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Soot 'n ashes

Down thru
the rooftop
with a brush

By JOANNE BLAIS
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Everyone asks him about Mary Poppins and it's no wonder. Tony Phillips owns the "Soot 'N Ashes" company and is the only practicing chimney sweeper in Eugene.

It began in Portland during the energy crisis. Phillips was hauling firewood from the country and selling it. But it didn't strike him as the ideal job. He decided there must be an inner-city need he could satisfy. He looked up and saw chimneys.

He enthusiastically developed his business from the beginning stages, with research at libraries and instruction from other chimney sweeps. He made his tools with an 80-year-old man. Today he feels his tools are special. He has taken the care to have every kind of wire brush and scraper. No two chimneys are alike and it is essential to have properly fitting brushes, he says.

Phillips has cleaned chimneys in Portland, Hood River and eastern Washington. Two years ago he moved to Eugene.

"It's something I take with me wherever I go," he says. Jobs are plentiful since people have begun using wood stoves and fireplaces more frequently.

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Photo by Dennis Hickok

SEARCH

Prospective instructors beckoned

By DEBBY ABE
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Are you frustrated because the University doesn't offer a class on Malaysian folk dance or the physical evolution of the salamander? Why not teach the course yourself through the SEARCH Program?

SEARCH (Students Exploratory Action Regarding Curricular Heterodoxy) is an alternative form of education bringing together those who wish to share their knowledge with others and those who wish to learn from them. Although SEARCH instructors are not paid, they may receive credit for teaching a class. Students who take SEARCH courses may choose either non-credit workshops or up to three credit hour classes which count as electives.

The first step for someone with an idea to get a class in motion is to go to the SEARCH office in Suite 1, EMU.

Someone there will talk over the class idea with the prospective teacher and give recommendations on getting a department and faculty member to sponsor the course.

Every accredited SEARCH class must have a faculty sponsor. In a SEARCH form, the prospective instructor must outline the course (in less than 125 words) and get a professor's signature. The outlines for next term's classes are due Feb. 17.

SEARCH recommends that prospective instructors be well prepared when they talk to a professor and carry a class outline with them.

After a professor signs the form and his/her department approves of the course, the scheduling office sets up a room for the new class and the idea becomes reality.

Voluntary seminars are offered to SEARCH teachers and those new to teaching are particularly encouraged to sign up for them.

Michael Connelly, a former SEARCH director and current SEARCH instructor says, "The instructor is never left alone without any help. Someone from the staff attends at least one class session during the term. The SEARCH director, assistant director and seminar leader are always ready to help with any problems."

Connelly's advice to anyone contemplating teaching a SEARCH course is, "Do it." He adds, "Seventy-five percent of the people in the University are qualified to teach a SEARCH course. We lose so many of them because they are afraid they'll be alone in front of a class or they don't feel they have the ability to teach. The teacher is a facilitator rather than someone who has all the knowledge and dispenses it.... People want to learn so much about things they're interested in. The experience of sharing knowledge is something you can't buy."

Convinced to teach that course you've wanted to see happen at the University? See someone at SEARCH before Feb. 17.

OLCC beer-buying restrictions could put lid on campus keggers

By CHERI O'NEIL
Of the Emerald

Oregon's legal drinking age hasn't put an obvious damper on alcohol consumption at the University, but a new state law might make keg-buying a risky proposition for bootleggers in 1978.

As of Jan. 1, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) requires unlicensed individuals or groups who purchase kegs of beer to "swear under penalty of false swearing" they will not allow minors or "visible intoxicants" to consume their beer.

Purchasers must also sign a receipt of sale specifying the place of liquor consumption and identification of the keg so it can be traced if the contents are consumed in vio-

lation of the Oregon Liquor Control Act.

Sue Meiner, office manager of Patrick Distributing Co., says she tries to discourage the sale of kegs. She explains the "terrible, long process" of securing a keg to prospective buyers. Buyers often become impatient with the added paper work: They have to show three pieces of identification (including age and physical description) and must complete a lengthy receipt of sale.

She says most people don't have the proper identification, and most don't realize the tremendous responsibility they face when purchasing keg beer.

A warning sheet with each keg states that violations of any provision are punishable as Class "A" misdemeanors with a maximum penalty of \$1,000 fine or imprison-

ment in the county jail for one year or both.

But "our trouble started long before this law," says Bill Swindell, vice-president of the Interfraternity Council. "The \$1,000 penalty hasn't deterred us. We haven't had to contend with it yet."

Swindell, a Theta Chi, says fraternity members are aware of the new keg law, but he doesn't consider it a real issue. He says fraternities have traditionally been charted by OLCC for littering or making excessive noise, not for contributing to the corruption to minors.

"It's never going to be like it was two years ago," he says. "Traditionally after games, there would be all-campus parties at every house. We've settled it down

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