

Secretary of state rips OSSHE administration

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon State System of Higher Education needs to do a better job of managing the workload of faculty members at state colleges and universities, according to a draft report by the secretary of state's office.

The report, obtained by Portland television station KOIN, also says the system needs to re-examine the way it limits student enrollment.

The 29-page preliminary report says "we found that there is little analyses or monitoring of the use of faculty resources."

The report also criticizes the way enrollment is limited.

"Officials are unable to provide assurance that the enrollment limits they set are reasonable and are appropriate for cost-effectively fulfilling OSSHE's mission," it said.

Peter Hughes, an internal auditor for the State System of Higher Education challenged the draft report.

"We disagree that we are inadequate," he said. "We believe our controls are very adequate."



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Is University fire safety up to par?

□ Deputy Fire Marshal Reggie Augsburg says several buildings violate fire code regulations

By Gerrit Koepping
Emerald Reporter

Nobody noticed as the candle wick, instead of burning straight down, melted through the back of the candle. The lit wick singed the cotton drapes behind the candle until they flared into flames.

The dorm room was illuminated as the rapidly burning drapes fell onto a chair that a University student had been sitting on seconds before. The occupants of the room ran to find a fire extinguisher and warn the other residents of Riley Hall of the fire by pulling the building's fire alarm.

Though it was 1:15 on a Friday morning, dorm residents begin to stir from their rooms. The resident assistant put out the burning curtain with a hand-held fire extinguisher, but not before the Office of Public Safety was called.

OPS called the Eugene fire department as public safety officers were sent to investigate the fire. As fire trucks raced toward Riley Hall, OPS officers told them over the radio that the fire had been contained.

Chuck Campell, a deputy fire marshal for the Eugene fire department, said the Feb. 28 fire at Riley Hall was just one of the 20 or so calls the department investigates each year at the University.

But most efforts at the University try to stop fires before they start.

Central to such efforts is Reggie Augsburg.

For \$26,000 a year, the University contracts with the city of Eugene to hire Augsburg to make sure University buildings are up to uniform fire codes.

It is standard practice for universities to contract for their own fire inspection services as they don't pay local taxes, Augsburg said. Kay Coots, the safety officer for OPS, said large universities will often hire a person to do nothing but inspections.

As a result, Augsburg makes about 1,000 inspections a year in University buildings. Four times a year he checks the dorm hallway fire alarms and once a year he checks each dorm room for fire code violations.

Once a year he also inspects off-campus housing and campus buildings for smoke alarms and fire code violations.

"Generally it's a safe environment, but with any location there are bound to be problems," Augsburg said.

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"I'd hate to miss something in class and have a student mad at me," he said.

Trading Places Day is a fundraising project of the Student

University Relations Council. Founded in 1978, the 35-member group coordinates special activities involving students, the University and surrounding communities.

SURC has been selling \$1 raffle tickets since March 3 to stu-



Photo by Jeff Paslay

Deputy Fire Marshal Reggie Augsburg makes a routine check for fire safety violations in the Quonsets Buildings on Agate Street.

Extension cords used instead of permanent wiring and the use of multi-plug adaptors that don't have an on/off switch or a circuit breaker are most common fire code violations for almost all University buildings, Augsburg said.

Augsburger reports his findings to Coots. Coots then notifies either housing officials, the head of departments or the physical plant, depending on the problem, Augsburg said.

"If he turns in a report about some discrepancy, we make every effort to fix it," said John Evans, Physical Plant safety coordinator. "Some things we can fix immediately and some things need to be designed and financed, like sprinkler systems."

Generally, the Physical Plant is good at bringing a building up to code, "but sometimes it's an item that has to be budgeted for," Augsburg said.

One building yet to be brought up to current codes is Prince Lucien Campbell Hall. PLC was built in 1962 in accordance with the fire codes of that time. Since then, however, new fire codes re-

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dents who want a chance to try out the president's job for an afternoon. Jardine's name was drawn Tuesday in the EMU courtyard.

Proceeds from the raffle will help fund projects such as Parents' Weekend, Homecoming and campus blood drives.

Trading Places Day is new to the University, but Brand said the idea of a student filling his shoes for awhile is not new to him.

"I had thought about making a student president for a day, like some universities do, but this is a better idea," he said.

"It gives me a chance to relive my own days as a student," Brand said. "A lot of people think the main gain in this will be the student's, to come to know what goes on in the president's office."

"What I see as the main gain is that I get to see what life is like for a student."

Brand won't officially relinquish the university's reins, of course.

Jardine will get a chance to see how things work in the president's office but won't be able to make budget or other management decisions.

"Those will have to wait for my return," Brand said.

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