

# WHILE YOU WERE AWAY

The following is a summary of news events the *Emerald* covered over the summer.

## University

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 ease growing athletic department deficits.

The action was designed as a one-year temporary "Band-Aid" for the athletic funding problem, said University President Myles Brand. Enrollment is expected to increase to 17,800 instead of decreasing as planned to 17,500.

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

Athletic department deficits at the University, Oregon State University, and Portland State University are expected to reach \$5.4 million by the end of this month. The University's Athletic Department, which operates on a \$10.3 million budget, has rolled up a debt of about \$1.3 million, the smallest among state universities.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oregon donated \$5,000 on June 26 in the name of University graduate Tiana Tozer in order to increase wheelchair ac-

cessibility on campus.

At Tozer's request the money will be used to make restrooms in the EMU wheelchair accessible.

Tozer was hit by a drunk driver in May 1988 and has used a wheelchair since then. After beginning a statewide



Tiana Tozer

campaign against drunk driving, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in engineering in June. She will begin graduate school in the fall at the University of Illinois.

At least one women's and one men's restroom in the EMU will be wheelchair accessible by fall term. Depending on the

cost, there may be enough money for work on more than two restrooms.

Single parents will be allowed to live with another adult in family housing, University Pres. Myles Brand announced July 20.

The new policy will include unmarried couples and gay or lesbian couples with children. Under previous rules, only married couples, with or without children, and single parents living alone were eligible for family housing.

Brand said a change in policy came out of concern for "one of the most at-risk groups — single parents. We want to help facilitate their education."

The University began considering a change in policy last year when the tenant councils of Amazon and Westmoreland housing, two of the University's three housing areas, requested a revision.

Health insurance plans for international and domestic students have been negotiated for the 1990-91 school year and are awaiting administrative approval. ASUO co-presidents Kirk Bailey and Sheila Stickel said July 11.

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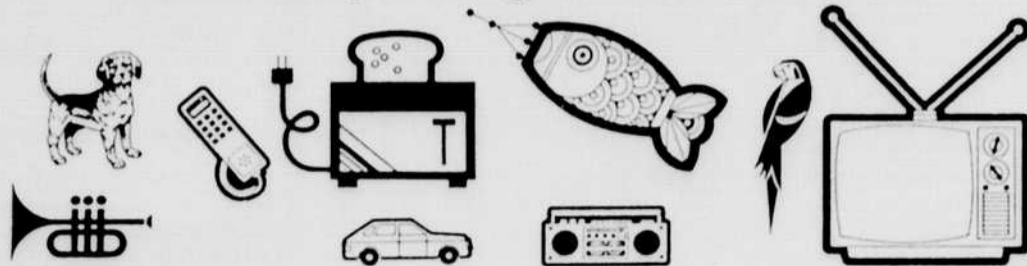
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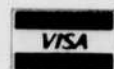
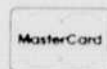
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