



Artistic revolution

The new Hult Center exhibit, a collection of artifacts from China's Cultural Revolution, aims to educate the public

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The current exhibit at the Hult Center's Jacobs Gallery transforms simple, everyday objects into works of art. The exhibit, "Ordinary Life in Extraordinary Times," is a collection of artifacts from China's Cultural Revolution. It will be on display for the rest of November.

Chairman Mao Zedong gave the name "Great Proletariat Cultural Revolution" to the decade, beginning in 1966, of imposed social and political activity aimed at strengthening Communist sentiment in the country. Almost every object created during this time, from daily tools to fine art, was required to have revolutionary content.

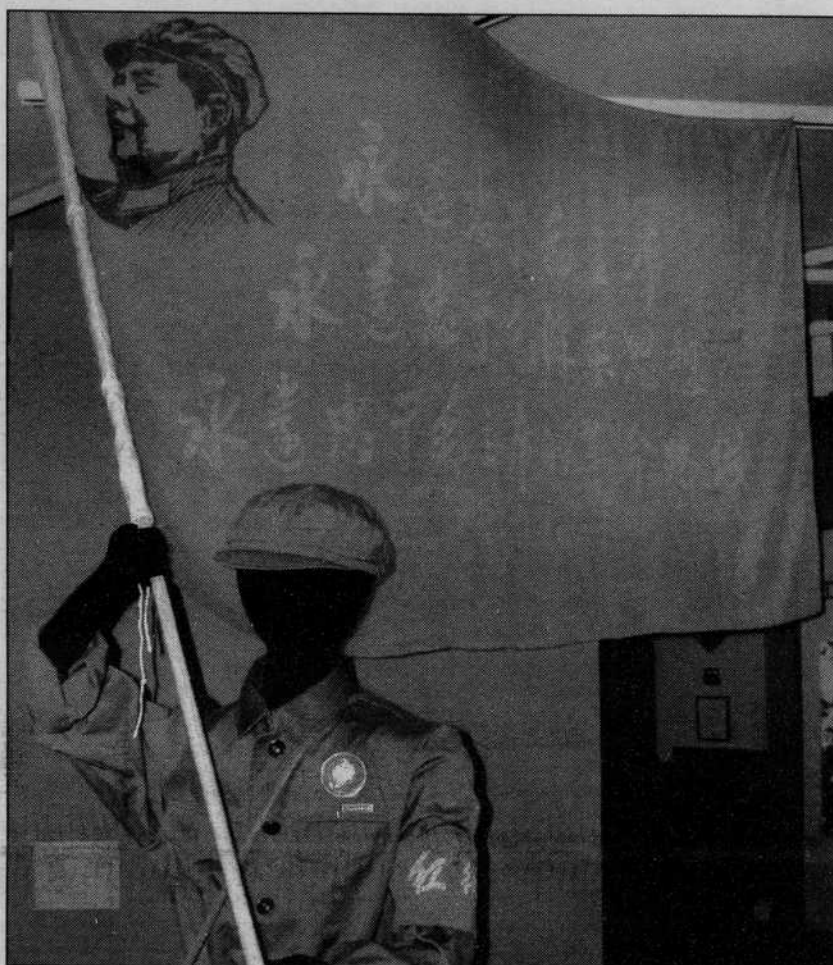
Diaries, stamps, posters, rice bowls — all championing the values of China's Communist Party — make up the exhibit. Screenprinted posters show workers, peasants, students and soldiers celebrating the formation of the new government. From illustrated eye exercises (designed to prevent nearsightedness) to drawings of a farmer instructing urban youth on agricultural techniques, many posters teach children the ideals of the revolution. Almost every artifact is red and emblazoned with an image of Chairman Mao. Even buttons depict the leader.

Charles Lachman, Director of the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, which is one of the groups sponsoring the exhibit, said the artifacts give the viewer a context for understanding the Cultural Revolution.

"There's a lot of apprehension surrounding communism," Lachman said. "(With this exhibit), people get to have a more complicated understanding of the Cultural Revolution."

The exhibit was shown at the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture in Seattle, and East Asian languages and literature Professor Wendy Larson led a film discussion in conjunction with the display. Larson said the exhibit shows how the Cultural Revolution played out in daily life, a perspective that the larger political story doesn't usually present.

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Jeremy Forrest Emerald

"Ordinary Life in Extraordinary Times," a collection of Chinese artifacts from Chairman Mao Zedong's decade-long Cultural Revolution, will be on display through November at the Hult Center. The exhibit features posters, bowls, stamps, diaries, buttons and other items. Almost every item created during this time period was required to have revolutionary content.

Community quietly talks about KUGN

University members call a private meeting to discuss comments made on KUGN, saying they fear backlash from talk show hosts

Jennifer Bear
Campus/City Culture Reporter

Members of the University administration, staff, and students convened a private meeting Tuesday to further discuss a controversy stemming from remarks made by talk show hosts on KUGN radio that community members allege are racist. A similar public meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. today in the Oak Room of the EMU.

KUGN pays roughly \$1 million per year for exclusive local broadcasting rights for all University sporting events. As a benefit, the station is also allowed to identify itself as "the Voice of the Ducks."

The meeting was declared closed to the public because organizers feared a backlash from nationally-syndicated radio talk show hosts Michael Savage and Michael Medved.

Savage has sued University of California official Troy Duster for what Savage alleges was discrimination leveled in 1996 when the radio personality was not hired as dean of the School of Journalism at the University of California at Berkeley.

The lawsuit claims discrimination on the basis of Savage's conservative ideology, not a backlash from any specific remarks the radio host made on-air. There is no evidence Medved has ever sued anyone as a result of programming content disputes.

However, participants at the Tuesday meeting said they still

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Programs earn 'trash' awards

Both Campus Recycling and the Environmental Service Learning Program received Trashbuster Awards this year for recycling efforts

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Two University programs were honored Wednesday for their 2001-02 recycling efforts in Lane County's 10th annual Trashbuster Awards, a local event that coincides with the nationally recognized America Recycles Day.

Of five Trashbuster Awards this year, two were presented to University programs. Campus Recycling and the Environmental Service Learning Program both received awards for their outstanding efforts in reducing waste during the past school year.

"We wanted to see an award system for people doing a good job at recycling and reducing waste," Lane County waste reduction specialist Pete Chism said of the program.

Campus Recycling received the Special Event Trashbuster Award for its efforts at the 2002 Willamette Valley Folk Festival, which recovered 82 percent of the event's waste. This was done by converting the event's usual 28 garbage cans to seven stations where

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Discussion to give insight on Ramadan



Danielle Hickey Emerald

Muslim Students Association members Lejla Filipovic and Alina Tureeva discuss Ramadan activities in the EMU Fishbowl.

Muslim speakers from around the world will discuss the Muslim holy month tonight in the EMU

Chelsea Duncan
Freelance Reporter

Khaled Ishaq, a member of the Muslim Students Association, said he feels Ramadan is a spiritual, physical and moral exercise.

"It's a month of charity," Ishaq said. "You should give as much as you can to the poor."

A discussion tonight, "Celebrating Diversity in Islam," will give students the opportunity to learn about Muslims around the world and the month of Ra-

madan, as well.

The discussion begins at 6 p.m. in the International Lounge of the EMU and will feature Muslim speakers from around the world, Ishaq said. The discussion is sponsored by MSA and the Office of International Programs, and will highlight different ways in which Muslims around the world observe Ramadan.

Ishaq said the discussion will be an informal presentation about how people pursue their lives as Muslims around the world and their different cultures, traditions and practices. It will also provide non-Muslims with a different perspective compared to the perceptions

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WEATHER

Today: High 55, Low 40, chance of rain, then sunny

Friday: High 55, Low 43, increasing chance of rain late

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday
Ecopledge gets Staples to agree to a paper pledge

Monday
'Deal'-ing in increased enrollment at OUS schools