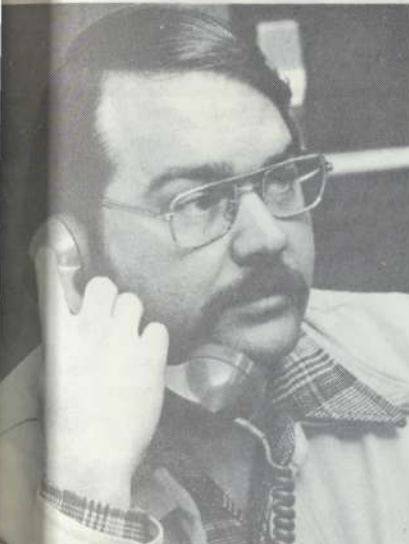


Experience' offered single parents



By Cindy Ralston
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A "Single Parent Experience" class is being offered at Clackamas Community College winter term for men and women who are separated or divorced and have children.

The class is taught by Tom Tison, social services coordinator at St. Vincent De Paul Child Care Center in Portland. Tison has been coordinator at St. Vincent De Paul for four and one-half years and trained last summer with Mel Krantzler, author of "Creative Divorce."

Since 85 per cent of the families at St. Vincent De Paul are single parent families, Tison felt there was a need for a single parent class.

"The course is not a lecture class," said Tison. "It is a course to help individuals to better cope with and direct their lives in a more sufficient manner."

Many individuals faced with separation or divorce feel very insecure and unsure of themselves. Tison said his class teaches individuals where to go for housing, transportation, child care, child problems and help with other problems facing single parents.

"We are dealing with feelings," said Tison, and the class is to help individuals cope more effectively with stresses and strains. "His class is designed to become a support group for all members to be beneficial with its sharing and consciousness raising."

The class offers options and additional skills to deal with problems and assist in parent-child relationships.

"If a parent feels insecure," said Tison, "a child will feel insecure." Tison's class is meant to deal with this problem, among others.

Tison said it is an informal, small group. Films, lectures and discussions are provided to help understand and cope with single parent problems.

Tom Tison
... 'single parent' instructor

Kibbutz experience offered

College students who are interested in the Middle East are being offered the chance to work and study in Israel from June 1977 to May 1978.

The Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC) and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) are sponsoring a program which is designed for a group of 25 to 30 capable students who have completed at least one year of college. These students will take part in a formal and informal educational experience, including working and living as a kibbutz member, taking academic courses for a maximum of 39 credits and traveling throughout Israel.

Classes include coursework in Hebrew, Sociology, History of Contemporary Israel, History of Modern Thought and Theology of the Bible, and Hebrew Literature. Transcripts are issued by the New York branch of the HUC upon satisfactory completion of the academic year. The HUC is a member of major national and regional college associations.

The only requirements are that the students must have completed at least one year of study at an accredited college or university. A copy of the student's college transcript is required, as is a medical examination and an interview which will be conducted in the student's geographic area by a representative from the HUC or UAHC.

Students will study at Kibbutz Ma'ale HaHamisha, eight miles southwest of Jerusalem in the Judean Hills. All classes will be conducted in the Kibbutz.

The cost of the program is estimated at \$3,350. This includes international air fare, room and board, laundry, all scheduled travel in Israel and tuition. HUC is an eligible institution under the federally insured student loan program.

Applications are to be filed by March 31, 1977. A detailed brochure giving additional information about the program and coursework and an application form can be obtained by writing to: Office of the Dean, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, 40 West 68th Street, New York, New York, 10023.

IRS toll free

Deaf and hearing-impaired taxpayers can now call the Internal Revenue Service toll free to obtain information and answers to Federal tax questions through the TV-phone teletypewriter (TTY) system.

There are some 250 known hookups in the Portland and Salem areas and others are located throughout Oregon.

The telephone number for this year-round service is 800-428-4732.

Physics students plan energy fair

The Experimental Energy Exposition will host a two-day energy carnival on the campus of Clackamas Community College in May. The exposition will be sponsored by the General Physics (PH202) class as a two-semester project.

The planning committee welcomes any ideas for exhibits and information. Both private and industrial sources will be invited to exhibit. Visitor participation will be the keynote of the festivities.

Some of the activities planned so far are solar or methane-cooked food for sale, solar jewelry making, displays of heating and transportation alternatives, and energy conservation methods.

When asked why an energy exposition was needed, Mike Aronson, the class' instructor said, "Everything you do has energy in it, both directly and indirectly. The family energy budget is up five to ten per cent this year. Cheap energy will not return." His expectations for the fair are that people will "come, enjoy and take away a skill."

The E.E.E. will be publishing a newsletter at irregular intervals to describe their progress and to invite participation and suggestions.

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