

SISCAP focuses on Latin solidarity

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By Laura Baker
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A new activist group has joined the ranks of ASUO recognized organizations.

Students in Solidarity with the Central American People recently received ASUO approval for student group status.

SISCAP's Eugene parent organization is the Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People.

CISCAP member Melanie Jones said both organizations are activist groups that work for international issues such as human rights, peace and justice. They also work for a greater understanding of the government's role in these issues.

The new student group was formed to increase student involvement in the parent group, said SISCAP member Dana Shabica. The two groups work closely on similar issues.

Both groups are "grass-roots organizations that are working toward creating a greater cross-border solidarity network and passive resistance to governmental and military control," Shabica said.

The organizations are concentrating their efforts in creating solidarity with groups in Mexico, Cuba and Central America. CISCAP works with groups such as Frente Autentico de Liber-tad, an indigenous rights group in Mexico.

Shabica said CISCAP is currently focusing its energy on the Zapatista revolts in Chiapas, Mexico, and the

damage done to agricultural land due to flooding in September.

The Zapatistas are mainly campesino workers from Chiapas who began to revolt against the Mexican government in 1994 after the signing of NAFTA.

"We're trying to create a bigger solidarity network between the United States and Latin American countries," Shabica said.

CISCAP and SISCAP give the Eugene community an opportunity to learn about what is going on in the world and in cultures "that are just next door," she said.

Meetings are currently being held on the second and fourth Monday of every month at the CISCAP office at 458 Blair.

To find out more information about joining either organization call 485-8633.

FOOTBALL SELLOUT



Students lined up in the EMU on Tuesday to purchase football tickets to the Oregon-USC game at Autzen Stadium this Saturday. Student and friends and family tickets were sold out by 11 a.m.

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