

Eastern European studies win \$45,000 grant

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The University Russian and East European Studies Center (REESC) recently received a \$45,000 grant from the Office of Education of the U.S. Department

of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW).

The grant was one of 80 awarded by HEW to centers throughout the nation designed to train specialists in international studies.

According to James Rice, director of the University center and an

associate professor of Russian, this is the first of a three year funding cycle for the grant.

Rice said the grant will primarily be used to pay the salaries of two visiting associate professors specializing in Russian and East European Studies. One of these is a geographer, Ronald Wixman, a

specialist on Soviet geography. Wixman is currently completing his doctorate from the University of Chicago and is also a specialist in Balkan and Central Asian folk dancing, Rice said.

Another new faculty member is Anna Kaminska, visiting associate professor of Polish language and civilization. Kaminska, who received her doctorate from the University of Cracow in Poland in Polish history, will instruct courses in elementary Polish and a basic survey of Polish civilization through the German and Russian department.

The grant also will pay the salaries of three teaching assistants specializing in Russian and East European studies—one in political science, one in Russian

and one in Rumanian and will be used to sponsor visiting speakers on Russian and East European studies, as well. The first of these speakers, Edward Kasinek, librarian of the Ukrainean Research Institute at Harvard, will speak today at 4 p.m. in Gerlinger. His topic will be politics of Librarianship in the Soviet Union." Joseph Brodsky, who Rice describes as "the greatest living Russian poet" will be on campus for 10 days in November.

The Russian and East European Studies Center is composed of specialists from several University departments and professional schools, engaged in the study of societies, history, languages and contemporary problems of the people in Russia and Eastern Europe.

Grey Panthers set campaign priorities

Warning that the young and middle aged of today will suffer tomorrow if elected leaders don't solve senior problems, the Lane County Grey Panthers Thursday released a campaign priority list and general election scorecard for seniors.

In a meeting at the Eugene Hotel, Jim Davis, Panthers director, said seniors will focus their attention in the federal campaign on a comprehensive health insurance program, a revision of the tax system based on ability to pay and on an improved Social Security program providing greater cost-of-living increments.

In the state and local campaign, the Panthers are calling for more

money to county health departments for geriatric-oriented health care, tax revision, an easing of utility cost burden and several others.

The priorities list, which Davis said will be sent to seniors and candidates throughout the area, was developed in meetings with the area's elderly and compiled by Davis.

The scorecard is a percentage

listing of the attendance and positive vote of all Oregon legislators on bills affecting seniors.

As a tax-exempt non-profit organization, the Grey Panthers are prohibited by their national organization from endorsing individual candidates although Davis says, "most of the candidates supporting seniors are Democrats."

DEQ funds waste burial

SALEM (AP) — The Department of Environmental Quality won approval from a legislative emergency board subcommittee Thursday to spend \$84,200 to bury 25,000 barrels of pesticide waste at Alkali Lake in South Central Oregon.

Burial of the hazardous waste was one of six alternatives presented by DEQ Director Loren Kramer. Other alternatives ranged from doing nothing to transporting the rusting, 55-gallon drums to a site in Idaho.

"We have a solution that is adequate," Kramer told the subcommittee. "It is not a solution that people will stand up and cheer about."

The 1975 legislature set aside a maximum of \$310,000 for disposal of the barrels.

At that time, DEQ officials advocated a procedure called soil incorporation, which Kramer said resembled plowing a field and squirting emulsified waste material through a nozzle onto the ground.

The only land available in the area, 60 miles north of Lakeview, belongs to a private land owner and to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Both have declined to allow their land to be used for soil incorporation of the waste.



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