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# Unity sought to end racism

By Cami Swanson  
Emerald Reporter

Eugene minority groups gathered Tuesday to discuss forming a coalition to combat racism and violence perpetrated against people of color.

Charles Dalton, an executive board member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), led the community forum, which approximately 75 people attended.

"Trying to deal with this (discrimination) as individuals has not worked," Dalton said. "I know it's not for lack of effort. What it is is lack of coordination."

Dalton asked members of various minority groups to combine their efforts against discrimination in a coalition. Through such an established network, the coalition would offer support to victims of ra-

cial harassment or discrimination as well as documenting specific complaints.

Prior to the forum, the University's Council of Minority Education, NAACP, and the Chicano Affairs Center volunteered to receive calls from people with complaints. Clergy and Laity Concerned, the Rainbow Coalition and the University's Chicano-Latino Student Union, MEChA, also agreed to be a part of the hotline.

Dalton urged people to call the proposed coalition. "If you're silent, the rest of the world thinks it doesn't happen," he said.

Dalton also asked people to report problems to the police and Mayor Jeff Miller.

The goals of the coalition would be to form "cell-networks" within the various minority groups, to document cases of harassment, and to present these cases to the au-

thorities, Dalton said.

In addition to coalition discussion, people at the forum focused on other state and community concerns.

A new bill being introduced in the Oregon Legislature concerning police detainment raised comment during the forum. HB 2250, passed by the House on Monday, would allow police to detain people they reasonably suspect are about to commit a crime.

"This is a very dangerous bill," said Marvin Revola, a former police officer. "If you are brown or red or black, you've got problems" if the bill passes, he said.

Comment also focused on the vacant Ward 6 Eugene City Council seat. One black man has applied for the position.

Dalton told people at the forum to "let your representative know that you know they have a choice (in the selection)."

## School districts hold conference

Resolving problems facing Oregon school districts — such as collective bargaining, tax base elections and racial fairness — will be discussed during a Feb. 2-3 conference at the University.

With the theme "Readiness for District Problem Solving," the 12th annual Conference of Organizational and Development Facilitators will hold sessions from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday in the EMU's Gumwood, Maple and Oak rooms.

Featured will be a group of experts addressing the difficulties facing school districts and the districts' readiness for collaborative bargaining. The conference's keynote speaker, Julie Koppich, will be joined by three other featured speakers. Thirteen different presentations are scheduled.

In her keynote address at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 2, Koppich will discuss how a bargaining outcome known as a trust agreement developed in six California school districts between school administrators, teachers and school board members. She is co-director of PACE, an educational research program at the University of

California, Berkeley, and co-director of the Trust Agreement Project in California.

Mark Millemann, director of human resources for Eugene School District 4J, will talk at 9 a.m. Feb. 3 about preparing the district for collective bargaining. Millemann also has been working on organizational development in the private sector.

At 10:45 a.m. Feb. 3, Oregon City school superintendent Charles Clemans will tell how he worked to ready the community for support of a tax base and levy election.

Members of District 4J's Racial Justice Task Force will address the problems of ensuring racial fairness in schools and communities. The group's presentation will be at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 3.

The conference is sponsored by the University College of Education's Division of Educational Policy and Management. Registration costs \$70 in advance or \$80 on the conference's first day. To pre-register, call Terri Williams at the College of Education, 686-5171.

For more information, contact Fielding Cooley, at 686-3405.

## Transition groups offer support

Helping people deal with the end of a serious relationship and learning to manage stress are the focuses of two new support groups offered by Women in Transition.

"Life After..." is a support group that emphasizes coming to terms with a past relation-

ship, said Pamela McGilvray, support group coordinator and director of Women in Transition.

"We will help build confidence in dealing with ex-partners and improve personal strength and communication," McGilvray said.

This workshop is open to both men and women, McGilvray said, and it is designed to help people adjust and move on with a positive outlook, she added.

"It's not men against women; it's men and women helping to see the other points of view," McGilvray said.

The first "Life After..." group will meet Feb. 7, at 3:30 in the Women's Center, EMU Suite 3.

In addition, Women in Transition is organizing a group that will offer different approaches to stress management, McGilvray said.

"Creative Approaches to Stress Management will use relaxation techniques that incorporate creative movement and breath work," McGilvray said.

McGilvray said that discussion and support will also be a part of the group workshop.

This group will meet Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Women's Center.

"There are many more people wanting groups than we will be able to offer," said Sharon Gardener, a counselor at the Counseling Center and also an instructor of peer facilitators.

"These groups are not therapy groups, they are support groups and can be peer facilitated," Gardener said.

Although these groups will be peer facilitated by counseling students, there is a kind of a consulting relationship between the women at the Women's Center and the people at the Counseling Center, Gardener said.

"These groups were a pilot project," said Barb Ryan, director of the Women's Center. "Now that we will be offering more groups, we will be checking with the Counseling Center so that we are not running the same groups."

Two groups on eating disorders are still in the planning stages and will begin sometime later this term, Ryan said.

These groups will function as support groups only, not treatment groups, Ryan said.

"If a person's needs go beyond what the group has to offer they will be referred to other places," Ryan said.

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