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The newest foreign student organization represents students from the Philippines. From left to right are Tina Zamora, Anthony Almazan, Gina Ramos, Ruben Zamora and Rony Soerakoeseomah

Filipino students create group

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They call themselves Kultura Philipinas, and they aim to unite the University's Filipino student population.

The group is the newest member of the Foreign Student Organization's (FSO) numerous 'child organizations', and will meet on Oct. 30 to hold its first general election.

According to Ruben Zamora, Kultura Philipinas' founder, there has been talk about forming an organization for Filipino students since spring of last school year; however, no action was taken on the proposal until this term.

Zamora, a junior in economics, is from the Philippines. As the group's acting president, he explained the organization was formed because Filipino students believed it was necessary for their interests to be represented on campus.

"Many people don't know

much about the Philippines or it's people except for what they hear on the news," he said.

Zamora added that recent political problems in his country have caused many to look upon Filipinos as either "Marcos supporters" or "Cory supporters," of which many of them are neither.

"Last spring we had a booth at the FSO International Week's Asian Day, and we integrated both symbols used by Imelda Marcos and Corizon Aquino because we wanted to share the culture," said Gina Ramos, a senior in international studies. "We are not a politically affiliated group."

The name Kultura Philipinas was chosen to stress the groups dedication to cultural exchange. It means Filipino Culture in Tagalog, the language spoken by most Filipinos, Ramos explained.

One goal of the group is to offer the opportunity for American Filipino students to learn about their forefathers' culture. The group will not

limit its services to students of Filipino ancestry, but will open all activities to anyone in-

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University Affairs Coor-
dinator Tim Regan went to the
office on Sunday to pick some
school work he had left there.
He arrived at 1 p.m. and entered
the ASUO office from the out-
side door, he said.

He then stepped out of the of-
fice into the lounge-area in the
lower level of the EMU. He
noticed the lock was broken on
the inside door when he went to

lock it.

Eugene Police Department of-
ficer R.J. Statler arrived shortly
after and a report was filed.
Statler estimated that repairs to
the door will cost about \$300.

As far as Regan could tell, lit-
tle had been disturbed. The
computer room was not
tampered with, and the Xerox
machine and typewriters were
not touched, he said.

Regan could find no reason
for the break-in. The only con-
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