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Students meet with Olum; ask questions, give advice

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Students threw advice, criticism and a lot of questions to University Pres. Paul Olum Wednesday during his first student convocation of the school year.

One of the stickiest questions came from law student Ellen Mendoza, who questioned Olum on the use of campus facilities by private businesses.

Mendoza expressed concern over Bio Dynamics Research and Development Corporation's use of Gerlinger Hall as an office and research laboratory.

She asked Olum if he would "apply the same principles" to the company as he did to the Pacific Northwest Research Corporation. Even before the PNR, which is currently housed in the law school, announced its decision to move off campus, Olum indicated he wanted it moved.

Olum denied Mendoza's claim that Bio Dynamics was operating from Gerlinger Hall. Bio Dynamics, which donated several pieces of equipment to the physical education program, list its business address as 1200 High St. in Eugene.

However, Mendoza said she failed to find the company at its listed address, and when she phoned her calls were referred to physical education prof. Barry Bates, whose office is Room 340 Gerlinger Hall.

Mendoza called the listed address "a phony."

"Your criticism is serious," Olum said, and he stressed that Mike Ellis, head of the physical education department, has been investigating Bio Dynamics since a newspaper article pointed out its connection with the University.

"If they are in fact located in Gerlinger Hall, we will in fact ask them to get out," Olum said.

He said he would continue the policy



Photo by Bob Baker

University Pres. Paul Olum spoke to more than 75 students Wednesday at his first student convocation of the year.

of not allowing private for-profit corporations to operate on the University campus.

"If we have been misled, we will take care of it," he said.

Another interesting question concerned the low rent paid by athletic director Rick Bay, who lists his address as 2315 McMorran St. — more commonly known as the University president's mansion.

Apparently Bay pays \$200 per month to rent some rooms in the otherwise unoccupied mansion.

Olum has chosen not to live in the house — provided rent-free to University presidents — since it was vacated by William Boyd in June 1980. The four-floor residence is used for meetings and parties, Olum said.

"We're doing a little better with the \$200," he said.

Several students at the convocation wanted to know how the University would decide which schools to shut down if it were forced to do so.

Olum said the decision would come after a series of hearings with faculty and students. The criteria for elimination would include the "relative uniqueness" of a school, its quality, financial condition and its "degree of interaction with the rest of the University."

One student suggested the University bring in volunteers from the community to perform some of the services and teach some of the classes being offered.

Members of the Eugene Society for Natural History and the Eugene Mothers Club already have offered to help keep the University's Museum of Natural History open, said Provost Richard Hill.

"We're looking for all that kind of help we can get," Hill said.

Dormitory thefts rise

Robberies in six different dormitories Tuesday are just part of an escalation in thefts that's occurred during the past week, according to Sgt. Rick Allison of the Eugene Police Department.

"We need to do something to combat the problem, and we're not making any headway," Allison says.

Single robberies were reported Tuesday in Bean East, Stafford, Morton and DeCou, he says, and two robberies were reported in Moore. Missing property includes wallets, purses and "other small items."

Police have several suspects in the robberies, which generally take place between 3:30 and 6:30 a.m., he says, although another rash of robberies happened during the afternoon in Morton complex.

The thieves entered occupied dorm rooms mostly through unlocked doors and windows, but a lock pick may have been used in some of the crimes.

Several students woke up and discovered the thieves standing over them or reaching in the window, he says, adding that at least one thief has returned more than once.

"I think our burglars are very professional — cool, calm and collected."

Thieves are getting into the buildings in spite of "thousands of dollars" spent last year to make the dorms more secure, Allison says. He says students, not locks, are the problem this year.

"No amount of hardware is going to prevent crimes unless the students lock their windows and doors," he says.

Students should purchase inexpensive alarms sold at a number of local discount stores, including the University Bookstore, Allison says. A device that sells for about \$13 both secures the door and sends out a loud whistle.

In addition, wallets and other valuables shouldn't be left in top drawers and on windowsills for thieves to grab them without even searching, he says.

Cheating by students increases, prof says

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It's the night before the big midterm, and there are three or four chapters in anthropology still to be read.

Marked for academic extinction, the desperate student arranges for a good friend, who happens to be a multiple-guess wizard, to substitute in the anthropology exam.

"There's been a noticeable increase in surrogate cheating over the past year," says Vernon Barkhurst, student conduct coordinator and member of the eight-person student conduct committee.

To combat this surge of "ringers" in the classroom, William Randolph, student conduct committee chair, asked faculty with large

classes to require the display of student identity cards during the test.

Plagiarism, which includes everything from bogus term papers to "looking over someone's shoulder during an exam," is the most common form of cheating at the University, he says.

As conduct coordinator, Barkhurst metes out punishment and advice to students accused of cheating, although not all cases of academic dishonesty reach his office.

"A professor is free to impose academic sanctions as long as the student admits guilt," he says, adding that most professors flunk students on the disputed test.

Dishonest students are sent to Barkhurst's office when

professors feel additional "punitive" sanctions are called for, Barkhurst says.

One recent penalty was 120 hours of community service. Barkhurst says he usually tries to provide punishment that relates to the student's field of study.

Students who deny cheating are provided with an attorney (usually a third-year law student) to argue their case before a hearing officer.

Of the 16 academic dishonesty cases reported last year, seven were dealt with by the faculty, six through the conduct coordinator's office, and two via a hearing officer. One case is still pending.

The two students provided with attorneys were found guilty, Barkhurst says, adding



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that most academic dishonesty cases "are pretty obvious" and not difficult to prosecute.

In addition to academic or punitive sanctions, all students found guilty of cheating — whether by a professor

or a hearing officer — have a record of the incident filed at Barkhurst's office.

The "negative notation" is kept there until the student graduates, he says.