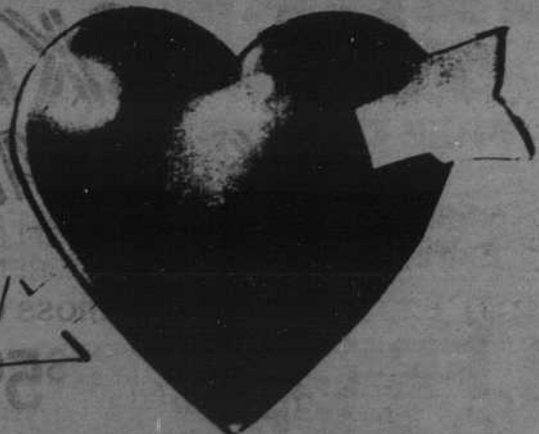


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Income tax class designed to ease phobia of 1040 form

By Dan Coran
Of the Emerald

Are you wondering what to do with that 1040 income tax form? An hour-long workshop called "Tips for Filing Taxes in '85" can help you solve a number of different tax problems.

The non-credit workshop, sponsored by the ASUO and the SEARCH program, will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in 237 Gilbert Hall to give students some useful information about filing their income taxes this April.

Some of the topics to be explored in the workshop include sources of income, options for deductions, exemptions, credits and zero-bracket amounts — the maximum amount a person can earn before paying taxes.

Different types of taxes will be discussed, but the focus will be on the income tax.

"There are a lot of legal ways to reduce the amount of taxes a person has to pay, which are not widely known," says Melanie Durk, one of three instructors who will lead the workshop.

The purpose of the course is to make people aware of these

tax savings. The workshop will be most helpful to those who are married, divorced, have children, own businesses or work part-time, Durk says.

"The tips we will give are all legal and very helpful," she says. For example, most people are unaware of the renters' relief program, which provides a tax break for anyone who rents rather than owns property, she says. The only requirement for renters' relief is that the person also file a tax return.

"Most people don't realize that once you've worked and have filed an income tax form, you are required to continue filing every year even if you don't continue working," she says.

"Scholarships do not have to be claimed as taxable income, though tips from restaurant work must be carefully declared," Durk says. If someone is audited after neglecting to declare income from tips, that person will have to pay tax, penalties and interest on that income, she says.

The Internal Revenue Service is cracking down on individuals



who own businesses, she warns. At the workshop, business owners can learn about their new options and obligations.

A similar workshop will be held at 7 p.m. on Feb. 7 in 237 Gilbert Hall. To register, call the SEARCH office at 686-4305 or attend one of the workshops.

Research institute given grant to fund rape prevention study

By Cynthia Whitfield
Of the Emerald

The Eugene Research Institute has received a \$340,000 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to fund a three-year study of rape prevention and self-defense strategies for women, Rep. Jim Weaver announced recently.

"Sexual assault is the most vicious of crimes," Weaver said. "I'm very pleased that this grant will enable Eugene and the Eugene Research Institute to lead the way in research into rape prevention and self-defense."

The research will focus on: how women perceive the risk of rape in various situations; what prevention and resistance strategies they consider using; and how they judge the effectiveness of those strategies.

The research institute will collect data from local women and men and also from rape prevention experts around the county. Eventually, researchers hope to develop advice that will help women protect themselves more effectively.

The need for women to pro-

tect themselves against rape is an unfair burden that women can't afford to ignore, says project investigator and psychologist Lita Furby.

"One of the goals of this project is to help reduce that burden," Furby says.

The project's principle investigators are Furby and Baruch Fischhoff, both widely published psychologists based in Eugene for 10 years. Marcia Morgan, the project's research associate, has worked in the field of sexual assault prevention for the past 10 years, receiving local recognition for her work in the crime prevention unit of the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

"There is no one correct way every woman should deal with the threat of rape," Furby says. "It depends on the woman and the situation."

"Some strategies cost some women more than other strategies do," she says.

Most people concerned with rape are interested primarily in the question of whether women should resist a rape attack. Although there is some data

supporting the view that many women can effectively resist an attack, the possibility of sustaining additional injury cannot be ruled out, says Furby.

The researchers also will look at the consequences of the various defense strategies women use. For instance, one strategy might consist of simply staying home at night. As a consequence, the woman would miss out on some social events, such as going to the movies, Furby says.

The researchers hope the project will enable them to give women various decision-making tools to determine the actual level of risk in a given situation. This information probably will be distributed through pamphlets and workshops, she adds.

"The threat of rape itself is something all women have to deal with all the time. We're trying to step back and look at the larger issue," Furby says. "This is a societal problem, and something needs to be done. It should not be only women's burden."

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