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specialist for Office of Public Safety.

"This issue is most important because there needs to be an accurate account of hate crimes, or people will think that everything is OK on this campus," said Sandy Tsuneyoshi, staff psychologist at the University Counseling Center. "Also, the need for an accurate record is so that we can show this to the administration. They will be more responsive to reports of bias crimes on this campus."

However, both Tsuneyoshi and OPS agree that many students don't report hate crimes. Some students may be apathetic or feel that action will be taken.

"I think that a lot of people believe that it's not going to help. They don't know who's discriminating against them, and the police can't do anything without a suspect," OPS records specialist said.

She emphasized that if the victim felt he or she had been discriminated against, then that was grounds to file a bias crime report. Also, if every student would report bias crimes, the police could trace a pattern of dates, times and places where these crimes occur. This is crucial to finding and prosecuting most violators.

"We have officers who spend time with students. Who care about student's safety and how they feel," OPS records specialist said.

The officers of OPS hope to be a deter-

rent by being visible on campus. They're also working with the Race Task Force to halt bias crimes on this campus.

However, some personal accounts would suggest that the hate crimes on this campus are on the rise.

"I've experienced racism since I came to the University," said Sho Shigeoka of the dean of students' staff. "My friends would talk about the things that happened to them. In recent years, the racism is less blatant, but there are small incidences every day. I get up every morning saying 'What am I going to hear today?'"

Shigeoka and Tsuneyoshi both work on the Race Task Force. The task force is made up of students, faculty and staff on this campus. Its goal is to report on all

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hate crimes on this campus. Also the task force works as an advocate for students who may feel too intimidated to speak. Currently, they are hoping to organize a coalition composed of students, student unions and faculty to focus on preventative measures.

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bringing him coffee. Today, there's no yeoman position.

Sometimes, these discussions become so deep that the group refers to the various resources such as video tapes, reference manuals and technical guides that demonstrate how the equipment of the Starship Enterprise is supposed to operate.

"A surprisingly large number of students enjoy *Star Trek*," said Martin Fisher, STIC member. "The recent series *The Next Generation* was rated number one and *Deep Space Nine* number two in syndication. (The shows) are always popping up in conversation in class and other place. But, to really understand it you must get together and talk about it."

To some students, STIC may seem insignificant and frivolous. But these skeptical students underestimate the influence of the student leaders who belong to this small but powerful force. A couple of the student leaders recall that a decision by the University's Constitution Court was influenced by the movie *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Kahn*. A

former Chief Justice, Paul Lov-
ing said.

"The needs of the many out-
weigh the needs of the few, or
the one."

The quote was originally spo-
ken by Spock in one of the
movie's closing scenes.

In the future, STIC members
will actively recruit students.
"Resistance is futile," against
those who are interested in *Star
Trek*. Some members boast that
a couple of law students have
expressed interest in joining the
ranks. There's a big incentive for
members to recruit. For every
new member that joins, the
recruiter move up a rank. They
want to increase the size of the
bridge crew, so one may enter as
a peon but soon move up the
captain's chair which is current-
ly occupied by Huckaba. The
First Officer is Carson and group
Counselor is Twain.

Also, STIC encourages people
to listen to "Trek Talk," Sun-
days at 6 p.m. on KWVA. The
call-in show will cover recent
episodes of *The Next Generation*
and *Deep Space Nine*.

There are plans to cooperate
with the Eugene Chapter of
"Trekkies," and to try to bring a
Star Trek convention to Eugene.

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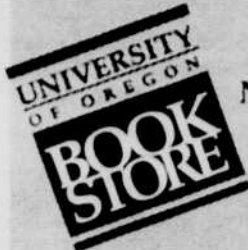


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