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Photo by Adrienne Salinger

Budgie's beauty beguiles the birds

Budgie the Scarecrow is ready to scare off birds and other undesirables as planting season nears. It lives at 15th Avenue and Hilyard Street, and was conceived by Joshua Stein and Sam Rainey. Can Budgie do the job? That remains to be seen.

Anti-sex rules not violated

Lieuallen refutes charges

By RICHARD SEVEN
Of the Emerald

The University's collegiate athletic program does not violate the state's anti-sex discrimination law as charged in a complaint filed a year ago, Roy Lieuallen, chancellor of higher education ruled Tuesday.

Last March a Salem couple, Robert and Barbara Aikens, charged the University with failing to offer equal athletic opportunities in transportation, officiating coaching staffs and over-all competitive athletic programs.

At the time of the suit, the Aikens had two daughters playing basketball at the University.

Lieuallen said a Department of Higher Education rule permits state system institutions to follow federal regulations implementing Title IX, in a federal anti-discrimination amendment assessing equal opportunity.

Title IX gives institutions until July 21 of this year to provide equal opportunity for women's athletics.

"It would be unreasonable," Lieuallen said, "to use similar guidelines in seeking to comply with both state and federal law, but at the same time use widely divergent timetables."

Lieuallen responded to all of the four specific charges filed against the University:

- Transportation: "The University has implemented a policy which establishes a non-sex-related criteria for assignment of transportation to teams," the chancellor said. "Decisions of the mode of transportation for all teams is made centrally, taking into consideration comparable transportation for comparable sports."

- Officiating: The chancellor said the amount of payment to officials does not reflect the level of service to the respective programs.

"The University must provide officiating, which meets the need of the program regardless of the cost and should help develop standard non-sex-related criteria to evaluate the adequacy of the officiating provided to any one sport," Lieuallen said.

- Coaching salary: "The salary level of coaches can not be the sole determinant of the adequacy of the coaching level," said Lieuallen. "Once factors have been established to determine the level of coaches, they should be applied to all coaches. Salaries should be comparable for comparable positions."

- Differences in the women's and men's programs: The chancellor said there is no requirement for an institution to provide identical programs for men and women. Instead, under the guidelines of Title IX, the University must continue assured equity proportionate to the interests and participation of women athletes.

On March 7, Hearings Officer Neva Elliot concluded the University was in violation of state requirements as of March 1977, because it did not provide equal opportunity in all areas.

However, she also said the University was not in violation of Title IX because compliance date for the federal regulation will not occur until July of this year.

The chancellor said he is ordering the University to continue to work for total Title IX compliance.

He said that although "substantial differences exist within men and women's athletic programs, due primarily to the long-standing goals and objectives of the programs as well as to the history and development of men's and women's athletics," the University is still responsible for seeking equity.

Lieuallen's order is the final process in the Department of Higher Education's grievance procedure. Any appeal would have to be taken to the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare or to the courts.

Classes offered for non-traditional students

The Community Education Program (CEP) is offering several courses designed for non-traditional students spring term.

All of the courses through CEP are regular University classes. The program highlights those topics that members of the community may be interested in.

The program allows persons not formally admitted to the University to take up to six hours of course work per term at reduced fees. The work can later be used for transfer

credit, but it does not satisfy University residence requirements toward a degree.

Spring term, the College of Education is premiering eight courses that have been designed especially for parents and teachers. These courses focus on some aspect of childhood that is of common concern to both parents and teachers.

Dick Hersh, associate dean for teacher education, says the courses have been developed because there is not enough

parent-teacher communication about major educational issues.

Courses include: Teacher and Parent Effectiveness Training, Behavior Management of Children, The Growing Child, Values and Moral Education, Developing Creative Climates for Reading, Children's Literature for Parents, Children Talking, and Education Rights of Handicapped Children.

The business school is implementing evening courses which have been designed

to help people deal with routine, sometimes perplexing chores, like preparation of tax returns and financial planning.

Courses will include Dealing with your Taxes, Personal Economics and Financial Planning, The Stock Market and Investing, Survey of Real Estate, and more.

Persons who have not pre-registered in the Community Education program can take advantage of a CEP registration session, which will be held in Mac Court from 6:30 to 8 tonight.