

Campus brief

Grant provides faster network connection

The University will add another lane to its information super-highway with the help of a \$350,000 grant awarded by the National Science Foundation.

The grant, awarded to 36 uni-

versities, will be disbursed over two years beginning Sept. 15.

The University will match the grant with about \$300,000 from a fund set up through the Oregon Joint Graduate School of Engineers.

"The Oregon University System set aside match money some

time ago," said Joanne Hugi, Computing Center director.

The money will allow the University to buy bandwidth, which controls the speed of a network connection. The University may also buy networking equipment and link the University's system to other high performance networks.

Hugi said the University will pay Quest Telecommunications to run the new network, called Abilene.

The new connection will also provide better access to other universities that received the same grant or a similar grant, and to federal agencies.

"We just can't deliver the information quickly enough on the current system," Hugi said. "It gives researchers an avenue to use other applications that they otherwise couldn't pursue."

The new network connection will run about three times faster than the current system.



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