

New tuition plan to debut in fall

The chancellor of the State Board of Higher Education recently gave approval to the University to use a deferred tuition plan this fall.

This means that University students may pay for their education on an installment plan, for the first time in the University's history.

Under the new plan, students will be able to pay tuition fees in three equal installments each term. Anyone who registers for classes at the University this fall will be eligible to use the plan, as long as he doesn't have delinquent indebtedness to the University.

"With reduced federal assistance available for students, and higher tuition and fees, deferred tuition payment may be of critical importance to a sizable proportion of our student body," says Bob Bowlin, dean of student personnel service.

The installment method of payment has been available at other institutions — such as Stanford University, the University of Colorado, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the University of Iowa — for many years.

A pre-printed form, which will serve as both application and record of approval, will enable students to arrange for the installment plan during the fall registration process.

One-third of the tuition will be due at registration with the second payment due Oct. 15, and the final payment due November 15. Students will be billed monthly.

If a student fails to make a payment, his registration for the current term will not be cancelled, but he won't be able to register for the following term until the account is paid.

Earlier this year, the State Board of Higher Education urged all schools with the system to implement a deferred payment plan, so students who would not otherwise be able to afford the one large sum at the beginning of the term might be able to attend school.

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The Russians had a good old time

Two Russian women from a Soviet fishing trawler talk to Coos Bay residents at a party held for the Russians recently. The trawler came in to Coos Bay after colliding with and sinking a sister vessel. See page eight for a feature on the Russians' brief stay.

Planning is difficult

Parking a 'headache' to drivers

Anyone who has ever attempted to park a car within a mile of the campus knows from experience that parking is one of the University's biggest headaches.

In the future, if you live within a mile of campus, you may not be able to obtain a parking permit. The day may come when living by a bus route will also render you ineligible to rent space for your wheels.

These proposals may sound startling, but they are just two of the possibilities being considered by members of an ad-hoc committee that has been studying traffic and parking patterns around the University for several months.

"We recognize that all of these concepts are pretty radical in terms of people's rights," said Al Williams, who represents the city of Eugene on the ad hoc committee. "These are just ideas to get people thinking," he added.

"The problem is really how to alleviate the parking problem in residential areas without overloading the transit system and without causing all kinds of problems for people who have to have access to the campus," said Williams.

The proposal to restrict the use of University parking areas to people who live further than a mile away from campus is based on the assumption that those who live closer could just as well get to work or school by some other means. Williams applied the same principle to people living close to a bus route.

"Maybe if you live within a given distance of a bus line that would take you to the University then you shouldn't have the alternative of using your

car," Williams explained.

University Planner Harry Van Oudenallen said, "We know how much parking the University has, now we need to define the need. We'll undoubtedly come up with the conclusion that there is a greater need for parking spaces than there are facilities."

One solution the committee has considered is the use of the Autzen Stadium parking lot for University parking. However, that proposal has since been scrapped for several reasons.

The Lane Transit District (LTD) was willing to provide a shuttle bus from the lot, across the footbridge to the campus, "but the University said, 'No, we couldn't allow motor vehicles to use the footbridge,'" said Van Oudenallen. He also noted that a very small percentage of the student body lives on the Autzen Stadium side of the Willamette.

Both Williams and Van Oudenallen also noted the possibility that the ASUO could subsidize the LTD in an effort to reduce or totally eliminate bus fares for students.

"We want to look at the idea of having a card available to students that they could use for gaining access to the buses," said Van Oudenallen, "as well as at the idea of reduced-cost bus tokens for students."

Van Oudenallen said he expects to have some proposals ready for hearings by January. "After that, the next step would be some response from the city and the LTD," noted Van Oudenallen.

Persons desiring more information about the plans can call the Eugene Public Works Department and ask for Al Williams, or the University Physical Plant, 686-4352, extension 22.

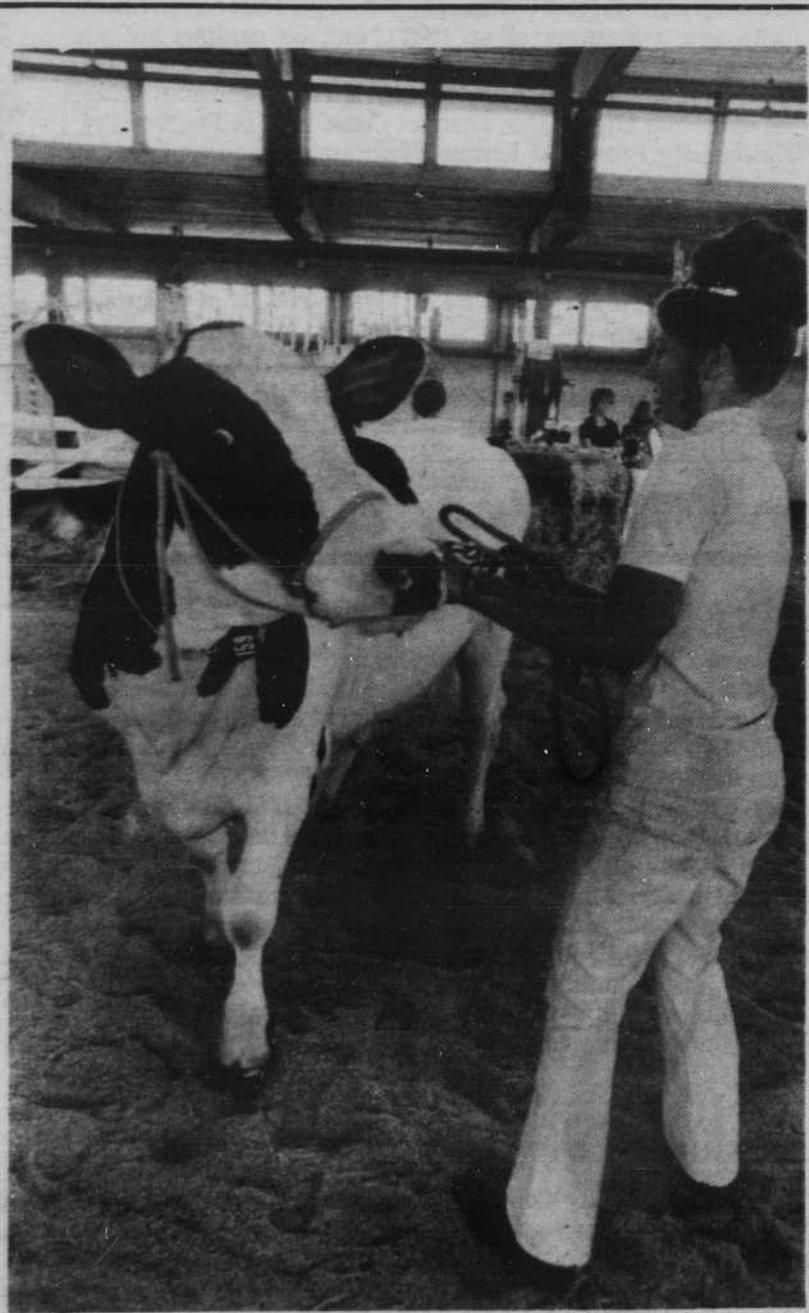


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Beefing it up at the fair

If you were to be sold and slaughtered within the next few days, you too would be apprehensive. This steer was one of many who were being judged last week at the Lane County Fairgrounds as part of the annual Eugene Kiwanis Club's annual 4-H fair. Meat prices were the big topic at the fair as the "grand champion" steer, weighing 1,150 pounds, was sold at the 4-H auction ring Friday night for \$1.55 a pound (compare that to current market prices averaging 48 cents). The auction itself set a new all-time high, grossing \$115,931. The more than 135 blue-ribbon steers which were up for auction were raised by 4-H members nine to 19 years of age.