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Leo to present budget to Clark

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The '73-'74 ASUO budget proposal will be submitted to University President Robert Clark within the next few days according to Greg Leo, ASUO president.

The original budget recommendation, prepared by the Wyatt-Loveys administration, came out May 9 and has been through a back-and-forth negotiating process between Leo and the Incidental Fees Committee (IFC).

Leo said Wednesday that when he went through the budget he put program budgets into three categories; unconditional vetoes, conditional vetoes where just part of the budget was unacceptable and budgets that were acceptable. The IFC overrode all of Leo's vetoes except one, a request for a \$10,000 salaried position for the Gay Lib Alliance.

The three main items in contention were the EMU budget, the Athletic Department (AD) budget and the IFC salary budget.

Leo said that IFC cut specific items within the EMU budget and he questioned whether students should be changing a budget prepared by the director. "That's what we're paying Dick Reynolds for," Leo said.

The AD budget will be submitted by Leo with the IFC's \$135,000 proposal, with no ASUO liability for student ticket sales. Last year the AD received the same amount, but the ASUO was required to compensate the AD for "underrealized" student ticket sales. The proposed figure may amount to a budget cut for the AD, which would be illegal under the IFC guidelines according to Leo.

The third item of contention is the salaries for the IFC members. Leo said that the IFC came into being when the ASUO senate was dissolved, and at the time it was not made clear whether the IFC was to function year-round or if they were to prepare the budget and dissolve. The IFC members feel their positions should receive compensation for all four quarters and Leo felt the stipend should be based on the fact that the bulk of the IFC's work is done in the winter quarter.

Leo said that he felt this budget was one of the most sophisticated and responsive of any school on the West Coast. He also warned of the possibility that the budget may receive an across-the-board cut if registration does not meet the projected level in the fall.

Minorities not helped, says Chicano leader

The University's minority programs was a main issue at the Tuesday night meeting of the Eugene Human Rights Commission.

Alfonso Cabrera, director of the Chicano and Native American Affairs Center, spoke strongly against the University's policy toward minority students. He said that the money the federal government gave for minority students was given to benefit students in the programs, not to hire affirmative action staff. When the programs are over, the funds that support them stop coming, but the schools are able to keep the equipment.

Cabrera and some of the other Chicano representatives at the meeting felt that the University is committed to bringing minority students to campus, but is not committed to helping them once they are there. Minorities, said the Chicanos, are a great financial investment. They bring

in a lot of money to the University.

Cabrera mentioned the possibility that his group would move off campus as a result of the restructuring of the University's minority programs. An earlier suggestion that the group might move off campus had brought an administration recommendation that if they left, they should move out quietly and without a "propaganda campaign." "Right now we are still on campus on a trial basis," Cabrera said. "We will find out in two or three months if we will stay there." The Commission has plans for further meetings to discuss the matter.

The Commission also appropriated money to put out a brochure explaining the purpose and function of the Human Rights Commission. A sample brochure outlined the purpose of the HRC as insuring equality of op-



Photo by Calvin Jones

A swig of milk is one way to beat the heat and enjoy the sun as skies cleared over Oregon Wednesday.

Foreign student tuition cut halved

Tuition was the key word at a meeting of the finance committee of the State Board of Higher Education Tuesday. The problems came in deciding what to do with it.

A plan to give a tuition break to international students was cut in half as an economy measure and action on proposed tuition increases was postponed until the finance committee could obtain results of legislative action.

The original proposal for aid to foreign students called for up to two per cent of the total enrollment on each campus being eligible to enroll at the resident rather than the more expensive nonresident tuition rates. The committee was forced to postpone the plan for one year as an economy measure. Chancellor Roy Lieuallen's

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proposal to limit the number of students to one per cent in order to avoid tuition increases was accepted by the committee. Lieuallen predicted that full implementation of the plan would cost \$750,000 in lost tuition revenues which would necessitate a 2% per term tuition increase.

Last fall students, primarily from the University, testified in favor of increasing financial aid for foreign students. They feared loss of foreign student enrollment and cultural diversity on campus due to the elimination of foreign student scholarships.

The Board plans to increase the number of international students aided by the reduced tuition up to the two per cent goal during the 1974-75 school year.

On the home front, action on the proposed tuition increases was postponed until the results of legislative action concerning the "entire operating budget" could be acted on by the Legislature, according to Lieuallen.

Staff recommendations had called for an increase in Oregon resident undergraduate tuition of \$10 a term to \$138 exclusive of the other fees. A graduate tuition hike of \$16 a term, to \$226 was also recommended.

Students who participate in a continuing education program at Portland State University and are classified "special students" because of

their fee charge, would face tuition charges of \$2 to \$7 per credit hour, a total charge of \$21 per credit hour for classes. Graduate special students at PSU would have a sliding scale of tuition increases ranging from \$4 (\$71 total) for those taking only one to two credit hours to a maximum of \$9 increase (\$185 total) for those taking seven credit hours.

The finance committee will meet as soon as legislative action on the operating budget has been taken. The Board of Directors are scheduled to consider the proposed tuition increases at their meeting on July 23 and a public meeting is scheduled on that day.

Besides uncertainties with legislative authorizations, future Phase Four price rulings may have an effect on tuition rates. According to Lieuallen, until the freeze ends in August, the Board "won't know how much of a tuition increase we can recommend. We have to wait until the new recommendations are out to make sure we are in accord with the new regulations."

"I'm in favor of some program reductions mixed with tuition increases," Board member Ed Westerdahl, Portland, said. Though he said he was not advocating program reductions, Westerdahl and other Board members expressed reservations about raising tuition rates out of the financial reach of students.

Finance committee chairman John Mosser, Portland, asked that a proposal be drawn up to create different tuition rates for upper-division and lower-division students. Mosser said the State System is drifting toward too great a price difference between its lower division tuition and the tuition charged by community colleges. Similar proposals have been rejected in the past, but Mosser asked that institutions reconsider some type of reduced tuition for students in their first years at college.

Lieuallen felt the different rates weren't a possibility for at least the next year and that they would "almost necessarily require a review by the Legislature. Any such change would have to wait to be effective until after 1974-75." The reason for this wait, he said, is the difference in numbers of upper-division and lower-division students. As there are presently twice as many lower-division students enrolled as upper-division students, in order to cut costs to lower-division students by \$100, for example, costs to the upper-division students would have to be raised by \$200.