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"The University is obviously aware, and in my opinion, is behind where it should be in addressing these (diversity) issues," he said.

Bender called the University's efforts in recruiting students of color "woeful," and added that he is not surprised by the high percentage of black

"That's about the only way African Americans get admitted to this Univer-

No other ethnic group at the University receives this level of financial support from the Athletic Department. According to the Emerald's analysis, black males and black females are the two leading demographics, but less than 4 percent of every

sity-if they play sports," Bender said.

other ethnic group receives support from the department.

At other Pac-10 schools, the number of black males receiving financial support from athletic departments varies. Oregon State University ranks highest, with 39.67 percent of black male undergraduates on athletic scholarships. Arizona State University has the lowest percentage of black male athletes, with 13 percent of the population receiving support from its athletic department.

In 2000-01, the most current numbers in the NCAA database, the University of Oregon had the highest percentage of black males on athletic scholarship in the Pac-10. The University also led all Pac-10 schools in 1998-99, and was second in 1999-2000.

Athletic Director Bill Moos points to the high percentage of athletes in the black male population as a positive attribute of an athletic department committed to bringing many ethnicities to campus.

"It's a feel-good situation for us because a university setting is only enhanced when there is diversity," Moos said. "It illustrates that the Intercollegiate Department of Athletics is a very good source for providing diversity to the campus."

Many of the black male athletes at the University are members of the football and basketball teams, Moos noted. In fact, more than 75 percent of black male athletes attending the University play football.

"We want to bring the best studentathletes possible to Oregon, regardless of their race," Moos said.

Jon Entine, an Emmy-winning producer for ABC and NBC news and a journalism instructor at Miami Uni-

Percentage of undergraduate black males on athletic 40 scholarships in eight Pac-10 schools 35 30 25 20 15 University Washington University of Washington State University of Oregon UCLA

versity in Ohio, put forth a controversial theory in 2000 suggesting that physiological traits enable blacks to

succeed in particular sports.
Entine's book, titled "Taboo: Why Black Athletes Dominate Sports and Why We're Afraid to Talk About It," was not accepted as fact, however. Work ethic and social agents were seen by many to be more likely reasons for black athletic superiority, while others rejected Entine's book because it was based on anecdotal research.

From his studies, Entine concluded that individuals of West African descent have a higher proportion of fasttwitch muscles and less body fat, making them more capable of succeeding in sports such as track and field, basketball and football - the same three sports all black male scholarship athletes compete in here at the University.

"The highest concentration of black athletes are in these three sports," Entine said. And because of their biology, Entine said black males will often be overrepresented in both professional and intercollegiate athletics.

Moos said the Athletic Department works very hard to mainstream student-athletes into the overall population of the student body. Nonetheless, rumors sometimes circulate about the athlete who doesn't show up for tests, and about the star who doesn't attend class but gives the professor autographed memorabilia.

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(Some may ask) whether or not the 'token black athlete' ... phrase is a reality on campus. That depends on whether or not you're inclined to look at an African American guy and just assume he's an athlete," Hulick-Baiza said. "If you do, then you're creating tokens, not observing them."

But others disagree.

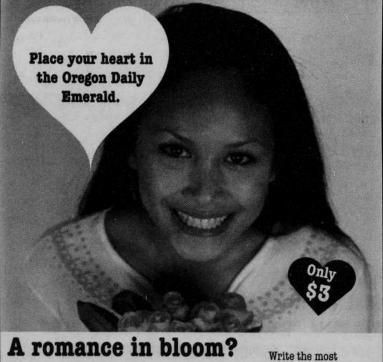
"The athletes kind of keep to themselves," said junior Mohammed Jalloh, a member of the Black Student Union. "There's athletes, and then there's students."

These generalizations aren't what athletes or administrators want. But, apparently, it's what some at the University think of the situation.

Until a change comes about, it's possible negative stigmas of studentathletes won't disappear. And while the concerns are all over the spectrum, the solution might just lie somewhere in between.

"I definitely think it needs to change," Jalloh said. "But will it change? I'm not optimistie."

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ment of Islamic people in the United States, the government must find a way to help the Middle East.

"You have to admit Saddam (Hussein) is a murderous thug," he said. "If you want to stop violence against Islam, bring democracy to the Middle East."

Loeb said people must continue to build coalitions and keep fighting to defend civil liberties.

"A duty of a patriot is to ask the difficult questions," he said.

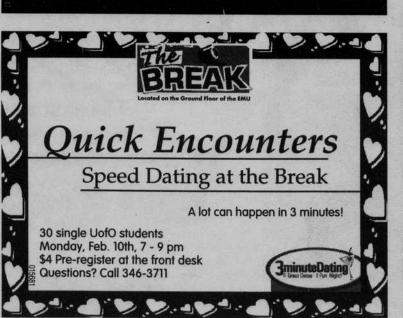
Mario Africa, founder of the San Francisco-based Third World Outreach Program at the Center for Conscientious Objectors and the last speaker of the evening, discussed alleged mistreatment of new recruits in the U.S. armed forces.

He said that troops are sexually abused, and their salaries and education - promised at the time of recruitment - may be withheld.

When you go into the military, there isn't a grievance counselor you can go to," he said.

About 200 people attended the event and gave each speaker a standing ovation.

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