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Culture: The ASUO will sponsor the day's events

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tive Americans to be influenced by political borders in different countries in the Americas.

"These events encourage unity among all indigenous people and break down the borders that work to separate us," Barajas said.

In addition, Jack Forbes, professor of Native American Studies at University of California at Davis and author of several books regarding indigenous peoples, will be the keynote speaker tonight at 7 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room. His talk will be about identity issues and colonialism relevant to all Native Americans, including those in all of the Americas, another central theme campus sponsors of indigenous Peoples Day said they want to emphasize.

"The lasting opinion we want people to have is that Indigenous people are still alive and the cultures are not gone," Barajas said. "And we want to eliminate the misguided perceptions of where and who Native Americans are today."

The ASUO, a sponsor of the events, is advocating Indigenous Peoples Day to celebrate the day in a pro-active way, ASUO Multicultural Advocate Alex Berwick said.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

NOON: Aztec dancers will be performing and speakers from the University and community will speak briefly in the EMU Courtyard.

7:00 P.M.: Keynote speaker Jack D. Forbes, professor of Native American Studies at UC Davis, will speak about identity issues and colonialism in the EMU Fir Room.

"It's important that as a student government serving a diverse population, we recognize and celebrate peoples not historically recognized and celebrated," she said.

Barajas emphasized the annual event's continuing theme of survival of native people and cultures "that were not destroyed beginning in 1492," he said. "And Columbus didn't discover anything new."

Though the ASUO is supporting the event, the ASUO recognizes the event's efforts to offer a non-Eurocentric point of view.

"The ASUO supports Indigenous Peoples Day, which doesn't necessarily show an anti-Columbus viewpoint, but commemorates a celebration of all facets of the holiday," Berwick said.

Identity: Speakers relate experiences

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"Native American berdaches were accepted in their culture — no androgyny and no confusion was apparent — just men performing women's roles and women performing men's," Jacobs said.

Jacobs talked about how Native Americans fit into their own varying categories of sexual identity until the strict social and gender structure of the colonies imposed a gender hierarchy rather than a continuum.

Wesley Thomas, from the University of Washington and a member of the Navajo Nation, included in his talk a poem where he said, "If Navajos are quick to judge, then, in my eyes, they're not Navajo."

Thomas spoke about how he is "of many different worlds," including a two spirit world, personifying men and women. He also explained how Navajo youth today are vaguely aware of the complex categories of the Navajo gender roles highly emphasized in the past.

"The Europeans essentially eliminated the varied cate-

gories of gender roles and the unrestricted sexual relations that Native Americans once lived by," Thomas said.

He added that Navajo culture evolved by synthesizing identity, learning from elders and practicing cultural rituals that were passed from each generation to the next.

However, "unacceptable" practices in the eyes of colonial people were changed, including the role of the berdache.

Beverly Little Thunder of the Lakota Nation, the third speaker featured, also spoke of the limited voices of the past and the elimination of diverse traditional gender roles.

"There is no place for two spirited women in the contemporary setting of tribes," she said.

She spoke of her difficulty in coming to terms with her lesbianism within her tribe. In her piece "I Am a Lakota Womyn," she said she wrote to "begin documenting experience[s] in print."

"I don't want those in the future to have to dig for past lives they can relate to like I was forced to do," she said

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Radioactive waste dumping pollutes native lands

CONCERNS: Conference calls attention to effects on the indigenous peoples

By Kristine Sohnrey

Higher Education Editor

Participants at the Nuclear Colonialism Conference discussed the effects of dumping radioactive waste on native lands.

A small, select group shared concerns from Thursday to Sunday at the Ben Linder Forum in the EMU and at the Native American Longhouse at the University.

"This mining and dumping happens in America, in Australia and in Africa. The United States dumps plutonium in Japan, but other dumping is more local," said Ak Malten.

Malten is a member of the Global and Nuclear Alliance based in the Netherlands and one of the founders of Abolition

2000, a global network of more than 600 organizations determined to eliminate nuclear weapons.

Malten said the U.S. Department of Energy gave the nuclear power plants and military weapons manufacturers, which are the more prolific producers of radioactive waste, permission to dump on several Native American reservations.

He said the rules for dumping on tribal lands are less stringent than those found elsewhere, making dumping easier for these organizations.

The federal government delegated the responsibility for this dumping to state governments, said Gerry Moll from For Mother Earth, an organization based in Belgium. They used tribal sovereignty issues to their advantage, sometimes for dumping and other times for mining, he said.

Steve Lopez, a member of the Ft. Mojave tribe in Southern California, explained how this would affect five tribes just north of the Colorado River.

Lopez said if the government allows dumping in the Ward Valley, the leakage from radioactive waste would contaminate the river. This would affect the health and longevity of people in five tribes as well as people in Mexico, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Malten said the dumpers would be required to take no precautions other than burying the barrels.

"I would like people to see this problem, although on tribal lands, is a problem of the whole America, of the whole globe," Malten said. "Nuclear radiation does not stick to boundaries."

This conference was not publicized through traditional media. Attendees learned of the confer-

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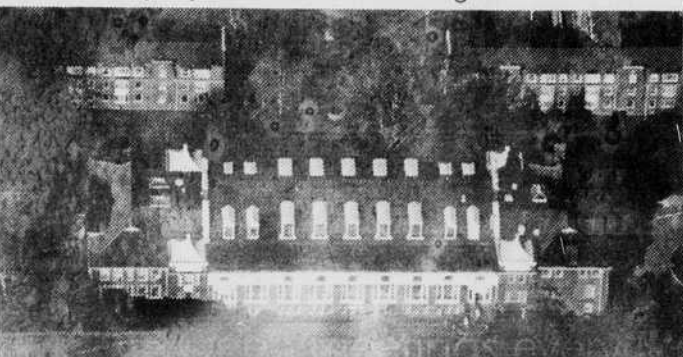
ence through the Internet and intend to continue communications through it.

Rick Green of Eugene PeaceWorks said anyone who wants to know more may read the Abolition 2000 home page via the Internet at <http://www.efn.org/~1capt/nuclear> or contact him at 484-9884.

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