

UO produces seven Fulbright scholars and sends them packing

■ **STUDENTS:** The University has more Fulbrights than any other Oregon school

By Cindy Long
Higher Education Editor

Seven University students have earned the opportunity to travel abroad and spend their 1995-96 academic year doing research — all expenses paid.

There have been 116 Fulbright scholars at the University since 1971, Tom Mills, director of the Office of International Education and Exchange, said in a news release.

"I can state unequivocally that no school

or college in Oregon comes close to the U of O concerning the number of Fulbrights we have," he said.

The students' travel and living expenses are covered by Fulbright grants.

Joan Wozniak, a graduate anthropology student and research assistant in the University's Institute of Molecular Biology, said she never expected her first Fulbright application to be successful.

Wozniak said she will travel to Easter Island, off the coast of Chile, in January to do an archeological survey of the area and to study soil samples to determine if the land has been agriculturally developed in the past.

Wozniak said she will return to Eugene

for the summer to test her research. However, at the end of the summer, she plans to return to Easter Island for three months.

The other six University Fulbright scholars are:

- Brett Walker is a doctoral degree student in history. He is in Hokkaido, Japan studying the history of Japanese trade with north pacific ethnic groups.

- Lamece Baligh is a doctoral degree student in sociology. Baligh went to Cairo, Egypt and will spend six months gathering data for a cross-generational and cross-cultural study of gender identity and gender relations.


- Marguerite Forest is a doctoral degree student in geography. Forest is spending

her 1995-96 academic year studying how the indigenous Haida people of the Queen Charlotte Islands off the coast of British Columbia can develop a sustainable relationship with their physical environment.

- Natanya Myers is a 1994 graduate in German. She will participate in a teaching assistantship and take classes at the University of Cologne in Germany.

- Dwayne Thomas is a 1992 master of fine arts graduate in creative writing. He is spending his 1995-96 academic year in Paris, France and Lyon, France, conducting research for a collection of essays on the complex cultural expressions of second-generation North Africans in France.

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Crisis Center's 24-hour hotline on call for students

■ **COUNSELING:** Trained volunteers provide help for student interpersonal problems

By Sean Rossol
Freelance Reporter

The University Crisis Center, located on the second floor of the Student Health Center, is here to help students suffering from anxiety, loneliness, depression or thoughts of suicide, among other things.

"Some people are just getting into relationships which they are afraid their parents might not approve of and so they experience a lot of anxiety," director Glenn Matchett-Morris said. "This makes them reluctant to go home or they might attempt suicide."

"Most people don't even know that we are here as a resource for them. Our biggest goal is to get the word out to let people know that there is a place that will listen to their concerns." Help is available 24-hours a day from either the Crisis Center or their Crisis Line.

The Crisis Line's main function is crisis prevention. It is funded jointly by the ASUO and the Student Health Center. Half of the money comes from the ASUO, which is then matched by the health center. The Crisis Line is staffed with 18 student volunteers, who work mostly graveyard shifts and on holidays.

"The Crisis Line is open whenever the Counseling Center is not," Matchett-Morris said. "This is usually late at night or on the

holidays, when most people have left town for the weekend or are with friends."

The majority of calls that the Crisis Line receives are ones that deal with interpersonal situations.

"Interpersonal situations can be an argument with a friend, with a parent, or a roommate or a boyfriend/girlfriend," Matchett-Morris said.

"Interpersonal problems are problems that occur between two people. They don't necessarily have to know each other for the problem to be interpersonal."

Callers are counseled by volunteers who have crisis-prevention training. Volunteers must complete a 400-500-level class in Counseling Psychology, which is offered once in the fall and spring, before they are eligible.

"The training is actually quite intense," Matchett-Morris said.

During the 1994-95 academic year, the Crisis Center operated 367 shifts representing approximately 7,900 hours of service to students. This number is less than previous years due to a successful effort to reduce the number of calls from non-students.

"There are services in the greater community that provide the same services that we do," Matchett-Morris said. "We are mostly concerned with University students. Non-student callers are better served through community referrals."

Students feeling mental anxiety or wanting to discuss a situation with someone are encouraged to call the Crisis Center, 24-hours a day, at 346-4488.

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