

Celebrating the Season

Celebrating Diversity

On a recent episode of the TV program *Northern Exposure*, the Native Americans in the fictional Alaskan town of Cicily pelted the white townspeople with tomatoes as a protest for Thanksgiving.

Native Americans on the University campus didn't have such an event, however. Most Native Americans celebrated the event in the same manner as the rest of the country.

Thanksgiving is one holiday that students of all backgrounds agree on. It's about food and families. "Thanksgiving has lost its religious connotations," said University student Andy Waxman. "It gets celebrated because it's American."

Elisabeth Alsen, who is from Germany, said there is no Thanksgiving in her country although some who live outside of cities have harvest festivals.

Chia Wei Shing, co-director of the International Students Association, is from Singapore, where they also have no Thanksgiving. He gathered with other foreign students in Eugene on Thanksgiving weekend to have their own celebration.

"Everyone has turkey, but we chose not to," Shing said. "I eat turkey everyday."

For those who practice the Jewish religion, the holidays ended one month ago. The major Jewish holidays are Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. Rosh Hashanah began Sept. 28, the first



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