

Trojan cornerback

Southern Cal's Drayton McCutcheon hopes to follow in the footsteps of his father, Lawrence, and play in the NFL

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Ducks take Pilots in three

The Oregon women's volleyball team gets a confidence booster with a three game sweep of the University of Portland Pilots

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TODAY

Anita Weiss will give a free lecture on women's empowerment at noon in 330 Hendricks.

WEATHER

Today
Some sun
High 62. Low 40.
Thursday
Partly sunny
High 58. Low 44.

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HOMELESSNESS



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Jill Godici, residential counselor at the homeless shelter Looking Glass Station Seven, answers the crisis help line Tuesday.

Shelter offers solution for youth

Looking Glass Station Seven shelter provides homeless youth with many services

By Michael Burnham
Community Reporter

It is that time of year when many of us choose to stay bundled up in our homes or in the warmth of a classroom. But when the temperature drops, not all of us have that option. Homeless citizens, including an increasing number of youths, throughout the community have had to deal with fewer options on where they can stay as they rely on the city and other organizations to provide shelter.

One such solution to deal with the homeless youths that has proved successful in recent years is the Looking Glass Station Seven youth shelter on the corner of Roosevelt Boulevard and Foch Street.

The shelter, which is one of eight pro-

grams sponsored and partially funded by the United Way in Lane County, was created in July 1995 to assist youths between the ages of 11 and 17 to end their homelessness. The building the shelter is currently housed in is an old fire department facility that was built in 1950.

According to Station Seven Program Supervisor Kari Whitney, the emergency shelter and its services are open for families in conflict and homeless youth.

Some of the services the facility offers include a 24-hour telephone crisis line, emergency shelter care and individual and family crisis counseling, Whitney said.

"Our job is to help research opportuni-

"Here at Station Seven [the counselors] are like the parents we never had."

"Mandy"
Homeless youth

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Child care centers earn accreditation

Six University child care centers received national recognition for providing outstanding services

By Megan Turner
Higher Education Reporter

Parents with preschool children who spend their days at one of the local Child Care Development Centers have a reason to smile. Recently, the CCDC received national accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) — one of the highest honors a child care facility can receive.

Only 32 of the state's 1,200 programs are accredited in Oregon, which means about 5 percent of early childhood programs have met the standards, said Dennis Reynolds, EMU Child Care coordinator.

"We have been providing high quality services for kids and families for over 27 years," Reynolds said. "Now recognition by an objective outside organization gives us an official seal of approval."

The CCDC consists of six child care facilities designed to specifically meet the needs of University families. Among these are the EMU Toddler and Preschool programs, located on the lower level of the EMU; the Westmoreland Toddler and Preschool programs, located at 2169 W. 17th Court; the Green House Toddler Program, located at 1533 Moss St.; and the Moss House Pre-K and Kindergarten Program and the Brown House Preschool Program, located at 1511 1/2 Moss St. All seven centers are now nationally accredited.

Child care centers, Head Start programs, preschool programs and kindergartens are eligible to apply for accreditation. The NAEYC accreditation is a voluntary process in which early childhood programs must demonstrate that they meet national stan-

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Graduate students awarded grant to study hydropower in Asia

Coleen Fox and Nick Kohler will look at the effects of hydroelectric development on the Mekong River

By Teri Meeuwsen
Higher Education Reporter

Two geography graduate students recently received a \$6,500 grant from the Joint Research Exchange Fund for a research project on hydropower development, including the effects of development on the Mekong River in Asia.

Coleen Fox and Nick Kohler were one of 24 groups worldwide to receive a JREX grant this year.

"It's very significant," Steadman Upham, vice provost for research and dean of the graduate school said. "Few awards were made in the nation. It's a major achievement and tribute to the depart-

ment, but more importantly to the training and quality of the students."

After receiving previous grants for graduate work in East Asia, Fox and Kohler became interested in JREX, which gives students the chance to work on international projects.

Fox said the group is planning to create a project that would facilitate cooperation between regional and national planners and local communities. The project will focus on a changing tributary system in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

"The Mekong River is one of the least developed rivers in Asia because of the Vietnam War and the economic isolation of it," she said. "It's now opening up to industry; it will dramatically change the area."

There are 200 planned hydroelectric stations for the river, Fox said. The group will be working on 26 of them from January

through mid-March.

"The plans the regional and national groups are making are not taking into consideration the local impact, and there's a lack of local participation," Fox said. "Our goal is to determine methods for taking local data to national planners and getting national information to the locals because they don't have access to [the plans]."

The pair and other group members, who will be chosen from the three countries where work will take place, hope to close the information gap between the government and the local community by gathering data and putting it in map form, Fox said.

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They will use the grant from JREX to fund transportation costs, equipment

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Coleen Fox
Geography graduate student

costs, translators, housing and creating the maps, Fox said.

Out of this year's grant recipients, \$10,000 will go to the top group who is the most successful with their projects, Fox said. The grant would allow students to continue the second phase of work.

"We're uncertain what we'll actually be able to accomplish in what I call the first phase," she said. "But we're interested in making the case."