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University_ Celebration to focus on women Event to emphasize multi-cultural issues

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A weekend celebration of women's culture and issues begins tonight as the annual Women's Spring Celebration gets under way.

The yearly event is organized by the University's Women's Task Force and is designed to 'let women on campus and in the community know that they're not forgotten." said Women's Task Force Director Jasmine Prezeau.

'Women often feel left out or devalued or just forgotten, so this is a way to let them know that they have a whole weekend, a whole celebration devoted to them and to their issues and to their culture." Prezeau said.

This year, the Women's

Spring Celebration coincides with several other activities that are focusing on women's issues, such as the Gay and Lesbian Pride Week and the Women's Health Forum.

Events include:

Friday night-

• 6:30 p.m. Amazon Park. 'She Who Watches," a temporary site-specific installation and performance piece, begins with a Take-Back-The-Night Celebration. The project, directed by Darryla Green-Mc-Grath, uses mythic images to increase community awareness about women's safety and the empowerment of women through art and collective action. There will be music, poetry and talks about women's safety, as well as participatory art making.

Saturday-

• 10 a.m. EMU Ben Linder Room. "Women, Spirituality and Religion" panel. Women from diverse backgrounds and religious experiences discuss their views.

• 10 a.m. 138 Gilbert. The films Hairpiece and I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings will be shown.

• 12 - 5 p.m. EMU Century Rooms. Women's Health Conference. Practioners will address such issues as nutrition.

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• 1 p.m 138 Gilbert. The film Frieda: Naturalesa Viva will be shown.

• 2:30-6:30 p.m. EMU Ben Linder Room. A series of talks on "The Politics of Being A Woman." Among the speakers will be a Native American woman and two women discussing women's lives in Chile.

• 3 p.m. 138 Gilbert. The films Sari Red and International Sweethearts of Rhythm will be shown.

• 7:30 p.m. EMU Ben Linder Room. Native American poet Chrystos presents a free poetry reading.

Child care will be offered all day Saturday.

Sunday-

• 12 - 1 p.m. Mother Kali's, 2001 Franklin Blvd. The Southern Oregon Women Writer's Group will present "Write Away.

• 12:30 p.m. 138 Gilbert. The films Cycles, I Need A Man Like You, 17 Rooms, or What Lesbians Do In Bed. and Positive Images: Women With Disabilities will be shown. • 1:30-3:30, 100 Willamette Hall. Delores Huerta will speak. She is co-sponsored by MECha.

• 2:30 p.m. 138 Gilbert. The films Coffee Colored Children. Toni Morrison and Mark of Lilith will be shown.

• 4:30 p.m. Co-Art Building (Farm House One), near Urban Farms. A Women's Gathering which will consist of music. poetry readings and visual art.

• 7 p.m. EMU Main Dining Room. "Palestine Festival- The Role of Women in the Uprising." which will include music, dancing, traditional food

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