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tact with their child. Legal contracts are drawn up that specifically outline the communication that will occur in the future between all parties.

Believing that a woman who gives up a child through open adoption shows a tremendous responsibility for her child's future, Johnston said, "we're working hard to build respectability for women who have to make that difficult decision."

She added OAFS offers adoptive parents healthy infants, knowledge of a child's social and medical history and the ability to answer a child's later questions.

"People want to know their history," Johnston said. "Problems emerge in families when an adopted child is either given vague information or told lies about his or her family."

The child's "right to know" is very important to Pat Knaus and her husband Willie, who have adopted two children, one through CSD and the other through open adoption.

Pat Knaus believes without a sense of their roots, children may develop the feeling that something wrong with them was responsible for their adoption.

The ability to answer a child's questions honestly also is important to Knaus, who believes that children are pretty sharp when they sense they're not hearing the whole story. Knaus felt this could lead to resentment. "Open adoption makes parenting easier," Knaus said.

The Knaus children, Joby, 4, and Jessica, six months old, were adopted differently. Joby, adopted at age three months

from CSD, has little information about his family. The Knauses would someday like to contact Joby's mother, but for the time being their hands are full with Joby and their newest addition, Jessica.

Jessica was adopted at birth through an open adoption. Jessica's mother selected Pat and Willie as new parents for her child and Jessica was transferred to the Knauses at one day old. The Knauses believe Jessica's mother will continue to be a big part of Jessica's and their life.

Knaus likens open adoption to the hospice concept where the family gathers around at a time of crisis, instead of scattering. "The mother and baby have a chance to say hello and then goodbye," Knaus said.

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just the four-year schools got it together."

Although Etheridge and Watson would like a uniform course numbering system, they would not support a uniform set of classes that all schools were required to teach, also called a lower-division core curriculum.

"Where would you go with the core curriculum, would it be easy classes, hard classes, mediocre classes or what?" asked Etheridge. "A common core curriculum would take away the diversity."

Paul Holbo, University vice provost for academic affairs, said an agreement to make transferring between the

University and LBCC is being negotiated with administrators at the community college.

The University currently has transfer agreements with five of Oregon's community colleges.

Holbo said the agreements between the individual schools are the best way to work out transfer problems. "I can't think of anything more stupid than a statewide core curriculum or uniform course numbering system," he said.

"That would set Oregon's college curriculums back to the ice age."

With a uniform, statewide, lower-division program, Holbo

said colleges wanting to change a course would have to consult every other college in the state. Necessary changes to update curriculum would not take place under such a bureaucratic system, he said.

The transfer agreements between two individual colleges can best account for the differences in curriculum that exist at those two schools, Holbo said.

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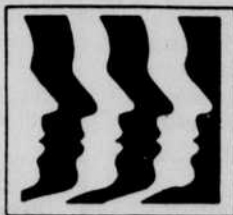
the next day, Gleason said. Since the planned meeting concerned the Riverfront project, it was a natural topic, he said.

"It wasn't like it was some secret meeting to do something secret," Gleason said. "I never heard anyone raise the issue (of secrecy) except Gannon," he said.

As a result of the confrontation at the Hilton's boardroom, Richard Gold, another oppo-

nent of the Riverfront project, has petitioned the state for a "redress of our grievances concerning the failure of our public meeting laws."

A letter attached to the petition suggests that the citizens of Eugene should sue the officials who participated for recovery of public money that went into the meeting. The cost of food and beverages for the officials came to \$127.



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