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Director predicts change

By Mike Sims Of the Emerald

Dianna Fischer, newly hired director of the University's SEARCH program, asserts that change is in the wind for the program.

Fischer hopes that the program will acquire greater effi-ciency and credibility through changes in its policies and procedures. "We're looking at the very structure of the program and positions in the program," she explains.

One problem that has plagued SEARCH in the past has centered around program course instructors and their individual qualifications, or lack of same. Fischer says that prospective instructors will be required to submit personal resumes and course outlines -"We want to make sure that courses are taught according to University standards."

The University SEARCH program differs from similar programs on other campuses in that it offers courses for academic credit. "This is a strong positive point for the program," Fischer says. "but it also means we need to be that much more responsible in administering and supervising it."

As SEARCH is in the business of offering courses for academic credit, Fischer explains, its course offerings must be approved through the same administrative process as University-offered courses.

Assessing and collecting course instruction fees have been a source of concern for the

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program as well. In the past, there was no established method of collecting SEARCH course fees. According to Fischer, fees may now be paid through the EMU accounting office.

The University can't collect class fees unless such fees are listed on a printed fee schedule issued by the University. This fall, SEARCH courses are listed in the fee schedule and thus the program can collect fees ranging from \$1 to \$25 for course instruction and materials.

"We want to work with SEARCH instructors to coordinate programs so eventually, fees won't be required," Fischer says.

SEARCH personnel will be "searching" for direction during the coming year, Fischer says, adding that such a quest for order in the program will begin in the SEARCH office.

"We've cut back on our fall term course offerings to help facilitate changes in office policies and procedures," Fischer says. Four credit courses and five workshops will be offered through the properties for the moment, the SEARCH during fall term.

"We're trying to get one or two-day workshops for classes and subjects that aren't conducive to a full term program," Fischer says. "This should help assist in coverage of a wider range of topics.'

Fischer also foresees improved relations between her office and the University administra-

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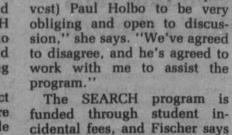
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funded through student incidental fees, and Fischer says that adequate funding for personnel has caused the program some problems.

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Dianna Fischer

office is nearly fully staffed with two administrators and one office manager.

Fischer sees 1984-85 as "sort of a do-or-die year" for SEARCH. "A financial commitment needs to be made (by the Incidental Fee Committee) at some point to decide whether or not SEARCH remains as a viable campus program," she says.

Workshop set for Vietnam vets

The counseling community and women Vietnam veterans are encouraged to attend a free workshop addressing the Vietnam War experience; post traumatic stress disorder; and recovery from a woman veteran's perspective.

The workshops will be held Tuesday, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for women Vietnam veterans, and Wednesday, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the counseling community. Both will take place at the Eugene Vet Center, 1966 Garden Ave.

For more information call the center at 687-6918.



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