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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

• "Benny and Joon" is the next film in Sacred Heart General Hospital's Mental Health and the Cinema series.

The movie will be shown, free of charge, at 7 p.m. next Tuesday in the hospital's 2 Main conference room at 1255 Hilyard St. in Eugene and will be followed by a presentation by Joe Eaton. For more details, call 686-7044.

• The American Heart Walk is scheduled for Saturday at the University. Walkers will raise money for cardiovascular research through pledges in a non-competitive walk through campus.

For information on participating or sponsoring a walker, call the Eugene office of the American Heart Association at 344-6345 or 800-452-9445.

• McKenzie-Willamette Hospital is hosting the BOO Ball Saturday from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. to raise money for their medical equipment fund.

Tickets for the ball are \$15 each, \$25 per pair in advance and \$17 at the door. Participants must be 21 or older.

Featuring the music of The Valley Boys, the ball will also include a haunted house and costume contest with prizes.

For more information or tickets, call the McKen-

zie-Willamette Hospital Foundation office at 726-3164.

• South Slough Reserve in Charleston, Ore., is offering a class on wild edible plants Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pre-registration is required for this class, which costs \$3 and includes a packet of handout materials as well as a lecture and day in the field led by amateur naturalist Chuck Holbert.

For more information, call the reserve at 888-5558.

• This year's Great Rotary Duck Race is scheduled for noon Saturday, when rubber ducks will be dropped in the Willamette River to float from the Autzen Stadium Footbridge to the finish line at Alton Baker Park.

The first ducks to cross the finish line will win more than \$40,000 in prizes donated by local merchants, including a new Jeep Cherokee Laredo.

Tickets for the race are \$5, and will be available beginning at 9 a.m.

Proceeds from the event will go to groups that fight child abuse, including Womenspace, The Relief Nursery and Birth to Three.

## STUDENTS

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did say it is a significant amount, enough to keep certain programs intact that otherwise could have been cut.

University Director of Admissions Jim Buch said it was a University decision to focus on recruiting more non-residents. However, he said the state Board of Higher Education advised both the University and Southern Oregon State to recruit out of state because the two have the best potential to attract non-Oregon students, particularly Californians.

With California's higher education system struggling financially, more and more Californians are choosing Oregon as their alternative. In-state tuition for the University of California at Los Angeles is \$3,548.50 for the 1993-94 school year. When living expenses are added on, the cost is often only a couple of thousand dollars less than the University, Buch said.

The classes are smaller, the

faculty-to-student ratio is better, and students can usually get the classes they need to graduate within four years, he said.

Buch said there were four factors he used to sell the University to non-state students: location, size, cost and quality. Most students agree that Eugene is a nice place to live, he said, and that a school of 16,000 students doesn't scare people the way a school with 30,000 might.

Buch also said the cost compared to Colorado or California schools is not outrageous, and that a lot of students are attracted to the quality of the University, with programs such as the International College and Honors College drawing interest.

Buch said the University has not turned away more Oregonians because of the out-of-state focus. He said every Oregonian who met the minimum admissions standards was let in. And contrary to many people's concerns, Buch said the University did not raise its minimum standards in order to turn away more in-state students, which Southern Oregon State was

accused of doing last year when it raised its minimum grade point average required for admission.

By prioritizing non-resident recruiting, Ihrig said, the state system hopes schools can sustain their current level of education.

For example, Ihrig said, if some of the money taken away by the Legislature was not recouped, and the University couldn't afford to keep its high-quality professors within the next few years, it would be extremely costly and difficult to rehire those faculty members if and when the state system recovered.

OSSHE hopes to hold on to what it can by using the extra money from the non-resident tuition, Ihrig said. If the sales tax or another recovery package were passed, he said, the state will recommend that all schools again fully prioritize resident students.

"Our goal is to make an education available to as many Oregonians as we can," he said.

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