

Transfer students risk making financial errors

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Two basic mistakes, most widely made by transfer students involving financial aid, concern improper notification, to either institution, or a misguided assumption that all forms of aid are portable, according to Ron Hoodye, college financial aid specialist.

"Only two forms of financial aid are actually portable, from one school to the next," said Hoodye. "That is the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG), and the state need grant."

Hoodye contended that other forms of financial aid, such as student loans, work study, and tuition waivers are contained within a specific school's funds, and that it is a distinct possibility that students eligible for those funds at one school find themselves in the

cold following a transfer to a different school.

Hoodye illustrated the possibility of the student going back to the original school, only to find that his share of the funds has been claimed by someone else.

As general advice for all financial aid recipients who plan to transfer, Hoodye said, "Make sure you have your award letter firm in hand, and know exactly what you've got."

"One of the biggest problems encountered by students, when applying for financial aid at a four year school is that many of the institutions have the policy of not releasing information about eligibility, until the student has formally applied, which could amount to substantial expense to the student. The costs for this run from \$10. to \$30," Hoodye said.

Oregon student Lobbyists, who encompass all Oregon institutions, are working to

change this policy. They have also attempted to cut down on the costs of financial aid application.

"University of Oregon just changed that policy, for this Winter quarter," said Hoodye.

"It is my opinion that the reason for this is the fact that the president of the OSL is enrolled there."

Linda Branscomb is a student who plans a transfer to Portland State in Spring. A BEOG recipient, she has begun the routine of transferring the funds.

"The first contact that I had with them was last Friday," she said. "They had me fill out some forms, and I saw to it that my Financial Aid Form was transferred to them."

"It sounds very optimistic now, though I will wait till the funds come," she continued. "I hope that they are as understanding and helpful there, as Ron (Hoodye) has been."

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ACU - I winners

A dozen students have been chosen to represent Clackamas Community College at the American College Unions-International Regional Tournament at Oregon State University, Feb. 8-10.

They are the winners of a series of January competitions at the College.

Competing in the billiards tournament will be Ed Bunch and Terry Gatley; in backgammon, Rian Johnson; in table tennis, Tim Titrud, Kheang IV, and Doris Ho; in table soccer, Kevin Barry and Kenny Hedden; in chess, Richard Becker and Greg Kienzie; in frisbee, Wyatt Langley and Jeanette Heisler. The results of the bowling competition are still being compiled.

Thirty-three schools will be represented at O.S.U. from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Canada.

Representing Clackamas at O.S.U. on Feb. 10 in the

Regional College Bowl Tournament will be the winners of the College Bowl competition, which was staged on campus in January. Team captain is Heapie Thacker. Other members are Mike Smith, Joe McFadden, Theresa Westfall and Phil Boitnott. Their coach is D. Andrews.

Day off

Friday will mark day off for College students, when faculty and staff will be involved in an in-service day.

"In-service" days are generally designed to make opportunities available for teaching things that college may require faculty to know, said assistant to the president Howard Fryett.

The schedule for Friday includes a workshop, on zero-based budgeting, which is expected to be applied at the College this year.

Another topic will be a workshop on cognitive mapping, which is a procedure that determines different learning styles among students.

"Theoretically using this method, when a student enters a college he could be tested to see which learning forms compliment him the best," said Fryett.

Legal aid

Starting Feb. 8 the College will have an attorney on campus to serve the student body.

Paul Krause, a retired attorney, will be donating his time to give legal aid, advice and consultation to all students.

According to Associate Student Government President Mike McCarty, Krause will be at the College out this year so they will be able to build a legal aid program of their own in the future.

"This is a project I have been working on for a long time," McCarty said. "We've not enough money in the budget for such a program, so working out some of the details had been a problem."

Krause will be available to students each Thursday from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the student health center. The number for those wishing to make an appointment is 656-2631, ext. 250.



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