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Photo by Bob Baker

University sophomore Ben Johnson gauges the rise of the Willamette River along the Greenway at Alton Baker Park in Eugene on Tuesday afternoon. Heavy rainfall has swelled the river's water level three to four feet in the last week.

Banks deliver overdue loans to financial aid

Guaranteed Student Loans are rolling in to the financial aid office, though not in the numbers expected.

First Interstate Bank sent 450 GSL National Bank of Oregon hand delivered 195 Tuesday, according to Carol Richards, assistant financial aid director.

Richards, assistant financial aid director. "I think tomorrow we'll be really busy," says Larry Tergesen, business office accounts supervisor.

"Frantic" students are checking daily with financial aid about loans that may not arrive until after the Thanksgiving break, Richards says.

She predicts "big batches" of loans will

continue to arrive until the end of the term.

Meanwhile, the freeze on new GSL applications imposed Oct. 1 has been lifted, and application forms can be picked up at the financial aid office.

Two banks, U.S. National and Citizens Bank of Oregon, are accepting fall-term GSL applications until Dec. 1, but students applying for a loan must have a prior account at the bank, Richards says.

Students who apply for fall-term loans shouldn't expect to get them before the end of the term. The loans still are taking eight to 10 weeks, and most loans processed now are for winter and spring terms, Richards says.

The billing office does have some good news for students hurt by late GSLs. The fine for late deferred tuition payments has been waived for all students whose GSLs were delayed.

The \$2-per-month fine normally is charged when deferred tuition payments are 10 days late.

Financial aid originally said no late fees would be waived, but that decision was recently reversed, Tergesen says.

"We weren't aware that was the way the University wanted to do it," he says.

However, the waiver applies only to loans affected by the processing freeze at

two Oregon banks last week, Tergesen says, adding that financial aid has provided his office with a list of those students.

Business staff spent "47 man hours" Friday matching the names of those students to the amount they still owe, Tergesen says, and students are being presented with their bill when they pick up their GSLs.

Late fees still will not be waived for students who have not paid any tuition. Tergesen says those students should have made arrangements with financial aid or the collections office long ago, considering the Oct. 9 deadline for payment of tuition and fees.

Student questions University's link to corporation

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Less than two weeks after the dust settled around the Pacific Northwest Resource Center controversy, another private corporation has entered the campus limelight.

A recent meeting between University Pres. Paul Olum and 75 students brought questions about the University's connections with the Bio-Dynamics Research and Development Corporation.

Barry Bates, associate professor of physical education at the University, and a president of Bio-Dynamics, says he does business for the corporation from his Gerlinger Hall office.

"I find it's more time efficient to use the office, Bates says.

Bates keeps a mail box at the University branch post office and he maintains an answering service, but says that he is so busy he has to conduct some of his work from his campus office.

The question of impropriety was brought up at Olum's first student convocation of the year last week.

University law student Ellen Mendoza expressed concern that University facilities were being used by a private corporation.

Mendoza said Bio-Dynamics lists its address as 1200 High St., but said she failed to find the company at that address.

After phoning a business number, an answering service referred Mendoza to Bates' campus number. The address is a "front" for the firm, according to Mendoza.

Olum told Mendoza that if Bio-Dynamics "is in fact located in Gerlinger, we will in fact ask them to get out."

Exceptions can be made, says John Lallas, an assistant to Olum, "if it is (Olum's) judgement that the educational mission is consistent with the University."

"The nature of the relationship (between the University and Bio-Dynamics) looks mighty frail," says Michael Ellis, head of the physical education department at the University.

"There is no intent to break the rules," says Ellis but "old practices and verbal agreements must change."

Bates says most of the funding he receives for the operation of the University's bio-mechanics laboratory is from foundations and grants.

We've received around \$250,000. About 25 percent of that is from private corporations."

Even some of his own money goes into the bio-mechanics program, Bates says.

Over the last three years, he's put about \$50,000 into the laboratory, "under one name or another."

The equipment, for the most part, belongs to Bates or Bio-Dynamics, but it is on "indefinite loan" to the University. "If I were to leave campus," Bates says, "I could take my toys with me."

But, Bates says he wants to stay. "I don't want to abuse the rules and I don't want to leave the academic environment," he says.

Bates says he hopes the administration sees the value of the bio-mechanics program and his equipment.

"We are not shortchanging the University," he says. "Any time you try and establish a new direction there are going to be mistakes made."

But some feel that the Bio-Dynamics firm does indulge the issue of "University neutrality."

"Osaga gives them money and the school does the research and Osaga benefits..." says Mendoza.

"Once a department starts taking money from a private business they become biased," she adds.

"We have to be careful we don't throw the baby out with the bathwater," Ellis says.



Photo by Mark Pynes

Barry Bates