

Women's workshop promotes self-help

The Women's Referral and Resource Service will conduct a communications workshop Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Central Presbyterian Church, 1475 Ferry St.

The workshop will introduce individuals of the Eugene area to self-improvement programs available to them.

Women professionals will lead sessions in assertiveness training, health care, polarity, shiatsu (a form of massage), bio-energetics, communication skills and awareness through movements. There is no registration charge but participants are asked to bring a sack lunch. Beverages and child care will be provided.

Women's Referral and Resource Service is an ASUO organization and its purpose is to "aid women in their search for information, skills, tools and services which will help them gain autonomy in a sexist culture", according to Priscilla Elder, assistant coordinator. Services the group offers includes a library and resource file of information about health services, abortion, pregnancy, counseling, legal aid, businesses, sports and other related subjects.

Individuals use Women's Referral and Resource Service as a meeting place to exchange information on housing, jobs and new services in the area, and to organize themselves into counseling, study and skill groups. Located in Suite 1 of the EMU, the service is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office is staffed by volunteers.

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In five-minute meeting Profs push semester system

Though Wednesday's General Faculty meeting lasted just five minutes, there was still time for two organizational proposals.

Both are scheduled for discussion at the group's next meeting in February. The first proposal, sponsored by marketing professor John Wish, history professor Paul Holbo and management professor James Koch calls for establishment of the early semester system throughout the University.

At present only the law school operates under the early semester system, with the first semester beginning in August and concluding in December and the second semester beginning in January and concluding in May.

Holbo sees three distinct advantages to the early semester system over the current term system. "First of all," he said, "the term system doesn't offer sufficient time to complete the work of a course." The fact that the early semester system will reduce the frequency of

registering, buying books and the like also is an advantage, he noted, and it will be less costly for the University. "We expect to save a substantial amount of money," he said, through eliminating one registration session and set of report cards, for example.

The second proposal, introduced by anthropology professor Malcolm McFee proposes that the double listing of 400 and 500 level courses be permitted in the course guide. McFee explained that currently a single course may be listed twice in the course schedule — offered by different departments under different titles. "But it's the same course," he explained, "meeting at the same time with the same instructor. Students receive credit from whichever department they enrolled through." McFee said that although courses are already offered in this manner it isn't strictly legal and his proposal is designed to rectify this situation.

Handicapped gain inroads — slowly

By KEVIN HARDEN
Of the Emerald

While much attention is focused on the 1977 Oregon Legislature and the issues before it, decisions made four years ago are slowly becoming reality on the University campus.

Legislation effective January 1973 that provided for the removal of architectural barriers to the disabled in and around public buildings has begun to take the form of walkway ramps and curb cuts in campus sidewalks.

Several studies by the University Physical Plant in conjunction with the physically handicapped students' organization, ALERT, and Darrel Ackerman of the University Planning Office staff, suggest possible remedies but action taken on the legislation has been slow and costly.

According to Physical Plant Di-

rector Harold Babcock, curb cuts for bicycle and wheelchair traffic could cost from \$150 to \$300. Interior and exterior walkway ramps cost from \$10 to \$50.

Since it would be unreasonable to expect all the needed modifications to be completed at one time, an October, 1976 Planning Committee report on the accessibility of campus walkways established several priorities. These include the intensity of use by both wheelchair and bicycle traffic, the buildings and areas supporting curricula which attract handicapped students and the cost of various alternatives in planning.

While most walkways and buildings have been made accessible over the past several years, some are still deficient. Construction of nearly all existing ramps and curb cuts still does not meet accepted standards of accessibility for blind students.

Although the University has

continually worked toward improving campus accessibility, money has become a problem. Most money for construction and modification comes from special state and federal funds and private donations.

"We received funding to modify about six buildings," said William Manley, assistant to the physical plant director, "but now we're having trouble getting funds to upgrade existing sidewalks."

According to Manley, modification work is done only as money becomes available.

Other problems faced by the Planning Committee include the accessibility of campus building interiors. Some buildings, according to Manley, can be made to meet accessibility standards only to the first floor. Elevators to relieve this cost about \$22,000 and are scheduled to be installed in several buildings by the end of next summer.

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MEETINGS

The Baptist Student Union will meet at 7:30 tonight at 1340 Mill St. Apt. 207. Tonight's topic is "Loneliness."

LECTURES

Loren Raymond of Southern Oregon State College will speak on "Possible Mid-Plate Magmatism in the Franciscan Complex of California" at 12:30 p.m. today in Room 307, Volcanology. His lecture is part of the geology department's Thursday lunchbagger program.

John Cameron from the University of Alberta will speak on "When is a Proton not a Proton? The Search for Nucleon Isobars in Nuclei Using Intermediate Energy Protons" at 3:30 p.m. today in Room 16, Science 1. His lecture is part of the physics department's colloquium program.

Bee Sholes from the Mental Health Clinic will speak on "History and Progression of Alcoholism" at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the social rooms of the First Christian Church, 12th and Oak. Her lecture is part of the alcohol education series coordinated by the Lane County Council on Alcoholism which runs every Thursday night. Interested persons are invited to attend.

Bill Wilkins, an OSU economics professor, will discuss his experiences in federal tax policy forma-

tion at an economics seminar at 3:30 p.m. today in Room 360, Condon. He recently spent several months as a staff member of the House Ways and Means Committee in Washington, D.C.

Rabbi Alan Berg from Portland will speak on "The World of Saul Bellow" at 8 tonight in the EMU, room to be posted.

MISCELLANEOUS

Anyone with questions about academic warning, changing majors or other academic concerns can stop by the Academic Advising and Information Fair from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. today in Room 167, EMU.

The Lane County Affirmative Action Advisory Committee will host an informal question and answer session with county commissioner Archie Weinstein at 7:30 tonight in Harris Hall, County Courthouse. Interested persons are invited to attend.

The Eugene Center for the Transcendental Meditation program will host the Inauguration of a Program to Create An Ideal Society for Eugene at 8 tonight at the City Council Chambers, 777 Pearl St.

Speakers from the community will include George Mattox, owner of Mattox Pipes and OUT-DOOR Outfitters, and Jon Wu, a local attorney. Rolf Erickson and David Fields, teachers of the TM

program, will discuss their vision of possibilities for the unfolding of the highest ideals and aspirations of human life, both for the individual and for society as a whole.

The inauguration is free and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 343-8738.

Anyone interested in spending summer, 1977 in Austria and Germany for University credit is invited to attend an orientation at 7 tonight in the Dunn-Hamilton dormitory lounge. It will review the state system's eight-week summer session in German language and culture held in St. Johann (Tyrol) and Munich (Bavaria). Past participants will show slides and answer questions.

WRA needs qualified officials to referee both co-ed and women's intramural basketball games Monday evenings. Interested persons should stop by the WRA office in Room 8, Gerlinger, or call x 4121. There will be a meeting at 4 p.m. today to instruct all those interested in officiating.

A meditation with disciples of Sri Chinmoy is held every Thursday noon in the EMU, room posted on Thursdays. Born in Bengal, India, in 1931, Sri Chinmoy came to the West in 1965. He is director of the United Nations Meditation Group in New York, and is a noted poet, artist and author.

The free weekly meditations are sponsored by the Sri Chinmoy Meditation Group. For more information, call 345-6328 or 484-0457.

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