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MAX PETERSON CHIEF of the United States Forest Service met briefly with representatives of the timber industry last Friday. He answered questions and talked with the group, most of the discussion concerned Oregon's slumping timber industry.

Foundation in danger of losing exempt status

The College Foundation may lose its non-profit tax exempt status and have to pay back taxes and penalties on nearly \$100,000.

As reported in the February 12 edition of **The Enterprise Courier**, the Foundation violated Internal Revenue Service regulation because of its relationship with a steering committee formed in 1978 to promote passage of a college serial levy.

The Foundation is in trouble with the IRS because its executive director, William Anton, a College administrator, was involved with placing money raised by the citizens steering committee in the Foundation's commercial checking account.

The **Courier** reported that the IRS recommended lifting the Foundation's tax exempt status following a 1979 audit. No official action has been taken since the recommendation was made.

The issue is that a College employee was managing campaign funds at public expense. The College, as a publicly funded organization, cannot

use public funds to wage campaigns for more tax money. Campaign expenditures must be taken out of private donations.

Anton was contacted by **The Print** but he had no comment and referred **The Print** to the Foundation's lawyer, Vincent Cacciottolie, who also had no comment "because an appeal has been made to the IRS and the case was pending," he said.

However, in the **Courier** article, Anton said that it "appears that we violated the law." He also said in the article that the Foundation did not have any way to raise funds to pay back taxes or penalties.

The Foundation was formed in 1970 to help support or supplement College programs that could not be funded out of the College's other revenue sources. Anton said in the **Courier**, the Foundation has donations pending that may be lost as result of the IRS audit.

William Hargadine, associate dean of community services, told **The Print**, "I do not know exactly why the Foundation acted as banker. I

think it was because they were unaware that anything was wrong."

Hargadine said there was still hope that the IRS would not force the Foundation to pay penalties or back taxes. "It's not really a big thing," Hargadine said, "It's not like we were absconding with funds."

The Foundation has been aware that it was in trouble with the IRS for some time Hargadine said, "Naturally we didn't go out of our way to publicize it." He said the Foundation did not act as banker in the most recent election, the 81 campaign.

Anton said in the **Courier** "Our mistake was acting as bankers for the steering committee." In the article he denied that any member of the board of directors took an active role in the steering committee, other than hearing an occasional report on the committee's activities, the article stated. Anton also said in the **Courier**, "We're willing to say we're sorry and we won't do it again," Anton added that he hoped the IRS would "just drop the whole thing."

Federal refugee cuts hurt College students

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Refugees who have been living in the United States for 18 months or more may find their Medicare and welfare funds cut off, said Lee Fawcett, assistant dean of student aid.

There are as many as 160 refugees students at the College. Currently, any refugee living in this country can receive welfare money for 36 months. The new federal law, limiting the eligibility time to 18 months, was originally to be inacted as of February 1, 1982.

Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Oregon, requested a postponement until March 1,

to enable Congress to research the bill. "Despite the delay, I anticipate that the change will eventually go through," Fawcett said.

By law, any refugee who does not speak English fluently and who is on welfare must take English courses. The College offers a program called Survival English, along with Lane, Chemeketa and Linn Benton Community Colleges. All are subcontracted under the Adult and Family Services,

who is contracted by the State Department of Education to provide language training for the refugees.

"I think we have a good program here," Kay Davis, chairperson of the English as a Second Language (ESL) program, said, "Our focus has always been on ESL and the students always seem to learn the language."

The Survival English program is divided into five levels, based on the student's understanding of the language. If a student is enrolled in levels one or two, then that student must take the ESL class and no

other courses.

Students from many different countries are currently enrolled in the program, but approximately 80 percent of the students are from Laos, Cambodia or Vietnam. Other students are from Korea, Mexico, Iran, India, Poland (see story, page 4) and one Old Believer (Russian) from Woodburn, Oregon.

The program started at the College in 1975 and was funded via the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) until 1977. That was the year that Davis joined the staff. The other full-time in-

structor is Molly Williams, a Spanish major. Davis is an English major, with an ESL minor. There are also five part-time personnel in the program.

Within the major cultural group at the College, Laosians, Cambodians and Vietnamese, there are five separate ethnic groups. Among both the Vietnamese and Cambodians are members of the Hmong and Mien cultures. There are representatives from all five groups at the College.

At this time, no one knows exactly how many students would be affected by the proposed welfare cuts.



'No Ties' hits campus for dance

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Joe Meek officially welcomed

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