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During her speech at the rally, State Representative Kitty Piercy encouraged students to vote.

Ralliers raise awareness of abortion limitations

■ **ACTIVISM:** The event took place in memory of Rosie Jimenez's death

By Mara Stine
Higher Education Reporter

Speakers for National Young Women's Day of Action informed students about the diminishing access to abortions and encouraged them to vote at a rally in the EMU courtyard Wednesday.

Approximately 30 students attended the rally, which was sponsored by Students for Choice.

National Young Women's Day of Action commemorates the 1978 death of Rosie Jimenez. She was the first woman to die of an illegal abortion after the Hyde Amendment passed in 1977.

The amendment created a vir-

tual ban on all Medicaid-covered abortions for low-income women, said Marcia Latta, field organizer for Oregon's chapter of National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League.

"It's bad for women; it's punitive to poor women and is putting abortions out of reach for women who need them but can't afford them," she said.

The rally's goal was to raise campus awareness about the lack of availability and access to abortions, said Grace Smutz, co-director of Students for Choice.

"Eighty-three percent of U.S. counties don't have abortion providers," Smutz said.

"A lot of women feel that since Roe v. Wade passed, abortions everywhere are safe, legal and available, but this is really not the case."

Sally Sheklow, development director of All Women's Health Services, said the number of places to get a safe abortion is declining.

"There used to be 24 women-controlled, non-profit health clinics in this country," Sheklow said. "Today there are 11."

She encouraged women to support health centers that provide abortion services.

"It doesn't cut it to be pro-choice; you've got to be pro-clinic too," she said, explaining that legal abortions are useless if there is no access to them.

Those at the rally were told of current attempts to limit abortion availability.

The Oregon Citizens Alliance is currently collecting signatures to put a measure on the next ballot that would ban all abortions

after the first trimester, and Congress is working to enact abortion restrictions, said Nancy Deans from the Oregon chapter of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League.

"Our biggest threat is our own complacency," she said.

Kitty Piercy, State Representative for District 39, underscored the importance of voting in stopping the limitation of abortion access.

"If you want the radical right to decide for Rosie and for all of us ... then sit quietly through this next election cycle," Piercy said. "But if you value the lives of women and their families, and if you see clearly through the veiled niceties of the radical right, then put your foot on the path, your muscle to the grindstone ... and your vote in the mail."

Women from World Conference discuss memories

By Ashley Bach
Student Activities Reporter

Four participants in last month's United Nations World Conference in China gathered to speak about their experiences in the EMU Wednesday night as part of the weeklong Women's Health Symposium sponsored by the ASUO women's center.

About 30 people came to listen to the presenters, who addressed issues ranging from the globalization of the economy to the availability of contraceptives in Third World countries. Each woman, all residents

of the Eugene area, described her reflections of the event and its international effect.

Jessica Bruner, a University graduate student in international studies, learned of the conference from her friends in Vietnam where she was working on a project in cross-cultural communication.

"I went to witness 25,000 advocates for social change," Bruner said.

She said that although she went to the conference alone, she didn't feel isolated because all the women were working

toward the same goal.

Two conferences took place in China at about the same time, both dealing with women's issues. The fourth annual U.N. conference took place in Beijing Sept. 5-15, and the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Forum took place Aug. 30 - Sept. 8, 30 miles away in the neighboring town of Huairou.

Margaret Theisen, a board member of Mobility International, an organization committed to the rights of disabled women, attended both events.

The women who attended both conferences built a platform of issues to present to the United Nations.

"In the NGO talks with the U.N., we developed a platform for action that really will drive the platform and policies for the years ahead," she said.

Women from all five continents, however different in their approaches, came together to participate in a dialogue for change.

"I came away with a tremendous sense of accomplishment," Theisen said.

Boston professor to give free public lecture

By Barbara Bundy
Freelance Reporter

Boston University Professor Roger Shattuck will give a free public lecture on "The Banquet of Abstemiousness: Madame de Lafayette's *La princesse de Cleves* and Emily Dickinson," in the EMU Fir Room at 4 p.m. today. Dr. Shattuck, a professor of modern foreign languages, is the recipient of the 1995 Lewis Lectureship in the Humanities.

Dr. Shattuck was chosen to receive the lectureship based on

the interdisciplinary scope and general excellence of his scholarship. He is a regular contributor to *The New York Review of Books* and *The New Republic*, and he won the 1975 National Book Award for his authoritative book *Marcel Proust*. His other academic works include *The Innocent Eye*, *Half Tame* and several translations.

The former Air Force pilot has taught at several universities, including Harvard and The University of Dakar, Senegal, where

he was a Fulbright Professor of American Literature.

Previous recipients of the Lewis Lectureship, founded in 1992 by Robert and Beverly Lewis, include J.T. Fraser (Spring, 1993), Mark Johnson (Fall, 1993) and Rienhold Grimm (Fall, 1994).

Dr. Shattuck will hold a faculty seminar Friday on "Intellectual Craftsmanship: How to Read a Book." Interested faculty members can contact Holly Campbell at 346-3934.

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