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University plays the host

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For 30 years the University has hosted various conferences, workshops and camps in order to help offset the cost of running the dorms during the summer.

Every summer, besides providing room and board for students enrolled in summer session, the University opens its dorms to groups ranging from Upward Bound, which uses the dorms for eight weeks, to Transamerica Insurance, which uses one dorm for one week.

During the six years Marge Ramey has coordinated the project, the revenues for the dorms during the summer have risen from \$89,000 in 1976 to \$650,000 in 1981. But due to a slumping economy, Ramey estimates the University probably will earn less than \$500,000 this year.

Fewer people will stay in the dorms although the number of conferences are likely to remain the same as last year, Ramey says.

"Groups like to come to the University because of the central location on the West Coast, because Eugene is a very nice place and because we do a very good job for them here," says Ramey, conference coordinator for the University Housing Department.

"They also like being on the campus because they like the easy-going atmosphere of college."

About 60 conferences, workshops and camps are held on campus every summer. Of these, 44 are for adults, including a Transamerica Insurance management technique workshop and the Labor Education Center's workshops on labor union education.

The University's Summer Kids Program holds 16 workshops. Among them are Beaver Boys State, which provides education in governmen-

tal studies for academically outstanding high school boys, and a summer enrichment program for talented and gifted students.

Thirteen sports camps will be a part of the "kids" program. Men's basketball coach Jim Haney has three different boys camps on the schedule. Head football coach Rich Brooks is holding a football camp. Two track camps, two wrestling camps, two tennis camps, camps in volleyball, cheerleading and drill team are also scheduled.

Ramey's first job during the 1976 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials held at the University, was to house and feed the competitors, meet officials and the press, something she called a "horrendous venture."

"I don't mean to say that in a negative sense. It was a lot of fun doing it. These athletes have lots of quirks. Quirks about their food, about their lifestyle, about their roommates."

Only groups that have an "educational tie-in" can use the dorms for conferences and workshops. Out of consideration for commercial establishments, the University would not allow other civic groups, such as the Rotary Club, to use the dorms, Ramey says.

Ramey would propose year-round use of the dorms for conferences and workshops to help make money for the dorms, since the University projects fewer students using the dorms this fall.

In spite of the student decline, Ramey has the dorms booked for the next three summers. Several people have contacted her about dorm use for 1985. She recently signed a contract with the International Cheerleading Foundation for a conference in 1983. And, if all goes well, she will be housing athletes for the 1984 Olympic Trials.



Photo by Peggy Meneice

Empty dorm rooms are filled over the summer with conference participants. Summer conferences help offset projected losses from the declining demand for dormitory housing.

Bill links financial aid to draft resignation

By Cort Fernald
Of the Emerald

This month the U.S. House of Representatives will debate an amendment to a defense bill linking eligibility for financial aid to an applicant's proof of draft registration.

Ed Vignoul, director of the University's financial aid office, says "the number of people affected (at the University) is

difficult to say." But more than 8,500 University students in 1981-82 have used financial aid administered under the Title IV program.

The amendment, a "rider" attached to Senate Defense Bill 2248, was authored by Senators Mack Mattingly, R-Ga., and S.I. Hayakawa, R-Calif. The "rider" requires financial aid applicants to prove their registration before they can receive Guaranteed Student Loans, PELL

Grants, National Direct Student Loans and other Title IV financial aid programs.

The bill passed the Senate and is expected to be re-introduced in the House in the coming weeks.

"It is a real travesty," wrote Hayakawa in the *Congressional Record*, "when those who don't register turn around and apply for grants, loans and all kinds of educational benefits."

The amendment, if passed and signed into law, would make it mandatory for all applicants for financial aid to send proof of registration to the Department of Education. The secretary of education would then verify the applicant's registration with the Selective Service Administration.

Dennis Martin, director of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators in Washington D.C. says the Title IV financial aid program is a way for the government to "get a handle on students" who have not registered for the draft. Martin estimates between 75,000-100,000 males 18 to 24 years old are presently in colleges and universities across the country.

According to Martin there is precedent for the government's action. In the 1970s similar methods were used to identify anti-war protestors through federal financial aid programs. Students were required to sign a statement of educational intent, as well as a statement that they had not and would not break the law. During the "McCarthy era" students had to sign an affidavit that they were not communists, Martin says.

Martin's primary concern is the problems administration of this amendment would cause individual college and university financial aid offices.

"We're looking at a real nightmare," Martin says.

Oregon Senator Mark O. Hatfield, while among those supporting SB 2248, says the amendment is "seriously flawed." An aid to Hatfield says the flaws in the amendment lie in that it puts "schools in the position of determining (federal) policy."

Faculty prefers pay cuts to closures

By Harry Estève
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University faculty seemed resigned Wednesday to taking cuts in their salaries as a way to help balance the University's shrinking budget.

Meeting to make recommendations to University Pres. Paul Olum, most faculty agreed that frozen or reduced wages are more acceptable than program closures or further cuts in "discretionary spending" — money for services and supplies, library books and faculty travel.

At the start of the meeting, Olum presented faculty with what he calls the University's "million-dollar problem," and then asked for suggestions on how to deal with about a third of the problem.

The faculty then broke into small groups to discuss budget cutting options.

Besides salary cuts, the faculty recommended saving money by closing the University for a week, closing whole buildings in the afternoon and approving more educational leaves for professors.

"If the University is bleeding, then the wound should be visible to the public," stated one discussion group report.

One group suggested raising money by holding rock concerts. While another group jokingly suggested "logging the University" for its timber.

After the most recent special legislative session, the University was asked to cut approximately \$600,000 from its budget. In the same session the University classified staff were forced to take a 6 percent pay reduction. Because of the mandated 6 percent cut, Olum withdrew an earlier 3 percent cut in classified salaries, resulting in another \$388,000 deficit —

for a total of nearly \$1 million in needed cuts.

Immediately after the session, Olum announced a proposal to cut four "outreach" and educational programs: the Bureau of Governmental Research and Services, the Labor Education and Research Center, the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology and KWAX.

But Olum's proposals ran into a wall when higher education chancellor Bud Davis wrote a letter to Olum asking him to "defer proposed action pertaining to discontinuing programs."

Davis expressed hope that fall enrollments would exceed current projections, thus alleviating some of the University's budgetary shortfall.

Olum told faculty he would honor Davis' request and postpone his proposal to close the four programs.