

Bill asks questions on test quality

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A truth-in-testing law would provide equity and fairness to the testing process, according to the director of the Oregon Student Lobby.

OSL Director Bob Watrus said a bill, which the House Education Committee considered Thursday, would provide consistency among the testing systems.

"It would provide more uniformity," Watrus said.

Rep. Rick Bauman, D-Portland, sponsored the bill, which would establish truth in testing in Oregon, at OSL's request.

Rep. Annette Farmer, D-Portland, said she is unsure

how she will vote on the issue but added she voted against a similar bill three years ago.

Although Farmer said she does not know where others

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stand on the issue, she said another hearing will be held on the bill.

Committee Administrator David Gomborg said Thursday's hearing showed distinct differences between OSL's and the testing services' views.

He said the testing services say the cost would be pro-

hibitive and would compromise the tests' quality by making the test questions available to students.

However, many testing services currently provide students with test copies, said Evelyn Rowe, of the University testing center. Rowe said providing test copies may mean an extra fee and/or a special request.

"The general policy nationally is to give a good sampling of testing items and answers," she says.

The University requires incoming freshmen to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test or the Achievement Test before gaining admission. The University uses those scores to determine admission if the student has below the

minimum 2.75 grade point average.

The University requires a student to score at least 30 points out of 60 possible points on the Test of Standard Written English.

Only two states — New York and Florida — have adopted truth-in-testing laws. Recently, the New York College Board has decided to stop offering nine out of 14 high school achievement tests because of the high cost of complying with the law.

A board spokesman said compliance would cost about \$1 million every three years to prepare new editions so the old tests could be released, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Vendors market their wares Saturday

Easter weekend may be dampened by showers, but the craftspeople who run the Saturday Market aren't going to let anyone rain on their parade.

The market opens its 14th season Saturday, rain or shine, in a new location at the park blocks, 8th Avenue and Oak Street, in downtown Eugene. Market hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

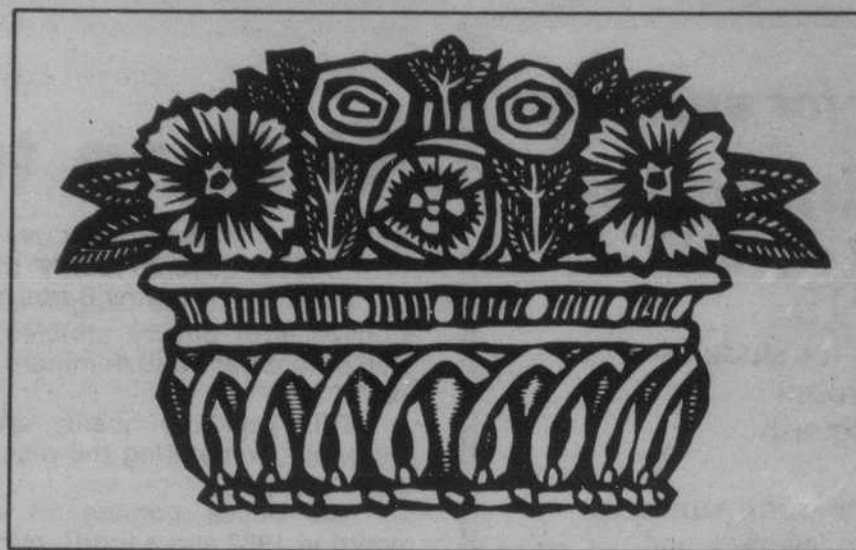
Entertainment by Dr. Atomic's World Famous Medicine Show, a theater and musical group, will begin at noon. Other local musicians

also will perform at the market.

A fun run sponsored by the Eugene Parks and Recreation Department called "Fools Run in the Rain" is set for 9:30 p.m.

Entrants may sign up for the race at Amazon, Sheldon, Westmoreland or Petersen Barn community centers or at the downtown mall before the run. The entry fee is \$5 in advance and \$6 the day of the run. Runners will be offered discount coupons for some vendors at the market.

In recent years, the stagnant



local economy has damaged Saturday Market's business, but market organizers believe business is on an upturn.

"We hung in there when times were hard," says market Manager Ilene English. "We're very excited about this coming season."

The market began in 1970 with 29 vendors under the Overpark on 10th Avenue. Over the years, more artists and food vendors joined the open-air market. English expects

about 150 vendors for this year's opening day.

English says the new location is more visible to the public than the former parking lot location across from the Lane County public services building.

Saturday Market is a non-profit organization with a board of directors and an administrative staff. Vendors pay \$5 per day plus 10 percent of their profits to the organization.

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SUAB members also talked to University Pres. Paul Olum about the proposed semester system.

Allen said students are dissatisfied with the motion approved by the University Assembly to start a semester system in 1985-86.

Under the current proposal, students would start classes in mid-September, break for winter vacation and come back for several weeks of additional classes. After another break, the second semester would start and run through mid-June.

SUAB has been working on an alternative proposal that would start in early September.

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