

# Shelter: Facility offers counseling for youth

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Whitney referred to the youths lodged at the facility as the "time out population." The shelter is licensed to house up to 20 kids and there is at least one staff member at the facility at all times.

There has been an increasing demand on shelters such as this one in recent years as they have had to deal with decreasing funding and an increasing number of youths in need.

A program participant who chose to go by the name of "Mandy" said that although the facility is licensed to house up to 20 youths, it only has the funding to provide shelter for eight kids.

"One day they had to turn away about seven kids," she said. She added that the crisis line rings at all hours of the day with youths requesting either some means of assistance or some place to stay.

But Mandy said that the pro-

gram has been useful to her in the two weeks that she has stayed at Station Seven.

"They've helped me to deal with my anger better, and now I'm focusing my energy to helping youths get off of the street," she said. "Here at Station Seven [the counselors] are like the parents we never had."

Mandy, who was homeless before coming to Station Seven, added that she is now planning on going home and reconciling things over with her parents. She also plans on attending college with the recent completion of a high school General Education Degree.

The importance of shelters such as Looking Glass has increased in recent years as Eugene has grown, according to former Looking Glass Night Manager Al Kreitz.

Kreitz is a proponent of the shelter and said he feels there should be an increased number of similar shelters throughout the community. He said that the shelter was very important to the kids because it gave them a "time out" to get away from a bad environment.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### ASUO hosts Premiere meeting for students

The ASUO welcomed students to their government Tuesday.

"The Premiere," a two-hour informational meeting in the EMU Fir Room, featured speeches by the ASUO Executive and discussions about major issues. The event also included music from KWVA and a raffle.

The ASUO invited all of its interns, volunteers and staff members, as well as anybody interested in student government.

ASUO teams presented the issues they will be working on this term, including safety concerns and the class add-drop deadline campaign. The teams also discussed the library survey, which the ASUO is circulating to gauge students' use of the library.

Presenters talked about projects the ASUO is looking at but hasn't committed to yet. A "Student Bill of Rights" is one such proposal. Some universities have similar bills that outline a student's rights.

The Premier's main purpose was to get students involved, ASUO Controller Christa Colwell said.

"We're definitely trying to create a more 'We're here for students' image," she said. "This'll get all the people a better idea of what we're doing."

# Care: Part-time services still available in programs

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dards of excellence, Reynolds said.

To receive accreditation, the six programs were required to meet a list of criteria.

According to a pamphlet issued by the NAEYC, these include: frequent positive interaction among adults and children, a variety of planned learning activities appropriate for the children's stage in development, numerous high quality teachers, a safe and healthy environment for children, effective administration, effective communication between parents and teachers, and an ongoing evaluation of the programs.

Aside from meeting these criteria, a representative from the Academy visited the programs.

Reynolds said the reason why CCDC was able to meet such criteria was because of the support provided by student incidental fees. Reynolds said about 31 percent of their budget comes from student fees.

"A key determinant of quality is the staff ratio and number of staff," Reynolds said. "That additional funding enables us to have more teachers."

With more teachers, Reynolds said, comes a better quality of instruction for children, which was part of receiving the accreditation.

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Dennis Reynolds  
EMU Child Care coordinator

"Everyone on campus should share that pride," he said.

Reynolds said student parents who are generally at the lower end of the middle class many times make choices about where to send their children to day care based on affordability rather than quality.

Now, with such nationally recognized facilities on campus, Reynolds said student parents have high quality options for their children.

"Parents can get a high quality higher education at the same time [that] their children are getting a high quality early education," he said.

CCDC programs run term-by-term on block times, so students can fit day care into their schedules without paying extra for hours they don't use.

Some part-time child care is still available for parents who are interested in sending their children to the programs. For more information, call 346-4384.

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