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Candlelight protest

Supporters of anti-nuclear activists marched to the Federal Building at Seventh Avenue and Pearl Street Sunday night, lighting their way with candles and wielded picket signs. Future activities are planned in Bangor, Wash., to show opposition to the Trident nuclear submarine housed there. The Trojan Decommissioning Alliance will sponsor anti-Trident picketing at the Navy Recruiting Office downtown at 1:30 p.m. today.

Olum's hiring views may oppose policy

By SALLY HODGKINSON
Of the Emerald

A University vice president's views about student participation in personnel decisions may be in conflict with a State Board of Higher Education policy, says an Oregon Student Lobby executive.

Paul Olum, vice president for academic affairs, told members of the political science department last week that no matter how much weight student votes carry in departmental decisions, when a final personnel decision is made by him, he will base that decision "almost entirely on the basis of the faculty (vote)."

Jim Bernau, executive director of the OSL, says Olum's comments could be in conflict with a state board policy that indicates that students should have input into personnel decisions.

"It's inaccurate to assume student input isn't as valuable simply because it's students'," Bernau says. "It's a mistake to disregard votes on the basis of background. Everyone in the University community has something to contribute."

Bernau adds that the OSL will try to "sensitize him (Olum) to the wisdom of counting those (student votes). If it's necessary we'll go to the state board."

Bernau, who made student representation on University and department committees a top priority during his tenure as the 1975-76 ASUO president, says Olum's comments are helping to erode 15 years of student struggle for a say in University personnel decisions.

"Every year student input on personnel decisions is questioned," Bernau says. "Students have worked long and hard on this issue and have a tremendous amount of information that backs having student input into personnel decisions."

Confusion and debate about student participation in personnel decisions arose this year when student votes in a summer term appointment recommendation were apparently discounted. Last week Olum explained the University's position on the issue to the political science faculty body.

"I'm not going to tell the department how to run itself," he said. "But the actual decision is made by my office. What I do with that material (departmental recommendations) is up to me. I will do my job, my way."

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Enrollment rise reverses University losing streak

By DEBBY ABE
Of the Emerald

An increase of more than 600 undergraduates is responsible for reversing a four-year trend of declining enrollment at the University.

According to Sherril Knower, registrar statistician, total University enrollment this year is 16,916, the second-highest enrollment figure in the institution's history. Up 453 students from last year, the enrollment figure represents the first increase in enrollment since 1975. In 1975, the University reached an all-time enrollment high of 17,384.

Knower, who has just received official fall enrollment statistics, said 639 more

undergraduates than last fall are attending the University. This offsets a loss of 186 graduate students.

Dean of Students Robert Bowlin says the increase is the result of many factors. "The admission office's work, other school departments' being concerned about admissions and the feeling by and large that this university is good have all contributed to increased enrollment. There's even research that shows that when an institution's football team improves, enrollment increases."

According to Bowlin, departments such as the Honors College and the science department have invited potential students, their parents and high school teachers to visit the school.

And the admissions office has been trying to increase the University's out-of-state visibility, he says. The early orientation program for freshmen and new students gets larger every summer, Bowlin adds.

The freshman class grew by 403 students over last fall's freshman class, representing an 11.3 percent increase. Freshmen comprise the largest University class — 3,966 students. Although resident and non-resident figures are not available for individual classes, 186 more freshmen than last fall have either transferred to the University or are continuing in their first year of study here.

A higher percentage of returning students has also increased enrollment. The 2,683-member sophomore class in-

creased by 171 students or 6.8 percent. The juniors added 89 students more over last fall's class, a 3.7 percent increase. The seniors had 85 fewer classmates than the previous fall's class, resulting in a 2.8 percent decline.

The graduate class decreased 4.0 percent, or 186 members less than last fall's class. This leaves a graduate class total of 3,052 students. Although there are 29 more graduate students with resident status, 215 fewer non-resident graduates are attending the University this fall.

The number of women at the University has increased 4.7 percent (370 women) while the number of male students has increased .96 percent (83 men).

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Potential University freshmen will face tougher entry standards in the future. Starting in 1981, a minimum score of 30 on an English test and a higher grade point average will be required. See Page 3.

One hundred people gathered at an appropriate technology workshop Saturday to hear how people can make a difference in their environment. One group is working on an energy-efficient house. See Page 7.

Lane County has had 152 reported cases of child abuse this year. Often, child abusers were maltreated by their own parents. To find out what's being done to decrease abuse statistics, turn to Page 12.