



Melinda Silva (left), Sue Dockstader, Diana Collins, Teresa Naillon and OPS officer Otis Scarborough stand above a summer session banner that was torn down by students and left on the ground in front of Johnson Hall Tuesday.

Students deface summer banner

Protesters say the summer session banner reflects the University's insensitivity to minority students

By Gerrit Koeppling
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A group of students concerned about diversity tore down and defaced a banner on Tuesday that advertised the University's summer session.

The banner, which was strung across 13th Avenue, stated, "You meet the most interesting people in summer school." Below that message were 11 faces, with such visages as Plato, Michelangelo and Jane Austin. Of the 11 faces, none were people of color and only two were women.

That angered Teresa Naillon, a Latina woman and IFC candidate, and a group of her friends who took matters into their own hands.

At about 11 a.m. they called the EMU maintenance department and had them leave a ladder near the ASUO office.

As a crowd gathered, they placed the ladder next to the banner, climbed the ladder and cut down the banner with scissors.

Some of the faces were then spray-painted brown. The word "racism" and a wheelchair symbol was also painted on the banner.

Naillon said an officer from the Office of Public Safe-

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International students face safety concerns

Sexual assault issues can be as foreign as the culture students find themselves in

By Kirsten Lucas
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Editor's note: This is the last of a three-part series on sexual assault. Parts one and two were published Monday and Tuesday, respectively.

When Sho Shigeoka lived in Japan, she used to ride her bike around at 2 or 3 a.m. "just for the heck of it." She felt safe in the big, well-lit city where people are out at all hours.

When Shigeoka got to the University, she didn't think twice about leaving her dorm room alone to pedal off into the night to meet some friends. "Are you crazy?" her friends asked. Shigeoka thought they were paranoid.

Now, Shigeoka tries to convince her University friends from other countries that they may not be as safe here as they think they are.

For international students, like Shigeoka, personal safety and sexual assault issues are often just as foreign as the culture in which they find themselves.

"In general, when you are not familiar with the culture, you don't know what behaviors are acceptable," said Ginny Stark, an adviser for International Services. "You don't know how people behave in dating situations and whether it's safe to be out in certain places at certain times."

In some other countries, for example, it is customary for women to travel in groups, Stark said. In absence of this custom, some foreign students may not know when and where it's OK to travel

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Native Americans find support

Group provides students friendship, informal counseling and a sense of belonging

By Lisa Millegan
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If it weren't for the Native American Student Union, freshman Quinn Herrera probably would have left the University long ago.

When his grades weren't up to par earlier this year, he felt discouraged and considered giving up.

But after a trip to EMU Room 15-A, his confidence returned. The people at NASU were sympathetic and offered to help him study.

"It's kind of a home-like atmosphere," Herrera said. "It has saved me from dropping out a couple of times."

One of the student organization's main functions is serving as an informal counseling center. NASU has about 20-30 active members.

Contrary to what many



Modesta Minthorn (left) and Georgeann Baker, NASU co-directors, sort through Native American blankets for the May 16-17 powwow at McArthur Court.

people believe, this service and others offered by NASU are available to all students at the University, not just Native Americans.

Co-director Georgeann Baker recalled an Australian graduate student who came to NASU to get help dealing with homesickness.

The student union's members offered the woman support and invited her to partic-

ipate in their activities. The group ended up taking her on a sledding trip where she saw snow for the first time.

Many University students also use NASU as a resource for finding information about Native Americans. Baker said the students are typically writing papers related to indigenous people.

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QUILTS

Artist Kumiko Sudo's quilts blend the best of East and West traditions.

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IFC ETIQUETTE

Associate athletic director Barbara Walker stormed out of an IFC meeting Tuesday after committee member Sue Dockstader used profanity while addressing her.

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ROCK ME

A hike to Larison Rock offers a nice view of Diamond Peak and Oakridge.

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