

Higher scores required

State toughens entry policies

High school students will face tougher University admission requirements for the 1981-82 school year under a plan approved by the State Board of Higher Education Friday.

The board followed a committee recommendation and set a new writing requirement for students applying to the University of Oregon and Oregon State University. Beginning in 1981, freshmen must score at least 30 on the Test of Standard Written English to be admitted to the two universities. A state board study shows that if this rule had been applied last year, 5 percent of the University's applicants would have been

turned down.

The board also gave all of the state system institution presidents the option of raising their minimum grade point average requirement by one-quarter point in 1981. University Pres. William Boyd said he would be interested in discussing a GPA raise with the faculty but added that he has no plans at this time to raise the University's 2.5 GPA requirement to 2.75.

In addition, the board increased each institution's quota of students who may be admitted although unable to meet academic requirements, from 3 to 5 percent of the previous year's

freshman class.

In other business, the board approved the University's proposal to establish a bachelor's degree program in international studies.

Coursework and faculty for the multidisciplinary undergraduate program will be drawn from the College of Arts and Sciences and participating professional schools. The program's budget will come from reallocating funds in the arts and sciences college.

Students apply for admission to the program by submitting a proposed course of study to a faculty committee for review and acceptance. Admitted students will be encouraged to complete a major in a liberal arts or professional school.

The board also approved a computer replacement plan for the University.



Photo by Ken Kromer

Les Anderson, former mayor of Eugene, spoke to the question of higher admissions standards for the University of Oregon and Oregon State University at Friday's board meeting. Starting in 1981, a higher GPA will be required for potential University freshmen.

Olum

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Most University personnel decisions are routed through departmental personnel committees, then the faculty body, department head, the dean of the college or school, the University personnel committee and Olum's office. All personnel decisions are advisory until Olum makes the final decision.

The extent of student participation in department personnel decisions is decided by the faculty body. The University Faculty Personnel Committee has two student members, but their votes do not count on final recommendation decisions.

During the political science meeting, a student noted that since personnel decisions are ultimately decided by Olum, the faculty's relationship to Olum is the same as the students' to the faculty.

"To some extent what you say is true," Olum said. "That's the formal process, but it's not how decisions actually get made. An administrator in a University only at his peril disregards faculty opinion."

Votes on personnel decisions are required by law to be recorded on a roll-call basis. This regulation enables Olum to

distinguish between faculty and student votes.

"I'd insist on that (a roll-call vote tally) even if it wasn't law," Olum said.

One student in the meeting muttered that it "all came down to elitism versus pluralism."

"That's right," Olum shot back. "It is elitism! You knew that when you came to the University."

That "elitism" comment has upset student leaders.

"I don't think one man knows better than the rest of the University," Scott Bassett, ASUO president says. "The University is caught in a time trap in its decision-making process. Authority is coming from the top down."

Bernau says that "you can insure that the quality of the faculty is enhanced without practicing elitism."

Disregarding or giving student votes little influence is a mistake, Bernau adds.

"You can expect responsible contributions from students if you give them some responsibility and influence," he says. "If you take away that influence, you affect the quality of the contributions. Why should a student sign up for a committee and spend hundreds of hours on that committee if their votes don't count?"

Bassett says if the faculty gives student votes equal say in departmental decisions, that faculty decision should be honored by Olum by giving equal weight to those student votes in a final decision.

"To disregard the faculty decision to include students is to disregard the faculty involvement," he says.

Corrections & Amplifications

The photo on page six in Friday's Emerald misidentified Democratic State Rep. candidate Carl Hosticka as State Rep. Bill Rogers, R-District 44. Hosticka is running for the University-area District 40 seat in the Oregon House of Representatives.

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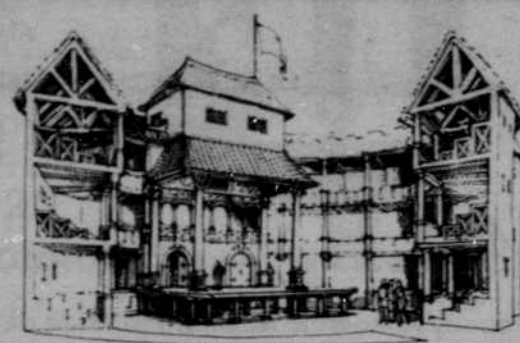
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