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ferred to remain anonymous, said he experiences tension daily in the community. For example, he said he and some friends have been asked to speak English in bars instead of their native tongue.

Although his nationality is not Middle Eastern, he said he still appears to pose a threat because he looks "non-American."

"Before Sept. 11, I never had that kind of experience in Eugene," he said. Linda Liu, advising coordina-

tor at the Office of Multicultural Affairs, agreed that it is not just Middle Easterners who feel uneasy in the community following the terrorist attacks.

"From personal experience, as a person of color, I do feel un-comfortable with all this patriot-ism and being surrounded by flags. I feel uncomfortable, but I can't tell you why," she said. "You get that feeling that people look at you and think Well I don't know if I should trust you, you don't look American' — that expression of 'Go back to your own countr

She added that people who already had biases may now lash out at people of color under the guise of patriotism.

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door for people to express their biases and say this is patriotic and American," she said. "They can use this as an excuse to say, 'You're only American if you're

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white.

Jacob, another anonymous stu-dent of color, said a grocery store clerk recently asked him where he was from. When he told her his international origin, she asked "So, do you like America?"

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Linda Liu

advising coordinator, Office of Multicultural Affairs

"People never asked me these kinds of questions before," he Students like Henry and Jacob

immigrated to America - or their parents did - and they

probably always felt like a part of the country until now, ASUO Vice President Joy Nair said.

"I don't want to generalize for all students of color, but some students are now feeling that the American flag is not theirs," she said. "Some feel secluded from the acts of patriotism around them — the feeling that some citizens aren't accepted in that unity.

Assistant Dean of Diversity Programs Mark Tracy said the University's Bias Response Team has received some bias reports after Sept. 11, but such incidents are generally "underreported on campus." He mentioned other campus resources students should take advantage of, such as the University Counseling Cen-ter, Office of Student Life and OMA.

Some student groups have also been working with University and community offices to show support for students of color, International Student Association co-director Shruti Shah said. She added that in a meeting with students a few weeks ago, Sen. Ron Wyden encouraged students to report both subtle and blatant incidents of bias.

"I think some people are scared to say anything in fear of more of the same thing coming because of it," Shah said. "Or they think it's not very important because it's happening to everyone or it's a non-verbal form of harassment. But harassment is harassment and should be taken seriously."

Islamic Cultural Center director Tammam Adi said he has also spoken with many people of color who speak only English and dress "American" in public for safety reasons.

To help stop the apparent racial and ethnic divisions, Adi said more people need to discuss the aftermath of Sept. 11 and try to understand each other's perspectives. He added that 500 Muslims in the World Trade Center alone, along with many people of color, were also victims of the attacks.

"There is certainly the need for some dialogue and an airing of the feelings of both sides," Adi said, "I think there is a wrong assumption that people of color, especially foreigners are not patriotic or are against America. People should realize that Muslims and students of olor are not the enemy.

This is not about religion, color or race, and it is the wrong time to be divided."

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## **Campus Resources**

#### **University Offices**

Bias Response Team: 346-1139 **Conflict Resolution Services:** 346-4240 University Counseling Center: 346-3227 Office of Multicultural Affairs: 346-3479 Department of Public Safety: 346-5444 Office of Student Life: 346-3216

#### **Student Organizations**

ASUO Multicultural Advocate: 346-0631 **Multicultural Center:** 346-4207

**Community Organizations** Human Rights Commission: 682-5177 Youth for Justice: 485-1755

## **News** brief

### **OUS to define scope** of athletic audit

Auditors met with University Athletic Department officials Mon-day to discuss which files they will secure to begin a financial investigation of athletic teams' travel expenses.

The Oregon University System auditors, led by Director of Internal Audits Patricia Snopkowski, are conducting a survey to establish which sectors of the Athletic Department business office hold information pertinent to the investigation. After defining the scope of the audit, Snopkowski and her team, including University Audit Coordinator Heidi Sann, will gather information and review records in earnest in November and hope to produce a report in early December, Snopkowski said.

University Athletic Director Bill Moos requested the audit Oct. 10 because he said he was concerned

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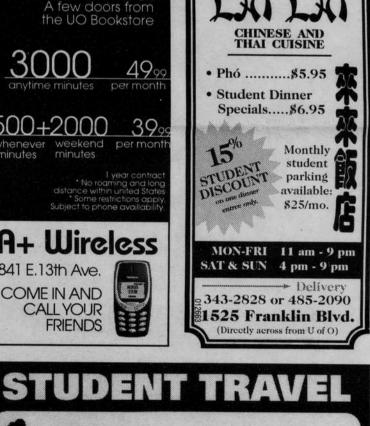
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el funds may be undetected. An audit of University softball team expenses this summer by the secretary of state's office revealed that head softball coach Rick Gamez misappropriated \$5,748.64 in team travel funds.

Snopkowski's team of auditors will report its findings to OUS management or the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, depending on which is deemed appropriate for this investigation.





October 31 "The Clash of Civilizations?" Presented by Christine Kearney (Political Science), Ronald Mitchell (Political Science) and Dennis Galvan (Political Science & International Studies)

CALL TO FACULTY

The Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Responses to Sept. 11th would like to be notified

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of any published opinion pieces by University of Oregon faculty concerning the Sept. 11th events and aftermath. The committee would also like to be notified of any courses of interest planned for winter and spring terms that may have relevance to or include information about Sept. 11th events.

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