

Speakers discuss Arab losses

Speakers at the Tuesday night workshop focused on Arab American and Muslim American loss of civil rights

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While many American liberties have taken a backseat since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the rights of Muslim Americans and Arab immigrants have been especially hard hit, according to Ibrahim Hamide and other presenters at a Tuesday evening workshop.

The three hour long workshop sought to inform the community what Arab Americans have lost and how the loss of civil rights could affect the country as a whole. Speakers included students, professors and community members who said they have seen their communities attacked by national legislation such as the Homeland Security Act and the USA PATRIOT Act. Presenters said

the legislation has given the government the right to bypass critical safeguards in the Bill of Rights that protect individuals from injustices.

"Innocence until proven guilty has been given lip service by this administration," said David Fidanque, executive director of the Oregon chapter of the ACLU. "We should not be so concerned with possible threats that we should give up the freedoms that make our country great."

He added that one such attack was the imprisonment of suspected terrorists and the subsequent denial of the 5th Amendment, which guarantees due process under the law to citizens.

Law Professor Keith Aoki said there were similarities between the treatment of Japanese Americans during World War II and the present treatment of Muslim Americans. More than 120,000 Japanese Americans were interned during the war, even after J. Edgar Hoover stated that Japanese Americans proved no threat to national security. Similarly, most of the po-

tential terrorists who have been held at Guantanamo Bay have not been indicted with any charges but are subjected to secret hearings, Aoki said.

Guadalupe Quinn, a regional coordinator for immigrants rights with the group CAUSA, said the entire immigrant community has been negatively impacted because of the aftermath of Sept. 11. She said there has been a move by the government to make the local police work together with federal immigration agents on cases involving potential terrorists. Quinn said Oregon has resisted those efforts and added that there are still laws in place to prevent this type of collaboration.

While workshop attendees said the status of Muslim Americans seemed grim on a national level, students speakers were quick to point out the support they have received in Eugene.

"Eugene is definitely a much more tolerant place," international studies student Hargobind Khalsa said. "Sikh were originally expelled in the 1800s,

but there has been a Sikh community here in Eugene for over 30 years.

"The problem with this is there is a precedence. It sets a standard on how you can treat those who look differently, or practice a different religion."

Chelsea Hogue is a freelance writer for the Emerald.

Today's crossword solution

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Campus buzz

Thursday

Eugene Gogol (guest speaker, sponsored by Latin American Studies), 3:30-5 p.m., 301 Condon.

Barbara Baldwin, Jane Glazer, Donna Henderson, Ingrid Wendt and Janice Gould (authors reading "A Fierce Brightness: Twenty-Five Years of Women's Poetry"), 7 p.m., University Bookstore, free, 346-4331, Ext. 228.

"Impassable Canyon" (Outdoor Program

film), 7 p.m., 100 Willamette, free, 346-4365.

BSU Poetry Night (sponsored by Black Student Union), 7-9 p.m., EMU Fir Room.

Dance 2003 Concert (guest dancer Rebecca LeDuc joins with student dancers to bring to life nine works by University dance faculty and by West Coast modern dance pioneer Bella Lewitzky; ticket sales begin at 7 p.m. and doors open at 7:30 p.m.), 8 p.m., Dougherty Dance Theater, Gerlinger Annex, \$10 general, \$5 students

and senior citizens, 346-3386.

"Shakespeare and Opera" (University ensemble concert directed by Mark Kaczmarczyk; students will perform scenes and arias from "The Fairy Queen" by Henry Purcell, "Romeo and Juliet" by Charles Gounod, "A Little Night Music" by Stephen Sondheim and other operas with connections to plays by William Shakespeare), 8:15 p.m., Beall Hall, \$5 general public, \$3 students and senior citizens, 346-5678.

Crime watch

Theft and recoveries

The Department of Public Safety received two impounded bike reports and six bike theft reports from the EMU, McKenzie Hall, Esslinger Hall, PLC and Carson Hall. DPS also received five reports of larceny, two found property reports and one car break-in.

Disorderly conduct

DPS received three graffiti re-

ports, three reports of can rummaging, two trespassed subject reports, two skateboard stunting reports and one dispute report. DPS also received two reckless burning reports in front of H.P. Barnhart Hall and one report of a smoking trash can fire outside Fenton Hall.

Sunday, May 11, 1:10 a.m.: DPS received a report of a male subject urinating at the intersection of East 13 Avenue and University Street.

Alcohol and drugs

DPS received three reports of

liquor-law violations, one MIP report and one report of a drug law violation.

Wednesday, May 7, 9:17 p.m.: DPS received a report of two subjects in possession of less than an ounce of marijuana at Walton Complex.

Miscellaneous

DPS received eight towing or traffic related reports and two reports of people stuck in elevators.

Saturday, May 10, 11:26 p.m.: DPS received a report of a missing child at McArthur Court who was later found.

Biofuel

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stigma associated with environmentally friendly products, which can get in the way of promoting the fuel on a governmental level. Tomas Endicott said that when he met recently with lawmakers in Salem to push for legislation that would create more incentives for biofuel production, he was still met with a few chuckles from legislators.

The SeSequential owners have plans to put the fuel on the road — literally. The trio is in the process of mobilizing a fuel distribution truck to deliver their pure

biodiesel directly. They even have taken their environmental consciousness a step further: The fuel pump will be solar-powered.

SeSequential offers fuel in two forms. B20 is a mix of 20 percent biofuel and 80 percent traditional diesel, while B100 is 100 percent biodiesel. B20 is available for individual use, but B100 is currently only available in bulk. SeSequential is partners with Tyree Oil, an Oregon oil supplier.

The three men also have a business relationship with the University.

Facility Services purchaser Paul Blancher said the University purchases B100 for grounds equip-

ment, as well as B20 fuel for diesel pumps that supply other diesel vehicles. Blancher says it's a bit more expensive but worth the cost.

"We're always looking for ways to be smarter environmentally," Blancher said.

Hill said running a budding small business is a challenge, especially since biofuel prices recently increased drastically. He hopes prices will begin to fall soon, as SeSequential tries to convince Northwest communities that biofuel is a realistic commodity.

Contact the reporter at lindsaysauve@dailyemerald.com.

Eating for Reading



Tonight! 7-9 pm
Pi Beta Phi Sorority
1518 Kincaid St.

- ☛ \$3 admission fee. Buy tickets from your Pi Phi friends, or at the door.
- ☛ There will be a pie eating contest, and people can enter for \$50 per entry.
- ☛ There will be a "Throw a pie at your favorite Pi Phi." You can throw a pie at a member. Each pie costs \$1.
- ☛ Shirts will be for sale. They will cost between \$7-10.

All proceeds benefit Links to Literacy.

Through much of the last century, America's faith in freedom and democracy was a rock in a raging sea. Now it is a seed upon the wind, taking root in many nations. Our

Democratic Faith

is more than the creed of our country, it is the inborn hope of our humanity; an ideal we carry but do not own, a trust we bear and pass along.

President George W. Bush—Inaugural Address

The invocation of God in Bush's inaugural address was highly criticized, but not his invocation of democratic faith. Is it an unquestioned faith shared by many in our country? What role does it play in our current political assumptions?

A lecture and discussion on Democratic Faith will be presented by

Patrick J. Deneen, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Politics, Princeton University

Thursday, May 15, 3:30 p.m.
177 Lawrence Hall

Dr. Deneen is the author of *The Odyssey of Political Theory: The Politics of Departure and Return*. He has also published on ancient and American political thought in *Political Theory*, *Social Research*, *Polity*, *Polis*, *Society*, and *Commonweal*.

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