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Changes in this code are supposed to be subject to public debate, and this clause was not, she said.

Michele Parks, director of the ASUO Women's Center, agreed with Drescher adding that it is also a problem for women of color. She feels it will diminish the ability of minority women to prove that they have been sexually harassed based on their color.

Earlier in the evening, Phyllis Barkhurst, director of Sexual Assault Support Services, said that women of color are more likely to be sexually harassed.

Women of color are more susceptible to sexual harassment because they are perceived as less likely to complain because they do not feel that they will receive fair treatment in the system, she said.

There are also cases where men have sexually harassed or assaulted women of color because they are seen as exotic, Drescher said.

A few years ago there was just such a case at the University in which a professor forced himself on an Asian woman, according to Drescher.

College women are at high risk of being sexually abused and harassed, said Jennifer Beach, representing Women-

space, a shelter for abused women and their children.

They are on their own for the first time and can be trapped into a relationship where they feel dependent on someone who is abusive, she said.

Such a relationship often starts out wonderfully but can lead to a horrible ending.

Once there is pressure put on the relationship because of the demands of being a student the man may lash out against the women, she said.

If the pattern is allowed to continue, the abuse will only get worse despite the woman or man's best intention.

Beach believes that all such assaults against women should be recognized as hate crimes. Crimes based on sex, she said, are hate crimes and should be dealt with as such.

In order to protect international students from being the victims of sexual assault, they are shown a video which may help them identify and avoid sexual harassment and abuse, according to Drescher.

All the women on the panel seemed to agree that stronger measures need to be taken to educate people on sexual harassment and to punish those who step over the line.

According to Barkhurst, lawmakers need to understand that, "In order for women to say yes, no has to be an option."

GATEWAY

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ty for the high school students to see a college campus and interact with each other, University students, and faculty," said student volunteer Danielle McConaga, who went through the program while in high school.

"It's a good way to let them know there are students of color on this campus, and that we are willing and wanting to help," she said.

Student volunteer Jeremy Bessire said he volunteered because he knows how tough it is to make the decision about where to go to college. "I've been there, and I know what a difficult choice it can be. I wanted to offer what I could to the visiting high school students."

Edwina Welch, assistant director for admissions and an academic adviser for the Office of Multicultural Affairs, directed the day's events. She said the program's success was due to the support and care from all of those who helped out.

"Everyone who helped did so because they care," Welch said. "They want the high school students to get the necessary information, to let the students know that a college experience can be part of their future."

"The students have put some time into thinking about college," said Phil Reid, Assistant Director of Admissions and an academic adviser.

"We wanted to give the students an idea of what it means to be a student of color on the U of O campus, and to let them now what they need to do in

preparation for a college career," Reid said.

Reid stressed the importance of conducting research when looking into college scholarships.

"As the costs of school go up each year," he said, "high school students need to look in books, to check with school counselors and in their communities for scholarships. They need to now there are more out there than simply the ones in their face."

"You can see the gleam in a student's when he or she realizes that they have an opportunity," said Reid. "They realize they can go here, or anywhere for that matter."

The event is popular among high school students. Two years ago, the coordinators did not limit the number who could attend, and about 450 students came and overwhelmed the staff. Since then, the organizer has limited attendance to around 200 students, and the day's turnout of 201 hit the bull's eye.

One of the day's highlights was a student panel and discussion session in the EMU Fir Room. The high school students asked a panel of University students about what it means to be a student of color at the University, and about the challenges, experiences and opportunities of college.

"I could have been in the back pulling out my hair," Welch said of the stress of making sure the day went smoothly, "but as long as the students have fun, I don't care. That's what it's all about, to have fun and encourage the students to think about a future in higher education."

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es by already making choices for them, he said.

"The challenge of our imagination is all wrapped up in how we create our own choices," he said. "When we choose from choices that have already been made for us, it's phony and manipulated."

Solmon praised the highly criticized photo of a dead child and a burnt father printed in last week's *Register-Guard*. He said the photo exhibited the candor that is missing in much of the media today.



Norman Solomon

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MEETINGS

Amazon family housing tenants will meet with the state Board of Higher Education today at 10:15 a.m. in the EMU Gumwood Room.

Hillel Shabbat will gather for its vegetarian potluck at 1841 Kincaid St., #30 tonight at 7. For more information, call 343-8920.

Student Health Insurance Committee will meet today at 2 p.m. in the Student Health Center Medical Library. For more information, call 346-3702.

RELIGION

Chi Alpha and Intersarsity will sponsor "A Concert of Prayer and Praise" tonight at 7:30 in the Carson Gold Room. For more information, call 346-0910.

Lane County Baptist Fellowship will sponsor "The Happening" on Saturday at 6 p.m. at its building at the corner of 25th Avenue and Harris Street. The event will offer fun and free pizza. For more information, call 343-5408.

MISCELLANEOUS

ACT/OSPIRG will meet for "A Short March for Justice: A protest against the demolition of Amazon low-cost student housing" at the EMU Breezeway at 9:15 a.m. For more information, call 484-6241.

ESCAPE will have lobby tables from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the EMU Lobby. For more information, call 346-4351.

Ecology Colloquium will present Dr. Sara Via from the Cornell University Department of Entomology, who will discuss "Genetics of Species Interactions: Insects, Plants, Parasitoids and Disease" today at 3 p.m. in Room 110 Willamette.

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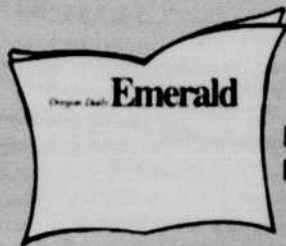
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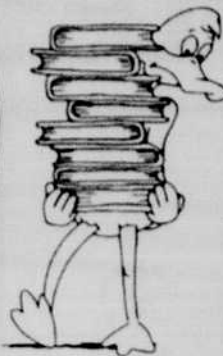
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