

ASUO candidates to meet tonight

MUSLIMS

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belong to the Sunni sect and be members of the ISE. In order to comply with ASUO rules, the group must be open to all Muslim students because its name is Muslim Student Association.

Anderson informed group members that if they wanted MSA to remain a recognized group and continue to receive incidental fee funding, they would have to revise their bylaws and hold new elections.

Khaled Al-Azzouni, who was the director of MSA last year and was re-elected in October, would not comment. However, he and a fellow MSA member hired attorney Charles Porter to act as the group's spokesman.

"The Muslim Student Association chose to withdraw its status as an ASUO group organization rather than dilute and defeat its longtime role of serving the interests of the Sunni branch," he said in a written statement.

"Last (fall), petitioners demanded that all Muslim students at the University be allowed to vote in MSA elections and that ISE membership not be required," it states. "This was unacceptable to the MSA."

But Mohammad and Yousef, both Sunnites, said some members were expelled from the mosque that night and not allowed to vote because they were not members of the Wahabi branch of the Sunni sect or not from Saudi Arabia, where most Wahabites are from.

"If you are not from Saudi Arabia, you were probably not allowed to vote — they just created an atmosphere where certain decisions were made along national lines or ideological lines," said Yousef, a graduate student from Libya.

He said he was allowed to vote because he had been very active in the mosque and "it would have been extremely risky to deny me. I've always been there, and it would not have been an easy thing to get away with."

The group's IFC funding — \$4,110 this year — was "serving the interests of a very close circle of people," Yousef said. Not only was

voting restricted among men, no women were allowed to participate either, he said.

"There are many interpretations of Islam," Mohammad said. "We told them that difference and diversity is normal ... but we were like a socially non-existent type of people in the mosque."

"We have no problem with these people, but they have to respect me as a full human being — I have my opinions," he said. "This is what we were fighting about, that they have to give rights to all other Muslims and women."

Attempts at mediation failed, and in March the ASUO suspended MSA's status as a recognized program and froze its funding. Because MSA group members registered its name — Muslim Student Association of Eugene, Oregon Inc. — with the Oregon Corporation Division, its members have sole access to it.

Porter said MSA still has a strong membership. The group plans to maintain a presence on or near the University, will remain active and will continue to serve University students, he said.

The new group that is being formed will be known as the Muslim Students Association of the University of Oregon, will be accessible to all Muslim students and will not be affiliated with ISE, Mohammad said. Moreover, women will be given full participation and will be eligible to vote and run for office, he said.

Yousef and Mohammad have submitted a new set of bylaws and are now working with Anderson to ensure that they are in line with ASUO Executive Rules. Anderson said he hopes to approve the new bylaws and have new leadership in place by the end of the month.

Mohammad and Yousef said they will not run for a leadership position in the new group but are actively recruiting other Muslim students to do so.

"It is my dream before I leave this campus to see a Muslim student association on this campus united and organized by a common set of values," Yousef said.

MEETINGS

ASUO candidates meeting will be held tonight at 6 in Room 177 Lawrence.

Pre Law Society meets tonight at 7:30 in EMU Cedar Room A.

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Asklepiads meet tonight at 6:30 in the EMU Fir Room.

SPEAKERS

"The Psychological Well-Being of Primates" is the title of a seminar to be given by Dr. Kathryn Bayne, veterinary behaviorist from the National Institutes of Health. The presentation will be today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Gerlinger Lounge.

"Nietzsche's French Legacy: Remarks on Foucault, Deleuze and Lyotard" is the title of a presentation to be given today at 4 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room by philosophy Professor Alan Schrifft.

"FBI vs. the First Amendment" is the title of a presentation to be given tonight at 7:30 in Gerlinger Lounge by Frank Wilkinson.

MISCELLANEOUS

Legend of Suram Fortress. Paradzhanov's film version of a Georgian folk legend, will be shown tonight at 6:30 in Room 115 Pacific. The showing is part of the Soviet and East European Film Series.

Free Macintosh computer orientation will be held today from noon to 2 p.m. in Room 175 of the Computing Center. The orientation will be for beginners.

OSPIRG's Legislative Forum will be held tonight at 7 in Room 146 Straub.

Career Week's Commerce, Arts and Government Career Fair will be held today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room.

"Applying to Graduate School" is the title of a workshop to be held today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 164 Oregon Hall.

Free cholesterol screening for University students will be held this morning from 9:30 to 11:30 at the health education

room in the Student Health Center.

"From a Certain Perspective", a creative writing reading session, will be held tonight at 7:30 in Room 101 Lawrence. Fiction writers Kim Barnes, Kathy Doty, and poetry writers Ann Mine and Nancy Dahlberg, will be featured.

RELIGION

"Where did God Come From? And Other Mysteries" is the title of a roundtable discussion to be held in EMU-Century Room F tonight at 7. Call Restoration Campus Ministry at 343-4914 for more information.

"Denmark '43", a reenactment of the escape of thousands of Jews from the Nazis, is

the title of a film to be shown tonight at 7:30 at 2520 Harris St. Werner Mayer, a German Jew, will describe his own escape and answer questions. A free dinner will be offered 6:30. Call the Baptist Student Union at 747-5090 for more information.

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