

ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN STUDENT UNION PRESENTS:

TAKE YOUR SHOES OFF!

COME INTO OUR HOUSE AND LEARN ABOUT AMERICA.

Wednesday, April 26th: Opening Ceremonies

What: Kicks off Asian Heritage Month Celebration featuring student performers and Eugene's Lion Dance Team.

Where: EMU Amphitheater 4:00-5:30 pm

Saturday, April 29th: Fashion Show/Auction & Dance

What: Asian American fashions followed by auction and dance with live D.J.

Where: EMU Fir Room, Fashion Show 8:30-9:30pm free admission
Dance 10:00-1:00 am, admission with 3 canned food donations

Wednesday, May 3rd: Regional Difference in Asian American Identity

What: Professor Jiannbin Shiao, University of Oregon, discusses the difference of Asian American cultures in California, Oregon, Texas, and Hawaii.

Where: EMU Multicultural Center 5:00-6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 10th: Island Paradise...History of Whaling

What: Professor Toetu Fa'aleava, U.C. Berkeley introduces the history of U.S. whaling in the Pacific from the 1790s to 1870s. Pacific Islanders and their cultures were integrated into the global market and labor economies due to American whaling.

Where: EMU Multicultural Center 5:00-6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 16th: Seeking Truth...Film Presentation of "True"

What: A showing of "True," by director Jay Koh, illustrates the experiences of three young Korean Americans of dramatically different backgrounds. In following their search for the truth about what it means to be Korean Americans, they discover themselves as individuals. Q&A session to follow.

Where: EMU Gumwood Rooms 7:00-9:00 pm

Wednesday, May 17th: "My Brown Eyes"

What: Directed by Jay Koh. Film (20 min.) examining the experiences of a Korean boy's first day of school. Followed by discussions with Mr. Koh.

Where: EMU Multicultural Center 7:00-9:00 pm

Saturday, May 20th: Closing Celebration: The Main Event

What: Alex Leu, "Three Lives" a one-man show about Asian American Experiences. Group to be announced, musical performance.

Where: EMU Ballroom 7:30-10:00 pm, cost to be announced

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Student votes

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voting process, and we do vote."

During the 15-minute stretch Monday, the officials and students set out to harness in student voters for the May 16 primary. The deadline to register for next month's election is today.

Prozanski donned one of the yellow T-shirts worn by the student volunteers that read "Express yourself: Vote," while DeFazio patiently pointed students through the registration form.

Walker, especially, approached the task with enthusiasm. Introducing herself as the students' state representative, she was animated as she got in the students' faces and followed them down the street while persuading them to register to vote.

The visit by DeFazio and the other public officials is just one part of an overall attempt by the ASUO to increase student participation in statewide and national elections. Since the beginning of spring term, and especially for the past two weeks, student government leaders have been spearheading efforts to increase the number of registered students who will then vote.

The voter registration drive truly kicked into gear the last two weeks, with volunteers standing on the streets Wednesday through Friday, signing up students to vote. They've also been visiting Greek houses around campus with the same goal in mind.

"Voting registration among the student population is an extremely pressing issue," ASUO Federal Affairs Coordinator Robin Miller said. "Clearly students have the power to be a strong voting bloc on state, local and national issues."

The numbers matter. In the 1996 Senate special elections, the decision was locked by just about 20,000 votes. With 120,000 students enrolled in Oregon colleges and universities, ASUO State Affairs Coordinator Arlie Adkins said that if students could just come out in large numbers, they could make a real difference.

"But that's not going to happen until students start to use the clout that people around the world are dying to get," DeFazio said. "That is, the vote."

Corcoran explained how student votes will affect the upcoming elections in the fall. There are a few initiatives coming up on the fall ballot that would drastically affect students at the higher education level. The initiatives would cut education spending overall, but because there is a lot of opposition to hurting students in K-12, most of the cuts would affect post-secondary education.

"In politics in general, we've just seen a gradual decline in voter participation," Corcoran said. "That's actually a strategy of the extreme right all over the U.S. to drive down voter participation because that simply gives more power to those who are left to vote."

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