

Learning center changes emphasis

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The Center for Self Development, a learning resource center located in Emerald Hall, is changing right along with the national trend, according to Jacqueline Bonner, director of the center.

The center emphasizes teaching students to "think independently" and to become aware of their own learning process and ways to improve it, she says — a major attitude change among the college learning center around the country. Approximately 60 percent of all colleges have learning centers.

The learning centers are slowly overcom-

Aids independent thinking

ing the prevalent attitude that learning aids are only for below average students, Bonner says, stressing that any student can benefit and increase his or her learning capacity by taking advantage of the tools offered in learning centers.

"Our thrust is to assist a student in getting a quality education," Bonner says. "They're paying the same amount of money for a mediocre one."

The center, established in 1973, provides academic tutoring, advising, career planning and peer counseling, and gives entire courses with credit for program particip-

ants. A student's eligibility for the program is based on income criteria and previous academic record.

Bonner stresses that although participants are tutored in individual class subjects, the emphasis is on teaching students to be aware of how they learn and providing them with the communication skills to improve this process.

"Our emphasis is on a student's learning process instead of stuffing their heads full of content," she says.

She adds that different subjects require different kinds of communicating and learn-

ing and that is also a part of tutoring.

Classes being taught through the center this term are Effective Learning Skills, Critical Thinking, Reading in College Subjects, Essay Writing, Study reading, Advanced Vocabulary, Effective Listening Skills, Developmental Reading III, Developmental Composition, Individual Writing and Research Writing.

Bonner says teaching a student to think independently is particularly necessary today because of what she terms the "information explosion."

"It's a different world academically today," she says, adding that with the floods of information now available, it's essential for a student to understand how to find and process information.

The center's peer counseling program is one way, students can find out where to go for what they are looking for. Peer advocates meet with a student to discuss living environments and professors, to provide academic advising and to serve as informational outlets.

Barbara Date, in charge of the peer advocates, says the advantages to this personalized attention can not be ignored in the center's program.

"We can't ignore the affective — just as we can't ignore the the cognitive," Date says.

Academic tutors are trained to examine their student's learning processes and to give feedback. Although the aim of tutoring is short as well as long term, the long-term benefits or tutoring carry the most importance in the tutor's training, she says.

The center is funded by the federal Health, Education and Welfare department as part of its special services program. The center's goals include retaining freshman students, assisting students in course completion and providing concrete support for University students.

...of environmental concern



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Herbicide spraying by helicopter will begin on 7,743 acres in the Siuslaw National Forest as soon as the weather permits, Forest Supervisor Larry Fellows announced late last week.

The aerial spraying is intended to "release young conifer trees from competing vegetation" and to prepare sites for the planting of desired trees, a prepared Forest

Service statement said.

The controversial spray 2, 4, 5-T, which contains dioxin or TCDD (used for defoliation by the Army in Viet Nam), will be used on less than 20 percent of the acreage sprayed, Fellows aid.

Fellows said the Siuslaw "has re-evaluated its program" and will use 2, 4, 5-T only on those acres which cannot be effectively treated with other chemicals or by other methods of control.

The Lane County Audubon Society will present another program in its series on Alaskan and Hawaiian wilderness areas, as Congress considers legislation for wildlife and wilderness protection in the two states.

"A Trip to Alaska" will be narrated by Otis Swisher, one of the founders of the Rogue Valley Audubon Society, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Central Presbyterian Church, 1475 Ferry St.

University Pres. William Boyd has given his nod of approval to student participation in Sun Day, May 3.

"In a state as environmentally aware as

Oregon, it is appropriate that citizens gather to examine ways to utilize resources effectively and creatively," Boyd said.

Boyd said he hoped students interested in "solar power and other ecologically sound approaches to the nation's energy problems" would find ways consistent with their academic responsibilities to take part in Sun Day programs.

Volunteers who wish to help with Sun Day organization can receive college credit for their work. They should contact Lars Kahn in the Survival Center, Suite One of the EMU, phone 686-4356.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency will hold a public hearing in Portland Wednesday to determine which solid waste disposal facilities in the U.S. pose a threat to the environment and which do not.

The day-long hearing at the Sheraton-Portland Hotel will allow public input on criteria for such facilities — the proposal will have impact on existing and future land fills, open dumps, sludge-spreading sites and sewage treatment plants.

DUFFY'S OFFICIAL SPRING CALENDAR

sun	mon	tues	wed	thurs	fri	sat
APRIL 23	Monday night baseball 24	Canadian Rock & Roll group 25	SERVANT no cover! 26	Ladies Nite Billy Beer Nite 27	Sapphire 4-6 Pitcher Sale 5:00 live music 28	Sapphire 29
Gong Show try-outs 30	Monday night baseball MAY 1	Gong show try-outs 2	Have one or two on the house tonight! 3	Scandal Ladies nite GONG SHOW 4	Scandal 4-6 Pitcher Sale 5:00 live music 5	Scandal 6
7	Monday night baseball 8	9	Greek T-shirt nite 10	Fox & Weasel Ladies nite Dance contest 11	Fox & Weasel 4-6 Pitcher sale 5:00 live music 12	Fox & Weasel 50's Nite 13
14	Monday night baseball 15	16	Celebrate Norwegian Independence Day at Max's 17	Scandal Ladies nite 18	Scandal 4-6 Pitcher sale 5:00 live music 19	Scandal Hawaiian Nite 20
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