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day for women to come together.

"I think that it's important to show the international connections among women," she said.

Reis said this year's theme is important because people still tend to think of HIV and AIDS only in terms of gay men.

"People don't think there's a connection between women and AIDS," she said.

Lindi Endicott, Planned Parenthood health educator and international program coordinator, said 50 percent of the people becoming infected with HIV are women.

"These are matters of life and death," she said, adding that Planned Parenthood offers HIV training and education outreach to youth. "I believe that it should be about awareness. I think it's about mothers and their children and the future."

Debbie Castro, West Coast campus director for the Feminist Majority Foundation, said the Bush administration

does not support health care for women internationally that emphasizes safe sex habits.

"We support the global movement for increased access to a broad spectrum of reproductive health services," Castro said.

She said one example is a lack of services in Africa. She said there are only three condoms to every adult male in Africa at this time.

"(The administration is) not providing HIV/AIDS prevention that supports giving condoms," she said, adding that "religion is trumping health."

Castro emphasized the importance of women getting involved in the political process and voting for those who support safe sex practices.

"They pass the laws that distribute or don't distribute contraception," she said. "Doing local activism really has an impact."

University junior Madoka Momoi, who is from Japan, said she had never heard of the holiday until a few days ago, but she feels it should be celebrated more widely to recognize women.

"I think they are overlooked in many

places," Momoi said.

Momoi, who is studying Spanish and international studies, said the day seems to be a way to acknowledge the historical economic, political and social imbalance of power among men and women.

"It's changing really little by little," she said.

University junior Mona Jones, who is studying dance and environmental studies, agreed women may be more underrepresented in other parts of the world.

"The international perspective is important because especially in other countries women may not get as much acknowledgment," she said.

She said although for her "every day is women's day," designating a day helps make sure other people recognize the role of women.

"I guess I feel like it's important to recognize it and make it an event because maybe not everybody feels that way," she said.

University exchange student Olga Grecova, who is studying international studies, said International Women's Day is an official holiday in Moldova,



Danielle Hickey Photo Editor

University seniors Kristin Dean (left) and Brittany Smith listen to their Theories & Fiction from Women's Movement professor as the class discusses current events Friday morning.

where she is from.

She compared the day to Mother's Day because it gives men a reason to show their appreciation for women.

"It's some kind of the same idea of

making women feel good for being women," she said.

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"Cesar Chavez belongs to you," she said. "But frankly he belongs to everyone."

"Why is it that we can't embrace a man that promoted education?" Churchill High School junior Moises Rodriguez said. "He stood for the education of everyone — the rights of everyone."

Supporters argued further that the growing Latino population justifies honoring Chavez in a district where the vast majority of schools are named for Caucasians.

"There are enough (Latino) students that it's important to see something that reflects them and who they

are," Quinn said.

Board member Craig Smith cited the board's negotiations with the teacher's union to alter its policies so the district could more aggressively recruit Hispanic teachers. Additionally, the board listed "closing the achievement gap" as one of its goals, referring to disparities between groups of students based on race, ethnicity and a number of other criteria.

"If you look at what the board has done ... it is to acknowledge the changing demographics," Smith said. The vote will take place Wednesday, and the decision will have to "balance the naming committee, the public input and the policy," board member Chris Pryor said.

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Tim Bobosky Photographer

Javier Ayala jazes up the crowd outside the Eugene 4J School District office building on Friday.

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considering the high use.

She said the library will hold extended hours for spring term as well, but after that the service cannot be guaranteed. She added that she is working with the ASUO to find other possible sources for funding.

"Unless we sort of can work out that arrangement, I don't know if we'll be able to afford it on our own," she said.

—Chelsea Duncan

CAMPUS BUZZ

Monday

Art exhibit opening, group show, LaVerne Krause Gallery, Lawrence Hall, 6-8 p.m.

Trotter Lecture featuring a talk by Clifford Madsen from Florida State University entitled "A Positive Approach for Social Interaction," Room 198, Music Building, 1 p.m.

University Theatre Showcase Production, Room 104, Arena Theatre, Villard Hall, 5 p.m.

Law lecture featuring a talk by Ajay Bhatt, a human rights adviser for the U.S. State Department's Office of Multilateral Affairs, entitled "Indigenous Rights in a Multilateral Context," 184 Knight Law Center, 7:30 p.m.

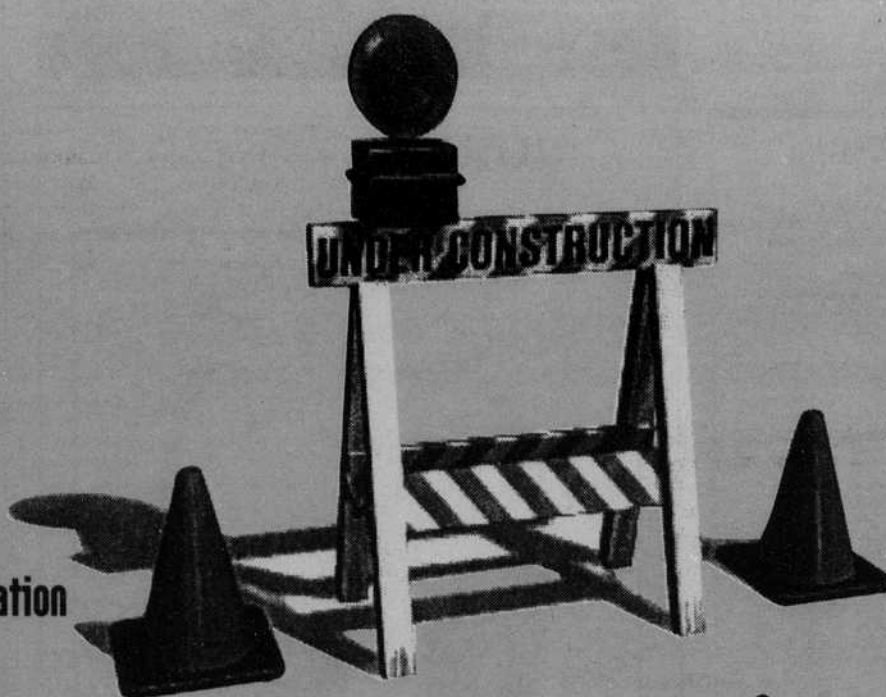
Film screening of "Screaming Queens: The Riot at Compton's Cafeteria," Fir Room, EMU, 8 p.m.

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