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## **College of Education still strong**

By Sarah Clark Emerald Reporter

Two years ago this month, the College of Education was punched in the stomach. After passage of Ballot Measure 5, the college learned it would have to shut down its elementary- and most of its secondary-teacher licensure programs and close advanced degree programs in curriculum and instruction.

"This was astonishing because institutions that offer professional education train teachers," said Elizabeth Clewett, director of the college's student support services.

"We experienced a significant identity crisis, image crisis and a need to re-establish a position within the state and nationally," said College of Education Dean Martin Kaufman.

Two years later, the college is finding that position.

Traditionally, colleges of education train teachers for grades K-12, said Kaufman. When those programs were eliminated, many people assumed the entire college was eliminated, he said.

"It made the public say, 'Who are you?"' Kaufman said.

Faculty, administrators and students at the college also wondered about the college's identity. Kaufman said.

The college quickly began losing students and faculty.

By fall 1991, enrollment at the college had dropped by about 1/3 — from 905 students in fall 1990 to 578 students in fall 1991. About 1/4 of the college's students were in teacher education, said Clewett.

Non-tenured faculty in curriculum and instruction also left the school for secure positions else-

## POLICE BEAT

The following incidents were reported to the Office of Public Safety and the Eugene police department from Jan. 19-25.

• A University student was arrested for minor falsely representing age and using another person's driver's license on Jan. 19. The 20-year-old student was arrested at Guido's bar, 801 E. 13th St., after an employee of the establishment phoned the police. When police arrived, the employee pointed out the suspect, who attempted to walk away. When police contacted the suspect, she told them she was 20 and that the driver's license she was using was her sister's.

• A University student reported an assault at the 1300 block of Alder Street on Jan. 19. The student told police he was walking out of the 7-Eleven store with a bag of Smartfood Popcorn. The student was walking to The Glenwood restaurant when a member of a group standing in the 7-Eleven parking lot said, "Smartfood. I guess you need that." The victim said he asked the group if they had a problem. Two members of the group then approached the victim and proceeded to kick and punch him. The victim suffered bruises, abrasions and a swollen left eye.

• The University athletic department reported a theft at Autzen Stadium on Jan. 19. Three 1,000 watt bulbs and other electrical equipment were taken from the top of the stadium. Police said the suspects scaled up to the top of the overhang and took the equipment, valued at \$900. Ten other bulbs were found stashed outside the stadium. Police have no suspects.

• The Phi Gamma Delta fraternity reported an assault on Jan. 23. The suspects entered the fraternity and got into a fight with members of the fraternity. One member was hit in the head with a hockey stick and required 15 stitches to close his wound. Another

where. Faculty numbers have dropped in almost the same proportion as student numbers, from 61.23 full-time positions in 1990 to 36.48 fulltime positions in 1992.

But the losses, though tragic for the people they affected, did not diminish the college as a whole, Kaufman said.

At the time of the cuts, the Oregon State System of Higher Education had conducted a series of supply and demand studies demonstrating that Oregon does not have a shortage of elementaryand secondary-school teachers. The studies concluded that most of the K-12 teachers who would work in the 21st century are already working in the classroom.

The College of Education is now responding to those studies.

The college still trains people to teach foreign languages, speech and special education — areas in which Oregon schools have a need, Kaufman said. But instead of creating new teachers in the other areas, the college's focus is mostly on improving teachers who are already in the classroom, Kaufman said.

For example, the college has a program for Eugene 4J District high-school teachers that gives them skills they need to teach at elementary schools.

The college has always done more than train K-12 teachers. Programs such as education administration and special education were untouched.

Ivan Hernandez, a doctoral student in education administration, said the program he's in is still strong, but it no longer benefits from having curriculum and instruction students in the classroom.

room. "We still have a viable school of education," he said. "It's just at the graduate level.

member suffered a bruised nose.

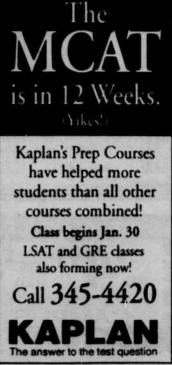
• A University student was arrested for failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, failure to obey a one-way, violation of bike equipment regulations, failure to use a bike lane and providing false information to police on Jan. 25. Police attempted to stop the student when he was observed weaving in and out of both lanes on the 1100 block of High Street. The bike the student was riding didn't have a reflector or a light.

The officer flashed his lights and pulled in front of the student. The officer said the student rode by the police car and said, "Tll be back in a minute." The student then led the officer on a brief chase. The officer said the student said he didn't pull over because he didn't pull over because he didn't have a bike light. The officer said the student then provided two separate addresses, both of which were false.



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