

Letters

Not cultured

Last week the International students at this University, numbering over 1,300, went out of their way to share their cultural heritage with the rest of the community: A week of cultural festivities and pageantry capped off by the International Night. This sold-out event was comprised of four hours of educational and entertaining cultural shows, as well as exquisite foods from different parts of the globe.

In Monday's issue of the Emerald (ODE, April 10), I was appalled to discover the dismal job the Emerald did in covering this major event: two lines of caption that in no way depicted the importance or grandeur of the event.

The Emerald, to which students purchase a subscription, should be the main media by which people or groups communicate. The whole idea behind International Night was pivoted around conveying information about different cultures and diverse experiences to the University community. The Emerald not only failed to cover this event, but it added insult to injury by attempting to pacify the international community by publishing a farce of a photograph.

The United States of America is the most international country in the world and has gone out of its way to extend a hand of friendship to many foreign countries. I have been at this University for four years and have always found the Eugene community most conducive in integrating international students. Unfortunately, the Emerald has neglected to extend this courtesy to our campus, undermining one of the very principles that built the United States of America.

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No wanna-bes

I wholeheartedly support the candidacy of Tim Hughes and Maureen Kirk for ASUO president/vice president for three specific reasons: those listed on their campaign literature.

In the area of *experience* they are far above the leaders over their opponents. We need the background Hughes has in state and federal lobbying for more financial aid and less tuition increases; we need Kirk's background in coalition building through OSPERG to build a strong and unified student body and further student empowerment.

In the area of *activism*, Hughes and Kirk are virtually unchallenged by their opponents. Hughes is even now seeking direct action against hate-based crimes through a reward fund for any information and/or conviction of a hate crime perpetrator. Kirk has years of experience in activism and plans to be directly involved in the women's right to choice movement on campus.

Their opponents show a remarkable lack of sensitivity on this issue, labeling activists in student government as "special interests" and showing a general lack of knowledge of major issues affecting students directly — such as AIDS, financial

aid and GTF tax waivers.

Finally, in the area of commitment, Hughes and Kirk are particularly dominant, evidenced by their respective involvement in student government for more than three years, the fact that they are the only candidate-duo with a woman on the ticket and by their commitment to a safer campus for all.

Don't be fooled by a cheap imitation of an "SPA wannabe." Vote Tim Hughes /Maureen Kirk.

Scott Douglas Shoup
Incidental Fee Committee member

Overlooked

I would like to voice the "other side" of the Pruitt stable controversy that Associate Editor Michael Drummond unfortunately overlooked.

Michael Ellis of the Physical Education Department said Pruitt manages her horses like a "Westerner." As a Westerner, I find it insulting to be compared to Pruitt (as would most Westerners). I have been in many professional Western stables and I have never seen such unkempt conditions or thin horses.

I was not expecting a "white glove tour," but I was expecting better conditions than what I saw that day. Manure on the floor is okay, but unbedded, manure-covered stalls are not. I do not disapprove of keeping horses outside as long as they have some shelter, which these horses appear to have. However, one chief qualification of keeping horses outdoors is that they be fed enough to keep warm. The associate editor himself said that some of the horses look thin, but went on to say that they looked "healthy, if not happy." Obviously these animals are not getting enough calories to keep warm and, in

the horse world, thin does not equate with healthy. As to happy, I would not want to be one of Pruitt's horses.

Yes, there are many different opinions on keeping horses, but there are also guidelines, and Ms. Pruitt does not appear to be following them.

Kathy Yonker
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Move on

As a senior graduating in June, I have witnessed four years of ASUO politics. Until now, the affairs of the student government have never sparked any interest within me. In 1989, finally, we are being offered new blood in place of the SPA (special interest)-controlled candidates.

The highly qualified, pragmatic Joe Kaniewski/Earl McRae team gives us the chance to elect a truly representative, non-affiliated ASUO executive.

From what I understand, ASUO politics are like a merry-go-round on which riders just switch horses but never get off.

As a student who pays nearly \$240 yearly in incidental fees, I want executives who represent the needs of all student and are not political junkies who won't get off the merry-go-round.

Their total of more than 17 years experience in politics and student affairs, their all-inclusive platform, and obvious concern with fairness for all students convinced me to vote Kaniewski/McRae for ASUO president/vice-president.

I am graduating and moving on. I trust my fellow students will see it is time for the ASUO to do the same — move on. Vote for Kaniewski/McRae on April 19 and 20. You'll be refreshed!

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