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Money lack afflicts older women, men

By **DEBORAH ROMEREIN**
Of the Emerald

Not having enough money is
the biggest problem for older
women, a panel of women over
60 agreed Friday.

The four participants dis-
cussed the most common dif-
ficulties shared by a growing
number of older women as part
of the Women's Symposium,
which concluded Friday.

"I am not living but subsist-
ing," panel member Kay Dick-
erson said of the \$237 unem-
ployment check she receives
each month. Three of the
women said they often don't
have enough money to buy
such essentials as adequate
medical care or gas for their car.

One woman who suffers from
arthritis said she can't afford the
doctors and physical therapy
she needs. Young people can't
imagine what it's like being
forced to spend extra money —
such as birthday checks from
relatives — on medical
payments, she said.

The elderly often sit in their
low-income apartments watch-
ing soap operas day after day
because they cannot afford to
do anything else, one woman
said.

Although retired men also
suffer from poverty, the finan-
cial problems of women are
more frequent and severe, the
panelists said.

Dickinson, who does not have
a husband, said women who are
alone and don't have the benefit
of a husband's pension often
suffer the worst financial hard-
ships. Although women older
than 65 are eligible for social
security, the checks frequently
don't cover all their needs, she
said.

The three women on the pan-
el who don't have husbands

said they are living on less than
\$300 a month.

Even older women who have
the skills and are still young and
healthy enough to work rarely
are given the opportunity, Dick-
inson said. Employers are
reluctant to hire or train
someone who will retire in a few
years, she explained.

As if being poor isn't enough,
women who don't have money
are "forced out of the main-
stream of society," Dickinson
said. All panelists agreed that
both elderly men and women
without money cease to exist in
the view of society and the
government.

"Everyone would like us to
just go off and disappear,"
Dickinson said.

Depression is another major
problem for elderly women. The
panelists said not having en-
ough money to go places and
participate in activities they en-
joy is extremely frustrating.

One woman said she always
was depressed but she had
learned to cope with it. "I would
put my head in the oven if I
could afford the gas," panelist
Edie Couey said jokingly.

Couey recalled days when
grandparents were an essential
part of the family. They often
told stories to their grandchild-
ren and were considered
valuable members of society
whose opinions were respect-
ed, she said.

Mention of senior centers and
senior housing complexes drew
moans from all the panelists.

"These places are a kind of
cocoon. The elderly would
much rather be somewhere
else," Dickinson said.

When the elderly are separat-
ed from society and forgotten,
everyone is the loser, the
women said.

Panel to discuss abortion

A symposium on "Abortion
and Reproductive Freedom"
will be held today at 8 p.m. in the
EMU Forum.

The panel discussion,
sponsored by the Campus
American Civil Liberties Union
and the Oregon Student Public
Interest Research Group, will
focus on proposed legislation at
the state and national levels.

Several pieces of legislation
dealing with abortion already
have been introduced, includ-
ing the controversial Human
Life Statute bill sponsored by
Sen. Jesse Helms, R-North Car-
olina, and Rep. Henry Hyde,

R-Illinois. The bill would define
human life as existing from
conception and, theoretically,
could allow individual states to
pass laws defining abortion as
murder.

Panelists will include Margie
Hendricksen, state representa-
tive, Carol Carver, state coord-
inator for the National Organ-
ization for Women, Lynda
Harrington, past chairer for the
Oregon Right to Life, and Rita
Radich, Legislative Action
chairer for the Oregon Right to
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