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University students claim seats at meeting

Six students were elected to various positions at the West University Neighbors gathering

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University students made their presence known at the West University Neighbors meeting Thursday night, claiming four of the association's five board of directors seats and two of the four executive seats.

More than 45 students and neighborhood residents packed the back room of the Indigo District, the largest turnout any of the association's meetings had gotten in its one-year existence, said re-elected board chairman Drix Rixmann.

"Hopefully, we can keep this medicine ball rolling," Rixmann said.

University student and noon-time EMU Amphitheater orator Don Goldman was elected to the board of directors, something he said was unexpected but welcomed.

"I'm happy to see that students finally have a voice," Goldman said. "I will be a strong voice for the students."

University students Chris Parsons, Craig Laupheimer and Adam Walsh were also elected to the board. Walsh ran for Ward 1 City Council last year and said he is interested in improving the relationship

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GIVES THE SEASON



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Each year, state employees donate money toward worthy causes through their workplace in the state's Charitable Fund Drive. Donations go to charities that play a significant role in local communities and have an impact on many lives.

Today, the Emerald profiles Habitat for Humanity, the Relief Nursery and Lane County's Domestic Violence Clinic, three of the eight local charities that will benefit from employee donations this year. On Wednesday, Dec. 1, the Emerald covered the work of the Black United Fund, Oregon Youth Soccer Association and Catholic Community Services.

Last year the University raised \$230,000, about a quarter of the total funds donated statewide. This year, the goal is to raise \$250,000.

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RALLYING FOR PEACE



ERIK R. BISHOFF | PHOTOGRAPHER

Above: Temperatures dropped into the 40s as the cardboard signs of peace rally participants took center stage in the EMU amphitheater Thursday afternoon. The rally was organized by Students for Change. Dan Leckband, right, and Cole Robinson, left, took up position in front of a group of College Republicans prior to the start of the march.

Right: Offering what they deemed an alternative view of peace, the small band of counter-protesters chose to express their opinions with signs stating "Peace through superior firepower," "4 more years," and "Gave peace a chance." French major Melissa Tucker, in black, said she was attending the rally because people don't understand that peace sometimes lies on the other side of war.



World AIDS Day benefit to assist African orphans

Donations at the event will also help buy blankets for 47 children affected by HIV and AIDS

BY RYAN NYBURG
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Sam Bond's Garage will host a benefit for World AIDS Day today at 7 p.m. The event has been organized by the Break the Chains coalition in collaboration with the HIV Alliance, KWVA, the UO Multicultural Center and the African Student Association.

Donations will go toward buying school supplies for AIDS orphans in selected areas of sub-Saharan Africa and purchasing blankets for 47 HIV and AIDS affected children associated with the Client Services Program of the HIV Alliance.

The school supply donation came about through a collaboration between Break the Chains, a

local political prisoner advocacy organization, and the Jericho Movement, a national political prisoner amnesty group.

"A lot of political prisoners are involved with AIDS education," Break the Chains volunteer Brendan Avakian said. "Since many political prisoners are also AIDS sufferers, it has become an issue close to their hearts."

The Break the Chains charity and the HIV Alliance charity originally were two separate events that became linked through a common connection, Avakian said.

"One of our members also volunteers with the HIV Alliance," he said. "Through that we were able

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Business students showcase projects at marketing meet

Quest for AdVenture gives six teams the chance to pitch their entrepreneurial ideas to professionals

BY ANTHONY LUCERO
NEWS REPORTER

Imagine working with a small team for months on a business proposal that will be presented to leading business professionals. Their thumbs-up, thumbs-down decision could be the green light for months more research on finance, product development and marketing for the concept.

It's not quite NBC's "The Apprentice," but the work of six student teams from the University's Lundquist Center for Entrepreneurship will face scrutiny from top Northwest professionals today, with a reward for the winner.

The annual Quest for AdVenture competition, running from

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Lillis Business Complex, pits six teams with three students each against one another. The teams pitch business ideas to professionals ranging from venture capitalists to investors.

There are two "tracks" in the competition — technology and services — with three teams on each track. The final round will place one team from each track against the other, with the winning team earning \$1,500 and the runner-up receiving \$750. Winners also advance to other competitions, nine total this year, that take students from San Diego to Bangkok, Thailand.

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