

Demonstration: LGBA provides forum for homosexual students

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University, said the event promotes the visibility of the homosexual community.

"Part of the way that we continue to be oppressed is by people's failure to recognize that we do exist," she said.

Many of those who did walk through the door Wednesday had already come out and used the door as a symbolic reaffirmation.

"Going through that door wasn't so bad, but going through the emotional door took a lot of guts," Jennifer Petersen said. She added that, unlike in the community, most in the audience were supporters.

Most spectators supported the event, and there were no reported disruptions.

"I think it's great," Rachael Pape said. "I think it's cool that people can openly state their sexual orientation."

Burke extended her thanks to the supporters, adding that any support was extremely valuable.

"I want to express my appreciation for the allies ... there aren't many 'out' gays and lesbians and the allies are really working to make it a safe environment for everybody," she said.

Carnahan said harassment of homosexuals is a problem on the University campus.

"People have been harassed, to the point of being actually physically beaten," she said.

Carnahan also said that one of the more common forms of harassment occur when professors make homosexual comments.

"Students talk often about professors making homophobic statements. That's probably one of the most blatant forms of homophobia," she said.

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MEETINGS

Organization of women with Asian background will meet for the first time today from 4:30 to 5:30 in EMU Century Room B. For more information, call 686-4916.

Vietnamese Students Association will have a general meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the EMU Multicultural Center. For more information, call 687-7882.

MISCELLANEOUS

Educational Opportunities Program will host a research skills and library uses workshop today at 2 p.m. in room 68 PLC. For more information, call 346-3226.

Spring Intensive Spanish in Queretaro, Mexico will be the subject of an informational meeting today at 4 p.m. in EMU Cedar room F.

Meeting: Students imitate sound of rain during gathering

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never had before."

OSPIRG chairwoman Kulpana Krishnamurthy got the audience involved by asking the crowd to mimic the sounds of falling Oregon rainfall.

Moving left to right in front of the audience, Krishnamurthy jumped up and down to imitate heavy rain banging against a

roof. Instantly, a low rumbling sound emerged from the crowd as they began stomping their shoes against the floor. With the snap of her fingers, Krishnamurthy had the audience creating the sounds of a rain shower hitting a window.

"If we can create a little bit of rain, we can create a whole lot of social change," she said.

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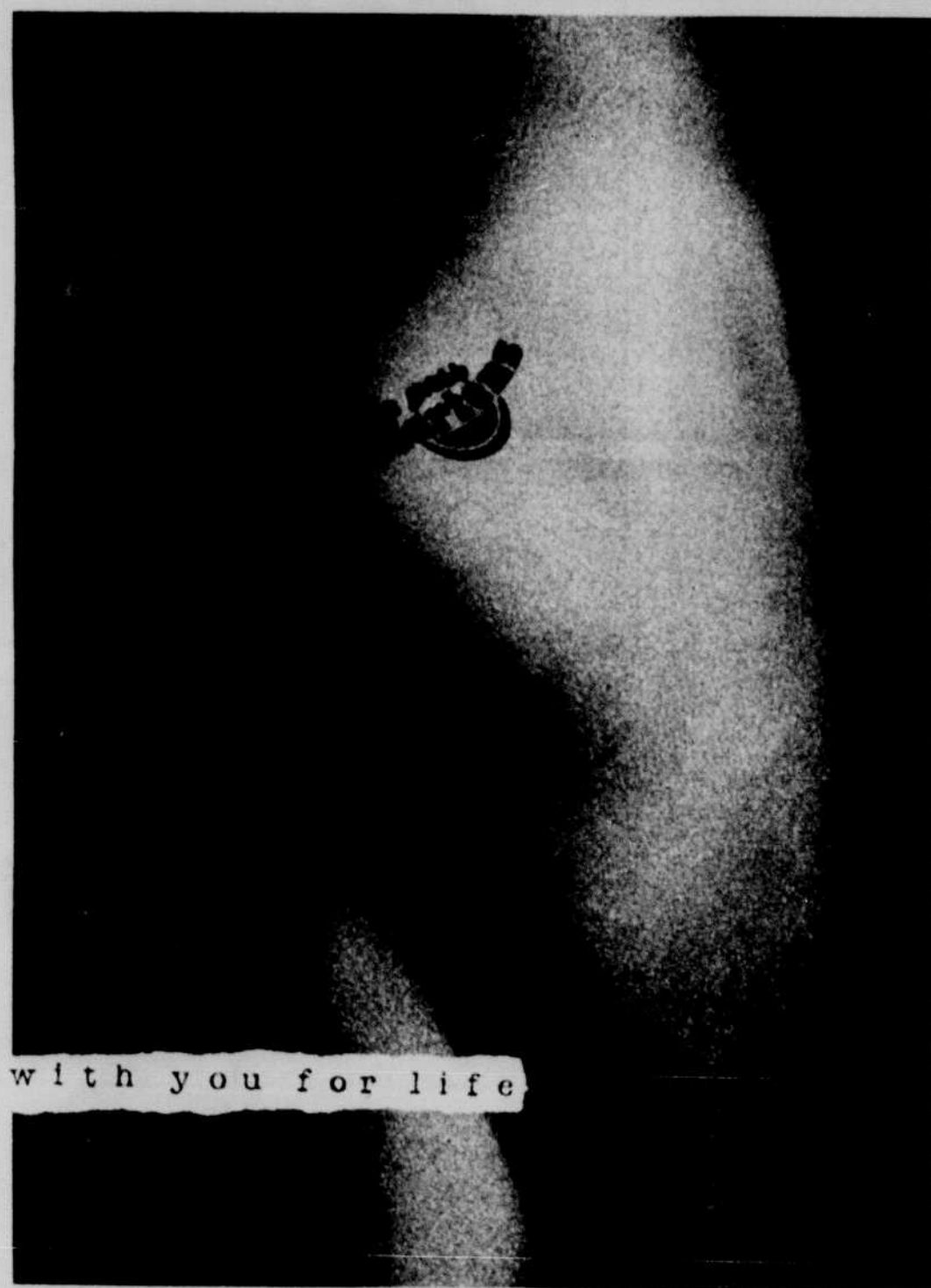
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