

Former foreign students face possible deportation

By PAUL TELLES
Of the Emerald

Two former University students face possible deportation Tuesday at an immigration hearing in Portland.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service alleges that Ismet Guchan, a former architecture student, and Turkan Erden, who recently received a master's degree in psychology, have allowed their visas to expire.

Guchan arrived in the United States on Jan. 3, 1979, with a student visa good for two months but failed to re-apply when it expired, according to INS officials.

Erden, a Fulbright scholar, had a visa good from September, 1979, to August, 1980, according to officials.

Erden says she applied to the Turkish Embassy for extension of her visa more than nine months ago and was waiting for the embassy's response when she and Guchan, her husband, were arrested at their home in Amazon Student Housing on April 10.

Erden says she has received permission to extend her stay since her arrest but has been unable to complete her application because the INS won't release her passport.

Erden is planning to begin doctoral studies in psychology this summer. As a student's spouse, Guchan — who says he dropped out of the University during winter term because he was unable to make deferred tuition payments — would automatically receive visa renewal.

They say it isn't unusual for foreign students' visas to expire while waiting for permission to extend their stay, and that the INS usually takes no action in such cases.

However, in their case Erden and Guchan say the government is anxious to deport them because of Guchan's alleged communist affiliation.

The INS says it is routine to arrest students who overstay their visas and that the case of

Guchan and Erden is not politically motivated.

"They haven't been charged with a political crime," says Oregon INS Deputy Director Carl Houseman. "Politics is not an offense."

However, it is illegal for resident aliens to be members of organizations advocating "the violent overthrow of our system of government," Houseman says.

Guchan was identified as a member of the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade in a February Emerald article headlined "Cops nab communist."

The article documented Guchan's Feb. 11 arrest on the EMU Terrace for allegedly interfering with police when they arrested RCYB members John Kaiser and Nancy Whitley following a ribbon-burning incident during ex-hostage Victor Tomseth's University visit on Feb. 9.

Houseman says the INS became aware of Guchan's whereabouts and checked on his visa status following his arrest. It is routine for immigration officials to check newspapers for information on foreign students, he says.

Portland attorney Ann Witte, who is representing Guchan and Erden, says the article was introduced as evidence of Guchan's communist affiliation during an April bail hearing.

If it weren't for the article, Witte says Erden would have been released on her own recognition and Guchan would have paid far less than the \$3,000 he had to post.

"They are seen as enemies of the country because of your (the Emerald's) reckless reporting," Witte says.

Witte has requested that the Emerald print a front-page retraction of the story. The paper has refused her request.

The Emerald based its identification of Guchan as a brigade member on his prominent part in brigade activities such as selling the Revolutionary Communist Party's "Revolutionary Worker" in the EMU.

Grannell

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terests.

"You've got to get out and vote, get the story out to the communities and make your own recommendations."

The Revenue Committee has targeted the first week of June to conclude their plans. Prior to that, hearings will take place on each of the different sources of revenue.

"Those aren't just charts on the wall," Grannell said. "Those are programs — programs that affect people. You don't just make a line with a magic marker

and say you've balanced the budget."

Among the fund revenue changes in Gov. Victor Atiyeh's recommended budget are proposals to revise weatherization tax credits and allow the political party checkoff to end.

Grannell said it would be "shortsighted" to reduce tax credits for weatherization in light of possible increases in the price of energy. And the political party checkoff has become a partisan issue, with Democrats

fighting to maintain it, he said.

However, after the dust has cleared, the Reagan budget cuts may "shatter it all," Grannell said. The effect of the administration's budget cuts will have to be dealt with next November, he said. Tax increases will be especially unpopular with legislators then because of the proximity to primary elections, he said.

Students should deal with this by making the Legislature aware of their political power, Grannell said.

Coalition hosts event

Fair begins tomorrow

By LESLIE FERRIS
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Oregonians can learn about their mountains, forests, rivers, coast and high desert at the second annual Wild Oregon Fair and Auction.

The Oregon Wilderness Coalition, which is sponsoring the event with radio stations KZEL, KBDF and the Willamette Valley Observer, will hold the event Saturday in the Lane County Fairgrounds Convention Center from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$2.50 for the general public, \$2 for seniors and \$1 for children under 12.

Over 80 booths representing conservation, recreation and outdoor groups, government agencies, commercial and retail outfitters and outdoor stores from throughout the Northwest will display their wares and talk with people about their interest in enjoying and preserving a wild Oregon. Slide shows, films and workshops will run continuously during the fair.

Film topics include cross-country skiing, endangered wildlife and wilderness preservation. Slide shows of forest, river and desert wilderness proposals, bike touring and wild and scenic rivers also will be shown. Workshops will cover flyfishing and flyfishing, beginning backpacking and other outdoor pursuits.

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A number of special events are scheduled, including a minimum impact wilderness trail, a flycasting pool, a mountain-climbing exhibition, alternative shelter displays, a live reenactment of the days when free trappers roamed the Oregon country and Sundari, and a 9-month-old Bengal tiger cub from Wildlife Safari.

Over 100 items, including a wide variety of camping and sporting equipment, wilderness trips led by experienced guides and outfitters, Oregon arts and crafts and much more have been donated by Oregon businesses and individuals to be auctioned off by professional auctioneers beginning Saturday at 3 p.m. Auction guides are available at most area outdoor stores and the goods can be viewed from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the day of the auction.

The auction is OWC's primary fundraising event. Proceeds are used to protect Oregon's wild lands and rivers.

An added attraction to this year's fair is a Wild Oregon Media Festival to be held Saturday at 7 p.m. The festival will feature slide shows taken by Oregon photographers, with the headline event being two 11-projector slide shows: "Mountain Visions" and "Salmon River Odyssey," by Gary Grimm and Katy Flanagan.



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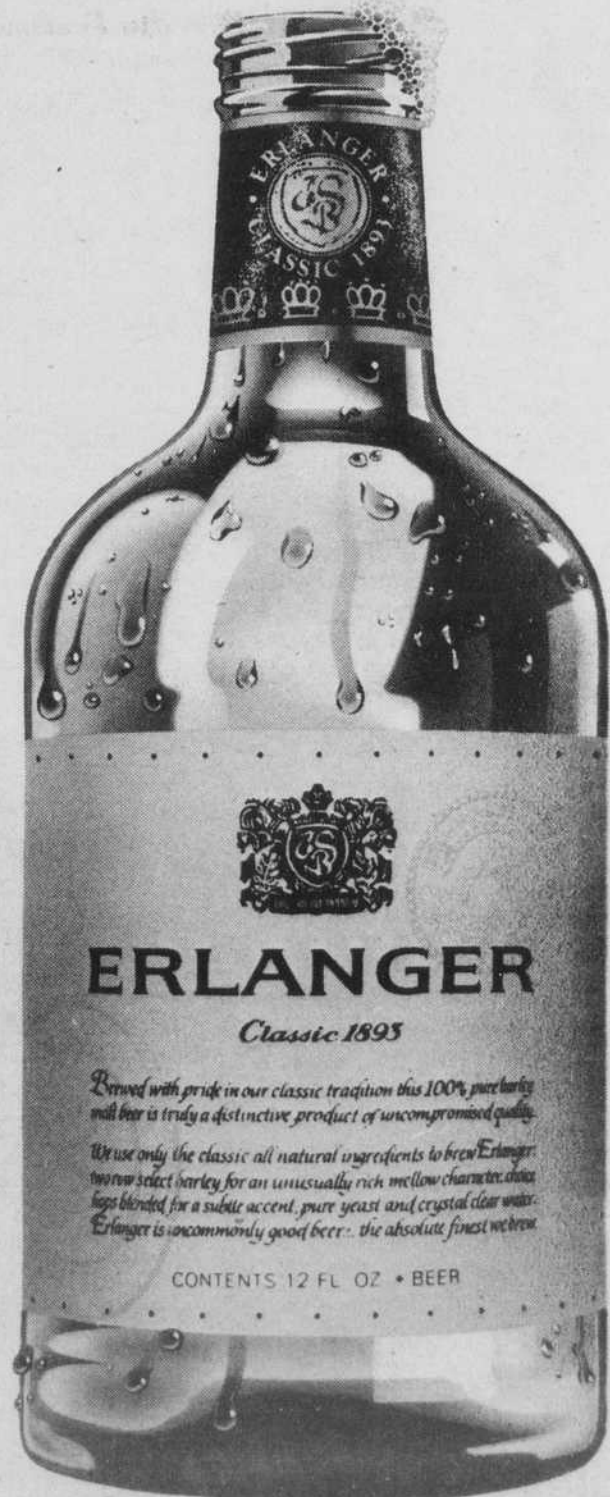
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