



Photo by Pat Malach

Students of Color Building Bridges members Daniela Diaz (left), Leslie Warren and Josh Norris were among those who said Wednesday they would consider withdrawing from the University if it doesn't prioritize support for minority students and faculty.

Students knock school's minority support efforts

□ Group threatens withdrawal if University doesn't meet demands

By Pat Malach
Emerald Editor

A group of students said Wednesday its members will withdraw from the University if the administration does not address concerns about the educational environment for minority students.

Students of Color Building Bridges members read a prepared statement saying they would present the administration with a list of demands Friday.

Although they declined to go into specifics, the students said the demands will center around their perception that the administration has not made sincere

efforts to prioritize the recruitment and retention of faculty and students of color, provide adequate support services for students of color, or revise the University's race, gender and non-European curriculum.

ASUO Affirmative Action Coordinator Diana Collins said the withdrawals would be a last step.

"It's definitely a very drastic step," Collins said. "But it's one that people are being pushed to. As it is, even though we're not withdrawing en masse, there are students withdrawing regardless. Every year some students don't come back to campus."

Group member Daniela Diaz said the University is failing in its mission to educate all students on the issues of race and

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Stereotypes prompt advances

□ Student leader says Asian women are targeted because of cultural images

By Matt Bender
Emerald Reporter

Many Asian women at the University are the targets of unwanted sexual advances and are confused about who to turn to, a Japanese student leader said Tuesday.

Sho Shigeoka, of the Unwanted Sexual Behavior Task Force, said Asian women students are subjected to unwanted advances from men because of cultural stereotypes.

"The stereotype of Asian women is that they are submis-

sive, passive and exotic," she said. "They are supposed to please their man."

Stereotypes cause men to boldly approach and harass Asian women, Shigeoka said. John Thomas, a student who tutors Asian women through the American English Institute, agrees.

Some of the Asian women Thomas tutors have come to him looking for advice on what to do about men who harass them, he said.

A Taiwanese woman Thomas was tutoring told him a man kept harassing her on the bus on the way to and from school. She said he wanted to give her rides to and from the University. He also constantly asked for her address so he could come visit her at home.

"She was really scared and confused," Thomas said. "The men who approach these women are real forward and direct. They say things that might get them slapped by a native English speaker."

Some of the advances go beyond just asking for addresses, said Joanie Robertson of the University Dean of Students Office.

"We've heard of a number of Asian women who have received telephone calls where the caller has said he has seen the women in certain places earlier in the day," she said. "They will even describe the clothes the women were wearing."

Shigeoka said Asian women do not know how to handle aggressive men because they are

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SHC offers new contraceptive

□ Student Health Center offering Depo-Provera upon request

By Sarah Clark
Emerald Reporter

Depo-Provera, a contraceptive drug that is injected into women every three months, will be available at the Student Health Center as soon as someone requests it, said Colleen Jones, health center nurse practitioner.

The drug, which is a synthetic form of the hormone progesterone, is 99.7 percent effective as a contraceptive method, studies show. This is the

same maximum effectiveness as birth control pills, Jones said, but unlike the pills, Depo-Provera has little risk of user failure.

The health center will charge \$37 per injection. Planned Parenthood, which also offers birth control at lower prices than private clinics, charges \$60 per injection.

Women who use Depo-Provera like the convenience, Jones said. Women only need one injection to be almost perfectly protected for three months.

However, the drug has side effects that are difficult to predict, Jones said. And if a woman has trouble with them, she must wait three months for

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Take it to the bank



Photo by Anthony Forney

Psychology student Caleb Edell holds the line for his state representative while ASUO State Affairs Coordinator Ryan Deckert waits. The ASUO and Student Senate sponsored a phone bank Wednesday for students to phone the Oregon Legislature.



WEATHER

After morning fog breaks up, clear to mostly cloudy skies will prevail over the Eugene area. Highs will be in the lower 50s.

Today in History

In 1983, Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Tennessee Williams was found dead in his New York hotel suite; he was 71.

DUCK CALL HOURS CHANGED

The University Office of the Registrar said Wednesday that Duck Call hours have been permanently changed.

The new hours for the University's phone registration system are now from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Kate Johnson, of the registrar's office, said the hours were increased so students could have more hours available to register if they have time conflicts during the normal day.



SPORTS

The Oregonian reported Tuesday that Jamal Lawrence, a 6-foot-2 basketball player from Los Angeles, would enroll at Oregon for spring term.

Lawrence, the 1992 South Coast Player of the Year, will transfer from Pepperdine, where he was suspended from the school from disciplinary reasons.

Under NCAA rules, Lawrence will not be able to play for the Ducks until the 1994-1995 season, when he would be able to join the team as a sophomore.

Oregon coach Jerry Green was unable to comment on the player due to NCAA guidelines.