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Photo by Doug Williams

Folk dance in the making

This dance class is learning to the steps of modern Israeli folk dances, which have evolved from the older Chassidic, Yemenite and Arabic dance forms. They've been translated through the heritage of eastern European Jewish culture, says instructor Judit Tiber, and are still being created. "Whatever has been important to the building of Israel is celebrated in dance," Tiber says, from the Psalms of the Bible to the joys of new water sprinklers for Israel's farmland. The Jewish Student Union sponsors the class.

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The University Physical Plant provides most of the campus power, using waste wood known as "hog fuel." Director Harold Babcock encounters some problems at the plant, but foresees more innovations. See Pages 6-7.

Eugene followers of Sun Myung Moon have moved to Portland so they can "serve God better" and ease their budget needs. John Crowley analyzes the movement's philosophy and new plans of action on Page 12.

Oregon Student Lobby vows fight for increase in work-study wages

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There is no justification for paying work-study recipients sub-minimum wages, says Nahum Chandler, chair of the board of directors for the Oregon Student Lobby.

"My conclusion is there can never really be a justification for a waiver from paying minimum wages," he says. "The number of students receiving work-study funds would not be affected, just the number of hours."

Chandler testified last week before a panel of members from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare at Seattle University. The panel is reviewing the HEW Act of 1975, which covers regulations for all financial aid programs.

"The response I got from the panel members was pretty positive," Chandler says. "They said the testimony was well organized and strong."

The OSL has fought the battle for minimum wage for work-study students since last April when the Oregon State System of Higher Education sought a waiver from federal wage guidelines. The waiver was granted June 15 by the Office of Education.

The Office of Education also asked the state system to respond to questions raised by the OSL on the issues. After considering correspondence from the OSL and the state system, the Office of Education decided late last year to let the waiver stand.

The state board decided in October to seek an additional \$2 million from the Legislature to bring all work-study wages up to minimum levels.

"If the board makes it a priority issue, it may pass through the Legislature," says Chandler. "But if they don't, it won't pass."

"It certainly isn't the highest priority," says Roy Lieuallen, chancellor of the state system. The request for the additional funds will come after negotiations with the Oregon State Employees Association, he adds.

The OSL goal is to abolish the system of paying students sub-minimum wages, Chandler says. "There is no reason for the low wages."