

Alien residency deadline arrives

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That god awful word "alien" that the government starts using every year at about this time came to us care of the Roman Empire. It began as "alienus" in Latin, then the Old-French made it a weapon of cultural imperialism against the Anglo-Saxons after 1066. Now the word is used to ask citizens of foreign countries who are residing in the United States to register with the government.

The word itself may be something of a spur. Applications for American citizenship increased by thirty per cent during the first three months of the year, according to Lyle Dahlin, District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Portland. The jump is caused by the Alien Address Report program, said Dahlin.

All citizens of foreign countries who are in the United States during January, except diplomats and members of certain international organizations, are required to get an Alien Address Report from any post office, fill out the computer-sized card, put a stamp on it and mail it to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in Maryland.

This included 4,714,005 people nationally in 1975 (the last date for which national figures are available). The 1976 figure for Oregon was 28,014. There were 765 foreign students registered at the University fall term.

A potential citizen must live in the United States for five years, or be married to a U.S. citizen for three years. Exceptions to this residency requirement are made for veterans of the U.S. military. The potential

citizen must have two witnesses who have known him for the stipulated period and can vouch for his moral character.

If he meets these requirements he can then qualify for a fifteen to twenty-minute oral citizenship test. Citizenship classes are not an official part of the program, but are designed to assist the immigrant in his quest for citizenship. Other countries have similar requirements.



Japan, for instance, requires the potential citizen to live in Japan for over five years, be over twenty-years old, possess a definite skill or have a means of support and a sponsor who can testify to

the aspiring citizen's character. Aliens who are married to Japanese citizens are automatically citizens after five years residence. If the alien is under 60 years of age he must learn to read and write Japanese.

Citizenship classes are offered by LCC, usually during fall and winter terms. The class meets once a week and runs ten weeks. Tuition is \$14 plus \$3 for the book. Half of the tuition is paid by Civitan International, an international service club, said Russel Tompkins, who teaches the class.

Tompkins is amazed at the quality of people who have passed through his class. He talks of a Russian man who walked across Siberia and into China, a German lady who crawled out of East Germany through a tunnel and a Chinese man who hid under his father's house for six months before he could leave China. "It is pretty beautiful to see these people," he says, "these people are gifted people."

The test is not date and name oriented. Instead, it focuses on the constitution and the structure of the U.S. Government. These people often know more about the United States than people who were born here, says Tompkins, who once took an informal poll on Willamette St. about the Bill of Rights. He asked ten or twelve people what the Bill of Rights is. Only one or two knew.

One last note on the derivation of the word alien. It would seem that etymologists prefer to call things by their Latin names. The word alien bears a striking resemblance to the German word *alein*, which means alone. Is it possible that this specimen came in with the Saxons or did the German species metamorphose from the same Latin chrysalis?

Bargaining bid by LCC part-timers fails

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Forty-two teachers at Lane Community College (LCC) lost their first bid for bargaining unit recognition last week.

The LCC Board of Education voted 5 to 2 against voluntary recognition of the Adult Basic Education (ABE) and High School Completion (HSC) instructors. The issue now goes to an Employment Relations Board (ERB) hearing scheduled for Feb. 3 at LCC.

Members of the unit have organized as the LCC Educational Association (LCCEA) and affiliated themselves with the Oregon Educational Association (OEA).

LCCEA members say this action by the board delays improvements in the department and will cost taxpayers money to cover the cost of ERB hearings and elections.

"It is impossible to effect needed improvements in the department unless we have job security and bargaining power first," said one member of the unit who

wished to remain anonymous due to what he/she called "lack of job security."

Board members who voted to deny recognition say they do not oppose part-time instructors organizing a bargaining unit, but say they only wish to have the ERB make a unit clarification.

Board member Edward Cooper said his vote was "not a negative no-vote."

"We are not necessarily expressing opposition to bargaining, we just want the ERB to make that decision," he said.

Stephen Reid, who also voted no, clarified the issue. "There are 250 part-time employees here," he said. "We just don't want too many bargaining units."

Katherine Lauris and Jim Martin, the two board members who voted for recognition, believe the ABE-HSC instructors are an appropriate unit.

Lauris called them a "very unified group with particular working conditions — a very logical bargaining unit."

"I believe in the recognition of

working people," Lauris added adamantly.

LCCEA Pres. Pat John said her organization is seeking a more equitable salary schedule and job security.

Members of LCCEA point out that although they teach as many hours as full-time teachers in other departments, they are considered part-time and paid an hourly wage.

"For this reason we are only paid for classroom time, although we spend a considerable amount of time in preparation as do other teachers," one LCCEA member said.

They further point out that adult education and high school serves an important service to the community as well as bringing considerable funds to the college from state and federal funds.

If the ERB recognizes the LCCEA as a bargaining unit they will hold an election to determine whether eligible teachers want representation by the LCCEA or no representation at all.

The LCCEA president says a mailed poll taken by the OEA indicated 75 per cent of the ABE-HSC

teachers want union representation.

Reid, however, said that even if the ERB recognizes the ABE-

HSC instructors as a bargaining unit he will move that the board challenge the appropriateness of the unit.



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