Regional

OSU reaccredited

CORVALLIS (AP) — Oregon State University has gained full reaccreditation by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

Major universities are reviewed for accreditation at least once every 10 years. Continuation is based on institutional self-studies and on-site reviews by an accreditation team.

In its review of Oregon State, the association gave the university high marks for its faculty, the encouragement of research, its graduate programs, overall academic planning and administrative reorganization.

But the review team expressed concern about low faculty salaries and deteriorating physical facilities, the university said in a news release Wednesday.

PSU reaccredited

PORTLAND (AP) — The University of Portland has received a 10-year reaccreditation from the Commission on Colleges of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

"This continued recognition of the quality of our academic programs and services, fiscal stability, and physical plant is an achievement of which we can all be proud." Arthur A. Schulte Jr., executive and financial vice president, said in a news release.

The reaccreditation was announced after the university completed a self-study report and after an NASC team visited the school.

Projects funded

WASHINGTON (AP) — Money for several Oregon research projects was included in the Agriculture Appropriations bill for 1991, passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday.

"Farmers, researchers, and all Oregonians will benefit from the projects funded in this bill," U.S. Rep. Les AuCoin, D-Ore., said in a news release.

AuCoin, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, included several projects in the bill:

—The Oregon-Massachusetts Biotechnology partnership, with \$500,000 in funding.

—Renewal of a grant to study the Russian wheat aphid, \$350,000. —A tri-state initiative in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to develop a small fruits research center for the Northwest, \$250,000.

—Research on eastern filbert blight at Oregon State University, \$50,000.

The appropriations bill now will be considered by the U.S. Senate.

100 firefighters added

BEND (AP) — The Deschutes National Forest will hire and train an additional 100 call-when-needed fire-fighters to work in Central Oregon this summer.

The Oregon State Employment Office in Bend will accept applications for the jobs through Friday.

The firefighters will be paid for three days of training, July 24-26, and then will go on call Firefighters who were trained last year will need to sign up but must attend only the last day of training.

Applicants must be in good health, able to pass a five-minute physical step test, be drug-free and not have a felony criminal record.

Handgun ordinance approved

PORTLAND (AP) — The City Council on Wednesday approved an ordinance to require handgun purchasers to pay a \$15 fee to defray the cost of investigating their backgrounds.

The ordinance is subject to a second council vote but is expected to pass and then take effect in about a month.

A new state law requires police agencies to check the criminal and mental health backgrounds of prospective gun buyers.

Multnomah County in April passed an identical requirement for residents in unincorporated areas of the county.

Commerce branch opening

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Commerce Department's Bureau of Export Administration will open a branch office in Portland, Ore. on Monday.

The Portland office, located in the World Trade Center, will provide consultations and guidance on obtaining commodity classifications, hold seminars on export regulations, and distribute technical publications on export control laws.

"Establishment of this export assistance office gives companies in the Northwest easier access to licensing experts, counseling and other assistance." Dennis Kloske, under secretary for export administration, said in a news release Wednesday.

The Bureau of Export Administration annually licenses American exports of high technology products valued at an estimated \$175 billion, including \$16 billion from the Northwest.

Meetings set

PORTLAND (AP) — Three federal agencies have set meetings in August to take public comments on the scope of an environmental study of the Columbia River's system of federal dams.

The agencies are the Bonneville Power Administration, Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The meetings, scheduled between Aug. 6 and Aug. 23, will include two in Oregon and 12 in Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Two agreements governing operation of 14 Columbia River federal dams are expiring. The agencies need an environmental impact statement before they can renew the agreements.

The meetings include one in Pendleton Aug. 20, and one in Portland Aug. 21.

Festival receives grants

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon Shakespeare Festival Portland has received four grants worth a total of \$338,500.

The awards include a \$300,000 challenge grant by the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust; a \$25,000 grant from the Lorene Sails Higgins Charitable Trust; an \$8,500 grant from the Rose E. Tucker Charitable Trust; and a \$5,000 grant from the Oregon Community Foundation.

The money will support an expansion of the Portland subscription office, with additional space, staff and equipment.

It also will be used to support this season's production of "The Recruiting Officer."





