

Co-op offers 'housing for people... not profit'

By Robert Aigner
Of the Emerald

If the high cost of housing has you down, the East Blair Housing Cooperative might have the answer to raise your spirits.

Located about one mile from campus in the Whiteaker neighborhood, EBHC consists of 22 older units, including single homes, duplexes and apartments. The new townhouse-style homes feature skylights and yards.

Amid the attractive, homey neighborhood that looks expensive, the co-op presents a financial answer to housing blues. Designed for low-income people, the co-op is ideal for college students on a low budget, says intake supervisor Pat Friedl.

"This is a perfect opportunity for college students who want to make Eugene their permanent home because... it's easily affordable. If a student wants to live outside of the school community, this is ideal," Friedl says.

A co-op operates much like a corporation; the families that live in the development own and operate the co-op. Owners elect members to a board of directors, who attend meetings and oversee daily operation of the co-op.

Each housing unit gets one vote regarding matters of mutual in-

terest, which are decided by the group instead of by just the board members.

Residents must have an annual income of less than \$15,900 to become co-op members.

All members must pay a \$500 initiation fee, which goes toward a down payment and for maintenance. To offset the initiation fee, members' monthly rent payments comprise only 25 percent of their monthly incomes. A federal grant subsidizing the program allows for the low rent, Friedl says.

Although members of the co-op actually own the homes in which they live, they cannot sell them for their true value, she says.

This arrangement, known as a "limited equity co-op," supports the EBHC philosophy of "housing for people, not profit," according to EBHC literature.

When residents sell their homes, they receive the initial \$500 down payment and a small amount of interest — not more than 7 percent.

In the past, many students have not taken advantage of the program, but Friedl hopes that will change.

"We have not had many students involved with the co-op as of yet — maybe three or four —



Photo by Brian Erb

The East Blair Housing Cooperative located about one mile from campus has attractive homes, duplexes and apartments for rent — at attractive prices.

but I think that is just because not many people know of the East Blair program," she says.

The co-op's benefits extend

beyond inexpensive housing, though. Residents have the security of 22 neighbors watching their property and the advantage of

homeowners' benefits.

For more information on the co-op, contact the EBHC or Adrienne Lauby at 343-7713.



At the movies

'In-Laws'; shows family feeling international



Review a Chinese film? "Sure," I said. Gulp. What had I gotten myself into? I was con-

vinced it would be an extremely painful experience.

"The In-Laws," which plays this coming weekend at the Bijou Theatre, proved all my expectations wrong.

The film is fourth in a series of five selected by Joe Clifford, Chair of the University Asian Studies Association, to be presented as part of the China Film Festival that will conclude Nov. 20.

Produced in 1982 by Shanghai Film Studios, a mainland China company, "The In-Laws" is part of the industry's boom which began almost five years ago.

Set in a contemporary village in northern China, "The In-Laws" is a story about conflicts within family relationships and the individual growth made by resolving them.

The plot revolves around a family and a selfish daughter-in-law's manipulations of the members. Her disruptive actions, combined with the spineless tolerance of her husband, succeed in destroying

all household order.

The movie is billed as a comedy, however, and indeed is quite amusing. The acting is energetic and the characters are believably portrayed. Much of the humor, a brand lighter than that found in domestic films, comes across through very animated facial expression.

Clifford says "The In-Laws" is very representative of the countryside lifestyle in China. The simple, but modernized, culture is interesting to observe and the picturesque scenery is equally enlightening. For those who aren't

up on Chinese culture, the film provides good insight.

So far, the movies have all been well-received by varied audiences, Clifford says. He hopes that the Chinese film festival's success may prod others to organize future festivals.

"The In-Laws" plays Saturday and Sunday at 12:15 and 2:20 p.m. Admission is \$2.50.

For more information about the China Film Festival, contact Clifford at the Asian Studies Association, 686-4005, or the Bijou Theatre, 686-2458.

By Julie Shippen

Anti-nuke physicist speaks

Hugh DeWitt, a senior research physicist at the Livermore, Calif., nuclear weapons development center and an internationally known theoretical physicist, will speak Friday at 8 p.m. in the La Sells Stewart Center on the OSU campus. DeWitt is an outspoken critic of the nuclear weapons establishment.

From his unique inside perspective, DeWitt has publicly expressed concern about the weapons contractors and high-level managers at weapons laboratories and government agencies. These groups, DeWitt says, form a highly influential network opposing any measures which might limit nuclear weapons development.

"It is my impression that the American public, even its most literate and sophisticated fraction, does not appreciate the power and influence this network of nuclear weapons experts exercises in national affairs," DeWitt says.

Most weapons lab directors have opposed not only nuclear arms cutbacks but test-ban treaties, as well, and have had a disproportionate policy influence on U.S. presidents, he says.

The public lecture is presented as part of the third annual Veterans' Day Convocation on Nuclear Arms Control. It is sponsored by the Union of Concerned Scientists, Physicians for Social Responsibility and Students for Nuclear Awareness.

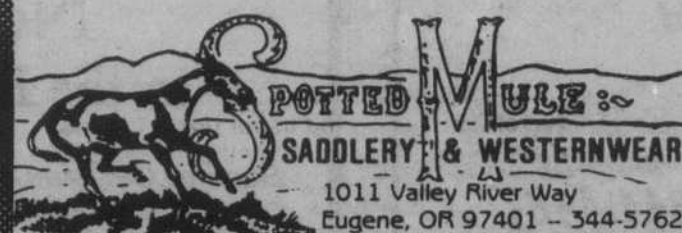
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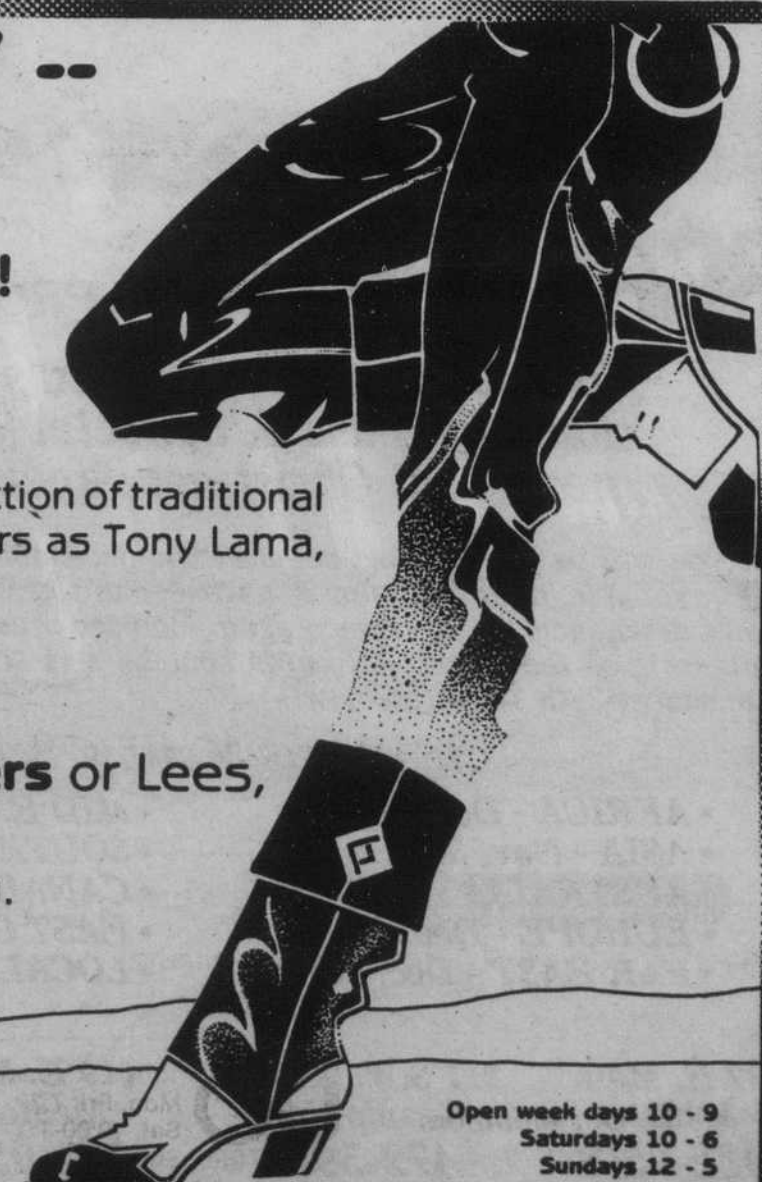
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