



KUGN talk show content angers students

Concerned students discuss the University's affiliation with a radio station after being offended by content

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Members of the University community voiced their displeasure at a forum Thursday about ongoing discriminatory remarks heard on

KUGN, known as "the voice of the Ducks." The University has a contract with KUGN-AM that grants the station exclusive rights to carry Duck athletic programming in the Eugene-Springfield market.

But the affiliation concerns some students and faculty who say racist and intolerant opinions are stated by some of the station's nationally syndicated talk-radio personalities.

ASUO Intern Allison Sprouse said

KUGN talk show hosts Michael Savage and Michael Medved were the ones responsible for making the offensive comments. At Thursday's meeting, Sprouse distributed a collection of statements made by the pair.

"The white race is being snuffed off the planet through immigration," Sprouse read aloud, attesting that she heard the statement while listening to KUGN on May 1. According to information provided by Sprouse, a

KUGN talk show host was also quoted as saying, "I'm beginning to think that women should be denied the vote. Their hormones rage; they are too emotional."

KUGN Program Director Bob Bosche said that while Savage and Medved sometimes make offensive comments, their shows are nationally syndicated and extremely popular. He added that KUGN's talk show programming is separate from the broadcast-

ing of Duck sporting events.

The Multicultural Center Board of Directors called Thursday's meeting to inform the campus community about the issue and brainstorm ideas about appropriate courses of action.

ASUO Co-Multicultural Advocate Eddy Morales said that while the student government does not support racism or bigotry, it has not yet taken an official stance on the issue.

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Works of brain

Mixed media artwork by a Chicago neurologist will be on display at the Adell McMillan Art Gallery

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Sometimes science isn't enough — and art has never been able to provide any concrete answers. In his quest to understand human consciousness, Chicago neurologist Audrius V. Plioplys combined the two, and added religion, as well.

This combination, dubbed "Neurotheology" by Plioplys, is on display at the Adell McMillan Art Gallery throughout November.

The UO Cultural Forum is sponsoring the event, which is in the gallery on the second floor of the Erb Memorial Union.

Cultural Forum Visual Arts Coordinator Liz Lessner described the art as intriguing.

"I thought the idea behind the work was really interesting," she said. "He draws from philosophy, science and art. What he's really looking at is the process of thought itself."

Fourteen large works, as well as a few smaller prints, are on display.

To create his works, Plioplys layered primary or secondary colors over photographs and then subtracted drawings of visual cortical brain neurons from the



Jeremy Forrest Emerald

The current exhibit in the Adell McMillan gallery, "Neurotheology" by Audrius V. Plioplys, will be on display throughout November.

color, resulting in complex works of art. The digital prints were enlarged and printed on canvas using acrylic paints.

The base images are photographic pieces taken by Plioplys for previous exhibits. The drawings were made by Spanish neuropathologist Santiago Ramon y Cajal more than 100 years ago. Cajal won a Nobel Prize for his work on brain cell structure.

The titles of the pieces describe the photographic image underneath.

Plioplys said the photos emerging through the drawings visually demonstrate the biological process of memories emerging from brain cells.

"We have billions of nerve cells," he said. "The networks of nerve cells are through which you can retrieve memo-

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Group seeks to expand its aid program

The Oregon Student Assistance Commission hopes to provide funding for all eligible applicants

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City/State Politics Reporter

As the state's financial woes shrink available funds for higher education, one group is ambitiously working to ensure access to college for Oregon's most needy students.

The Oregon Student Assistance Commission, which oversees the Oregon Opportunity Grant, a need-based scholarship for low-income Oregonians, is asking for more appropriations to expand the need-based program.

Elizabeth Bickford, director of the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, said the grant helps many students fill gaps left by loans and other aid.

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News brief

Few University neighborhood citations given this weekend

The Eugene Police Department issued few citations near campus during the weekend as it focused its patrols on areas other than the West University neighborhood.

EPD Lt. Pete Kerns said there were pressing concerns in other areas of town, and authorities didn't give much attention to the neighborhood this weekend.

"They were just chasing their tails with other stuff," he said.

Kerns added that the lack of citations could also be a result of rainy conditions on Friday and Saturday. Fewer people were roaming the streets and authorities were less likely to get out of their vehicles to issue citations, he said.

In addition, Kerns said heavy enforcement on open containers and partying since the September riot may have resulted in the neighborhood's decreased activity.

The Eugene Police Department handed out 64 citations Halloween weekend, and more than 75 citations were distributed the weekend before.

—Danielle Gillespie

WEATHER

Today: High 55, Low 48,
Mostly cloudy with light rain
Tuesday: High 55, Low 45,
Gusty, rain at times

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday
The new Bethel skate park is up and ready, just in time for rain
Wednesday
Are other universities facing similar "O" problems?

Legislation may not provide security

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act requires the state to tell police if a sex offender is on campus

Danielle Gillespie

Safety/Crime/Transportation Reporter

Despite a new federal law requiring registered sex offenders to provide information about whether they are working at or attending universities nationwide, officials say the law does not necessarily guarantee students' safety here at the University.

The Campus Sex Crimes Pre-

vention Act, which went into effect Oct. 28, requires the state to notify law enforcement agencies who have jurisdiction over that university if a registered sex offender is on campus.

And while Women Center's Office Coordinator Lori Brown said the law is a tool for battling sexual assault, she worries it will give people a false sense of security.

"Just because a student gets a list of people, doesn't mean they won't be assaulted," she said.

But in Oregon, students most likely will not see the results of the law until 2004, Department of Pub-

lic Safety Director Tom Hicks said. Oregon, along with many other states nationwide, hasn't been in compliance with the new law, Hicks said.

Because Oregon's Legislature meets biannually, the law will not go into motion until the next session, and Hicks said he thinks the law won't be in full-swing for another couple of years. Until Oregon complies with the law, the state stands to lose federal grant money for some of its programs, he added.

Brown said even when the law goes into effect, she hopes people will not see it as a solution to the

problem.

"It gives the impression that there's a monster out there, when, in fact, most sexual assaults are with acquaintances or date rape," she said. "The law is a way of saying sex offenders exist on the outside."

According to the U.S. Department of Justice's 2000 National Crime Victimization Survey, 66 percent of rape victims know their assailant. In addition, four out of every 10 sexual assaults take place at the victim's home and two out of every 10 take place in the home of a friend, neighbor or relative.

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