

Sacred Heart's prenatal clinic reaches out to city's poor

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Emerald Contributor

Sacred Heart General Hospital, in a joint effort with the Lane County Health Department, recently opened a prenatal clinic to serve pregnant women who otherwise would not have access to prenatal care.

The clinic, which opened this summer, cares for pregnant women who don't qualify for Medicaid but fall below federal poverty levels — women who often are uninsured and have low-income jobs.

The Sacred Heart clinic is located on 950 Patterson St., a few blocks from the main hospital.

While patients usually are sent to the main hospital for an amniocentesis or an ultrasound test, the clinic does have an ultrasound machine.

According to Wendy Lang, nurse manager at the clinic, the patients are given a complete health assessment. "We take their blood pressure, do tests to be sure that their kidneys are functioning properly, and test for diabetes," Lang said.

In addition, the clinic provides diet and nutrition counseling, exercise programs and a series of prenatal classes to prepare for birth and parenthood.

Nurse midwives care for patients during labor and delivery. If complications should arise, physicians are on call.

Robin Krauss, a patient at the clinic who is due in December, said the clinic has her on a program to stop smoking.

Krauss also is receiving nutritional guidance at the clinic, which she said has helped in her pregnancy. "I wasn't gain-

ing weight," she said, "but now I am."

According to a Sacred Heart brochure, eight out of every 100 births in Lane County are to women who have received inadequate prenatal care. Six out of every 100 babies have low birth weights at the time of

delivery.

A goal of the clinic is to reduce the incidence of low birth weight in newborns, which contributes to the majority of infant deaths in Lane County.

According to Lang, women seeking prenatal care must first contact Susan Kent of the Lane

County Health Department at 687-4013. After an assessment of need, the Health Department then will refer patients to the appropriate prenatal care provider. Payment is determined by a sliding scale according to the ability to pay, but nobody is denied care because they are unable to pay.

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MEETINGS

Study in Germany: an orientation with slides will be held for students interested in studying in Germany during 1988-89 on Friday, Oct. 9, in Studio C of the Instructional Media Center at these times: 8:30, 10:30, 12:30 and 13:30.

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tunities available through paid internship program. An informational meeting and ITA representative will be in Century Room F, EMU, Wednesday, Oct. 7, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

University Pre-law Student Association will have a meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. in 164 Oregon Hall.

College Republicans will meet today at 5:30 p.m. in the

EMU Forum Room.

Men Against Rape meets in Century Room F on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m.

The Society of Professional Journalists will be holding its first meeting of the year Thursday, Oct. 8, at 3:30 p.m. in 301A Allen Hall.

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Oct. 19 Seafirst Bank group meeting: 7-8 p.m., Chiles Center.

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Oct. 20 Osco Drug, Inc.

Oct. 20 U.S. National Security Agency. Drop in 2-5 p.m., 104, Deady Hall (mathematicians).

Oct. 21 National College of Naturopathic Medicine. Table at EMU 9:30-2 p.m.

Oct. 22 Coopers and Lybrand.

Oct. 22 Deloitte, Haskins and Sells. (Staff accounting).

Oct. 23 Battelle Northwest Laboratories (Computer science/researcher/developer/engineer).

Oct. 23 K Mart Apparel. (Apparel manager trainee) Group meeting: 7-8 p.m., Cedar A, EMU.

Oct. 23 Uarco, Inc.

LECTURES

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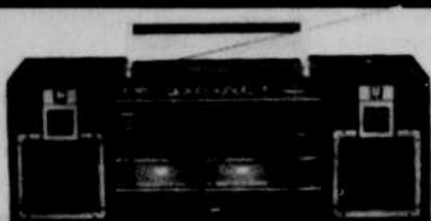
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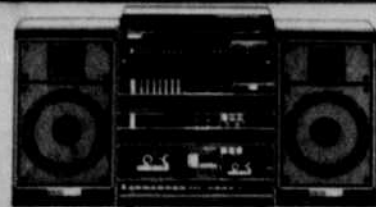
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