



UP NORTH WE SORT OF NIBBLE 'EM TO DEATH.

Salary Reconsideration

Oregon Schools Must Keep Pace

If We Are to Maintain a Strong Faculty

A recommendation will be made on the floor of the House of Representatives at Salem today which could have a significant impact on the future of higher education in Oregon. A request directing the Joint House-Senate Ways and Means Committee to reconsider their action last week on faculty salaries will be introduced. The State Board of Higher Education had originally recommended an \$8,000,000 salary budget. The governor cut this amount to \$4,400,000 and the committee sliced it down to \$3,900,000. The State Board is accurate in its assertion that the \$1,000,000 gap, which Ways and Means has created, will not allow the University to hold its own "in the competition of the academic market place."

the University to hold its own in comparison to other schools.

We have already seen the Ways and Means Committee increase the student-teacher ratio. Adding the proposed salary cut to it would be a further move toward lower quality education in Oregon.

A strong faculty is synonymous with a strong university. The combination works in direct proportion. The committee action appears to be another slap in the face for higher education. Rep. John Mosser (Beaverton Republican), a capable and intelligent legislator, pointed out last week that cuts in higher education have been deeper than cuts of any other state agency. This would seem to nullify the argument that higher education must endure the same treatment as other agencies.

We are hopeful that the 10-4 vote, which produced the \$1,000,000 cutback, is not indicative of the feelings of the entire legislature. We urge them to reconsider their earlier action which will have considerable effect on quality education. It is time for legislators to accept their social responsibility to maintain and improve our universities, which are on the threshold of becoming great institutions.

We hope that legislators are clearly conscious of the statement of the State Board which indicated that quality education will not be impaired, but that other programs and services may be cut back. The legislature, if it refuses to reconsider, may put an end to important allocations to the crippled children's hospital and agriculture services programs. We are optimistic that the legislature will not turn its back on the faculty members at the state schools who have placed trust in them to meet their important social responsibility. Faculty salaries at the University must keep pace with other school salaries if a University of Oregon degree is to have any meaning.

What the Ways and Means action means is that there will be no increase in faculty salaries. There would probably be no immediate effect since faculty members, many of whom are remaining at the University because they have faith in the legislature and believe that the future is not hopeless, are committed to stay until next year.

Raiding parties from other institutions have not been too effective in their efforts to recruit Oregon's faculty this year, but next year will be a different story unless more money is allocated for the faculty.

Oregon's position in relation to other schools in regard to salary scales is in serious jeopardy. Only a few years ago Oregon ranked seventh in a comparative salary scale of twenty similar universities. Today we rank fourteenth in the same comparative study and if the Ways and Means action stands we may be as low as seventeenth or eighteenth. Salaries at Oregon would then be comparable to those at small mountain or midwestern state universities. The \$1,000,000 increase would only allow

Letters to the Editor

OSU Student Says 'Learn Now Pay Later'

Emerald Editor:

I read your write up of "learn now, pay later."

Possibly you are wondering what to do with the out of state students and the \$900 tuition. Now, I realize that isn't an institution of higher learning you are going to, but a country club. However, you might try to recall the division you were taught in high school. If you have trouble, go see the comptroller, Mr. H. A. Bork, who is on your campus.

- (1) Take the total cost of Higher Education \$104,000,000
- (2) Subtract the cost of building 37 buildings - 41,000,000
- (3) The remainder equals the total cost of Higher Education for two years\$ 63,000,000
- (4) Divide this by two

x 1/2

- (5) The quotient equals the total cost of Higher Education for one year\$ 31,500,000
- (6) Add about \$4 million for the payments on the buildings. (The comptroller can tell you exactly). Subtract donations (see comptroller).
- (7) Divide this by the number of student terms in the system next year, including graduate students, out - of - states, drunken ducks, all full time student equivalents that are predicted.
- (8) Now this is the tuition for next year that everybody pays. How does it compare to \$900?
Gil Drake Tolan
Oregon State University Student



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Non-Resident Concern

OSU Demonstration Illustrates Interest

In Sharply Increased Non-Resident Fees

A little demonstration at Oregon State University last week indicated that on at least one Oregon campus non-resident students are illustrating their concern over the \$270 tuition increase. We noted with some concern that only 60 out-of-state students attended a meeting, which President Flemming called to discuss the fee remission plan. At Oregon State President James Jensen had around 600 students turn out to hear him discuss a similar plan for OSU.

OSU's little demonstration, which involved only 300 students (all Oregon residents) was almost humorous, but at least was a belated way for students to say they disapproved of the tuition hike. If apathy can be correlated with lack of concern, it would appear that the University's non-resident population really doesn't care about increased tuition.

The OSU demonstration was certainly a cautious conservative approach to the concept of demonstrating, usually identified with radical dissident elements. We got a chuckle out of the Young Republicans who went to the student senate there and requested permission to demonstrate. OSU's usually conservative student leaders did not support the demonstration, but went on record as opposed to the tuition increase.

The tuition remission plan which President Flemming explained to his small audience in massive 150 Science last Wednesday is an excellent plan which will make possible for out-of-state students with financial need to return to the University next year. We urge students in need to pick up remission forms at Emerald Hall.