

Students can reject discriminatory texts

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If a student has ever had the uncontrollable urge to chuck a textbook the first day of class, because of the discriminatory terms it used... he or she can go right ahead.

According to Chapter 204 of The Oregon Laws passed by the state legislature in 1975, the University must make reasonable efforts to make available to students supplemental alternative non-discriminatory materials.

The piece of legislation has provided new protection for students enrolled in higher education institutions in the state system, or any institution that receives state educational funds, according to

Karen Alvarado, assistant for equal opportunity in education.

Administrative rules laid down for University students offer them protection against discrimination on the basis of age, handicap, national origin, race, marital status, religion or sex. Discrimination is prohibited in access to course offerings and participation in education, programs or activities.

According to the laws, University students may not be excluded from participating in, be denied of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic, extra-curricular, research, occupational training or other education program or activity operated by this institution.

It also enables anyone to enter clas-

ses, courses of study and educational programs as long as they are grouped within physical education classes and activities by objectively measured ability and are separated by sex within classes during participation in bodily contact sports.

Students are even protected in the area of counseling and housing by these laws.

Discrimination is prohibited in career or educational counseling, and handicapped students must have special consideration in access to classrooms, locker rooms, showers and rest rooms.

Discrimination laws have been set up for students regarding health, insurance benefits and services, athletics, financial assistance, recruitment and admissions.

Once a student feels that they have a legitimate complaint regarding discrimination, the complaint can be taken to the Affirmative Action Office on campus.

Alvarado receives many of these complaints and admits that not all of them are actually legitimate.

In any case, she says "students can't be retaliated against."

In the event a student makes a complaint about a class or professor that lacks validity and later the professor flunks the student in the course or lowers their grade considerably due to the complaint, then Alvarado says "the student has something to complain about."

Once a complaint is made Alvarado says "I try to resolve them informally."

If the problem is not resolved through that process then a formal complaint is filed with the compliance officer, now Director of Affirmative Action, Myra Willard.

Prof must offer book alternatives

Any students that have complaints regarding discriminatory matters are urged to take them to the Affirmative Action office on the fourth floor of Oregon Hall.

OSPIRG needs student help for many new projects

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Are you concerned about the effect of your aerosol deodorant on the atmosphere? Are you a woman contemplating divorce but intimidated by the legal hassles it involves?

These and many other issues relating to the environment and to student life will highlight the first meeting of the year for the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG), tonight at 7 p.m. at 101 EMU. OSPIRG aims to get students to participate in proposed and ongoing projects, hear ideas for new issues and inform the student body of what OSPIRG is doing and what it intends to do this year. Projects are many and diverse.

OSPIRG is hoping to develop a legal resource book for women which will be a guide to state and federal laws concerning equal rights, credit, employment, separation and divorce, health and child care. The booklet will cover basic issues such as finding an attorney, as well as explain the Equal Rights Amendment and the complicated statutes, laws and regulations of interest to women. OSPIRG is looking for people to review and briefly summarize various laws relating to women and to research

precedent cases, administrative rules and laws.

The continuing controversy on the effects of aerosol sprays is the focus of an OSPIRG project intended to inform stores of the F-11 bill adopted by the Oregon legislature, which bans the sale of aerosol cans by March, 1977. In addition, they want to find out what the state has done to prepare for the enforcement of the new law. To that end, they want to poll as many stores as possible on their awareness of the ban and to research the state's actions regarding the enforcement of F-11.

With a presidential election looming, it is vital, OSPIRG members feel, to convince as many students as they can of the necessity of registering to vote. Registrars are needed for both the campus and the Eugene area. Anyone who is concerned with those extra votes that make a difference for candidates and issues can help by volunteering at the OSPIRG meeting to be a campus or Eugene registrar.

Student drivers will be happy to know that OSPIRG is working to investigate alleged age discrimination practices by insurance companies who charge college-age drivers higher rates than older policy holders. Students are needed to collect information and report on the rates charged younger drivers to determine the extent to which

safe drivers between 18-26 are being penalized because of the actions of a minority of their contemporaries.

A pamphlet informing students of their rights under the new Student Records Act Project, a new federal law which gives students access to their academic records is another of OSPIRG's ongoing projects. Researchers and writers are also needed for this booklet.

Currently, OSPIRG is involved with investigating the continuing sale of two brush killers, Weedone BK32, and Miller's Blackberry and Brush Killer. Both chemicals have been banned from home and recreational use but have not been taken off the shelves of a number of Portland garden supply stores. OSPIRG wants to warn potential users that these products have been known to cause birth defects and to call for their complete removal from store shelves. Researchers are needed to take phone surveys statewide to determine how many stores are still carrying these products what their sales volumes are, and how the stores deal with the products. In this way, stores will be made aware of the potential danger of the brush killers.

The OSPIRG staff, including Executive Director Bill Van Dyke, will be on hand at the meeting to discuss the issues, fill in details and talk to volunteers.

Cockroaches linked to asthma

CHICAGO — (AP) — Cockroaches may be the unsuspected cause of many cases of asthma, especially among the urban poor, a Chicago medical researcher says.

The researcher, Dr. Benn Kang, has found that a high percentage of asthmatic patients are allergic to cockroaches.

Only relatively recently have cockroaches been suspected to be a cause of asthma, and Dr. Kang said many doctors would fail to recognize these insects as a cause.

The asthmatic patient who lives

in a place infested with cockroaches will have repeated attacks of asthma, she said.

In a report in the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, she suggested that after cockroaches die and disintegrate, they become part of the house dust which is inhaled. This, then, is the method by which the insects are thought to cause asthmatic attacks.

Dr. Kang said in an interview that previous studies have shown that patients from overcrowded living conditions have a much higher frequency of allergic reactions to

cockroach derivatives in skin tests than do those from affluent suburbs.

She reported that when, in her experimental study, 22 patients suffering from asthma inhaled cockroach derivatives, 16 of them had asthmatic seizures. And 13 of the 16 had delayed as well as immediate attacks.

Dr. Kang said she since has increased her study to include 60 patients, and that the results were the same.

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