

# University strained by finances

The "most compelling problem" facing the University is financial, University President Robert Clark told more than 80 persons Friday.

Clark said there are two sources of the problem: the level of state support to the University is lower and some private grants are now expiring and the University has to take over paying the salaries and other expenses that the grant money used to cover.

The president spoke briefly at the opening session of the Oregon Press Conference sponsored by the Oregon Newspapers Publishers Association and the University School of Journalism. The first day's meetings of the two-day conference were held in the EMU.

Following Clark's talk, Carl E. Wilcox, data processing manager for the Oregonian Publishing Co., spoke to the group about the use of computers in newspaper publishing.

Clark said "Relatively, the level of support for higher education is lower now than it was in 1958-59." The student-faculty ratio at the time was 15-1; now it is 18.3-1, he said.

The president said he was in favor of community colleges and of private colleges but that the support for them "has put a strain on schools in the system (state system of higher education).

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Clark said, "If we can hold on for another biennium or two in the quality of our instruction," that he believes the economy (and support for the University) will pick up.

He said the "irony" in the conflict between free press and open deliberation in the HPUP

(Hearing Panel on University Priorities) meetings is that the University has "the most open process that any budget agency in the state has."

He said that the budget group was being criticized for closed sessions because the reasons for the closure were not understood. Discussion in meetings, he said, is 90 per cent about personnel, which requires that they be closed.

When the group makes its recommendations they will be made public, Clark said. Then the recommendations will go back to the departments to be gone over again, he said.

Clark said "top priority is (goes to) instruction for undergraduates."

Carl Wilcox, who has worked with computers in newspapers for nine years, talked about the problems and solutions in acquiring equipment and about present and future uses for computers in newspapers.

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## Tenant rights leader to speak

Jesse Gray, chairman of the National Tenants Organization, will deliver a free public address on the problems and rights of tenants at 8 p.m. tonight, in the EMU at the University.

Gray, who has become nationally-known for his involvement with housing problems, is coming to Oregon to discuss the need for a state initiative measure concerning landlord-tenant laws.

Citizens of Oregon for Decent Housing, (CORDH), a Portland based group, has launched a petition drive to place the measure on the ballot next November.

Gray's appearance at the University is co-sponsored by CORDH, the ASUO Housing Office, the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG), and ASUO Student Community Projects.

Gray began organizing residents to protest state and federal housing practice 20 years ago in New York City.

In 1953, as leader of the Harlem Tenants Council, he fought and won rent control regulations for Harlem that exist today. The same year he won a battle that gave due process rights to evicted rooming house residents.

In 1963 and 1964 Gray led 30,000 residents of New York City in a rent strike to protest poor housing conditions. The strike resulted in establishment of a state law giving residents the right to withhold rent when hazardous living conditions exist.

Gray's discussion of tenant problems and rights will be followed tomorrow with a public hearing on tenant rights at 7:30 p.m., in the EMU (room number to be posted).

Tuesday's hearing is co-sponsored by OSPIRG, the ASUO Housing Office, and the ASUO Legal Services Office.



Jesse Gray

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Directed by Edwin L. Coleman  
Featuring Linda Mixon

Presented by the ASUO Cultural Forum

## Black History Week scheduled

A series of public events will take place at the University today through Feb. 26 in observance of national Black History Week.

Edwin Coleman, assistant professor of English at the University is coordinating local arrangements.

Works by students in his black literature classes will be featured in displays on all three floors of the University Library, which will include poetry, plays, photographic essays, short stories and historical and folklore papers.

Another exhibit will begin Tuesday evening in the Co-op.

First event of the week will be the Tuesday showing of a film, "Nothing But a Man," which is considered by most black critics, according to Coleman, as the "only true film about black Americans." The 1965 film which stars Ivan Dixon and Abe Lincoln, will be shown at 8 p.m. in 177 Lawrence. Admission is \$1.

"Black History—Where We've Come From, Where We Are and Where We're Going" is the subject of the panel discussion scheduled for the

KZEL radio program "Art Pearl versus The World" at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Panelists are Pearl; Bobby Edwards of the Afro-American Institute of Eugene; City of Eugene minority specialist, Lewis Peters; Marge Wright of the University School of Community Service and Public Affairs; and Carol Cross, teaching fellow in biology.

At 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sonja Sanchez, black poetess from New York, will present some of her poetry in the EMU ballroom. Admission is free. Her appearance is a 1972 Festival of Arts attraction.

As part of the program, Coleman will direct one of her plays, "Sister Son-ji," with Lynda Mixon, a University student, playing the lead role.

The final event of the week will be a slide-lecture on trends and developments among contemporary black artists by Alonzo Davis, black artist from Los Angeles.

Davis is co-owner and director of Brockman Gallery in Los Angeles and a teacher. His talk will be at 8 p.m. in the EMU ballroom. No admission price will be charged.