

Bike racks

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and security for the staff, I really think we can encourage a few more people to ride bikes," Petit said.

He pointed out that some staff members work at odd hours, coming or leaving the health or counseling centers in the dark.

"It will make the staff feel a lot more comfortable to have reasonably secure parking," he said.

The proposal for the covered and secured bike parking was first reviewed last April. The original proposal was to build a large shelter for covered and secured bike parking on the west of the building, but the proposal was not in accordance with University building regulations and needed revision. The revised plan reduced the overall physical size of the shelters, with one being able to fit under an existing roof.

David Niles, bicycle coordinator for the University, said he supported any improvements of bike facilities on campus but he also

said the campus might see more such improvements if there was more of an organized need and fewer aesthetic regulations.

Niles said he especially likes to see such improvements happen for all users of campus, but students might not always voice their needs in an organized and vocal manner.

He said he would like to see covered and secure bicycle parking being considered when a building is first built, rather than as an afterthought.

ASUO President Wylie Chen said he is encouraged about the new bike rack for the health center staff, but students' needs should also be addressed.

"I think bikes racks are very needed because it encourages alternative transportation, such as bikes, as opposed to driving or even taking the bus," Chen said.

"As far as students getting riled up about it, I don't think that it is necessarily an issue that students would necessarily want to organize around; however, it is something that students would want to see more of."

Diversity talk spotlights internationalism

■ The ISA sponsors a talk on how international and ethnic student groups can get involved in diversity

By Edward Yuen
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The issue of "internationalism" versus "multiculturalism" was the topic of a discussion organized by the International Students Association Monday night. About 30 students, both international and American, attended the hour-long discussion.

Students expressed their concerns about international students not being included in the different discussions about the development of campus multiculturalism. Some American students also said they feel frustrated when having difficulty communicating with international students.

But the difficulty is not only in communicating with international students but in finding ways to connect with them.

Jennie Breslow, a senior journalism major, said she had difficulties communicating with students in Finland when she was in an exchange program in the country two years ago.

She said when she came back, she wanted to be able to help Finnish students who attend the University, but she was unable to get information from the Office of International Education and Exchange.

"There are lots of students and lots of Americans who want to have the coalition, who want to be involved with the [international students]," Breslow said.

Breslow also said it is important to keep "different channels of communication" open to students.

In addition, some students expressed their concerns about the lack of communication between different student groups and the fact that some students were not well-informed about the activities organized by other ethnic student groups.

Mishal Sammon, vice president of the Gulf Countries Council Student Union, said students have different perceptions on activities.

He said when he talked to some international students regarding the Black Heritage Fashion Show hosted by the Black Student Union last Saturday, "the majority of [them] did not even hear about that."

"When you have an international student who attends an American activity, they also feel left out. ... It's not only getting Americans or U.S. citizens to get involved in international activities, but also the other way around," Sammon said.

ISA Co-director Alberto Albuquerque said ISA would continue the discussion on campus diversity in the future and would invite other student groups and administration to attend.

"We would like to work together, we would like to have some quality interaction time," Albuquerque said



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