

# Administration suspends international college

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Communication between students of different ethnic backgrounds and nationalities can be extremely difficult, and for this reason the International College was developed, according to George Sheridan, associate director of the college.

Unfortunately, the college is now in the process of phasing out.

The International College is a pilot project that was started two years ago. The University's goal at that time was to integrate American students and international students into a single college. The International College students not only attend classes together, but they also live together.

"The college's goal in the beginning was to have 50 percent international students and 50 percent American students," said Magid Shirzadegan, an international student advisor and international college faculty member.

This goal, however, was not realized for several reasons.

"ICOLL was started after only one year of planning," Sheridan said. "It usually takes about 18 months of planning before a project gets under way. We jumped into it after only one month of planning."

"ICOLL's first year was rocky," Sheridan said. "When we began admitting students, we were unable to tell them very much about the courses because the curriculum was still in the planning stages."

Sheridan said at the beginning of the program's first year, there was an even 50/50 split between American and international students. However, virtually all of the

international students had dropped out of the program because the course work proved to be too difficult.

Sheridan said the reason for the difficulty was because of a language barrier and a heavy reading load.

"The course work was difficult for American students," Sheridan said.

"And it was practically impossible for the international students. Many of them felt demoralized and dropped out. When we designed the curriculum, we did not take the language and reading barriers into account."

Sheridan said the International College faculty also discovered many of the international students who were admitted into the college did not fit into the program.

"Many international students have very clear-cut goals," Sheridan said. "The program was not suited to meet their academic needs."

He said many international students felt the college was a major and would consist of requirements which would be above and beyond the University's general educational requirements.

"All of the ICOLL courses fulfill the general educational requirements," Sheridan said. "The ICOLL courses aren't added on top of the University's requirements."

Sheridan also said many of the students who arrive at the International College believe it is just a dormitory experience and are surprised to discover they actually have to take courses.

Although the International College has managed to overcome all these obstacles, the University's administration has decided the college is not very high on their list of priorities, said Sheridan. Therefore, it will be suspended indefinitely after the 1996 winter term.

"The basic reason why this is going to happen," Sheridan said, "is because the present administration at the University feels that the International college is no longer needed. The prevailing attitude concerning ICOLL is that it is draining funds from the University."

"Yet one of the reasons why the International College was setup in the first place," Sheridan said, "was to attract funding as well as students and revenues to the U of O."

Sheridan said that he is very disappointed about the college's suspension.

"It seemed that we [the International College] were just getting our act together and then this happened," Sheridan said.

According to Sheridan, Riley Hall, the home of the International College, is going to be converted into an international residence hall after the International College closes.

He said the international college students who are currently living in Riley Hall will be able to stay there.

Currently, the International College consists of 70 first-year students — 57 American students and 13 international students. Twenty students remain from the college's first year, all of which are American students.

The original concept for the International College was conceived in 1992. The idea came from the University faculty and was heavily endorsed by former University president Myles Brand. University faculty, students and administration who worked on the planning for the college thought it was logical to have an international college because the University has traditionally had a considerably large international student population.

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— Higher education leaders and lawmakers from districts with public universities or colleges are trying to convince the Oregon Legislature to keep down, or even freeze, tuition.

Chancellor Joe Cox said if the Legislature can come up with an additional \$75 million to give to higher education in 1995-97, tuition increases won't be necessary.

There would even be enough money to give faculty members their first pay raises in three years and prevent the veterinary school at Oregon State University from closing.

A group of lawmakers headed by Rep. Cynthia Wooten, D-Eugene, and Rep. Del Parks, R-Klamath Falls, have been working to find a way to prevent a 15

percent cut in higher education funding proposed by Gov. John Kitzhaber.

"Higher education has been pruned and gouged," Wooten said. "Unless something is done, we will be the only state in the union to actually cut higher education funding next year."

Kitzhaber's budget called for closing the veterinary school and raising tuition 4 percent during each year of the biennium. He'd spend \$602.8 million on higher education in 1995-97.

But the group, which calls itself the Higher Education Caucus, wants the Legislature to find money where Kitzhaber didn't and head off any further cuts.

The state system has suffered close to 10 percent funding cuts each of the past four years.

Wooten has identified a list of revenue sources totaling

between \$500 million and \$800 million she says the Legislature could tap without raising income taxes.

The list includes renewing the state's cigarette tax, decreasing commissions on video poker machines and keeping \$317 million in unanticipated personal and corporate income taxes.

During the past four years, tuition has increased 66 percent for resident undergraduate university students and 55 percent for out-of-state college students.

A resident undergraduate at the University now pays \$3,268 a year in tuition, a price higher education officials believe is keeping many Oregonians from starting their college careers.

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## Californians fear repeat of fierce January weather

ST. HELENA, Calif. (AP) — A howling Pacific storm lashed Northern California on Thursday, swamping roads, snapping power lines and raising fears of a repeat of January's disastrous floods.

"I think we'll be in a roller coaster situation for at least a day and a half," said Pacific Gas & Electric Co. spokesman Ron Rutkowski.

The utility called in extra crews to deal with more than 140,000 customers without power for at least a short period.

Streams pushed over their banks in many areas. In St. Helena, a small town in the lush wine country, more than 300 people were evacuated when the Napa River overflowed and water began rising around homes, apartment houses and a mobile home park.

"The water just came rushing through," said Don Coffey, 67, chased from his 56-unit apartment building to the evacuation center at St. Helena High School. "I had water up past my waist. I was just able to get out with a few clothes. They are all soaked."

Rain was falling at half an inch an hour or more in the Santa Cruz Mountains on the central coast south of San Francisco, and other areas reported up to 8 inches of rain fell overnight.

Flash flood warnings were posted for Marin, Sonoma, Napa and San Mateo counties, the National Weather Service said.

At least two more storm surges were expected to keep rain falling off and on into Saturday morning, raising fears that this latest winter storm could cause damage rivaling that from more than two weeks of rain in January.

During that deluge, 11 people died and more than \$300 million in damage was recorded statewide.

In the city of Napa, the river rose seven feet overnight, and was flowing less than two feet below its banks. Residents of about 20 homes near

Napa Creek evacuated and were being housed in local hotels.

To the west, near Guerneville, one of the hardest hit communities two months ago, the Russian River also was on the rise, though still several feet below flood stage.

Jim Stephens, 35, stood by the edge of the river in Forestville a few miles away, placing tiny pine cones on a curb. As the river rose, the markers were swept away, one by one, into the murky water.

"There goes another one. It's risen an inch or so just since we started talking," he said.

Fierce winds, clocked at 113 mph on Mt. Tamalpais in Marin County, prompted warnings to motorists of dangerous driving on the region's bridges. All but one lane of the Richmond-San Rafael bridge were shut when a big rig overturned.

In San Francisco, winds fanned the flames of a house fire, killing one firefighter and injuring five other people.

Trees littered several city streets, and officials closed all roadways through Golden Gate Park, a popular route with morning commuters. Two of San Francisco International Airport's four runways were closed by high winds. San Francisco Bay was closed to commercial traffic, as it was on Jan. 6. The last time such action was taken was in 1982.

The California Department of Transportation reported 30 state highways closed due to flooding, slides or other weather-caused problems. CalTrans listed partial closures due to weather problems on 10 other state highways, and high wind warnings on at least 10 state highways.

Major roads closed because of flooding included parts of Interstate 5 in Yolo and Colusa counties, State Route 20 in Colusa County, Highway 101 at the Marin-Sonoma county line, State Route 237 in Sunnyvale and State Route 269 near Huron.