

We'll be back

This is the last issue of the Emerald during spring term, but we'll be back with a summer orientation issue on June 20. Thanks for your readership. Good luck on finals.

Industry tax-break bill aids higher education

By Michele Matassa
Of the Emerald

Oregon Congressman Les AuCoin has introduced a bill encouraging cooperation between high-technology industries and higher education.

AuCoin's bill, which would allow tax deductions for high-technology industries contributing to college and university science programs, is now under examination by the House Ways and Means Committee.

Public hearings on the High Technology Education Partnership Act, which was proposed April 19, will not be scheduled until resolution of a "struggle between the House and Senate over how much revenue is going to be received and where," says AuCoin press aide John Atkins.

The problems of budget and tax policy must take first priority, Atkins says.

Currently, industries receive tax breaks for "research and development." AuCoin's bill merely

would "count as research and development contributions to colleges and universities," he says.

The deduction amount would depend on how much each industry contributes and "existing tax laws," Atkins says. Those laws compare current contributions with those made over a base period, usually three years, he says.

AuCoin, a Democrat from Forest Grove, designed the bill to encourage interaction between high tech and education, resulting in a better field of educated personnel for the industry.

In Oregon, 247 high tech companies are located in 52 cities and employ 37,750 people, Atkins says. The industry is "one of the fastest-expanding sectors of Oregon's economy," he says.

Inside the state, companies such as Tektronics, Hewlett-Packard and Intel would benefit from the legislation — if the firms choose to earn the deduction.

Atkins thinks the firms will participate in

boosting Oregon's economy and supply of well-trained prospective employees.

"While tax breaks for research and innovation are very important for them, they see a very sharp need for personnel as they grow through the rest of the country," Atkins says.

And for firms outside Oregon, a good field of prospective employees is a "critical condition" for relocation plans, he says.

In introducing the bill, AuCoin said the problem "is that while the needs of our high-tech electronics industry are moving ahead at light speed, our ability to provide the trained personnel have fallen behind because of budget cuts and economic hard times."

"This is not the fault of our educational institutions, but merely a reflection of the fiscal handcuffs binding schools and universities across the nation," AuCoin said.

"Our nation is startlingly unprepared to face the future."



1982-83: the year in words & pictures

The 1982-83 school year may best be described as a period of crisis and response for higher education.

At the University, the response was a concerted push to elevate our image in the eyes of the people of Oregon.

During the first full week of fall classes, the University administration cancelled classes and staged a resplendent "Science and Culture Convocation" to dramatize

Continued on Page 10

Officials expect 1,250 graduates Sunday

By Aleta Zak
Of the Emerald

More than 2,200 University students filed for bachelor's and advanced degrees spring term, according to the registrar's office.

Lois Pierre, a graduation clerk, says 75 to 80 percent of that number will graduate. After final grades are certified, diplomas will be mailed to successful candidates in late August.

University officials expect 1,250 graduates to attend this year's ceremony, set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Hayward Field.

The commencement speaker will be Rep. Paul Simon, D-Ill., a Eugene native who attended the University briefly during the 1940s as a journalism student.

Simon was first elected to Congress in 1974. He is the author of five books on historical, religious, social and political topics.

Each graduate has been allotted four guest tickets for admission to either Hayward Field or McArthur Court, where the ceremony will move in case of rain.

All candidates should report to their assembly areas by 1:45 p.m. Sunday. Bachelor candidates will meet in the street on the west side of Straub Hall except for those in the arts and science college, who will assemble on the sidewalk between Earl Hall and the covered tennis courts.

Doctoral candidates will assemble in the street near the southwest corner of

Straub Hall, with master's candidates directly behind the doctoral candidates.

During the ceremony, college and professional school deans will step from the platform to recognize bachelor's candidates. The deans will greet the graduates individually and present an empty diploma cover to each one.

Those receiving master's degrees will be recognized individually by the dean of the graduate school, while doctoral candidates will be greeted by Pres. Paul Olum and Provost Dick Hill.

Graduates and their families are invited to receptions hosted by their major departments and schools.

The architecture school will hold a reception ceremony in Lawrence court-

yard. The arts and sciences college will meet in the park at the corner of 15th Avenue and University Street. The business school will gather in Gilbert Hall square.

The human development and performance college will meet in Gerlinger Alumni Lounge. The music school will gather in the faculty club. The journalism school, celebrating its 70th birthday, will meet in Room 167 EMU.

All receptions will take place after the ceremony except the education school's, which is scheduled before the ceremony in the education building courtyard.

Graduates and guests may park in the lot on 15th Avenue and Columbia Street.