

Campaign targets discrimination

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In President Myles Brand's vision for the University, the campus would be a sanctuary free from discrimination in all forms.

This vision came one step closer to fruition Wednesday as officials announced the start of an all-out campaign to reduce prejudice on campus.

Brand, University Provost Norman Wessells and Diane Wong, affirmative action and equal opportunity director, declared the STOP Discrimination Campaign officially underway on Wednesday.

The campaign is "an important step to create a welcoming environment," Brand said. "The objective is to create an environment where people can feel comfortable and go about their business."

The campaign has three stages and is scheduled to continue through fall term 1991. It consists of an initial forum designed to generate discussion; an awareness campaign employing posters, advertisements and other consciousness-raising materials; and anti-discrimination training.

The first part of the campaign will focus on stopping sexual harassment and discrimination based on sexual orientation and race. In the fall, the campaign's

focus will be broadened to combat biases based on sex or disabilities.

"What starts today is a consolidated effort by the University to work together to stop what causes offense to others," Wong said. "We are doing our part at the University of Oregon and taking that part very seriously."

"We have been working on this for a long time, but now we are working together, and in numbers there is victory," she said.

Wong said she does not believe the problem of discrimination is as bad at the University as it is in other areas of the United States, but "discrimination and prejudice occurs within everybody," she said. "No one is free from it."

Starting a dialogue on the subject of discrimination is the first step toward solving the problem, Wong said.

In keeping with this philosophy, a panel discussion about discrimination was also held Wednesday.

The panel discussed sexual harassment; conflicts between academic freedom, victim's rights and an accused person's rights; the investigation process involving complaints; the University's responsibilities; and the local and national climate regarding the issue of sexual harassment.



Photo by Andre Kaniers
Diane Wong, University affirmative action director, helped kick off the school's battle against prejudice.

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OSPIRG and the University campus recycling program are sponsoring a class packet recycling drive starting today and running through finals week.

The project is part of a larger effort to persuade University instructors to order packets printed on recycled paper.

Packets can be recycled at special bins in the following locations:

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- EMU book buyback (near EMU Computer Lounge)
- University Bookstore book buyback counter
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