

Today geography

State board examining graduate programs

The University's graduate geography program is scheduled for review today by a group of consultants from national and international universities hired by the State Board of Higher Education.

Reviews are a continuing process instituted by the State Board of Higher Education in 1975, according to Averno Rempel, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University.

Masters and doctorate degree programs in sociology, economics, and political science have also been reviewed during the past year.

"New programs are always reviewed to see if they are being offered elsewhere in Oregon institutions and to establish what the nature of the program will be," says Rempel. "But in 1975, the board decided to start looking at existing programs in

a systematic way."

In the 1975-76 school year the board conducted a study of low-degree productivity programs. "These were the ones that had three or less master's degrees or one or less doctorate degrees, on the average per year, over a five year period," he says.

In 1976-77, programs that were "ostensibly similar" within the same discipline were examined. Last year chemistry, biology and physics were reviewed.

Only once has any action followed these reviews, according to Aaron Novick, dean of the graduate school. After the review on low degree productivity, the art history program was put on probation because they had yet to produce a Ph.D., says Novick.

He credits the action to the newness of the program at the time.

Rempel says his office has received only one consultant report on the economics program so far. Rempel ex-

pects the remainder of the reports to be in by the end of May. The reports will eventually be made available to the public.

Next year reviews of mathematics, computer science and geology graduate programs are planned.

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dations of speakers for other events than the graduation ceremonies.

Stratton says he agrees with Herrera's and Boyd's statements that everyone has a right to speak on campus regardless of their views but says commencement speakers are different.

"We have a wide range of speakers on this campus from Brother Ray to the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade," he says. "But with those people we have the choice of whether to listen to them or not. At graduation we're a captive audience."

Boyd says that students also have the choice whether to attend graduation ceremonies. "If

they don't like the speaker, they don't have to go to commencement," he says.

"I think it's entirely appropriate to have a person who was just elected by a majority of Oregonians as

governor to speak at a university of the people of Oregon," he says.

In the end, nobody seems to be taking the Senior Quacks goal to oust Atiyeh very seriously, not even Stratton.



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Black arts scheduled

Here's the Black Arts Festival schedule for today. All events are in the EMU.

10 a.m. Dr. Yosef Ben-Jochannan will speak on "Africa: Origin of All Major Western Religions" in the Forum Room.

10:30-4:30 p.m. the art exhibit will be open in Room 167.

2 p.m. Ben-Jochannan will speak on "Cultural Genocide in the Black Studies Curriculum" in the EMU breezeway.

8 p.m. University Prof. Ron Rousseve will speak on "Favorite Excerpts from the Written Legacy of Black Americans in a Contemporary Key" in the Forum.

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