

Affirmative action policies under fire

■ A Georgia court decision found one school's admission policies unconstitutional, though it shouldn't affect the University

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A recent circuit court decision regarding affirmative action in college admissions policies at the University of Georgia may have some universities across the country re-examining their policies on the issue. However, the University of Oregon probably won't be among them.

Last month, the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the University of Georgia's Total Student Index, or TSI, system was unconstitutional. The TSI considers factors such as race and socioeconomic backgrounds of students not automatically admitted on the basis of high school grades and standardized test scores and assigns extra points toward those students' admission. While the decision has no direct impact on universities located outside the jurisdictions of the court, it does create concerns for admissions offices throughout the country.

According to Director of Admis-

sions Martha Pitts, the University of Oregon uses a system similar to the University of Georgia for as much as 20 percent of new students admitted each year. The standards for automatic admission to the University for freshmen are graduation from a standard or accredited high school and completion of required coursework, a 3.0 cumulative high school GPA and submission of SAT I or ACT scores.

"About 80 to 85 percent of our applicants are qualified," Pitts told the Emerald last week. "For those who don't automatically qualify, we look at a number of factors, including grade trends, special talents, race and economic background."

The major difference between the University of Oregon's system and the one used by the University of Georgia, Pitts pointed out, is that the University of Oregon does not assign points based on those factors.

"Affirmative action often focuses on students of color who don't qualify (for admission)," she said. "Frankly, that's not the case here."

That sentiment is echoed by Katherine Jernberg, director of admissions at the University's Law School, who said that while the

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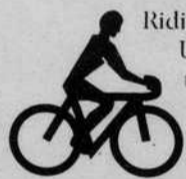
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Riding a bicycle to and from the University campus is a great way to travel. We encourage its use, but we all need to keep in mind the equipment, rules, and regulations to make bicycle riding fun and safe.

Equipment

Make sure the bicycle you are operating is in good working order and adjusted properly.

- ⚡ Make sure the bicycle you are riding is equipped with brakes adequate to skid on clean dry pavement.
- ⚡ Starting one-half hour after sunset a headlight must be visible 500 feet ahead and a red reflector visible 600 feet to the rear. Those who fail to display the light and reflector are subject to citation and fine.
- ⚡ Protect your life, wear a helmet.

Bicycle Licensing

All faculty, staff and students who operate, store or park bicycles on the University of Oregon campus must register their bicycles with the University of Oregon Department of Public Safety. Unregistered bicycles are subject to citation and fine.



Bicycle Parking

Bicycles shall be parked, stored or left outdoors on the University campus only in areas specifically designated by the presence of bike racks or other devices for the parking of bicycles. However, bicycles may be stored, parked or left in any area or room which has been assigned to the registered bicycle owner, e.g., office, residence hall, or student family living quarters.

Bicycles may be cited and fined or impounded if:

- ⚡ Trees, handrails, hallways, parking meters or signs are used as a bike rack.
- ⚡ Parked or stored in such a way that a safety

hazard is created.
⚡ Bicycle is blocking a walkway.



Bicycle Use on Campus

In addition to the state laws and city ordinances governing the operation of motorized and non-motorized vehicles, the University of Oregon has its own set of rules and regulations that must be followed for your safety and the safety of others.

Bicycles involved in a collision are required to render aid as appropriate, call the UO Department of Public Safety, and remain at the scene until released by an officer.

Those who fail to observe the following rules are subject to citation and fine.

- ⚡ Bicycle riders must proceed cautiously at all times, and are not to exceed the posted speed of 15 miles per hour.
- ⚡ Walk your bicycle on sidewalks.
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- ⚡ Bicycle riders must yield right of way to pedestrians and disabled persons at all times.
- ⚡ Bicycle riders shall use the designated bike lane when classes are in session.



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Skating across the University campus can be a fun and easy way to get from class to class. Remember, you share the campus with many others. Roller skate or skateboard cautiously. Here are a few facts to keep in mind as you skate across campus.

Skaters who fail to observe the following can be cited.

- ⚡ A helmet and pads are suggested for safety, but not required.
- ⚡ Use of roller skates or skateboards within University buildings is prohibited.
- ⚡ Aerobatics or other stunts are prohibited.
- ⚡ Users of roller skates and skateboards must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.
- ⚡ All skaters and skateboard users must obey all campus stop, yield, and dismount signs.
- ⚡ Skateboarding or rollerblading is prohibited on sidewalks.



Citation Schedule

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- Impound Fee.....\$10.00
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- Failure to yield to a pedestrian.....\$25.00
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University of Oregon Bicycle Regulations