



Christmas creatures

These midget monsters — called "Beastie Creatures" — are the clay work of Richard Watt, one of more than 50 local craftspeople whose art is on sale at the Seventh Annual EMU Christmas Crafts Faire.

The 50 craftspeople featured at this year's faire were selected at a judging in November. Hand-made crafts include pottery, wood

crafts, sketches, paintings, photos, woven items and hand-sewn clothes. Besides browsing through the faire and Christmas shopping, festivities include refreshments and live music. The Faire will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in room 167 EMU through today.

Photo by Bob Baker

Be a good neighbor: help spend dollars

By MARIAN GREEN
Of the Emerald

The West University Neighborhood needs help spending the more than \$87,000 it has for developing and improving parks in that area.

The money for "nodal" developments, which are "areas where people naturally congregate or places that could be made more conducive to congregation," is part of the WUN's \$750,000 neighborhood improvement grant, says Marshall Landman, WUN grant administrator.

"All it's going to take is for a student to say 'this is what I'd like to have,' and we'll take the ball from there," Landman says. By taking the ball, Landman means checking existing zoning ordinances and determining project feasibility.

Landman says because the WUN has "very little" park and open space for its 200 acres, the neighborhood group would like to develop only in the areas residents — especially students — express interest in, Landman says.

Landman says students make up 65 percent of the 6,500 West University neighbors yet aren't involved actively in the neighborhood decision-making.

"The West University Neighborhood needs to be more representative of the student population," he says. "Even if a student is only here for three months, he or she is still a neighbor."

Basketball or volleyball courts, gardens, planter boxes, benches, bike racks and trash cans are some of the items Landman says would be "no problem to fund."

A typical nodal development is the bus shelter across from the bookstore on 13th Avenue, Landman says.

Cooperative projects with local businesses and agencies



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also may be undertaken, he says.

In fact, the WUN worked with the Lane Transit District, which had offered to put two bus shelters in the neighborhood. The neighborhood offered to erect three additional shelters if LTD would add one more. LTD agreed.

"We are now going to have six shelters," he says.

The group may offer nodal developments to other agencies in exchange for maintenance of the developments because the grant funds can be used only for "bricks and mortar," he says.

Students are West University Neighbors if they live within the area bounded by 11th Avenue on the north, 19th Avenue on the south, Willamette Street on the west and Kincaid Street on the east.

The WUN will take suggestions until Dec. 31.

"If we don't spend the money within the next year, the city will take it back," he says.

Student neighbors may call Landman at 687-5366 or can drop by the neighborhood center at 1458 Ferry St.

Public service jobs available, says dean

By RICH BURR
Of the Emerald

Despite budget cuts by the Reagan Administration, public service jobs will still be in sufficient supply, says Bryan Downes, associate dean of the University's community service and public affairs school.

Downes says he sees the budget cuts as a re-allocation of resources. Public services will not go away; they will just be

circumscribed.

"Job possibilities are still good because government and public service is a \$3 trillion service," Downes says. "Opportunities will still be there but some will be packaged differently."

CSPA is a professional school which concentrates on human service delivery, public management, program development-evaluation, and community development.

Although the school has some similarities with the political science department, political science deals primarily with theories and concepts while CSPA is an "applied school of social science," Downes says.

"Our people are interested in public service and problem solving," he says. "We take theories from the social sciences and apply them to problem-solving situations."

One shift for public service jobs will be determined more by the states than the federal

government in the way of block grants, Downes says.

"The way he's (Pres. Ronald Reagan) shifting the money, the state will be more important in making those decisions," he says.

Another development which will help the CSPA graduate's job opportunities are employee services in large companies, Downes adds. Instead of going to the government in Oregon or Eugene, many will go to PGE or Crown Zellerbach, he says.

Because companies want to

improve employee efficiency, they are developing counseling services on alcoholism and other coping problems, Downes says.

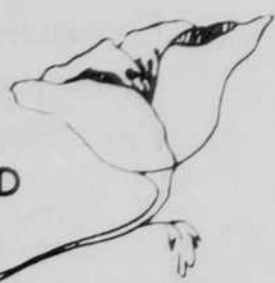
Another reason CSPA graduates have a high success rate in finding jobs is due in part to internships, says Downes.

Students are fully employed with no pay by companies and other agencies for one term during both their junior and senior years, he says.

Through internships, students impress employers enough to receive job offers or letters of recommendation, which are valuable when searching in the job market, Downes says.

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