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Indigenous art



Jeremy Forrest Emerald

Amy Whittingham, an undeclared sophomore, looks over one of Annelia Norris' exhibits in front of the pioneer man statue Tuesday. Norris is a BFA student at the University of Oregon. The purpose surrounding her art is "to initiate conversation concerning the effect of American colonization and the philosophy of manifest destiny upon the indigenous people. This piece is meant to be educational, and will benefit all people by expanding and diversifying their intellectual experience."

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PATRIOT Act.

"It makes perfect sense to someone, but not to me," local political activist Hope Marston said of the act, which grants government agencies widespread authority to carry out searches and surveillance on people thought to be involved in suspicious activities.

"What we are doing now with the PATRIOT Act is accomplishing nothing but the repression of all Americans," Marston said.

Marston also touched on the secretive government detainment of thousands of American Muslims following the 2001 World Trade Center bombings as an example of this new "repression." Garcia also spoke of these detainments and other examples of racial profiling in the United States.

Garcia said Americans have historically persecuted people because of their ethnicity during times of war. This "movable feast," Garcia said, can be traced back as far as 1848, when Mexican Americans experienced racism and hate crimes while the United States was at war with Mexico.

This trend continued with the treatment of Japanese Americans

during World War II and Korean Americans during the Korean War. Garcia said the racism aimed today at Muslims in America is merely an extension of this pattern.

Another issue covered was the migration of political power to the conservative side during the past decade, leading to what English Professor Linda Kintz called a "resurgence of effective racism."

Kintz, a native of Texas, said many prominent Southern politicians, such as Mississippi native and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, have been tied to historically racist organizations and have helped pass what she said were fundamentally racist policies.

Students shared many of the sentiments expressed by the speakers.

"This conservative trend is taking away resources from things such as education and health care and prioritizing military spending," senior sociology major Crystal Middlestadt said.

The need for a common community goal was also emphasized by one graduate student.

"White and non-white students need to stand up for each other and protect their human rights," Javier Ayala said.

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recruitment and retention of Native American students.

"The pool of students is so small that she gets the chance to make personal contacts with everyone, which is really helpful," Hulick Baiza said.

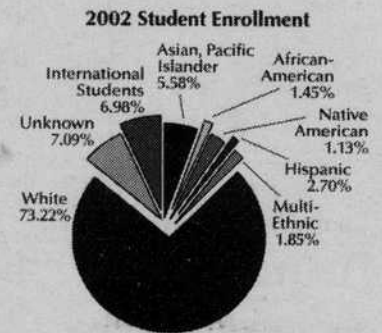
But reaction is mixed.

MEChA member Gerardo Ochoa said he doesn't think the University has been doing an adequate job of recruitment and retention of students of color.

"I think there is more to be done before the University can claim to be a diverse place," he said. "The University takes some pictures of students of color for brochures and posters and paints the picture of color, 'Oh, welcome to this diverse place,' when it's not."

Ochoa said he thinks part of the problem is the lack of multicultural recruiters; the admissions office has only one.

Many students of color do not want to stay at the University because it is predominately populated by white students, Ochoa added. And if the University had a greater number of ethnic instructors, many students might be more inclined to attend the Uni-



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versity, he noted.

"We can't just have faculty of color in the Ethnic Studies Program," Ochoa said. "All the departments need to be diversified."

Meanwhile, Admissions Director Martha Pitts said she was pleased to see the overall number of ethnic minorities rise. Although the number only grew by 122 students, Pitts said it is something to celebrate.

"It continues (taking) us down the road to success," Pitts said. "I'm happy with the increase, but we can't stall our efforts, and we need to continue working on recruitment and retention."

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