

RIGHT ON TARGET!

CALL OUR AD DEPT: 346-3712

ARTS

Quilters binds pioneers together

By Karen Engels Emerald Reporter

Pieces of pioneer life are sewn together in the offbeat musical Quilters, which opened at the Robinson Theatre Friday.

Quilters is the captivating tale of a strong pioneer wom-an and her daughters. These nine women often share amusing pieces of their lives, in song, dance and narrative, while binding together a quilt, representative of their frontier lives.

The musical, which continues Nov. 29-30, and Dec. 5-7, was written by Barbara Damashek and Molly Newman. The play is based on the lives and actual words of homesteader women, taken from letters, diaries and books. Quilts tied strongly into the social fabric of a pioneer community and in a girl's upbringing.

Quilters develops the notion of kinship, heritage and women's community, yet it is inclusive of men as well," said Guest Director Terra Pressler.

The highly theatrical work possesses appealing music and choreography, but simultaneously comes from and

A pioneering Mother, played by Eliza Roaring Springs, shares the importance of quilting with two of her daughters, played by Shawnna Pledger (left) and Kate Donovan in the play Quilters.

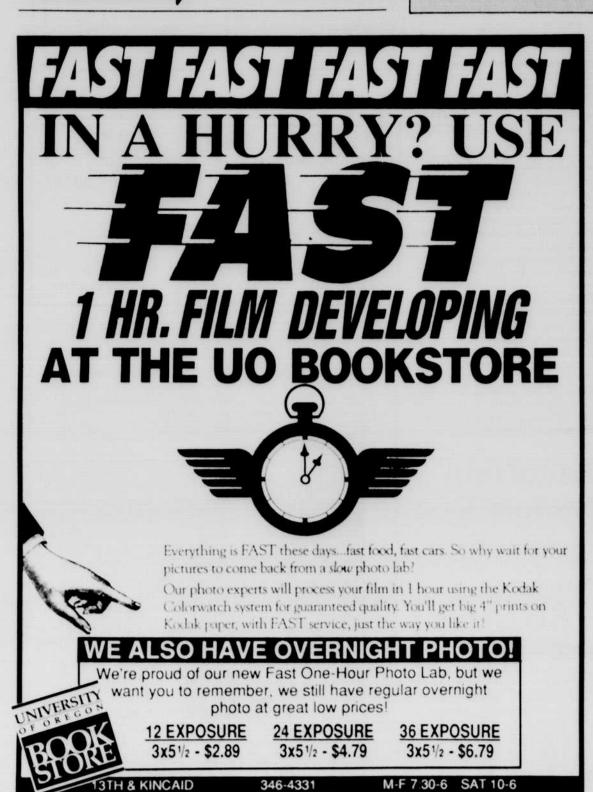
The musical is presented in a tender, rocking-chair style with aprons and ging-ham swirling about in glee or

despair.
"The work slides continually along the razor edge between laughter and tears," Pressler said. Poignant scenes of childbirth, death and prairie fires are interspersed with exuberant scenes of courtship, sibling rivalry and schoolhouse shenanigans.

Hymns, playful chorus and soothing melody tie neatly in with the rapid action. Four musicians accompany the actresses on piano, fiddle, harp and percussion.

All shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$4.50 for students and senior citizens and \$6.50 for the general public. Group rates for 10 or more are avail-

Tickets are available at the Robinson Theatre box office from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. on performance nights, or by calling 346-4191.





Get the experience you need today to be a success in the business world tomorrow.

The Oregon Daily Emerald is now taking applications for a position on our display advertising sales staff. Applicants should have a minimum of 3 hours per day to spend selling retail display space to an established client list. The position requires use of a car and the applicant must be a full-time U of O student. Previous sales experience and sophomore or junior standing is a

Please apply today for this position by picking up an application at suite 300 EMU. The closing date is Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 5 p.m.

Oregon Daily Emera The Oregon Daily Emerald is an equal opportunity employer