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Gathering attendees address stereotypes

Students intermingle with different ethnicities in inaugural Multicultural/Multiethnic Mixer

BY KARA HANSEN
NEWS REPORTER

Erin O'Brien is Irish, Vietnamese and American, but people have mistaken her for French, Japanese and Italian.

The ASUO Women's Center director's experience isn't uncommon, according to the roughly 15 students, staff and faculty members who came together for the first "Multicultural/Multiethnic Mixer" Wednesday evening at the EMU.

Although the people attending cited family links to more than 14 different countries, they found common ground in the misperceptions and stereotypes they faced and challenged on a daily basis. Many of the attendees said others frequently mistake their races based on

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Playing against controversy

Student groups raise concerns over men's basketball games against the University of Illinois and its American Indian mascot

BY MEGHANN M. CUNIFF
NEWS REPORTER

Various student groups at the University are voicing their opposition

to the Dec. 11 men's basketball game

with the University of Illinois, saying the school's use of an American Indian mascot and nickname is racist and promotes negative stereotyping of American Indians.

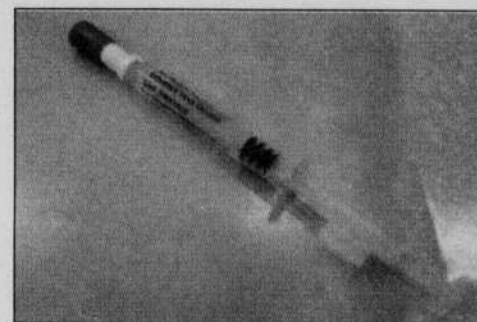
Controversy has surrounded Illinois' mascot, Chief Illiniwek, for a number of years and reached University President Dave Frohnmaier in summer 2002 by way of a resolution signed by

more than 250 members of the law school community. The resolution asked the University to refrain from scheduling events with teams that use American Indian names and imagery.

University student Daniel Dinan, programs director for MEChA, said Frohnmaier assured the group the administra-

tion was aware of the issue and gave a "verbal agreement" that the NCAA would be acting on it soon.

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DANIELLE HICKEY | PHOTO EDITOR

FluMist is being offered to students and faculty at the University Health Center as an alternative to the flu vaccination.

Intranasal flu vaccine a solution to shortage

FluMist is available for healthy students and faculty at the University Health Center

BY JON ITKIN
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The answer to this year's flu vaccine shortage might be right under your nose — or up your nose, to be more accurate. FluMist, an intranasal flu vaccine, is available at the University Health Center for healthy students and faculty aged 14 to 49. Injected vaccines are also available for high-risk individuals.

In October, the United States lost half its

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Tech Thursday Music gifts at heart of holiday season

New products and old standbys fuel the technological gift market; iPod sales continue to grow and new video games are popular

BY TONY LUCERO
NEWS REPORTER

This holiday season, the only time some people may hear Christmas carols or holiday cheer is when they turn the volume down or take off their headphones. Students have overwhelmingly responded to what they're giving and getting this year: music. Whether it be a new compact disc or the trendy iPod, this Christmas season is going to be loud.

Apple MP3 players are becoming the new favorite among consumers who want music everywhere they go. The popular players have dominated the field with recent sales: the iPod holds 92 percent of the MP3-player market this year, up from the 82 percent market share it held last year, according to The Associated Press.

David Lacy, manager of The Mac Store, at 61 W. 8th Ave., said some customers have never even heard of the store before coming in to look for iPods. It's not just students coming in the store, either.

Now, Lacy said, The Mac Store is "getting

customers all across the board" to buy the iPod as a stocking stuffer. The store even offers a customized red and white case for the music player that resembles a Christmas stocking.

"Parents, businessmen and students are all coming in to buy the iPod," said Lacy, noting sales are usually good throughout the year but spike during the holidays. "People getting the iPod mini want a fashion statement or a small MP3 player they can use while working out."

The regular iPod sells for \$300 and can fit about 10,000 songs, or 20GB worth, if using Apple's AAC music format, and a little less if using the regular MP3 format. Either way, for the regular music fan, the space will suffice. Its 12-hour battery life and sleek, solid white design means anyone who finds an iPod under the tree will bask in its ability to play throughout the day and its trendiness.

Even the iPod mini, with 4GB, can store most people's music collections — or at least the most-listened-to songs — in its tiny body. The iPod mini comes in five different colors

and has a slimmer profile than the regular iPod that won't weigh down the pockets of music listeners.

The iPod Photo also gives users the option of looking at digital photos. The iPod Photo looks the same as the normal iPod, but users can easily scroll through menus full of pictures and can view slide shows with music playing in the background. It comes in both 40GB and 60GB sizes.

Lacy points out that many people are interested in the iPod because it also acts as a hard drive, letting users store electronic books and files that can be transferred between computers. Lacy also mentioned the iPod Photo's ability to hook up to a television and that it can play PowerPoint presentations with accompanying music if the slides are saved as an image.

For the gift-getter that already has an iPod, accessories offered by Apple and third-party developers can turn the music players into almost anything, whether it be a laser pointer, voice recorder or flashlight, Lacy said.

The most popular accessories are FM add-ons that let iPod users listen to radio stations, and car adapters, some of which can charge the iPod while playing music from a car stereo.

The stereo is also being revived through satellite radio. Both XM and Sirius are cutting prices on their stereos and portable dock players to get people away from MP3s and into commercial-free radio.

While portable products are very popular options, video games remain one of the hottest-selling items during the holidays. The PlayStation 2 and Xbox are still kings compared to the newly-released Nintendo DS, the next generation of Nintendo's Game Boy that offers two screens and extra options, such as wireless connections to other DS handhelds.

PlayStation 2 and Xbox have seen sales boosts, and systems are selling off shelves once or even twice a week, Big City Gamin'

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET



Wants: Money, iPod, digital camera

Will give: "I'm giving my mom the new U2 CD and my dad wants slippers."

KATE FRAHER | BIOLOGY



Wants: Exercise walkman, music, DVDs ("I never buy them myself.")

Will give: "I'm making mix CDs like I did last year and making cards. I'm making presents because I'm a poor college student."

THERESE ZOSEL-HARPER | UNDECLARED

IN BRIEF

Neighborhood association looking for student attendance

Students interested in becoming involved in the Eugene community and improving the University's surrounding neighborhoods are encouraged to attend the West University Neighbors meeting tonight at 7 p.m. at Indigo District on the corner of East 13th Avenue and Oak Street.

The neighborhood association will hold elections for its board of directors if the mandatory quorum of 20 neighborhood residents is in attendance.

Ward 3 City Councilor David Kelly said it is ideal to have a large number of students at the meetings but said it is ultimately up to the students to take a step in becoming more involved with the community.

"In this case, the neighborhood is run by those who show up," Kelly said. "The way to change things is to show up."

Community activist Zachary Vishanoff said he will attend the meeting to ask the current board of directors what the association has accomplished and what the goals are for the future.

"They've really dug the neighborhood a grave and are about to drop them in," Vishanoff said.

University professor Marc Schlossberg will also be at the meeting to update the association on a mapping project students in his Applied Geographic Information Systems and Social Planning course completed this term. The class worked with the association to create detailed maps of the neighborhood, which Schlossberg will present at the meeting.

Vishanoff said he is concerned about the mapping project's possible ties to broader city planning and homeland security issues and will discuss these concerns at the meeting.

— Meghann M. Cuniff