

State Board Governs 7 Institutions

The controlling body of the seven institutions which compose the Oregon State System of Higher Education is the State Board of Higher Education, a nine-member group appointed by the governor. The appointments are ratified by a two-thirds vote of the Oregon State Senate.

Each Board member is appointed for a six-year term. Present chairman of the Board is Charles R. Holloway, Jr. of Portland. The Board usually meets once each month except during August at a facility of one of the higher education institutions.

The affairs of the entire State System are coordinated by a single administrative officer, the chancellor, who is presently Roy E. Lieuallen. The chancellor's office is located in Johnson Hall on the University campus.

Meets Biennially

Since the Oregon Legislature meets only during odd-numbered years, the Board must make its requests for operating and construction funds to cover the two year period between Legislative sessions.

The 1965 session of the Legislature passed in May a budget appropriation of \$127 million for higher education in the 1965-67 biennial period. Of this amount, \$98 million was for operating expenses and \$29 million will go to finance new construction on the state campuses.

Although 25 building projects were approved for the present biennium for the State System, the University only has two on the list.

Two Additions Listed

These are an addition to the Science Building and a classroom, office, and teaching center which will involve additions to Prince Lucien Campbell and Condon halls.

The Legislature approved only some \$2.5 million in state funds for the Science Building project, but recent federal grants, including one for \$4 million received in May from the National Science Foundation, have made it possible to raise the overall project allowance to \$4.8 million.

This means that all but 7,000 square feet of the Science Building expansion will be completed under the revision. No additional state funds are required.

Ceiling Increased

Federal grants from the U.S. Office of Education have also increased the ceiling of the second project from \$1.5 million to \$2.1 million. This project will include

an eight-story addition to Campbell Hall and a three-story addition to Condon Hall. The facilities are intended primarily for graduate students' use.

Construction on the two projects should begin during winter term.

Because of a new policy adopted by the Legislature toward the Board's requests, the University didn't get approval of everything it wanted. In addition to this, the lawmakers always reduce the requested funds to balance with state money available. The Board had requested over \$44 million for construction for the biennium.

Two Categories

Formerly, construction projects for the higher education institutions were listed in two categories. One list included buildings from which no revenue is derived — the purely academic buildings. The other list included facilities financed by borrowing from the state by means of bonds, with the bonds paid off with revenue from the facility.

These latter projects were known as "self-liquidating," because their cost would eventually be paid off from their income. They included such things as dormitories, parking facilities, tennis courts and swimming pools.

But the last Legislature found that it is legal for academic buildings to be financed by using the bonds. So the Board was asked to combine all of its building requests into one master list, putting the projects in order of priority. With this system in use, the academic buildings were given lopsided attention when funds were approved, and such things as dormitories and parking lots were moved further down the long 60-item list.

Board Given Problem

This has presented the Board with a problem, since the University and several other state schools had no dormitory housing facilities on the approver list. Lieuallen expressed concern that the housing shortage will become critical before the 1967 biennium at the University, as well as on other campuses. In late summer, reservations for dormitory rooms were running well ahead of available spaces at the University.

Board Concerned

Since University freshmen under 21 and single must live in dormitories or co-operative houses, this means that upperclassmen will find fewer and fewer rooms available for them in the dormitories.

The Board is concerned about this impending housing shortage, even to the degree that some members feel that the schools should go into the business of running co-operative houses, as has been done at Oregon State University. Greek houses are not expanding to meet the shortage, and the likelihood of having no new dormitories for at least three years poses serious problems here and on other campuses. The chancellor is currently preparing a

study for the Board on the whole housing situation in the State System.

The Board has among its duties such things as approving all salary changes for teachers and administrators in the State System, and changing tuition rates. In October, 1963, one of the greatest financial crises of the Board's history hit when the voters of Oregon failed to approve a tax increase for higher education. The entire State System suffered the

loss of anticipated revenue that year, and operations in nearly all departments of the University were somewhat curtailed.

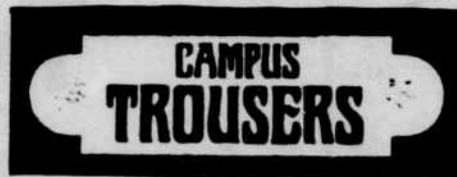
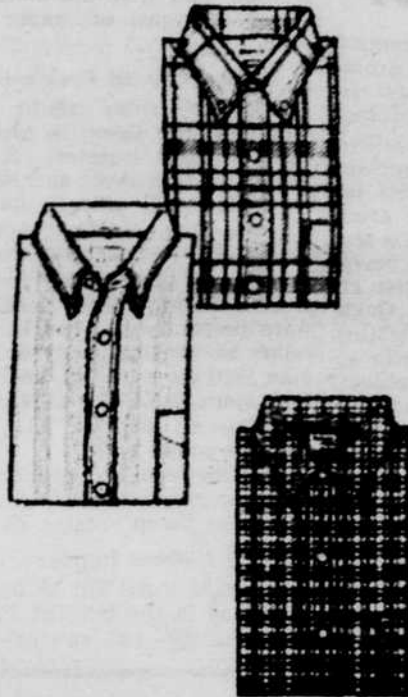
As a result, the Board had to raise tuition the following spring. The rates jumped shockingly — from \$270 per year for residents to \$330, and from \$600 to \$900 for non-residents. The out-of-state tuition level of \$900 places the University among the highest in the nation among state-operated institutions.

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