

University administrative move saves money, CSPA classes

It may seem unlikely that adding a new department would save the University money, but that's precisely what happened when the University created the Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management.

The classes offered by the department aren't new — only the name and the savings to the University are.

About two-thirds of PPPM's 78 classes come from the Wallace School of Community Service and Public Affairs, which the University suspended in July in a move to "reduce administration overhead" and save money, says Dean Runyan, PPPM department head.

The school was created in 1967 with funds given by Lila Acheson Wallace, University alumna and co-founder of Readers Digest magazine.

That administrative move saved the University \$128,696.

according to Ralph Sunderland, University budget director.

Classes from the public policy portion of the suspended CSPA merged with the previous Department of Urban and Regional Planning to become the new PPPM, which serves about 200 students this term.

The new department retained the Lawrence Hall offices of the planning department, which was a part of the School of Architecture and Allied Arts.

"We're very optimistic in PPPM. This marriage has a lot of potential and will enrich the resources available to students," Runyan says.

The new PPPM offers two master's programs — one in Urban Planning, the other in Public Affairs.

About 50 students in each of the two graduate degree programs are preparing for careers in planning, policy or man-

agement in public, private or non-profit, or private sector organizations, says Runyan.

All of the department's classes are upper division, and only a few do not offer graduate credit.

The department also offers courses beneficial to students from other disciplines. The courses complement offerings in various departments, especially science, social science and other professional schools, says Runyan.

"We don't anticipate overall growth in faculty and in the department in the near future, because of the overall University situation," says Runyan.

"Departments aren't growing right now — we don't feel we're any different. What we may be seeing is a change in the mix of courses rather than an increase in the number of courses."

Knife ruled out in dormitory fight

A "non-dorm resident" carrying a knife got into a fight with a dorm resident in the Walton residence hall complex Tuesday night, according to Eugene Police Department officials.

Officer Gary Elliott said that there were "punches thrown" in the altercation, which resulted in a split lip for one of the participants. Elliott said he believed the "non-dorm" resident did have a knife in his possession, but added that he was "not sure if it was used in a menacing manner."

The fight, which brought two EPD squad cars to campus at about 11:30 p.m., involved "blows from fists," Elliott said, but contrary to rumor, there was no stabbing.

No cause for the fight was given by the EPD. No citations had been issued as of Friday, although the matter is still under investigation, Elliott said.

Kesey campus visit includes workshop

University News Bureau

Oregon writer Ken Kesey will visit the University Oct. 19 to conduct a fiction writing workshop and read some of his works.

The workshop begins at 2:30 p.m. in Gerlinger Hall, Room 302. The reading will be held in 150 Geology at 8 p.m.

Admission is free. Both events are sponsored by the University's Creative Writing Program.

Kesey authored "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "Sometimes a Great Notion." Both best-selling novels have been made into motion pictures. He also has published numerous other works.

The creative writing program lecture series is supported through matching gifts from the Time-Life Foundation and University alumnus Kenny Moore.

Moore, who received a master's degree in creative writing in 1972, was a marathon runner in the 1968 and 1972 Olympics. He is now a senior writer for *Sports Illustrated* magazine.

OSU security misused computer files

CORVALLIS, (AP) — A member of the campus security force at Oregon State University apparently misused a computer in connection with criminal histories, police said.

Lt. Cleve Veteto, an investigator for the Oregon State Police, refused to identify the employee or the exact nature of the abuse.

Allegations arose earlier this

year, however, that a security guard used criminal histories, obtained by computer from a data system, to screen renters for an apartment house he manages.

Veteto said misuse of criminal histories is not a crime. He said a report would be made to university officials this week.

The university is investigating management practices and allegations of racial discrimina-

tion in the campus security force.

Theran Parsons, vice president for administration, said the investigation so far has cleared security director Orville Power of allegations that he used official cars for personal use and misused public funds.

Parsons said the university will wait for the state police report before it finishes its investigation.

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