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methods are not considered naturopathy, they may be included in a ND's skills.

Only two U.S. colleges, the National College of Naturopathic Medicine in Portland and the John Bastyr College of Naturopathic Medicine in Seattle, offer ND degrees.

The school offers four and five-year study plans for students who have fulfilled pre-medical course work required of MDs, said Robin Burke, ad-

ministrative assistant of admissions at NCNM in Portland.

The curriculum includes studies in subjects such as anatomy, biochemistry, physics and naturopath history as well as courses in diet, homeopathy (preparing natural self-healing medicines), hydrotherapy (the use of hot and cold to "jump-start" blood circulation and the immune system) and other naturopathic methods.

Burke said the Oregon Col-

lege of Oriental Medicine shares NCNM's facility and offers a three-year program in Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture and acupressure.

"My view of (naturopaths) is that they are outside the norm," said Dr. David Abel, a Eugene Medical Doctor. Abel said he believes there is room for other approaches to medicine. He said medical truths do change.

Abel added, however, that

the Oregon State Board of Higher Education does not offer courses in naturopathic medicine. "I view us (MDs) as having a more scientific background," he said.

State-licensed naturopaths are included in ASUO health insurance coverage, said Kathy Kerns, ASUO health insurance coordinator. Blue Cross/Blue Shield offers naturopath coverage, said Lisa McKay, Blue Cross customer service repre-

sentative in Portland, but only if the purchaser buys special coverage.

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hasn't been asked to make any decisions regarding baseball's future in Eugene, and that Wednesday's meeting was informational.

Ehrman said she is concerned about the effect of a Civic Stadium expansion on area neighbors, as a larger stadium would mean more activity in the community.

She said she believes the council will eventually develop a refinement plan for the Amazon Park area surrounding Civic Stadium that will address appropriate uses for the area.



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