

Local agencies disappointed

Reactions strong against UYA cut

Reactions are strong to the University's recent decision not to supply matching funds for the University Year for ACTION (UYA) student volunteer program.

"I feel that it's criminal that they're not going to refund the program," says Bill Uhlhorn, director of Eugene Emergency Housing, Inc., a non-profit organization which runs the Family Shelter House and the Pearl Street temporary housing facilities, which are currently served by four UYA volunteers.

"Concerned faculty, students and community members are being urged to write or call University Pres. William Boyd in support of continued funding for the UYA program," adds Maureen Slevin, CSPA senior and UYA volunteer spokesperson.

UYA students are placed in community agencies for 12 months of learning/work experience to develop new programs or expand existing services at various agencies for low-income persons. Volunteers work 32 hours a week, attend weekly seminars and special workshops with UYA

instructors, and earn 48 to 60 hours of credit for the year.

Volunteers receive a living allowance of \$215 a month, medical insurance, a federal civil service credit of one year and a "chance to take... knowledge out of the classroom and put it to use in the community."

Some of the agencies served by UYA volunteers include Lane County Juvenile Corrections, Kaufman Senior Center, the 4J school district, area community schools, the Eugene, Springfield and Cottage Grove Employment Divisions, and the University Child Care and Development Center, to name just a few.

The Family Shelter House served families in need of emergency housing for up to two weeks, rape and abuse victims, women who are mentally and emotionally disturbed and seniors, according to Uhlhorn. The UYA students provide support and counseling for women in crisis situations, and have been working to develop a rape crisis network with Womenspace.

Uhlhorn feels that the UYA

program is a "healthy mix" of theory and practice and has "a tremendous staff in terms of trying to find that balance" between the two.

A year's commitment is a "considerable investment" of time for the average 20 year old, says Uhlhorn, "when you consider the alternatives. Most students are much more carefree," he adds.

The UYA staff provides intensive seminars, readings and consultations to help students see problems and integrate them into their studies, says Uhlhorn, who got his masters in CSPA six years ago and spent four years as a group-home parent with his wife before his two years as director of Emergency Housing. Uhlhorn worked with three UYA volunteers last year and has four this year, with two serving the Family Shelter House and two at the Pearl Street apartments, helping mentally and emotionally disturbed people learn social survival skills.

The UYA students are responsible for the day-to-day operation of the facilities, help with shopping, cooking, social and recreational activities, and are expected to act as any paid staff member,

says Uhlhorn. This provides a better program for the clients and for the community in general.

Agencies benefit from the UYA program by saving the cost of hiring specialists. Uhlhorn says operating expenses for the two housing facilities are \$60,000 a year, requiring a minimum of 10 people. It would cost his agency \$26,000 to replace four UYA students.

"It's cheap labor," says Uhlhorn. "We pay \$70 a month per student to the University which then pays \$215 a month to the student." This works out to about \$1.68 an hour for UYA students compared to \$4.23 an hour for a non-UYA social worker.

If UYA students are not available next year, Uhlhorn says they would definitely have to close one of their facilities and cut back on the services in the other.

But Uhlhorn says the money is secondary to the learning experience UYA provides for the students, a sentiment shared by UYA volunteers working in areas ranging from Headstart to the Lane County Employment and Training (CETA) Division.

Marcine Anderson, compliance officer for affirmative action griev-

ances against CETA, says that since June a UYA student has worked with her on Equal Educational Opportunity training sessions, has helped her develop a computerized system for gathering affirmative action data on CETA participants, and "generally does what she doesn't have time to do."

Anderson is "really pleased" with the UYA program because she gets a "staff person who does quality, professional work for a committed amount of time." Anderson, who graduated in CSPA, says that in relation to her own experience with field placements, "You can't get that kind of knowledge out of books."

According to Anita Runyan, director of the UYA program, the University came up with the extra money needed to continue UYA after letters of concern from various agencies and students were sent to the administration after the community learned about last year's discontinuance decision. The UYA advisory committee hopes that a similar situation will occur this year, says Runyan, but

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Services gear down with summer courses

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Though summer session ends this week, not all campus life will expire between now and the start of fall session classes the first week of October.

Most summer courses end Friday with the conclusion of the

eight-week session, but 11-week classes last until September 1.

Oregon Hall will retain its regular office hours, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday all summer.

The Erb Memorial Union will remain closed on weekends, but building hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays have been set

through September 10.

The EMU will further curtail its hours September 11-17. The cafeteria, other food services and the Recreation Center will be open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oregon Wilderness Supplies will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Regular building hours will resume September 18.

The University Bookstore, although not open on Saturdays until the second or third week of September, will remain open weekdays from 8:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The University library will remain open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays through August 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Football season ticket sales are reported to be ahead of last summer's pace at the athletic ticket office located at McArthur Court. Regular office hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. will be in effect.

The student health center will also remain open through the 11-week course session ending September 1.

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