

Willard named Affirmative Action head



Myra Willard Photo by Phil Waldstein

A former aerospace engineer has been appointed director of the University's Office for Affirmative Action.

Myra Willard, 40, was named to the post Dec. 28 by University President Robert Clark. She will be the first permanent director of the office established last May to promote recruitment and employment of minorities and women.

Willard succeeds Lorenza Schmidt who served as interim director of the office until her resignation in September. Schmidt's final report to University officials charged Clark and other administrators with failing to demonstrate a "real commitment" to affirmative action.

However, Willard told a Eugene press conference that the University does have a commitment.

"It is a real commitment," Willard said, "I haven't gotten that involved in the University to tell the extent of the commitment. But everyone on campus is aware of the problem, and that is a sign that it is not just a commitment on paper."

Willard was aware of Schmidt's charges against the University when she accepted the appointment.

"I recognized in it (Schmidt's final report) the usual frustrations and impatience of this kind of long range job. You can't expect results overnight."

By STEVE SMITH
Of the Emerald

According to Dick Littman, University vice-provost for academic affairs, Willard's duties will include active recruitment of women and minorities to fill positions with faculty and classified staff.

In that position she will serve as a special assistant to University President Robert Clark and attend regular staff meetings.

According to Littman, Willard will work primarily with the university's vice-presidents rather than deans and department heads.

"My job is to influence the vice-presidents," she said, "It is up to them to influence the others."

The affirmative action office is budgeted \$31,000 for the year. Willard will be assisted by a secretary, two work-study assistants and a research assistant. The secretary and research assistant have been working in the three month period the office was without a director.

The Affirmative Action office is located in Room 311, Susan Campbell Hall.



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New Affirmative Action director

In addition to her duties as affirmative action officer Willard will serve as a senior instructor in the Department of Personnel and Industrial Management of the College of Business Administration.

Her 12 month appointment will carry a salary of \$17,750.

Willard began work in the aerospace industry 15 years ago as a chemical engineer. She later moved into project management with Hughes Aircraft Co. and TRW Systems Group of Redondo Beach, Calif.

While her primary duties with both companies involved chemical sterilization work with space probes she also became involved with equal employment and affirmative action programs.

Willard, her husband and three children moved to Eugene in September from Los Angeles. She was selected from a field of 60 candidates screened by a special affirmative action task force established by the University last winter.

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Legislature opens today; student lobby set

By NAN HENDERSON
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The season of change has arrived in Oregon.

The 57th Biennial Legislative Assembly officially will open in Salem today. With the Democrats

in control of both houses for the first time this century, it's apt to be a more extreme season than in past legislative years.

Students in Oregon, most of whom voted for the first time in 1972, probably had a great deal to do with the Democrats gaining

control. And they could have a great deal of influence within the legislature, particularly with the 28 freshmen representatives and one freshman senator.

Tax reform is sure to be the biggest issue of the session—an issue that will have some effect on students. But other issues of greater student concern such as lowering the age of majority to 18, decriminalizing marijuana, imposing more environmental controls, revising existing landlord-tenant laws and ratifying the Equal Right Amendment will also be key issues in the 1973 session.

And for the first time, the Ways and Means Committee is expected to consider the budgets for each institution of higher education separately.

Student leaders around Oregon have been organizing since last spring to present a credible and well-informed student lobby during the session. Last session, few of the nearly 200 lobbyists registered with the Oregon Legislative Council were students. This session student organizations in Oregon hope to pull masses of students to Salem on occasion and have some student representatives in Salem at all times.

The most well-organized statewide student organization is the Inter-Institutional Union of Students, headed by University senior Joan Eggleston.

In a recent interview,

Eggleston said at this time IUS is working primarily on two student issues: placing a student member on the State Board of Higher Education and repealing the "Newbury Amendment"—a measure adopted late in the 1971 session which states student incidental fees can only be used for "educational programs authorized by the (State) Board (of Higher Education)."

But she also said IUS will be coordinating legislative lobbying on all issues of student concern.

IUS will be working with the University Legislative Coordinating office. Both offices are located on the third floor of the EMU.

"One office should have people in it constantly," Eggleston stated.

She urged students to visit the offices for information or to volunteer to lobby.

Student lobbyists will call people, telegram, write letters and go to Salem on the state shuttlebus to talk with legislators and testify in committee hearings, Eggleston said.

She also said that IUS and other student lobbying groups need to know the issues students care about. "If students don't do anything else, they should at least come up and let us know what issues concern them," Eggleston said.

BULLETIN

U.S. bombs Da Nang base

SAIGON UPI—U.S. Air Force planes mistakenly bombed the allied air base at Da Nang Monday in an incident wounding or injuring 10 persons, military sources said.

Earlier, the U.S. command said the base was struck by Communist rockets and there was no immediate explanation by it for the reports of the bombing. "We are investigating the report," one spokesman said.

However, military sources said 34 bombs weighing 500 pounds each hit the airfield. One bomb, they said, made a direct hit on a fuel tank and two other tanks caught fire.

Libraries to be open five additional hours this term

The University's Library and Science Library will be open for five additional hours a week during the winter term.

This restores all except five hours of the total eliminated during the fall term, 1971, because of financial emergency.

The restoration of five hours to the schedule has been made possible by more satisfactory work arrangements with students employed under work-study, according to Donald T. Smith, assistant librarian.

The schedule of hours, starting Friday, January 5, 1973, for the General Library and Science Library are from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

The Reserve Book Room will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 midnight Monday through Thursday; from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.