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Pacific offers education program in Eugene

Mara Stine
Oregon Daily Emerald

When elementary and secondary education programs were cut from the University in 1990 due to Ballot Measure 5, students who wanted to become teachers had to go elsewhere.

However, students with a bachelor's degree can now receive a teaching degree and meet requirements for a basic teaching license in one year at the Lane County campus chapter of Pacific University's School of Education.

This campus branch opened two years ago as an extension of the graduate program at Pacific. Before the opening of the Lane County branch, many students from Lane County were entering the graduate program at Pacific's main campus, said program coordinator Mary Anne Gray.

High school or special education teachers need a standard license. This license has the same requirements of a basic license, but requires an additional three years of teaching experience, said David Myton, executive secretary of the Teacher's Standards and Practices Commission.

Gray said the program is beneficial to students who didn't realize they wanted to teach until they already earned a bachelor's degree in an area other than education.

The University's College of Education

program, which was designed to provide basic licensure requirements, was cut as a result of Measure 5, said Martin Kaufman, dean of the College of Education. The college still provides degrees in other areas such as speech pathology, school administration and school psychologist.

A new integrated licensure program, which started this fall at the University, provides students with requirements needed for a basic license, as well as the course requirements needed for a standard license in special education, Kaufman said. This five-year program also provides a bachelor's and master's degree in education.

Kaufman said students can also choose to specialize in teaching children from preschool to third grade, or in teaching reading.

Kaufman said the University's five-year program is ideal for students who know from the start that they want to be teachers.

The University also has a program for students who have earned a bachelor's degree in any area from any college or university, and want to teach a foreign language, music or special education.

Students will receive a master's of arts and teaching degree, as well as meet course and teaching requirements for a basic license, which will allow them to teach kindergarten through ninth grade. A basic

license, which is issued by the state and not Pacific University, requires 15 weeks of student teaching experience.

Neither the University nor Pacific graduate programs provide students with the three years of teaching experience needed to get a standard license, Kaufman said.

The Lane County campus is an option for people wanting to teach areas that are not included in the University's graduate teaching program.

Of the 37 students in Pacific's graduate program this year, 21 are graduates of the University.

Susan Rochester, who has a bachelor's degree in art history from the University, is enrolled in Pacific's graduate program to get her teaching certificate in secondary education.

The University's graduate program does not offer a speciality in social studies, the area she said she wants to teach. However, she said she is benefiting from Pacific's graduate program because it offers a social studies speciality.

Another program at Pacific, which is scheduled to begin in May, will provide teachers with master's of arts and teaching degrees and the course requirements necessary to get a standard license, said Nancy Meltzoff, coordinator of the program at Pacific. It is a two-and-a-half year program.

Council favors construction of East Bank bicycle path

Ben Moebius
Oregon Daily Emerald

The Eugene City Council decided to pursue construction of its East Bank bicycle path as originally planned in a work session Wednesday, despite some objections from the community.

The council voted unanimously to adopt a motion giving the city authority to acquire easements on land needed to complete the trail. This process could involve condemnation or forced acquisition of some disputed areas.

The most disputed private piece of land runs through the grounds of Marist High School, a private Catholic institution.

Jeremy Starr, a member of the board of directors at Marist, said that if the trail crosses Marist school property, security will have to be developed to deal with the crime and vandalism that will accompany the path.

"Anywhere from 2,000 to 4,000 a day people will use the bike path across Marist," Starr said. "This will definitely require security measures and will jeopardize the safety of this

school."

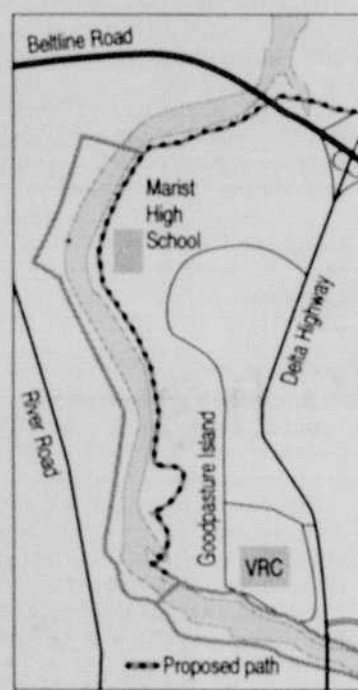
Some residents of the Willamette Oaks retirement center, Island Estates condominium complex and Boulders on the River apartment complex also oppose the motion.

Anita Karns, a resident of Willamette Oaks, said she was afraid the bike path would disrupt the natural areas around undeveloped portions of Willamette River and bring crime to those areas.

However, city council members said they were determined to follow the bikeways master plan, which was originally conceived nearly 20 years ago. "The community in general, and especially the North Eugene area, wants this to happen," Councilman Jim Torrey said.

Councilwoman Lori Swanson-Gribskov said she wanted to "indicate that the city council expects the entire path to be built as quickly as possible."

The city has about \$1.6 million to spend on the project. The city has collected about \$325,000 in system development charges from developers to be used for the project and \$1.3 million in federal funds are also



available.

The total cost of the two-phase project is estimated at \$2.4 million.

Council members again stated that they want the acquisitions to accommodate private proper-

ty owners as much as possible. "I hope we don't make this tougher than we have to," said Torrey. "Let's do this reasonably."

To assure this, the council unanimously passed a motion that will require staff to come back before the council before condemnation proceedings are carried out.

Starr said Marist has hired two appraisers who have valued the land at \$9-11 per square foot. "If the city chooses to condemn," he said, "this could cost them up to \$400,000."

Marist High School's concerns do not arise out of any kind of elitism, Starr said. "We are facing these charges of being an elitist, private school," he said. "The truth is, 1/3 of our students come from families that make \$18,000-28,000 a year."

The plan has generated controversy throughout Eugene with more than 700 letters of protest and 600 letters of support sent to the city council last week.

Torrey said that more than 5,200 people a day are expected to use the new bike path once it is completed.

SENATE

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dental fees.

Sen. Justin Good cast the only dissenting vote.

The original goal statement was rejected March 2 by the ASUO Programs Finance Committee, which meant that OSPIRG had to appeal before the senate. With its statement now approved, OSPIRG will present their 1995-96 budget to the PFC today at 6 p.m. in room 45 of Columbia Hall.

A crowd of more than 50 OSPIRG supporters gathered for the Student Senate meeting, with six supporters testifying before the

senate. Only one student testified in opposition of the group. Applause erupted when the goal statement was approved.

The senate's vote was a victory for students, said Katy Anthes, chairwoman of the University OSPIRG chapter.

"The students prevailed tonight," she said.

The original goal statement was rejected by the PFC because it did not demonstrate, to PFC members, that OSPIRG was beneficial to the development of the student body as a whole, a requirement that all student groups must meet in order to receive student fees.

The PFC recommended, among other changes, that OSPIRG revise its statement to reflect more of the group's activities on the

University campus specifically.

"The original statement only mentioned how OSPIRG benefits University students one time," said Senate President Pro Tempore Martin Fisher.

The new statement mentioned the University a total of 25 times.

The revised goal statement also mentioned fiscal scrutiny, an area lacking in the last statement, Fisher said.

In response to the concern that OSPIRG is biased in the issues it will work on, Fisher said there is nothing in the goal statement that says which side of an issue OSPIRG will represent, and it is the students in the group who decide.

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