

Board approves institute for gifted students

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The University will soon have a new institute on its campus aimed at talented and gifted students.

The State Board of Higher Education unanimously approved a request for the Talented and Gifted Students Institute for the Development of Educational Achievements on Friday in its meeting at Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls.

The institute will provide an administrative identity for a number of public services that the college of education sponsors as an outreach of its education and research programs, says board member Edward Harms. "It will give it (the Institute) the visibility that a name provides," he says.

The institute's activities include summer enrichment programs for talented and gifted students in kindergarten through 12th grade; in-service training for teachers, workshops and seminars, and consultation services.

The board also approved a \$20 million budget request for the Oregon Health Sciences University. These additional General Fund dollars will help fund extraordinary costs that are usually paid for by patient fees. This will reduce the 1984-85 patients' fees and may increase the number of patients that the hospital serves, according to a report by the board's Committee on Finance. Ad-

Food program will distribute food Tuesday

Members of the Student Food Assistance Program and Students for a Progressive Agenda will be distributing food Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. in EMU Room 167.

Food items to be given out are butter, cheese and honey. Students and area residents are asked to bring proof of residence and student or non-student status to the distribution.

The student groups are working in conjunction with the State Food Bank on this distribution. Food give-aways like this may be held monthly upon the bank's approval, says Jon Wood, a coordinator of Tuesday's distribution.

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"It's vital to the institution that they have patients. Hospitals are in marketing, they have to be," says board member Harriett Flanagan.

In his report to the board, Bud Davis, chancellor of higher education, says he is pleased with the latest figures on enrollment. He says there has been less than a 2 percent drop in enrollment since the beginning of the year. "It's a very positive change in direction, and it reflects the tuition freeze," says Davis.

Davis also said he is concerned about a new test that graduating students in the College of Education will be required to take this year to become licensed. The Teaching Standards and Practice Commission has decided to use the California Basic Education Skills Test as a condition for licensing. The College of Education is now using the

California Achievement Test but only as an entrance exam into the school, not as a condition for licensing, says Clarethel Kahananui, acting chancellor for academic affairs.

"It's causing great consternation and concern in the College of Education," says Davis. "It's not a professional test like the bar exam. It's more like the Law School Aptitude Test," he says.

"I'm prepared to request they (the teaching standards commission) defer it. I don't like it as an addition," says Davis. "What shakes you up about it is that some people who have taken it say it's easy enough that an eighth-grader could pass it. If it's so easy, why did 20 to 30 percent at Berkeley fail it?"

Alvin Batiste, board vice president, says minority students would be greatly affected by the California skills test. "We should request that the test be advisory in nature or defer it," he says.

Davis also told board



Bud Davis

heard a report from the International Trade and Commerce Institute at Portland State University. Dr. James Manning, who prepared the report, told the board that some of the institute's new programs will increase Oregon's exports into the international market. He says in some of the programs, students become familiar with the international market, and the international market gets a chance to look at Oregon.

The board also voted unanimously to discontinue three centers at PSU. None of the centers are currently operating, and PSU recommended that they be officially discontinued, according to a report by the board's Committee on Instruction, Research, and Public Services Programs.


Two of the centers, the Northwest Race and Desegregation Assistance Center and the Latin American Studies Center, will be temporarily discontinued, according to the report.

members to urge legislators not to vote for Ballot Measure 2. "I have opposed Ballot Measure 2. It would be disastrous to already inadequate facilities," he says.

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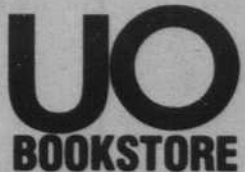
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