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therapy isn't just for CRISES anymore

■ The Center for Family Therapy, which trains intern therapists, encourages students to come in for a 'check-up'

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When junior Katie Dorst started arguing with her boyfriend of more than two years, she decided it was time to end the relationship.

She said seeking therapy never occurred to her — she wasn't married, and she figured the arguing meant it was time to move on.

But the idea that therapy is only for major crises is something intern therapists at the Center for Family Therapy hope to change. The "teaching hospital," which has been open since April 2001, offers therapy for individuals, couples and families, said clinical director John Miller.

Clinical services are provided by University graduate student interns working toward a master's degree in marriage and family therapy. The center is located above Mother Kali's Books on East 13th Avenue.

Right now, about 10 percent of the center's clients are students. Intern therapists said they hope students will utilize the facilities without feeling embarrassed or stigmatized.

As a teaching hospital, the center provides low-cost health



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Dr. John Miller (center) chats with intern therapists Asha Dutia (left) and Katie Walwyn in the observation room at the Center for Family Therapy.

care services that regular agencies can't, Miller said.

Sessions are charged on a sliding scale of \$10 to \$40 an hour, but Miller said he "won't refuse any services based on an ability to pay."

Interns spend their first year listening or watching previous sessions with a client's permission and interacting with the therapists. They spend their second year seeing clients. One advantage of a teaching hospital is that intern therapists are in school and learning the most up-to-date material, Miller said.

Couples can also watch their own arguments from previous sessions on the video playback option in some of the rooms — a new technology advancement that many clinics don't offer.

"It's a really good way to show a couple how they've changed, how much they've accomplished," said Katie Walwyn, a second-year intern therapist.

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Candidates focus on unifying campus groups

■ If they win the ASUO election, Sean RITCHIE and Jason Babkes have a plan for bringing together diverse students

By Robin Weber
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Sean RITCHIE, a junior business and sociology major, is running for president. Jason Babkes, a junior philosophy and business major, is running for vice president.

Q: There are at least 10 tickets running for ASUO Executive, which is more than past years. What do you think will set yourselves apart from the other candidates?

A: I think that we're running on a really passionate ticket. We're really committed to uniting the campus and making it a better place for all of the students combined as one unit — and not keeping it segmented.

We grew up in Eugene, so we have a huge interest in this University. We've seen what it can do to the community — positively and negatively — and we see how we can make a better impact and relate the University to the community better. I'd like to emphasize the passion we

run on.

Q: Briefly describe your platform.

A: We really want to unite the campus through an integrated network of leaders that would report to us. That way we would really unite all the students together and not have a bunch of different groups out for their own objectives. We also really want to focus on nighttime safety on campus. We



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have some ideas, like a monitored route through campus and maybe more lights. It's very important that the Eugene community and the University really work together. The community and the University really networking and relating to each other and knowing what's going on would make it a lot better.

Q: What will you advocate for on the state level for students, and how will you carry out your plans?

A: We are going to develop a rapport. I would start with U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Eugene. He is an extremely accessible representative. Communication would be our initial step, and to see where it goes from there. Obviously the budget (needs to be addressed). We do need more funding, but they don't want us to have bad funding. It's a matter of where it comes from. Also, Oregon University System Chancellor Joe Cox just retired and there's going to be a new chancellor coming in. He or she is new, and we're going to be new, and we'd like to join forces.

Q: What specific campus-oriented initiatives will you champion?

A: Another big thing is recognition for all groups. There are a ton of different organizations in this University, and to get them working together for a common goal is awesome, but di-

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PFC approves Commentator's mission, budget

■ Before Tuesday's meeting, PFC members looked at the Southworth decision and sought advice from the administration about 'viewpoint neutrality'

By Danielle Gillespie
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The Oregon Commentator waited two weeks for an explanation of the tabling of its mission statement in its Jan. 21 budget hearing. But during Tuesday's ASUO Programs Finance Committee's meeting, the PFC made an unanimous decision to pass the statement without giving a clarification for its decision.

"We were obviously upset the PFC tabled our budget because of a legal misunderstanding, but the manner in which they immediately passed the mission statement in our second hearing vindicates our original position," Commentator publisher Bret Jacobson said.

PFC Chairwoman Mary Elizabeth Madden refused to comment about the PFC's final decision, but PFC member Erin Pursell said it had become clear to the committee that no real issue existed.

"I am glad the PFC took a second and did not pass it right away, to allow us to become more in tune to the new incidental fee guidelines," Pursell said. "I do not think it was appropriate for us to ask the Commentator to change its mission statement, but I am glad we looked at it further."

Pursell said she looked extensively at the Supreme Court's Southworth decision to acquire a better understanding of "viewpoint neutrality" to make her final decision. She said other members of the PFC asked for advice from the administration for their decisions.

The Commentator's 2002-03 budget increased from \$14,086 to \$15,124 — a 7.4 percent increase from the 2001-02 school year.

The PFC combined the budgets for Project Saferide and Night Ride, allocating \$61,032, a 38.1 percent increase from last year's \$44,194 budget.

Madden said the PFC increased Project Saferide's budget to accommodate Night Ride as a new addition to its program.

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Athletic task force holds first meeting

■ The group will advise President Frohnmayer on national athletic issues that affect the university

By Eric Martin
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The University athletics task force will meet with University President Dave Frohnmayer for the first time this morning to discuss how the group will operate and what issues it hopes to address during its 18 to 24 months of existence.

In late fall, Frohnmayer and University Senate President Nathan Tublitz appointed 12 task force members — Tublitz is a member by virtue of his senate presidency — to advise Frohnmayer on national athletics issues that have bearing on the school and the Pacific-10 Conference. Frohnmayer is Pac-10 representative to the NCAA.

The major helping on the task force plate, however, will be the examination of Athletic Department operations and how those operations culminate with broader University academic endeavors.

"It will give Dave Frohnmayer the opportunity to be on top of issues as they pertain to our campus," Athletic Director Bill Moos said Monday. "I imagine the 'arms race' will be one of the key discussion items."

The "arms race" Moos alluded to is the growing competition between different universities' athletic programs to build state-of-the-art facilities to attract talented recruits. The issue has become a topic of debate across the nation as

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