

Student loan increase reported

The number of student loans granted from two major loan funds at the University increased 10.6 percent during the 1978-79 fiscal year, according to a report released in October by the Office of Business Affairs.

The dollar value of the short term loans from the University's loan fund and the long term loans from the National Direct Student Loan program also increased, up 25.9 percent more than the previous fiscal year, the report shows.

The default rate on the NDSL loans continues to reduce, Larry Tergesen, administrative loan officer, states in the introduction to the report.

"Although defaults and delinquencies are not stated in the loan report, we are pleased to report that there is a continuing reduction in the default rate as

the principal balance of defaulted loans at June 30, 1979, was \$1,751,810 compared to \$2,045,991 as of June 30, 1978," Tergesen said.

The reduction was accomplished despite an increase in the dollar amount of loans outstanding, he added.

Under the current Department of Health, Education and Welfare method of calculating default rates, the default rate has dropped from 21 percent as of June 1977, to 12 percent as of June 1979, Tergesen reports.

About 40 percent of University students are helped each term through the University loan fund, the NDSL program and the deferred tuition program, Tergesen said.

"The University of Oregon probably issues more loans than any of the other public

universities and colleges in the state," he added.

A total of 6,402 short term loans from the loan fund were made during the past fiscal year with a value of \$1,048,952, an increase of 645 loans and an increased dollar value of \$117,564.

A total of 2,749 students received NDSL valued at almost three million, an increase of 235 borrowers and an increased dollar value totaling \$633,671.

The average value of a short term loan was \$163, while the average value of a long term loan was \$641. The average NDSL was \$1,051.

For more information about obtaining a loan, contact the financial aid office in 270 Oregon Hall, 686-3221.

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Poster designs sought

Entries are now being accepted for a poster design contest for the dance department at the University.

The poster should promote the department's Dance '80 production which will run Jan. 18-19 and 24-26 at the University Theatre.

The designer of the winning poster will receive a dance T-shirt, an official Dance '80 shirt

and tickets to the Dance '80 performance. All entries will become the property of the dance department.

Entries should be mailed or brought to Joan Lazarus, Department of Dance, 164 Gerlinger Annex, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403. The deadline for the contest is Nov. 30.

For further information call 686-4133 or 686-3386.

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LECTURES

Bennett Pascal of the classics department, will lecture tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Room 204 Chapman on "Selflessness and Self-Interest in Pre-Christian Pagan Religions."

State Senator Ted Kulungoski, a member of the Senate Committee on Energy and the Environment, will today speak in a forum at 12:30 p.m. in the EMU, room to be posted. Kulungoski was co-sponsor of legislation to create the Oregon Energy Development Commission and for the Nuclear Moratorium. Kulungoski recently announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate. This is another of a series of weekly forums sponsored by SOLAR, a campus group organized to support the initiatives for the Oregon Energy Development Commission and the Nuclear Moratorium. For more information, contact Bob Jensen at 484-6258.

MEETINGS

Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for students interested in business, advertising, and economics, will have a meeting today at 3:30 in Room 107 Gilbert Hall. All students interested in the consulting services and the resume writing services are welcome to attend.

Nancy Levenberg, of Yale University, will discuss the Yale in China program today at a luncheon meeting at noon in the Faculty

Club. Anyone interested in either graduate or undergraduate study through the program is invited to attend.

FILMS

The Burden of Proof, a documentary film on the effect of herbicide spraying in Western Oregon, will premiere tonight in Room 167 EMU. The film features people whose lives have been affected by the use of herbicides. *The Burden of Proof* was produced and directed by Robert Lundahl, through the Department of Fine Arts.

MISCELLANEOUS

Oreganas from 1975-79 can be picked up this week from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the EMU Main Lobby.

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