

Petition deadline nears for late term enrollment

University Registrar Les Turner is warning students to "do their stuff early."

Students are now expected to file petitions for late enrollment by Friday.

This is a new policy handed down by the Academic Requirements Committee, the group charged with reviewing petitions. The change has come because many students file for registrations as late as the eighth week of the term, according to Turner.

"There's been a lot of flexibility in the past," admits Turner. But, he added, "the flexibility is beginning to wear thin." Turner added that three applications for winter-term registrations were received this term.

Turner indicates there are three major problems with students petitioning later than the third week.

He says people who do not petition until late, such as the seventh or eighth week of classes, are not on the class rosters all term.

Another reason why students should petition early, according to Turner, is because the University does not get reimbursed by the state for students who register after the fourth week of each term.

Finally, he says, "students lose a lot of benefits" if they register extremely late.

9 OSPIRG positions open

Nine volunteer positions open on the Oregon Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG) local board will be filled in the April 26 and 27 election. The filing deadline for candidates is 5 p.m. today. Students may apply for positions at OSPIRG, Suite 3, EMU.

Five of the positions involve projects in consumer, environmental and human rights issues. Other positions open are treasurer, office manager, community liaison and media person.

In the past, OSPIRG members were elected to the board without specifying an area of concentration. Sharon Hill, OSPIRG state board chairer, said the board changed the format this year, electing each person to a specific position and thereby allowing members to "focus their interest" more effectively.

Local OSPIRG members spend "a bare minimum" of six hours per week on their projects, according to Randy O'Toole, OSPIRG state board representative. Members choose their own projects which must then be approved by the OSPIRG executive board.

Hill said some projects suggested for spring include researching endangered species, investigat-

ing recycling in state agencies and determining the monetary value of various energy saving tips. OSPIRG will also sponsor activities during Earth Week next week.

Persons in consumer, environmental and human rights affairs are encouraged to teach SEARCH classes or independent studies with University professors to attract additional interest to their areas.

Board members meet twice monthly to discuss campus activities and plan future projects.

The community liaison is responsible for gathering information and maintaining a calendar of committee meetings that affect current issues. The liaison will also attend meetings as the OSPIRG representative.

Publicizing OSPIRG projects and increasing participation in OSPIRG activities are the duties of the media representative. Additional duties include writing for OSPIRG Impact, the group's publication.

The office manager staffs the office to receive complaints and receive information requests.

The treasurer works on the University funding process and sits on the state budget committee.

Job opportunities: Just a computer program away

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Having trouble deciding what occupation is right for you? Does the thought of a complete check of job opportunities around the state appear too time consuming. If so, look again.

Using the Career Information System (CIS), a statewide interagency cooperative, a complete check would take about an hour. CIS, located on various high school and college campuses, provides up-to-date labor market and educational information to students, schools and institutions.

The Oregon system uses both a computer terminal and a data-card system that is less sophisticated but works on the same principle. The computer can narrow down the jobs best suited for the user from 250 possible occupations, from computer operating to roofing. The CIS eliminates fields of interest by responding to the user's answers to prepared questions.

research associate for CIS. Oregon was the first state to come up with the system five years ago. Most of the eight other states in the program are either partially or totally modeled after the Oregon system.

"We're just concluding a series of workshops around the country (the latest in New York) to provide technical assistance and encourage implementation of the system," says Burton.

If the user has a particular field in mind, the computer will describe the skills needed, the employment outlook, the range of salaries and other "tips." It can even pinpoint the variability of chances for employment in each of the different regions around the state.

The program helps high school students looking for colleges as well as college students and graduates looking into the job market. It can simultaneously compare three educational institutions in the state and stores information on everything from dorm fees to

financial aid to library hours.

"CIS" frees counselors from the task of accumulating all this information and helps them direct students," says Burton.

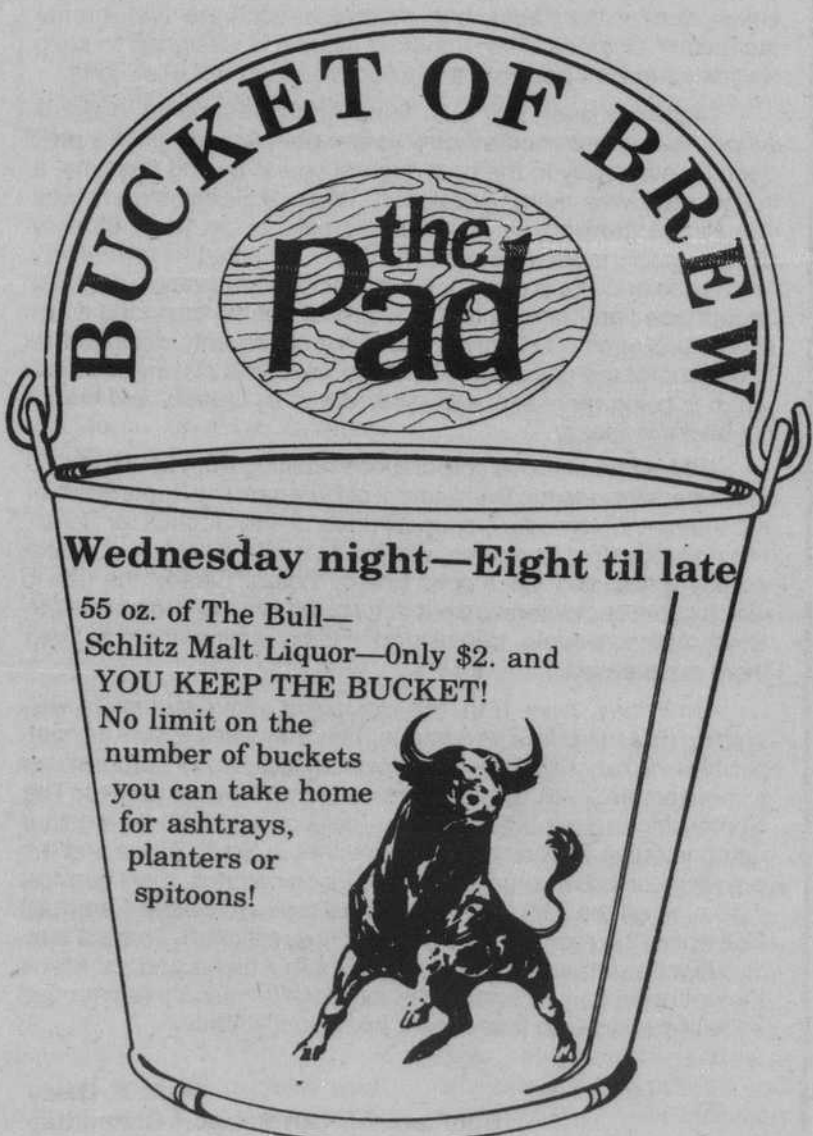
"The possibility exists that a nationwide CIS network could develop in the future. We don't have any real strong ambitions about it, but slowly, as various states are setting up systems that build up consistency between us, a network could evolve." She says this would be extremely beneficial to a person looking into job markets across the nation.

"The system is costly to set up," explains Burton. "We have three people continually updating everyday."

"CIS programs around the country are partially funded by the Department of Labor as we were in our early years. Now, however, we are supported totally by our subscribers and we include about 95 per cent of the occupations in this state," Burton said. Maintenance of a national system would increase the cost significantly.

Anyone may use the service. Computer terminals are available

at Lane Community College in the Center Building and at the former Montgomery Ward department store building in the downtown mall. The "needle sort" data cards can be found at Academic Advising on campus.



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