

Loans

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Today about 1,600 educational institutions have direct lending programs.

The first group of direct loan recipients from the class of 1996-97 carried an average debt of \$15,288, and its graduates will have to pay a minimum of \$200 a month over ten years, Vignoul said.

A recent survey of 1,098 university students found 79 percent reported student loans were extremely important in allowing them to continue their education. The survey was conducted by Nellie Mae, a private non-profit provider of student loans.

"Our survey confirmed that while student loans have helped

millions of students gain access to a post-secondary education, higher debt is becoming more of a burden for some students," said Lawrence O'Toole, president and chief executive officer of Nellie Mae.

Most students successfully handle their debt burden, said Diane Saunders, vice president of communications and public affairs at Nellie Mae. But for those that don't pay off their student loan payments, Vignoul has a warning: "you ruin your credit."

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News Briefs

Frohnmayr given leadership award

President Dave Frohnmayr received the 1998 Tom McCall Leadership Award on Friday, sponsored by Bank of America in conjunction with its support for Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism.

The Tom McCall Leadership Award was established in 1994. Past recipients are Ken Harrison, Arlene Schnitzer, U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield and Brian and Gwyneth Gamble Booth.

Workshops provide computer training

A series of free workshops that provide computer and In-

ternet training are available beginning today.

The workshops include learning how to use the basic software systems, including Windows 95, Pagemaker and UNIX. The workshops also offer introductions to the Internet, e-mail and research resources.

The Information Technology Curriculum, a joint program of the Library System and the Computing Center, is offering the workshops to enrolled students, staff and faculty.

No advance registration is necessary, but prerequisites should be met for each class.

Training videos are also available on request for those who can't make it to the scheduled workshop.

For schedules and more information visit the library web page at libweb.uoregon.edu/it/.

Oregon author to present slides

Oregon guidebook author William L. Sullivan will be giving a slide show of 15 newly developed hiking trails in the Cascade Range on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in 110 Willamette.

Sullivan explored new trails in the Willamette River area while preparing the completely revised book "100 Hikes in the Central Oregon Cascades," published in March.

For more information about the free slide show, call the Outdoor Program at 346-4365.

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 AND **retirement projections** and incorporation timetables and everything?
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