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Accelerated math classes to be offered this summer

Math: Courses will help students fulfill math requirements sooner

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University students can now complete three math courses needed for a bachelor of science degree in one summer through accelerated classes that will be offered this year.

This summer, Math 105, 106, 241 and 242 will be offered in a four-week intensive format. The classes will meet for two hours a day, five days a week.

Students could complete a three-course math sequence in one summer if they took two accelerated classes during those eight weeks, while simultaneously taking a regular eight-week math class. Eight-week courses of Math 107 and 243 will be offered this summer at a different time of the day, said Stu Thomas, assistant department head of mathematics.

"We're doing our part to get University students out sooner," Thomas said.

Having the accelerated math program may encourage students to get their math requirement out of the way right after high school, while the high school math still is fresh in their minds. Many college students don't take math until their junior or senior years, and have a difficult time with it, he said.

Frank Anderson, department head of mathematics, said the intensive program ought to be

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What a dish



Mick Suzuki, a senior in business, works on a dish in the EMU Craft Center Monday evening. Registration for spring art workshops at the center begins March 16.

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Brooks kicks students out of their seats at Mac Court

Decision: Athletic director may rope off section to improve view of reserved seat ticket holders

By Dave Charbonneau
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Oregon athletic director Rich Brooks made the decision to kick students out of their seats for blocking the views of reserved seat ticket holders at McArthur Court during Oregon's game with Arizona Saturday.

Brooks said the rows will likely be roped off for the men's basketball team's remaining two home games.

"We may have to rope the seats off," Brooks said. "I don't know what else we can do."

The Ducks' final two home games will be against USC March 10 and UCLA March 12.

Saturday, at halftime of Oregon's 75-71 loss to Arizona, Brooks made the decision to remove the top two rows of students from the floor-level seats behind the baskets because the students, who were standing for the entire game up to that point, were blocking the vision of reserved seat ticket holders.

Brooks said fans in the reserved seats had been complaining all season about students blocking their views, and after observing the situation Saturday, he made the decision to have security guards ask the students to find somewhere else to sit.

"I had suggested that we rope off the seats before the game, but we decided against that, thinking we could maybe make announcements during the game and the students would cooperate," he said. "Once the game started, there was absolutely no way for the fans in the four

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Educational studies major will be available fall term

Degree: Program will offer three areas for students to specialize in

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Beginning fall term, the University will offer an undergraduate major in educational studies.

The major will offer a bachelor's degree in three specializations: learning systems technology, educational and social systems and integrated licensure. Although earning a degree in educational studies won't result in teaching certification or licensure, it will set a foundation for post-graduate work and multiple certification in areas such as reading and early childhood education.

The new major is the result of work done by faculty from the

College of Education, who held focus groups with a number of entering freshmen and undergraduates to help design the major. Students in the focus groups said the three specializations appealed to them as possible majors or career paths.

"We're giving students access to a high quality, innovative major," said Martin Kaufman, dean of the College of Education.

The learning systems technology specialization will prepare students to be technologically literate and to teach children, youth and adults in and out of school. Graduates of the program can be technology coordinators in non-school settings or adult educators in hospitals, elder hostels, the military and a variety of public and private

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GOOD MORNING

► Officials are using a \$480,000 federal grant to fund a pilot project aimed at making sure babies from disadvantaged homes have a healthy start in life.

"Our goal is to get these children ready — physically, emotionally and mentally — to enter kindergarten," said Susie Kent, a nurse with Lane County Health and Human Services.

The three-year project, called Healthy Beginnings, will help about 60 families in Lane County and another 40 families in Coos County. It is one of only eight of its type in the nation chosen for federal funding, Kent said.

Parents or babies with disabilities, teen-age mothers, low-income families and parents with a history of substance abuse are likely candidates.

The program will step in before the baby is six weeks old, providing weekly home visits from volunteers and professionals to teach parenting skills, provide support and advice, and reduce chances of abuse and neglect.



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More than one third of Oregon's children enter kindergarten ill-prepared for learning, Kent said. The figure comes from a 1991 state survey that looked at such things as physical development, immunization rates, number of injuries and visits to an emergency room, and language and behavioral skills.

Kent believes the Healthy Beginnings program can substantially improve rates of normal development among preschoolers.

"The grant gives us the ability to serve a limited number of people. But after three years we

should be able to take our findings to the legislature and say, look what we can do if we have sufficient funding," Kent said.

"We would hope to be able to expand this statewide to all county health departments."

► U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio announced Monday he will seek a fifth term as representative from southwestern Oregon's 4th Congressional District.

DeFazio, a Democrat who has focused on energy and environmental policy as a congressman, said his top priority in Congress will be "building economic opportunities for Oregonians."

DeFazio also pledged make sure President Clinton follows through on promises to provide relief to timber-dependent counties, retrain displaced timber workers and maintain an ecologically sustainable timber sales program.