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shows that the University reflects this problem with an attitude of indifference towards ethnic students, as opposed to friendliness or hostility, he says.

"Of course these things are considered in a black student's decision on a college," he says.

Of the 37,059 Oregon blacks, 27,734 reside in Portland, according to figures of the Oregon Population Studies Research Center.

With the Council on Minority Education recruiting mainly out-of-state, the Black Student Union will be traveling to the Portland high schools to direct students to the University. After a close vote in the IFC the BSU received \$320 to finance their first two trips.

Financial aid forms will be shown and clarified, important dates and deadlines will be explained, and admission forms will be handed out to those interested, according to Vincson Green, president of the BSU.

"The problem is that Eugene has never been black-oriented. Culturally and socially it is just not attractive to blacks," he says. More involvement in student government, more black leaders in the community, and more black entertainment are needed, Green says.

"You can get any white entertainer to Eugene, but black entertainers pass right over us, from Los Angeles to Seattle."

Representatives will give names of professors and other black students to see upon arrival on campus. "If we can draw a bond with them before they get here and let them know we care," Green says, "then when they arrive they'll feel at home. We'll have a bigger union, a bigger closeness, and a bigger say on campus."

The University does not set goals for future black enrollment, according to Gary Kim. But if they did, he wouldn't expect an increase.

"We will be very lucky just to hang on to the numbers we've got," he says.

Vets group battles apathy

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Unless active membership increases, the University Veterans Association may become an extinct organization by the end of the year.

Although the organization in its peak years had six to 10 actively involved veterans, it is now a one-man operation, director Dave Isenberg says.

"There's a new group of veterans on campus and they're not as motivated," Isenberg says.

"I'm not going to babysit them. I've already done that by keeping this group on campus," he says.

Isenberg, who has been the UVA director for just more than a year, says veterans feel they have been "screwed over" by the U.S. government and now don't want to get involved with government-sponsored organizations.

Isenberg also takes a relaxed attitude toward recruiting new members.

"I don't want to beg for new members. I'm not going to pressure people into joining."

Veterans who attend the University have a variety of reasons for not joining UVA, ranging from a wariness about the organization itself to a feeling that other responsibilities take priority.

Larry Keller, a business graduate student says veterans simply have too much else to do.

"They have families, they have to work, and they have mellowed out," Keller says.

But another reason veterans do not get involved with the UVA is because it is too radical, he says.

"Isenberg is taking this organization in his own direction, for his own purposes," he says. "I

witnessed some demonstrations in the sixties and seventies and they don't work."

Isenberg insists that the UVA should focus on the possibility of impending war and the draft.

"This is the one issue where we have a voice of legitimacy because we've been through war," he says. "They (veterans) almost have an obligation to do it."

"The UVA should present a positive, favorable image of veterans to the University community and the community at large by nonpolitical oriented activities," Wellsry says.

"Veterans also need to know what is going on in benefits. As of Oct. 1 there have been six major changes in benefits that the University veteran is probably not aware of," he says.

Some veterans say the UVA should concentrate on other issues. The UVA should reflect the representation of veterans on campus better and should advise veterans more, Keller says.

The UVA still has the potential to be an effective political voice on campus, Riley says.

"They're an activist group, a damn good activist group. I think there's a cause for the UVA to work for if they got off their butts."

A newsletter will be distributed at the beginning of winter term explaining the situation now facing the UVA, Isenberg says. Veterans will be asked to decide if the UVA is needed, and if so, will be asked to participate to keep the organization alive.

"I won't feel sorry if the UVA does vanish because it would be injurious for students to fund a group that isn't doing much," Isenberg says.

Anti-nuke group holds symposium

Students for a Nuclear-Free Future is helping to make preparations for a symposium on the threat of nuclear war to be held today and Wednesday at the University.

SNUFF, Citizen Action for Lasting Security and the Union of Concerned Scientists are co-hosting the symposium, entitled The World Held Hostage.

The coalition of groups will present two days of lectures, panels, discussions, films and information about the threat of nuclear war.

The symposium will coincide with Veteran's Day.

The organization set up a table in the EMU lobby on Monday and handed out literature, buttons, and bumper stickers opposing nuclear weapons and nuclear power.

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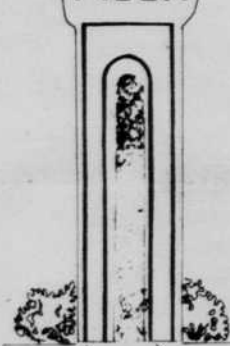
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