy north of Baghdad and U.S. troops battled insurgents west of the capital Wednesday as a wave of violence across Iraq's Sunni Muslim heartland killed at least 27 people.

American forces pursued their search-and-destroy mission against the remaining holdouts in the former insurgent bastion of Fallujah, and to the north, American forces pressed an offensive to reclaim part of the city of Mosul from militants.

November became one of Iraq's bloodiest months as the U.S. death toll in the war in Iraq reached 1,214, according to figures released by the Defense Department.

On Wednesday, a suicide attacker drove his bomb-laden car into a U.S. convoy during fierce fighting in the town of Beiji, 155 miles north of the Baghdad, killing 10 people and wounding 12, including three American soldiers. Another attack on a convoy of civilian contractors in Beiji caused no casualties.

Elsewhere, a three-hour gunbattle between militants and U.S. forces after nightfall left seven people dead and 13 hurt in Ramadi, a city west of Fallujah.

Insurgents fired rocket-propelled grenades, mortar and Kalashnikov rifles at U.S. forces in the city center, Zayout district and along the main highway in town, said Abdel Karim al-Hiti of Ramadi General Hospital.

**Violence surging in Sunni Arab heartland**

Increasing attacks and the U.S. military's offensive to retake the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah have made November one of Iraq's bloodiest months.

City appeared calmer with only a handful of small arms attacks

Suicide car bomber rammed a U.S. convoy, killing 10 people, wounding nine

Roadside bomb detonated near Iraqi National Guard convoy, killing two

Clashes in center of city killed seven people, wounded 13

Fallujah  
► Heavy machine-gun fire and explosions rang out in southcentral parts of city  
► U.S. airstrikes hit southwest area

Kuwait  
Four trucks of humanitarian aid crossed the borders from Kuwait into Iraq on Wednesday

SYRIA, TURKEY, JOR., SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, IRAN

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0 50 km

SOURCE: ESRI AP

Ramadi, about 70 miles west of Baghdad, falls within the restive Sunni Triangle area north and west of the capital where the bulk of insurgent attacks have erupted.

Although fighting has ebbed in Fallujah, it has not ceased. The U.S. military said pockets of insurgents remain even though the city is fully occupied by U.S. troops.

On Wednesday, heavy machine-gun fire and explosions rang out in south-central parts of the city as U.S. Marines hunted remaining fighters. In the northern Jolan neighborhood, Marines killed seven insurgents who officers said had sneaked back into the city by swimming the Euphrates River.

Bullets flew overhead and Iraqis

collecting dead bodies ran for cover behind walls and in buildings as Marines returned fire. After 15 minutes of fighting, three insurgents were dead and one Marine's hand was slightly injured, officers said.

The rush of warplanes streaking through the low-lying clouds shook the city and blasts sent smoke into the sky. The U.S. military said airstrikes Wednesday were concentrated in southwestern Fallujah, destroying enemy positions.

Iraqi officials have acknowledged that insurgent leaders Omar Hadid and Sheik Abdullah al-Janabi, along with Jordanian terror boss Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, have not been captured and may have slipped away.

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