

# Florendo named new advisor

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To help meet the increasing number of students of color who seek advising services from the Office of Multicultural Affairs, a new half-time academic adviser has been added to the staff.

University alumnus James Florendo, an active member of the local Native American community, was selected after a thorough search and interview process that included student and faculty input.

Florendo, who will concentrate on advising students of color who are on academic warning and probation, said he hopes to help get more students of color through school, and to keep more of them in school.

Marshall Saucedo, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, said Florendo's long standing relationship and involvement with the

Native American community in particular will help in the effort to serve Native American students.

"James brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the office, and we look forward to his contributions," Saucedo stated.

Florendo will join two other full-time advisers. In the last fiscal year alone, the staff received about 2,000 phone calls from students, and about 2,500 "walk-in" contacts — about 60 percent of which regarded academic support activities, Saucedo said.

Some students of color have preferred to seek advising at the multicultural affairs office because they appreciate the environment there, he said.

"The fact that they can be advised by another person of color simply enhances the comfort level, and makes it easier to work with an adviser," Saucedo said.

# Officials say budget cuts mean fewer learn

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Budget cuts as large as those sought by the governor would require state colleges and universities to educate fewer students, higher education officials say.

Gov. Barbara Roberts is asking agencies to carve \$50 million from administrative costs in their current two-year general fund budgets. The higher education system's share would be about \$15 million.

That's about 2 percent of the college system's budget of \$668 million for 1993-95. Department officials say they can come up with only \$4 million in cuts.

The governor directed that cuts not hamper basic programs approved by the Legislature. But Larry Large, a vice chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, said a \$15 million cut would leave no choice but to squeeze enrollment.

Spending reductions of that size would "require us to make further cuts in programs and services, including student services," Weldon Ihrig, higher education finance chief, wrote to Roberts.

Higher education officials argue they have taken more than their share of budget cuts in recent years, and one key lawmaker tends to back up the claim.

Senate President Bill Bradbury, D-Bandon, said Friday that past trimming has left higher education with little waste in administrative operations.

"I told the governor in a meeting I thought she was going about this backwards," he said. He said that is because she is setting dollar targets for reductions and then looking to find the cuts.

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dents exchange between the University and Lane, Chereck said, and this trading agreement not only eases the transfer of student transcripts between schools but sets a model for future agreements with other schools.

"I find this all very interesting. We have been extremely pleased with how we have been able to improve our service for students," Chereck said. "In the past, it used to be such chaos and confusion, but now, with a more modern mode of registration, students are starting classes and doing things a lot better and faster."

The installation of Duck Call, combined with the SPEEDE/ExPRESS linkage, is a far cry from the punishment and mayhem of the old McArthur Court registrations where students ran from department table to department table in a rush to register for classes, Chereck said. He said the registrar's office does not miss the stacks of documents from the old days.

Building on projects completed in Florida and Texas, the SPEEDE/ExPRESS is another step toward a national (eventually, an international) standard for exchanging student records more efficiently.

The process of installing SPEEDE/ExPRESS, though still in its infancy, requires the implementation of a standard computer format program and common translation software programs.

The University and Lane funnel their electronic transmissions through a translator mainframe computer located in Rochester,

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N.Y. Each day the institutions check an electronic mailbox for incoming messages (transcripts) and down-load them onto computers at their respective registrar offices.

Though the University is not capable of sending transcripts yet, Chereck said it will be only a short while before it can.

The National Center for Education Statistics, the Council of Chief State School Officers, the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers support the development of the system and plan for long-term provision of services using the SPEEDE/ExPRESS format.

Chereck speculated that within two years most or all Oregon schools, both college and kindergarten through 12th grade, will be electronically linked and thus more readily and easily able to transfer student information.

"The SPEEDE/ExPRESS network is an example of another innovative way that Oregon's higher education institutions are taking advantage of improving technology to do more with less," Chereck said.

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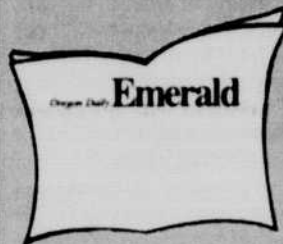
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