News brief

VSA culture night features dinner, show

The Vietnamese Student Association will host its annual culture night Sunday in the EMU Ballroom. "Project Vn," the name of this year's event, will feature a traditional dinner, skits, dances and a fashion show. The theme is "In each of us there is a cultural blueprint."

The menu includes crab and white asparagus soup, mixed herb chicken salad and tamarind vinaigrette and rice dumplings wrapped in banana leaf. Also, rice cakes with mung bean and fried shallots and scallion oil, chicken skewers marinated in caramelized fish sauce, coconut-ginger brule and tofu dumplings in lemon-

grass broth will be served.

Skits will be based on Vietnamese folklore and the process people have gone through to obtain residency in Vietnam. An "Ao Dai" fashion show featuring traditional Vietnamese clothing will be held at the end of the program. There will also be a raffle for a DVD player and several gift certificates.

"We feel that each person has something to contribute to the community they are in," VSA Director Phue Nguyen said. "They make up a crucial part of that culture, a piece of the puzzle or blueprint, so to speak."

Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. The entertainment will begin at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, but there is a suggested \$5 donation.

– Roman Gokhman

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supports the resolution against war — the challenge will be getting the quorum of eligible voters.

"If we have a quorum, we believe we have a good chance of passing the resolution," he said. "The reason that we know a quorum is going to be called is the calling of a quorum is an attempt to undermine our efforts at this time."

Campus members of Students for Peace also plan to attend the meeting and lend their support with a petition signed by more than 5,000 to 6,000 University students. Students for Peace member Beth Ayres said if the assembly votes in favor of the resolution, it will send a message to other universities, creating a domino effect.

"A university does have clout on something like this," she said. "If we can get every university in the country to pass this, it's heard."

But not every assembly member supports the resolution. Linguistics

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and cognitive science Professor Emeritus Tom Givón said while he personally would join anti-war marchers on the street, "hiding behind mama's skirt" — meaning the University — is a cowardly and dishonest way to voice a political opinion.

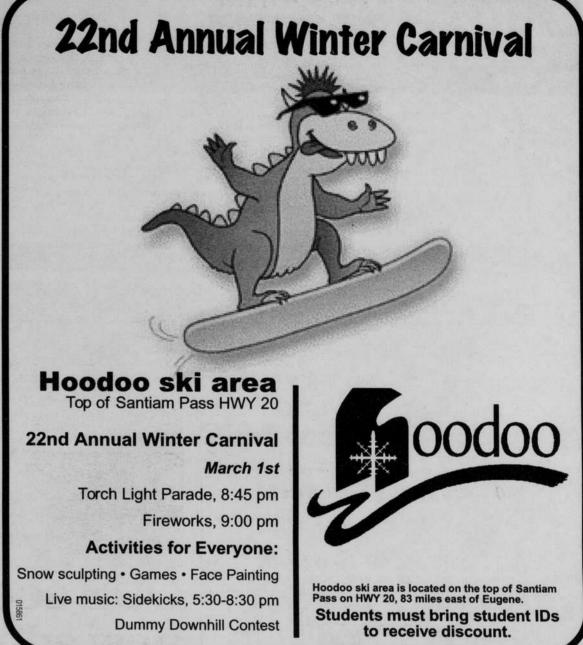
"I'm sick and tired of seeing the University politicized, the faculty politicized and the curriculum swayed by political opinion."

Givón said every time faculty members make political statements, they are "biting the hand that feeds them" and isolating themselves from the community they pretend to represent. He added that just because Oregon State University's Faculty Senate passed an anti-war resolution in December is not a good enough reason for the University to do the same.

"The fact that someone else jumped off a cliff is not a very good precedent for us jumping off the same cliff," he said.

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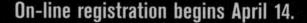


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