

News brief

High school graduates get head start

Incoming students with an interest in multicultural issues — particularly Native American issues — will have an opportunity to get an early start on their University experience, thanks to a year-old English department program.

The Native American Summer Bridge Program has awarded 21 high school graduates a free term of classes since it began in the summer of 2000. Each student had expressed interest in the issue of cultural diversity during an essay contest held during their

senior year of high school.

During the summer of 2000, 10 students were given an all-expenses-paid, eight-week enrollment in the program, which included English 240, "Introduction to Native American Literature," English 199, "Native American Issues," and a specially designed section of Writing 121, "Introduction to College Composition."

In March 2001, University President Dave Frohnmayer granted the program additional funding for the summer of 2001. Eleven students participated in the program that term, and by summer's end, University alumnus Keith Swayne had agreed to donate \$90,000 to support

10 students in the program for each of the next three years.

According to English Professor Richard Stevenson, the Office of Admissions is sending information about next summer's program to high school seniors.

Stevenson said he hopes that the program will serve as "an enhancement of interest" in the University for students considering where to attend college.

High school seniors of all ethnic backgrounds are welcome to apply. Information is available at the Office of Admissions. The deadline for submission is March 29.

— Leon Tovey

Air travel

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different now. But there are a lot fewer people, he said.

There are still many people in Eugene who refuse to fly.

"I hated flying before," said Eugene Airport information desk employee Hollie Fontaine. "Now you couldn't pay me to get on a plane."

Fontaine said the new airport security measures have confused some travelers. But more often than not, people are just phoning in to ask how early they need to check in.

"Some people are kind of ticked off about it and don't understand why," she said. "But most people seem to know (about the new security measures) already."

The security measures include

restricting checkpoint access to ticketed passengers, which makes it more difficult to see people off.

"It's tough," said Kim Vanderzanden, a student at Oregon State University. "I'd like to be there at the gate to welcome my friends."

Fontaine also agreed that tighter security can make Thanksgiving farewells more difficult.

"People would like to take their family right to the gate to say goodbye," she said.

However, by only allowing ticketed passengers through checkpoints, the lines stay shorter at the airport. This is important with new security checks, which can include random searches of customer bags and can cause the lines to stretch around the airport. Fontaine said that it has taken passengers as long as 45 minutes to

get through security. There have been reports of lines stretching hundreds of yards, sometimes reaching as far as the baggage claim department.

Signs at security advised travelers to be cautious over the holidays. Only one carry-on item is allowed, and all knives are confiscated at the checkpoint, even personal tools such as Leathermans. Smith, the gift-shop employee, said that travelers often have to leave behind banned items. The store offers to send these items to the traveler's home address. She usually ends up sending 5 to 7 envelopes a day.

"We do a lot of mailing now," she said.

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