

Vacation draws teachers back to class

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Educators comprise 50% of summer enrollment

You would think that after teaching for nine months, instructors would be anywhere but in the classroom. Right?

Yet the summer session here has drawn 3,600 teachers, 50 per cent of the entire summer enrollment, back into the cubicles of learning. According to Bill Harris, head of teacher certification for the College of Education, there are quite a few inducements that

return great numbers of instructors to school during vacation months.

These people are already practicing a vocation, so they must use this time to take classes undergraduates take during the regular school year, says Harris.

Perhaps the biggest factor summoning teachers back to the classroom is requirements set by the Teacher's Standards and

Practices Commission (TPSC), the official state body for licensing teachers. Junior high or high school teachers can graduate with a baccalaureate degree and begin teaching. However, this certificate is only good for three years. By then, instructors must have qualified for the Standard Teaching certificate which requires a fifth year of instruction.

Money also enters into the picture.

"Most school districts have salary schedules that pay more if you have advanced training," says Harris. To qualify the teacher must have an endorsement granted by the TSPC and thus needs additional schooling.

Aspirations of professional advancement require attaining an administration certificate. This is necessary for those who wish to become elementary principals, superintendents, school counselors, supervisors or school psychologists. The latter three additionally require a personnel services certificate.

"These people often combine professional education work and the preparation of their department specialty," says Harris.

Many people kill two birds with one stone, by applying their certificate courses toward a masters degree. "For instance," says Harris, "if you are enrolled in curriculum and instruction and going toward a masters degree, the questioning strategies class fills both requirements."

While most of the teachers-turned-students have been teaching all along, there are those who have dropped out, perhaps to raise a family. They are back renewing their certificates, which must be done every three years. Harris says, "If they let the certificate expire, they may have to do more work to meet new requirements."

Changes in teaching certificate requirements have also sent teachers back to the classroom, scrambling to meet certain qualifications. According to Harris there are teachers out in the field practicing under the new 1972 regulations, the 1965 rules or pre-1965 requirements.

The state has also changed the requirements for teachers of exceptional children. Formerly there were special endorsements needed to teach mentally retarded, physically handicapped, speech handicapped and those with extreme learning problems. Now there are only two endorsements, teachers of the mildly handicapped and of the severely handicapped.

Even teachers who are not now dealing with handicapped children may be affected. The Congress has passed a "mainstreaming" law that will go into effect this fall. This means that "handicapped children must be given access to public education and accommodated in the least restricted environment." In other words, placed in a regular classroom for

at least part of their education," says Harris. The result is that ordinary classroom teachers now need some special training.

Would-be coaches are also returning to the classroom, since they must now have a coaching endorsement.

Just the suggestion of a new regulation is prompting teachers to take it seriously. The Legislature is considering raising the age required to obtain a driver's license to 18. However, a person could get a license at 16 if they have gone through the high school driver's education program. Harris reports that all the instructional courses for drivers ed are completely full this summer.

While elementary teachers and college instructors do not have to hold a standard teaching certificate, they can still be found in the summer classroom.

Harris says they can be found taking advanced work toward a masters degree or "just getting more skills and improving their knowledge."

One factor not to be overlooked is the reputation of this University, especially with regard to education studies. Many out-of-state and foreign students come here says Harris "because of our resources here, special classes and fine resources."

In fact, according to Harris, the teacher education program draws so many Canadian educators, that the campus is jokingly referred to as "the University of Alberta, Eugene."



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Rate increase topic of debate

While the debate on a contribution of \$15,000 of Springfield's proposed \$15.3-million municipal budget to a social services program continues, public hearings on the Springfield Utility Board's proposed water rate increase will be Wednesday, June 29, 7:30 p.m., at the Utility Board Office, 250 North A Street.

Water bills for Springfield residents will increase an average of about \$1.51 per month if the increased rates and charges recommended the first of June by Jack Criswell, the Utility Board's General Manager, are approved.

In a preliminary presentation to the Utility Board and Budget Committee, Criswell said general increases of about 30 per cent in residential water

service revenues and 40 per cent in commercial and industrial revenues, plus increases in benefited property charges for new water system installations, would be required to balance the proposed 1977-78 fiscal year budget.

The committee approved a water department budget for the coming year of \$1,988,600, which will cover all estimated costs of operation and maintenance along with improvements and additions to the water system.

The proposed budget is 30 per cent higher than the 1976-77 budget, primarily due to an increase of \$363,000 in anticipated requirements for water system additions to keep pace with the city's growth.

Filmmakers ready show of local talent

The Eugene Filmmaker's Cinematheque will present another show of locally and regionally produced film, video, slide sequences, audio and multi-media Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center for the Performing Arts (WOW Hall), at Eighth Avenue and Lincoln Street. Admission is \$1. For more information call 345-4583.

The Wednesday show has the following works tentatively scheduled:

- Skinner's Beaut: By Don Cato and Mark Whitney, 30 minutes. Commissioned by the City of Eugene, the film presents past and future plans for the city.

- The Heritage Arts Festival: By Philip Perkins and Tom Cooke, 11 minutes. Here's a documentary film about the only senior citizen arts festival in the United States. The film uses still photography and interviews with the participants in the festival.

- 115th Dream: By Larry Wittnibert, five minutes. This is wacko, movie edited to the Bob Dylan song 115th Dream.

- Patchwork: By Philip Perkins, four minutes. This film is an exploration of texture and sequence through the use of film painting and matte rephotography, using geometric-shaped matte windows.

- Untitled: By David Joyce, five minutes. The production is a multi-media piece, using film, video and live action created especially for this show.

- Phields: By Scott Fraser, six minutes. Phields is a new audio piece using complex textures of natural sounds to create subtle sounds moving behind the louder ones. To make Phields, Fraser took sounds such as rubbing sandpaper, leaves in the wind, bells, etc., and manipulated them with a battery of equipment, some of which he designed himself.

Photo group sponsors amateur contest

An amateur picture-taking contest offering 75 travel and cash prizes for snapshots of everyday activities has been announced by Photo Marketing Association International.

The contest is open to all amateur photographers and runs through Oct. 31, 1977. Color or black-and-white photos up to 8 x 10 inches taken after May 15, 1977 are eligible.

Prizes will be awarded in three general categories: human interest, sports and travel. Entries will be judged on the basis of visual effectiveness (60 per cent) and appropriateness of the sub-

ject matter to the theme or category (40 per cent).

Photo Marketing Association International, an organization of camera shops and developing and printing laboratories, will award the prizes.

Picture-takers may enter as many photographs as they like in any or all of the three prize categories. Judging will be handled by an independent judging organization, whose decisions will be final.

All entries must be accompanied by an official Picture Your World entry form, available from participating camera stores and processing labs.

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