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Frustrating finish

The Oregon club hockey team hosted the PAC-8 Championships and finished fourth. **PAGE 5**

Quorum quandary

Without enough members to weigh in, the PFC tables two group's hearings. **PAGE 4**

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University junior Andric Brown videotapes testimony about a racial profiling incident he experienced with Eugene police. His video, along with others, will be presented to Congress on Mar. 13 as part of the national Student Lobby Day.

Students target racial profiling

■ The Oregon Students of Color Coalition and ASUO kick off a week of events highlighting minority students' treatment

By Serena Markstrom
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In order to help more students on campus understand a situation many minority students regularly face, the Oregon Students of Color Coalition and ASUO are coordinating a full week of events on racial profiling by police.

Students taped video and audio stories in the Multicultural Center on Monday, describing incidents when they were treated unfairly by police. The audio tapes will be played through the loudspeaker from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the EMU amphitheater.

On Thursday at 6 p.m., a panel, including state Rep. Vicki Walker (D-Eugene) and law enforcement professionals, will field questions about upcoming legislation and racial profiling in general. The location for the event is yet to be announced.

There will also be a rally at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in front of Johnson Hall. Jami-la Singleton, who is working with the coalition, said the overall goal of the campaign is basic: to raise awareness

about racial profiling.

State legislation is important, Singleton said, to "make police accountable for why they pull people over."

The panel will focus on the legislative efforts in Oregon. Only eight states currently have laws on the books for police to collect racial and ethnic data. According to OSA documents, there is no correlation between race and the probability of committing a crime, but 70 percent of people searched in vehicles on the nation's highways are people of color.

Students who wish to support a bill sponsored by Walker, which would require police to collect demographic information, can sign "citations" to representatives available at tables by the amphitheater. OSCC has already collected 300 of the makeshift tickets, which they will present to the Oregon legislature.

OSCC representatives have also placed lawn signs containing statistics throughout campus and distributed backpack signs to spotlight this issue.

The red and white signs, which read "I am a moving target," are meant to draw attention to students of color. All students of color are encouraged to wear the signs, whether they feel they have been the target of racial profiling or not.

"I'm a person of color, and that is essentially saying I am a target to police," said Kawezya Hutchinson, the ASUO Federal Affairs coordinator.

Hutchinson, a freshman, will bring the video testimonials to Washington D.C. to play before congress for Student Lobby Day on March 13.

During the taped testimonials Monday, Andric Brown, a junior public relations major, described an extreme incident in which he said he was unfairly charged and beaten by police.

In his three years at the University, Brown said he has been stopped nine or 10 times, but he had fewer problems in Portland, where he is from.

"It's normal now; I'm just used to it," he said.

If students have incidents of racial profiling they would like to share, they can call 346-0631 to arrange for a taping.

Candidates: Mac Court is for students

ASUO ticket Brad Schatzel, Kevin Stolle say the good seats currently go to alumni

By Jeremy Lang
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Brad Schatzel is a junior history major. His running mate, Kevin Stolle, is a junior sociology major.

Q: What is your platform?

A: We're both big Duck fans, so we have one main issue: We want to get back all the student seats in Mac Court. Students have been pushed up and out of good seats at Mac Court. We're going to try to use the power of the Executive office to have a little influence in the Athletic Department and hopefully restore at least some of that seating to the students.

Q: How does the decision to run for office fit into your career goals?

A: It doesn't. I want to be a high school history teacher, and one way or the other, I don't think the ASUO Executive will — obviously it shows leadership and involvement in the college community — but I don't think it would make too big of a difference in me getting a job at a high school.

Q: What specific campus oriented initiatives will you champion?

A: What I talked about originally and OSPIRG. Kevin and I are supporters of OSPIRG as far as what they stand for and even where their money goes. We think it's a good organization. That and the Programs Finance Committee. We were hearing about the trouble they were having a couple of weeks ago with The Insurgent funding, and we were just talking about that together and how that shouldn't have even been a conflict or an issue. I don't know how involved Jay and Holly were with that at all, if the Executive has any say in that.

Q: What would you advocate for on the state level for students, and how would you carry out your plan?

A: We'd probably try and stop, or at least lessen, the tuition increase and the incidental fees that go along with that increase. As far as to carry that out, I don't know. I would assume that I could talk to local congressmen like [Peter] DeFazio, maybe talk to [Gov.] Kitzhaber. I guess as president of the ASUO at the University I could probably get an appointment with

Kitzhaber, talk to him, talk to our senators Gordon [Smith] and [Ron] Wyden, I guess. And try to raise awareness on campus about what's happening, because I think a lot of students just don't know about something like that, and if you had a public campaign you could let them know what's going on. I mean, when students get upset, cool stuff happens, so if you let them know tuition's going up and they can do something about it, we could get some support that way, too.

Q: What is your definition of student activism?

A: A lot of different stuff. I guess anybody who is running with us on student council to anybody who's in any of the student groups — the Black Student Union — there's tons of different groups — the Hillel House — stuff like that. There's stuff outside of that, too. You can get involved with Greenpeace or any group that's doing something, and keeping your eyes open and participating. And last year, like the Johnson Hall protest. That was a great example of stu-

dent activism — just camping out and having a good time and trying to get your point across.

Q: How do you define diversity, and how do you plan to bring together the diverse voices on campus?

A: That's a good question. I think on campus when you say diversity, you think of the racial makeup of the student body. How to bring them together? I don't know.

Q: If two student groups were at odds with each other, how would you resolve the conflict?

A: I think the easiest way and the most common way is to just bring them together, and sit them down and have them discuss. I think before you do that you need to sit down with each group individually to see what was going on, and get their side of the story and bring them together in a meeting somewhere. Have a cup of coffee or something.

Q: If there was one thing you could change about the University instantly, what would it be?

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STOLLE

In memoriam



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A candlelight vigil will be held in memory of freshman Jill Dieringer at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hayward Field.

Candles will be provided and University members will speak, although the final speakers list has not been confirmed.

Dieringer died Feb. 9 of meningococcal disease.