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Jewish, black issues addressed

By Daniel West

Oregon Daily Emerald

University professors Clarence Spigner and William Toll addressed issues concerning black and Jewish student relations Tuesday evening at the EMU.

Spigner, assistant professor of anthropology and ethnic studies and Toll, an adjunct professor of ethnic studies, discussed the targeting of certain groups by the University.

"When charges of anti-Semitism were brought, against *The Commentator*, the University — specifically President Brand and the vice provost — did nothing," Spigner said. "However, when the *Student Insurgent* listed names of professors and asked the question 'Are these professors racist?' Brand wrote letters to all professors and administration denouncing this. The vice provost wrote to the *Emerald* in opposition. Why is there a difference? Or is it a question of who's been targeted?"

Both Toll and Spigner spoke about the media's tendency to target public persons and leaders as the voice of an entire community. Toll spoke about the personal agendas of those leaders.

"When dealing with a public person you must take it at face value. They have a political agenda," Toll said.

As an example he cited a recent dispute between the nation of Islam and the Anti-Defamation League in which a follower of the nation gave a speech that included some anti-Semitic language.

"Why is the ADLU promoting the information of this small person?" Toll said. "The speculation is for money. It scares some Jewish people into thinking that they must give money to the ADLU."

A woman in the audience said she had recently been called by the ADLU for a cash donation.

Spigner spoke about how some leaders are ignored when they make anti-Semitic statements.

"This doesn't happen to others such as white, powerful political leaders such as Ronald Reagan, Pat Buchanan and others," Spigner said. "Where was the press when Reagan laid wreaths on the graves of Nazi soldiers? When one black person makes a statement, the media runs out to find another black and asks, 'Do you agree?' It's racist to believe

that one person speaks for all blacks. It's an insult."

Both Spigner and Toll emphasized that there is a lot of diversity in each group and that there are many different ideas and beliefs within these groups. There is no one voice for a group of people.

Professors Spigner and Toll also spoke of the current relations and tensions between blacks and Jewish people. Both professors agreed that the lack of knowledge of each other's culture is the beginning of tension between blacks and Jewish people.

For example, Crown Heights Jews are a small but significant sect of Jews that remain aloof.

"Both blacks and Jews in Crown Heights aren't knowledgeable of their neighbors," Toll said. "This is the fault of (Crown Heights) Jews. They don't want anyone to know about them and they don't try to get to know other people. The Crown Heights Jews don't respect other Jews because they aren't pious. They're separated and alone."

Other reasons for conflict between blacks and Jews are economic and political.

"Tension for some blacks started when some mainstream Jews rejected affirmative action," Spigner said. "This group of blacks felt betrayed because Jews had played an important role in the civil rights movements of the '60s."

Although blacks and Jews are oppressed groups, they experience different forms of oppression. Blacks are generally oppressed by economic means while Jews are generally oppressed psychologically.

"Some Jews find security in individual merit," Spigner said. "While the reality of skin color exist, blacks must have entitlements."

Professor Toll pointed out that discrimination still exists here at the University. It remains in the form of institutionalized racism. He questioned who decides whether Jewish history or German history programs would receive funding. It was stated that the racial climate a few decades ago was very different from today's. Some ethnic courses didn't receive a lot of funding. Some of those figures have remained unchanged until today.

Some students on campus feel optimistic about black and Jewish relations.

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MEETINGS

International Student Association will offer the last chance to vote for director during the International Students Coffee Hour, today from 5 to 6 p.m. in the International Lounge. For more information, call 346-0629.

Race Task Force will meet today at 8:45 a.m. in Room 360 Oregon Hall. For more information, call 346-1133.

Hillel Shabbat services will begin tonight at 7 p.m. at 1841 Kincaid St., No. 30, and will be followed by a vegetarian potluck and Purim party. For more information, call 343-8920.

Pacific Forum will meet today from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation, 1236 Kincaid St. The meeting will include an anniversary observance of the World War II Japanese relocation. For more information, call 346-4694.

RELIGION

Christian Science College Organization will meet today from 1 to 2 p.m. in the EMU Skylight for an organizational meeting. For more information, call 342-8215.

MISCELLANEOUS

Design By Community, a landscape architecture class, will sponsor Amazon Design By Community Openhouse on Saturday, Feb. 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in unit 2307-3.

Business people meet students at Duck lunch

By Heatherle Himes

Oregon Daily Emerald

University students and Eugene business people discussed how to make the transition from college to the business world Thursday at Take a Duck to Lunch.

At the annual event, 45 students were paired with Chamber of Commerce members for a meal of Cajun-spiced chicken and a hour of advice on conducting job hunts.

In return for resume and interviewing tips, the students told the business people what it's like to be in college preparing for careers.

Businesswoman Cynthia Guenther and psychology student Joann Zum Brunnen said that they enjoyed the exchange of ideas encouraged by the Student University Relations Council and the Chamber of Commerce, the luncheon's

organizers.

"Often we take the University for granted and there's a lot of energy and creativity there," Guenther said. "This gives me exposure to another part of our community that I normally just drive by on Franklin."

Zum Brunnen said that meeting Guenther gives her exposure to the "real world" her teachers claim they are helping her prepare for.

Ray Slaughter, owner of a business equipment store, has participated in the luncheon for three years.

"I always enjoy the input of the student," he said.

His luncheon companion, marketing senior Anne Matson, said that she hoped talking with a business owner would give her an advantage in her job hunt.

"This is a good way to find out what the business people are looking for," she said.

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