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Briefly

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Sports



Pat Haller

The Oregon track teams added four more NCAA qualifiers for this week's NCAA Championships in Durham, N.C. The NCAA allowed both automatic and provisional qualifiers this year and when the provisional qualifiers were accepted Saturday, four more Ducks gained NCAA acceptance. They are Pat Haller, Tye Van Schoiack, Rosie Williams and Stephanie Smith.

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The Oregon men's golf team has gained its first NCAA Tournament bid since 1987 after finishing seventh overall in the NCAA West Regional this past weekend.

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Locally

A bed and breakfast inn in the University campus area might seem out of place, but local bed and breakfast inn owners consider the location to be a perfect setting.

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Weather



Increasing clouds with chance of rain later today and tonight. Highs in the upper 60s. Rain at times Wednesday with highs 60-65.

Four years no longer the norm Only one in five gets out 'on time'

By Catherine Hawley
Emerald Associate Editor

Is there such a thing as a four-year college degree anymore?

Nationwide, only 15 percent of college students complete a bachelor's degree four years after graduating from high school, according to a recent survey conducted by the National Institute of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Here at the University, about one in five students graduates within four years, according to the registrar's office and the Office of Student Affairs, which track the academic progress of each entering freshman class.

The four-year graduation rate has hovered between 18 and 21 percent for the last six or seven years, according to figures from the Office of Student Affairs.

So is this bad news for students who want to finish their undergraduate pro-

grams and hit the job market as quickly as possible? Not necessarily.

An inaccurate picture

For one thing, statistics may be painting an inaccurate picture of undergraduate life at the University; other surveys show that almost half of the student body completes undergraduate programs here in four years.

Part of the reason for the disparity in graduation rates is methodology. The registrar's office follows University freshmen and monitors their academic progress here at the University — the registrar does not include students who transfer from other schools, nor does it take into account students who begin their studies here but graduate from another college.

Also, different schools have different methods of figuring graduation rates, said Anne Leavitt, assistant to the vice-provost in the Office of Student Affairs.

"For instance, you want to know what schools do with students who are enrolled in five-year programs — are they included in the figures or not?" she said.

A survey of 770 students who filed with the registrar to graduate spring term 1989 showed that 419 — or about 54 percent — took more than four years to graduate, and those numbers include transfer students to the University, said Jeff Morgen, the graduate student who conducted the survey.

About the same percentage — a little more than half — of 89 students who answered an informal survey in the Office of Academic Advising said it would take them more than four years to graduate.

Indecision

Why do students take more than four years to earn a four-year degree? The reasons they give are varied, but most of them have to do with personal desires

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In remembrance

Veterans pay tribute to comrades who served with them in past wars at a Monday Memorial Day service at Skinner Butte Park. This service was one of many held throughout Eugene.

Photo by Andre Ranieri

Transition under way for new ASUO staff

By Jolie Andrade
Emerald Reporter

Getting acquainted with the new staff and administration, and making a smooth transition are the goals of the new ASUO Executive staff during the last two weeks of spring term.

The 1990-91 executive staff, better known as the "blond ambition office" by President Kirk Bailey and Vice President Sheila Stickel, started their official reign last Friday.

"Right now we are concerned with getting the new staff on, getting them comfortable, and planning for the summer and next year," Bai-

ley said.

There will be a student and administration dinner this Friday to help ease the new staff into their positions, Stickel said. The new crew will also have their chance to ask questions in a joint meeting between the old and new staff.

"Part of the transitioning will also be knowing what it's like to be in office and how to utilize people and resources," Bailey said.

Stickel said the ASUO Executive will also be having several awareness workshops for their staff on unlearning racism, sexism, homophobia, and disabilities during their mid-July retreat.

"It's real important that folks understand these things due to the nature of our office," Bailey said. "We can't afford to neglect one group."

"We also want the new staff to get familiar with our style of leadership which will be a little less hierarchical than this year's," Stickel said.

Both said they are approaching next year as a team that operates more as a co-presidency.

"We came up with the idea of a co-presidency so that we both carry equal weight or validity," Stickel said.

"The student body voted for Sheila and I as a ticket and we're trying to recognize

the fact that two can do a better job than one," Bailey said. "We both have equal bases of legitimacy and we're trying to mirror that."

"Kirk and I will work as a team even though some times we'll work at other things," she said.

"We want people to know that decisions aren't just going to fall on one of our shoulders," Stickel said, adding that she and Bailey would be working harder to keep each other apprised on issues they handle separately.

Both Stickel and Bailey said they have had to do

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