

# Massage therapy raises funds

■ Eugene therapists offered massages Sunday in exchange for donations to scholarship funds for victims of the attacks

By Brook Reinhard  
for the Emerald

Massage therapists in Eugene gave their time Sunday as clients gave donations in an effort to fund scholarships for children of the victims of the attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

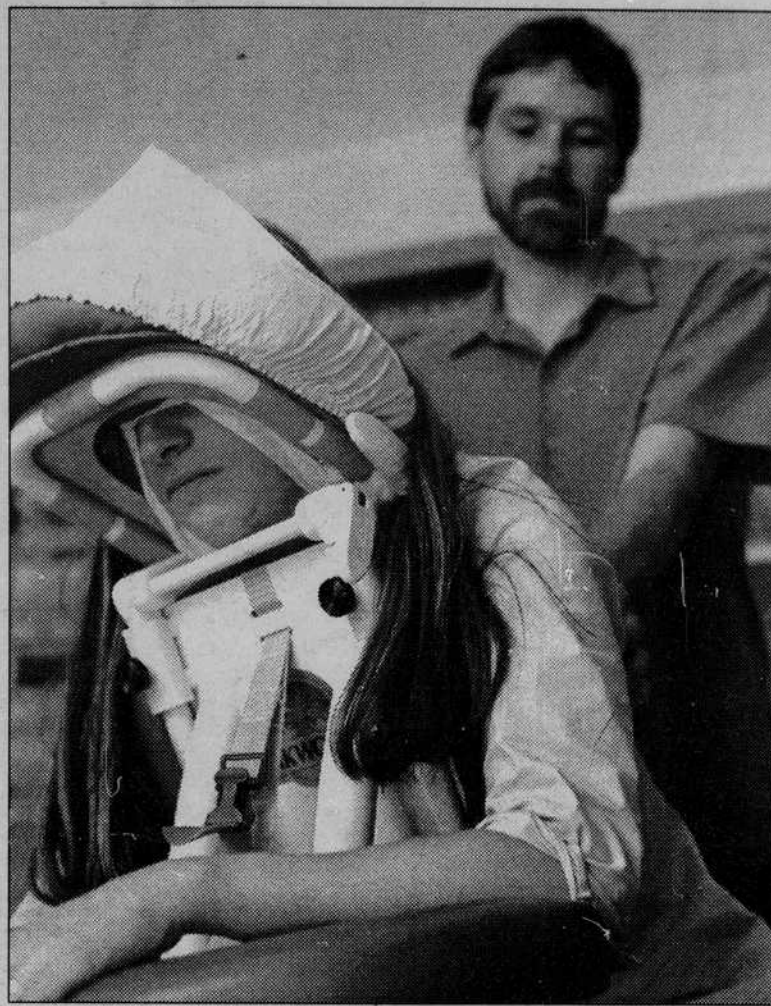
Sixteen full- and part-time staffers gave seated-chair massages on a walk-in basis as a benefit for the Mercy Corps Scholarship Fund. The fund was created for the children of those who lost their lives on Sept. 11. By 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, 11 people had shown up to be treated and give a suggested donation of \$10 in return.

"People have more than doubled the suggested donation (for a 15-minute massage)," event coordinator Linda Osterlitz said. "We're going to take the proceeds and write a check to Mercy Corps."

The scholarships will be put to use in any way possible, "even for high school education," Osterlitz said. Her husband, Chris Osterlitz, is a partner at the Chiropractic Healing Center, and they worked together with others in the group to promote the effort.

The center is not normally open on weekends, so the whole office area was available for seated massages. There were five chairs set up, including one in the courtyard that the center shares with Bijou Art Cinemas.

Therapists spent between 15 and 20 minutes on each client's massage. "It's two-way giving. These therapists are giving their time, then turning around and giving to this fund," Linda Osterlitz said.



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Chiropractor Chris Osterlitz gives his wife Linda a massage Sunday during a massage therapy benefit to raise money for children of the victims involved in the tragedies.

Some clients came just to donate. "We had decided to give a donation, but we were already here, so we got a massage," Liza Kagan said. She and her husband, Caloway, were in Eugene for the weekend visiting relatives and decided to participate in the event. "I'm pregnant, and I think I was given extra attention."

"This is a good way of combining healing and giving," Caloway Kagan added.

"We're all affected in various ways — the best way to help is to pool resources in our community," Linda Osterlitz said. People interested in making a donation can contact Linda or Chris Osterlitz at 345-2084 or they may book an appointment for another benefit session on Saturday, Oct. 6.

Brook Reinhard is a freelance reporter for the Oregon Daily Emerald.

## News briefs

### Teaching program receives funding

A teacher preparation program at the University was selected to participate in a three-year grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education.

The University will share the \$593,899 grant with five other public universities in Oregon and will use it to better teach reading to the state's kindergarten through 12th-grade students.

The reading programs will be delivered in a variety of mediums, including Web-based, video-based,

hybrid courses and face-to-face instruction.

— Eric Martin

### Music school gearing up for renovation

The University's School of Music has secured half of the \$15.2 million it needs to remodel and expand its facility.

Gov. John Kitzhaber's signature on Senate Bill 5525 authorizes the Legislature to funnel \$7.6 million in bonds to the University for the project. The music school will have to drum up the difference through private gifts by the end of the current biennium to ensure

state funding. So far, the school has secured \$700,000.

The music school serves more than 500 students, at least 200 more students than it was built to accommodate in 1917.

The remodel and expansion project will double the amount of practice rooms, add classrooms, rehearsal and performance spaces and more offices for faculty and graduate teaching fellows.

A state-of-the-art concert hall, called the Intermedia Performance Hall, will also be added to showcase performances from opera to dance.

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Influenza vaccinations will be given at the University Health Center for **high-risk** faculty, staff and their dependents 18 years and older every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and for **high-risk** students Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Beginning Wednesday, October 3, 2001.

### High-Risk Criteria

If you belong to one of these categories you are eligible for Flu vaccine

#### Criteria for Category 1

Students (Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) \$6.00  
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(covered by PEBB insurance—you must bring your PEBB card)

- Persons 65 years and older
- Persons with any of the following conditions:
  - ✓ Long-term heart or lung condition
  - ✓ Kidney disease
  - ✓ Cystic Fibrosis
  - ✓ Diabetes
  - ✓ Anemia
  - ✓ Asthma
- Conditions that compromise the immune system
- Women who will be in their 2nd or 3rd trimester of pregnancy during the influenza season (November-April)

#### Criteria for Category 2

Students (Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) **\$6.00**  
Faculty, Staff and their dependents 18 years and older (Wed.-Fri. 8:00-9:00 a.m.): **\$10.00**  
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- Persons having closest contact with persons in Category 1, including:
  - ✓ Household members of High Risk persons in Category 1
  - ✓ Physicians, nurses and other staff who provide direct patient care for persons in the Category 1 high Risk group

For more information, call the University Health Center at 346-4444.