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Panel members discuss this year's riot and possible prevention for next Halloween.

Prevention

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by the University acted well in helping to prevent a riot this year.

There will have to be an ongoing relationship with the task force and the police to solve this problem, Brown said.

Weston Morrill, dean of student life, said a possible solution would

be to get students and police together more frequently.

If students had a better relationship with police they probably wouldn't be as violent towards them, McCrae said.

"The ground work is already there. We just need to take the next couple steps," he said.

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He said the administration had said it did not have enough resources to go forth on several recommendations.

Mia Tuan, a sociology professor who teaches the Race Relations series on campus has the unique opportunity to interact directly with students on the issue of race.

She explained that white students and students of color often speak a different language due to their backgrounds.

She tries to open dialogue in her classroom, but she said 10 weeks is not enough.

"I couldn't keep doing it day in and day out without signs of hope," she said. "The biggest reward is seeing students who took the class for a multicultural requirement stick around."

Julie Fox, a sociology professor who teaches social justice and is active with several farmworker advocacy groups, explained to the crowd the basis of institutionalized environmental, political and social racism in our daily lives.

"Look at the balance of power in every historical system and see where we are situated today," Fox said.

She said there is a shifting of power as corporations and money influence the curriculum and decisions universities make.

The final speaker, Carla Gary,

director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, challenged the audience to go home and talk to their families, roommates about race.

"Let's add a person of color and stir. Let's celebrate Powwow," Gary said. "I have real problems about celebrating diversity because everything we celebrate we do once. The things that we honor we institutionalize. We need to see through new eyes."

She said the University is at a crossroads about affirmative action and the University has to talk about the impact of affirmative action.

"We are south of Initiative 200 and north of Proposition 209," she said.

She stressed the need for diversity in the classroom. Not to make students of color feel better, but it is critical that everybody see this panel is what faculty looks like.

"We talk about diversity and talk about it in terms of number of bodies. But don't change very much the vehicle with which people are placed. Now if you don't change the vehicle, than bringing more people is not going to change much of anything."

Mario Sifuentez, a member of MEChA on the panel explained his frustration at not being heard.

"The communication ties are not there," Sifuentez said. "We have a voice and we speak loud. The problem occurs when we're not heard."



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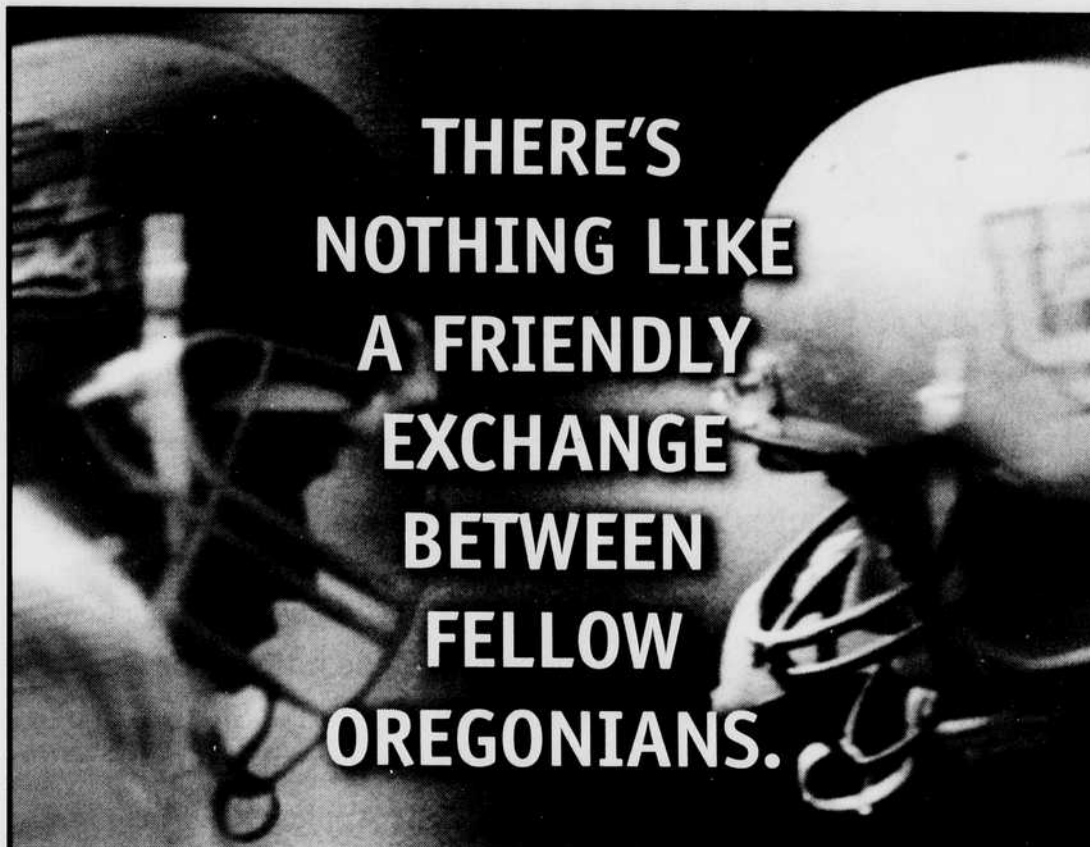
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