

New teacher-ed program passed

By Will Holbert

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All education majors will need to take an additional major since the State Board of Higher Education mandated a fifth year be added to Oregon teacher education programs.

The undergraduate major in education will be eliminated and replaced by one year of graduate work in education after the completion of a four-year baccalaureate program. To be admitted to the one-year programs, prospective teachers will have to meet the University's graduate admission standards.

After the fifth year, graduates will be awarded a master's degree in education as well as a teaching certificate.

The board made its decision

at a meeting June 19, but the changes will not take effect until the planned switch over to the semester system in 1990.

"In the long run, it's going to be advantageous to the students," said Robert Gilberts, dean of the University College of Education. The new program will result in "a more well-prepared cadre of teachers entering our schools."

Secondary education majors already complete a four-year undergraduate course in their area of speciality and then take teacher certification courses. The changes will extend this requirement to the elementary education program as well.

The program is "part of the future professionalization of the teaching craft... it allows for an extended period of time to get

theory into practice," said Steve Knox, who graduated with a certificate in secondary education last term. Knox said he will take another year of education classes even though the change isn't in effect.

"If people are really committed to teaching, they'll make that extra effort," said Knox.

According to Gilberts, under the old system students spent a total of twelve weeks training in the field. Gilberts said that a "major objective" will be to extend and intensify the student teaching program.

Many teachers become discouraged because a lack of student teaching experience during college didn't prepare them for real-life situations in schools, said Gilberts.

Lower incidental fees expected

By Carolyn Lamberson

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The 1987-88 fiscal year officially began on July 1, and with the budget transfer under way, ASUO Vice President Karen Gaffney said students can expect to pay a lower incidental fee than was originally reported.

Legislation was passed in late May allowing schools of higher education to receive the interest from incidental fees rather than it going into the State System of Higher Education's general fund. ASUO Vice President Karen Gaffney announced the interest from next year's collected fees will not go into the overrealized account, but will be diverted back to the students in the form of a lower-than-expected fee.

The passage of several budget increases during the spring ASUO elections resulted in a substantial increase in the student incidental fee, raising it from \$61 a student each term to almost \$74 a term, Gaffney said. She and ASUO President Kasey Brooks, when meeting with University Management and Budgeting Director Ralph Sunderland, requested the interest gained from fees be used to reduce the fee to \$70.

"This shows our commitment to making sure students don't have to pay more than they should," she said.

The \$3.5 million ASUO budget, put together by the 1986-87 Incidental Fee Commit-

tee, provides funding or partial funding for all ASUO programs, EMU programs, the Athletic Department and the Oregon Daily Emerald.

Mike Sauerwein, ASUO finance coordinator, said past accounts can't be completely cleared out until he receives the print out of June's bills. That will be near the middle of July, he said. He has, however, gone through groups' fundraising account, figuring remaining balances and deficits.

"Something to know is that a program's fundraising account transfers from one year to the next," Sauerwein said. "A group's incidental fee funds left at the end of the fiscal year wash into the surplus account."

Sauerwein added he expects this year's surplus account to remain about the same as last year's, but he won't know that for sure until Oct. 1 when he hopes to have the full accounting of all ASUO programs completed.

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