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Eugene protesters march for choice

□ Abortion rights rally draws 2,000 supporters, joins nationwide effort

By Hope Neelson
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Chanting "We decide our body's fate, not the church, not the state" and other slogans, an estimated 2,000 protesters marched from the EMU Courtyard to the Federal Building Sunday advocating a woman's right to choose abortion.

Even a pro-choice dog trotted in the march with a sign that read, "Another spayed dog for choice."

At the same time, protesters around the country marched in support of abortion rights.

In Washington, D.C., 500,000 marchers turned out for the first abortion rights protest in three years at the nation's capitol. Patricia Ireland, National Organization of Women president, called it "the largest ever of any kind in the nation's capitol."

In the Eugene area, prominent leaders and political candidates of Oregon took turns voicing their support of reproductive freedom at the Federal Building.

The group included Springfield Mayor Bill Morrisette, Democratic Senate Candidates Harry Lonsdale and Les AuCoin, Oregon Secretary of State Phil Keisling and his Democratic opponents Bob Kholos and Mary Wendy Roberts.

AuCoin spoke to a highly energized crowd saying, "The freedom



Protesters gather to hear pro-choice speeches by Democratic Senate candidates Harry Lonsdale and Les AuCoin, among others.

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Three visit El Salvador, return with message

□ Sister University Project members want to tell of students' peace struggle

By Daralyn Trappe
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University students Jeff Heiman, Gretchen Roffler and Jenny Root met a man over spring break who sent them home with a message to deliver. And they're doing their best to give that message to everyone who will listen.

The man's name is Juan, a

medical student at the University of El Salvador. Juan and his friend were walking home Jan. 16 from a celebration for the ceasefire agreement among ARENA, the country's government, and the leaders of the FMLN, the opposition group.

Both were supporters of the opposition. They encountered two men who were supporters of the government and a disagreement ensued. It ended with Juan and his friend being shot. Juan survived but spent two months in a hospital and is paralyzed from the waist down. His friend died.

Juan's message to Heiman,

Roffler and Root is that the struggle for peace continues. The peace treaty went into effect Feb. 1, but while the 12-year civil war in the tiny Central American country may be officially over, harmony is not yet a reality.

Heiman said Juan was happy to see American students in El Salvador, to see that the problems facing Salvadorans — including widespread poverty and peace agreement violations — have not been forgotten or ignored by everyone.

"I asked him if he had any



Gretchen Roffler, Jenny Root and Jeff Heiman, members of the Sister University Project, spent spring break in El Salvador, learning first-hand about student struggles there.

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In loving memory



Photo by Bill Roberson

Friends of the late Professor Emmanuel Hatzantonis, a romance languages professor, gather Friday afternoon to plant a tree in his memory at the southwest corner of Friendly Hall.



THE CAFE

The Excelsior Cafe, celebrating its 20th anniversary, caters to a varied clientele.

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JUST A REMINDER...

Today is the last day to drop a class, change grade options or change credits in courses with variable credit without a \$10 fee.



SPRING DRILL

The first contact scrimmage for the Oregon football team was dominated by defense, not QBs.

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Nation-bashing prompts seminar

□ Student groups organize event about U.S./Japan trade relations to inform, ease tension

By Carrie Dennett
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An examination of the issues and myths on both sides of the Pacific about American and Japanese trade relations will be the focus of a new student-organized conference.

The International Association of Students in Economics and Commerce and the Japanese Students Organization have combined efforts to put together the five-day "U.S.-Japan Business Seminar," starting tonight in the EMU.

The intent of the seminar is to dispense with the nation-bashing from both the United States and Japan that has gained substantial media attention, said Tei Gordon, AIESEC's executive commit-

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