



Paul Olum

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Enrollment declines Olum: 3% cut won't hurt

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As of Tuesday, University enrollment dipped 2.9 percent — which is better than the 3.8 percent decrease recorded Friday, but still about 400 students less than last year at this time.

The decrease probably won't affect University funding, Pres. Paul Olum said Wednesday at his monthly press conference.

"This doesn't impinge in any way on the entitlement we get," Olum said. He pointed out that the State Board of Higher Education collects the University's tuition, and that the University always has collected more tuition than estimated by the state.

An 11 or 12-percent enrollment decrease would be necessary to significantly reduce University funding, which is based on full-time enrollment, Olum said.

Olum said he was "a little surprised" at the decline, but could not identify a specific cause. A breakdown of freshman through

senior enrollment may help pinpoint where the slide occurred, he said.

"We knew that this was a year in which we couldn't guess very well."

However, even with fewer students, many course enrollments are very tight, Olum said. Business, computer science and journalism courses are especially crowded, although there has been no major reduction in course offerings, he said.

Turning to problems at other Northwest colleges and universities, Olum said the University of Washington's declaration of financial exigency worries him, particularly because he believes Washington typically has been better off financially than the University has been.

"The speed with which they went into financial exigency shocked me."

Reflecting on Portland State University's recent declaration of financial exigency and accompan-

ing program cutbacks, Olum said that in spite of program trimming at the University this year, he still feels there are no entire programs that can be cut on academic grounds.

The University has dropped programs in previous years, and now has the number of departments and schools a liberal arts university should have, Olum said.

"We don't have any good offerings to sacrifice, frankly."

Pres. Blumel's decision to deal with budget cuts by eliminating programs is his own resolution of a leaner budget, Olum said, adding "there is some difference in our attitude."

Shifting to problems closer to home, Olum berated the Emerald for its Monday editorial on the University's Environmental Law Clinic.

He said the editorial implied that a decision on the controversial Pacific Northwest Resource

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Financial aid stops taking new GSLs

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Today is D-day for Guaranteed Student Loan applications for the 1981-82 academic year.

The D is for delay. As of today, the old GSL rules no longer apply and the financial aid office will stop accepting GSL applications, according to Ed Vignoul, financial aid director.

No GSL applications will be accepted until the Department of Education sends more complete instructions for dealing with new regulations, Vignoul says.

Although the financial aid office received notice Tuesday of new regulations — in a letter dated Sept. 9 — specific procedures were not included, he says.

Effective today, GSL applicants whose families earn \$30,000 or more have to complete a financial need test. The interest rate stays at nine percent, but the minimum annual repayment amount has been increased to \$600.

Financial aid already has processed a tremendous number of GSLs this year, Vignoul says. Seven thousand students have applied already this year compared to 5,400 students who applied for GSLs last year.

Many of the loan applications came during the last weeks of summer, meaning that a lot of students still are without their money because of a two-month

processing period.

"What did they expect?" Vignoul says. "We told them they should allow six to eight weeks for processing."

A backlog exists at banks and at the state scholarship commission, he says, but deferred tuition and emergency loans — which have been increased from a maximum of \$150 to \$250 — are available for students who cannot yet pay tuition.

In spite of student complaints and problems with financial aid money this term, Vignoul says he is unwilling to accept the blame for delays caused by a lack of initiative on students' part.

The financial aid staff worked overtime to mail revised financial aid packets to students by August, Vignoul says, estimating that his office caused only a tiny fraction of the hold-ups students are encountering.

"We really did have our act together," he says. "If we screw up, I will always admit to that and I will rectify it."

A large number of people swore they turned in the blue Student Eligibility Report required to receive Basic Educational Opportunity Grants only to go home and find the three copies mailed to them during the summer sitting in the bottom of a drawer, Vignoul says.

"I don't want anyone to wait (for financial aid) if we make a

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Sugary doughnuts and caloric cakes are all that have greeted bagel seekers since Monday.

Emu refuses to humble itself to 20 percent bagel increase

Oi Vey! Bagels have been missing from the EMU since Monday.

Humble Bagel Company — the bakery that supplied the EMU with the popular snack — hiked its price 20 percent,

causing the campus food service to scramble for humbler prices, says Jim Covington, EMU food service director.

But bagels should be back on the shelves today, Covington says.

Covington says he has located a Portland bakery that will supply the cafeteria with "quality" bagels at a more reasonable price.

The bagels should be available Thursday morning for 30 cents, he says.