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## Speaker: Author warns: 'Don't believe the hype'

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has reported for *Newsweek* and MTV and recently authored *Don't Believe the Hype: Fighting Cultural Misinformation About African Americans*.

Her presentation Saturday focused on the media's portrayal of people of color and on many of the issues this has raised.

For example, the perception many people have of welfare mothers is that most are "women of color, six kids, lives in the projects," she said.

However, the reality is that most welfare mothers are white, have two children and hold jobs, she said.

The media have also tainted America's perception of affirmative action, she said. Although it is often described as a "bias" or "preference," it is really a means of compensating for other preferences implicit in society, she said.

"The way that it's been presented in the media is very much biased," she said. "Obviously that's going to have a profound effect."

Chideya also explained that reality is filtered through the media, then absorbed by the public and then acted upon. Because of this trickle-down effect, the actions of the public may not be directly related to the reality of the situation.

"America is still ethnically divided," she said. "We experience other culture through the media. We're going to absorb some information."

The presentation was sponsored by 10 student groups, including the Multicultural Center, the Black Student Union, the Women's Center and the University Bookstore.

Chideya ended her discussion by urging people to affect the media. Media people do react



EN MIN CHANG/Emerald  
Author Farai Chideya spoke about how media affects and portrays people of color.

to criticism and suggestions, she said.

"All of our struggles are interconnected," she said. "Even if they're not related."

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## Computer labs try to prevent software theft

■ **SECURITY:** With the new program, unlawful copying and loading of software will be more difficult

By Mario Lombardo  
Freelance Reporter

University computing centers are using a new, controversial software security program to combat software theft and computer tampering on Macintosh computers.

The program, called *FoolProof*, is designed to protect the computers' operating systems and hard drives. The program makes it difficult to copy software or to load software onto computers because it locks up the whole system.

By locking up the system it prevents people from bringing in their own programs and running them on a computer, said Mary Bradley, Micro-computer Labs support manager. It sets limits on the computer's ability to function, she said. But the program has not been loaded into the labs she manages because software theft has not been a problem there.

Other computer labs on campus, however, have experienced software theft. Paul Frantz, information technology coordinator of University Library Systems, said it is a problem in his lab.

*FoolProof* is the second computer protection program Frantz has run in the Knight Library's Information Technology Center. Frantz said he is happy with the protection that *FoolProof* offers, but loopholes can always be found. Preventing software theft is like a game in which the rules are constantly changing, he said.

"Patrons are constantly evolving with new schemes to copy software," he said. "I don't [attempt to prevent them] to be cruel; I do it because it's the law."

Robert Fenstermacher, a senior at the University, said he has already found a simple way around *FoolProof*, but does not admit to having stolen any software.

"It's simply a challenge," he said.

Sergeant Dave Poppe of the University Office of Public Safety is aware of software theft at the University but says controlling it is difficult.

"Software crimes are underreported and misunderstood," Poppe said.

*FoolProof* is now running on computers in the Law School, the School of Architecture and Allied Arts and the Knight Library's ITC. The Klamath, Erb Memorial Union and Eugene Millrace labs are considering installation of *FoolProof*.

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**NAME'S Project**

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**Calendar of Events**

**Wednesday, May 1st, 1996**  
*Almost Everything You Wanted To Know About HIV, But Were Afraid To Ask*  
An Educational Workshop  
Facilitated by Peer Health Educators from the Student Health Center  
6:00-8:00 p.m., Ben Linder Room, EMU

**Wednesday, May 8th, 1996**  
*HIV Prevention Game Show*  
Presented by Doug Moon, HIV Alliance  
6:00-8:00 p.m., Ben Linder Room, EMU

**Wednesday, May 8th, 1996**  
*Sexually and Safer Sex Workshop for Lesbian/Bi Women*  
7:00 p.m., Cedar Room D, EMU