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A performance of
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will be showing in the
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\$6 at 8 p.m.



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Students seek end to racism

■ **SOLUTIONS:** One suggestion was an ethnic-studies program, which passed in the last election

By Doug Irving

Student Activities Reporter

Stenciled onto the EMU wall across from the Fishbowl are the famous words of Martin Luther King Jr.:

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."



■ **THURSDAY:**
Current Problems

■ **TODAY:**
Possible Solutions

But recent events have left the University wondering whether King's dream has been reached or is even attainable.

"Something needs to be done," said Kevin Aaron, a member of the Survival Center. "There are legitimate ways of dealing with these things constructively."

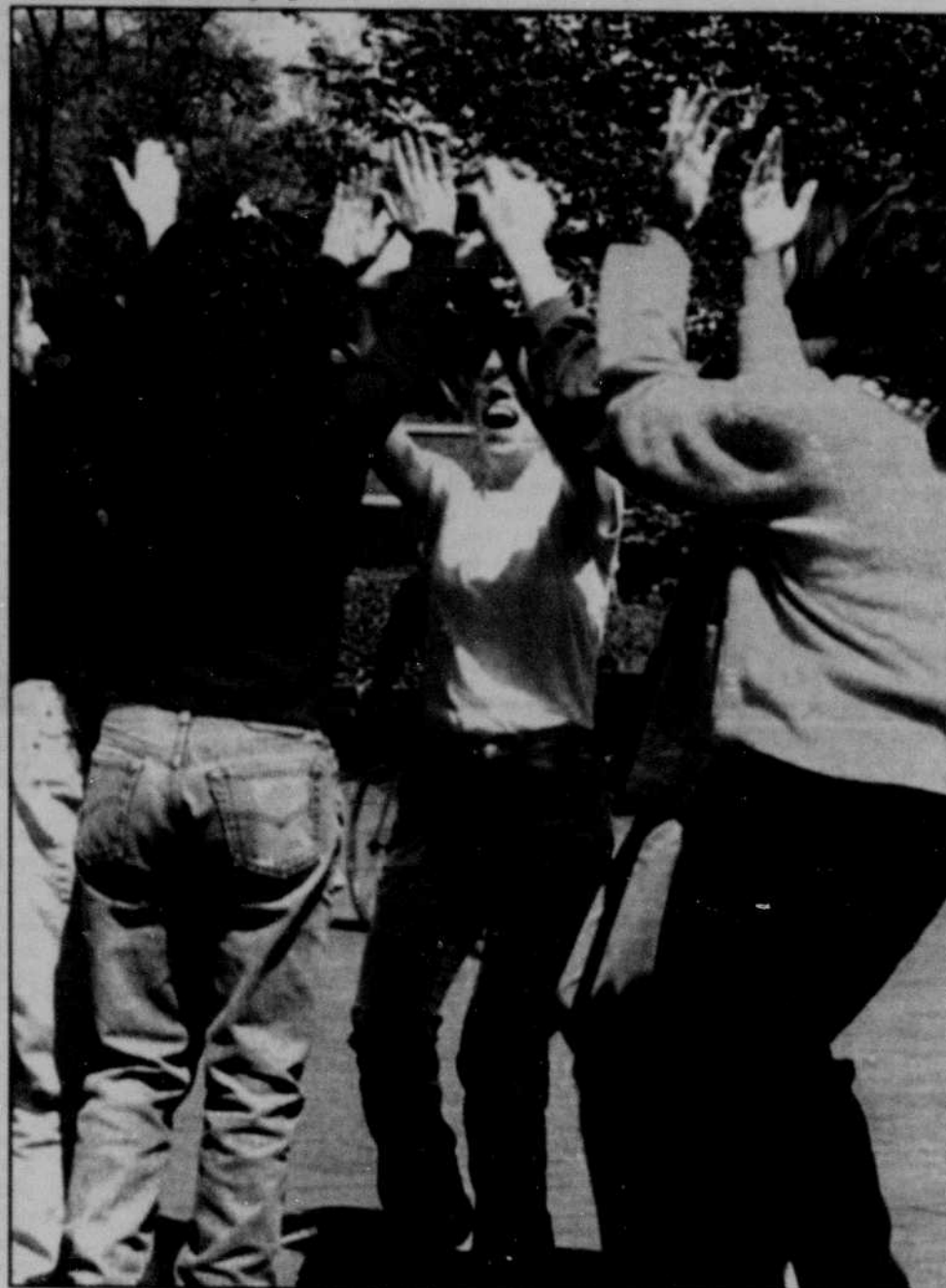
There have been white-supremacist flyers left on cars. There have been racial slurs yelled out of windows and insensitive letters sent to students of color. There have been rallies and protests and accusations.

Many students of color said they feel the University administration has not taken the steps that need to be taken to combat the race-related problems.

"I really haven't seen the administration as a whole take a strong stance," said

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Dancing for joy



Celebrating freedom, members of the Jewish Student Union dance the Hora Haktina in honor of Israel Independence Day Thursday afternoon in the EMU Courtyard.

Ethics tickets available

■ **CONFERENCE:** A limited number of student seats will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis

By Ashley Bach

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About 60 student tickets for the Ethics After the Holocaust Conference from May 5 through 8 will be available at 9 a.m. today at the Jewish Student Union in Suite 5 EMU.

JSU Director Manya Shorr said a sign-up sheet will allow students to reserve tickets to all facets of the four-day conference, which will feature Nobel prize-winning author Elie Wiesel and ten other major speakers.

"It's a first-come, first-serve thing," she said. "[And] if you have a ticket, you can get into everything."

The group of tickets, however, is just a portion of the more than 300 tickets allotted to students by the conference planning committee. During the last few weeks, the committee has given similar sign-up sheets to the ASUO and Hillel, both of which filled up quickly.

Most of the conference will take place in the 625-seat EMU Ballroom, and the keynote speech by Wiesel will be in the Eugene Conference Center, which holds 1,800.

And after a March 22 *Register-Guard* article on the conference, those seats filled up quickly, said Holly Campbell, assistant

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Students of Color Conference offers chance to find solutions

■ **EVENT:** Participants will examine many issues, including higher education curricula

By Kristin Bailey

Student Activities Reporter

Students, activists and teachers from all over will congregate at the University this weekend to work toward overcoming ethnocentric boundaries in society.

The Students of Color Conference, "Empowering Our Communities," is an opportunity for people to develop the skills needed to overcome the specific concerns in the community, said Joey Lyons, conference co-organizer.

"This is going to be a chance

for students to network with each other and share ideas," he said. "We're going to learn about and understand the problems. Then we're going to look for solutions."

Participants will examine many issues, including higher education curricula, immigration and environmental racism, Lyons said.

"Many businesses and corporations develop in low-income areas," he said. "Those communities are generally communities of color."

Lyons said many times these communities face toxic pollution and nuclear waste produced from business developments.

"A lot of pollutants tend to be dumped in low-income areas, which are disproportionately made of people of color."

Registered participants will be involved in caucuses and will be working in groups to create resolutions, organizers said.

"Everyone should have some kind of national identity," co-organizer Maryann Fa said. "We're not as ethnically inclined as other cultures."

So far 150 people have preregistered for the event. Students will be coming from all over the northwest, including the University of Washington, University of Alaska at Fairbanks and Oregon State University.

"So often we're fragmented,"

Lyons said. "This is an opportunity to re-establish bonds."

Farai Chideya, the author of *Don't Believe the Hype: Fighting Cultural Misinterpretations About African-Americans*, will present the conference's keynote address Saturday night at 6:30 in 150 Columbia. Chideya, a former reporter and editor for *Newsweek* and MTV, is currently a political analyst for CNN.

The conference was originally slated to take place at Oregon State University. However, a scheduling conflict brought the conference to Eugene. It is sponsored by a number of student groups on campus, including the ASUO Multicultural Center, the Survival Center and the Black Student Union.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

"Empowering Our Communities"

■ **Friday, 6:15 p.m.**
"Color of Fear," a documentary of race relations in the U.S.
Place: 138 Gilbert Hall

■ **Saturday, 6:30**
"Racism in the Media: By Choice or By Chance?" keynote address by Farai Chideya.
Place: 150 Columbia

Contact the ASUO Multicultural Center for more registration and scheduling details