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Fighting financial red tape Bank's error riles student

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A University student who says the financial aid process is an "inflexible" bureaucracy will take his case before the Oregon State Scholarship Commission Friday.

Steve Richkind, a senior English major, says the OSSC erred when it refused to make an exception in dealing with his Guaranteed Student Loan request, which he says was delayed this fall by no fault of his.

Richkind says he filed for his \$2,400 GSL Aug. 20, after returning from a summer study program in Mexico, and was assured the loan would be processed within six to eight weeks. However, when he visited Eugene's main branch of First Interstate Bank six weeks later, he found his request had "laid untouched" on a junior bank officer's desk, Richkind says. Since he needed the money to pay fall term tuition, he asked OSSC to speed up the process.

But Richkind says his efforts were unsuccessful.

"They told me, 'If we make an exception for one, we'd have to make an exception for all,'" he says.

First Interstate provided Richkind with a \$500 loan until his GSL came in last week. Still, he says the whole affair represents a flaw in the system.

"The OSSC is totally inflexible and unserving," he says. "There will always be special cases. Every bureaucracy should recognize that."

But OSSC Director Jeffrey Lee says making individual exceptions to the "first come, first served" rule would be unfair.



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University student Steve Richkind says he doesn't think he was treated fairly by the state's financial aid bureaucracy.

"We put those loans out in the order they come into us," he says. "Many students that apply late feel as though they have problems that aren't their fault."

"I don't think we have what I would call a programmatic problem. For us to sit in judgement as to who made the mistake is probably not our place," Lee says.

Richkind intends to discuss the issue at the OSSC meeting at 10 a.m. Friday at Chemeketa Community College in Salem.

"I don't know how many of these folks on the committee have had to borrow money and endure the process," he says. "But I think that my case is representative of a number of cases that probably go unmentioned."

Rather than emphasize his specific case, Richkind says he will address the commission in more general terms.

"I think my speech to the commission is going to try to appeal to the need for sensitivity and the awareness that they're dealing with human beings and not machines."

Planners look for a good entrance

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To enter or not to enter the campus. That is the question.

If Shakespeare were visiting his child at the University, would he be confused at the 13th Avenue and Agate Street entrance? Would the 18th Street entrance by the cemetery cause him grief? And would he sneer at the litter around the 12th Avenue and Kincaid Street entrance?

When University visitors approach campus boundaries, they may find confusion instead of an official entrance, according to Ron Lovinger, landscape architecture professor.

"All major entrances to the University of Oregon campus are not gracious and not dignified but basically confusing and a real source of embarrassment to the institution," Lovinger says.

The need for an official entrance was brought before the Campus Planning Committee Tuesday by Bill Ballester, who coordinates student tours for campus visitors.

The University needs a centralized information source, says Ballester, who works in Oregon Hall as coordinator of special services.

Architecture students in Lovinger's Lawrence Hall studio have been working all fall "trying to beautify and make functional the various entrances of the campus," he says.

A subcommittee of the planning committee has been recommending an official campus entrance for two years now, says chair Adell McMillan, director of the EMU.

The implementation committee is making a capital construction recommendation priority list for the campus planning committee for the next biennium, McMillan says. An entrance way at 13th Avenue and Agate Street is on the list.

The subcommittee will hold a public hearing to announce the recommendations November 29 in the EMU, McMillan says. Time and exact room location will be announced.

Lovinger calls the 18th Street entrance by the cemetery, "dismal," the 12th Avenue and Kincaid Street entrance, "disgustingly ugly," and the 13th Avenue and Agate Street entrance, "a place where no one knows where they are going."

Campus 'candy store' creates crisis

A rape occurs every 26 seconds in the United States, and one woman in four will fall victim to a sexually related crime in her lifetime, according to FBI statistics.

Eugene is no exception to the rule. Eugene police say the University campus hosts the largest concentration of crime in the city, including rape, assault and sodomy.

Within the past two months, six sexual assaults have occurred on or near campus. Police are still investigating the incidents and have arrested no suspects yet, although they believe one man is responsible for all six incidents.

Sgt. Rick Allison of the Eugene Police Department says it is a safe bet that a sex

Sexual assaults can be avoided by using caution, experts say

Allison adds, for its large population of women.

"At any given time or place you can see a woman walking or jogging alone on campus," Allison says.

"I can go up to just about anyone who is obviously not a student and is hanging around campus, and find that the majority of the time they have some kind of sexually related crime in their background," he says.

One of the largest problems the police run into, Allison says, is the failure of victims to report an assault. Only about one in seven cases are reported, possibly because the stereotype of the insensitive police interrogator still exists.

"We are not monsters," Allison emphasizes. "We are trained professionals who deal with this all the time." The police have psychological experts and rape trauma teams at Sacred Heart hospital to deal with the victims, who are "plugged in immediately" with these experts, Allison says.

"We protect your peace of mind and your sanity," he says.

The police encourage the reporting of any sexually related incident, no matter how small. Allison points out that many times an important case is solved because someone reported something they thought was silly.

"Don't ever think something is too dumb

to report," agrees campus security officer Marjorie Bigelow.

Contrary to popular assumptions, rape does not occur strictly at night or in dark alleys. Allison says he has investigated an assault just about everywhere on campus. And often an assault occurs during daylight hours.

The police don't want anyone to be frightened, only to be aware of the problem and take the proper measures to prevent it.

Not walking alone is one of the best ways to avoid an assault, Allison says, pointing out that he can think of no time when a couple walking together was assaulted. This includes two women as well as a woman and a man, he says. Rapists seek out the easiest targets they can — which are usually women who are alone, he adds.

Weapons and sprays are effective, but "If you are going to use a weapon, you better be prepared to follow it through to the hilt," Allison says.

Allison does not recommend guns and knives because they can be turned around and used against a victim.

There are, however, many anti-rape devices available on the market. One of these is a door-stop that emits a loud, high-pitched scream when the door is forced. The door-stop is effective because many rapes occur in homes or dormitory rooms.

Shelley Reeher, a rape victim herself, has developed a program to aid runners, called Project Safe Run. She provides highly trained doberman pinschers for students who like to run alone. Her program operates on a "pay-what-you-can" basis. The dogs are available at any time of the night or day. Reeher personally shows each runner how to work with the dogs.

Another method that has proven effective in deterring assault is walking in an assertive manner. Studies have shown that a shy, docile and withdrawn woman is more likely to be attacked than a woman who appears aggressive and self-confident. The rapist wants to assault the woman who will make the least amount of noise and problems, Allison says.

If the rape is already in progress, Allison says talking to the assailant can often get the victim out of trouble. Because the typical rapist is a coward who has had unhappy female relationships in the past, talking to him may be the key to resolving the situation, Allison says.

There are many services that are available on campus for students' protection. The public safety office offers an escort service for those who wish to be accompanied anywhere within a two-block radius of campus. For more information on the escort service, call campus security at 686-5444.

Private organizations offer self-defense courses for those who desire to take that route. They can be found in the phone book and occasionally are advertised in the paper.

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crime occurs everyday on campus. Allison is assigned to the University campus and investigates most of the sexually related crimes.

Allison recalls a recent case involving John Paul Schroeder, who was apprehended in 1980 by the police for multiple rapes. He is presently serving a minimum sentence of 100 years without parole. The police believe he committed about 200 rapes and 400 burglaries during a three-year period, primarily in the University district.

"That's the kind of guy that turns up periodically at the U. of O. Unfortunately more often than not," he says.

The University is known in the Oregon State Penitentiary as "the candy store",