

Board to require foreign language

□ Students entering state schools will have to meet proficiency requirement

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Foreign language proficiency will be required for students wanting to enter a state college or university beginning in the academic year 1997-98 under a plan adopted Friday by the state Board of Higher Education.

"We felt everyone should have the opportunity to have access to a foreign language," said Robert Bailey, president of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education. "This isn't a new idea; more colleges and universities around the country have this requirement than don't."

Under the unanimously adopted plan, all students entering directly from high school, community colleges or other universities will be required to meet the proficiency requirement.

Previously, the board recommended, but didn't require, high school students to take two years of foreign language.

Two weeks ago, the state Board of Education, which oversees kindergarten through 12th grade, adopted a similar plan at the high school level to require a second language to graduate.

In keeping with the Board of Education's plan, the Board of Higher Education adopted the plan, which allows four years for state high schools to come into compliance with the language requirement.

Bailey said he didn't expect any problems to arise with the smaller schools providing second language education because the vast majority already offer it.

However, students entering from high schools that are unable to offer a two-year foreign language program will be exempted from the requirement.

There are a few more exceptions to the new rule.

Students who graduated from high school prior to 1997-98 and students who have been out of high school for eight or more years at the time of admission may apply for an exemption from the requirement. These students will have to meet the Oregon State System of Higher Education graduation requirement, which will be a satisfactory attainment of the proficiency standard.

Students entering from non-English countries will be required to meet an English proficiency requirement.

The policy guidelines are a result of many years of discussion between the higher education board and the Board of Education in an effort to assist Oregon students in attaining second language education and international understanding, Bailey said.

The plan was put on the consent calendar until next month's OSSHE board meeting. Bailey said the board members will have an opportunity at the meeting to change or reword any part of the measure. However, he said he didn't expect any major changes with the plan.

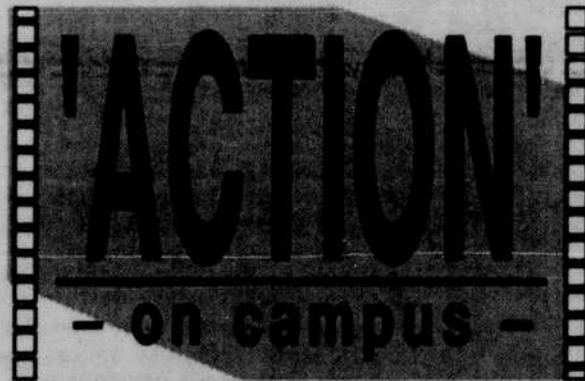
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Lead actress Sherry Kresh works with Mathias Neuman, the film's director of photography.

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□ University students watch as film rolls on senior project psycho-thriller

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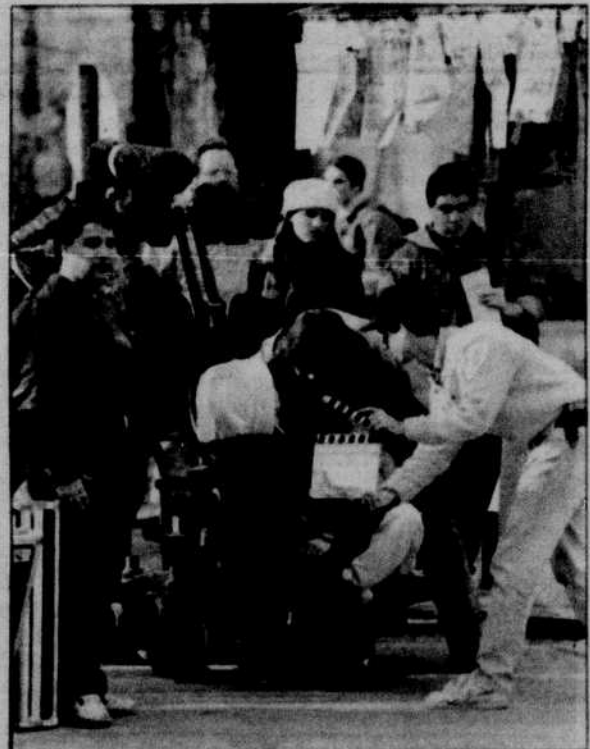
The director, with a gold hoop earring dangling from his right ear and dressed all in black, whispers directions to his red-haired female star. Again and again, with a puzzled expression, she walks in front of Columbia Hall, consulting a campus map.

"There's no more sun," she finally yells. "Let's just do this."

It's time for the cameras to roll. The producer wears a white fedora and a black leather jacket with a camera slung over one shoulder. He shouts, "Quiet, please," to the University students excitedly milling around Columbia Friday afternoon.

Director Arn Campero, a senior at California State University at Northridge, said *The Underdog Syndrome* is a psychological thriller he is directing as his senior project for a film production class.

However, Campero said he will enter the movie in a number of film festivals and hopes it will be



Crew films a scene from *The Underdog Syndrome*.

Photo by Dylan Coulter

picked up for commercial distribution.

Campero said he decided to film in Oregon because the state was dark, stark and rainy, which fit the sinister nature of the film.

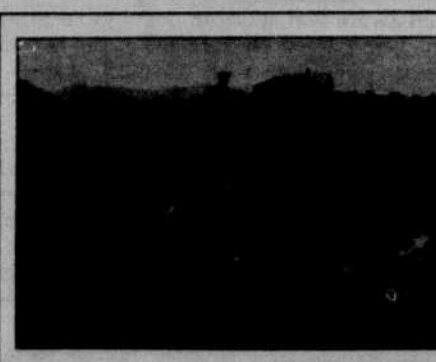
About 11 actors are in the movie and 15 crew members work behind the scenes. Campero said he's the only student on the crew. The crew filmed in

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WEATHER

With nice temperatures and sunshine departing, Eugene should stay mostly cloudy today with an occasional shower. Temperatures should range from the upper 40s to perhaps the lower 50s.



FROM THE PAST

A University military group from 1917 practices the fine art of trench digging where Mac Court now stands.

Archives Photo

MARSHALL DEAD AT 84

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton on Sunday led a chorus of tributes in memory of retired Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, calling him "a giant in the quest for human rights and equal opportunity."

Clinton was "saddened" by Sunday's death of the 84-year-old Marshall, who as a civil rights attorney argued and won the landmark *Brown vs. Board of Education* school segregation case before the high court and later became its first black member.

Retired Justice William J. Brennan, Marshall's friend on the court, said Marshall's "commitment to making the Constitution a vehicle to protect the equal rights of all has no match in American history. I shall miss him greatly."