

Ethnic Studies

Program in jeopardy

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The Ethnic Studies Committee will begin an uphill battle for fiscal survival at 3:00 p.m. Thursday when the University Budget Committee meets in Johnson Hall to consider the program's funding.

The reason the Ethnic Studies Program is in jeopardy is because the State Board of Higher Education has taken actions to reduce spending. Their official position is that the Board would be reluctant to approve any new programs unless they affect a significant

amount of students and unless they are important and necessary, according to Miles Romney, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs for the State System of Higher Education.

So the question will be whether the Ethnic Studies Program is new or not (it has been in the planning stage for two years and has received academic approval) or whether the program is important to the University.

"In my opinion it's a new program and I don't see how we can embark on any new programs with finances the way they are. But this program may

be considered essential enough," said Ralph Sunderland, chief budget officer. Sunderland said, however, he will not make any recommendation when the budget committee meets.

The amount of \$20,000 was originally set aside for Ethnic Studies but Sunderland speculated that if money is approved for a program, one third may be cut off since nothing was started fall term.

If the budget committee approves an allocation at Thursday's meeting it will be subject to approval by University President Robert Clark and then the State Board of Higher Education.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Ethnic Studies Committee members selected representatives to attend the budget meeting. With the realization that the committee might have to move ahead without funding, discussion turned to ways in which a program could be initiated within existing programs. Ronald Rousseve, a faculty member of the committee, cited five courses in the present curriculum that are oriented toward minority groups. Members felt that these courses could be used as a core and that even if money wasn't available they should move ahead on initiating a program.

Caravan to demand study of Gray's death

The Inside-Out Prisoner Support Committee is organizing a car caravan to Salem to demand a new investigation into the death of William Lee Gray, an inmate of the Oregon Correctional Institute.

Gray died in early November of a cerebral hemorrhage.

The Governor issued a statement on Thanksgiving Day which said Gray had been given "prompt and humane" medical treatment and was the victim of a hereditary disease that is hard to diagnose. The committee claims he failed to receive adequate treatment.

The caravan will leave the EMU at 10:30 a.m. today and will reach the capitol at 1 p.m.

Although the committee said they will meet with the Governor, McCall's office said Tuesday that he is attending a conference in Houston, Texas and will not return to Salem until Friday, and then for only a short while.

Writing 323 to offer sections in six fields related to majors

Subject-oriented composition classes will be available winter and spring terms as special sections of Writing 323, the second of the required writing courses.

The theory behind it, according to Stoddard Malarkey, associate professor of English and director of English composition, "is that you're going to get a student to write better if he's writing about something that has a relationship to his major."

"Instead of just having a general Writing 323 course we've set up some of these sections for majors from related fields. A kid is concerned about writing a paper on the subject of history has different problems than a kid writing a paper on the subject of biology."

The classes were originally developed last year and were successfully put into use winter and spring terms. This fall the only special section is one centered on writing explanations for the layman on certain consumer legislations. The class began with an idea from OSPIRG and is cross-listed under SEARCH.

Next term six special sections will be offered. They are:

Literature and Foreign Language. Meets 11:30

Mon., Wed., and Fri. Term line number 1810.

Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics.) Meets 1:30 Mon., Wed., Fri. Term line number 1814.

Social Sciences. Meets 2:30 Mon., Wed., and Fri. Term line number 1815.

C.S.P.A. Meets 9:30 Tues. and Thurs. Term line number 1819.

History. Meets 10:30 Tues. and Thurs. Term line number 1820.

Pre-law. Meets 11:30 Tues. and Thurs. Term line number 1821.

The instructors for the sections will be regular composition teachers with some basic training or experience in these general fields. If there are enough students interested in a certain section, and an instructor available who is qualified to teach it, the class will be offered. According to Mr. Malarkey "We hope to expand the program if there is a demand for it."

Students who want to take a course under a specific section that is not in their major may have the opportunity, but majors will receive priority. The sections will be closed off at 25 students.

Those interested in reserving a place in a section or in more information should contact Malarkey or the English Department.

HEW investigators to revisit OSU

An investigation team from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare will re-visit the Oregon State University campus today and Dec. 10.

The team investigated OSU the week of Nov. 15-19.

OSU budget officer Tony Birch said the team wishes to gather additional data today and get preliminary reactions to its findings so far concerning OSU's employment policies.

"Apparently the team felt there wasn't sufficient time to talk to as many persons they would have liked," Birch said, according to an OSU Barometer report.

"We hope to receive a schedule from them telling us of their plans for the Dec. 1 visit," Birch added.

The regional HEW Office of Civil Rights in Seattle is investigating OSU general employment practices

in response to two complaints made by OSU employees earlier this year.

The same federal office investigated the University last spring and summer in "routine" examination of sexism and racism here. The University replied to HEW on Oct. 15 but has not yet been answered.

Assistant to OSU President Forest Evashevski said he hoped HEW will report back to OSU with total compliance findings "sometime after the first of the year."

Evashevski also said he hoped HEW will submit findings on the two complaints "at the same time."

"Because the university (OSU) is a federal contractor, the Office of Civil Rights has requested a review of our compliance with the U.S. civil rights laws concerning discrimination in hiring practices," Evashevski said.

McCall signs bills, new laws enacted

Gov. Tom McCall today signed four of the five bills passed at the special session of the Legislature.

The bills are:

HB 3065 — Cuts state budgets about \$12 million.

HB 3066 — Orders a special election Jan. 18 on the bill to increase the cigarette tax five cents a package.

HB 3067 — Provides for an election at the May primary on the bill to allow counties to levy a \$10 annual motor vehicle tax, and on the bill divorcing state income tax laws from the federal laws if it is referred.

HB 3068 — Freezes state income taxes by divorcing state income tax law from the fed.

HB 3069 — Freezes state income taxes by divorcing the state income tax law from the federal law.

McCall let the fifth bill become law without his signature. It provides for automatic across the board budget cuts of two per cent if the people reject either the cigarette tax increase or the income tax freeze. The cut would be four per cent if the people reject both of them.

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