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Greek Week '87

David Weatherby (left) and Dave Maley (right), members of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, teamed with Delta Zeta sorority, won Saturday's canoe fete at the Millrace.

Second place went to Chi Psi fraternity and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority team while third place went to Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Chi fraternities, and Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Overall, Lambda Chi Alpha and Alpha Chi Omega won the Greek Week competition. In second place was Chi Psi and Delta Zeta while Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and Delta Gamma sorority placed third.

Photo by Shu-Shing Chen

State Board approves free tuition program

By Chris Norred
Of the Emerald

A proposal to give five years of free tuition to minority students who enter state colleges and universities next fall was approved by the State Board of Higher Education on Friday.

The free tuition program, known as the State System of Higher Education Minority Enrollment Initiative, is aiming to double the enrollment of under represented minority students at Oregon's eight public, four-year colleges and universities by fall 1989.

Only 145 of the black, Hispanic and Native American students from Oregon's 1986 high school graduating class now are enrolled in State System colleges and universities.

Only 6 percent of Native Americans, 9 percent of blacks and 10 percent of Hispanics from the Oregon high school class of 1986 are enrolled in a State System school.

Those figures compare to 16 percent of the white students from Oregon's high school class of 1986 who are enrolled in State System schools.

Tuition and fee grants of \$1,500 a year will be available for 146 under represented minority students who are enrolling as first-time college freshmen.

The students must have a minimum 2.75 high school grade-point average and satisfy the course requirements for admission.

The University, Portland State and Oregon State universities each will be able to give free tuition to 32 freshmen next fall.

All other State System schools each will be able to give free tuition to 10 freshmen.

If any school cannot recruit enough students by Aug. 1 to

At a glance

Number of under-represented minority students from 1986 Oregon high school class who entered State System institutions:

Native Americans	30
Blacks	44
Hispanics	71

use all its free tuition grants, those grants will be available for freshmen at other schools.

Higher education officials are hoping the program will have a "beneficial overflow" that will make under represented minority students generally more aware of the opportunities provided by college education.

The free tuition program also calls for "extra and special recruitment efforts...to identify, contact, and encourage qualified under represented minority students in Oregon to attend a state college or university."

Next week, higher education officials will send applications to 800 eligible minority students in Oregon high schools.

Each State System school will have a committee to select recipients of the free tuition.

The recipients will receive the free tuition for up to five years as long as the student completes 36 credit hours of course work with a 2.00 GPA every year and continues normal progress toward an undergraduate degree.

If all the tuition waivers are fulfilled, the program will cost \$219,000 next year and \$569,400 in the 1987-89 biennium.

145 law school graduates celebrate commencement

By Jay Wilber
Of the Emerald

Amid a sea of flashbulbs, enthusiastic applause, caps and gowns, the University School of Law's class of 1987 graduated at Sunday's commencement ceremonies in the Hult Center's Sylva Hall.

University President Paul Olum bestowed degrees of Doctor of Jurisprudence on the 145-member class in a ceremony that was, at times, lighthearted and solemn.

The highlight of the afternoon was the Commencement Address delivered by legal scholar and lecturer Irving M. Younger from the University of Minnesota. His speech, titled "In Praise of Simplicity," was both funny and inspirational.

Younger's efforts to decipher selected and complicated law review footnotes and sections of the Internal Revenue Code (parts of which, he said, contain sentences up to 500 words long) were met with laughter and applause.

He then eloquently expressed his love for the law, despite the trappings of muddled language and complex procedures. He closed his speech with a symbolic toast to the class.

"Look upon this graduation as the first of many successes in the practice of the law," he said.

Three third-year students then gave their remarks. Sean Hoar, president of the Student

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DeFazio blasts defense spending

By B.J. Thomsen
Of the Emerald

Congress is appropriating \$2 million to begin designing a defense system to protect the Star Wars missile defense system, according to U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio.

DeFazio, D-Ore., spoke Friday to a University class during a two-day visit to Oregon before he returns to Washington, D.C.

Even the Pentagon admits the Strategic Defense Initiative, also known as Star Wars, will be so vulnerable that a system is needed to defend the system the government is considering building to defend the country, he said.

The defense authorization bill is coming before Congress next week and has been pared down from \$308 billion to \$298 billion, DeFazio said. Conservatives who constantly are demanding a balanced budget and cuts in spending consistently voted for increases in the defense budget, he added.

"And they don't vote for a defense system



Peter DeFazio

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