

CSPA program aids 38 paraprofessionals

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A segment of the Eugene community attends the University without many people knowing. Unlike the under-25 bloc which permeates the campus, this segment is a group of paraprofessionals working in various community non-profit agencies. Some are as old as 62; some fall in the low-income brackets. None have much college education.

Paraprofessionals are persons working under or alongside professionals and often just lack the college education necessary to be called professionals. Thus, their career mobility to higher positions is often hindered.

New Careers in Mental Health (NCMH), a special CSPA program funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, enables these paraprofessionals to receive college credit for their work experience and hopefully "graduate" with bachelor degrees.

"Competency is often based only on college degrees," explains Lynn Craycroft, an NCMH coordinator. "Because of this, we are trying to give paraprofessionals recognition and credit for their experience."

Most of the 38 paraprofes-

sionals enrolled in NCMH are on independent study programs which incorporate their jobs. Many are also creating portfolios which describe and document their community experience and will yield credit upon faculty approval.

Depending on their educational backgrounds, these paraprofessionals receive either lower division credit through Lane Community College or upper division credit through the University, usually in CSPA.

Since many of the paraprofessionals have low incomes, NCMH also helps pay their tuition if necessary. The program is funded for five years on a National Institute of Mental Health grant, most of which is used for tuition purposes.

Craycroft defines the program's purpose as "the delivery of quality services in the community." She explains that a community must be mentally healthy to function successfully and that NCMH contributes to Eugene's mental fitness by improving the quality of workers at its human-service agencies. The paraprofessionals enrolled in NCMH work at such agencies as the Child Center, the Pearl Buck Center and the Lane County Jail.

Co-ed dorm accepting reservations

Deutsches Haus tries again

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The German department doesn't give up easily. After little success last year in founding a German residence hall for its students, the department is now accepting reservations for next year's revised, more complete version of the Deutsches Haus.

The Deutsches Haus will be a co-ed dormitory open to all students interested in living in a German environment to complement their German studies. No set level of language proficiency is required — just plain interest will do.

Apart from its physical surroundings, Deutsches Haus will be a bit of Germany in Eugene. A host of German magazines, newspapers, books and video tapes will be available to the residents. The magazines and newspapers will come straight from Germany's big cities. German travel information will also be available at the Haus for anyone planning a trip over to the real thing.

Hopefully, the dormitory's basement will convert into a language laboratory and a library for the residents' convenience in doing their German homework. Classes for credit in German Circle Games and International Folksinging also will be held in the dormitory's lounge.

Daily conversation among residents will be in German as much as possible. The extent will be up to the residents themselves. While some advanced German students may want to speak nothing but "Deutsch," those just beginning their German careers will undoubtedly want and need to revert to English occasionally.

Haus organizer Karen Achberger, a University assistant professor in German, says this idea of daily German conversation may have been the main drawback which stunted student interest in the Deutsches Haus last year.

"I'm afraid we gave the impression that the Haus would be just a group of advanced German students sitting around the fireplace and talking philosophy in German.

This time around we are placing a different emphasis on the Haus. The key thing will be just interest in German."

Achberger especially encourages students planning on traveling or studying in Germany someday to live in the Haus. She says it will be an excellent stepping stone between American and German cultures.

Although the Haus will be located in what is now Dunn Hall of the Hamilton dormitory complex, Achberger hopes to find a house off campus for it in the future. She fears that many students will not sign up for the Haus since it is a dormitory. She explains, however, that house-hunting has been difficult and that the University's housing department has been very cooperative in the plan.

The cost of living in the Deutsches Haus next year will be the same as regular dormitory prices (\$1,320 for multiple, \$1,715 for single). Applications and further information are available in Achberger's office, 204 Friendly Hall. Applications should be filed by June 1.

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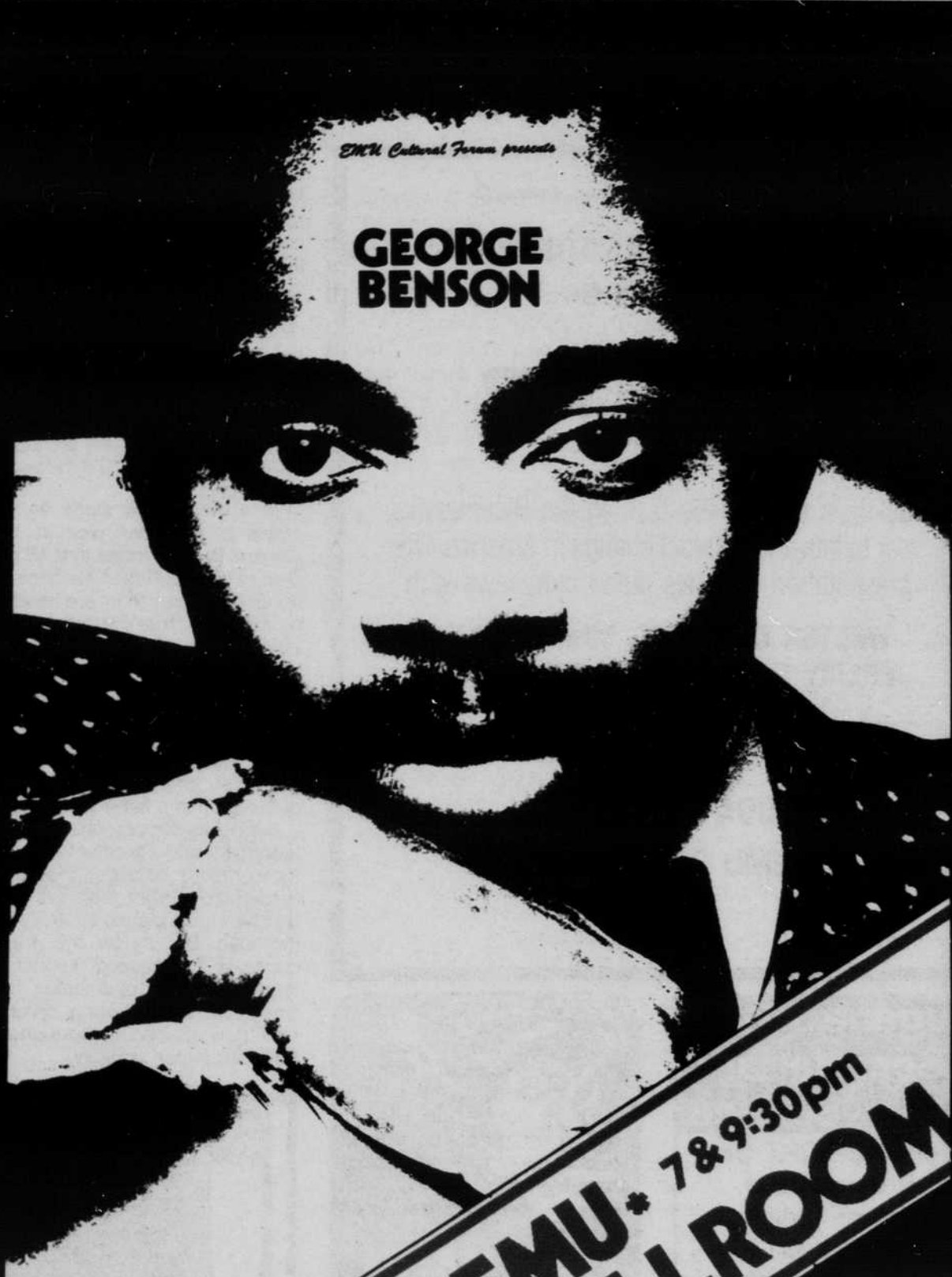
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