

Rally: Students speak of alienation

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substantially interfere with administration.

"I think that it was noticed," he said. "But it was not disruptive. It was not problematic."

Cervantes described the steps the administration should take to aid diversity on campus. His requests included an ethnic studies major, a full-time advocate for racial issues, more recruitment and retention of faculty of color and increased awareness of racial issues at the University Office of Public Safety. He delivered a copy of these requests to the president's office, Hubin said.

"Just acknowledge us a little bit," Cervantes said. "The University has to have a conscious."

Many speakers criticized the administration and OPS for being too ineffective and too slow to act.

"OPS is everywhere but where they're supposed to be," said Lisa Kahn, a representative from the International Student Association.

The president's office has instituted a race task force and a Racial Issues Advisory Council, Hubin said. Although some students criticized these measures as ineffective, Hubin said the measures "are on the right

track."

"I understand the frustration," he said. "The people serving on the committees are the key people to solve this. I fully understand the sentiments."

Frohnmayr was unable to attend the rally because he was in Minnesota with his daughter, Hubin said. This was "unplanned and urgent," he added.

The University must take the initiative to educate the campus, said Kenya Luvert, the director of the Black Student Union. She added that it is unfair to make students responsible for educating other students.

"We came here to get an education," she said. "I'm tired of trying to educate people."

The rally also featured speakers from campus groups who addressed the recent problems on campus. A number of incidents have targeted students because of their ethnicity, religion, gender and sexual orientation.

"We've got a lot of problems on this campus," said Brandon Sugiyama, the co-director of the Asian/Pacific-American Student Union. "When things happen to you, when things happen to your family, it matters. Where hatred thrives, there will be vio-

lence. And I'm tired of violence."

Each speaker called for unity and diversity. Through diversity, "we can be stronger," said Kristen Parr, a University student.

"Everyone should be welcome here and we should be safe," said Nina Thompson, a representative from the Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Alliance.

Other speakers said they feel alienated from campus because of their ethnicity. Many described stereotypes and misconceptions that are visible throughout campus.

"Why do I see a tiny bit of pepper and a whole lot of salt?" asked Steve Belhameur, a representative of the BSU and a member of Pi Beta Sigma fraternity. "We need to let people know that everyone is welcome. It is definitely about time."

Although the rally attracted over 200 students at peak times, the University as a whole was poorly represented, ASUO President Jennifer Williamson said. There are over 17,000 students attending this university, she explained.

"Where the hell are our classmates?" she asked.

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'Wellness co-op' to offer in-house healers

HEALTH: The holistic cooperative's grand opening will take place at the Fifth Street Public Market this weekend

By Sherry Rainey
Community Editor

Eugene's first wellness cooperative, a holistic health community store, will have its grand opening this weekend. Raven is located on the first floor of Fifth Street Public Market and represents over 100 of the area's holistic health practitioners and products.

The Raven grand opening will take place Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. They will be giving away hourly door prizes and free astrology charts, samples, demonstrations and massages.

Also scheduled is an art show, story telling for children, Reiki, books, tapes and spirit wands.

The goal of Raven is "to educate people about what is available in Eugene for holistic healing," said Peter Le Sueur, founder of Raven.

The Health and Well-Being Group represented at Raven came together two years ago and sponsored several Holistic Wellness Fairs at the Fifth Street Public Market last summer.

"The fairs were so popular that they asked us to start a retail business," Le Sueur said.

Besides selling health products and providing in-house healers like sound therapist Star Richards and shaman and massage therapist Karuna Gatton, Raven also offers early-morning Yoga or Tai Chi classes and on-going evening workshops such as, astrology, shamanism and hypnosis.

"Raven is a cooperative — trying to help other businesses in health care and also acting as a resource center," Le Sueur said. "We are doing business in a spiritual way."

Marcia O'Rourke, an artist whose talents are displayed at Raven, used to own an advertising agency, but quit five years ago to pursue art.

She said being part of Raven is a fantastic feeling. "It is very grounding and positive and a service to the community."

The symbolic meaning of the bird raven is universal among many cultures, especially Native-Americans, O'Rourke said.

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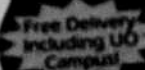
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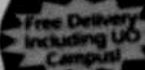
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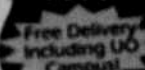
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