

# Term paper law awaits governor's approval

By ANN PORTAL  
Of the Emerald

The University has passed legislation through the Oregon House and Senate that may shut down a couple of paper mills.

But University administrators and faculty aren't after the local wood products industry. The bill, approved by a 21-8 Senate vote Tuesday, is aimed at "term paper" mills — commercial suppliers of term papers and other

class assignments for college credit.

Administrators and faculty say HB 2513 is a response to what is considered a growing problem at universities. The bill sends a warning to companies and the students who patronize them that the University is aware of ghost-written assignments, says Curt Simic, University vice president for public services.

"It's a signal as much as anything else," says Simic, who

guided the bill through the Legislature.

"They need to at least be warned that 'hey, it's not acceptable.'"

The bill, which awaits Gov. Vic Atiyeh's approval, makes it illegal to sell or to offer for sale "any specific written, recorded, pictorial, artistic or other academic task, including but not limited to a term paper, thesis, dissertation, essay or report."

Violations carry a fine of up to \$1,000 for the first offense and up to \$10,000 for the second offense.

Editing, typing, assembling or assisting on assignments is not included in the measure.

The bill is the result of University faculty complaints about the growing number of fake term paper advertisements on campus.

One English professor found leaflets placed on every desk when he arrived to teach his class. Term paper companies have agents "all over" campus placing catalog ads on bulletin boards, says Bob Bowlin, dean of students.

"Frankly, I was shocked at the catalog of one organization," he says.

The 1½-inch thick catalog contained "pages and pages" of titles, Bowlin says. One company even offers "A" and "C" papers — any topic, any length.



Graphic by Max DeRungs

Simic says.

Ed Branchfield, former higher education attorney general, authored the original bill in response to a University faculty request. A number of Oregon educators contributed to later versions of the bill, Bowlin says.

The bill encountered opposition in the House from representatives who felt university administrators should deal with the problem themselves, rather than resort to legislation.

But the sanctions applied only to students, Simic says, and some recourse against the companies was needed. The new law will have "more teeth" than would a University regulation, he says.

Similar laws in other states have shown that the prosecution of a single case really puts a lid on the problem, Bowlin adds. University administrators say they hope the new law has that effect.

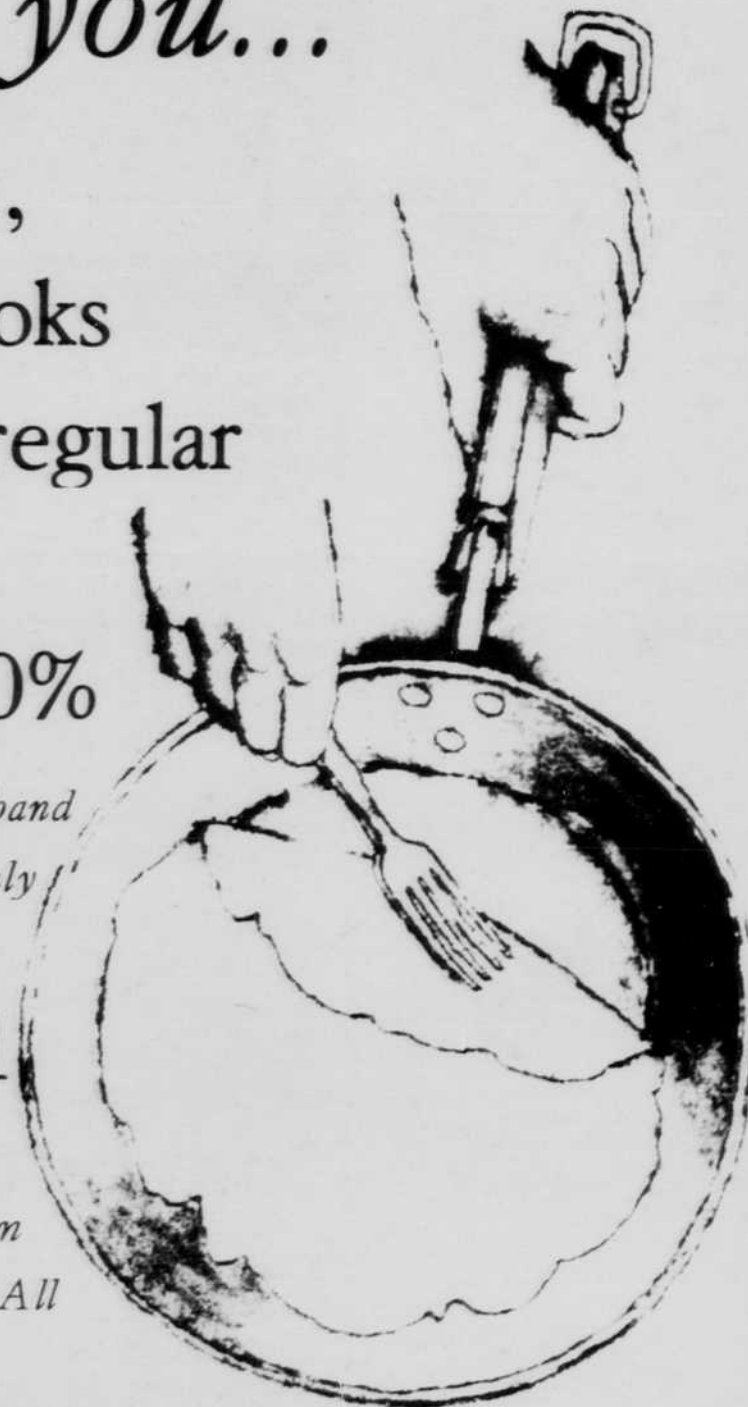
"What do we have if we don't have academic integrity?" Simic says.

## The Book Department serves you...

This week, all cookbooks from our regular stock are reduced 20%

Limited to stock on hand  
Cash register sales only

July 27-31



illus. from

French Cuisine For All

**UO**  
BOOKSTORE

13th & Kincaid  
Mon-Fri 8:30-5:30  
Closed Saturdays

Textbooks 686-3520 • General Books 686-3510 • Supplies 686-4331

IMPORTED  
**coffee & tea**  
By the Pound or by the Cup

**Kinko's**  
764 E. 13th  
344-7894

**Bean of the Month**

**Costa Rica**  
\$4.40 lb.

Compare Our Prices

The Yankee Clipper Boutique  
**GIANT SUMMER Clearance Sale**  
Women's Clothing  
up to 50-60% off

"Blouses, dresses and pants in the prettiest, softest and coolest cottons and rayons"

Sale begins July 24

767 Willamette  
in the Smeede Hotel

## daily emerald

The Oregon Daily Emerald is published Tuesday and Thursday, except during exam week and vacations, by the Oregon Daily Emerald Publishing Co. at the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, 97403.

The Oregon Daily Emerald operates independently of the University with offices on the third floor of the Erb Memorial Union and is a member of the Associated Press.

News and Editorial  
Display Advertising and Business  
Classified Advertising  
Production  
Circulation

686-5511  
686-3712  
686-4343  
686-4381  
686-5511

Editor  
Managing Editor/News Editor  
Associate News Editor  
Photo Editor  
Graphics Editor

Associate Editors  
University/Education  
ASUO  
Features  
Community/Politics

General Staff  
Advertising Manager  
Ad Services  
Classified Advertising  
Controller  
Production Manager

Sally Hodgkinson  
Harry Esteve  
John Healy  
Bill Wack  
Max DeRungs

Ann Portal  
Ginger Barnes  
Matt Meyer  
Heidi Swillinger

Darlene Gore  
Ann Peterson  
Sally Oljar  
Jean Ownbey  
Sandra McMullen