

Something for everybody

# Oregon Hall: The key to the campus

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From guided tours of the University for the handicapped, to working out visa changes for foreign students, to telling you what classes you'll need to graduate, Oregon Hall's service programs have something for everybody.

Students will find one big

change in the service program this fall, which should make problem solving simpler and more convenient. The Office of Academic Advising, formerly located in Friendly Hall, has moved to and merged with the Office of Student Services.

Shirley Wilson, who says she's

## Negotiating inside solves problems

Oregon Hall looks more imposing than it really is, especially if you don't know your way around. If you get lost, or aren't sure which office can help solve your problem without wasting time in lines, stop by the information booth on the ground floor, next to the elevators.

To find out how you're doing on graduation requirements, try the second floor. With your ID card you have complete legal access to your academic file. The Buckley Amendment (1974) allows students 18 years of age and older to inspect and even correct their files, while keeping all records confidential. Official and unofficial transcripts can also be made, for a small fee.

Foreign students can get help at the office of International Student Services, including visa changes. If you'd like to stay in town longer than you anticipated, they'll let you know what the Immigration Service requires.

They also help American students who want to study in foreign countries. The office is number 172, on the first floor, or call ext. 3206.

Older students have their own guidance resource — Lifelong Learning Services, in 164 Oregon

Hall, can tell you how to earn credit for the things you already know, and which classes you can waive.

If you're a woman, they'll refer you to several organizations where you can meet other returning students, such as Women in Transition. The Lifelong Learning phone extension is 3211.

The University isn't totally accessible to handicapped students and the Student Services office knows it. Contact them in 164 Oregon Hall, 686-3211 about campus access tours for physically limited students. They also provide readers and interpreters for blind or deaf students.

If you lose your student ID card, you'll find it hard to check out a library book, seek campus health care, cash checks in the EMU and otherwise prove who you are. Replacements can be made in Room 364 for a fee, or call 686-3113.

In addition to these services, the first floor is the place to pay for dorms and tuition, get your certificate of registration stamped, take care of student payroll and take out insurance.

Second floor services include registration, degree analysis and financial aid.

been the director of student services "for a thousand years," and will be heading the joint operation, is pleased with the merger.

"It makes great sense to have academic advising mesh with us," she says. "We do some academic advising like counseling students who have academic petitions. That's one of our biggest roles."

Wilson admires the job Academic Advising was able to do alone, especially with what she considers a staff too small for their workload.

"The small Office of Academic Advising did marvelous, miracu-

lous things, I think, to have as good a program as they had, and they had a very good one," she says.

Academic advising had been headed by Marliss Strange on a part-time basis. Strange is now working full time as associate director for academic advising in the Oregon Hall location.

"The people who are coming in are the experts on advising and we're learning from them," Wilson says. "We will gradually train one another on our areas of expertise so that way down the road somewhere, probably, the distinction

between academic advising and student services will be lost."

It won't all be champagne and caviar at first, and Wilson is realistic about that.

To avoid student confusion, she hopes to have a lot of signs up to redirect the lost. She also admits to being worried about the anticipated glut of students coming into the merged service cluster in 164 Oregon Hall during and after registration time.

"The crunch is going to come," she predicts. "We just hope that by combining forces we'll have a lot to give to one another."

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