

Teachers train in schools

The University offers students interested in the field of education an unusual opportunity to learn the profession by teaching. A special two-year program open only to juniors, the Teacher Training Corps is offered through the Curriculum and Instruction Department of the School of Education. The program's co-ordinator, Wayne Dotts, explains that the federally funded program exists in order "to fully integrate the theory and practice of education."

Half of the group of student interns teach in Portland's Jefferson and Adams High Schools or the Albina Drop In Center for one full school year. The other half teach at the MacLaren School for Boys in Woodburn or the Hillcrest School for Girls in Salem. Teaching only occupies half of their day; the

students attend classes in the afternoon in Woodburn. Interns are paid \$90.00 per week plus \$15.00 for each dependent for the duration of the program. The Corps is now looking for persons to provide college instruction in Chemistry, Economics, History and Mathematics in the afternoon sessions. Instructors desiring more information can reach Dotts in room 164 of the Education Building.

The Corps stresses the need for community involvement of all its interns and requires them to spend part of their time in social programs of their choice. During the summer, the interns attend the University to fulfill their non-education requirements.

The program differs from student teaching because it places emphasis on developing education theory along with working with students instead of simply applying education theory to the classroom. It is "specifically designed to attract low income persons and non-whites into education," according to Dotts. This is done because, according to Sam Ostrowski, Corps Secretary, the overwhelming number of people in education are white.

The Corps accepts applications only every other year and the next two-year cycle does not begin until June of 1974. The program now accommodates thirty-three students. Six have dropped out of the program since last year. While it is now only a special program, Dotts hopes that the Teacher Training Corps can eventually become an integrated part of the Education School if federal funds are not cut off. Dotts fears that funding of such teacher training programs is threatened by the so-called teacher surplus.

Bogen: University not responsible for off-campus housing needs

The University does not intend to take responsibility for off-campus housing, according to Gerald Bogen, vice president for student services.

"Over the last ten to twelve years the University has moved

away from assuming complete responsibility for the individual student's life," Bogen said.

Bogen stated that since the 1960s state institutions in Oregon have moved away from the concept of "in loco parentis." He

explained that until approximately 1966 the University had operated an off-campus listing of approved housing under the University Housing Office. Bogen noted that the houses were inspected and approved before they could be listed by the University. At the time, the University had a contract with the Lane County Sanitarian who did the actual inspection.

Bogen added that the State Board of Higher Education decided that state funds would not be used to support student housing. He indicated that he believed the trend to move the University away from responsibility for housing began when the State Board of Education cut funds for the resident advisors in the dormitories about five or six years ago.

"The present dormitories are designed to be self-sufficient and self-liquidating," said Bogen. He explained that student rents must pay loans and interest for construction as well as current maintenance costs.

"The University will not be building any additional dormitory facilities," he added.

Bogen was asked by the Emerald whether the University intends to lobby for student interests in the larger community in areas such as housing discrimination. He replied that in his opinion, the institutional weight of the University should not be thrown into the relationship between the landlord and the student.

"We are not interested in taking back the responsibility for student housing," Bogen said.

Bogen was interviewed after charges had been made that the University was not taking responsibility for the housing needs of students. The charges were made by Ann Gammon, director of off-campus housing.

EWEB hires firm despite University man's opposition

EWEB members decided to approve the use of the engineering firm Ford, Bacon, and Davis to draw up a job description for the selection of a new general manager despite some opposition that the use of the firm may result in a conflict of interest.

Opposition came from Herman Kehrli, director emeritus of the University's Bureau of Government Research. Kehrli told the board that he thought a possible conflict of interest may occur in using the consulting firm which does \$50,000 to \$100,000 worth of business with EWEB every year. He also suggested that the board set up a citizens' advisory board to help draw up the procedures for selection of the new general manager.

Board members rejected Kehrli's remarks, pointing out that the firm will only draw up guidelines but not participate in choosing the new manager.

In an interview after the EWEB meeting, Kehrli expressed concern over the board's move. "No purpose is served by bringing in an outside consultant to resolve what type of person EWEB needs," he told the Emerald. "Instead of getting someone with an engineering and financial relationship, we should get an organization which works with personnel recruitment problems."

Kehrli thinks a citizens' advisory committee would "help heal the rift in the community that has developed over EWEB policies." A committee made up of people "who have the trust of EWEB and people from the Eugene Future Power Committee could be a focal point of public discussion and give community input." He does not think the citizens' committee should participate in the selection or interviews of job candidates, however.

Kehrli also said he felt last week's executive session of the board was "clearly improper" under Oregon's new open meeting law. Board members met last week with Douglas Blackburn of Ford, Bacon and Davis to discuss the hiring of that firm to draw up a job description of the general manager's job. The public was excluded from the meeting but the press was allowed to attend.

In other business, board member Richard Freeman suggested cutting back in-lieu payments for Eugene from 6 per cent to 3 per cent to the city. Under Oregon law, public utilities must pay at least 3 per cent of their gross electric revenues to the cities they operate in lieu of tax payments. The utility may also pay funds to school districts but is not required to do so. Eugene revenues are expected to rise \$400,000 next year as EWEB begin receiving revenues from sales of power from the Trojan nuclear power plant under a system of advance payments. The Trojan plant will not begin operation until July, 1975.

Freeman said that cutting revenues from 6 per cent to 3 per cent would keep Eugene income at the present level. He suggested that the additional funds could be used to put city power lines underground or to off-set expected increases in power costs from the Bonneville Power Administration.

The board will meet later this summer with the city council to discuss the in-lieu payments.

Inventor's program gets national grant

A University project in which college students have been helping inventors has attracted a \$793,650 grant that established the University as one of three centers in the nation under a new federal program.

The University was awarded the grant, to be used over a five-year period, to expand the work the College of Business Administration has been doing since 1969 with the Oregon Inventors Council, to help innovators move their ideas into the marketplace, particularly in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

The National Science Foundation funded program is entitled the "Experimental Research and Development Incentives Program."

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