

Heating help available for low-income households

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A program designed to help low-income households offset the rising costs of heating bills is once again underway in Lane County.

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) provides a one-time only energy assistance payment that is credited to the household's primary fuel supplier, says Mike White, program supervisor. The maximum payment per residence is \$240.

The program assists residents whose annual income is at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty level — \$6,563 for a one-person household, or \$8,813 for a two-person household. About 70 percent of the persons served have a monthly income of \$500 or less, White says.

Eligibility is based solely on income and federal law states the elderly and the disabled have priority in

the program, he says.

White says the program will operate on a \$1.6 million budget provided by the Department of Health and Human Services for 1986. Lane County receives 10 percent of Oregon's total budget of \$24 million, which is down \$2 million from last year, he says.

While the budget has decreased, the demand for help has not. Although about 8,750 households received assistance last year, more and more people are requesting aid. White says 33 percent of last year's clients were new applicants, and he expects the same situation this year.

Households who fail to qualify for LIEAP may be able to receive assistance from several alternative programs. The Gas Assistance Program (GAP), which operates through Northwest Natural Gas, provides aid for gas heating crises with a \$10,000 budget allocated from LIEAP.

Two programs operating through the Salvation Army, one in Eugene and one in Springfield, consider other expenses, such as medical bills and family emergencies, when screening applicants.

The Eugene Public Utility District (EPUD) sponsors Project Helping Hand, which is funded through donations from ratepayers. Households can receive up to \$125 in aid, says Debbie Childs, EPUD credit representative. Childs says the project will operate on a \$2,000 budget this year.

A similar program sponsored by the Springfield Utility Board (SUB) provides up to \$125 in assistance but applicants must have received a shut-off notice from their utility company in order to qualify for aid, says a Salvation Army employee. The Project Share program is funded through a \$5,000 donation from SUB.

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MEETINGS

The International Studies Association meets today at 5:30 p.m. in Room 908 PLC to begin planning activities. All students are encouraged to attend.

Mortar Board will meet today at 6 p.m. in Century Room F EMU.

Circle K Service Club will hold its first meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in Century Room A. All interested persons welcome.

LECTURES

"Trade Deficits and the Dollar: A U.S. or World Problem?" is the topic of a lecture Friday at noon in Room 101 EMU by Professor Michael Hutchison, University of California, Santa Cruz, and consultant, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

"Multicultural Education: Why Does It Matter?" will be the topic of a lecture tonight at 7 p.m. at the Central Presbyterian Church, 1475 Ferry St. A panel of Eugene public school teachers will discuss the deficiencies of a mono-cultural education. Event sponsored by Clergy and Laity Concerned. Free childcare will be provided.

"Guts and Bolts: An Introduction to Building Systems Integration," is the topic of a lecture by Richard Rush, director of technical information for the American Institute of Architects. The slide-illustrated talk, to be held in Room 107 Lawrence Hall at 8 p.m., will focus on new opportunities for

integrating building systems.

The Christian Science Organization will sponsor a free lecture on "Sowing and Reaping: A Biblical Model for Individual Growth" in the EMU Forum Room today at 4:30 p.m. Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sociology credit is available for being an undergraduate research assistant. Gain valuable experience doing research. Stop by the Sociology Peer Advising office, Room 709 PLC, for more information.

On-campus internships offer great opportunities to gain job-related skills and experience for credit. Stop by the On-Campus Internship Program office in Room 364 Oregon Hall or call 686-3216 to set up an internship for winter term.

1986-87 Financial Aid Forms are now available in the Office of Student Financial Aid, Room 260 Oregon Hall. All application materials must be received by March 3, 1986, for priority consideration. For more information, call 686-3221.

The applications for the General University Scholarship Program are now available in the Office of Student Financial Aid, Room 260 Oregon Hall. All applications must be received by Feb. 14, 1986.

INTERVIEWS

Submit bids for campus interviews Monday through Wednesday each week, Room

244-Hendricks-Hall. The following recruiters will be on campus next week (for interviews with no meeting time, call 686-3235):

Jan. 13: USDA Forest Service, Region 6 — Group meeting, 7 p.m., Room 112 EMU.

Jan. 15: Hewlett Packard (Factory/Field, mktg/Sales, CS Research and Development/Information System/EDP).

Jan. 21-22: General Mills (sales rep).

Jan. 21: Meier & Frank — Open House, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Gerlinger Lounge; Molatone, Gerbert, Rusth & Co. (staff acct); Rollins Leasing Corp. (Branch admin/Rental agent); United Financial Systems (account executive).

Jan. 22: U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (special agent/language specialist/research analyst).

Jan. 23: U.S. Internal Revenue Service — Group meeting only, 1:30 p.m., Room 109 EMU.

Jan. 23-24: USDA Forest Service, Region 6 (internship/coop educ. program — comp spec/land arch/criminal invets/personnel mgmt/acct/contract spec/fiscal mgmt/public inform spec/comm spec).

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