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## Briefly



Changes in tuition and an increased number of out-of-state and international students on campus are two of the most significant differences between summer term and the rest of the academic year at the University.

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## Almanac

The following are dates to remember for summer term:

### Friday, June 29

Final day to submit Application for Degree forms for summer or fall 1990 graduation. Forms are available in the Office of the Registrar, Room 220 Oregon Hall.

### Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day holiday. No classes.

### Tuesday, July 17

Summer registration confirmation. Class printouts are available at the Office of the Registrar in Oregon Hall.

### Friday, July 20

Last day to schedule final doctoral defense in Graduate School office.

### Thursday and Friday, August 9 and 10

Final examination for eight-week courses.

### Thursday, August 21

Last day to file thesis with the Graduate School.

### Thursday and Friday, August 30 and 31

Final examinations for 11-week courses.

## Weather



Sunny today, with patchy morning clouds. Highs will be close to 80, with more sun and similar temperatures on Wednesday.



Sunny Harmon, with her five-month-old grandson, contemplates her future by her tent in front of the Opportunity Shelter, which closed Friday.

## Families protest shelter closing

### Front lawn becomes new home

By Christopher Blair  
Emerald Managing Editor

Four families who had nowhere to go when Eugene's Opportunity Shelter closed Friday set up housekeeping on the only place they could find: the shelter's lawn.

The mothers, their children and staff members from the shelter pitched two tents Saturday night on the grounds of the shelter, located at 1995 Amazon Parkway.

"Those of us who were left in the shelter were very angry that we were being evicted," said Michele Barnes, a single mother who was asked to leave Friday. "We wanted to make a statement to the public, to say, 'Look what you're doing. You're throwing children back out on the streets.'"

The 14 families in the shelter were told in advance of Friday's noon closing date, and by then, 11 of them had found at least temporary living arrangements. That left some mothers and children —

ranging in ages from four months to 11 years old — without housing.

The Opportunity Shelter opened in December 1988 in an unused school building next to South Eugene High School as a temporary solution for homeless families during the winter months. It closed last June and reopened again last December.

In April, the Lane County Board of Commissioners approved a plan to spend \$750,000 renovating and making additions to the county's other shelter on Highway 99.

Jim Johnson, Lane County administrator, said that with the Highway 99 shelter project the county cannot afford the \$20,000 a month it costs to run the Opportunity Shelter. He said the mothers knew the shelter was temporary and that it would close June 15.

Johnson said the families at the Opportunity Shelter were given other alternatives for housing, such as vouchers to local motels and spaces at the Eugene Mission.

To the mothers at the campsite, the alternatives the county gave them are unacceptable.

Sunny Harmon, an Opportunity Shelter resident who is watching her five-month-old grandson, was given a voucher to stay at a West Eugene motel. She said her 12-by-14 room was "a pit," and smelled of cat urine, to her a telltale sign of a nearby meth lab.

Joyce Bailey, the mother of 11-year-old Edward, could not take her son into the women's section of the Eugene Mission, as he is over eight, leaving Edward at the shelter in Barnes' care.

"They're not only kicking families into the street, they're splitting them up," Barnes said.

For her and the other residents, the sparse accommodations at the Opportunity Shelter were comparatively luxurious.

"It wasn't great living, but at least (at the shelter) it's sanitary," she said. "There's a roof over our heads, there's beds — decent beds — and meals come in regularly."

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## Board votes to lift caps on enrollment

By Paul Morgan  
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The Oregon State Board of Higher Education voted June 14 to lift the enrollment caps at each of the state universities for fall term to help ease growing athletic department deficits.

The action is designed to be a one-year temporary "Band-Aid" for the athletic funding problem, said University Pres. Myles Brand. Enrollment at Oregon is expected to be lowered to about 17,800 students, instead of the desired decrease to 17,500, he added.

"It was the best of a terrible set of choices facing state universities," said Brand.

Athletic department deficits at the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, and Portland State University is expected to reach \$5.4 million by the end of this month. The Oregon Athletic Department, which operates on a \$10.3 million budget, has rolled up a debt of

about \$1.3 million — the smallest among the state universities.

The decision to lift the enrollment caps came after nearly four hours of deliberation by the Board. It resolved to allow athletic departments to waive the tuition of athletes, which until now had to be paid by the department. The university is going to admit more students to offset the cost of providing the tuition waivers.

"This is a one-year measure — not a permanent solution," explained Brand. "It won't let us get to our goal of a proper (enrollment) size as quickly as we would like."

"One thing I will not do is transfer money directly from an academic or instructional unit to athletics," he said. "We will maintain full integrity of our academic mission."

Sheila Stickel, co-president for the ASUO, attended the Board meeting and



Myles Brand

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