

Footnotes lend students a hand

By David Carlson
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More than 1,600 students this fall will buy a term packet of footnotes from Student Projects Inc., says Debbie Schwartz, director of the private footnoting company located in the EMU basement.

But even with the large number of customers, the company is operating at a loss, which Schwartz attributes in part to resistance by some professors to use of the footnoting service.

The footnotes, which are notes taken of lectures, are made available to large lecture classes with each professor's consent. The notes are then produced by the organization, independently of the University and of the professors.

This fall 27 professors, three less than last year, have agreed to let the company include their classes on the "footnotes"

menu. The reduction has come from professors who see footnotes as a crutch for students, or an excuse not to attend lectures, she says.

Schwartz views the notes differently, however.

"Footnotes are excellent as supplemental notes and for foreign students who may have a problem with the language," she says.

But biology Prof. James Weston, who discontinued footnotes in his large Biology 201 class this year, says that footnotes are a form of "institutionalized passivism."

"There is a class of students who come to depend on them (footnotes) because they don't know how to take notes or they have no intention of taking them," Weston says. "I feel I need to protect a small portion of the class from themselves."

Another professor who stopped approving footnotes this



Debbie Schwartz

year is Prof. Fred Attneave, who says that previous inaccuracies led to this decision regarding his Psychology 211 class.

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Proof of residency needed for I.D. cards

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Students applying for Oregon driver's licenses and I.D. cards must be prepared to show proof of Oregon residency, says Al Vasquez, office manager of the West Eugene Motor Vehicles Division.

"A new law requires evidence of residency—such as an electric bill—showing the individual's name and address. There can be a problem when three guys live in one building and only one guy pays the bills," he says.

Rent receipts, lease agreements and personal letters delivered through the postal service may also be used to prove residency.

The law was adopted last October in response to complaints from local businesses and law enforcement officials, says Vasquez.

"People were coming in and

giving addresses that don't exist. It became a problem when law enforcement and businesses tried to get them," he says.

Three pieces of identification are required in order to receive a driver's license or state I.D. card.

One piece must indicate name and date of birth. Birth certificates, out-of-state I.D. cards and passports will suffice for this.

Two "supporting" pieces of I.D. must also be produced, one proving Oregon residency. Other acceptable verifications include checkbooks and proof of school registration.

For foreign students the problem is more complicated, however.

Foreign students may drive without applying for a driver's license because "they are here only temporarily as students, and don't have to establish residency," says Vasquez.

But some students decide they want an I.D. card, for such conveniences as cashing checks. If a student is stopped by police, and can present an Oregon I.D. card, but no Oregon driver's license, there can "be a problem," Vasquez says. The student cannot claim to be a non-resident, and hold an Oregon I.D. card.

One old problem has all but disappeared from the Motor Vehicles Division though. Few students are attempting to obtain false I.D. to get into bars or buy liquor.

"Two or three years ago it was a real problem. We began contacting law enforcement, and now there's a stricter penalty. If you give a false name or false date of birth you can receive a maximum \$2,500 fine, a year jail sentence, or both, with an automatic cancellation of the driver's license for a year," Vasquez.

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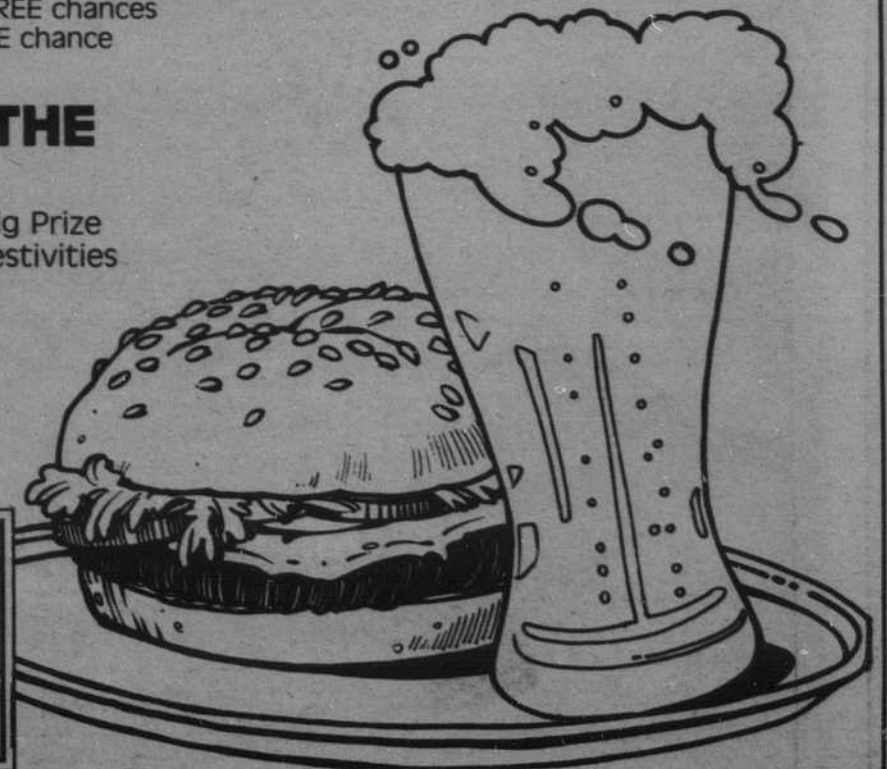
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