

March

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by the male volunteers of the Portland Women's Crisis Line. David Hayward, an organizer of the workshop, stressed the need for males to discuss such topics. "This is a male problem. We are the one's responsible for this event needing to take place."

"Ideally, this event should not have to take place," Hayward added.

Juleah Huckstep spoke about sexual assault and how children need to be educated about sexual crimes to arm themselves against such acts occurring. Huckstep, who is physically disabled, spoke of how mentally and physically disabled children are even more at risk, because society does not consider them sexual. Huckstep ended her speech by saying, "and remember who perpetrators target — all of us."

A speech by Sandra Spoor generated a loud response from the crowd. Spoor is one of the women from the planning, public policy and management class that was threatened by e-mail, spurring the sit-in at Johnson Hall Monday. "He told me to shut the f-ck up," said Spoor, a junior majoring in PPPM.

"Well, I wasn't quiet then and I am not going to be quiet now," she said to thunderous applause.

The last speaker was Nadia Telsey, who teaches self-defense in the community and at the Uni-



People packed the EMU Amphitheater for the twenty-first annual Take Back the Night.

versity. Telsey became interested in self-defense when she learned karate in the '70s, saying this was the first time she felt power. Telsey closed her speech with a wish, "Perhaps patriarchy and violence are inevitable, but it is not inevitable in the world I want to live in."

After the speakers finished, the crowd began the march, weaving through the streets, candles in hand, chanting, "Women unite, take back the night," and many other expressions.

Courtney Kaempf, a senior majoring in English literature, said

that she attended the rally because it was "essential on a campus that lacks diversity."

As the march made its way down Kincaid Street, back on campus, a man who appeared to have been drinking was seen pushing a woman he was walking with, while slurring obscenities and saying, "You all have your little night."

She apologetically replied, "Come on, baby. I love you."

In the background, ralliers could be heard chanting, "Objects never, Women forever."

River Walk to support victims, survivors of HIV

By Amy Jennaro
Oregon Daily Emerald

For every year since 1996, members of the University's Delta Lambda Phi fraternity have offered support to people participating in the River Walk sponsored by the HIV Alliance.

"We want to help the cause in our own way," said Adam Lut-zow, president of the fraternity. Members serve water and act as route monitors for the event.

The walk, which was established 13 years ago, is organized annually by the Alliance. Participants are required to get sponsors for the walk and all proceeds generated go to the Alliance's programs, which provide support for people living with HIV.

This year the walk will take place at Alton Baker Park at 10 a.m. Participants have the option of participating in either the 2 1/2 or 4 1/2 mile version of the walk. After completing the walk, participants will be entertained by the Kwayedza, a local Marimba band, said Darnell Mandelblatt, development director of the HIV Alliance.

According to Mandelblatt, participants are encouraged to dedicate their walk to people living with HIV. She added that those who dedicate their walk will wear ribbons stating their special intentions and those ribbons will later be displayed for the public at Alton Baker Park.

"This is a community effort to make people think about HIV," she said.

Mandelblatt said 300 people

are expected to participate in the event, including many groups from the University. Members of Hillel and the Newman Center, the Campus' Catholic ministry, are planning to participate in the walk, she said.

"We get a lot of support from the community," Mandelblatt said.

Stefani Catone, pastoral associate for the Newman Center, said she felt it was her duty to provide support for people living with HIV.

"This is very much a sign of my faith because my faith teaches me to help people," she said.

Mandelblatt said many companies also decided to participate. Companies such as Sony, Saturn and Dynamix have agreed to sponsor the event, as well as many local businesses, she said.

Although many of the companies won't be participating in the walk, they have provided aid such as cash donations and advertising support, she said.

"Corporate sponsors and businesses have supported the walk from the beginning," she said.

According to Mandelblatt, the cash goal for this year's walk is \$23,000. She said the goal shouldn't be difficult to reach in view of last year's walk, which raised \$20,000, an all-time high.

"I'm anticipating a big crowd," she said.

"We feel the need to show support for victims and survivors of HIV and AIDS," he said. "It's an ongoing battle."

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 21

■ Mohammed Fida, professor of criminal justice at Eastern New Mexican University, is giving a lecture on criminal procedure in sexual offenses at 3:30 p.m. in 242 Gilbert.

Saturday, May 22

■ The Asian American theater group will have a performance dealing with issues of Asian Americans at 7 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room. An R & B Philipina group, Pinay, will perform following the event. Cost is \$8 with a student ID and \$9 without a student ID.

Sunday, May 23

■ The Gulf Countries Council Student Union will have its first annual billiard match-off for all students at the University. The match begins at 3 p.m. in the EMU. Students must have student ID and \$5 for a joining fee. For more information, e-mail uks@efn.org.

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