

Racism panel organizes agenda

By Chris Bouneff
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An advisory panel directed to study racial issues at the University and in the community met Thursday to discuss future agenda items.

The 26-member panel agreed to meet at least one more time as a large group in order to make additions to the committee from other University organizations, said Gerard Moseley, vice provost for academic support and student services.

The panel also discussed the possibility of breaking into smaller groups to study specific issues of racism, Moseley said. That decision will be made within the next few weeks, he added.

"The charge given to the panel excludes a lot of issues that could be included under harassment," Moseley said. "On the concern that other issues not be lost there was agreement, but we want to con-

centrate on the racial issues at this time."

Moseley said focus areas include security within the University, the process of reporting racial incidents, University policy, and staff and faculty sensitivity to race.

The advisory panel is acting in a capacity similar to that of a 1983 task force charged with the duty of studying racial incidents.

The current panel was presented the report prepared by the 1983 task force for University President Paul Olum. Members were asked to study the document and consider its recommendations to deal with the problem, Moseley said.

Barbara Nichols, retired student services counselor, served on the 1983 task force and is now a member of the present panel.

Nichols said she recently conducted a personal study to see how the former panel's recommendations were being

used. "I didn't find any area where there was a big gap and people weren't doing what they were supposed to do," Nichols said.

Nichols said she conducted her "check-up" of suggestions made by the previous task force in response to the rise of incidents with racial overtones.

"My concern was in response to what was happening in the country," she said. "Curbing racism is not going to happen causally and without a vigorous effort to do so."

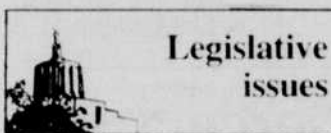
Panel member Edwin Coleman, director of the University's ethnic studies program and an associate English professor, also served on the 1983 task force with Nichols, but said he is unaware of the status of the recommendations made in the report.

Moseley said the panel has not decided whether to use the report as a piece of input or to update the recommendations made by the task force.

Timber export bill sparks debate

By Don Peters
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The question of exporting logs off public lands is turning into a debate in the Oregon Legislature on whether states have the right to control commerce and trade.



In a Salem press conference Thursday, U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.) announced plans to introduce legislation in Congress that would give states the right to prohibit log exports from state-owned lands.

It wasn't the first time DeFazio has brought up the issue. He introduced a similar bill last session, only to watch it die in committee.

The Oregon Legislature is backing DeFazio's proposal, with Sen. Bill Bradbury (D-

Bandon) introducing a Senate joint resolution, and local Rep. Bill Dwyer (D-Springfield) announcing a House bill and a House joint memorial.

Bradbury's bill, SJR-8, would place a measure on the May primary ballot, asking Oregon citizens to prohibit log exports from state-owned lands.

Dwyer's HJM-1 asks the U.S. Congress to pass legislation that would enable states to regulate timber exports. He said the Oregon timber industry is in a crisis from unfair competition in the foreign market.

"We need to stop exporting our state resources (logs) or we're going to devastate all our small mills and towns," Dwyer said.

Dwyer's other bill, HB-2452, would prevent exporters of logs from bidding or buying state-owned timber, and subjects violators to racketeering statutes.

"The bill (HB-2452) is designed to prevent log specula-

tors from buying state timber at domestic prices, and then selling them overseas for two or three times the value they paid for them," Dwyer said.

Both SJR-8 and HB-2452 have clauses that make the two bills effective on passage of DeFazio's bill. If DeFazio's bill dies, so will SJR-8 and HB-2452.

Under the U.S. Constitution, the federal government regulates trade between the states and foreign countries. Existing U.S. law prohibits the export of logs off federally owned land, but the 1989 budget proposal by former President Ronald Reagan would reverse that decision.

Because the federal government regulates trade, states are currently unable to prevent the exportation of timber off of state land. This position was strengthened when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against Alaska in its bid to control their own logs.

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