

World View

National

Plan aims at transfers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Students at community and junior colleges will be encouraged to transfer to four-year institutions under a project directed at students of color and low-income students.

The first part of the \$1.2 million, 18-month project, due to start in September, will pair 25 two-year institutions with four-year colleges and universities.

The partner schools will collaborate on projects such as re-designing courses to make credits transferable, developing faculty exchange programs and creating pilot programs for two-year students with potential to transfer.

The program was announced Monday by its two sponsors, the American Council on Education and the Ford Foundation.

There are about 1,250 two-year community and junior colleges in the country, many of them serving heavy concentrations of students of color and poor students, said project director Judith Eaton, president of the Community College of Philadelphia.

She said the transfer rate to four-year colleges is estimated at between 6 percent and 20 percent, though some surveys have found that 70 percent or

more of students at the two-year institutions say when asked that they want to go on to earn a bachelor's degree.

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Log harvest begins

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — An Oregon timber company has started to log about 8 million board-feet of timber killed by forest fires last summer on the Lowman District of the Boise National Forest.

Western Timber Co. of North Powder is logging 1.5 million board-feet of Ponderosa pine and 6.5 million board-feet of Douglas fir killed in the 5,000-acre Willis Gulch fire. It started in July of last year. The harvest is expected to be complete by late summer.

About 2,700 acres of the burn are being salvage logged, and Western Timber also is harvesting trees that survived the fire but since have died because of bark beetle activity within the burned area.

Roland Shaw, timber management assistant, said it is a roadless area, and Western Timber is logging the entire sale by helicopter.

"When we proposed the timber salvage last fall, the public told us they didn't want any new roads built into this area," said Shaw.

"Those concerns, combined with the fact that this is very

steep country and impossible to log by dozer in some places, led us to decide that helicopter logging was the best way to go," he said.

Plan gathers war toys

PORTLAND (AP) — People who bring in a modern war toy to one of 18 toy stores in Oregon the rest of this month will be able to buy a new toy for 85 percent of its price.

The War Toy Trade-In was designed by the Portland-based group Support Non-aggressive Play.

The group hopes the trade-in will make parents more aware of the types of toys children play with and offer alternatives, co-director Marcie Lowy said.

"I want this event to get the public to ask questions that need to be asked about the toys their children are playing with," she said.

Lowy and co-director Sally Skelding formed the organization, known as SNAP, two years ago.

"We felt there was a need to educate parents about the impact violent toys and television violence are having on their children," Skelding said.

The participating stores include Creative Kids and Elephant Trunk in Eugene.

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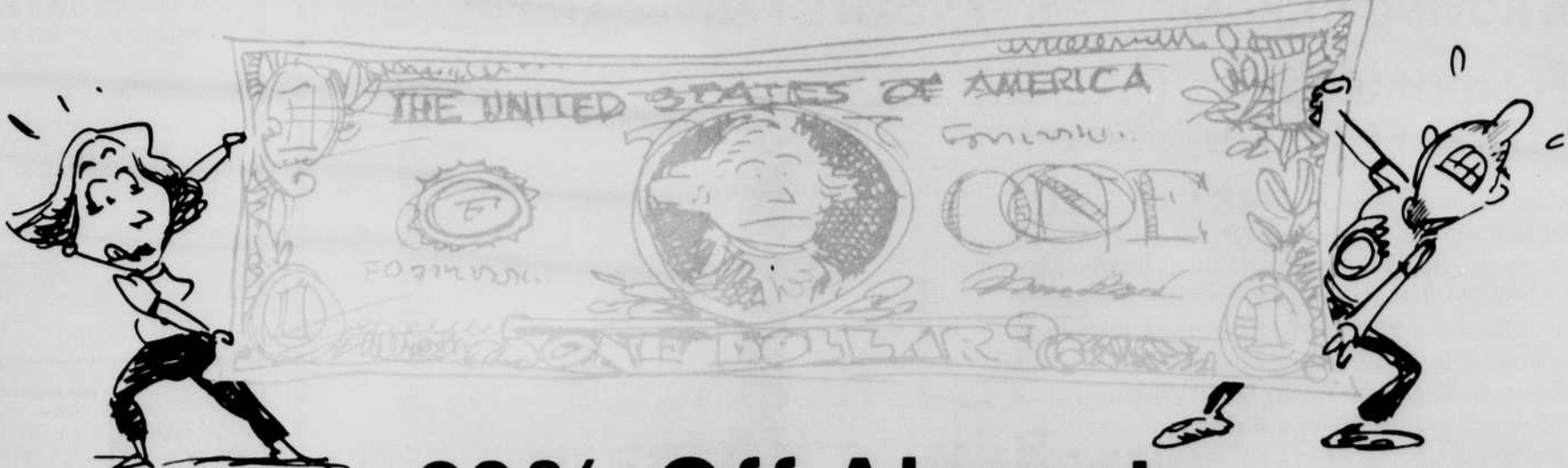
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