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## A forum for frustration

■ Campus community members speak about a perceived lack of effort on the part of the University to attract and keep people of color

By Danielle Gillespie  
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Tensions ran high in an open forum Monday, when University students, faculty and community members voiced their concerns and disapproval about the administration's efforts to improve diversity on this campus.

University President Dave Frohn-mayer and Provost John Moseley opened the floor to the University community to discuss Western Michigan University President Elson S. Floyd's recent diversity recommendations to the administration. Floyd visited the campus from July 7 to July 9 and from October 19 to 23, 2001 and during his stay, he interacted with 400 members of the University community about the diversity climate.

"We brought Floyd into the equation because we wanted an objective third party," Moseley said. "This report is not the only thing we will be using to push forward diversity on this campus."

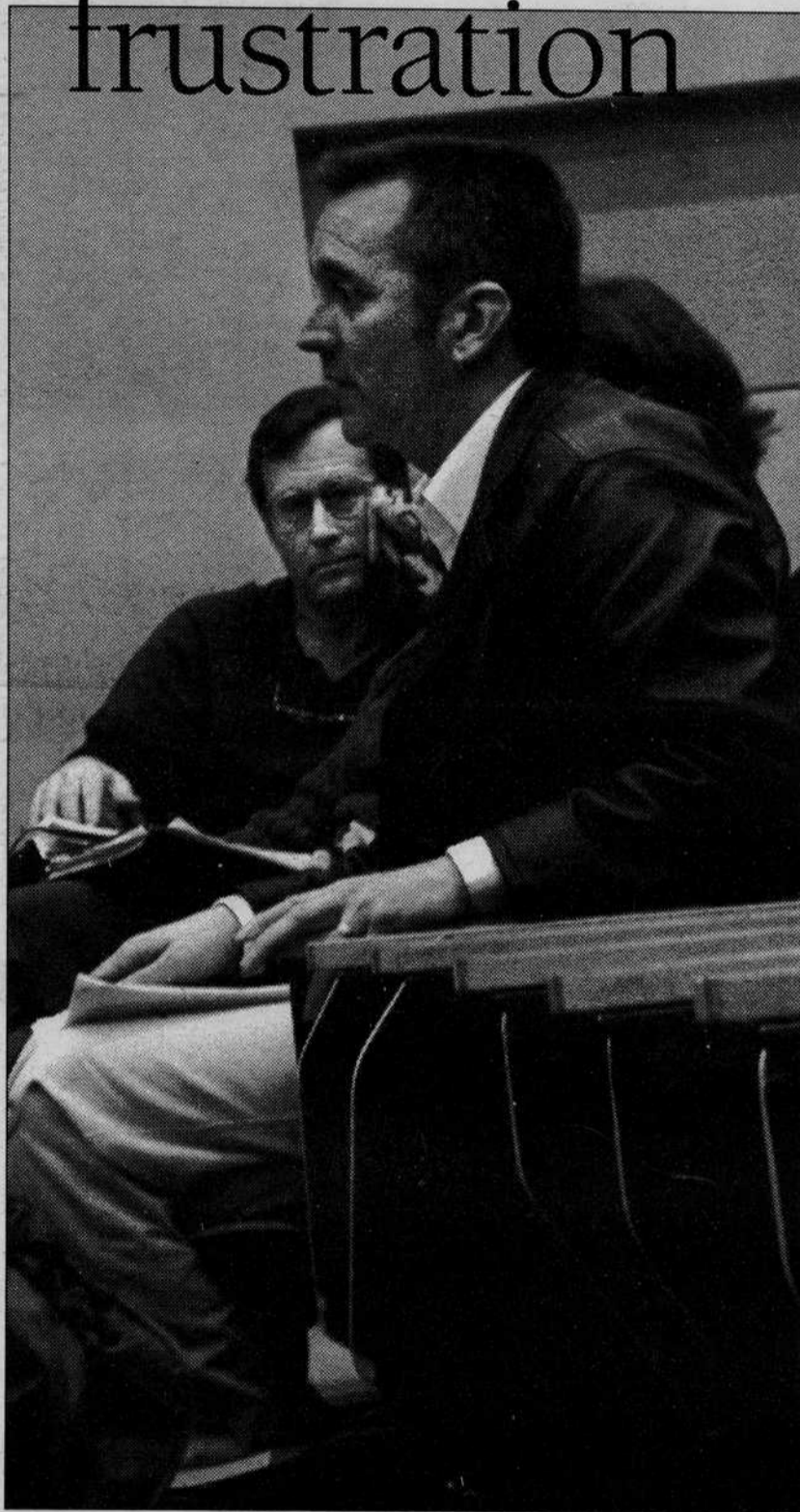
In Floyd's final report, he proposed that the University establish a position for Vice President for Student Affairs. Moseley said a search for such a position had already been under way before Floyd released his suggestions, and the report simply confirmed the need for this position.

Other suggestions consisted of developing a communication plan to respond to various student and faculty "diversity reports," move the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity from the administration division to academic affairs, eliminate the position of University Advocate and establish a new position of Vice Provost for Instructional Responsiveness, and redefine the role of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Ethnic Studies Director Shari Huhndorf said she believed Floyd's suggestions failed as plausible solutions because they did not include ideas for improving recruitment and retention of students and faculty of color, or for curriculum reform.

Jayna Brown, assistant professor of ethnic studies and English, agreed and said she thinks hiring people of color should be a priority.

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Associate Professor of English Tres Pyle speaks Monday at a forum in 100 Willamette about a recent review by Dr. Elson Floyd of the University's diversity programs.

## UO seeks input on student fee increases

■ Campus community members are invited to a public hearing on proposed fees at 3 p.m. today in the EMU Board Room

By Leon Tovey  
 Oregon Daily Emerald

If the Department of Public Safety gets its way, bicyclists will be required to pay \$5 to park their bikes on campus in 2002-03.

The bicycle parking fee is one of several hundred fee changes proposed by University officials to offset rising pro-

gram costs. It is also one of several proposed changes that the Office of Student Advocacy plans to challenge at a public hearing at 3 p.m. today in the EMU Board Room.

Hilary Berkman, director of student advocacy, said in addition to the bicycle parking fee, she plans to challenge a proposed increase to the fee for failing to obey a "Dismount and Walk" sign, and the addition of an education practicum fee. Berkman called the fees excessive and expressed concern that the bicycle parking fee "may keep people from riding their bikes."

While she said she doesn't object to the idea of fees, Berkman said she does object to what basically amounts to hidden costs being passed on to students.

"One of my concerns with course fees is that people are unaware of them," she said. "They disturb me because they are so hard to absorb."

The full list of proposed changes is available in Room 3 of Johnson Hall, and the hearing is open to all students, faculty, staff and community members.

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## Shuttles share safety goals but not riders

■ Night Ride, established to offer both men and women safe transportation, will have no impact on Project Saferide's all-women assault prevention services

By Robin Weber  
 Oregon Daily Emerald

Although the new co-ed transportation service Night Ride is not starting until July 1, there has already been confusion about the program's effect on the all-women's Project Saferide shuttle. Passengers can rest assured, however, that the Saferide program remains the same.

Night Ride makes its debut on campus in reaction to a recent settlement with the federal Office of Civil Rights and in light of campus safety issues.

"Saferide and Night Ride have the same goal of assault prevention," Saferide publicity coordinator Casey Rohter said.

The main difference between the two is Night Ride is co-ed with safety as its main focus, while Saferide remains women-only for sexual assault prevention. Rohter said while Night Ride targets more the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender population and minority men, it doesn't discriminate against any men who feel unsafe at night on campus.

The Night Ride program was developed in response to a settlement the University reached with OCR on Oct. 26. OCR found that the University was in violation of Title IX of the Education Acts of 1972 because Saferide allows only women to drive and ride in vans. Title IX prohibits sex discrimination in programs or activities that receive federal funds.

By allowing both men and women to ride on an equivalent service, the University expects OCR investigators to be satisfied that the school is abiding by Title IX guidelines. OCR is scheduled to evaluate the proposed Night Ride program at the end of this month. As for the Saferide program, its mission remains the same: Keeping women safe from sexual assault.

Rohter said the volunteer drivers will continue to be only women, and state law requires all drivers to pass a background check. Saferide currently has 45 volunteers per term. Although men do serve as Saferide volunteers, they act in more of a behind-the-scenes capacity, putting up fliers and serving as dispatchers.

"We provide a safe haven. We're not out to bash men and say they're unsafe," Saferide volunteer coordinator Eve Rivinus said.

The 93 requests by males for Department of Public Safety escorts in 2001 also displays a need for increased safety for men, according to Saferide co-director Nikki Fancher.

Women can also be confident their personal information will remain confidential, even with the new program on board.

"Night Ride uses a separate radio to protect women," Rivinus said. She thinks Night Ride simply gives students more options to travel worry-free.

"It's rounding out campus transportation options by adding one more choice," she said.

The Night Ride shuttle offers students advantages over other campus transportation options such as Lane Transit District, the Designated Driver Shuttle and the Department of Public Safety.

"Unlike LTD, we operate extended nighttime hours. ... Unlike Designated Driver Shuttle, we start offering rides at dusk. ... Unlike DPS, which offers escorts to students around campus, Night Ride maintains an extensive boundary," Fancher said.

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### Project Saferide

All-women shuttle

Hours:  
 Winter term  
 6 p.m. to midnight,  
 Sun.-Thu.; 6 p.m.  
 to 2 a.m., Fri.-Sat.

Spring term  
 7 p.m. to midnight,  
 Sun.-Thu.; 7 p.m.  
 to 2 a.m., Fri.-Sat.

Summer term  
 9 p.m. to midnight,  
 Sun.-Thu.; 9 p.m.  
 to 2 a.m., Fri.-Sat.

### Night Ride

Co-ed shuttle begins  
 July 1 with same  
 hours as Project  
 Saferide

Call 346-0653  
 for more information.  
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