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Dr. Sol Gordon speaks to roughly 100 students and faculty about love, sex and masturbation Monday afternoon in the EMU.

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person; 60 to 70 percent," he said, "but you don't have to." Finding potential mates isn't simply a matter of sex, love or the stars being in your favor, he said. It's also more than just biology working its magic.

So what is it?
 "The best indication is friendship and a respect for each other," he said.

Gordon said many people's problems may be that they're just not looking in the right places for love and are surprised when they don't find a perfect mate at the local bar, on the Internet, or even in the bedroom. He advised what he likes to call the "Mitzvah" therapy. "Mitzvah" is the Hebrew word for doing good.

"Meet out of interests, in commu-

nity service, doing mitzvahs," he said. "Meet people who are also doing good deeds and something useful."

Furthermore, he said physical aspects should not be the primary focus in what determines being in love.

"You could have great sex and no relationship," he said.

Gordon also spoke about the role sex plays in a relationship and what to do if one partner craves physical attention more than the other.

"Sex is not the answer," he said. The commitment that accompanies a solid relationship cannot be based on sex, and if that is a point of conflict, the individual wanting more sex than available may have to take matters into his or her own hands.

"I'll tell you what to do — masturbate," he said. "At least then you're having sex with somebody who won't reject you."

He challenged the audience to examine reality and not always look for completion in another person, but rather to look within, defining their own role in the relationship, and finding their voice.

Several students said they valued Gordon's input and his advice.

"Love is important to every relationship. I learned everyone's (definition of) love is different and no one has a right to say it's just infatuation," student Rick Reed said.

Others who attended the seminar are planning to apply the "friends-first" approach to current relationships.

"I learned not to marry for love — friendship is more important," said Katie Mahaffey.

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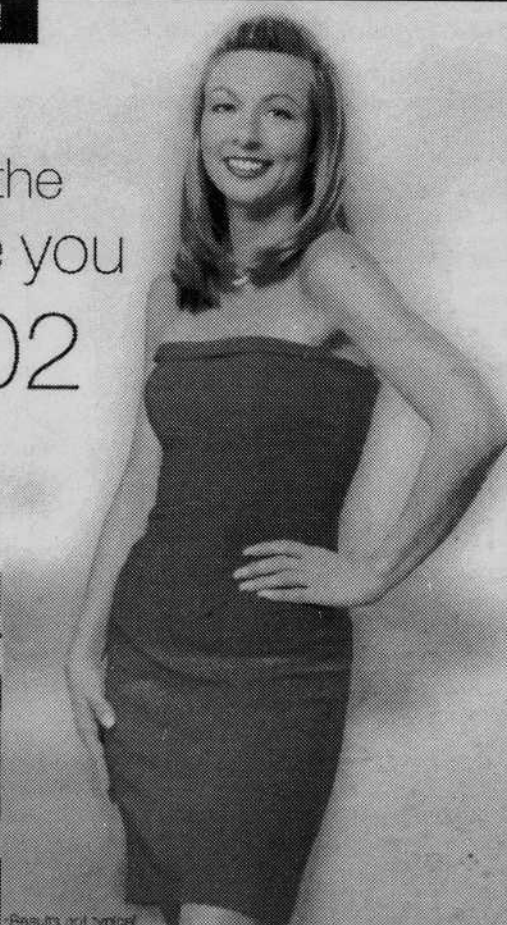
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but "middle of the road."

Frequent protests and student activism over the years have given the University a reputation of campus liberalism. One well-known campus demonstration occurred in 1970, when students protested the University Senate's decision to retain the ROTC program on campus. About 400 protesters sat-in at Johnson Hall and rallied against ROTC facilities on campus by throwing fire crackers and torches as well as apples with razor blades through windows. The police used tear gas and pepper spray to disperse the crowd.

Large-scale campus demonstrations returned to the University in spring 2000, when students camped out for 10 days on Johnson Hall's lawn in an anti-sweatshop-labor campaign urging the University to join the Worker Rights Consortium.

Survival Center co-director Randy Newnham said he does not believe that campus protests define student's political ideologies as liberal. He said he also thinks the survey inaccurately defines liberalism

and conservatism because they base it solely on human rights and drugs.

"When they measure liberalism based on these terms, it's ludicrous," he said. "I think the definition of liberalism and conservatism is stereotypical and outdated."

Newnham said he believes more students on campus have been demonstrating awareness and showing interest in becoming involved, but he would define their political beliefs as radical, not liberal.

"I would describe more students as being radical because many of the students that I work with are anti-capitalism, pro-labor equality, pro-liberation and think critically about world events," he said. "They question the basic conformity that only gives us two choices between liberalism and conservatism."

Campus Republicans treasurer Jarrett White said he believes the majority of students at the University do hold liberal views.

"There is a bias against conservatives here at the University," he said. "If you look at the protests, most are for liberal causes, and I think that just by listening to the majority of professors' lectures,

you will hear liberal viewpoints."

White attributes many students' liberal tendencies at the University to professors expressing their political views in classes. Campus Democrats secretary Lauren Manes said she believes University students demonstrate more liberal attitudes because political activism on campus usually represents liberal views, and the majority of students vote for the Democratic Party or the Green Party.

"I think that a lot of students at the University do not become as involved or as active in the Campus Democrats because they do feel as if their liberal views are threatened," she said.

However, Manes said she did think liberalism has been growing in popularity. She has been involved with the Campus Democrats for three years and said the group is becoming more diverse each year. This year, more women and people of color have been interested in attending meetings and getting involved, she said.

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Veto

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Kitzhaber may line-item veto portions of up to 13 bills passed by the Legislature, including HB 4028, which allows for Sunday liquor sales.

No changes are planned for Oregon's higher education budget, already slated to lose 5.2 percent of its funding with the Legislature's cut of \$43.3 million.

This is the first time in Oregon history that a governor has decided to modify a Legislature's budget proposal without its subsequent approval, but Kitzhaber said he was ready and able to make his changes.

His actions may temporarily solve the budget crisis, but Kitzhaber said he plans to call the Legislature back in June after

an quarterly economic forecast is issued.

The governor had indicated he would support any bills passed by the Legislature as long as they did not rely on one-time funding sources. The Legislature's second budget attempt used almost \$500 million in one-time funds to fill the state's \$846 million budget hole.

"This budget is an embarrassment, and it should be vetoed," Kitzhaber said. It "creates a huge fiscal cliff for the 2003 to 2005 fiscal year."

Kitzhaber said stopping legislators from using tobacco settlement money was the least he could do.

"The issue isn't about taxes. It's about a sustainable budget," he said. "We have \$500 million in one-time revenue sources in this budget because this Legislature

wasn't responsible."

On Saturday, the Legislature voted on the budget by party lines, and reaction to Kitzhaber's veto statement ran the same partisan way.

State Sen. Tony Corcoran, D-Cottage Grove, praised the governor's stance on the budget issue.

"The governor is the only person in the building with vision," he said.

State Board of Higher Education Student Representative Tim Young also lauded Kitzhaber's announcement.

"I applaud the governor's veto," Young said. "I don't think the Band-Aid approach is appropriate for our state or for higher education."

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