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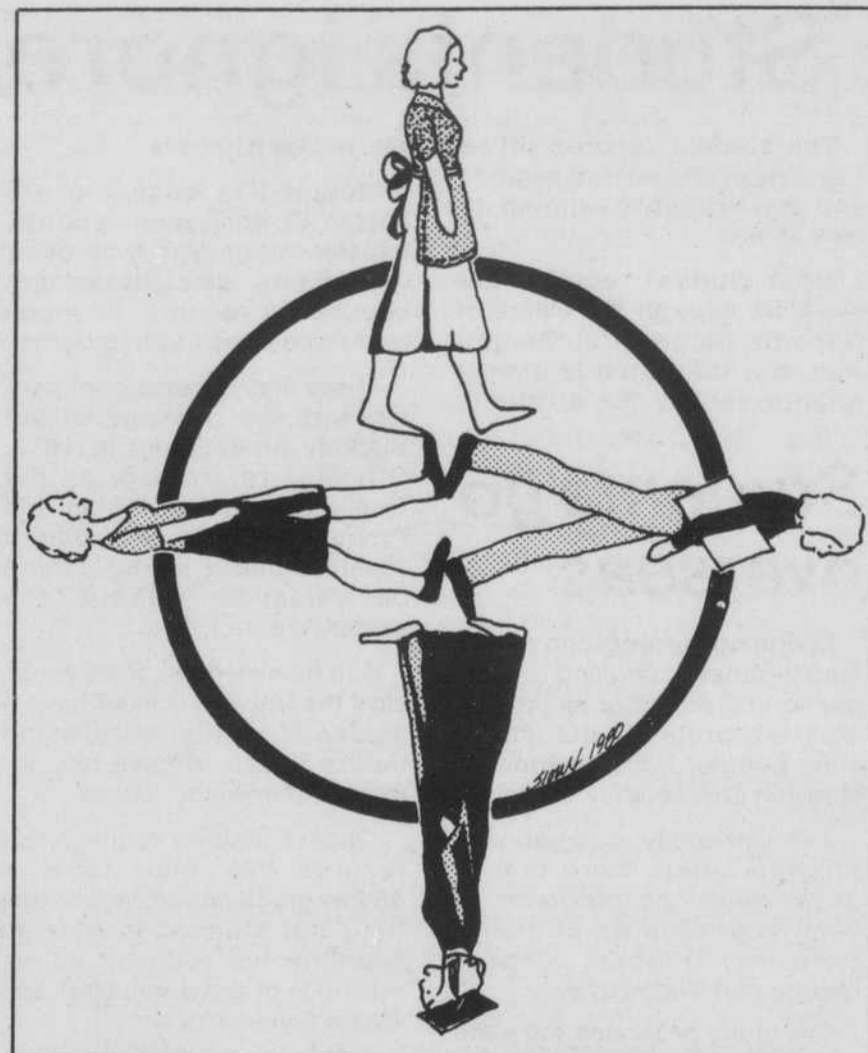
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Artifacts exhibited

Artifacts of Oregon's Great Basin, hidden for 10,000 years, will be part of the University's Museum of Natural History's first traveling exhibit.

The exhibit opens Sept. 29 in Ontario and will later travel to Roseburg, Klamath Falls, Bend, Burns and Haines.

"The Sandal and the Cave: Early People of the Northern Coast Basin" is being developed from material in the University's natural history collection. The some 50 items in the exhibit were excavated primarily in the Catlow Cave and Roaring Springs Cave areas in Southeastern Oregon.



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Older students find support with peers

Returning to school to finish or start a degree can be a frightening experience for someone unacquainted with modern college life.

Assisting "non-traditional" students — those who have been away from college for a number of years — in their reorientation to college life is an essential part of Lifelong Learners Services, says Jane DeGidio, program coordinator.

Lifelong learning helps the non-traditional students identify their academic and personal resources as well as providing them with pre-admission advising through its office in Room 164 Oregon Hall.

The service also informs potential students of various academic options available to ease the transition from a working environment to a student environment.

"We see both men and women who are making mid-life career changes," DeGidio says. "We talk to people about getting started back to school and help match them up with an academic program."

The Lifelong Learning Service is geared toward helping people get started back to school, not toward counseling for degrees or academic programs.

"Its more enrollment counseling," she says.

One out of every eight people are making the decision to return to school and attempt a career change, DeGidio says. More than 15 percent of the undergraduates enrolled at the University are more than 25 years old.

In conjunction with the lifelong learning center, Women In Transition, an ASUO-sponsored organization, assists women in getting their education and starting careers. The group also provides peer support and is run by the women it serves.

Women in Transition members are diverse, with members ranging in age from 25 to 60. The group also sponsors seminars, workshops and social activities. Although helping the lifelong learner is the main purpose of the group's activities, anyone interested is invited to attend.

The organization's office is in Suite 1, EMU.

There is a new lifelong learners lounge in the Wesley Center basement, 1236 Kincaid St.

The YWCA, 841 E. 18th Ave., also has a lifelong learners lounge that is open to anyone who is interested.



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