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# Trial contraceptive sale set

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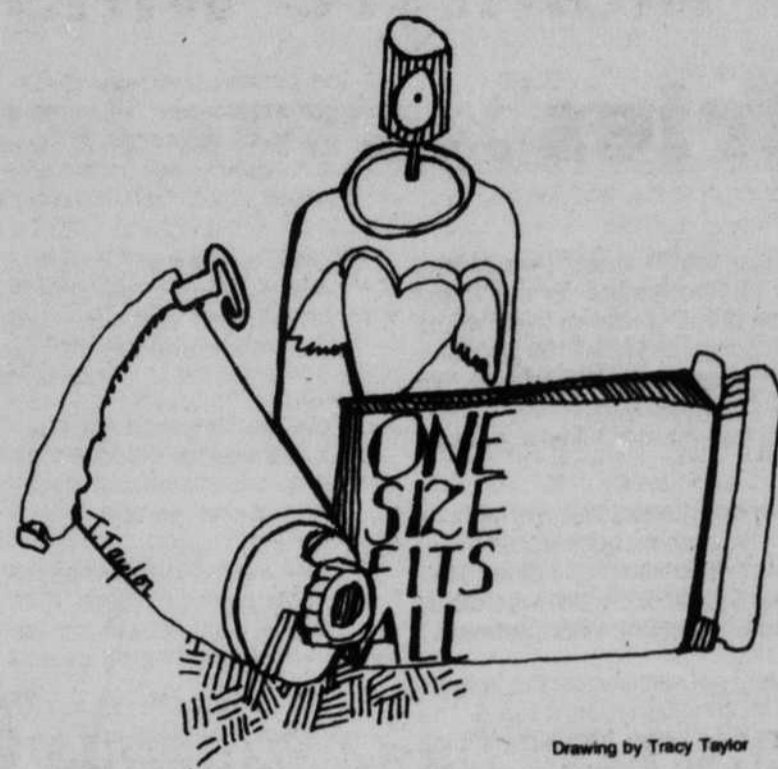
Non-prescriptive contraceptives will be sold in the University Bookstore on a trial basis beginning Sept. 1. Sales will be reviewed January 1977 to determine the "economic feasibility" of stocking the items on a permanent basis, according to Bookstore manager Gerald Henson.

When asked about anticipated public reaction to the new products, Henson said the Bookstore had problems in the past regarding the sale of "certain" magazines, but added "intelligent parents will know that contraceptives are for their children's own good."

Henson and assistant manager Jim Williams consider the Bookstore a "leader" as "one of the first university bookstores" to take advantage of a law implemented last September in Oregon allowing non-prescriptive contraceptives to be sold in any store or business. Sale of such items was previously limited to premises with a pharmacist's license, or under certain conditions, in vending machines.

Planned Parenthood Director Kaye Turner credits Margaret Hallet, of the local Planned Parenthood, for the May 27 decision by the University Bookstore Board of Directors to add non-prescriptive contraceptives to their product line. Henson said six months of discussion preceded the recent decision and that two board members are uncertain about the policy.

According to Henson, campus community need for convenient access to contraceptives was created by the disappearance of



Drawing by Tracy Taylor

Claypool's Pharmacy on 13th Avenue, which went out of business last year.

Neither of the two grocery stores closest to campus have any definite plans to stock non-prescriptive contraceptives in the near future. The management of the 7-11 store at 13th Avenue and Alder Street agreed contraceptives should be available in grocery stores, but expressed no interest in stocking the items until demand becomes evident in the form of a public request. As yet, according to a spokesman for the local market, no such requests have been made.

Dale Turpin, manager of McKay's Market on Franklin Blvd., "couldn't say whether or not" birth

control items will be sold in the future, but admitted he had "no plans" to stock them immediately. When asked why, he said, "they're not in the order guide."

Turner said some grocers think contraceptives are "too personal an item" for open sale, but added that she remembered when it was necessary to ask a pharmacist for a tampon. Now feminine hygiene items are stocked beside Kleenex, she observed.

Turner is interested in stimulating interest in the issue, especially on campus, and encourages people to suggest that merchants stock contraceptives. Grocers "won't do it until they're demanded," she explained.

## Eugene claims kinship

# Katmandu official sister-city

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The idea of referring to twin metropolitan areas as "sister cities" is an old practice in the Northwest. There's Portland-Vancouver, Seattle-Tacoma, Eugene-Springfield and... Eugene-Katmandu. Katmandu?

Strange as it may seem, Katmandu, Nepal is in fact Eugene's official sister-city. Indeed the relationship is an odd one. Visitors between the two cities are hard pressed to find similarities other than the fact that Rhododendrons are local to both areas.

Relations between the two cities began in 1955 when Oregon education professor Hugh Wood was invited to Katmandu by a Nepalese friend. At the time Wood was studying in India on a Fulbright scholarship.

When he returned to Oregon Wood contacted the federal government for help in establishing a teachers' college in Katmandu. Under provisions of the foreign aid program the State Department supplied educational materials such as books and lab equipment.

The program was designed as a dual educational exchange. Thirty-eight Nepalese students came to Eugene and studied at the University. In return three Oregon professors traveled to

Katmandu to plan the administrative groundwork for the teachers' college.

By founding the teachers' college, the University contingent fostered a monumental period in the history of Nepalese education. The college functioned as a core of what later developed into Tribuvan University, the heart of Nepalese higher education. Scattered campuses in remote areas were united to form a cohesive university. Tribuvan now features such departments as law and economics, and future plans call for forming science programs.

Many Nepalese graduates of Oregon aspired to prominent positions upon returning to their homeland. Included are the minister of education, minister of communications, the ex-foreign minister and the present Nepalese ambassador to France.

Despite a long-standing friendship between Katmandu and Eugene, the concept of a sister city program didn't begin until October 1975. Robert Dodge, former Oregon professor and regional representative of Sister Cities International, visited Katmandu and presented the idea to Mayor JuJu Bhai Rajbhandari. A letter from Rajbhandari to Eugene Mayor Les Anderson supported Dodge's proposal. The Eugene City Council unanimously approved the proposal and appointed the sister-city committee.

Many of the committee mem-

bers are Oregon professors who have traveled to Nepal. Three Nepalese students at Oregon are also committee members. Student member DeePak Nath Upiraiti is the son of the Nepalese ambassador to France.

Oregon physics professor Francis Dart is the committee chair. Dart was a member of the three man party which initially founded the teachers college. While University personnel have been dominant in promoting the sister-city program, Dart resides over committee affairs with a city-to-city policy.

"The program is more concerned with the Eugene community and not strictly the University," remarks Dart. "We're interested in the people's desire to get acquainted with one another. This is a cultural exchange program for the benefit of people in Eugene. We're not involved with a huge financial sort of thing."

Dart is hoping for a Nepalese art exhibit to be displayed in Eugene high schools this fall. Another aspect of the program calls for an exchange of Rhododendrons between Mayors Anderson and Rajbhandari. Anderson climbed in the Nepalese Himalayas two years ago and plans to return for a climb sometime this fall.

In the coming years Eugene parks will feature some interesting signs of the sister-city program. Rhododendrons from Katmandu grow to be 40 feet tall.