



Let it pour

Fine arts sculpture students Teresa Mueller (left) and Kimberly Dunn pour molten metal into plaster molds as part of a project in Laura Aupert's metal casting class.

Photo by Sean Poston

Measure 5 blamed for enrollment drop

By Carrie Dennett
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Many students have found increased tuition and program cuts enough reason not to attend the University, if preliminary enrollment figures are any indication.

The enrollment figures, compiled at the end of the fourth week of classes, show a 6.8 percent decline in enrollment from fall 1990, a decrease of 1,236 students.

Fall 1990 enrollment was 18,141. The current enrollment of 16,905 is 600 fewer students than the University had expected to enroll.

"This means that the University, in addition to facing the prospect of faculty flight as a result of uncertainties caused by Measure 5 budget cutting, is now

threatened with student flight," said University President Myles Brand in a written statement.

"This decline in our enrollment clearly shows that the state needs to ensure that its best students do not forsake their education because of real and perceived fears about lack of state support for higher education," he said.

The fourth-week enrollment figures are only preliminary and subject to revision, said University Admissions Director James Buch.

Official figures will be released later by the Oregon State System of Higher Education. These figures will reconcile discrepancies in student course enrollments and other data management issues.

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Talks seen as minor step Respect key to change, students say

By Daralyn Trappe
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University students with ties to the Middle East are watching with little optimism for significant chance as Arab-Israeli peace talks begin today in Madrid, Spain.

Today's talks are the first ever between Israel and Arab countries, but Fouad Elgharabli, who was born in the West Bank area that both Palestine and Israel claim, sees an uneven playing field.

The Palestine Liberation Organization is not being allowed to participate, and the Palestinian delegates who will speak and the issues to be addressed were approved beforehand by Israel and the United States.

The issue of Palestinian statehood will not be formally discussed, yet it's at the heart of the Arab-Israeli conflict, said Elgharabli, a graduate student who has lived in the United States for seven

years.

"I don't expect a lot of outcome unless Israel is willing to compromise, to accept some of the Palestinian conditions, such as the need for them to withdraw from Gaza and West Bank, which is the minimum requirement from Palestine," he said.

Israeli leaders have continuously expressed an unwillingness to talk about withdrawal from that area, a fact that greatly decreases the value of the talks, Elgharabli said.

"But this has been going on for 40 years and you can't expect results in a few days," he said. "I would like the conference to start recognizing Palestinian needs, recognizing that the PLO is the representative of Palestine."

Looking at Palestine as less than a full participant is meant to reduce the value of Palestine, Elgharabli said.

"It's hard to believe that Israel wants

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Polluters

Oregon's 209 largest industrial chemical firms reported 32 million pounds of toxic emissions into Oregon's environment in 1990, according to a report released by the OSPIRG.

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Down and out

Oregon's football team lost its fourth defensive lineman Tuesday when sophomore Gary Williams suffered knee ligament damage in practice, Coach Rich Brooks said in a press release.

Brooks said freshman D.J. Cabrera would probably start in place of Williams in Saturday's game.

OSPIRG's 'Toxic Tuesday' attacks pollution

Groups emphasize awareness, education, lobbying

By Anne Kavanagh
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The Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group on Tuesday joined 66 other PIRG student groups across the country with a day dedicated to the dangers of toxics.

"Toxic Tuesday," marking PIRG's National Campaign Against Toxics, was a day of activity aimed at alerting people to the problems resulting from toxic pollution and attacked the issue from four angles: education, research, grass roots and coalition building.

The Education Group spread its messages using banners, posters, handouts and by writing facts on chalkboards throughout campus classrooms.

Toxics Education Group project leader Rob Arps said the biggest obstacle is people are simply unaware of toxic problems. Each year, 350 billion pounds of toxins are produced, according to OSPIRG.

Many common household items such as Lysol, Wisk and Liquid Drano contain

chemicals that contribute to toxic pollution, Arps said. Non-toxic cleaning solutions, such as vinegar and water, are excellent alternatives.

The Education Group's goal was to enlighten people about toxics. "If everyone helps out a little, that's what makes the change," Arps said.

The Research Group handed out surveys assessing the use of toxins around campus and the community. Their main purpose was targeting problem areas for the Education Group.

The Grass Roots Group lobbied for the Clean Water Act, which is designed to regulate toxic disposal. According to OSPIRG, it has failed to do the job, with more than 20 percent of factories violating the law. This year, Congress will consider an amendment that would considerably strengthen the law.

Grass roots workers encouraged students to send postcards urging Rep. Peter DeFazio's, D-Ore., endorsement of the amendment.

Coalition Group members worked on



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OSPIRG member Nate Scott passes out flyers while wearing a radioactive disposal suit in recognition of "Toxic Tuesday."

building relations with campus and community leaders, as well as with other student groups. They organized a gathering of various student groups to gain support for "Toxic Tuesday" activities.