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Students who find themselves shut out of campus computer classes can look to local computer firms for help. One catch — the University won't credit the courses yet.

## Off-campus computer classes offer choice

By **MARIAN GREEN**  
Of the Emerald

Enrolling in a University computer course sometimes is as hard as getting tickets for a Rolling Stones concert. As many as 200 students were turned away during fall registration for CIS 201, the computer and information science department's basic computer course.

But those students, and non-CIS majors as well, may not be aware of other options, says Jerry Ross. He teaches computer courses at Radio Shack's computer center, 390 Coburg Road.

Ross, a master's degree candidate on leave from the University's computer department, says Radio Shack offers beginning through advanced courses in computer programming.

The courses provide from 10 to 15 hours of instruction and unlimited computer terminal practice time when classes aren't in session, he says.

But so far, few University

students have taken advantage of the courses.

The price to University students is fairly low. Beginning-level courses cost \$29.95, increasing \$10 for each additional level.

At present, no University credit is available for the courses, but Ross says he's working with the University's continuing education department to obtain credit.

The morning and evening classes meet twice weekly, and new courses begin every two weeks, Ross says.

The Computer Store, in Eugene, also offers computer seminars. The next six-week seminar begins Nov. 4. No more than 12 students may sign up for the \$50 courses, and students double up on the store's computer terminals.

At the University, CIS department head Steve Hedetniemi says students should consider how the courses would fit into their overall course objectives and whether the University will

recognize the course completion.

CIS Prof. David Moursund says "if they learn stuff comparable to our courses then we'll be glad to give advanced-placement credit."

Another option is for a group of students to purchase com-

puter terminals.

Ross says students can purchase a computer system for as little as \$600. A complete basic system will run about \$1,800, he adds.

Students with consulting services or other small businesses can rent a computer system,

including a printer and disc, for about \$100 a month, Ross adds, stressing that Radio Shack rents only to businesses.

For more information about off-campus computer classes or computer purchases, call Radio Shack at 687-0082 or the Computer Store at 343-1434.

## McTeague challenges Smith

By **RICH BURR**  
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Federal cutbacks in student loans "are harming our valuable institutions like the U of O," says David McTeague, who announced Tuesday his candidacy for Oregon's new Fifth Congressional District.

Although the United States is entering an "era of limits," there has been a "severe lessening to the commitment of education from people like (Oregon Republican Congressman) Denny Smith," he said.

McTeague is the first Democrat to enter the race against Smith, who announced his candidacy last week. McTeague is an Oregon Democratic national committeeman and a 1977 University political science graduate.

McTeague also helped organize a successful ballot measure prohibiting public utilities from paying future utility construction costs out of current rate-payer revenues.

He called "insane" the Reagan Administration's move to bolster big oil companies and support nuclear power while severely cutting the federal solar energy program.

"The New Right Reagan Administration, with unwavering support from Denny Smith, destroyed the federal solar budget and are sending these taxpayer dollars down the nuclear rathole," McTeague said.

"Nuclear plants are a poor business and undependable," he added, citing the construction problems of the California Diablo Canyon nuclear plant.

Renewable energy and conservation are the solutions, McTeague said. The solutions will create more jobs, thus benefitting the economy, he added.

The new candidate also criticized the Reagan Administration's proposed increases in defense spending — supported vigorously by Smith.

"The Reagan-Smith orgy won't buy us peace," he said.

McTeague said he is opposed to the draft, which would send "American boys to die for Mideast oil."

Oil interests are also involved in the elections, McTeague said. The National Committee for an Effective Congress identified Smith as the fourth-largest recipient of oil industry campaign contributions in 1980, with \$52,000, he added.

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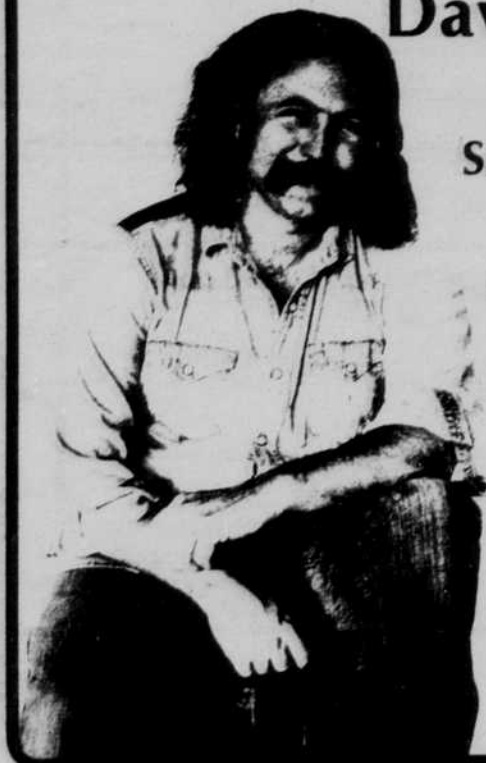
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