

Program lets students 'exchange' schools

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The application period begins next month for the National Student Exchange program, which gives students a chance to attend out-of-state colleges and universities at resident tuition rates.

The program is primarily for sophomores and juniors, and opens the door to 34 schools across the nation ranging from Rutgers University to the University of Hawaii.

Oregon residents with a grade point average of at least 2.5 are eligible says Joe Wade, the University's NSE coordinator.

Although seniors are not prohibited from applying, they run into trouble with the University requirement that 45 of the last 60

credit hours be earned in residence, Wade says.

There are 46 schools in the NSE program, and two tuition payment plans, Wade says. One plan directs payment to the exchange school at the resident rate. The University uses the latter plan.

At the time of application, students choose and rank three schools of interest, and, Wade says, "approximately 73 percent of the people who apply get their first choice."

Most of the others receive placement at the school of their second choice, he adds. The required \$10 application fee is non-refundable, unless a student cannot be placed in any of the three choices.

"Each school determines the number of students it will be willing to accept," Wade

says, adding that a school usually accepts one exchange student for every student placed.

Last fall, 126 University students accepted placements at other schools, while 151 exchange students came here. The one-to-one ratio wasn't met because students sometimes change their mind after accepting placement, Wade says.

Unique course offerings and an inexpensive way to see a different part of the country are a common reasons students give for participating in the program.

A combination of academic and geographic concerns led Tera Gallagher, a journalism and history major from Montana, to choose the University.

"I wanted to be in the Northwest, and the University of Oregon was the only school in the Northwest that had an accredited jour-

nalism school," she says.

Steve Gugger, an exchange student from New Jersey who attended Oregon State University fall term, saw the program as a chance to see some new areas. "I've always wanted to go places" he says, "but I couldn't afford out-of-state tuition."

Diane Gibson, who attended the University of Delaware, says she just got tired of Delaware and decided NSE was a good way to meet new people. The marine biology program played a part in bringing her here, she says.

Students interested in a new educational environment can obtain more information about NSE from the Office of Academic Advising and Student Services in Room 164, Oregon Hall. The application period extends from Feb. 19 to Feb. 28.

IFC approves ed center budget

The Incidental Fee Committee approved all goals of the International Educational Center, but rejected at least one goal for each of the other three groups heard during its fifth session of budget hearings Monday night.

The IFC rejected the YMCA's proposed goal to help support the Youth Basketball Association, by a vote of 4-3.

"We're actually funding, to a large extent, a program that benefits 4-J students," IFC member Dusty Rhodes said.

The IFC approved the YMCA's goal to continue the Big Brother/Big Sister program.

The Model United Nations

Club's goal to send delegates to the Far West Conference for model United Nations was defeated by a 3-3 vote with one abstaining vote.

IFC member Harry Ricks said the conference would benefit only those directly involved, and that there is a model United Nations class offered at the University.

The committee also rejected the Asian American Student Union's goal to advocate the role of Asian American students on campus. The board agreed that the goal was already covered by other approved goals, which include recruitment, outreach programs and cultural events.

The International Educational Center goals approved by the IFC include maintenance of the Travel Resource Center, exploration of work opportunities abroad, participation in the foreign student orientation program and continuation of current office and administrative work.

The IFC will hear goals for the following groups Tuesday: MEChA, 3:30 p.m.; Muslim Student Association, 4:30 p.m.; Hawaii Club, 6 p.m.; Teacher Educational Doctoral Students Organization 6:30 p.m.; and Women in Science at 7 p.m. The room number will be posted in Suite Four EMU.

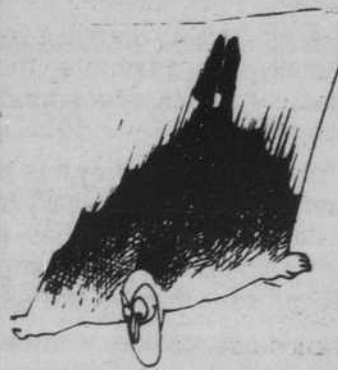
Boyd takes bank post

University Pres. William Boyd has been elected to the board of directors of Equitable Savings and Loan, reports William Love, board chair and chief executive officer.

Boyd was elected to fill the vacancy on the board created when Gov. Vic Atiyeh resigned after his election.

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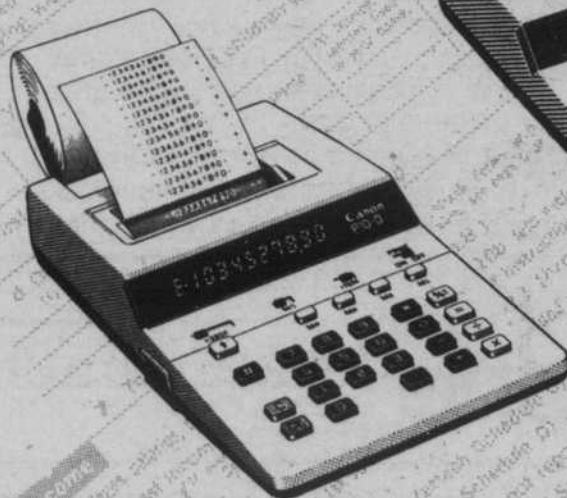
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