

Care center feels crunch

An acute shortage of staff members has left the University Child Care and Development Center with one of its biggest crises, CCDC office manager Becky Couch says.

CCDC, which is licensed through the state and receives federal funding, provides child care services to the parents of about 85 children, and is staffed by 10 full-time teachers, five substitutes and 16 teacher aids. Four buildings house the CCDC, located at 1511 E. Moss St.

The problem facing Couch and the others at CCDC is the shortage of teacher aides. Last year the number of aides topped 40,

but now it is less than half that figure.

"We haven't been able to maintain the kind of service we'd like to give," says Couch. "We've even had to turn away some people, but hopefully it won't get to the point where we have to drop some of our customers."

"Usually we try to maintain a 6-1 ratio of older children to teachers," says Couch, "and we have to maintain a 3-1 ratio for the smaller children. Those are both federal standards that we must meet to get funding, but we haven't been able to maintain that ratio this year."

CCDC began in Eugene

as a parent-operated co-op in 1969, and adopted its present format in 1973. Until now, the group has had few problems with staff shortages.

"I really don't know what the problem is," says Couch. "We haven't had any people stop by the office. It's becoming a problem. We take people just because they're a body, and that's a terrible thing."

According to Couch, the teacher aides work cooperatively with the teachers, planning activities, supervising nap times and lunch and helping with activities such as field trips.

"But so far we haven't had any field trips because of the staff shortage," she says.

The CCDC teacher aide positions pay \$3.00 per hour, Couch says. Some students have also worked at the center through an ESCAPE practicum, adds Couch.

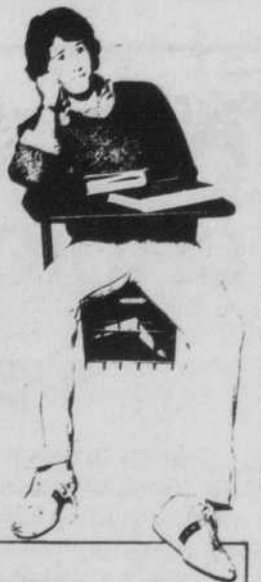
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Corrections, amplifications

The Chinese Student Association's radio show, "From Orient to Oregon," will go on the air Friday evenings from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Chinese Students Association also gained a 30 percent increase in its budget this year, instead of the three percent figure reported earlier.

Finally, the CSA will not meet Friday for an orientation meeting. That session has already been held.

The Lane County Mycological Society's annual Mushroom show is scheduled for Sunday at noon at the Valley River Center.

In a candidate's forum Tuesday night, District 40 challenger Don Chalmers said he favors Ballot Measure 9, which would prohibit private utility firms from charging consumers for power plant construction costs.

Timber

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