

Body tackles access issue

Student access to course evaluation information is scheduled for debate by the University Assembly today at 3:30 p.m. in 150 Geology.

The University Senate endorsed student access to statistical course evaluation data — with instructor's consent — last Friday.

It will present its recommended amendments to the Assembly after hearing a student-faculty committee's substitute motion, which ignores the issue of student access.

Stanley Greenfield and Paul Holbo say they will present their motion as a substitute for the committee's recommendations on student course evaluations, even though the Senate did not support their move for substitution last Wednesday.

The revised Greenfield-Holbo substitute amendment leaves administration and format of student course evaluations up to individual departments, limits evaluations to two "representative" courses each year, and limits evaluation use to promotion and tenure decisions and the instructor's "personal use in improving the effectiveness of teaching."

The recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Evaluation of

Courses would allow student access to statistical course evaluation data, with the instructor's consent.

Senate-recommended amendments to the committee's report include 1) separating the committee's recommended questionnaire from the body of the committee's report; 2) requiring instructors to take "positive action" to close evaluation data to public access by filling out a closure form each quarter; 3) having evaluation questions deal with course quality as well as teacher effectiveness; and 4) suggesting that the Assembly set up an evaluation form committee to construct a standard University wide evaluation form.

The Student University Affairs Board will support the Senate's recommendations in the Assembly, says SUAB Chair Gary McMahon, even though last week SUAB proposed elimination of the instructor consent clause. McMahon says SUAB will take a "moderate stand" in order to get the most it can out of the Assembly meeting.

Harold McLean of the SUAB last week introduced an amendment approved by the Senate to require instructors to fill out evaluation data closure forms each quarter.

DRUG INFORMATION CENTER

DIC shutdown

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could count on supplemental funding, he and other staff members would wait for salaries, he adds.

But a state "hiring freeze" makes things especially difficult for the center, Gordon says. Staff, who are laid-off because of a lack of funds, can not be re-hired when funding comes through, he adds, unless governor-elect Victor Atiyeh ends the freeze.

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Miller says he feels government and University agencies are giving the center as much as they can. If DIC's services are to be maintained, funding probably will have to come from private

the most, but anything will do," he says.

Miller adds that individuals can see if their business organizations have a means for tax-deductible donations. Potential donors should contact Miller at the DIC, 1763 Moss St., 686-5411.

The DIC is an educational and informational resource center affiliated with the University Health

"Efforts to translate community support into government funding based on the individual's needs for our vital services are meeting with increasing frustrations," says DIC director Mark Miller.

"The problem with the funding is that it looks good—we have a lot of people working for us and it looks as though we'll get some money. But the question is, will it come in time?" Gordon says.

DIC staff began to realize funding troubles were on the way about two months ago, he says, but waited until last month to "go public" in hopes money would come in.

"What's bumming us out is the time constraints," Gordon sighs. "Budget requests take time. We keep getting put off."

Miller attributes the funding crisis to pressures for reduction of property taxes and governmental spending. Another factor is that people are more willing to fund DIC services than staff, Gordon adds.

"We think that in the coming years — the writing is on the wall—the funding won't be there, and a lot of social agencies are going to fall by the wayside," he says.

In an open letter to "friends of the Drug Information Center," Miller says community support for the program is enthusiastic and strong. But, he adds, "Efforts to


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Aside from seeking supplementary funds from the Lane County Community Health and Social Services and the ASUO, DIC staff hope private citizens will come to the rescue.

Miller suggests that individuals make out a tax-deductible donation to the center. "Amounts between \$500 and \$1000 will help

Education department. Founded in 1972 with project money from ASUO, the center has grown to serve the needs of people throughout the state. DIC staff say.

"The whole idea of the program is to give people skills to be able to cope with drug technology," Gordon says. "As far as we can tell, we are unique in the state."

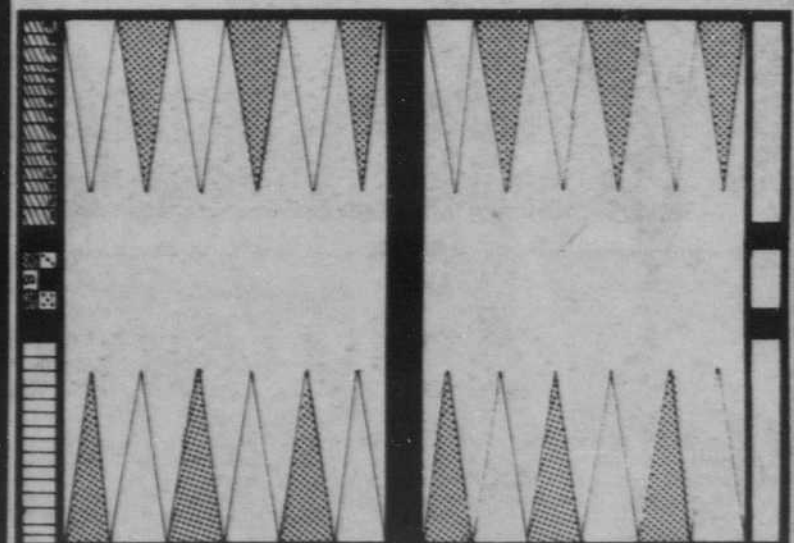


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