

ASUO general elections measures

Beginning next Wednesday, students at the University will have the opportunity to vote on eight proposed ballot measures in the ASUO general elections.

#1 USSA funding continuance

This ballot measure deals with the continued funding of the United States Student Association.

If approved, the measure will allocate \$50,223 of student incidental fee money to pay for continued membership in the USSA. The total fiscal breakdown equates to approximately \$1 per student per term for the next two years, beginning fall 2000.

Listed as the oldest running student organization, the United States Student Association works on student issues pertaining to higher education. Examples of campaigns they have done or are currently working on include financial aid, campus safety and child care.

#2 ASUO grievances

This ballot measure pertains to grievances filed within the ASUO.

Two proposed changes include adding a rule to the ASUO Constitution regarding grievances, and a subsequent addition to the rule.

Proposed rule 15 is titled "Grievances." Proposed rule 15.1 states: "Any grievance filed by a member of the ASUO against an ASUO program, excluding the ASUO Executive and ASUO Senate, must be filed first with

the ASUO Programs Administrator. Any resolution to a grievance filed with the ASUO Programs Administrator may be appealed to the ASUO president within seven business days. Decisions made by the ASUO president may be appealed to the ASUO Constitution Court within seven business days if the grievance falls under the jurisdiction of the court pursuant to section 10.2."

Essentially, the proposed measure adds an additional step in the bureaucratic process for students filing grievances, aiming to cut back the amount of complaints that come before the ASUO president and the ASUO Constitution Court.

#3 Designated Driver Shuttle funding

This measure deals with additional funding for the Designated Driver Shuttle service.

DDS transports students from the University to their places of residence.

This proposed measure would increase student incidental fees by \$0.52 cents per term.

With the increase, DDS hopes to raise an additional \$25,000 dollars for the purchase of a new 15-passenger van.

If the additional van is added, DDS will increase service during peak and weekend operating hours.

The Designated Driver Shuttle service was founded in 1993. Currently, DDS operates seven days a week, 350 days out of the year.

During the past year, DDS ridership has increased by more than 50 percent.

#4 Workers' Rights Consortium membership

The measure concerns a possible recommendation to the University regarding membership with the Workers' Rights Consortium.

The WRC monitors labor facilities outside the United States that produce goods for U.S. based corporations.

If adopted, the Workers' Rights Consortium would establish an independent monitor of University licensees and their working conditions in foreign countries.

The University would also be forced to pay any membership fees in the WRC with profits obtained through University licensing contracts.

During the past year, the debate on "sweat-shop" labor has come under intense scrutiny by certain individuals at the University.

Other labor monitors include the Fair Labor Association and independent monitoring systems, such as the one adopted by California State University.

Through Tuesday, Feb. 29, the Emerald will preview each of the eight ballot measures for the ASUO general elections. Monday and Tuesday, the Emerald will preview the four remaining ballot measures. The ASUO general elections will be held March 1 and 2.

Subcontinent sights fill EMU for a night

Students of the Indian Subcontinent will celebrate their culture with dinner, song and a fashion show

By Emily Gust
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This Sunday, the EMU ballroom will light up with the sights, sounds and smells of the cultures of the Indian subcontinent.

Utsav 2000 will commence at 5:30 p.m. Sunday with dinner and an exhibition of cultural handicrafts. After the meal, a show presenting traditional songs and dances will be held in the EMU Ballroom.

The event is being presented by the Students of the Indian Subcontinent (formerly the Indian Student Association), which is a part of the International Student Association. The SIS represents students from not only India but Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Mauritius.

"Utsav 2000 is about celebrating the culture of all these countries that form the Indian subcontinent," SIS President Asif Suria said.

To celebrate those cultures, the SIS has organized a night filled with food, song, dance and art. Dinner will be served in the EMU Skylight area at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The food will be traditional Indian fare placed into a

five-course meal. This includes tandoori chicken, curry, rice pilaf and nan, which is a type of bread.

While guests are not eating, they will have the opportunity to visit the exhibition in the ballroom.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and will highlight songs and dances from all over the India subcontinent. The SIS chose material throughout the subcontinent to represent all of the different countries.

"They have tried to recruit all the students from the region," Ying-Che Chen, office manager of the ISA, said.

In addition, a fashion show will display traditional dresses.

"We're doing the three most popular types of Indian outfits: saris, gagrahs and salwaarkumiz," Haseena Vaswani, who is participating in both the fashion show and one of the film dances, said. "The guys are wearing kurta pajamas."

Tickets are \$7.50 for students and \$9.00 for the general public. They are available in the EMU ticket office or at a booth located in the EMU set up by the SIS. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.



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