

CLEP eases tuition costs

A solution to the high costs of college — according to one student — is to challenge courses offered by the University and thereby cut expenses in tuition and books.

Of course, it is necessary to get a passing score before receiving credit for a course challenged, but Evelyn Rowe, head of the testing program for the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and University Credit by Exam, agrees it's a "pretty good bargain for students."

Some University students have challenged as many as 45 credit hours by examination, Rowe said, which amounts to an entire year of college. Students who have taken tests in the program advocate them as a good way to take care of general requirements in a short time.

Even though testing attempts don't always produce successful results, Rowe said the general pass ratio is 72 to 75 per cent. The majority of the classes challenged are general examinations to measure factual information and understanding of material in broad areas of social sciences, natural sciences and humanities.

Of the two types of college testing available, CLEP is a national testing program that is given the third week of every month at the University Counseling Center, Room 150, Susan Campbell. Registration must be completed one month before the desired testing date. Fees are \$20 for one test, \$30 for two tests and \$40 for three to five tests.

CLEP subject examinations are supposedly comparable to the final tests in undergraduate courses and are designed to

cover the content of a typical course in that subject.

The exams are available to anyone — whether enrolled in school or not — but the University grants passing credit only after the candidate is registered at the University.

University Credit by Exam gives students a choice of receiving a grade or pass on their records after successfully challenging a course. If students fail any exam, it doesn't show on their records.

These exams can be taken on the third floor of Susan Campbell Hall for a fee of \$15 per course.

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Students are restricted from taking an exam if it is more elementary than courses for which credit has already been given, if they have attempted the test before, if they aren't registered as full or part-time students or if they currently are enrolled in a higher level course.

Donald Leon Taylor, an accounting major, has probably passed more CLEP exams than any other registered University student. He passed 36 hours by CLEP and 15 hours of English by advanced placement while at South Eugene High School.

Taylor says he wouldn't consider himself a particularly good student, but adds he didn't have trouble with the tests. He cites a good test-taking ability as the passing factor in these exams. "Anybody who takes multiple choice tests well should have no

problem," Taylor says. "Some can do it; some can't."

Students may petition to challenge courses that aren't standardized by the testing center. Petitions are available at the Petitions window of the registrar's office.

The Petition should then be taken to a qualified faculty member to prepare the desired test. Arrangements to take the exam are made by the particular department and test results are sent to the registrar.

Most student course challengers agree that CLEP tests are difficult to study for. Journalism senior Dan McGinnis says he relied on his high school educational background and prior reading to pass his 27 hours by CLEP. But "you have to think," in taking some of the tests, he says.

Another student commented that the testing concepts were very general and no preparation was needed before challenging exams. However, some students valued the sample questions and study guidelines for standardized exams available at the testing center.

A descriptive CLEP brochure states that candidates often perform successfully on the general examinations with no formal course work in the subject if they use background sources in basic reading, films and educational television.

Taylor suggests a basic knowledge of current events and a "sense of what's going on." He points out that some study was helpful in the American history test, of which he passed nine courses by CLEP exam. He studied a college-level text one month before taking the test and strongly encourages others to do the same before challenging history courses.

Taylor says the exams are similar in design to American College Testing and Scholastic Aptitude Tests taken before admittance to the University.

Artist to give informal talk

Mary Caroline Richards, author of "Centering" and "The Crossing Point," has been giving workshops in the Fine and Applied Arts Department since early this month. Tonight at 7:30 she will give an informal talk in Room 283, Lawrence.

In the most simplistic way, Richards is a potter, a poet and a teacher. Her life has been woven in and around schools, from the University of California at Berkeley, where she took a Ph.D. in English, to Central Washington State College, University of Chicago, City College in New York, Black Mountain College and Waldorf schools and communities (based on the work of Rudolf Steiner).

Circus coming Saturday

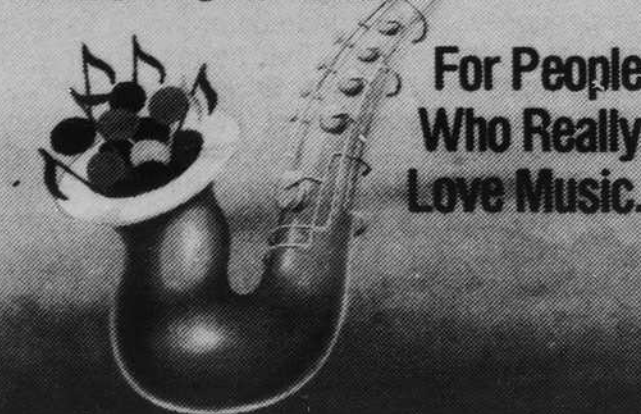
The 26th annual Shrine Circus is set for Saturday with performances scheduled for 2:15 and 7:30 p.m. in Mac Court.

William Rees, permanent general chairman for the event, says the circus will be produced by Polack Bros., who are billed as the "World's Biggest Traveling Indoor Circus."

Hundreds of less fortunate and institutionalized children will see the circus with tickets donated by Shriners, business firms, organizations and individuals. In addition, the Eugene-Springfield Shrine Club will assist patients under 15 years of age who need orthopedic or burn care and who cannot be financed by their parents or guardians.

Information and advanced ticket sales are being conducted at 205 West Eighth Ave. For more information, call 345-2751 or 747-6886.

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Commencement ceremony set for law school grads

The University law school has been producing graduates every year since it moved here from Portland in 1915, and this spring is no exception as commencement exercises are slated for 2 p.m. this Saturday.

The 150 graduates expected to participate are "about an average size class" according to law school dean Chapin Clark. "Our enrollment has been fairly steady for the last few years." Of the graduates, perhaps 80 per cent will take the Oregon state bar exam this summer, with the remainder choosing different areas in which to practice.

Featured speaker will be Sidney Lezak, the U.S. attorney for Oregon since 1961, when he was nominated for that position by the late Pres. John Kennedy.

Lezak received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Chicago before coming to Oregon in 1949. His formal education includes studies at Northwestern, Furman and Southwest Texas universities. His achievements include past

president of the Oregon chapter of the Federal Bar Association and a member of the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College in Portland since 1965.

Other Oregon notables will "bring greetings" to the graduates, but according to Clark, they will probably give standard welcome speeches. They include Justice Hans Linde of the Oregon Supreme Court, Valerie McIntyre, a member of the State Board of Higher Education, and Bruce Sampson, a Portland attorney representing the law school's alumni association.

The commencement exercises will be held in the courtyard of the law school, and are expected to run a little over one hour. In the event of rain the ceremonies will move into the EMU. An informal reception will follow in the law school building for the graduates and their guests.

"Hopefully it will be a festive occasion for graduates and their relatives and friends," concluded Clark.

Scientists slated to speak on campus

Two of the top scientists in the world will be guest lecturers at the University Monday and Tuesday.

Francis Crick, the 1962 Nobel Prize winner in medicine, and Leslie Orgel, senior research fellow in chemistry at the Salk Institute of biological studies, will present technical and non-technical lectures during a joint visit.

Orgel, whose work has probed the chemical origins of life, will deliver a non-technical address on "The Origins of Self-Replicating Molecules" at 8 p.m. Monday in Room 150, Geology. His address will serve as a prelude to the 8 p.m. Tuesday, Henry Failing Lecture by Crick, entitled "Some Speculations on the Origin of Life." The Crick lecture also

will be held in Room 150, Geology.

Both lecturers will be open, without charge, to the public.

Crick and Orgel, now colleagues at the Salk Institute in San Diego, are internationally recognized figures in science.

A pioneer in the field of DNA research, Crick has been described by fellow scientists as "the foremost molecular biologist in the world." Scientists from many nations have followed his study of DNA structures, the genetic code and protein synthesis. He has received many awards for his work, including the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1962 and honors from the Royal Society of London and the French Academy of Science.

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