

Board makes entrance tougher

High school students will have to meet tougher entrance requirements to gain admittance to the state's public colleges and universities starting in Fall 1985.

The State Board of Higher Education voted 6-4 Friday in LaGrande to tighten admission requirements following Chancellor Bud Davis' strong recommendation. The new requirements are four years of English, three years of math, two years of science, three years of social studies and two years of other college prep classes.

Three years of English, one year of math, one year of science, three and a half years of social studies and one year of fine arts or foreign language currently are required for entrance into the State System of Higher Education.

The Board of Education and the Educational Coordinating

Commission have indicated they would prefer a gradual phase-in of the requirements beginning in 1986.

At a meeting in mid-May, all three boards agreed the requirements needed to be stiffened, but they disagreed on the timing.

A report from the Joint Committee on the High School/Connection, a group composed of members from all three boards, said some smaller high schools may not be able to meet the requirements, so implementation should be delayed.

To meet the needs of those schools, the state board members said Friday the board will make exceptions for any high school that certifies it is unable to offer the courses so students can meet the requirements by 1985. These high schools will have until 1987 to change their

curriculum.

Board member Al Batiste, a member of the joint committee, argued the board should follow the committee recommendation because it would be the "best approach to gain the most cooperation."

But there is an urgency in implementing the changes, said board member James Petersen. Petersen pointed to national reports that show the declining quality of high school education.

Davis proposed the requirements shortly after he took over as chancellor last July. Standards declined during the 1960s when course offerings broadened, he says.

In other business, the board ratified the appointment of Dan Williams to be University vice president of administration, at an annual salary of \$52,500.

Alumnus recalls days as 'rebel' at University

By Brenda Thornton
Of the Emerald

Few students today would recognize the University as it stood in 1920. Prohibition was in full swing. Students, male or female, were banned from indulging in cigarettes on campus. And most of the names on the present-day building were alive and well and teaching classes.

However, one characteristic of the 1920 campus would definitely mark it as our University — the spirit of rebellion.

One of the students who made sure it didn't wane was Florence Sewall.

Sewall entered the University in 1920 as a 16-year-old journalism freshman with a year of college at Willamette University and two summers of newspaper work already behind her. Although her parents had warned her she was too young to go away to school, Sewall says she was determined to see the world.

"I was a rebel," she says. "I

always wanted to be grown up."

The University atmosphere was ripe for rebels, and Sewall found her niche with the older, more daring crowd who pushed campus rules to their limits.

"The boys would all walk to the corner of campus to smoke, but for the girls smoking was strictly forbidden," Sewall says. "I remember coming home from a late date and looking up on the sleeping porch of Susan Campbell Hall (a women's dormitory at the time) and seeing all those little pinpoints of light. I knew what they were."

And Sewall knew from experience. She was chosen for a small University Theater part because of her sneaky habit.

"I was the only woman they could find who could blow smoke rings," Sewall says with a hearty laugh.

The anti-smoking regulations were not the only rules bent by students of the 1920s.

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Salvadoran to give talk

Salvadoran doctor Rafael Barrera will talk on how the war in El Salvador affects health in that country at 7:30 tonight at the Eugene Council for Human Rights in Latin America, 1236 Kincaid St.

The presentation will include slides and videotapes as well as discussion with local health professionals. A \$1 donation is requested.

Barrera, who is on a West Coast tour, represents COPROSAL, a committee which leads professional health workers in the fight for union rights, the defense of hospital and patient rights and the assistance to families' political violence victims.

Barrera is based in Nicaragua.

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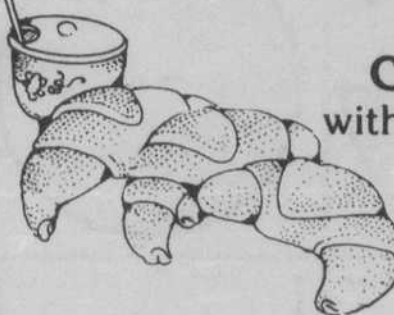
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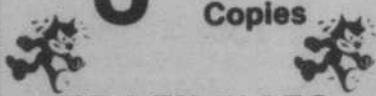
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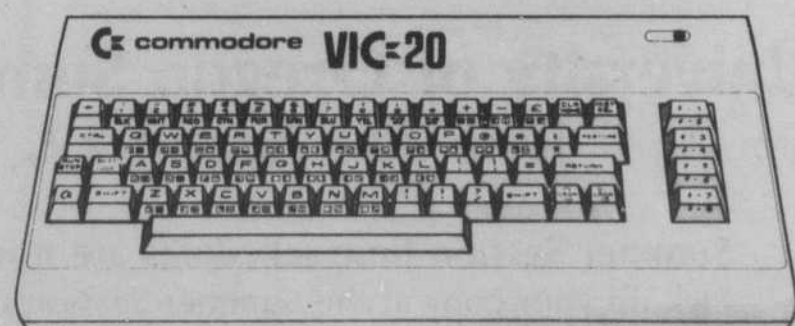
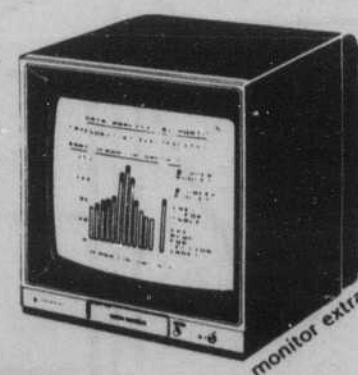
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