

Activities classes thrive despite cuts

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Even though it now costs an extra \$20, 3,300 college students have included physical education classes in their schedules this fall.

The Oregon Legislature decided to eliminate state funding for physical education activity classes in 1981, one in a series of cuts that Oregon's colleges and universities have experienced during the past three years.

The University Assembly responded to the cuts by eliminating the requirement that students must take five credit hours of physical activities classes in order to graduate, effective this fall. That move gives the Department of Physical Education greater flexibility in offering classes that appeal to students and to charge accordingly for those classes.

Even without the requirements and with the added cost, 2,700 students registered for general physical activity classes and 600 for dance classes, according to Michael Ellis, head of the physical education department.

Personal conditioning and aerobics classes are the most

popular this fall. "People are willing to invest in their own well being," said Ellis.

A total of 153 physical activity classes and 19 dance classes are filled for the term, about the number the department had originally budgeted. "We dropped four or five sections and added a few," Ellis said.

As a result of the strong student interest, the 26 graduate teaching fellows who teach the classes have had their appointments upgraded from .145 full-time equivalency to .29 FTE, which is a regular GTF load. In addition, the department no longer faces the possibility of laying off any regular faculty who have such courses among their responsibilities, Ellis said.

Last spring, when P.E. courses were still covered by the regular tuition charge but students had been informed that the graduation requirement had been lifted, 4,300 students enrolled in P.E. classes. University enrollment is about 15,500 this year.

"We have students who are happy and telling us, 'At last I can get into racquetball at the time I wanted to take it,'" Ellis said.

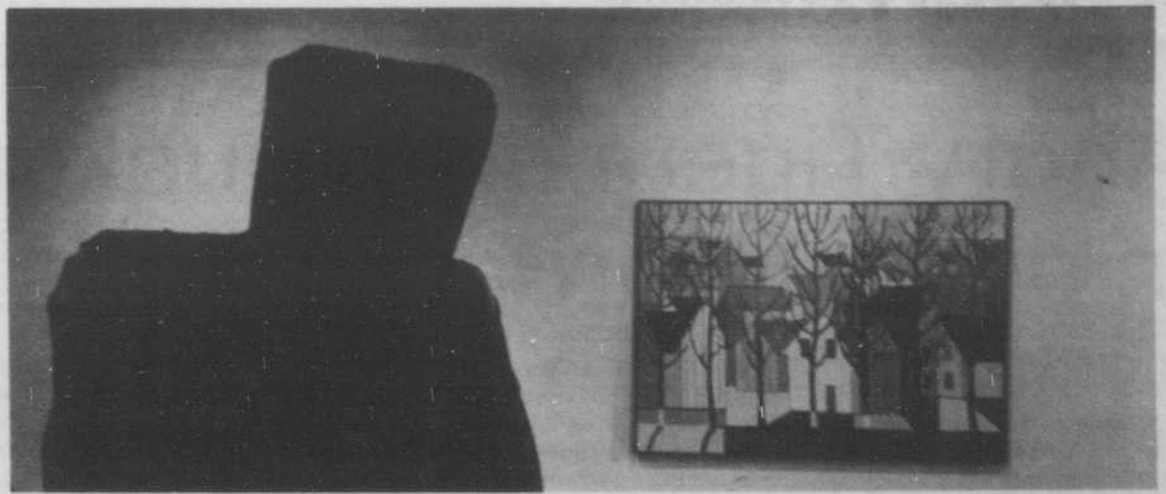


Photo by Mark Pynes

Reception kicks-off faculty exhibit

An opening reception Monday night heralded the start of the Architecture and Allied Arts Faculty Exhibit.

The exhibition features about 50 pieces of work, two of them are pictured above, done by AAA faculty and runs through Oct. 14. It is located in Gallery 141 and the main lobby of Lawrence Hall.

"Our responsibility as the school of Archi-

ecture and Allied Arts is to make available the things we have so the community, students and faculty can see we have purpose and are a very important cog in the wheel," says Karen Wiley, gallery director.

Regular gallery hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. The display is open to the public.

Academic vice provost named to College Board

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Paul Holbo, vice provost for academic affairs at the University, has been reappointed chairman of the Advanced Placement American History Development Committee for the College Board.

The committee develops examinations that the College Board offers in its Advanced Placement Program.

A member of the history faculty at Oregon since 1959, Holbo was named vice provost this past August.

He is the author of the book, "United States Policies Toward China," and editor of several others. A new book, "Tarnished Expansion: The Alaska Scandal, the Press, and Congress, 1867-1871," is in press. Another book on Harry Truman and the Cold War is in progress.

Center receives grant

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded a \$60,000 operational grant to the University's Russian and East European Studies Center for the 1982-83 academic year.

The center uses the grants, which it has received annually

since 1975, for a variety of programs, among which are included public lectures and symposia dealing with Soviet and East European cultures, according to Howard Robertson, center director and a library professor.

Seminar explores solar power

"Solar Electricity in the Pacific Northwest" will be the topic explored by David McDaniels, of the University physics department, in connection with the Ninth Annual Solar Seminar Series.

The presentation will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Eugene Public Library.

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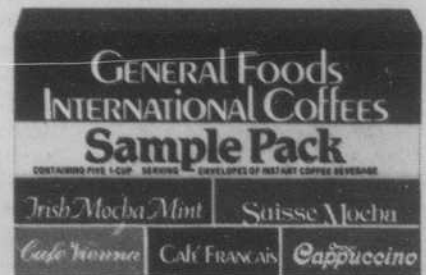
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