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Petition

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into education as a whole rather than take the funding that is usually allocated to higher education and shift it to lower education.

This money could come from other federal programs, such as the defense budget, Muniz said.

"(Bush) calls himself the education president, but from our standpoint he's not putting enough money into education," she said.

OSL members from each state school will present the petitions at the next OSL meeting on May 19 at Oregon Institute of Technology, Muniz said.

The petitions will be mailed to Congress and possibly to Bush's office.

Republican Sen. Mark Hatfield informed OSL that Congress will probably revise the higher education budget, and cuts in financial aid will not be as drastic as Bush has proposed, Muniz said.

"(Hatfield) noted that in the past, Congress has not followed the administration's proposal for cutting financial aid, at least not as much as the administration has asked for," said Lynn Pinckney, OSL executive director.

Students interested in signing the petition this week may find Muniz in the EMU or may go to the ASUO office, which is located in Suite 4 of the EMU.

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who do not promote women's equality and the right to abortion and birth control.

Yard said anti-abortion supporters think pro-choice advocates want abortion on demand, but this is not the case.

She cited figures that 91 percent of all abortions are performed within the first three months of pregnancy, and more than 50 percent of these are due to birth control failure.

Yard said that pro-choice advocates are conveying the reality. She emphasized the need for an increase in sex education in schools, stating that many teen pregnancies are caused by ignorance.

She said she does "not understand why anyone would think it is a good idea for young teenagers to be pregnant."

Yard said pro-choice supporters need to work to make sure "no youngster is forced to bring a child into the world when she herself is still a child."

She stated that anti-abortionists support greater parental involvement through the ballot initiatives, but she noted that more than half of the minors going to abortion clinics already bring one or more parents with them. But the "right to privacy cannot be taken away from you because you're young or you're poor," she said.

Yard said she had encouraged pro-choice supporters in Louisiana facing restrictive legislation to "Lobby, lobby, as if your life depends on it, because it does."

Yard stated that lawmakers need to take a stand on the abortion issue. She said supporters are needed to put every politician running this year on record regarding their stance. "We need you to work in this cam-



Photo by Steve Card

NOW President Molly Yard urges pro-abortionists to make politicians publicly state where they stand on abortion.

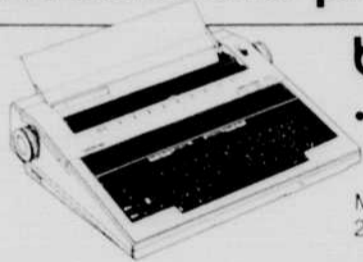
paign. It takes a lot of work to defeat these ballot initiatives," Yard said.

"It is time to change the legislatures in this country," Yard said, suggesting that supporters run for office. "We won't have to depend on the White House anymore...we will be able to depend on the people of this country to protect our rights, including the right to abortion."

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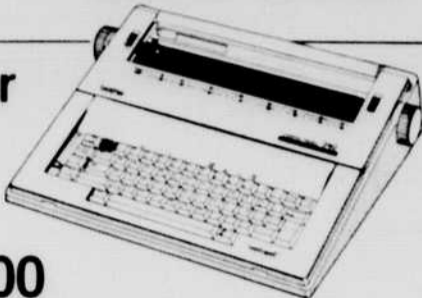
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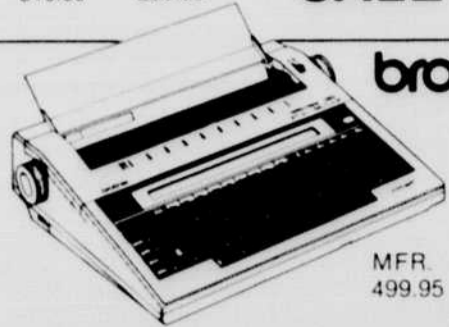
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Rafting

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The Outdoor Program sponsors about 75 whitewater trips each year, Mason said.

"The vast majority are entry level trips with a few mid-range trips and very few of the worldclass trips," Mason said. "This one is a peak. This is something that someone like Jenny (ColeSmall) has worked toward for a year-and-a-half with weekend after weekend of kayaking to get up to this level."

"It's like going from being a duffer to going to the Olympics," Mason said.

Outdoor sports such as rafting are often viewed as high risk activities.

"We've had some close calls," Mason said. "That happens all the time, but it happens in my regular life too. What appears to be highly dangerous rarely is because you're so focused on it."

Connie Gorham is one rafter who knows about the risks involved in the sport. Gorham was with an Outdoor Program expedition on the Jarbridge River in Idaho when she fell out of a raft. She found herself dangling just above a waterfall.

"If the first one (waterfall) didn't kill you, the second one would," Gorham said.

She spent 30 minutes in the water hanging onto a rope

while members of the group tried to rescue her.

It is always standard practice to carry rescue and first aid equipment, Mason said, just in case something like this happens.

"We also carry signal mirrors and signal panels," he said.

The Outdoor Program operates on an annual budget of \$24,000 funded through the Incidental Fee Committee. The programs encompass a broad range of outdoor activities. "Non-competitive, non-motorized, cooperative outdoor adventures," is how Mason describes the agenda.

Any fee-paying student is already a member of the Outdoor Program. Community members may also join by paying a \$5 user fee.

People can find out about any of the more than 200 yearly events by stopping at the Outdoor Program's office located in the basement of the EMU. The main office is open 24-hours and is accessible through a private entrance in the rear of the building.

"Daily use of the center is from 100 to 125 people a day," Mason said, "and we receive from 80 to 100 phone calls daily."

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