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Off-season training

Rachel Shanosky gets a jump on the spring intramural softball season by taking a few practice swings Tuesday afternoon in the field behind Esslinger Hall.

Photo by Mark Ylen

New plan sought to merge system

By Chris Bouneff
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The University is proposing five new administrative rules that would consolidate the student grievance procedure under one set of guidelines, which would streamline a presently confusing system.

A public hearing is scheduled for Jan. 19 so that the University can receive public input on the proposed rules.

The rules represent the first time the University has taken a codified approach to the student grievance procedure, said Muriel Jackson, assistant vice president for administration.

The rules were first drafted in 1988 when an ad hoc committee formed by former University President Paul Olum to formulate a faculty grievance procedure found that no procedure was in place for students.

"There seemed to be a proliferation of the grievance procedure for students," said law professor Peter Swan, who chaired the committee.

Initially, the committee was charged with the duty of drawing up a grievance procedure for faculty after the Oregon State Board of Higher Education directed all state schools to adopt such rules.

When it was discovered that no uniform guidelines were in place for student complaints, Olum asked the committee to write up a procedure for student grievances.

The committee finished its work in July of 1988, and since then the proposed rules for students have undergone two revisions, said Alison Baker, executive assistant to the president.

"They (the committee) decided that the University was inadequate in that there was no formal grievance procedure for students," Baker said. "(The proposed rules) are formal, and they are written down so students can get a handle on them."

The new rules spell out the procedure for both undergraduate and graduate grievances, and also de-

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Pilot project goes on thanks to new grant

By Peter Cogswell
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A three-year, \$1.2 million grant has been awarded to the Center on Human Development at the University's College of Education to continue development of a computer system that will link organizations providing services to persons with disabilities.

The new project will be "The SERIES Computer Network: Networking with Centers on Independent Living Service Providers." The grant comes from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, a federal agency under the Department of Education.

The grant extends a two-year pilot project that created computer linkages among independent living centers. The pilot project received a \$170,000 grant from NIDRR and established the SERIES Computer Network, a national network that features a toll free telecommunications system.

The SERIES System, which has been operating since 1988, also offers options for personal mail, public conferences, group meetings, resource databases, and document exchange.

The new system will have these options while further developing the network's database and teleconferencing capabilities. The grant will be put toward the creation of four community based satellites to support the network.

The project directors are Ted R. Fabre, an assistant professor of special education and rehabilitation and Hill M. Walker, associate dean and professor of special education and rehabilitation and the director of the center of human development.

When finished, the network will ensure that the rehabilitation knowledge generated from projects and centers funded by NIDRR and other federal agencies is utilized fully to improve the lives of persons with disabilities, Fabre said.

"The primary goal of the network is to facilitate the exchange of information that is important to independent living," Fabre said.

Census ready to count students

First ever census of homeless scheduled

By Dan Eisler
Emerald Reporter

This year, University students will count for something — the 1990 census.

As part of the constitutionally mandated census, held every 10 years, students will be receiving questionnaires in the mail and visits from census enumerators in late March and April.

Students are divided into two different census groups. Those living off-campus are counted as Lane County residents and will mail back the standard Census Bureau questionnaire by the required April 1 deadline, said John Rupp, manager of the Eugene district office.

Dorm residents and students living in greek houses will also receive questionnaires in the mail, but those questionnaires will be picked up by visiting census takers on April 1, said Mona Coursey, special place operations supervisor.

In the next three weeks, census takers will visit University dorm offices to get an estimate of the resident population, Coursey said. Subsequently, the census takers will collect the questionnaires from early to mid April.

Greek houses are counted the same way, but are not associated with the University, whether on or off-campus, Coursey said.

In addition, University students from out of town or living on their own won't be counted as residents by their parents, Rupp said.

Bureau special places also include prisons, hospitals and nursing homes, Coursey said.

The homeless will also be counted in the census for the first time this year on "Shelter Night," April 20.

To accomplish these tasks, the bureau is hiring between 600 and 900 people for the six-county census district, including about 100 people for clerical and data-entry jobs in the district office at 1102 Lincoln St.

"It's a perfect job for students," Coursey said. "The hours are flexible: 30 to 40 hours a week, whenever you want to work it."

"The money's not bad either," Rupp added.

Clerical staff will be paid \$5.50 an hour; census takers will be paid \$6 an hour and reimbursed 24 cents a mile for their car use, Rupp said.

Currently the district office is involved in recruiting and testing people to work for the census, Rupp said. The majority of hiring will be in late February and early March.

People interested in working for the census can call 465-4667 to talk with a recruiter and schedule a written half-hour examination to test skills including the ability to read, do mathematics and interpret maps, he said.

In addition, employees are required to take an oath of confidentiality on the information processed during the census, Rupp said.

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