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family shelter or with Food for Lane County, Wright said.

"We want to plant flowers, pack food boxes, just anything to help them out," she said.

Group members have expressed a great deal of interest in helping the homeless, Wright said.

"That's something the Democratic Party should concentrate on, too, because the Republicans sure aren't doing it," she said.

But the College Republicans assert that the image of Republicans as big business executives who don't care about the underprivileged is a misconception.

"I believe the party does help minorities, it does help women, it does help these underprivileged people who have been disadvantaged in the past," Fernandez said, adding that the Republicans give aid differently than the Democrats.

"In order to help someone, you can't just dish out cash; you have to change their mindset."

"We teach people to help themselves," said College Republicans secretary Mark Rosier.

Winning stereotypes

However, Fernandez said maybe the stereotypes of Republicans are good in a way.

"It's a good stereotype, perhaps because the American public has the stereotype that Republicans can do something," Fernandez said, noting that five of the last six presidential elections went to the Republican party.

The College Republicans see themselves as an extension of the state party, Fernandez said.

"We are the college voice for the party," he said.

This year the College Republicans are looking to expand their agenda to include more social issues, Fernandez said.

"We want to get involved with a number of different projects — not necessarily things that are tied to politics — such as the Big Brother Big Sister program," Fernandez said.

In addition, College Republicans hopes to recruit more students into its organization, Fernandez said, noting that College Republicans will have a table outside of McArthur Court during spring term registration.

"This year we're trying to open up our organization to a greater number of people from an increasing number of backgrounds," he said. "More diversity, if you will."

Election year '90

Because 1990 is an election year, both the College Republicans and the University Democrats will spend a lot of time on

campaign oriented events.

"We're planning on bringing some of the Republican candidates coming into the primary ... to campus, such as (gubernatorial candidate) Dave Frohn-mayer," Fernandez said.

"We're also looking to sponsor forums and voter registration drives for the near future."

Norma Paulus, who is running for state superintendent of education, and incumbent Sen. Mark Hatfield will be invited to campus as well, Fernandez said.

"The College Republicans would like to sponsor something like ... an open forum, maybe with the Democratic candidates, too," he said.

The University Democrats sponsor monthly information booths in the EMU, and the group has been inviting Demo-

cratic candidates to sit at the tables and talk with students, Wright said.

The University Democrats are hoping gubernatorial candidate Barbara Roberts will come speak on campus. Wright agrees it "would be optimal to have a debate on campus, maybe in the fall," between the Republican and Democratic candidates, Wright said.

Neither the University Democrats or the College Republicans plan to take an active role in the upcoming ASUO elections because the student government is non-partisan.

"Mostly what we'll be doing is getting people to vote in the student elections," Wright said. "It's really hard to get college-aged people to vote."

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Fernandez, however, points to the activities of the local Democratic Party as the reason he joined the College Republicans. Fernandez, who used to be a registered Democrat, said he switched to the Republican Party after moving to Oregon. "The people running the party are out of touch with the voters in the party," he said.

Whereas Wright came from a politically inactive family, Fernandez said he was introduced to the Democratic Party as a child.

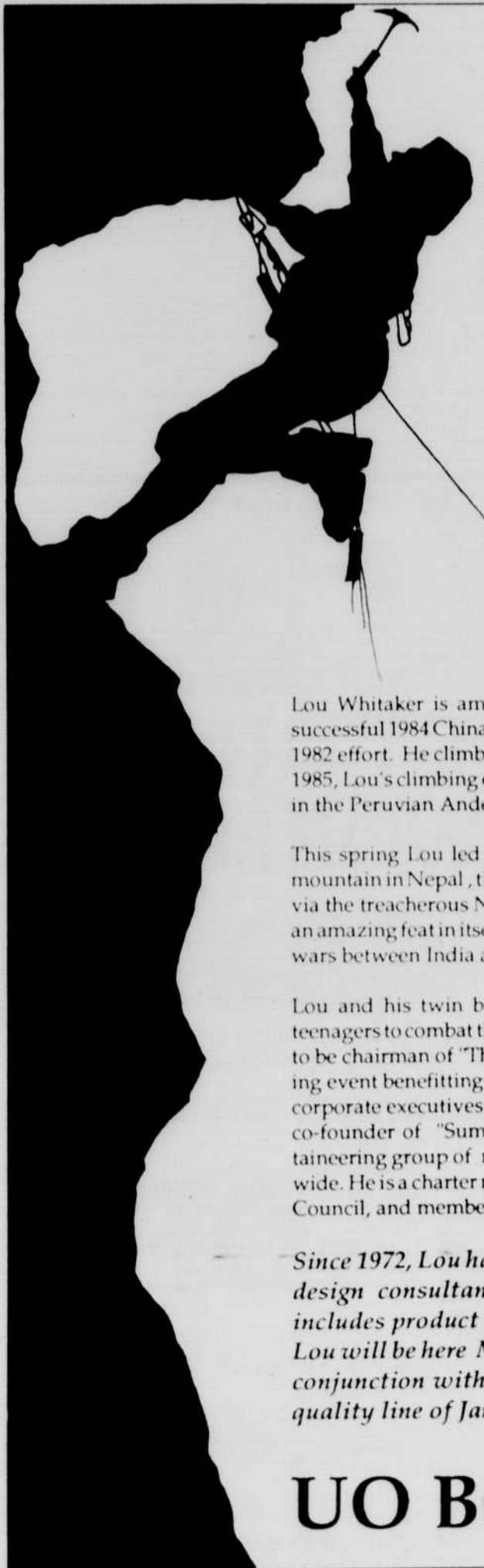
When he was five years old he was recruited to stuff envelopes for his uncle, who is now a Democratic senator from Hawaii. In 1985 Fernandez moved from Hawaii to Or-

egon to study finance and marketing at the University. "I soon found that I was out of sync with the Democratic Party in Oregon," he said.

Fernandez said he was one of many Democrats that voted for Republican candidates in the 1980s. "The Democrats disenfranchised me as well as other main stream voters," he said. "I'm just another facet of this movement toward the Republican Party."

"We don't want them to change, though," Fernandez said. "It's working to our favor."

Regardless of which party people may join, Fernandez's personal drive is also to persuade students to get involved.



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Lou and his twin brother Jim started climbing as teenagers to combat their asthma. This convinced Lou to be chairman of "The Climb," an annual fund-raising event benefitting children with asthma by taking corporate executives to the top of Mt. Rainier. Lou is co-founder of "Summits" - an international mountaineering group of renowned mountaineers worldwide. He is a charter member of the Mountain Rescue Council, and member of the National Ski Patrol.

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