

Departments probed for discrimination

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Ten per cent of the students at the University will be sent questionnaires in two weeks asking their likes and dislikes in athletic activities. But it won't be Joe Romania Chevrolet making sure basketball still goes best with apple pie and hot dogs. It will be part of a soul-searching examination by the University to find out if it is complying with sexual equality laws.

Title Nine of the 1972 Federal Education Amendments prohibits sexual discrimination in federally assisted education programs. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare is enforcing that law and one of its requirements is a self-evaluation by the University due on July 21.

The University's Title Nine Task Force, appointed in December, 1975 by Ray Hawk, vice president for administration and finance, is now gathering information for that report. The task force has 14 faculty and staff members and 3 students. It is chaired by Joanne Carlson, assistant dean of the graduate school.

Carlson says the student survey will help fulfill the Title Nine requirement that says an institution must provide equal athletic programs and facilities according to students' interests and abilities.

In trying to cut down on discrimination within the instructional areas of the University, the task force has compiled enrollment figures from 1974 and 1975 and has sent out questionnaires to all departments and schools that had more than 60 per cent of one sex enrolled. The questionnaire requests a detailing of steps being taken "to encourage students of the under-represented sex to seek admission to your department/school." Each department and school must also explain why an imbalance of sex in its area exists.

The task force found that the

highest percentage of women is enrolled in speech pathology and audiology, dance, art and romance languages, while men dominate science and business, especially finance, economics, physics and geology.

When the questionnaires are all in, which should be in the next few days, three faculty members of the task force — Francoise Calin, Joyce Mitchell and Joyce Owen — will conduct follow-up interviews with those departments and schools which still show deficiencies in meeting Title Nine requirements.

After the interviews, the task force will finalize the reports from each department and school. The report will show where that department or school is still deficient, what it has accomplished and what it plans to do or is doing to erase discrimination. The task force will also make its own recommendations in the report.

When these reports are complete — hopefully by the end of the month, according to Carlson — they will be read by "individuals outside the task force but knowledgeable in the particular area," to

make sure everything is clearly explained. Then, Carlson says, the reports will go on public view, probably in the EMU, and comments will be solicited from students, faculty and staff.

Carlson plans to publicize the fact that the reports are available and that comments are needed by getting articles or ads in the *Oregon Daily Emerald* and *Oregon Week*.

She wants anyone with a suggestion to have read the report first and preferably to submit the comment in writing so that the entire task force can see it and action can be taken. No signatures are necessary, Carlson says, but the task force would like to know if it is from a student, faculty member or staffer. Open hearings will also be organized in May, according to Carlson.

She says the task force particularly wants student comments on teaching methods and materials because "one thing that's hard to get at is what goes on in the classroom."

While departments and schools are being evaluated, other committee members will be research-

ing what has been done and what needs to be done about sex discrimination in building facilities, housing, student services and recognized student groups, admission policies and employment. A report has also been requested from the student health center.

When all the reports, comments

and recommendations are in, and before they go to University Pres. William Boyd, one important member of the task force will have added his report: Ralph Sunderland, director of management and budget, will present the bill — what all the recommendations will cost the University.

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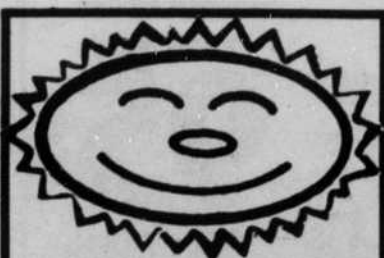
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