

Art gallery sets photo memorial exhibition

A memorial exhibition of photographs by Bernard "Bernie" Freemesser will be presented Sunday through Jan. 15 in the Photography at Oregon Gallery at the University's Museum of Art.

Freemesser, professor of fine arts, died Dec. 18 at the age of 51, following a long illness.

Robert James, head of the fine and applied arts dept., describes Freemesser as "a photographer with a national reputation.

"Bernie made Oregon visible. He established Oregon as a place to study photography in a serious way," James says.

According to James, Hal Halberstadt of San Francisco will continue the

department's photography program for the rest of the year. James describes Halberstadt as "an established artist."

James says the department is recruiting a permanent replacement for Freemesser.

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The memorial exhibition will include about 25 color and black and white prints as a representative sampling of Freemesser's extensive work. Freemesser served as adviser to the gallery, which was started in 1966 through his encouragement.

Freemesser, who was designated as the University's official photographer, taught photography at the School of Journalism before the program was transferred to the Department of Fine and Applied Arts.

Freemesser also served on the board of directors of Friends of Photography and was a former chairer of the board of the Society for Photographic Education.

The exhibition may be viewed during the museum's regular hours, noon to 5 p.m. daily except Monday. There is no admission charge.

A show of works by documentary photographer Bill Owens, originally scheduled to open Sunday, will begin Jan. 17 instead.

Local hemophiliac puts out call for blood donations

Eugene resident Ken Baker needs blood.

He is presently 467 units in debt

due to an operation on his knee earlier this year. Unless volunteer blood donors come through,

Baker will be charged \$6,705 for the refills he received during his operation.

Baker is one of a small group of Americans afflicted with hemophilia, a deficiency that prevents his blood from clotting.

Also known as the "Kings Disease" because it tends to occur in families which intermarry, hemophilia is an abnormal condition in males. It usually is inherited

among anglo saxons. Baker, however, is an American Indian, and the discovery of his disease five years ago came as a shock to him, he says.

"We never kept track of our family lineage, so I don't know how it happened," he says. "I played football in high school, joined the service and never expected anything — until I had my teeth fixed. Afterwards, they wouldn't stop bleeding. I went through a lot of

tests, and finally it was diagnosed as 10 per cent hemophilia."

Baker, who recently graduated from the University, says he will be unable to pay for his blood without outside help. "I'm hurting, really," he explains.

Baker hopes students and members of the community will donate blood in his name, to help ease the crunch. Interested students should call 484-9115, and ask for Peggy.

Jobs for older women topic of speech by expert on displaced housewives

Tish Sommers, the woman who coined the phrase "displaced homemaker," will be in Eugene Friday at noon to talk about "Employment Opportunities for the Older Woman."

The Oregon Center for Displaced Homemakers is sponsoring Sommers' appearance at a brown bag lunch at the Emerald Baptist Church, 19th Avenue and Patterson Street.

The public is welcome at no charge. Coffee and tea will be furnished.

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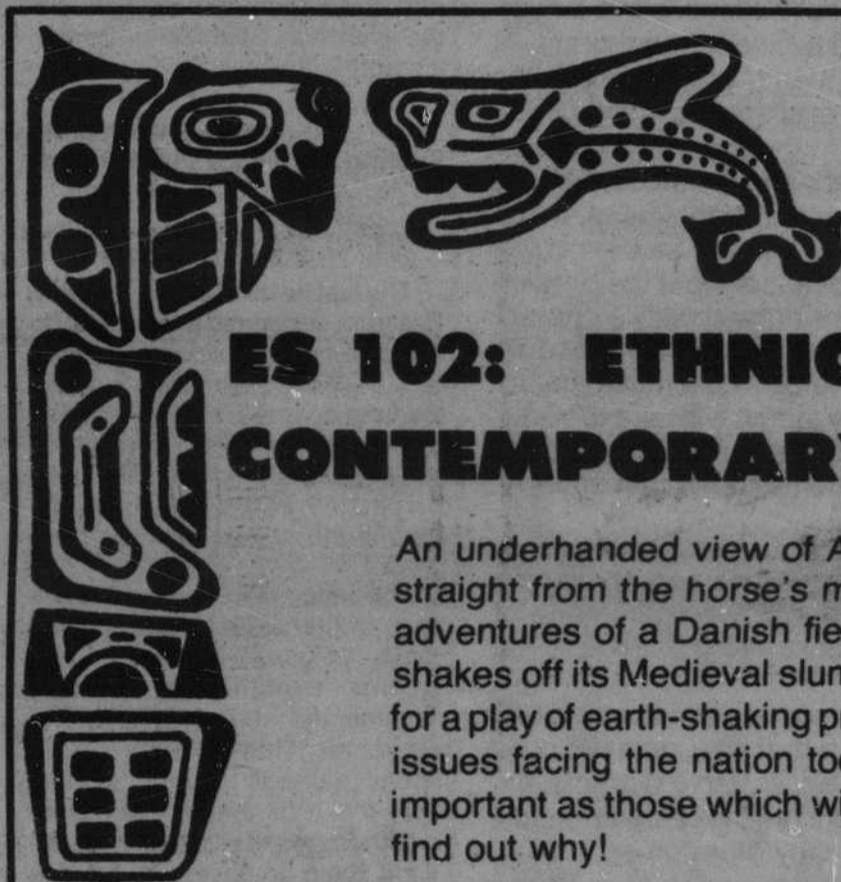
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