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"These students must be guaranteed the same opportunity to speak and be heard as anyone else," Brand said. "The EMU board would have it otherwise."

Ryan Deckert, the EMU board member who introduced the motion to ban the recruiters, sees the situation differently.

"Our (position) is that we're not going to invite (recruiters) into our student union to discriminate against us."

Deckert said Brand's veto of the board's unanimous decision was very distressing to him.

"Myles is ... putting himself on an island by overriding a consensus of student leadership," Deckert said. "They give us an illusion of power but what power do we have?"

Deckert also criticized Brand

for making his statement in a press conference, rather than a forum more accessible to students.

In addition to the board's decision, the ASUO Student Senate recently approved the "Resolution on the Department of Defense Discriminatory Policy," which strongly recommends the ban of campus military recruiting until defense department's policy matches the University's policy regarding discrimination.

The resolution will be presented to the University Senate on Nov. 13.

The board has no official means of challenging Brand's veto because the board receives its authority from the University president and administration.

The house committee will meet Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the EMU Board Room.

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Ethnic Studies at the University, and Charmaine Coleman, a second-grade teacher and advocate against racism. They received the 1991 Baha'i Racial Justice award.

Charmaine Coleman said the reason people are so weary of getting involved is because they would rather ignore the problem because it's "nasty, an infringement on their day." Individuals can make a difference in daily life by questioning those who make racist statements, Rikhoff said.

"If we have a friend telling a racist joke, instead of saying, 'That offends me, please don't say those things,' instead ask 'Why is that funny?'" he said.

OILS

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istry, but also in metaphysical or even mystical terms.

Because frankincense is from a tree, she says, it helps people get back to earth, adding that "it's very grounding." Her colleague, Lisa Luke, asserts that when people are grieving, their hearts are affected. In such a case, Luke said, rose oil will pass on "love energy" to the sufferer.

Luke has 50 or 60 oils, some of which she uses only rarely. Both Luke and Merker are licensed massage technicians, and they usually apply the oils in the course of a massage.

Luke also has her clients use the oils in baths, and she also does body wraps. These involve swathing clients in sheets where "you kind of look like a mummy," she said.

After adding blankets "you just rest for half an hour, and that brings out all the heat from inside ... the toxins leave the body, the essential oils enter the body and help you with that healing process," she said.

"Of course, it's not a substitute for a doctor," Merker said of aromatherapy, "but there are conditions that are simply and easily helped with this, and it's also a very good preventative."

Although Luke is not a doctor, she said the therapy can often be used effectively in conjunction with treatment by a naturopathic doctor, acupuncturist or chiropractor.

At present, anybody who chooses can call oneself an aromatherapist, but Merker and Luke said

they hope to set up a course that would grant certification.

Essential oils have apparently not been the focus of broad attention by the American medical establishment, and several specialists who were contacted were unable to comment on their possible merits as a form of treatment.

However, Dr. Mark Christensen at OSU's College of Pharmacy, said that although the oils probably do have some effect, their magnitude is very difficult to measure.

Because people on whom the oils are tested can recognize them through their smell or a taste in the mouth, they may have a placebo effect — an effect which can be attributed to the subject's expectations, Christensen said.

Derivatives of salicylic acid are indeed present in some oils, Christensen noted, though, he said, "you need to get a big whopping dose to get a good effect."

Likewise, eucalyptus oil, in concentrated amounts, has an antiviral effect when applied to the skin. But if enough oil is used to be effective, he said, it is likely to contain more toxins than other available medicines.

"We don't do that any longer, because we have better substances today," he said. "We have better alternatives ... that are less toxic."

Be this as it may, aromatherapy certainly does have one attractive aspect. When was the last time your flu shot included a massage?

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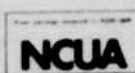


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