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## Briefly



The Amazon Cooperative Child Care Center may appear to be a chaotic haven for children between the ages of two and six, but for University students who are also parents, the co-op provides a low-cost alternative to other child care programs.

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## On Campus

**Feminist/Activist Group** will hold a planning meeting tonight at 7 in front of EMU Suite 1.

**Dr. Benito Vivar**, a doctor with the FMLN in El Salvador, will speak today at 3:30 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room.

**Desmond Smit**, member of the African National Congress will speak tonight at 7 in Room 100 Deschutes. Smit fled South Africa in May, 1988.

## Sports

Terry Porter hit a driving jumper with 12 seconds remaining and the Portland Trail Blazers overcame a 20-point third-quarter deficit to beat the Phoenix Suns 108-107 Wednesday night and take a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference finals.

## Weather



Showers decreasing today with partial clearing. Highs near 65. Partly cloudy Thursday night, with increasing clouds and a chance of rain Friday.

## Brazilian activist denounces racism

### Da Silva speaks on color 'myth'

By Pat Malach  
Emerald Reporter

One of the biggest problems faced by minorities in Brazil is the belief by many that Brazil does not have a race problem, said Joselina da Silva, an activist in the black and feminist movements in that country.

Da Silva spoke Wednesday in the EMU Fir Room to a crowd of University students and community members.

"Brazil is known all over the world as a place where there is no racism," she said. "The races live peacefully hand-in-hand and blacks and whites are so friendly they even go to bed."

Da Silva called this attitude the myth of racial democracy. "Even the so-called progressive people in Brazil say that there is no racism," she said.

But da Silva said there are many instances of racism that occur in the country that go unnoticed. Television, Brazil's most powerful force for forming public opinion, plays an important role in the institutionalized racism.

"This important means of communication never shows the black except when it is to portray them as criminals or when it is to portray the women as domestic workers," she said.

In employment da Silva said if a black person and a white person are applying for a job, the white person will always be hired. And, if two black people are applying for a job, the lighter skinned person will be hired.

One of the most important roles of the black movement in Brazil is to denounce racism and focus attention on it.

Da Silva said this is a problem because when blacks begin discussing racism they are accused of "importing it." She said people who discuss black rights are labeled as racists under the guise of reverse discrimination.

Because blacks have been taught since they were young that "black is bad" they sometimes do not recognize when they have been discriminated against, da Silva said.

"The worst side of the racism in Brazil is that when things like this happen the black person didn't feel that she had been discriminated against," da Silva said. "You might here that black person say that it was her fault."

"Many blacks are ashamed of saying that they have been discriminated against. This is one of the things we have been doing in the black move-



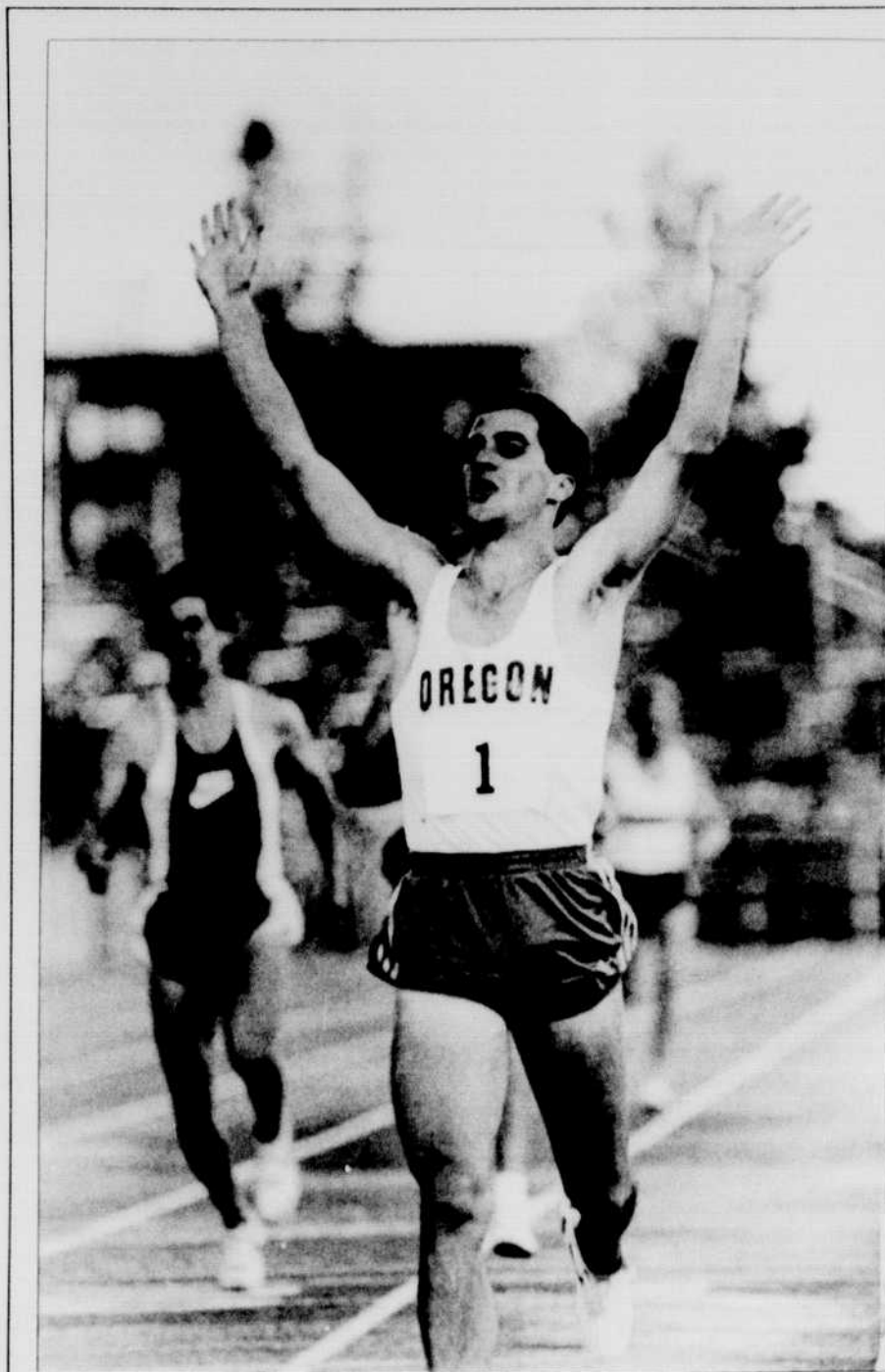
Joselina da Silva

ment is to have people see that it is no reason to be ashamed."

She added that low self-esteem among blacks also makes it difficult to get black candidates elected.

"If I don't like myself, if I

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## Peterson's pride

Eric Peterson exults after winning the 1,500 meters in 3:41.35 to break the NCAA automatic standard of 3:42.20 at Wednesday's Ralph Hill Open at Hayward Field. See story, Page 8.

Photo by Steve Card

## Parking plan criticized at discussion

By Sheri Metzler  
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Wednesday night's informational meeting about the University's proposed parking structure turned into a heated debate over whether the structure is actually needed and — if it is — where it should be placed.

About 50 people were present at the meeting, held at Edison Elementary School, to voice their opinions about the proposed structure. Kim Rowe, president of the Student Cooperative Association, said she believed all the options had not been fully explored.

"I would like to hear a lot more options than just one site," she said.

Current plans call for a 585-space parking structure to be built on Alder Street between 16th and 17th avenues. The area is now occupied by tennis courts.

University planner David Rowe presented two options for the structure, stating that the structure was not the entire solution to the University's parking problem, but just one part of it.

One option has all vehicles entering the structure via 18th Avenue along an access road between the Music School and the Clinical Services building. The other calls for entrances on both Alder Street and 18th Avenue.

Rowe said both bicycle and vehicular safety had been studied, in addition to what the air quality in the area would be if the structure was built. He said the air quality on Alder Street would be "within allowable standards," while the air quality on 18th Avenue would be worse, but still within limits.

The structure itself would be brick and well-lit, Rowe said.

"We have no desire for a concrete bunker," he said.

Rowe cited the natural slope of the land as the advantage to this particular site. He said the slope provides the opportunity for the structure to have three levels without building interior ramps. The structure would be built halfway to

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