

Frohnmayers mourn relatives

German relatives of the University president are killed in a European plane crash

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University President Dave Frohn-mayer and his wife Lynn received word Sunday that several members of their extended family in Germany died as they were returning from France in their private plane.

Lynn Frohn-mayer said her family was "utterly devastated" upon hearing the news that two of their German relations had been killed when their plane went down near Lyon, France.

Dave Frohn-mayer is currently in Washington, D.C. and could not be

reached for comment.

The only information she had is that the plane crashed, Frohn-mayer said, and all aboard were killed. Victims of the crash included the University President's cousin Heinz Frohn-mayer, also the plane's pilot, and his teenage son, Paul, as well as another young woman.

Dave Frohn-mayer's parents met the European relatives when they were traveling through the family's ancestral home of Göppingen, Lynn Frohn-mayer said. She said the two Frohn-mayer clans can trace their roots back to the 15th century and quickly renewed their family bonds.

"The two families became very good friends," she said.

The recent plane crash is espe-

cially tragic for the German Frohn-mayers, she said, because the family lost a daughter to a car accident a few years earlier.

Paul Frohn-mayer had lived with the Frohn-mayers in Eugene last year, and the loss of such an "incredible young man" was extremely hard to take, Frohn-mayer said. She said Paul had stayed with the family while he attended South Eugene High School and had excelled at golf, tennis and soccer.

She said even though German had been his native language, he had easily mastered English and was at the top of most of his high school classes.

"He was exceedingly intelligent," she said. "He became a very cherished part of our family."

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and financially able to go to college," she said.

But Deckert said that in contrast to Georgia's scholarship, the Oregon bill would also consider students' financial well-being to ensure that the scholarship only benefits those coming from lower- and middle-class families.

Deckert also said alternatives for the scholarship's funding have been looked at, such as using money from the state's unemployment insurance to ensure that the scholarship wouldn't take money away from need-based grants.

Amy Scholerman, an OSA board member and senior at Western Oregon University, said that instead of working on merit-based programs, the state should focus on ensuring that all students eligible for the need-based grant get money and that it should also increase the amount of need-based money granted.

As a low-income single parent, Scholerman has struggled to pass her classes and work at the same time.

And because of the lack of state funding, her need-based grant only covers two terms of the year. As tuition increases, she has to work even harder to make up for the loss, she said.

"Books and living expenses are increasing, and the need-based grant hasn't kept up," she said.

Currently the bill states that if a student is granted money from both the HOPE scholarship program and the Oregon Need grant, the scholarship will be paid with funds from the opportunity grant.

Melissa Unger, ASUO legislative organizer, said she is concerned about this part of the bill because students with lower incomes who need federal funding would not be helped by the HOPE scholarship.

But Deckert said he plans to amend that part of the bill. He said he would make the HOPE scholarship and the need-based Oregon Opportunity grant be two separate entities, so one would not affect the other.

The Senate Education Committee will discuss the bill later this week and vote on whether or not it should get passed on to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Calendar

Wednesday, April 25

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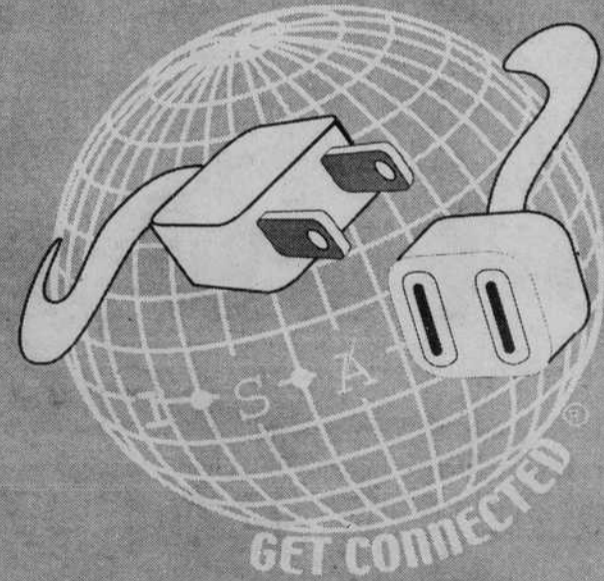
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