

Rally: Racist phrases found painted on car

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Alan Brown, campaign manager for U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, said being quiet about the issue is not the way to deal with the situation.

"We can't let this kind of thing stand in silence," he said. "Silence was what gave Hitler power."

After listening to the speakers, the crowd walked across the Ferry Street Bridge and displayed their signs to passing cars, with some drivers honking their approval.

The signs included sayings such as: "Victory over Bigotry" and "Neo-Nazi Fools, Get a Life."

Guadalupe Quinn, a Latino Coalition leader, said people should continue to speak out against hatred such as racism and sexism.

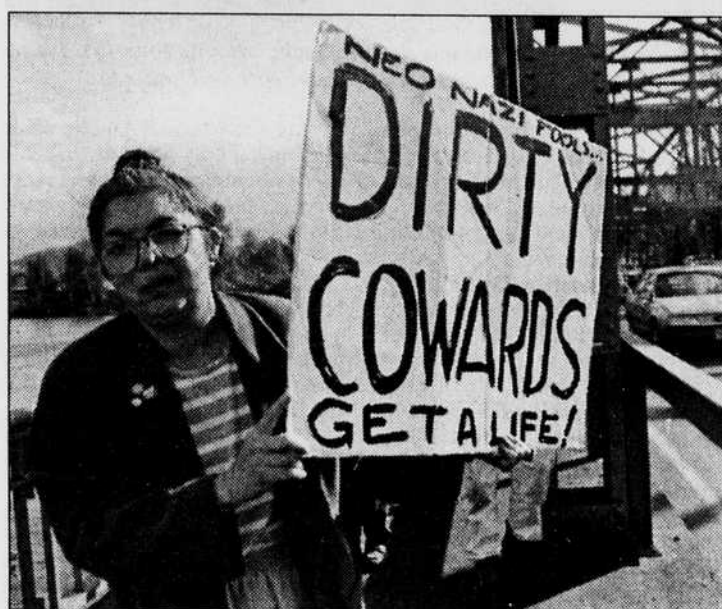
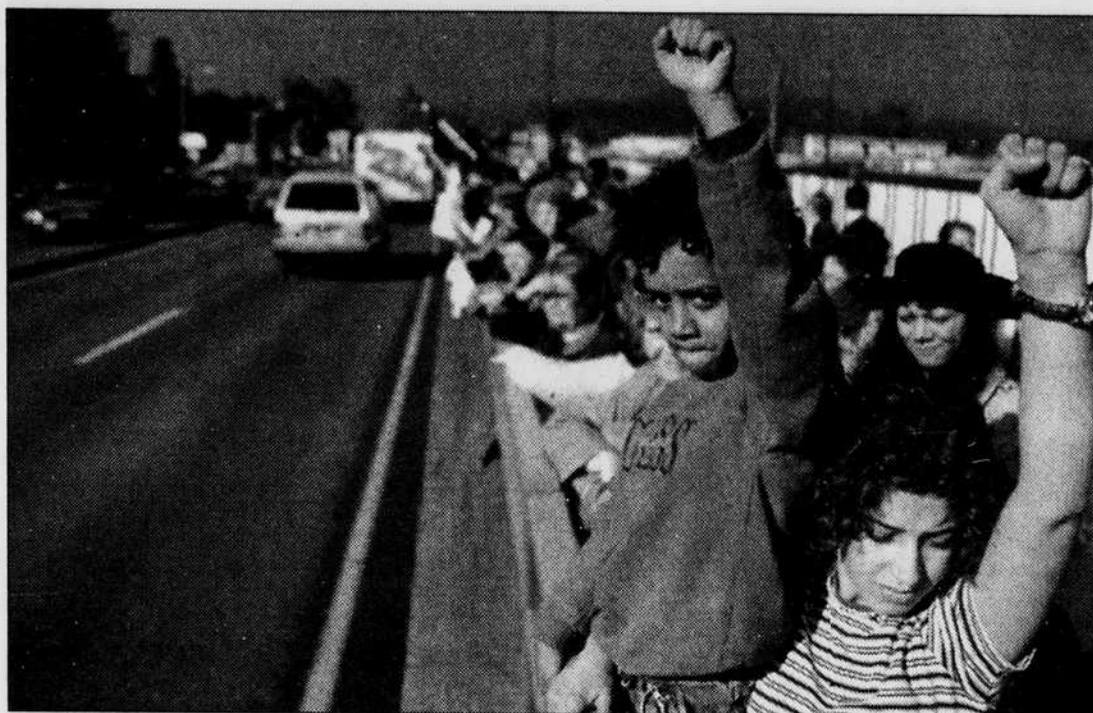
Norma Dominguez, treasurer and office coordinator of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said people should take it upon themselves to work on the problem.

"We each need to do something because of all the violence people get away with," she said.

Eugene City Councilman Bobby Lee, who attended the rally, said two vehicles owned by the city were spray-painted with racist phrases earlier in the day. He added that fliers promoting racist actions were distributed near the University campus prior to the swastika being displayed on the bridge.

"There is a lot of stuff happening, and it seems to continue to happen," he said. "At some point we've got to draw the line and do something about this."

Lee said Eugene police will monitor the situation, and a member of the city's Human Development Department will work on strategies to take action.



During the anti-bate demonstration at the Ferry Street Bridge on Friday afternoon, Joseph Carswell and Alex Eyre (top) raise their fists in protest. Norma Dominguez (bottom), a member of the NAACP, joins dozens of other marchers.

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vice president of scholarship. A few fraternities might fall below that average each term, she said, but most usually bring up their grades within a few terms.

Interfraternity Council officials could not be reached Sunday.

But Yee credited Bryan Knox, Interfraternity Council vice president of scholarship, with working on this and other changes that focus on greek scholarship.

Knox said in a statement that the higher GPA requirement will send a message that the "greek system does not accept or endorse mediocrity."

The higher standard represents a challenge to the houses to do better than they already are, Adelstein said. Ideally, the greek system could push its minimum GPA requirement up to 2.95 in a few years.

"We think we need to challenge ourselves," she said. "We think we can do it. We all know we can do it."

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