

Group suggests no tuition hike

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Little or no tuition increase for 1973-74 is the recommendation of the University's student-faculty Task Force on Tuition Alternatives.

The task force issued a final report to University President Robert Clark, Dec. 11.

The major recommendation of the committee is that resident undergraduate tuition be established at no more than 25 per cent of the average cost of instruction. Resident undergraduate tuition is presently at 26.6 per cent. However, there are some anticipated increases in cost of instruction. If these increases occur and the maximum percentage is reduced to 25 per cent, the actual amount to be paid by each student will be the same as is being paid now.

A possible minor increase to provide funds for foreign student scholarships was supported by the committee. This increase would be no more than \$1 or \$2 per term and the committee supported the increase if this was

the only way funds for foreign student scholarships could be obtained.

The committee recommended no difference in tuition based on class size, major field of study, or between lower and upper division undergraduates. The report stated, "Students, particularly undergraduate students, should be encouraged to be intellectually curious and to select areas of study based on educational judgments without economic constraints."

In regard to graduate student tuition, the committee recommended there be no increase in graduate tuition for 1973-74 and that the University should not adopt a non-resident graduate student tuition. The committee suggested that the State System outline a definite policy for graduate student tuition that would keep the tuition-cost ratio of graduate tuition on a par with the tuition-cost ratio of undergraduate tuition. The policy of a non-resident graduate student tuition was not supported by the committee on the basis that if the University is to be selective of its graduate students, it should do so on an academic potential rather than on economic grounds.

According to the committee's report, "To be a first-rate University we must have students from a wide spectrum of our society, including from most states, from all economic and social strata and from many foreign countries." For this reason, the committee would not recommend the addition of a surcharge to non-resident undergraduate tuition.

Nine of the task force's 10 members voted to approve the report of the task force. They are Gerald Bogen, Robert Campbell, Paul Civin, Joan Eggleston, John Lallas, Roy Rodgers, Ralph Sunderland and Marshall Wat-

Bill Wyatt, ASUO president, was the only member not to vote in favor of the report. He abstained from voting.

"The differences I have with the report are philosophical," Wyatt said Tuesday, "and further discussion with the task force wouldn't have yielded anything different."

Wyatt said he is "convinced that change is necessary . . . in the whole philosophy of tuition." He said he agrees with the view that students should pay 100 per cent of the cost of their education, and "then money is refunded in the form of a financial voucher on the basis of their income and ability to pay."

Other task force members support the concept of "zero-cost" tuition, Wyatt said, "and that was the beginning of the end the basis of their income and wasn't very effective."

Asked if he agrees with the major recommendation of the report—that of little or no tuition increase for next year, Wyatt replied, "Sure," although he added that he doubted the state board's percentage policy won't be used in future years.

Park board okays convention center

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The Lane County Auditorium Association's (LCAA) proposed civic auditorium-convention center received a shot in the arm Tuesday when the Alton Baker Park Advisory Committee adopted a motion approving the use of a seven-acre portion of the park as the site of the structure.

The approval was given following the defeat of a motion presented by the Master Plan subcommittee which said the building of the structure would be in direct contrast to "the passive nature of the park."

The motion will now be sent to the Lane County Commissioners for consideration. If the commissioners approve the Baker Park site then in all likelihood it, along with the original downtown site, will be submitted to the voters in a special election in March, according to Lee Bishop, president of LCAA.

As stated by Fred Cuthbert, planning consultant for the committee, the motion reads, "The committee approves the concept of the auditorium-convention center as presented in regards to site location and approximate size of the two structures involved contingent upon the development of a satisfactory land swap with the University of Oregon and a firm commitment with the University of Oregon on the use of auditorium-convention center patrons of the west end of the Autzen stadium parking area and that later plans for this development should be presented to the Alton Baker Park Advisory Committee at a later date."

Supplemented to the motion was the stipulation that the traffic flow situation in and around the structure be subject to the commission's approval.

In last November's election the downtown site, along with a \$5.5 million bond measure was defeated by Eugene voters by a vote of 55 percent to 45 percent.

Committee discusses procedures for ASUO Constitutional complaints

The ASUO Constitution Committee met for the first time Tuesday afternoon to discuss procedures for hearing and deciding complaints of students about matters concerning the ASUO Constitution.

Committee member Don Chalmers explained that the committee had been inactive for several years and needed to lay a groundwork before actual cases could be heard. "We have nothing to go on," said Chalmers.

The committee, meeting in Room 315 EMU for a little more than an hour, decided how to hear complaints and the procedures they will use in making their decisions.

First, in cases coming before the committee, written statements concerning the constitutional issue to be considered will be requested from each interested party. Following the notification of the committee chairman that an issue will be heard, the opposing party will have a week to turn in a written statement.

The hearing will take place no sooner than 14 and no later than 30 days following presentation of the issue to the committee. The committee will make a decision on the issue within 30 days of the hearing.

The above rules are subject to approval by the ASUO Senate.



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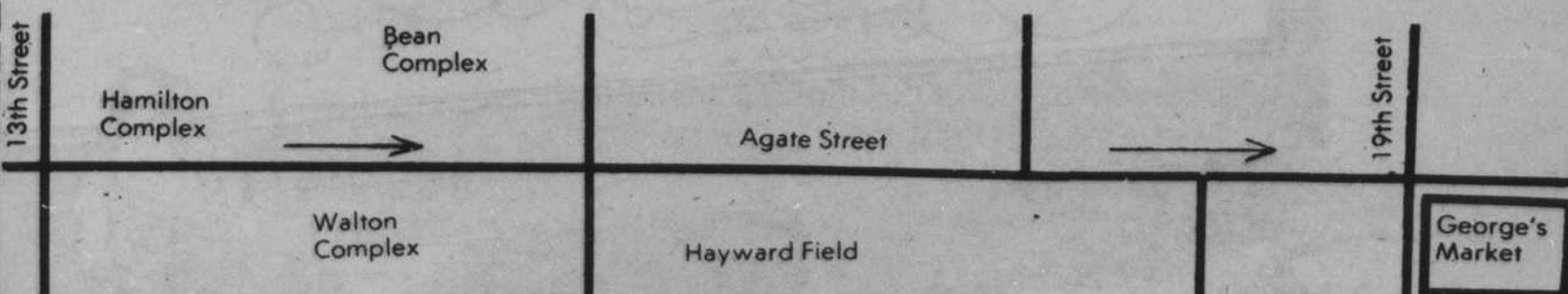
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