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ing." Wolfe said.

Womenspace, which is one of 33 women's shelters in Oregon and the only women's shelter in Lane County, serves 1,600-1,800 women a year. Throughout the year, about 500 of these women live in the shelter.

The activities were kicked off Monday with a display in the lobby of the Lane County Courthouse featuring domestic violence as expressed through the artwork of children.

"Children are affected in a major way, because in most instances, they witness the abuse," Wolfe said, adding that Womenspace offers counselors to work with mothers and their children on overcoming the violence and focusing on good parenting skills.

The University campus will host a seminar and a rally during the month. On Thursday, the "Take Back the Night"

march in the EMU courtyard will feature various speakers rallying against domestic violence, and the "Images, Illusions and Identity" conference will be held Friday.

"If students know about the programs, then maybe they will tell friends in abusive relationships about them. Maybe they will identify themselves in an abusive relationship and get help," Wolfe said.

Wolfe said that abuse is not an uncommon thing, noting that:

- 50 percent of all women in the U.S. will be battered at least once.
- 20 percent of all emergency room intakes are women who have been battered.
- Four women are killed every day in a battering instance.
- One quarter of the women in the U.S. will be beaten severely on a regular basis.
- Every 18 seconds, a woman is battered.

Womenspace will be taking applications for volunteer posi-

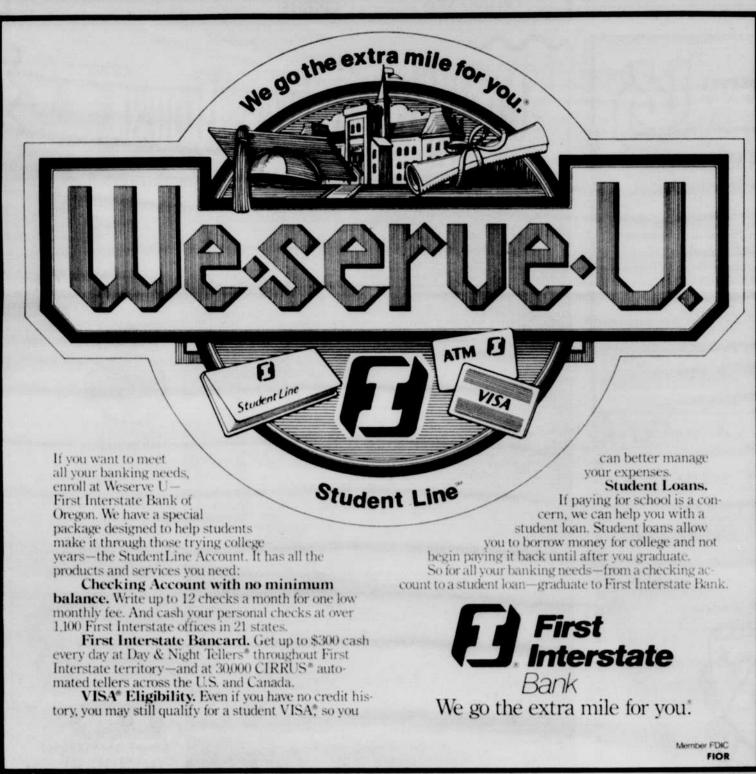
tions Oct. 5-6 as a part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Wolfe encourages students to take part in the program.

"To make these services available, we need people to provide them. Our volunteers are the core of our operation," said Wolfe. "This is an education outside of the classroom, and many students can get credit hours through University programs such as ESCAPE or Human Services for their volunteer time."

For more information on volunteering, contact Womenspace at 485-8232.

"I've heard a lot about sexual and physical assault on campus, and it is vitally important for students to be educated. Take the time to get involved. It effects not only women, but men as the brothers, fathers and friends of battered women," Wolfe said.

"We need to educate and work together to change it," she said.





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