

EMU mural to illustrate campus multiculturalism

■ **ART:** The ASUO hopes to have the project finished by the end of the school year

By Laura Baker
Student Activities Reporter

What can possibly express the vast array of cultures embodied on the University campus — a place where more than 90 countries are represented? The ASUO is trying to answer this question while planning a multicultural mural in the EMU.

Alexandra Berwick, an ASUO multicultural advocate, and Marisol Cordero-Goodman, a MEChA and Jewish Student Union member, are currently accepting sketches from student

groups and individuals to be considered for the mural.

It is estimated that the mural will cost around \$3,000, which will be paid through student groups, the President's Fund and other departments on campus, Berwick said. The mural will run down the EMU hallway from Footnotes to the Black Student Union.

EMU renovations, which are scheduled to begin spring term, will not affect the placement of the mural, Berwick said. However, the mural will be painted on removable panels, making the mural transportable if necessary.

"We want this mural to convey a message that this is a truly multicultural world and campus,"

Berwick said. "This can show that multiculturalism can come together and flow. Even though each culture is entirely different, it can be very beautiful."

The final sketches will be chosen by a committee comprised of representatives from the EMU Board and the Multicultural Center.

"It's really difficult to find one painting that can represent this issue involving so many different cultures," Cordero-Goodman said.

She said the panel will choose seven sketches that best represent the multicultural theme. The actual painting can begin after final approval by the EMU board, which Berwick does not expect to be a problem. She said she hopes the

entire mural can be completed by the end of this school year.

"Last year the board was highly supportive, and I expect we will receive the same support from this year's board," she said.

In addition, Berwick believes this mural offers an opportunity for people to learn about multiculturalism. "During times when multiculturalism is very controversial, this mural offers a really different way of viewing the world," she said.

The actual painting of the mural will be divided among student groups, who will be assisted by Steve Lopez, a Lane Community College student who has experience in painting murals. Cordero-Goodman said the student groups

have the option of helping with the painting.

Cordero-Goodman said the mural is a good way to reach out to students and talk about multiculturalism "through art, not political agendas."

"This is one way for us to reach out and get it [the mural] seen by a large group of people," she said. "It's time we [students] make our mark on this University."

"This is something that hasn't been done before," Berwick said. "It will make a nice addition [to the campus]."

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University to host high school forensics tournament

■ **EVENTS:** Local business will boom when approximately 800 to 1,000 students visit campus this weekend

By Sarah Keech
Higher Education Reporter

The EMU and the rest of campus will play host to the annual Bower Aly High School Forensics Tournament this weekend.

The event will include at least 53 high schools from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California. Approximately 800 to 1,000 high school students will be on campus to debate and compete in individual events in the three-day competition.

"The University is the center of debate in

Oregon," said debate coach Rick Peacor. "Our own forensics team has existed on campus from the year the University opened."

Members of the University forensics team will be helping with every aspect of the tournament.

"Team members will be running the tournament and judging the debates and speeches," Peacor said.

There will be two different styles of debates over the weekend, cross examination and Lincoln-Douglas, along with eight different types of individual competition.

Topics to be debated include juvenile crime and individual rights.

Debates will be held in the EMU and in

classrooms throughout the campus. A schedule of the debates will be posted outside the EMU Fir Room.

"We invite everyone to come and watch the debates," said Isaac Gottesman, student tournament director for the University forensics team.

With so many students on campus this weekend, the EMU, area hotels and restaurants are expecting heavy business.

Because the EMU is the main location for the tournament, the Fishbowl, the Skylight Cafe and the convenience store are expecting a boom in business.

"With so many bodies in the EMU, it can get really crowded, especially around lunchtime," said Theresa Coleman-Kaiser,

manager of EMU Food Services.

But the campus invasion of so many students is good for EMU business.

"We always see a big increase in cash sales when this tournament and the Model UN tournament come to campus," Coleman-Kaiser said. "The visiting students are good for the EMU's business." Holding the debate tournament on campus has another added bonus: It gives high school students the opportunity to see what college life is like.

The high school tournament will begin Thursday afternoon at 12:30 and run until 10 p.m. that night. Teams will also be competing from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday.

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board and the senate would be forced to think of and decide upon a way to run elections this year.

After questioning from Miner, Ositis changed his mind about the ability of the committee to have electronic voting available for the next election.

Ositis said he was not confident that the elections board would be able to get electronic voting ready for this election and if the committee had received money for the equipment earlier, he would have been sure about having everything ready.

He said there are many details with the system that needed to be worked out.

Banfield said the reason the elections board did not have money for the computers this year was because the Student Senate asked for \$5,000 for computers this year. Dave Coffman of the Constitution

Court said at his previous school, voter turnout increased from 18 percent to 43 percent when the school moved from paper voting to computer voting.

Miner called the motion to question and said he was going to vote against his own motion to rescind last week's motion. The motion to rescind the elections board's special request of \$7,400 failed.

Glen Banfield announced to the senate that the ASUO will be cooperating with OSPIRG to begin a student "Book Swap." Banfield may approach the senate later to ask for money for starting off the program and paying employees.

SETA made a motion to the senate to be put on the student ballot this Spring. They asked to be put on the ballot to ask for \$6,624 minus the Programs Finance Committee's allocation to pay for books, speakers, postage,

audio/visual equipment, printing and duplication, long distance telephone expenses and other miscellaneous expenses. The senate unanimously voted to send SETA to the ballot.

The Constitution Court asked the Student Senate for \$20 to pay for advertising. The court is required to advertise when it meets, and no money was budgeted for advertising this year.

The court also asked for money for new robes and money to bind past and current court opinions to distribute to the Knight and Law Libraries and bodies of the ASUO.

The senate amended the request by omitting money for robes. The amended request was approved. The Constitution Court will receive \$100 for the costs of printing current and past Constitution Court decisions and \$20 for advertising.

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