

Tighter Enrollment Requirements Seen In State Colleges

Portland—(U.P.)—The time has come for Oregon to tighten up its college entrance requirements for state high school graduates, the chancellor of the state system of higher education said today.

Chancellor John R. Richards, in a speech to the City club here, said enrollment in state schools of higher learning had increased by 50 per cent since 1953. In seven years, he said, "the population of our public colleges will have doubled."

Richards said: "The time has come when the board must deny admission to those Oregon high school graduates whose record and test scores—and I emphasize a combination of both—indicate that they are poor risks to complete at least two years of satisfactory study."

Richards said that it was hoped that the junior college system in Oregon could be used to help enrollment problems.

"It is clear," he said, "that not all high school graduates should contemplate four years of col-

lege, and some none at all. Many would be served by enrollment in a thirteenth and fourteenth year in their home communities or entry into a technical institute."

At present any high school graduate is eligible for entrance to a state-supported school.

Richards said that from 1953 to the present enrollments in state schools had risen from 12,000 to 18,000. He said that in 10 years, Oregon State college and the University of Oregon alone will have enrollments equal to those of the entire state system of today. Portland State college will have passed the 5,000 mark, and by 1970 we will be approaching the 30,000 mark."

Richards said these figures, in general, were those on which budget requests to the 1957 Legislature are based.

Richards said the state should not try to exclude out-of-state students. He said this argument "ignores the fact that we already practice selective admission on the out-of-state student

Wildlife Officials 'Can't Recommend' Snake Utilities Dams

Washington—(U.P.)—Two Oregon state wildlife officials said today they could not "recommend" construction of two proposed utilities dams on the middle Snake river.

John I. Hodges, assistant state fisheries director, and C. J. Campbell, chief of basin investigations for the State Game commission, said the dams could destroy annual fish runs valued at \$1 million.

They testified at a Federal Power commission examiners hearing on a proposal by the Pacific Northwest Power company

to build dams at the Pleasant Valley and Mountain Sheep sites.

"No runs of salmon and steelhead have been maintained by passing fish up and down stream at structures of the heights proposed for these dams and we know if no scheme for accomplishing this which carries a guarantee of success by any governmental fisheries agency," Hodges said.

He conceded that "extensive research" is underway on the problem, but added:

"The fish commission of Oregon cannot in the light of its statutory responsibilities acquiesce in the destruction or impairment of a fisheries resource of the magnitude shown . . ."

Hodges said that although the annual worth of fish affected by the dam is \$1 million, the area above the dams could be developed to support a \$4 million catch.

Campbell said there was little chance that artificial hatching could be substituted for allow-

ing the fish runs to continue up the river.

"With few exceptions," he said, "hatcheries alone—even under good conditions—have not maintained runs, particularly of spring chinook and summer steelhead."

State Bar Favors Two More Judges

Gearhart—(U.P.)—The Oregon State Bar late yesterday went on record as favoring two additional judges for the State Supreme Court.

The Bar, in convention here, turned down a proposal that it set up a fund to repay clients for losses suffered through any wrongdoings by an attorney.

Recommendations that the governor appoint the chief justice and that help be employed for the court in its work were buried by votes to refer the matters for more study. The chief justice post now rotates automatically among all members.

Truck En Route To Medford in Mishap

Cottage Grove—(U.P.)—Two Portland men were injured yesterday when a refrigerator truck en route to Medford caught fire a mile north of here.

Luke Harrison, 42, owner of the truck, and Gerald K. Watson, 21, were en route to Medford when a truck tire blew out. The truck crossed the highway and went over a bank.

Cottage Grove firemen were called to the scene and put out the blaze. A passing motorist took the men to the hospital. Harrison was released after treatment and Watson will remain in the hospital for the week end with serious burns.

Southern Pacific Eyes Winter Schedule

Portland—(U.P.)—Southern Pacific railroad currently is engaged in a study of winter schedules on its various lines and an SP spokesman said here today there was a possibility some revisions to coincide with a winter time slackening of passenger business would be made.

The spokesman said, however, reports that the Shasta Daylight

passenger runs from Portland to San Francisco would be curtailed to every-other-day service were "premature." He said a "continuing study of winter schedules" was being made and he emphasized it applied to all services and not to any one particular line.

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