



Editor's note: Here are highlights of the Oregon Legislature last week. Higher Education

The House Education committee approved a plan that would allow students in Washington and Oregon to attend classes in either state while paying in-state tuition.

The Washington Legislature has already approved similar legislation. House Bill 2989 will include all Oregon colleges and universities, except the Oregon Health Sciences University.

Comparable Worth

A measure aimed at providing pay raises to state workers in lower-paying, female-dominated jobs was approved Friday by the Senate Labor Committee.

Rejecting warnings that its wording may invite lawsuits, the committee sent the "comparable worth" bill to another committee to decide how much to spend on the plan.

The bill endorsed by the labor panel sidetracks a controversial employee classification system and instead creates a special fund to pay for ridding state pay scales of sex bias.

Open Primaries

The House approved House Bill 2439, allowing independent voters to vote in primaries of either the Republican or Democratic parties. The bill now goes to the Senate.

A similar measure died in committee during the 1983 Legislative session.

Miscellaneous

The House approved House Bill 2060 Friday, permitting off-track betting on horse and dog races. The measure now goes to the Senate.

It would permit the Oregon Racing Commision to license up to 10 off-track betting parlors around the state where patrons could wager on horse and dog races in Portland and on some outof-state races. Cities and counties would have veto power to prevent betting parlors from being located within their boundaries.

The Senate approved Senate Bill 868, aimed at expanding worker "right-to-know" laws concerning hazardous substances.



Eugene businesses to host student tours

Alpha Kappa Psi has the answer for those who believe college is just bookwork with little practical experience. Each term, the business honorary offers a "Half Day on the Job" program, which gives students the opportunity to spend a morning touring the businesses they choose.

Students of any major are invited to participate in the halfday event, scheduled for May 16, which is designed to match University students with a business person in the community, said Margaret McKenney, Alpha Kappa Psi's vice president of professional activities.

Ten businesses are confirmed to take part in the program, including Bohemia, Inc., a wood products operation; Group W Cable; Spectra Physics, a hightech manufacturing company; Chef Francisco, a food processing company; Williams Bakery and KVAL-TV, McKenney said. But others will be added after students are interested and what types of businesses they would like to visit.

Registration deadline is Thursday, when participants also must pay a \$12 fee. The price of the event will cover a luncheon at the Eugene Hilton after the morning business tours, McKenney said.

On the registration form, students must list choices of businesses they would like to visit, McKenney said.

"Most businesses we contact are willing to get involved," McKenney said. Sometimes, however, the businesses don't quite know what to expect. The business people assume the students are supposed to take part in the job when actually they are just expected to follow the host around and learn about the organization.

tech manufacturing company: Chef Francisco, a food processing company: Williams Bakery and KVAL-TV, McKenney said. But others will be added after they find out how many On the average, about 20-25 students take part in the program each term, but there is no limit. "We'll find businesses for every student who registers," McKenney said.



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