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On a cultural note, Joaquin Espinoza Goodman (right) and Ferrell Lopez perform traditional Mexican folk music for a crowd of 50 in front of the EMU on Tuesday evening. This performance is one of many International Week events scheduled.

EN MIN CHANG/Emerald

Delegates, politicians discuss student issues

■ **CONFERENCE:** Representatives learn "nuts and bolts" of student aid programs

By Kristin Bailey
Student Activities Reporter

When 10 United States Students Association delegates from the University went to Washington, D.C., last month, they planned to meet with some of the country's lawmakers and discuss some issues that now confront higher education students.

"It was great to see so many active students," Matthew Scotten, USSA delegate and ASUO federal affairs coordinator, said of the USSA's 27th Annual Grassroots Legislative Conference. "The networking alone was great."

The five-day conference encompassed a variety of issues, mainly the protection of student financial aid, the defense of affirmative action and the rejection of anti-

immigration, Scotten said.

"USSA chose these issues because they are educational-access issues," he said. "Getting under-represented groups equal opportunities to higher education is our goal."

Throughout the first days of the conference, the delegates participated in workshops and work sessions that helped prepare the participants for the culmination of the event—Lobbying Day.

"We learned about the nuts and bolts of student aid programs," Scotten said. "It was excellent preparation to answer the questions of the representatives and staff we were going to meet. It also helped us have a professional appearance."

Scotten met with staff members from the offices of Oregon Senator Ron Wyden.

"I was nervous and excited," he said. "I didn't know what to expect. There was an

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Plan cuts small programs

■ **BUDGET:** Federal funding for the High School Equivalency Program will end after next year

By Jennifer Schmitt
Higher Education Reporter

The High School Equivalency Program associated with the University will not continue after the 1996-97 school year because of a new federal plan designed to cut out small programs that only apply to a

small group of people.

Although the program received federal funding for the 1996-97 school year it will not receive any money after next year.

HEP provides education to migrant workers who don't have a permanent address and who have dropped out of school by helping them get their General Equivalency Degree. Many of these students are Chicano and do not speak English very well, if at all.

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Washburn, Sunada campaign for campus safety, diversity

■ **ASUO:** Bill Washburn and Kelly Sunada aim for president and vice president seats

By Jennifer Carter
Student Activities Editor

Bill Washburn and Kelly Sunada say their experience in student government makes them the only candidates for ASUO president and vice president who will be able to meet their campaign goals.

"When we look at who we are individually and when we look at who we are together, we're really balanced, in terms of financial background versus a policy background," Washburn said. "I think we could do a really good job."

"We both bring a lot of unique perspectives to the table," Sunada said.

This is not the first time the pair has worked together to accomplish student goals. Washburn and Sunada began working together about two years ago as members of the Hawaii Club. Washburn was the student group's fund raising chairman, and Sunada was the group's co-president. They are both still involved in the group, and Sunada still maintains her position as co-president.

This year, Washburn is the ASUO's University affairs coordinator and Sunada is the ASUO's head comptroller. They said through their work they have noticed a need to "reinvent" the ASUO and make the student government into one that empowers students by actively recruiting them to get involved in issues.

"We're really interested in increasing the overall involvement and working with staff members — having

the president and vice president be empowering of the executive staff so that they're encouraged to get more students involved in the student government," Washburn said.

"It's not just about one or two people taking on every single project under the sun," he said. "It's about empowering students to work with other students and the University administration to get things done."

Another area the pair have chosen to focus on is related to tuition rates and financial aid. They said if elected they will work with the state legislature to lower tuition.

"We're going to work with the state in finding ways they can reinvest in our education," he said.

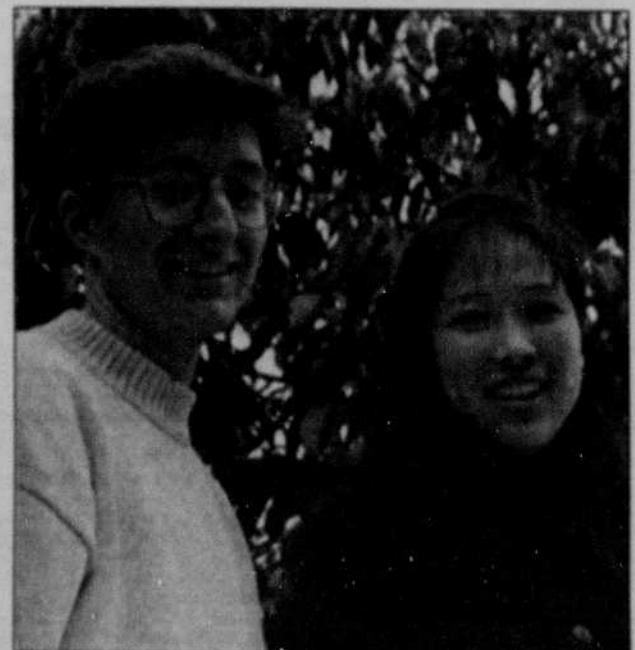
He said this reinvestment would mean that higher education would receive a larger percentage of money from the government's general fund, which is made up of monies including tax revenues.

Washburn and Sunada would also like to see more money go to safety-related improvements.

"Safety is a big concern," Sunada said. "There have been times where ... you call Saferide and they can't get to you. They say, you know, [you have to wait] half an hour."

"Also, if I need to walk around campus at night by myself there's always this feeling that I have to look over my shoulder. So Bill and I are committed to working a lot with safety, improving the lighting on campus, increasing security and expanding programs such as Saferide."

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MATT STIFFLENE/emerald

ASUO presidential and vice presidential candidates Bill Washburn and Kelly Sunada are running under a platform that stresses the importance of campus safety, fund raising and cultural diversity. The two candidates have worked together for about two years in the Hawaii Club, a group they are both still involved with.