

UO Students:

Tell Your Friends Who Are Not Now Attending the UO...

They don't have to be admitted students to attend the UO this spring.

The University of Oregon Community Education Program opens regular University courses to area residents who are not admitted UO students.

Community education students can register for up to seven credits per term at reduced tuition. No admission requirements. Credits earned may be applied toward degree programs.

Community education registration for spring term classes is March 10-14. Classes begin April 1.

For a free brochure call 686-5614. ☎

University
COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM
of OREGON

The University of Oregon is an equal opportunity institution. Admissions are based on merit.

A PERSONAL APPEARANCE IN EUGENE

RAM DASS

CULTIVATING THE HEART
OF COMPASSION

Tuesday, March 17, 1987 ■ 7:30 p.m.

South Eugene High School Auditorium

TICKETS: \$10 Available at Peralandra

Books & Records, Pedal Power Bicycles

and at the door.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SEVA FOUNDATION

Adoption

Continued from Page 1

Delays in adoption, Stock said, arise from the difficulty of matching a child to a family. CSD mainly handles "special-needs children," which are older, minority or handicapped children. However, infant adoptions also are available through CSD, and Stock said there is a misconception that black or bi-racial children are primarily those available through adoption. "Between 1981 and 1985, CSD completed 1,095 adoptions. Of those, only 69 were for black or bi-racial children," he said.

Private agencies vary in the types of adoption services they provide.

The Boys and Girls Aid Society (BGAS), founded in 1885 and based in Portland, maintains two adoption programs. Primarily, its infant program offers services to birth mothers through pregnancy, assisting in the placement of their children after birth. A "special needs children" program run in conjunction with CSD reflects more the agency's historical role of placing homeless children of all ages in Oregon.

Turnaround time at BGAS is between 18 and 24 months, costing the adopting family

\$3,500 to \$6,000. Approximately 35 percent of BGAS children are minorities.

The Boys and Girls Aid Society looks for flexibility in families that want to adopt, according to a BGAS representative. The willingness to take a child who may have a family history of disease or other problems shows a real desire to have and care for a child, she said.

Placing homeless children overseas is the primary emphasis of the HOLT Adoption Agency of Eugene.

John Abbey, in charge of public relations for the Christian-based agency, said HOLT first tries to return a homeless child to its birthparents. If that fails it then tries to find the child a family in its own country. If that also fails, HOLT finds a family in the United States for the child. HOLT currently places children in Korea, Thailand, Philippines, Latin America, India and Hong Kong.

Taking from 10 months to two years to place a child with an Oregon family, Abbey said that a HOLT adoption can cost up to \$4,500. Cost varies depending on the family's need to travel to

the foreign country.

Qualifications for adoption include what Abbey describes as a "mature desire to have children." Abbey said also the majority of families participating in inter-country adoptions already have one child by birth. "It is usually an option intentionally being used. There's not so long a wait and there's a pretty good chance they will get a child," Abbey said.

Open Adoption and Family Services (OAFS) specializes in adoptions where a child's family contacts an adoptive family, selects them and then continues to maintain a relationship with the child. With an average turnaround time of six to eight months and a cost of anywhere from \$3,000 to \$7,000, open adoption is a good alternative for those wishing to adopt an infant who want to know the child's social and medical history.

Closed adoptions are still the most widely conducted, but open adoptions, where all parties commit to future visitation, are becoming more and more popular, according to Sharon Johnston, Outreach Development Director for OAFS.

Prior to 1900, adoptions weren't shrouded in the secrecy that they are today, Johnston said. Laws didn't exist yet making adoption records confidential to protect the birth mother and adoptive family from the social stigma of appearing unwed, poor, or for married couples, barren.

These new laws appeared at the turn of the century and until recent years, the trend has been toward closed adoptions. But with a growing awareness of the importance of a child's history, and a lessening of the social stigma attached to it, open adoptions have become a desirable alternative for many, Johnston said.

OAFS, a private agency licensed through CSD, conducted 26 open adoptions in 1986. CSD placed 276 children through traditional closed adoptions in that period.

All adoption files are sealed by state law at the time of the adoption decree, Stock said of the CSD, but private adoption agencies differ by offering the possibility of visitation contracts between birth parents and adoptive parents who wish to maintain contact.

Originally set up to advocate for birthparents who wanted to ensure a good home for the child they could not keep, Johnston said OAFS offers more than assurances to a birth parent to insure they will not lose con-

Turn to Adoption, Page 5

University Theatre
Presents



Cherry Orchard
by Chekov

February 27, 28
March 5, 6, 7, 13, 14
Robinson Theatre
8 pm 686-4191

Walk 3
Blocks &
SAVE
\$100

See Page 6

EMU Ground Floor
COMPUTER & SOFTWARE
BROKERS
683-7355

First Grade:

I WANT to be a Fireman.

Sixth Grade:

I want to be happy and make lots of money.

Twelfth Grade:

I want to succeed in the business world.

Freshman Yr.
College:

I want to have fun while I can.

Later:

I don't want to be an Alcoholic

**SOMETIMES,
COLLEGE LIFE
CAN BE
ADDICTING...**

but it doesn't have to be.

A possible alcohol or drug addiction problem can be solved, but first you need to understand it.

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
ARE AVAILABLE TO U OF O
STUDENTS AT NO COST OR
OBLIGATION**

If you or someone you care about might have a drug or alcohol addiction problem, you will have questions that need to be answered.

- When does drinking or drug use become a problem?
- When is treatment needed?
- How do I help a friend who needs treatment?

Calling or meeting with someone that can answer your questions will either ease your mind or be the first logical step in solving a difficult problem. Whichever one it is, it can only help.

Day or Night. Completely Confidential.
Call Lois or John at Serenity Lane.
(Only 2 blocks from campus.)

687-1110

**SERENITY
LANE**

TREATMENT CENTER
FOR ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE
PRIVATE, NOT FOR PROFIT

616 E. 16th (corner of 16th and Patterson)

Rags to Riches



Second Hand Clothing

NEED CASH?

We BUY used
clothing.
(New-2 yrs. old)

Call Mornings for Appt.
344-7039

**10-6 Mon.-Sat.
360 E. 11th**

between Mill & High

Thursday, February 26, 1987