

Campus brief

Diversity strides examined

In their first meeting of the year, the President's Council on Race met Wednesday to discuss campus diversity issues.

The PCR discussed the work that has been done by the 10 summer diversity interns. Some of their accomplishments include: diversity training for faculty and students, minority recruitment and retention programs, creating policies on hate speech and re-

spect for diversity, a video about campus diversity issues, creating a Diversity Institute and raising funds for the Diversity Institute.

Several members of the PCR expressed concern for the fact that the most vocal advocates for diversity are students and faculty of color.

"We need to show that this issue is not just students, it's not just people of color, this is the University of Oregon," John Moseley, University provost, said.

The tentative meeting times for the next PCR meetings are April 4 and May 22 or May 31 at 8 a.m.

Poverty

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Gabbi Solis, a senior political science and Spanish major, said the discussion was helpful to her understanding of the political movements of poor people. Solis said the presentation was helpful because Piven was not completely pessimistic about the possibility of social change and outlined ways activists can be effective.

Sandra Morgen is the main organizer of the conference, "Work, Welfare and Politics," which begins today. Morgen's seminar, Women, Poverty and Social Welfare, engaged in a focused discus-

sion with Piven.

"I organized my class to take advantage of the resources of the conference and Piven's visit," Morgen said.

The nine-member graduate seminar read Piven's book, "Regulating the Poor," and additional readings to prepare for the discussion. "They have plenty to talk with her about," Morgen said, before Piven's visit Thursday.

The third class with funding from the grant is a political science class called Regulating the Working Class. The discussion with Piven will address how welfare controls the behavior of its recipients. Gordon Lafer, an assistant professor who works for the

Labor Education Research Center, teaches the class.

The two classes not funded by the grant that Piven will visit are Communication and Democracy and Women in Politics. Carl Bybee, associate professor in Journalism, and Linda Shafer, graduate assistant in political science, teach the courses.

O'Brien said the Wayne Morse Chair committee is currently accepting grant proposals for classes to be included in next year's schedule of classes. Graduate students and professors can submit proposals for courses they wish to teach and others can submit proposals for classes they wish to take. For more information call 346-3700.

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