

Community education cuts back on enrollment

CEP students will enroll after full-timers

By Peter Cogswell
Emerald Reporter

The University's Community Education Program is playing down forced enrollment reductions from the administration and is looking forward to winter registration, which began Monday, said Corinne Hunt, CEP director.

The major change in the CEP this year involves students not being able to enroll in some classes until all of the full-time

students at the University have registered.

Previously, CEP students registered for their classes before full-time students. This change is necessary because of higher enrollment at the University this year, Hunt said.

"We are cutting back on enrollment because the university is cutting back on enrollment," Hunt said. "We are conforming to the general university policy."

The CEP provides an oppor-

tunity for members of the community to attend classes at the University without having to pay the incidental fees a full-time student is forced to pay.

Students can enroll for up to seven credits in classes, and can use these classes for credit toward a degree should they decide to enroll in the University after some participation in the CEP.

The only requirement for admission is not being enrolled at the University. Students can

enroll for both graduate and undergraduate classes.

According to CEP statistics taken during the 1986-87 academic year, 64.2 percent of the students enrolled in the CEP were graduate students and 67.2 percent are over the age of 28.

"We give older students an opportunity to establish a current academic history," Hunt said. "We also provide a way for people to get back into an academic environment."

"This is the only program the University has that accommodates non-University students," Hunt said. "Most of the people that are in the CEP are working full time, or have family commitments."

Most people involved with the CEP are either trying to get credits to transfer or to get more expertise for their jobs, Hunt said.

The CEP began in 1975 as the non-matriculant program. This name was changed in 1977 to

the CEP because no-one wanted to be involved with a "non" program, Hunt said.

In 1981, the CEP became part of the continuation center, which consists of the Community Education, Continuing Education and Summer Session programs. These programs are commonly called the outreach programs.

"The outreach programs are academic programs that serve the academic needs of people not admitted to the university," Hunt said.

Hunt has been associated with the CEP since 1979 and took over as director in 1981. She knows what it is like to go back to school after a long absence, having gone back to school after a 20-year absence herself.

Educators and teachers make up the largest group of the community population that uses the CEP, Hunt said. Teachers use the CEP to renew their certificates.

Students go places with program

Research area available

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Hidden in Room 23 of the EMU basement, behind the video arcade, is the University's 25-year-old Outdoor Program.

Opened to both students and community members, the Outdoor Program serves three main functions: recreational trips, weekly videos, and a 24-hour resource center that houses maps, books, and magazines relating to the outdoors, said Laura Dale, program employee.

The Outdoor Program was started by University students in the mid-sixties who were tired of the traditional, bureaucratic, hierarchical University clubs, said Keith Nelson, a director of the program.

As a result, those students started the Outdoor Program, an outdoor cooperative where participants are free to come and go as they please, Nelson said.

"We try not to put off a feeling of 'This is a club ... everybody's tuition pays for it,'" Dale said.

There are no leaders or followers in the Outdoor Program; people work together on the same level, sharing their outdoor knowledge, Dale said.

Based on sheer participants, the Outdoor Program is the largest organization of its kind in the nation, Nelson said, estimating that 25,000 people a year utilize the Outdoor Program.

The nucleus of the Outdoor Program is the trip-board. On this cedar wall, there are a number of trip-sheets where people can sign up for an outing. Participants can also initiate their own trip simply posting up a trip-sheet on the board.

Outdoor trips featuring hiking, skiing, rock climbing, rafting, bicycling, and plain old camping are the most common Outdoor Program trips. But there is no set trip schedule. "[We] try to cater to what ever's interesting to outdoor people at the time," Dale said.

With winter setting in, down-hill, cross-country, and telemarking skiing trips have taken over as the top outing,

Dale said about two to three skiing trips a week will take place this winter.

But not all winter trips involve snow. One Outdoor Program trip is going sea-kayaking off the coast of Mexico over Christmas break.

Past Outdoor Program trips have gone as far as Nepal and Tibet, Dale said.

The cost of each Outdoor Program trip is divided equally by the number of trip-takers. Plus, outdoor equipment is available, free of charge, to those who go on an Outdoor Program trip. Transportation is also no problem because the program has two vans plus access to the State Motor Pool.

This fall the Outdoor Program, in cooperation with Eugene's Mountain bicycle Resource Group, published the *Mountain Bike Ride Guide for the South Willamette Region*.

The Outdoor Program is currently petitioning for the construction of a rock-climbing wall on the University's campus. One possibility, Dale said, is to put the climbing wall on the new equipment building that is going to be built, with Student Building Fee funds, for the Outdoor Program.

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