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There will be an Israel
Independence Day
Celebration in the EMU
Courtyard from 11 a.m.
to 3 p.m.



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competing today in an NCAA championship

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Cloudy, possible rain.
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Racism more common than most believe

■ **AWARENESS:** Recent events have raised concern over the existence of racism on campus and its possible implications

By Doug Irving

Student Activities Reporter

The sign that Mario Garza held aloft at an anti-hate rally last week said it all: "Racism: University of Oregon's dirty little secret."

And according to students of color, this is one secret the University has harbored for a very long time.

"There always have been racial problems," said Garza, co-director of MEChA. "Recently there have been kind of isolated incidents, but it's the same old, same old."

Several recent racial incidents have grabbed the attention of students and faculty and highlighted the University's problem with hate.

"There have been a series of events at this university where students on campus have experienced harassment," said Brandon Sugliya, director of the Asian/Pacific American Student Union. "More attention is being brought."

But students of color said there has been more attention only because the incidents have been more visible recently, not because they have increased in number.

Aryan Pride papered cars throughout Eugene on Feb. 21. The flyers warned of "the death of the white race" and urged whites to "love your own kind, fight for your own kind...." A cartoon at the bottom of the flyers depicted a black man walking with a white woman; the words "The next Nicole Brown Simpson" were scrawled next to it.

On March 14 and 19, students in Douglass Hall "were heard yelling racial slurs and sexist, threatening and homophobic comments," according to a memo by Elaine Green, director of the Student Conduct Program.

The racial slurs were directed at Adams Hall, which houses the Multicultural Hall, she said. Many of the slurs

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To be or not to be



Celebrating Shakespeare's birthday, Jennifer Stewart performs *Hamlet* with Graham Rich in front of the EMU Courtyard on Wednesday evening. This annual event is sponsored by the theater arts department.

EN MIN CHANG/Emerald

Cycle of family violence continues

■ **UNSOLVED:** A decade ago, a UO employee disappeared after a history of being abused

By Brian Womack

Community Reporter

On a headstone at Lane Memorial Gardens, the name of Christine Nelson is engraved next to her brother's name.

Though the date of his death is etched in the marble slab, hers is not. Nor does her body lay next to his. That's because she disappeared in the summer of 1986.

Before her disappearance, she had worked at the University for 17 years in various areas includ-

ing the Knight Library. But during that time she suffered domestic abuse, said people who knew her.

Sally George, one of her supervisors at the University, said she saw her with bruises when she came to work.

Her mother, Eleanor Horn, said, "Her friends told me she would wait until her bruises cleared up before she would come to visit me."

Recently, Horn visited the candlelight vigil for Ruth Melody Taylor, who was murdered April 3. Taylor worked at the University for 16 years.

As they did with Catherine Nelson, investigators have revealed that Ruth Taylor was a

victim of domestic abuse, according to Eugene police.

The vigil was sponsored by the ASUO Women's Center to celebrate Taylor's life and raise awareness about domestic violence.

Though there is still a need for that awareness, the issue is more public than a decade ago when Nelson disappeared.

"About 10 years ago, we still struggled to be heard at all," said Jennifer Inman, community program director for Womenspace, a domestic abuse shelter. "Now we're more mainstream, especially since the O.J. Simpson trial."

O.J. Simpson was accused of

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Reroofing of Mac Court closes University street

■ **THE PIT:** Construction trucks carrying parts of a crane will block road

By Jennifer Schmitt

Higher Education Reporter

The south end of University street will be closed for two days while a 250-ton mobile crane is delivered and assembled. The crane will be used to remove McArthur Court's current wooden barrel roof so it can be replaced with a new gable roof.

The street will be closed

from midnight on Friday until Saturday evening from E. 18th Avenue to the construction zone fence just north of Mac Court. It will be closed again from midnight on Saturday until Sunday evening.

"The trucks won't be arriving until Saturday morning," said Don Ferguson, project manager. "But we are blocking off the street at midnight so that we don't have to try and move people on Saturday

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