

Communal living developed for needy

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Mention the word "commune" to the average American citizen and nine times out of 10 a negative reaction will result. Communal living is usually associated with

the dopers, cultists and unemployed flower children of society. After thinking about all those negative aspects, it's hard to believe that anything good could ever be accomplished through communal living. Yet, something has.

Linda Murr, a student here at the College, is a living testimony to that fact. Murr has been living in a local Christian community since the beginning of fall term in 1978. She plans to do so for the rest of her life. Her community is currently working with high school students and young adults in the area, giving them a place to sleep, food to eat, and just letting them know someone cares.

"I've learned what a selfish person I am since we started reaching out," said Murr. "I've had to give up a lot."

But Linda Murr can sympathize with some of those she now helps. When she left her home in Kenewick, Wash., she did so in an act of faith. She came to Oregon City, rented an apartment and got a job in a local nursing home. She tried to get socially involved, but it

wasn't long before she was plagued by loneliness.

"I learned that I had to give everything -- even my loneliness -- to Jesus," she said.

Then Murr became part of the Christian community. She hasn't been lonely since.

Murr is quick to point out that communal living is not without its share of problems and heartaches. They are burdened financially. They have had trouble with other tenants in their apartment complex. They have had people take advantage of their offer of free food and lodging.

"For a while it was kind of a mess," explained Murr, "until we all got used to each other, and the apartment complex got used to us."

Although she believes in individuality she believes each

person should have a time to be alone each day--and community members should respect each other's quiet time.

"It should be a place of discipleship, a place where people really want to grow," she said.

Murr also expressed a need for new members outside support for the community, which is still in its early stages. Sincerity and commitment are the only requirements for those interested. The group also holds a Bible study Tuesdays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for anyone who would like to attend.

"We are a family," said Murr, "We challenge each other, deal with our problems. We find the answer in love."

For more information about the community, call 656-5588.

New nurse solves ills big and small

Students with medical problems need not despair. On-campus health care is available for them from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, at the Student Health Center, Trailer A.

Registered nurse, Kevin Day, who is filling in for Student health nurse Bonniw Harley-Linse while she is on a month-long leave of absence, served as a medic in the Vietnam war, where he discovered his interest in nursing. After he left the Army he went to the University of Oregon where he earned his bachelor's degree. For the past three years he has been working the night shift in the emergency ward at Dwyer Memorial Hospital.

Day said students can make use of the Health Center for routine check-ups more often than it might be possible to see their regular physician, because of either money or time limitations. Use of the Health Center is available at no cost to students.

When persons come in to

the Health Center, Day evaluates their overall health status, tries to determine the cause of their specific problem, and takes appropriate action. Because of the lack of lab facilities and certain equipment, some tests which would be routine in a hospital emergency room can not be performed on campus, but Day can evaluate the problem and refer the patient to the proper place.

When asked about records, Day said, "anybody with a major medical problem or taking medication on a long-term basis is in their own best interest to make sure we know about their condition." For most people, the only medical records available to the nurse are on the form filled out when a student first registers at Clackamas, and what the student says when he or she comes in for help.

Day said help is available for both big and little medical problems at the Health Center.

Cambodians push for peace

The recent surprise Vietnamese invasion of Cambodia may seem like part of a distant conflict to most college students. But to Born Chhay, who left his Cambodian home for Oregon in 1975, the invasion has been a source of "frustration" for a man who would like to see peace restored in his native land.

Chhay is one of 200 Cambodian refugees living in Oregon who sent a petition to President Carter and the United Nations last week. The petition urges "all international

organizations whose aims aspire to peace and justice" to "intervene urgently" to insure Vietnamese withdrawal from Cambodia.

Cambodian refugees also planned a demonstration on the steps of Portland City Hall Saturday "to condemn the Vietnamese invaders and make the American public aware of the situation," Chhay said.

The recent invasion by Vietnamese troops "interferes with Cambodian independence," Chhay said. "It's very frustrating, very sad. When

someone invades and occupies your home, it's illegal. In an invasion of your private life," Chhay added.

After coming to the U.S. in 1975, Chhay enrolled at the College where he is studying business administration. In Cambodia, he was a reporter and photographer for the Associated Press.

Chhay said an estimated 200,000 Cambodian refugees are now living in Oregon. Together they hope to bring pressure to aid in Cambodia's struggle for independence.

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Diesel award

An honor awarded to a College agri-business faculty member has led to the donation of a diesel engine to the automotive and agriculture departments.

Lynn Reagan was awarded an honorary farmers degree, in the Fall of 1977, during the annual FFA (Future Farmers of America) convention, following eight years as a high school FFA advisor. The end result of this honor took place last summer, with the donation of a diesel engine to the school of his choice.

Reagan, who is "the major in-

structor in the college agriculture department," according to department chairman Dave Myers, chose Clackamas Community College to be the recipient of the \$6,000 gift.

The dedication for this took place last month, with Ford Motor Company dignitaries present, along with local sales people.

"I really didn't expect this," said Reagan, of the donation. "But I was aware of it almost immediately."

Uses for the power train unit, which includes the engine, transmission, and rear end, will mainly stem from familiarizing

automotive students with the working of a diesel engine.

Future benefits also are expected to be reaped, with the possibility of farm equipment courses being initiated in the agriculture department some time in the future.

"I think that this will be a real benefit to Clackamas Community College students," said Reagan. "Because it will allow the college to put in diesel engine program."

For investors

Classes dealing with real estate investments and property management will be offered winter term at the College.

"Real Estate Investments"

will discuss analyzing investment properties and income tax aspects of real property investments, as well as covering the basics in investment information.

The course will be taught Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., the Community Center, room 117, by Donald Robbins. The course is worth three credits.

"Property Management and Analysis" will study ownership and management of residential rental property, covering such subjects as income and expense evaluation, purchase terms and tax implications.

The three-credit class will be offered on Thursdays from

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Randall Hall, room 220.

Guitar classes

Two guitar classes will be taught at the College during winter term in addition to the individualized courses offered by the college's music department.

Michael Davis will instruct the two guitar courses. The classes will involve training in the light classical and folk accompaniment as well as today's music.

One class will be offered Monday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. while the other will be taught Tuesday and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.

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Diana...

Thanks for the memory. Ted

To the guy in the yellow '69 Volkswagon, Hi There!

Dan.. Just taking this space to send you a hug!

Sherry!

Fifty pounds later, I still love your comfort.

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