## Act boosts funds for study abroad

By Shawn Efran Emerald Contributor

Federal funding of international education has declined steadily since 1958, but the National Security Education Act may help reverse this trend.

The act, signed by President Bush last month, will provide more federal money for students to study in foreign countries.

The act will increase current spending levels tenfold, according to a press release from Oklahoma Sen. David Boren, the bill's author. According to the statement, the National Security Education Act will allow low-income students to participate in study-abroad programs for the first time.

Currently, 75 percent of college students who study abroad go to one of five western European countries. In an attempt to diversify the countries selected, students wanting to study in third-world nations will be given priority when applying for scholarships.

The act's potential to aid students is excellent, said Jack Van de Water, vice chancellor for international education for the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

However, Van de Water said students will not reap the act's benefits for a few years, and the specific benefits will not be known until guidelines for administering the National Security Education Act are written and made public.

Van de Water called the act "a good example of the peace dividend" because money already allocated to the Department of Defense is being diverted for educational use. The University could benefit because of the act's high priority for study programs in non-European countries.

The act will provide scholarships to both graduate and undergraduate students as well as money to study-abroad programs at selected colleges and universities. Twelve million dollars will go to both the graduate and undergraduate programs in the first year and at least \$4 million per year thereafter.

Van de Water said the National Security Education Act contains safeguards to keep DOD interests separate from the act's educational mission.

The program will be administered by the Defense Intelligence College with guidelines and criteria set by a board of trustees including the Secretaries of Defense, State, Education and Commerce and the Directors of Central Intelligence.

### Student attacked

By Gerrit Koepping

A University student was stabbed Thursday morning during an attempted mugging.

The victim told police that at around 1 a.m. he was walking on Alder Street between 14th and 15th Avenues when two black males approached him.

One of the men began to shove and cajole him while the other displayed a knife, the victim said. The victim later told police it was probably at this point that he was stabbed in the abdomen, but he did not feel the wound at the time.

The victim said the men demanded money and threatened to kill him if he did not comply. After he told the men he didn't have any money, they tried to coax him into a nearby alley with the knife.

The victim was then told to remove his shoes by one of the

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### CIA awards graduate

MCLEAN, Va. — University graduate Richard J. Kerr, deputy director of Central Intelligence, received the CIA's highest career achievement award at a ceremony at the agency's headquarters Wednesday night.

Robert Gates, director of Central Intelligence, awarded the Distinguished Intelligence Medal to Kerr, 56, who graduated from the University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history in 1959. Kerr will retire on March 2 after nearly 32 years with the Agency.

"The issues in which Dick has played a role over these years read like a history of our time and span the globe," Gates said in a statement released by the agency.

"Over the years, Dick's ability to laugh at himself, at the system, at the agency, at the government and at humanity, has frequently dispelled tension in the most tense times," Gates said in the statement. "Of course we will miss his judgment and skill but we will miss especially that which is in shortest supply in Washington — his irreverence and humor."

#### Shelter has fund raiser

The 13th annual Lap-a-thon, which raises funds for Womenspace, will be on Saturday, Feb. 29. Womenspace is a non-profit organization that is a shelter for battered women and their children. Last year they housed 694 women and their children in their shelter.

Anyone is invited to participate in the Lap-a-thon by either walking, running or swimming laps at 12 different locations in Eugene. Money is raised by participants either through fixed donations or pledges based on how many laps a participant completes.

This year's goal is \$20,000.

Money can be donated or pledged by calling Pearl Wolfe at 485-8232. For those who are interested in participating, pledge forms can be picked up at Leighton pool.

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