

Sales tax forum meets today

Students interested in finding out more on Ballot Measure 1 can attend an informational forum today.

"The Sales Tax and Higher Ed" forum will be in Room 100 Willamette Hall from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Panel members include Jim Schurzinger, who sat on the committee that drafted Ballot Measure 1.

"This will be a forum for students to ask questions so students will vote with the facts," said Philip Bentley, ASUO state affairs

coordinator.

The forum will offer students a chance to clear misconceptions about the measure, said Bentley.

"Students interested in being informed should really try to attend this," he said.

New service assists foreign students

By Susanne Steffens
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The University is becoming increasingly more international, with an International College that includes more than 1,600 students from more than 90 countries.

In order to help assist the International Office of Education and Exchange with the steady increase of international students arriving each year, a new program started this fall.

The program's main purpose is to help the new students better adjust to the University during their first crucial term.

The person behind the program, Magid Shirzadegan, an international adviser at the international office, has named the new service the International Peer Assistants Program.

The adaptation to a new lifestyle and educational system is a potentially painful process that can take both time and effort, but with the help of the international peer assistants, this process can become a step easier.

The 10 international peer assistants employed by the Office of Education and Exchange have been providing support and resources through the hospitality table, which is an essential part of the new program.

The table consists of brochures and flyers that concentrate on the most important resources on campus, and the peer assistants have been trained to provide the information and support the new students need, which can involve anything from academic to cultural issues.

The hospitality table started during Orientation Week in the EMU has now relocated to Room 314 Oregon Hall, where the peer assistants have office hours Monday through Friday from 12 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Along with the hospitality table, the peer assistants will have four workshops this term that will concentrate on how to adjust in the classroom and how the American educational system differs from those of other countries.

The first workshop will take place today, and the next ones will be on Oct. 29, Nov. 12, and Nov. 19.

The workshops have already received a lot of attention because they will provide students with new information about how to better comprehend and American university

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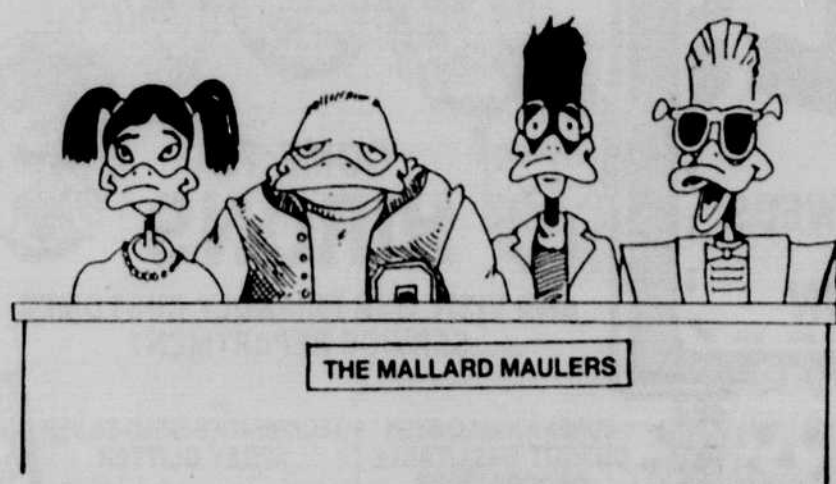
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