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Racism, hate examined at forum

By Frale de Guzman
Emerald Associate Editor

Increasing awareness and understanding of institutionalized racism is a factor in preventing the development and expansion of hate and white supremacist groups throughout the country, several speakers said Thursday.

"Neo-Nazism is a symptom of racism," said Ruben Cota, director of the Chicano Affairs Center, who discussed local violence and community response during the ASUO's two-hour discussion on "Neo-Nazism: Freedom to Hate."

"To combat neo-Nazism, you must combat institutionalized racism," Cota added.

The problem lies in the defi-

nition of the term "racism," Cota said. For the white majority, racism is an action of harmful intent, while members of minority groups view it as any action that adversely affects the lives of its people, he said.

If ethnocentricity is what gives rise to youth groups like the Skinheads, then it becomes the community's responsibility to put a stop to this problem by educating itself and its children and banding together to form a united front, said Betre Melles, spokesman for the Portland Ethiopian Community Organization.

Melles is a close friend of Mulugeta Seraw, an Ethiopian who was allegedly beat to death in front of his Portland apartment on Nov. 13 by a

group of Skinheads, a white racist group.

Statistics currently show that although membership in organizations like the Klu Klux Klan and neo-Nazi group has declined since 1984, Skinheads' membership has increased, said Marvin Stern, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League in Seattle, who discussed "Young and Violent: Neo-Nazis in the United States and their Activity in the Pacific Northwest."

Within the last six months, the number of states that has Skinheads has grown from 12 to 21. Since 1987, group membership nationwide has increased from an estimated 1,500 to 2,000, Stern said.

Anti-CIA group meets tonight in EMU

MEETINGS

Educational Committee for Democratic Revitalization (formerly the Educational Commit-

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tee Concerning the CIA) has an organizational meeting tonight at 5:30 in EMU Century Room E. The group will discuss plans for the upcoming Central Intelligence Agency recruitment Feb. 13.

LECTURES

Philosopher Naomi Scheman

of the University of Minnesota will speak on "Feminism and Wittgenstein" today at 2 p.m. in the EMU Forum Room.

MISCELLANEOUS

1989 Journalism Career Day will offer journalism school majors and pre-majors tips on media job markets. Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in EMU Fir Room.

United Methodist student ministry meets Sunday and fea-

tures discussion of the homeless in Eugene at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid St. For time information, call 686-4694.

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"This is something that's been a longtime goal for the ASUO," Sifri said. "That is increasing student empowerment in all positions."

"I think this is a big step forward," he continued. "I respect the administration for making this decision."

Sifri said that he will now begin the task of becoming more familiar with the goals and procedures of the IACUC.

"I've got a lot of homework to do and a lot of work to do after that," he said.

Gaffney said Olum had agreed to creating a student position on the committee in November pending the availability

of a candidate who met his criteria.

These criteria, Gaffney said, restricted candidates to students who agreed with the basic premise of animal research, who offered a background in a related field and who were in good academic standing.

Sifri, a senior biochemistry major, will bring his academic background as well as his ASUO experience to the committee, Gaffney said.

"This issue is a real concern for many students," Sifri said. "As a student representative on the committee, I'm there to represent those student concerns."



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Pierce

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administration. Another goal was to increase the cooperation among all state system schools, he said. With these goals completed, Pierce said it was time to move on.

He has applied for academic administration positions in other states but has not "hooked on" to one yet, he said.

Pierce received a bachelor's in English literature from Yale University and master's and doctorate degrees in public administration from Cornell.

A search process for his replacement is expected to begin in February.

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