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Special Ed budget cut; handicapped will suffer

By APRIL APPERSON
Of the Emerald

The purple paper-snatcher has struck again. At least this conclusion seems to be as good as any to explain the mysterious temporary disappearance in Washington of the contracts for training professional people in the area of the handicapped, and a resulting major budget cut in the University's Department of Special Education.

Purple paper-snatcher or not, it appears that last spring, the Division of Contracts in the U.S. Office of Education did not sign the contracts prior to the end of the fiscal year.

So, the contracts were backdated.

This is an illegal procedure in which the contracts are signed after the deadline, but dated as if they had been signed in time. This backdating resulted in a deficit of funds and a phone call to Herbert Prehm, head of the University's Department of Special Education, informing him that because of the problem, grants all over the country in the area of special education will be cut 16 per cent.

Prehm said that the University's Department of Special Education had the materials in to the Division of Contracts in plenty of time last year. In fact, the people in charge of the program in Washington claimed that all the materials were in on time, he said. But the people in the Division of Contracts claim that the documents weren't there before the deadline. Blame it on the purple paper-snatcher.

Whoever is to blame, it's the handicapped who will suffer, said Prehm. The budget cut, he said, will mean that between eight and 13 of the 26 master's level stipends that the University had available to finance the training of teachers of the handicapped are now nonexistent. Those who do get stipends will get less training, he said. And that's not the only place the budget will suffer. "We cut money out of about six budget categories yesterday (Thursday)," he said, including among others, personnel, supplies and travel.

Two other schools in the state are affected, too, Prehm added. Oregon College of Education is "basically wiping out their supplies, materials and travel budgets," he stated. Of Portland State University, Prehm said, "I'm not sure how they'll do it."

In reaction to the budget cut, lobbyists in Washington will be pushing to get the lost money restored through supplemental funds. But the funds must be acted on by Congress and approved by the President, and all within the next month, or "we'll be in the same backdating situation," said Prehm. "So," he added, "nobody's holding their breath."

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MEETINGS

There will be a Skull and Dagger meeting at 7 p.m. tonight in the EMU. The room will be posted.

The Vietnam Veterans Against the War—Winter Soldier will meet at 7:30 p.m., tonight in the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St. All ex servicemen and women from the period of Indochinese hostilities are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Oregon Region Coordinator, Al Tlusty, at 686-0028.

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom will present "What is Happening With the Farmworkers" at a planning meeting to be held at 9:30 a.m. at 545 E. 34th Ave.

Dari Thomas will speak on a surprise topic at the Baha'i Open Discussion at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in room 16 EMU.



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