

# Institute would add legal view

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Students heretofore unable to combine a law-related field such as criminal justice with their major can rest easy. A proposal is in the works.

A proposed center or institute of law and justice, designed to afford students an opportunity to research and gain practical background in law-related fields, has received favorable backing from the University community.

"The faculty seems interested, and the students seem interested in combining the areas of crime, delinquency and law in a program of research," says Ken Viegas, a professor in the School of Community Service and Public Affairs (CSPA).

"We can help people prepare for roles they will play in the justice

field," adds Viegas. "We could also help with a need for good research data in the field of justice."

Viegas is a member of a committee which designed the proposal and which hopes to submit the proposal to the State Board of Higher Education early next fall for approval. In addition, the University curriculum committee may look into the possibility of a certification program.

"It wouldn't be a degree program," says Viegas. "But it would be just like several other fields at the University in which certification is given. There will be a choice of courses for majors in several fields. If they complete a program we can give them certification of their qualification in the field."

For instance, if a psychology major wished to gain research or educational background in a law-

related field, like delinquency, he or she could graduate with a degree in psychology, plus certification in their law-related field.

"There has been strong support for the principle of the program," says committee member Martin Acker, a professor of Educational Counseling. "We're now going to be looking for some material support, and staff integrity for the program."

The program content and faculty would be taken from existing courses in such fields as sociology, psychology, community service and law. Several small seminars, however, may be added in special areas.

"In the field of sociology, there could be some specialization in the field of deviance and minority problems," says Viegas. "In business, something could be offered

in management level problems of justice."

Incorporating existing courses under the auspices of a center on law and justice would enable students to receive curriculum advisement and help with research interests.

"The research potential would be an important part of the program," says committee member Ken Polk, a professor in the sociology department. "It could be used as a device for raising important questions."

The program would not, according to Polk, be a vocational training outlet, but would emphasize research in the liberal arts tradition of the University.

Acker and Viegas also view research as being a primary purpose behind the program, but

Viegas said, "We feel that there can be a content related to research, and content related to practice."

Although many aspects of the program may yet be revised, the initial proposal would locate the center in the graduate school.

A number of other faculty are interested, so it's not just us three or four committee members," says Viegas. "The others will become more involved when the thing reaches a more formal stage."

Barbara Caulfield, a fourth committee member, may be on leave from law school this fall.

"I think there's a good possibility of the program being enacted," says Viegas. "It is an area of active student interest and it involves problem areas in society."

## Group supports abortion for poor

By LORRAINE NELSON  
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A fight is underway to stop a ballot measure that would prohibit state-funded abortions in Oregon.

Oregon Taxpayers for Equal Choice (OTEC) is a coalition of four regional pro-abortion groups that are fighting the measure on the grounds that a woman's constitutional right to choose abortion should not be denied because she is poor.

The Portland anti-abortion group Oregonians Opposed to State-Financed Abortions collected the 46,235 signatures needed to place the measure on the November ballot. Secretary of State Norma Paulus certified the

petition Friday and guaranteed it a place on the ballot as Measure 7.

Debra Ehrman, a Eugene OTEC member, says the campaign strategy will center on three arguments.

- According to Bernice Shulevitz, chair of the Northwest Oregon Coalition for Abortion Rights (NOCAR), figures from the State Bureau of Statistics show that the average cost for abortion services in Oregon is \$370. The cost of delivering and supporting an "unwanted child" for one year is \$6,000.

Ehrman said state assistance figures put the costs at \$1,817.99 for pre-natal care and \$1,462.45 for delivery.

OTEC asserts that the long-

range costs to the taxpayer of denying the abortion option to poor women are many times greater than the actual provision of abortion services.

- If passed, the measure would allow for discrimination against persons receiving public assistance, the group said.

- OTEC claims that the way the initiative is written prohibits abortions. They argue that the petition might affect such things as counseling, medical techniques and doctors discussing abortion with a patient whose life may be in danger.

Ehrman said the wording of the initiative would also mean the removal of abortion coverage from state employees health insur-

ance.

The initiative reads "... no agency of this state shall expend state monies for abortions or provide programs or services that promote abortion."

Ehrman described the initiative backers as "prohibitive" in that they are "trying to impose their moral and religious beliefs on a group that is unable to defend themselves."

OTEC is composed of NOCAR, Southwest Oregon Taxpayers for Equal Choice (SOTEC), Mid-West Oregon Taxpayers for Equal Choice (MOTEC) and Eastern Oregon Taxpayers for Equal Choice (EOTEC).

Lane County is represented by MOTEC, which is made up of pri-

vate individuals and organizations such as Planned Parenthood and the New American Movement. The Western Oregon Health Systems Agency (WOHSA) is acting in an advisory capacity to OTEC, Ehrman said.

At present, state-funded abortions are available to a woman 18 or older if she is receiving welfare at the time of conception. Any woman under 18 can have two abortions financed if she is eligible for public assistance.

The cost of providing state-funded abortions for the 1977-79 budget period is projected at about \$480,000.

## Federal grants increased last year

By TONY MACE  
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The University received more than \$19.8 million in the form of grants and contracts during the 1977-78 fiscal year.

The number of grants and contracts signified a 12 percent increase over the year before, and the total dollars meted represented a 9.8 percent jump, according to a report released by the University this week.

Over 300 grants totalling \$19,898,688 were netted by the University during 1977-78, as compared to 277 grants amounting to \$18,112,920 in 1976-77,

the report said.

The greatest number of grants was furnished by the U.S. Office of Education, the U.S. Public Health Service and the National Science Foundation. The Health Service awarded 61 grants totalling \$3,660,002, the NSF allocated 58 worth \$2,471,910 and the USOE supplied 35 for \$7,766,302.

Direct support for research activities increased by 20.8 percent over 1976-77 figures. The University also received \$1,888,139 in BEOG money in 1977-78.

Grants and contracts given the University are categorized into different types. Institutional grants,

which are applied for directly by the University, support a particular organization on campus, such as the HEP program.

The most common grants are the individual grants allocated to professors, who are in need of

monies to support their research in a particular field of study.

Contracts are distributed by national organizations, private groups and government agencies like the National Science Foundation for specific research.

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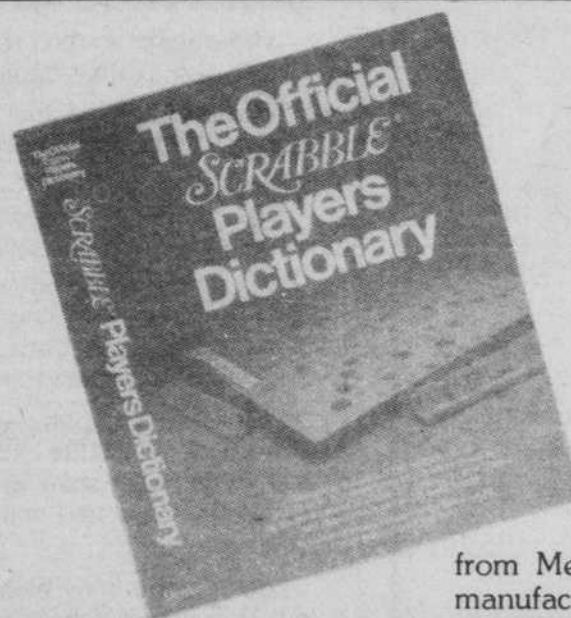
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