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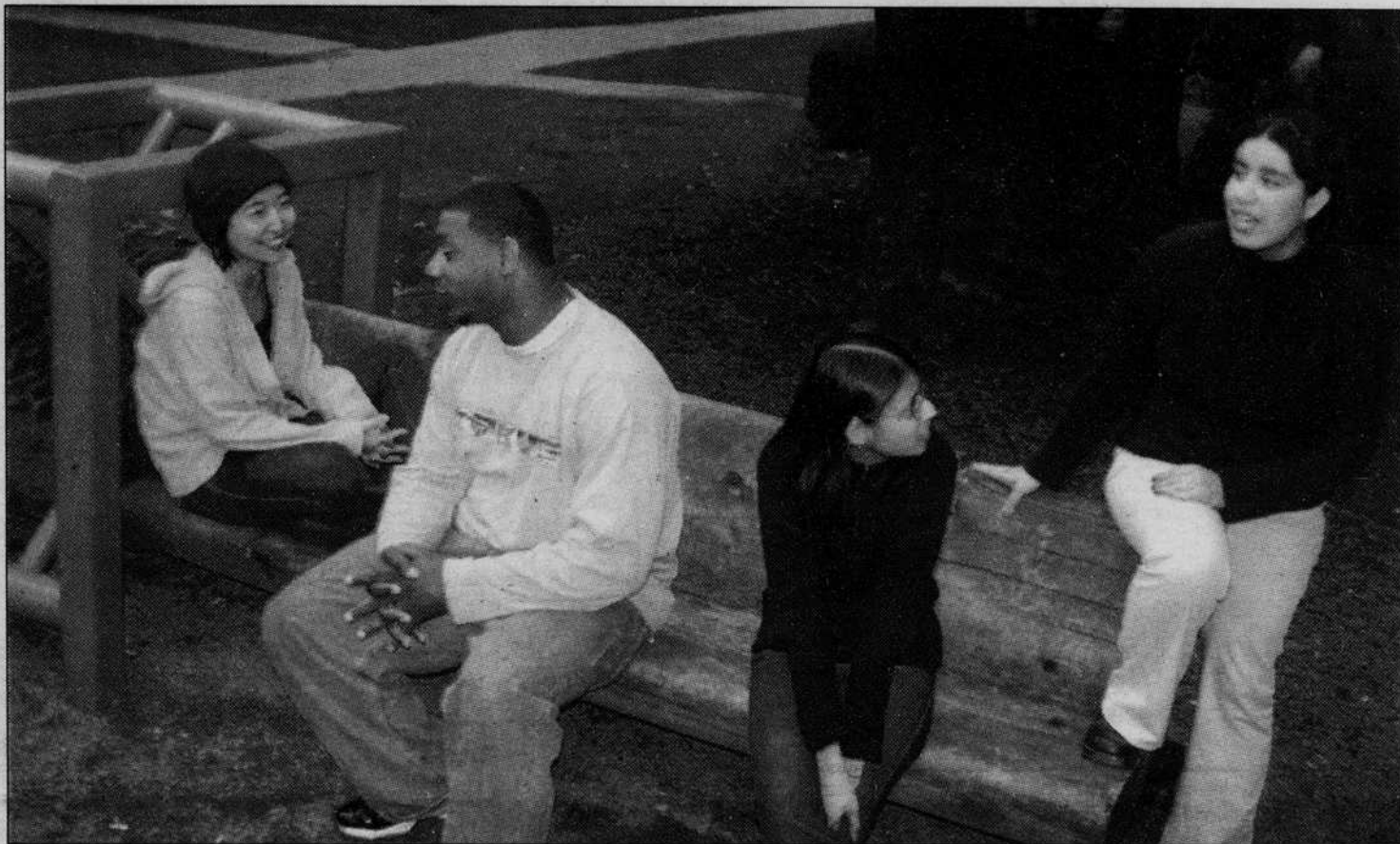
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Minority students from the University congregate on a bench near Collier House and discuss their days on a mild February afternoon; many students of color at the University say they frequently struggle with their cultural identities. Photographed from left to right: Christina Hur, Jamar Hayles, Allison Prasad, Andrea Rodriguez.

University agrees on new site for center

■ The proposed childcare center's new site needs to be approved by President Frohnmayer's office

By Marty Toohey
 Oregon Daily Emerald

The University Planning Committee announced Thursday it will move its proposed childcare center site two blocks east after hearing objections from members of the Fairmount Neighborhood Association.

The \$2.6 million childcare center will move from 17th Avenue and Columbia Street to 17th Avenue and Moss Street.

If the office of University President Dave Frohnmayer approves the site, University planning will create structure plans for approval. If those are approved, the center could open as soon as January 2004.

The center will replace the EMU's childcare center and two off-campus childcare facilities. The committee's decision comes after members of the Fairmount Neighborhood Association told the University that the 17th and Columbia location violates a growth management plan between the University and the neighborhood. The University's planning department began searching for an alternative site and decided on the new location, University planner Christine Thompson said.

University spokeswoman Jan Oliver said the neighborhood's concerns were a "major factor" in moving the center, and emphasized the importance of creating new growth policies agreeable to University neighbors.

She also said the University's growth policy is outdated and "may not be in line with (the University's) needs, so we need to talk about it" with the neighborhood association and possibly make changes. Kate Workman, a University student who lives in a rental house on the 17th and Moss site, said the center "could put the University of Oregon at forefront of choices for student parents."

The University owns four rental houses on the newly proposed site, and would either demolish or remove them.

Bill Bradshaw, a Fairmount area resident and University biology professor, said he finds it "very gratifying to see the University re-affirm its commitment" to the agreement.

Thompson said she hopes the University has satisfied neighborhood trepidations.

The change "certainly responds to their concerns," she said.

The Fairmount Neighborhood Association, the University and the city of

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Expanding cultural HORIZONS

Minority students seek to combine two or more cultures in their lives

By Danielle Gillespie
 Oregon Daily Emerald

When junior Christina Hur traveled to Seoul, Korea, this summer to attend Yonsei University, she didn't realize her cultural identity would be questioned or re-defined.

In the past, the 20-year-old has struggled between her American and Korean cultures. Hur grew up in a predominantly white Gresham community and had mostly white friends. But after spending the summer in Korea, she said she learned more about her

Asian culture, and has begun to see herself in a different light.

"After going to Korea, I looked in the mirror and the darkness of my skin, my cheekbones, my smaller eyes were more apparent," she said. "Before I would see my skin as a light brown, almost white, my eyes as round, and my nose pointed. I knew I was different than whites, but I pushed it out of my mind."

Like Hur, many minority students at the University struggle with finding their cultural identities and must discover how to incorporate two or more cultures into their lives, said

Student Life Diversity director Mark Tracy.

"I think that students of color have other issues that majority students wouldn't face," Tracy said. "Depending upon where they grew up, minority students will view their cultural identity differently." For many minority students, the struggle to understand their different cultural backgrounds and establish their identity may not be understood in college.

"Some minority students do come to terms with their cultural identity in college," Tracy said. "But I have seen grown men and women

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Frohnmayer heads racial profiling committee

The new committee will develop policies on race and color for law enforcement to follow

By Leon Tovey
 Oregon Daily Emerald

University President Dave Frohnmayer first heard complaints about racial profiling when he served as Oregon attorney general in the 1980s. At that time, state law enforcement agencies were trying to staunch the flow of black tar heroin coming into Oregon from Mexico, and Frohnmayer said he started hearing stories of Hispanic citizens complaining that police were stopping them at a higher rate than whites.

"There was concern about people being stopped for 'driving while Hispanic,'" Frohnmayer said.

Concerns over racial profiling in Oregon spurred state lawmakers in



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is charged with developing data and policies regarding appropriate use of race, color and national origin in law enforcement. Kitzhaber also appointed University Law Professor Keith Aoki,

2001 to pass a resolution — Senate Bill 415 — establishing a Law Enforcement Contacts Policy and Data Review Committee.

In January, Gov. John Kitzhaber appointed Frohnmayer to lead the committee, which

Lane County Sheriff Jan Clemens and David Fidanque, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, to the 11-person group.

Frohnmayer described the committee as a preemptive measure, saying Oregon was "way ahead of the curve" on issues of racism in law enforcement. But he said racial profiling is still a problem and work needs to be done if Oregon wants to avoid the kinds of problems seen elsewhere in the United States.

A recent University's Oregon Survey Research Laboratory survey indicated that the majority of Oregonians

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