

# Life planning seminar set

Both unemployed youth and local communities will benefit from a new federal program aimed at providing jobs and community improvement projects, according to Steve Schriver of the Lane County Youth and Children's Services Office.

Schriver said a \$134,000 allocation from the Youth Employment and Demonstration Acts is earmarked for projects that will employ 16 to 19-year-olds, who are having difficulty finding employment. The legislation also stipulates that the youths be employed in projects which produce "tangible benefits to the community."

"This (program) is primarily aimed at putting kids to work who have had a hell of a time finding a job," Schriver said.

Both private and public non-profit organizations may submit community improvement projects to Schriver's office.

To be eligible for the employment program, young people must be out of school or in a combination work-education program. Preference will be given to economically disadvantaged youths, but there are no income restrictions.

Schriver explained that 65 per

cent of the allocation is marked for actual wages. Supportive services, such as material and supervision, will take 25 per cent, with 10 per cent set aside for administrative costs.

Organizations wishing to sponsor projects must be able to administer the employment and training aspects of the projects.

Community project proposals will be reviewed by a screening committee and ranked according to priority. After this process, the applications will be reviewed by a number of other county agencies, with final approval to be given by the county commissioners.

# New program to benefit youth

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"There's a lot of pressure and stress on women getting careers," says Doreen Mirk, former director of the Good Neighbor Project. "We will try to help them make the right decisions."

The Good Neighbor Project, a volunteer program designed to help people deal with stressful situations through workshops and support groups along with Family Counseling Services of Eugene is sponsoring a women's seminar on "life planning and career decisions." The seminar will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid St. Mirk and co-leader Linda Hoag

will be conducting the seminar. Both have trained extensively with Dr. John Enright and George Pransky, prominent psychologists in the San Francisco Bay area.

"The seminar," Mirk explains, "will not involve counseling toward particular careers, but will focus on the emotional aspects of making career decisions."

The seminar is especially designed for women who want to develop alternative careers or who have a career and aren't sure it is the right one. It is also for those who don't want one at all and feel guilty about it.

A fee of \$12 will be charged to cover costs of the seminar. Free daycare will also be provided.

Mirk says the seminar will con-

sist of large group talks and two-person discussions. However, she says the atmosphere will be informal. "No one has to share if they don't want to."

Mirk says most women already have some idea of what they want to do, but have doubts or are confused. The seminar will offer "clearing process" through which the right decision may be made more obvious.

The seminar will also help women find out that a job can be more than satisfying. "A career can be fun," says Mirk.

Although it lasts all day, Mirk encourages those interested to attend the entire session. "It will be worth skipping classes," she says.



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Phenomena of "flying" as well as other potentialities claimed to be achieved through transcendental meditation (TM) and Sidhi techniques will be discussed tonight at 8 by Executive Governors of the Pacific Northwest for a TM research project conducted over the last two-and-one-half years in Switzerland. The governors claim "unprecedented breakthroughs have been made in human potential through the techniques."

# Minorities wary of Bakke decision

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If the Bakke decision isn't overturned by the Supreme Court, it could "set the civil rights movement back twenty five-years."

Julia Laranang, Northwest representative for the National Committee to Overturn the Bakke Decision, is not one to underestimate the potential implications of the case.

Laranang said at a press conference Wednesday morning that the effects of the case are already becoming apparent. She said the progress of affirmative action and minority hiring programs is being stymied by employers and administrators waiting to see how the Supreme Court rules on the Bakke case.

"Affirmative Action programs have been hard pressed to get what little they have. Now institutions are waiting for a precedent to be set," she said.

Laranang said the University of California (UC) at Davis has not adequately defended its medical school's special admissions program. She charged that the university is "taking a dive" by presenting a "shoddy" defense of its program and by actually helping Bakke with his case. She said a UC Davis admissions officer, Peter Storandt, convinced Bakke to pursue the case in court. Storandt, however, was eventually fired by the university.

Laranang pointed out that the medical school's special admissions program was for disadvantaged students, and not specifically for minorities. She said this point wasn't revealed by UC Davis in lower court proceedings.

Bakke's argument that he was denied admission because of his race was weak she said.

"He contends he should be admitted because his grade point average and Medical College Aptitude Test scores were higher than some minority students who were admitted. But he was told that it's almost impossible for someone over thirty years old to get into medical school," which Bakke is.

Laranang estimated over 40 amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs have been filed with the Supreme Court in favor of overturning the Bakke ruling. She said most of the briefs contend that Bakke must not have been qualified for medical school because 11 schools other than UC Davis rejected Bakke. The briefs also attack the reverse discrimination contention.

"The concept of reverse discrimination is a myth," Laranang said. "Business and educational institutions in this country have always been run by white males. Women and minorities are in no position to discriminate."

She said that these institutions are anxious to get an affirmative action test case before the Supreme Court this year because of the political mood and economic situation prevailing in the United States today.


"We have a conservative court, plus the country is in an economic crisis, and historically minorities come under attack when jobs are short," she said. "It usually takes several years to state a case to reach the Supreme Court. For a case to get to the Supreme Court in a year as this one did is almost unheard of. Obviously some heavy foot work has been going on."

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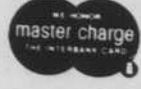

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