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Reparations talk tonight

■ Tonight's forum focuses on whether descendants of slaves should be given reparations for historic wrongs

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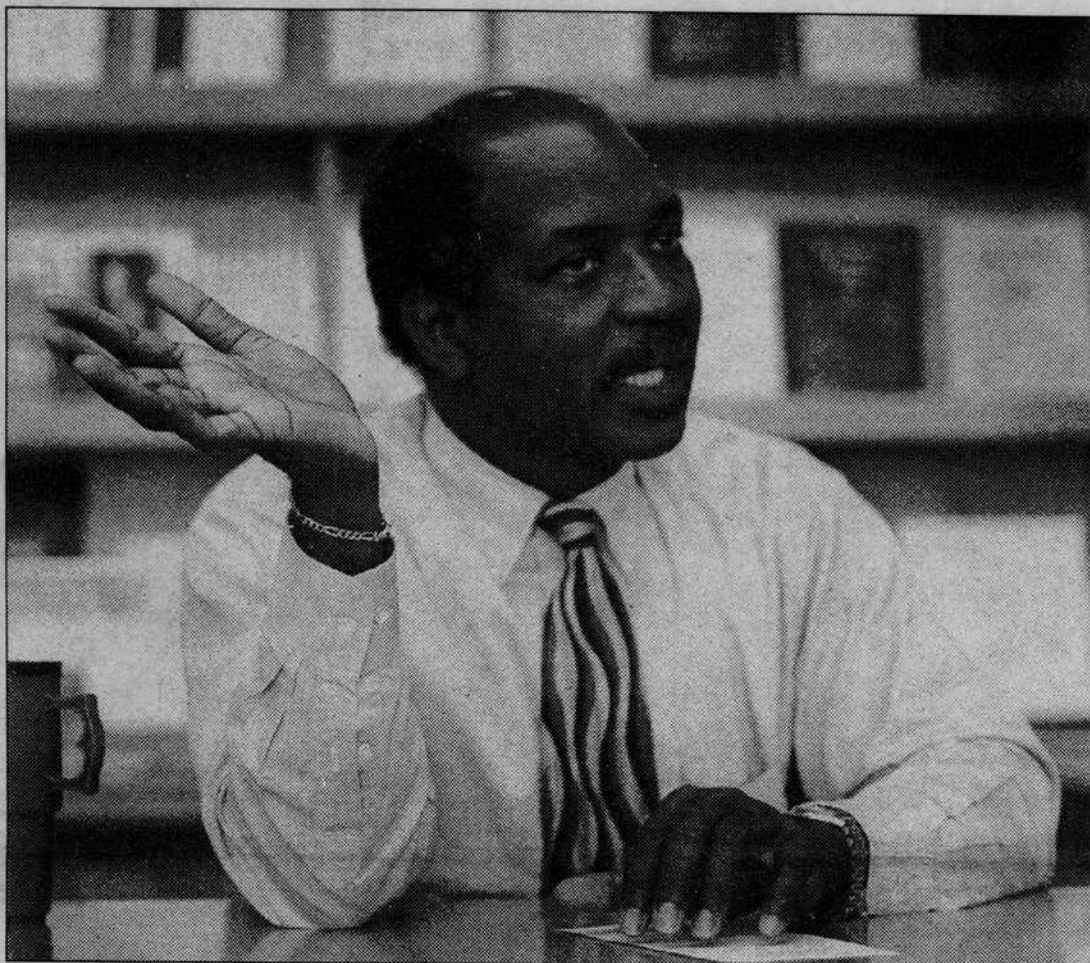
Six months after conservative commentator David Horowitz ignited the slavery reparations debate by placing controversial ads in campus newspapers nationwide, the University will revisit the issue with a forum tonight at the law school.

The goal of the forum, which begins at 7 p.m. in Room 175 of the law school, is to address the practice and prospects of slavery reparations.

Charles Ogletree Jr., a speaker at the forum, belongs to the Reparations Assessment Group, an association of high-profile lawyers that has made news in its quest to provide compensation to American blacks descended from slaves.

"Reparations are the central issue of race relations in America for the 21st century," said Ogletree, a professor at Harvard Law School and a defense attorney who has represented mobster John Gotti and the Rev. Al Sharpton. "Until we address it seriously, we will continue to only make modest progress with some of the larger issues."

Last year, the Reparations Assessment Group announced intentions to file suit against public and private institutions that benefited from slavery, which began in North America in the early 1600s and was made illegal by the 13th Amendment, ratified in 1865.



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Charles Ogletree Jr., a Harvard Law School professor, has defended mobster John Gotti and the Rev. Al Sharpton in court.

The group also includes such luminaries as Johnnie Cochran and Randall Robinson, author of "The Debt: What America Owes Blacks," which articulated the U.S. reparations argument.

Reparations have become more commonplace for groups that have been harmed by historic wrongs, Ogletree said. For example, formal apologies were issued and cash payments were made to each Japanese American held in internment camps during World War II. Also, commissions were formed to

investigate attacks on black citizens in Tulsa, Okla., and Rosewood, Fla., which also resulted in reparations.

Some leaders feel the slavery reparations issue takes attention away from more substantive race issues. Walter Williams, chairman of the economics department at George Mason University, was recently interviewed about slavery reparations for a New York Times article.

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What: A discussion of philosophy, practice and prospects of the slavery reparations movement, hosted by Charles Ogletree Jr., of Harvard Law School, and Ibrahim Gassama and Robin Morris Collin of the University Law School.

Where: University School of Law, Room 175

When: Today, 7 p.m.

Cost: Free

Panel dismisses allegations for misuse of money

■ State audits of University funds reveal questionable spending, urging closer examination of books

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A state ethics panel dismissed complaints against seven University employees Friday, voting 6-1 that University Foundation money those employees received was legitimate reimbursement for work-related expenses.

The dismissal of the complaints brings an end to an investigation begun in July when a state Audit Division official filed seven complaints with the Oregon Government Standards and Practices Commission alleging that \$7,372.98 in foundation money had been misused. The University claimed that the money was used to reimburse employees for legitimate business expenses.

Those expenses included plane tickets to the Aloha Bowl, a tuxedo rental, catering for parties and receptions and a luncheon in honor of

Administrative Professionals Day. According to Pat Hearn, director of the Government Standards and Practices Commission, the panel's decision indicates that while the expenses may have been unusual, they were not illegal.

"The University administration provided information that showed that those uses — as bizarre as some of them were — were legitimate as far as they knew," Hearn said. "The issue for us wasn't whether the money came from foundation money or from public money, but the way the money was used."

The University has been embroiled in a number of difficulties involving audits in recent months. A state audit of the softball team's budget uncovered a \$5,700 discrepancy in the team's travel budget, leading to the resignation of head coach Rick Gamez on Oct. 1. In response to the incident, Athletic Director Bill Moos ordered an audit of all athletic teams' travel expenses.

The audit that uncovered the reimbursements was compiled during a six-month period earlier this year and concluded that the Uni-

versity needs to do a better job controlling and keeping track of how its employees spend public funds and public donations.

Audit administrator Jim Pitts, who originally filed the complaints, said it was unlikely that any more complaints would come out of this audit. He added that while it was standard procedure for the state Audit Division to do follow-up audits in these situations, no further audit of the University has been planned.

Lorraine Davis, vice president for academic affairs, said she was pleased with the ethics panel's decision to dismiss the cases.

"I believe the decisions were appropriate," she said. She added that the results of the investigation would in no way change the University's policies regarding the use of funds.

"We always examine expenditures very carefully," she said. "Our policies have not changed. We maintain scrupulous records and will continue to do so."

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Anthrax kills two

■ Two postal workers die and two more are hospitalized in Washington, D.C.

By James Kuhnhehn & Kevin Murphy
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WASHINGTON (KRT) — Two postal workers are dead, apparently from anthrax, and two more were hospitalized Monday with dangerous pulmonary anthrax infections, escalating bioterrorism's toll on America.

At least one of the two dead postal workers handled congressional mail.

The newest cases shifted the bioterrorism scare to the nation's capital after a spate of cases had surfaced in Florida and New York media offices and a New Jersey postal facility. One Washington postal worker was diagnosed with a pulmonary anthrax infection Sunday, and a second on Monday. Both remain hospitalized in serious condition.

A trail of anthrax spores connects the postal centers to the Capitol. A letter tainted with anthrax was found in the offices of Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle last week, and 28 Capitol workers, including six police officers, have tested positive for exposure to anthrax, which doesn't guarantee they will contract the disease.

Officials were investigating how the workers became infected. The Daschle letter was sealed, raising doubts that it was the only anthrax-tainted letter to pass through the postal center.

The latest anthrax infection is the fourth confirmed pulmonary case since anthrax infections began to appear along the East Coast two and a half weeks ago. The FBI says it is too soon to link any of the new anthrax incidents to the earlier ones.

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Group talks on diversity

■ Students voice concerns about campus diversity with an adviser to University administration

By Anna Seeley
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Students expressed feelings of distrust and frustration with the University's handling of diversity issues in an informal discussion Monday between students and the president of Western Michigan University.

Students filled the Multicultural Center to talk with WMU President Elson Floyd about problems they have with matters of diversity on campus. Floyd was invited by University President Dave Frohnmayer and Provost John Moseley to make recommendations to the administration on ways to

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