

# Program to orient new students

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Of the Emerald

Grateful Dead and Bob Dylan fans won't be the only ones invading the campus community next Sunday. Beginning July 19 the University will be more crowded as nearly 1,650 newly admitted students and some 1,110 of their parents participate in the Early Orientation Registration Program.

The program, which runs through Aug. 1, offers registration in lower division classes and campus orientation for incoming freshmen.

The same thing happens during EORP as during fall registration. Yet the program differs in that EORP is more personalized and students are not rushed, said Roger Morris, EORP orientation director.

There's peer advising, academic advising, as well as full registration included in EORP, Morris said. "When they (entering freshmen) walk away in July, they will have all their lower division classes for the fall," he added.

Classes will be pro-rated or rationed in order to leave room for students participating in fall registration, so there will be undergraduate classes available, Morris said.

Although Morris maintains there should be no problem for fall registration applicants try-

ing to get classes, he and the University do face an immediate hurdle — the traffic and throngs of people scheduled to descend on the Eugene area for the Grateful Dead/Bob Dylan concert on July 19, as well as road construction along I-5 just north of Eugene.

Traffic and room accommodations will be a problem, Morris said, but to help alleviate the situation, his office has mailed letters to prospective EORP participants advising them of alternate routes to take to the University in addition to warning participants of room shortages.

Students and parents have the option of staying at the Bean Complex dormitories, but so far only 114 people have decided to take the University up on its offer. The school has enough rooms to accommodate most everyone participating in the EORP program, Morris said.

Thus far, nearly 300 University faculty and staff have volunteered to assist with EORP, including professors, cooks, registrars and advisors, Morris said.

Some professors will hold mock-classes for visiting parents, offering typical course lectures and question and answer sessions. Nearly 50 students are among the volunteer staff, Morris said.

One of those students, EORP intern Steve Frichette, helped with last year's program and currently is working on "special projects" for EORP. A self-described gopher with EORP, Frichette assembles information packets about the University for incoming freshmen and their parents.

"I like orientating new students — it gives me a fresh perspective on the University," Frichette said.

EORP is a 20-year-old program, and despite the extra work involved in organizing and operating it during the off-season, EORP is a program the University likes, Morris said. EORP enjoys a 98 percent matriculation rate, meaning most of the EORP applicants return to attend the University in the fall, Morris said.

Four two-day programs are scheduled on July 19-20, 23-24, 26-27 and July 31-Aug. 1. A one-day session focusing only on academic advising and registration is set for July 25.

Although the deadline for EORP registration was last Wednesday, JoEllyn Murillo, a University student and reservation intern for EORP, said the orientation office will still take applications as long as space remains available.

For more information, contact the Orientation Office, at 686-3218.

## Committee extends search deadline

The search for a new ASUO executive coordinator will be reopened because search committee members were unable to come to an agreement last week, said ASUO President Kasey Brooks.

Brooks said the search committee had the finalists cut down to eight and conducted second interviews with four of those finalists. A decision was made, but that person was unable to accept the position, she added.

Brooks has extended current ASUO Executive Coordinator

Susan Sowards' contract until the end of August, when she hopes the committee will be able to reach an agreement, she said. Sowards' contract was originally set to expire on July 31.

Before starting the search again, Brooks said the committee members must come to an agreement on a definition of the executive coordinator position.

"We have some very qualified people apply," she said. "But I think before we search again we need to try to define the position further in light of what we

have learned during the first search."

Brooks added part of the difficulty in deciding stemmed from the fact many different applicants offered different qualifications and strengths to the position.

The committee, comprised of Brooks, Incidental Fee Committee members Sandra Thompson and Armando Morales, ASUO Programs Coordinator Mike Siström and EMU Associate Director Frank Geltner, was unable to prioritize those qualities, she said.

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### INTERVIEWS

The Career Planning and Placement Center will host the following summer recruitments at 244 Hendricks hall: July 15, Black and Decker, retail sales representative; July 15, 17, 22, U.S. Navy, EMU; July 17, Morrow County School Dist., educational positions; and July 20, Modesto City Schools, special education positions.

There will be a group meeting 10-11 a.m., 237 Hendricks Hall, July 27, Costa Rica Academy, San Jose, Costa Rica, high school social studies.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Council for Human Rights in Latin America needs volunteers to help organize Nicaragua Friendship Day, the eighth annual Fiesta in the Park. The

event will take place July 16 at Lamb Cottage in Skinner Butte Park. For more information call 484-5867.

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