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Project Saferide to begin as independent operation

By Jeff Morgan
Emerald Reporter

Despite transition problems and lack of staff, the Project Saferide vans will soon be rolling, giving University women an alternative to walking from campus alone after dark.

Saferide coordinator Shannon Meehan said she hopes to have the first of the two vans — the on-campus route, which stops at University buildings and campus housing — running Oct. 5.

The off-campus route — which stops at University buildings, sororities and off-campus housing — should be running Oct. 12, Meehan said. Ridership is free.

However, first she must recruit and train some 60 female volunteer drivers. Meehan also is hiring for seven paid positions: two assistant coordinators, a part-time secretary and four radio dispatchers.

Project Saferide is rape-prevention shuttle service for University women. Meehan said the service is needed because of a poorly lit campus and a higher-than-average number of sexual assaults in Eugene.

She defends the program's exclusively female ridership and driver policy, saying it is the only way to guarantee the users' safety and peace of mind. If a potential rapist were to ride the shuttle and get off at the same stop as a rider, Meehan argued, the service would be as unsafe as walking alone.

Meehan, who is in her second year as project coordinator, faces more problems getting things started than usual this year. Not only must she find the volunteer drivers, but this is the first year the program is not a part of the ASUO Executive office.

"It's going to be rough this year, with all of the changes," Meehan said.

Saferide became an independent

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ASUO's new insurance plan based on Prudential policy

By Carolyn Lamberson
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The ASUO Insurance Program has been busy this last week selling a brand new policy to University students.

The policy is being underwritten by The Prudential, and it is the company's reputation and name that ASUO Vice President Karen Gaffney credits in part with drawing a lot of students to the program, she said.

"Sales are going really well," she said. Gaffney has been selling the insurance around campus since registration began on Thursday and also gives benefit to what she calls a "terrific plan."

"(The name) Prudential is really special to us," Gaffney said, citing the fact the ASUO had five insurance underwriters in the last five years. "They're a

company that really cares about their reputation," and therefore will take special care to provide good service, she added.

In the past, the ASUO Insurance program has been plagued with problems, ranging from charges of mismanagement to having underwriters go through financial difficulties.

The plan was offered to the ASUO last spring because of student government's and the University Health Center's membership in the American College Health Association. The ASUO has joined six other schools in the pilot program: Montana State University, University of New Hampshire, the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and the University of Colorado schools at Boulder, Denver, and Colorado Springs. This is the first time The Prudential has gotten involved in the student insurance

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A warm-weather reprise

Kari Johnson and Kevin Treacy sit outside the doors of the University Book Store on the first day of classes, enjoying the final days of warm weather before having to put the umbrella to its more traditional use.

Photo by Andy Cripe

Couple seeks to unite homeless AIDS, ARC victims

By Kelvin Wee
Emerald Reporter

A couple who tested positive for the AIDS virus and now have AIDS-Related Complex have started a project aimed at helping others with the same ailment.

In April, Richard and Debbie Carper appeared on a local television interview where they informed viewers that they had ARC. Since then, the Carpers have been on national television and will soon be starting a national tour to educate people on AIDS and ARC.

The Carpers also have spoken at several local seminars and have been very active with local organizations that work on AIDS education. Their latest project locally is Carper House Foundation.

"Carper House will be a safe and attractive home for homeless people who

have been diagnosed with AIDS or ARC," Mr. Carper said. "It is not going to be a critical care or medical services house, but will be a hospice-type home with practical care."

"We want it to be a place where a person can have some dignity and be remembered as a person, rather than just as a person with AIDS or ARC," he added. "The house will be open to all people in Oregon who qualify, and not just to Eugene residents."

"I feel that Carper House is needed here because when many people initially find out that they have AIDS or ARC, they feel a real deep sense of loneliness, isolation and depression, and this depression decreases a person's immune system," he said. "Carper House will be a home where residents can live their life to the fullest and be the principle decision maker over his or her own life."

Although Carper House presently is

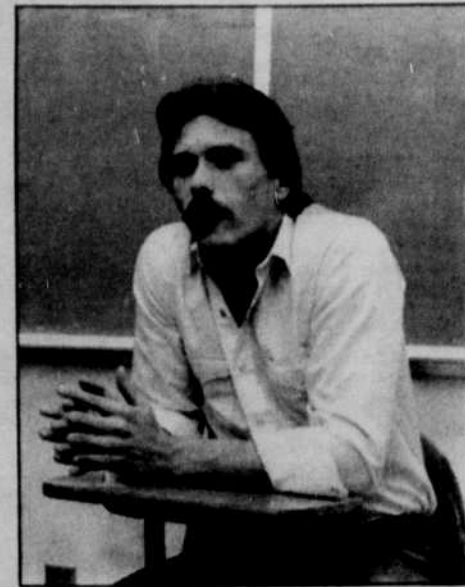
only in its preliminary stages of development, the organization's goals for the future are based on the needs of people with AIDS or ARC in Oregon.

"I see there being an existing and continuing need in communities across the nation for a place to house people with AIDS," said Lynda Eaton, Carper House Foundation board member and Lane County Health and Human Services Department contract services coordinator. "I feel that it is very important for our society to take care of people who need that kind of assistance."

"We've seen both community acceptance and rejection of people with AIDS and ARC," she added, "but my hope is that as we do more public education down the road, there will be more public acceptance of people with AIDS because it is not an easily transmissible disease."

According to Mrs. Carper, the general

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Richard Carper