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Travel Fair '84



Waivers cut tuition costs

By Randy Cook
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Two programs available through the Office of International Studies help visiting foreign students and University students studying abroad cut the high cost of paying nonresident tuition, according to Paul Primak, foreign study adviser.

Foreign students enrolled in any of the seven state universities or colleges in Oregon are eligible to apply for a nonresident tuition waiver offered by the Oregon State System of Higher Education. Students who qualify for the nonresident tuition waiver are allowed to pay resident tuition instead of nonresident tuition — a savings of about \$2,600 for undergraduate students and \$1,200 for graduate students each academic year, Primak says.

Nonresident tuition waivers are awarded on the basis of financial need and ability to perform educational and community service. Foreign students who accept nonresident tuition waivers agree to perform 80 hours of education and community service during their visit, he

says.

This requirement can be met by speaking or giving demonstrations about the student's culture, tutoring students studying their language, assisting teachers in Oregon schools with programs about their country and translating educational material from one language to another, Primak says.

In addition to the nonresident tuition waiver, tuition breaks are also available through direct reciprocal tuition agreements set up between the Oregon State System of Higher Education and a number of universities in West Germany and France, he says.

The Baden-Wurtemberg university system in West Germany and the University of Poitiers in France may both send up to 40 students a year to the University in exchange for accepting an equal number of University students in their schools. Students who participate in the direct reciprocal tuition program pay the same tuition they would in their home schools, which in the European schools is usually nothing.

Travel packages students' best bet, agencies say

By Michael Hosmar
Of the Emerald

Now may be the best time to plan for a trip to Europe or elsewhere because air fares will soon rise, says Sara Post, manager of Meier and Frank Travel Inc.

Representatives from three Eugene travel agencies — Meier and Frank Travel, University Travel and Eugene Travel — will be on campus Wednesday for the Travel Fair.

"Basically, we'll be there to answer questions," Post says. The representatives will have brochures for many countries as well as plane ticket and living accommodations information for students interested in traveling this summer.

Post says Germany, Amsterdam, and England are destinations most popular with students who want to study abroad. Vacationing students prefer Hawaii, she

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says.

Travel packages are the best deal for your money, Post says. Packages include round-trip air fare, transfers

The University — the new Mecca of the west

By Michael Hosmar
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This year 1,200 foreign students chose to study at the University, making it the most popular school in the Northwest for foreign students on exchange, according to Tom Mills, director of International Services.

"Percentage-wise, it is more popular than any other school in the Northwest," Mills says.

"There's been a 67 percent increase in the number of foreign students at Oregon in the last 10 years," he says. No other school has shown such a dramatic increase in such a short time.

Most of the foreign students are from Asia, including 231 from Singapore this year. Mills attributes this popularity mainly to the unique atmosphere of Eugene and the favorable reputation the University has acquired in other countries.

Regardless of the rain, Eugene offers the foreign students a wide range of new experiences, including a very active campus, a nearby beach, and beautiful scenery, Mills says.

Foreign students bolster the University's reputation every time they return to their home country by telling friends and relatives about their positive experience here, Mills says.

"We're very popular with foreign students," he says. "We have a better reputation outside (the country) than inside."

Foreign students pay the same as an out-of-state student, according to Paul Primak, foreign study advisor. However, he says the entrance exams are tough.

"They have to prove their English proficiency more rigorously than our students have to prove their foreign language elsewhere," Primak says.

Mills says University students have also shown a steady increase in interest for studying abroad in the last eight years.

"The interest is there," he says. "I'd attribute it to students and teachers — we're here as facilitators."

Studying in a foreign country can help students learn about the country geographically and politically, Mills says.

"You'll also understand yourself better," he says, "by gaining a perspective on the United States."

The foreign study programs sponsored by the University go through "rigorous screening," Mills says. He says some University professors teach in the sponsored countries.

Mills says if a student wants to study in a country that is not sponsored by the University, the office of foreign services can still help. Students should research the country they want to go to and "check it out" with his office before they make any plans, he says. Students cannot get financial aid for schools not sponsored by the University, and sometimes course credits don't transfer, Mills says.

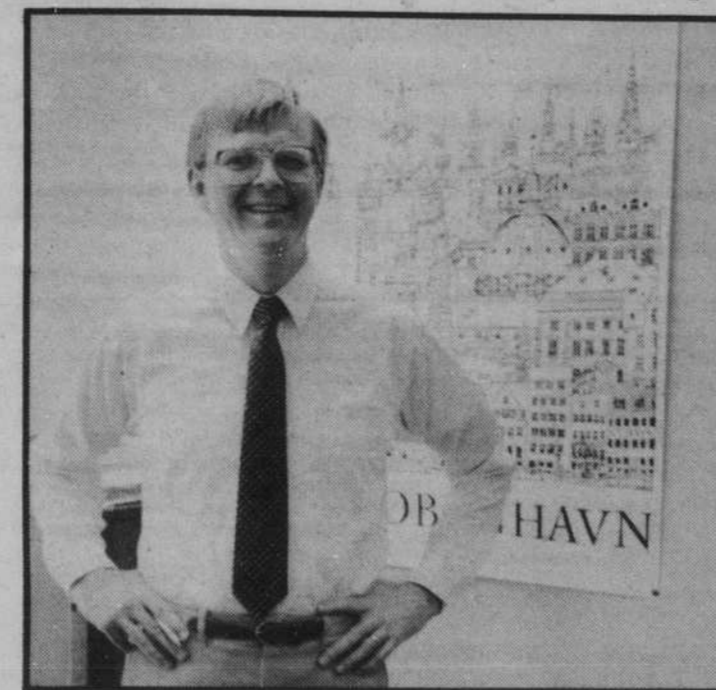


Photo by Kirk Hirota
Director of International Services Tom Mills says foreign students are flocking to the University in increasing numbers. Last year 1,200 foreign students studied here.

The bookstore can open vistas

By Mike Hosmar
Of the Emerald

For students who've always wanted to soak up the Spanish sun in Seville or study in a thirteenth century Dutch castle, the University bookstore is an excellent place to begin preparing, according to bookstore employee Judy Ness.

The bookstore travel section contains a variety of different publications geared for the student who wants to study, work, or sight-see almost anywhere in the world.

"A lot of them (books) combine work and study internships, telling you what to expect when you get there, how to find a job, and what kind of pay to expect," Ness says. Some of the travel books are geared toward the budget-minded person and are extremely popular with college students, she says.

Most of the travel section books sell better in the spring when students are preparing for summer vacation, Ness says. "We usually get a little buzz before the end of each break," she says.

Two of the most popular and informative travel books are "Let's Go Europe" by The Harvard Student Agencies and "Work Study Abroad" by The Council on International Exchange, Ness says.

These two together would work really well for the traveling student, according to Ness. "They're

really helpful in telling you what's going on in the country," she says.

"Let's Go Europe" contains everything from local customs and laws to American Embassy locations and emergency health care clinics, Ness says. It also quotes prices for schools, living accommodations and restaurants.

"Work study and travel abroad is like a bibliography for internships, jobs and teaching," she says. It lists sources students can contact to get information about jobs in specific cities of their choice, she says. Students can follow up on these job leads when they arrive in the country, Ness says.

"If they (students) know where they're going, we have more specific books," she says.

For traveling just to see the sights, Ness suggests "Baedeker's Sight-Seeing Guide." She says this book is "really compact," containing museums, galleries, tours, and exotic restaurants. Baedeker's lists no prices and is for the sight-seer only, according to Ness.

The University bookstore has one of the largest selections of travel books in Eugene and students are not the only people who buy these books, Ness says.

"People who travel abroad like to have a 'handle on what to expect' when they arrive in a foreign country, Ness says.

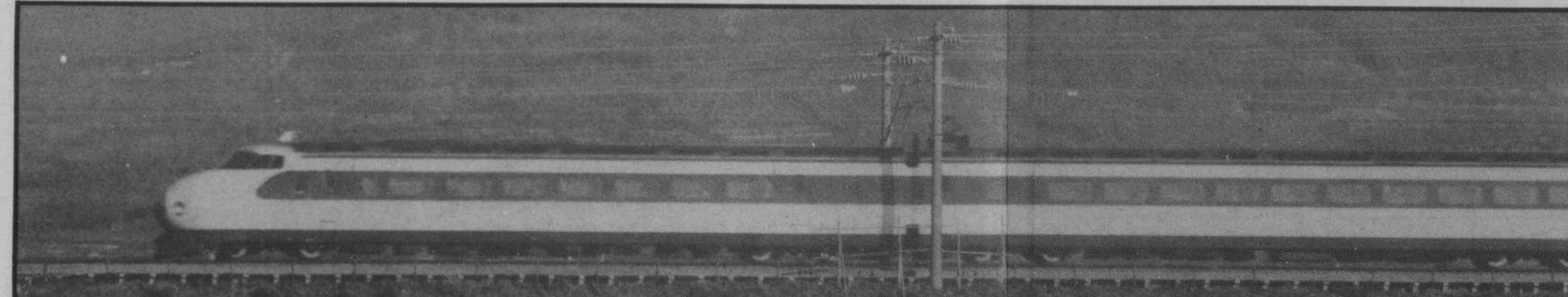
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