

University picked for national study

Oregon is one of only two public research institutions selected for a new project on international education

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The University's efforts toward promoting international education are being recognized in a national research project. The campus is one of only two public research universities in the nation selected for a new research project called "Forging New Connections: A Study Linking International Strategies for Student Learning Outcomes."

The American Council on Education, which is conducting the project, chose the University from among 752 institutions of higher education that responded to an ACE survey in 2001. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is the other research university chosen for the project.

Eight institutions in total will participate in the study, which aims to help colleges implement strategies to broaden their international dimensions, according to a press release.

Todd Lundgren, assistant to the associate vice president of International Programs, said the selection recognized the University's work toward developing an integrated international system during the past several years.

"It's a huge honor," he said. To qualify, schools must have strong international curricula, study abroad programs and services for international students, he said.

"The schools that were chosen had to demonstrate the international nature of their schools across the board," Lundgren said.

According to a statement from the University's Office of International Programs, ACE recognized the University as "one of the most active research universities in the country in advancing internationalization in a wide variety of areas, including offering on-campus student and faculty opportunities, articulating a commitment to internationalization and providing experiences abroad."

Laura Siaya, assistant director of ACE's Center for Institutional and International Initiatives, is the project's

principal investigator. She led a team that reviewed the University programs, conducted focus groups with a random sample of students and visited the campus last November.

The final phase of research will be a Web survey in the spring of all full-time University undergraduates who are U.S. citizens, Lundgren said.

According to the Office of International Programs' statement, the survey will determine whether undergraduates are aware of internationalization efforts and how they make use of available programs.

Lundgren said the researchers hope to publish the project results to coincide with International Education Week in the fall.

The University has a variety of resources that cater to international interests. Apart from an International Studies Program and language programs, many other departments offer some classes with an international focus. The University also has a large study abroad program; students can select from more than 80 overseas programs and study in more than 50 countries, according to the Office of International Programs Web site. During the 2002-03 school year, 775 students participated in study abroad programs.

In addition, the University currently has 1,272 international students from 86 countries.

Desiree Wright, an international studies graduate student, said that the University's efforts are evident in some departments.

"I think International Studies has made strong efforts in building international relationships," she said.

However, she said other departments still need to embrace the internationalization process more fully. She said some teachers could make their teaching more inclusive of international perspectives and address cross-cultural issues.

Lundgren said he hopes the University's international resources are attracting good students.

"We hope students are coming in part to U of O because they think the international curricula is strong," he said.

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Eligibility for Awards

Ersted Award for Distinguished Teaching

The late Mr. A. J. Ersted established the *Ersted Award for Distinguished Teaching* so the University of Oregon could annually honor faculty members "who have taught comparatively short periods and have demonstrated exceptional abilities to induce students to reason and not merely memorize." The Ersted Award is presented only to faculty who are early in their teaching careers (and who have taught at the UO at least two years). This teaching may occur at the undergraduate or graduate level.

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CRIME WATCH

Thefts and recoveries

The Department of Public Safety received three found property reports and three reports of bike theft: one from Hamilton Complex, one from Earl Complex and one off campus. DPS also received one report of a bike impound at the Knight Library, seven reports of larceny and two reports of fraud.

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 9:25 a.m.: DPS received a report of a theft of services and a stolen check at Carson Hall.

Disorderly conduct

DPS received two reports of disorderly conduct, one report of criminal trespassing, two reports of skateboard stunting at the Education Building and Lawrence Hall, one report of an assault and two reports of arrests. DPS also received one report of a hit and run at McArthur Court, 10 reports of a suspicious condition, five reports of a suspicious subject and six reports of vandalism.

Alcohol and drugs

DPS received four reports of drug

violations and six reports of a minor in possession of alcohol.

Miscellaneous

DPS received five emergency call reports, seven alarm reports, three reports of a gas odor from Klamath Hall, two requests to remove a car boot from H.P. Barnhart Hall and from University Street, and three reports of car boots put on vehicles at the Hendricks Hall turnaround, East 15th Avenue and University Street. DPS also received 12 tow requests: three from the Prince Lucien Campbell Hall parking lot, one from the Carson Hall turnaround, two from the Pacific Hall parking lot, one from the Straub Hall parking lot, one from Spencer View Apartments, one from the Knight Law Center south parking lot, one from the University Annex Lot, one from the Music Building parking lot and one from the Hayward Field parking lot.

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 9:53 a.m.: DPS received a report of a subject on a bicycle who hit a vehicle and sustained minor injuries.