

Groups discuss family role in sex education

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Sex Education Week helps parents talk to children

Last year was an historic year for Lane County, according to Dorothy Schwarz of the Family Planning Clinic in Eugene. For the first time, abortions outnumbered births, and 80 per cent of the women who had abortions used no form of birth control.

Through Sept. 17 of this year,

there have been 818 reported cases of Venereal Disease (VD) in Lane County. Only one-fifth of the actual cases of VD are reported.

Statistics like these are one of the reasons this is Oregon Family Sex Education Week. The Eugene Public Library, the Planned Parenthood Association and Lane County Family Planning are

sponsoring various activities in an effort to make parents more responsible for their children's sex education.

"The family is the prime sex educator of children; whether it is qualified or not," Schwarz explained. The purpose of Family Sex Education Week is to better equip parents to handle the sex education of their children.

The first event of the week will take place at 7:30 tonight in the Eugene Public Library. A panel consisting of a physician, a psychologist, a clergyman and a staff member of Planned Parenthood will discuss the question, "Are you an Askable Parent?"

Schwarz explained that by "askable" they mean "approachable," by your children to ask questions about sex. The meeting will be held in the library's second floor meeting room.

The documentary, "Guess Who's Pregnant?" will be shown Thursday at 9 p.m. on KEZI-TV. It deals with teenage motherhood, sex education and other aspects of teenage sexuality. The program will be repeated Friday at 10 p.m. on Channel 3.

In addition, the public library will have a book display throughout the week on sex education for parents to use with children of all ages. Books on sexuality and parenting also will be displayed.

Planned Parenthood, 134 E. 13th St., will also feature a selection of similar books and pamphlets.

Sex education is a difficult thing for parents to handle, Schwarz said. Many of them prefer to leave it for the school's sex education program.

But school programs depend on the individual teacher, who may or may not be comfortable with sex education.

While the number of cases of VD in Lane County last year was down six per cent from 1975, VD is still a serious problem, Schwarz said.

According to Planned Parenthood statistics, each year 10 per cent of the 15 to 19-year-old women in the United States become pregnant. Of these pregnancies, fully one-third of them result in abortions.

Obviously, the need for effective sex education in America is as great as ever, Schwarz said, adding that it starts with the family.

National search on to fill public services position

The University is expected to announce the appointment of the new administration position of assistant provost within a week according to University Pres., William Boyd.

Boyd also said a national search is underway to fill the other new position, vice-president for public services.

The assistant provost will assume most of the responsibilities of the dean of administrative ser-

vices and vice-president for student affairs offices, both vacated last year.

"We are now at the tail end of our search," Boyd said. "The three finalists are being interviewed this week and I believe that the appointment will be announced within the week."

"We decided to combine the two positions into one to have one division responsible for all student affairs," Boyd said.

"Our main objective is to help the student have a good educational experience and to have a total environment of learning."

The new vice-president for public services will develop relations with all external agencies from the University, such as federal and state governments, local communities and the alumni.

"This new position will help develop total outreach around the state like we should have been doing before," Boyd said.

"This will permit the University to deal with external affairs instead of being an isolated institution. We will be able to reach a greater market pool and not just 18-year-olds."

Probably the main reason for the position is to raise money. That's unfortunate, but that's the way we must think at the present time.

Movie

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chance to be cast for several small parts in the movie.

Part of the Sigma Nu contract, he said, provided for the privacy of fraternity members.

"We'll be able to carry on like normal," Frates explained. "The only inconvenience would be walking around the guys as they film."

Most of the filming will be done during the day, he said, and shouldn't interfere with fraternity members' studies.

The Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, also negotiating with the movie studio, hasn't signed a contract for the use of their house as yet.

Working on his 38th film, Macgregor-Scott explained that part of the movie company's plans include providing movie production internships for several Speech and Communications department students.

Although nothing definite has been worked out with speech department officials, Macgregor-Scott sees the internships as a "terrific opportunity."

Filming should begin Nov. 4, he said, and will continue for nearly seven weeks. During that time the filming crew and actors could add as much as \$1.5 million to Eugene's economy. Almost 3,000 extras chosen from the University student body will also be included in the filming.

Eugene and surrounding communities have become popular with movie companies which have filmed three other movies in the area.

Army stops "forgiveness"

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Army closed down its forgiveness program for Vietnam-era deserters Tuesday night, with no fanfare or last-minute rush from the thousand or so deserters still eligible to receive belated discharges from the military.

"The calls don't even seem to be increasing," Sgt. Bill English, public affairs supervisor for the program, said Tuesday afternoon.

Although it was reported that Chevy Chase of "NBC Saturday Night Live" had signed to play a role in the film, the only actor signed to date is John Belushi, Macgregor-Scott said.

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