

# Anti-candidate posters called a 'sabotage tactic'

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With spring elections getting closer, dirty politics are coming to the fore to the distress of Elections Board officials.

According to Elections Board chairman Glen Keffer, anonymous, anti-candidate posters were illegally posted around the University early last week.

One of these flyers, tacked over promotional posters for ASUO presidential candidate Tim Hughes and running mate Maureen Kirk, claimed that Hughes and Incidental Fee Committee member Scott Shoup failed "to deal with reality" by walking out of meetings "they consider objectionable."

In addition, the flyer also states that "no aspersions are

being cast here upon the personal qualities of either Mr. Hughes or Mr. Shoup." Shoup is a candidate for reelection to the IFC.

But, said Eric Ochs, Elections Board publicity director, these anonymous posters "obviously are being used as a sabotage tactic," a practice that will not be tolerated by the Elections Board.

According to the ASUO Election guidelines, sabotage is defined as the "destruction, defacing, stealing, intentionally covering or removing the campaign material or property of a candidate or campaign committee without permission."

In addition, the guidelines stated, "Campus Security and the Eugene Police will be con-

tacted to investigate major violations of this rule, which will be strictly enforced by the Elections Board and the Constitution Court."

The guidelines further state that "any printed campaign material for or against a ballot measure must identify the sponsoring organization, committee, or person somewhere on the front of the material. Anonymous posters or flyers for or against a ballot measure are subject to removal by the Elections Board or any person acting with explicit permission from the Board."

This same policy, however, also applies to the posting of flyers and posters, Keffer said.

The penalty for this offence

is a serious one, he said. "If another candidate is caught doing this, they can be kicked out of the race."

In addition, the action also may be termed as childish, said ASUO presidential candidate Hughes.

"I believe that both Scott and I have answered the charges made," Hughes said. "We've given people specific reasons for our decisions to walk out (of both meetings)."

In Hughes' view, the flyers are "cheap shots" at candidates.

"It's humorous that people think that they can affect the elections in this juvenile way," he said. "If they want to confront us on the issue, they should do it out in the open."



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## Taxes may baffle foreign students

By Christopher Blair  
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Filing taxes can be difficult enough, but if one is from another country and is unfamiliar with American tax laws, the task can seem downright impossible.

A tax attorney will be available to foreign students who have difficulty handling the federal and Oregon tax forms in a workshop to be held from 1 to

3 p.m. in the EMU Walnut Room.

"People from other countries who have to pay their taxes sometimes don't have to fill out their taxes the same way we do here," said Ginny Stark, a foreign student adviser from the Office of International Services.

"In the U.S., the individual is responsible for paying his or her own taxes," Stark said. "In other countries, they might have their taxes taken out automatically. Some of the confusion is that we have withholding and yet you still have to file to be in compliance with the law."

In addition to the basic confusion some international students might have with the myriad of tax rules and regulations, various tax treaties the United States has with other countries serve to complicate matters even more.

For example, with the exception of Canada, Mexico, South Korea and Japan, non-resident taxpayers can claim only one

exemption — themselves — when filling out a tax form.

"If you are married and you have two kids, you can claim four exemptions," Stark said. "But if, say, you're from India, you can only claim yourself. You get people here who have to support their families but don't get the same allowances or benefits."

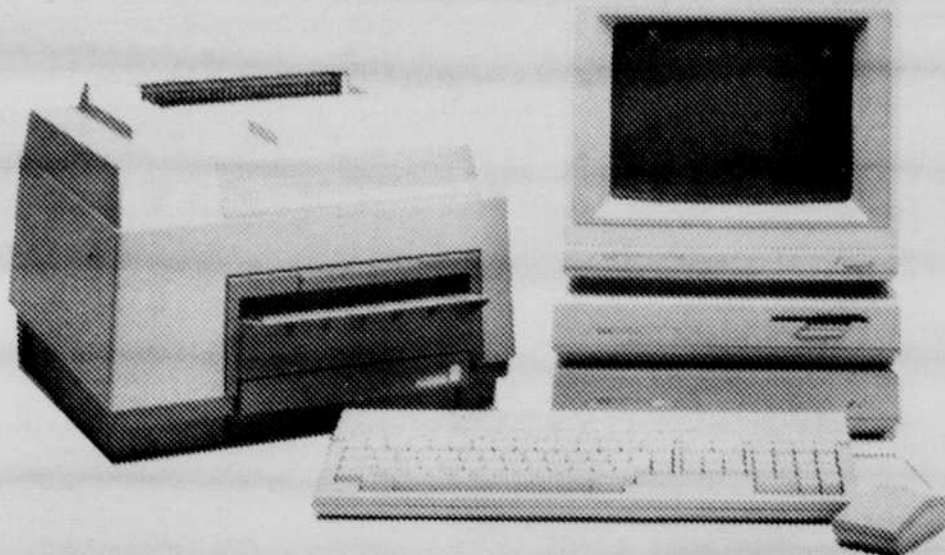
In addition, medical and other benefits vary from person to person, depending on what country they are from.

The workshop is the last of seven that dealt with the federal 1040 NR (non-resident) and Oregon forms. Today's session is for those who either missed the other six sessions or who want to check the accuracy of their forms, Stark said, adding that the participants in the workshop will be urged to file before the 12 a.m. April 17 federal deadline.

The workshop is sponsored by the graduate school, the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation and the Office of International Services.

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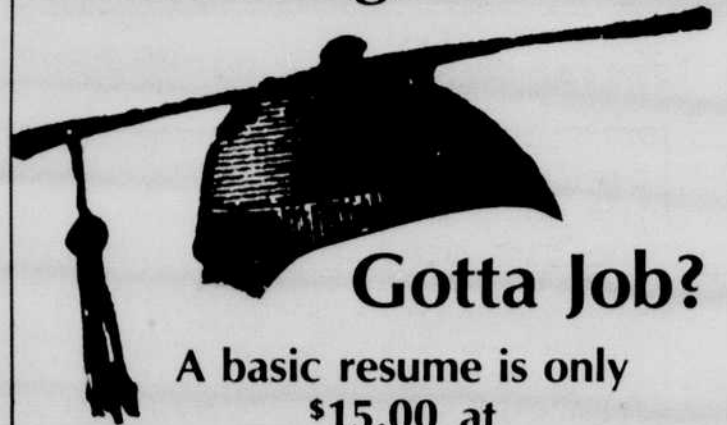
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