

28 per cent tuition increase proposed

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A 28 per cent tuition increase for resident undergraduate University students plus increases for out-of-state and graduate students have been proposed by the chancellor's office of the State System of Higher Education.

That recommendation, along with three other alternatives for increasing tuition income, will be the prime topics of discussion by the State Board of Higher Education's committee on Finance, Administration and Physical Plant, meeting in Portland today.

If the committee were to recommend the proposal to the full Board, and the board accepted the proposal, tuition for resident undergraduates at Oregon's three universities would increase tuition 21.68 per cent, from its present \$143 a term to \$174 a term for the year 1975-76. The year after another 6.32 per cent increase

would be added on, bringing the figure to \$185.

For non-residents the increase would be 13.85 per cent the first year, an increase of \$78 from \$563 to \$641. A year later, another \$43 would be added on, reflecting a 6.71 per cent increase.

For graduate students, the two year increase would be 26.03 per cent, from the present \$235 a term to \$299 in 1976-77.

Students at the state's colleges would have a much easier time of it. For example, the first years' increase would be only 1.4 per cent, from \$143 to \$145. The next year would see a 6.21 increase from \$145 to \$154.

None of the figures include various other fees, such as building fees, health center fees and incidental fees which are assessed on an institutional basis. For example, at this University, with the proposed tuition and fee rise, a resident undergraduate student would pay \$222 a term for the first year and \$233 in 1976-77.

He or she now pays \$191 to attend school for one term.

The increase is needed, according to Vice-Chancellor Freeman Holmer, because of Governor Straub's proposed higher education budget which shows a need for nearly \$5 million more in tuition income over the last biennium. According to the governor, another \$6.7 million will be needed to balance the books in 1976-77.

He also said the total tuition and fees now paid by college students is higher than that paid by university students. Holmer said incidental fees and fees for the student unions and athletic departments take more of the students' money at the colleges.

"That seems somewhat inequitable", he said. "We're trying to end up with approximately the same level at both," Holmer continues.

The reason the chancellor's office is recommending the increase

be distributed in the way it has proposed, is because, according to Holmer, it costs more for instruction at the University level than at the college level.

However, he said, the increase would not be "out of line" considering the increase in price of other goods and services.

Besides, he said, "The universities have had no trouble getting their enrollment figures up to their ceilings. In fact, they've had to control their enrollments because of the ceilings."

Valerie McIntyre, the chairperson of the finance committee, said, "I'm really uncomfortable with the whole thing. I'm also the only member who's voted consistently against any tuition rise."

McIntyre, a student at the University, and one of two students on the Board, was also upset about the fact that the increase for out of state students is almost eight per cent less than that proposed for residents.

Emphasizing the "have" she said, "In-state students have to have the benefit of any tuition raise; the people who are hit the hardest have to be out-of-state people."

She also said the Board must begin examining some priorities and make decisions based on those priorities.

First, she said, must come in-state students who have themselves or through their families paid taxes to support the institutions. Second are lower-division students who may not have the income or employment opportunities of older students.

"We have to sit down and start making some wide policy decisions, not just approve tuition increases every term," she said.

It is expected that contingents of students from both the ASUO and the Revolutionary Student Brigade will be attending the meeting to speak to the committee about the proposal.

DeLore's top concern EMU, student lobby

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Cutting the EMU budget and concentrating student lobby efforts are two major concerns of ASUO presidential candidate Ed DeLore. A former co-chairman of the Coos County Young Democrats and a four-year Navy veteran, the 26-year-old DeLore is the director of the Association of Government Dependent Students.

"The EMU is being funded to such a huge extent it's becoming a detriment to the students," he said in an interview Wednesday. "If we cut them back it will force them to operate more efficiently."

He considers cutting EMU funding back as much as 50 per cent and channeling remaining funds directly into the programs. He said that under the present system every cent is tied down and the programs are inflexible.

"It's about time we got off our duffs and stopped being quasi-apolitical," said DeLore, a junior in finance. "We need a well organized campaign to get funds." He suggested that student collective bargaining could come through the formation of a student union. He admitted it would take several years to establish an effective union, but the base should be an open and responsive executive.

Disagreeing with the new policy of appointing a vice-president, DeLore has named Robert Darby, director of ALERT, as his running mate.

A firm believer in an education that will offer employment, DeLore said he would like to institute a student evaluation handbook of faculty members. He also favors a committee of students and faculty from given departments to decide on promotion and tenure. DeLore said students should have more input in departmental affairs.

If elected, he emphasized the importance of organizing the executive around the program directors and the Office of Local State and Federal Affairs, the focus of a student lobby.

"I would like to arrange more cooperation and communication between the executive and IFC," he added. "We should not work at cross-purposes and have two separate sets of criteria for funding."

DeLore said he would buy student seats from the athletic department if necessary. He believes it may be time for Oregon to consider getting out of the Pac-8. DeLore says because the Ducks cannot compete with the southern California schools in football, University teams should go independent.

He listed three priorities for his selection of staff: 1) he would choose the people whose past performance he is familiar with, 2) salaried positions would depend on those who need money, and 3) they would have to demonstrate the ability to do a job and go to school also.

"The only way students can respond is if the ASUO is more responsible to the students," said the presidential hopeful.

Ed DeLore



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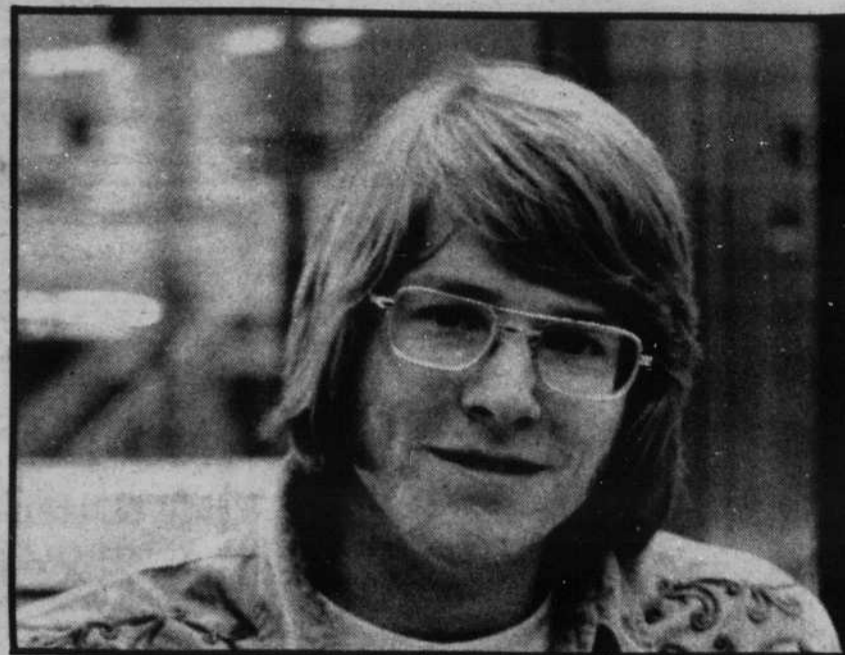
Collective bargaining— Bernau's critical issue

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Talking with ASUO presidential candidate Jim Bernau leaves one with the impression that the man has wanted this job for some time.

Bernau, a junior in political science from Roseburg, has a sharply organized campaign. When he speaks of his determination to overhaul ASUO government for the students he attacks the issue directly.

"My main thrust is to provide a new, refreshing approach to student government," he says. "And that means exercising greater student decision-making through



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participation in the academic sector of the University."

Bernau says he would like to increase the activity of the Associated Oregon Student Lobby (AOSL) and the ASUO government in state legislative affairs.

"We must lobby heavily to fight tuition hikes and to get student participation in the collective bargaining process, protecting our independent interests," he said.

"We need to adjust the legislative priorities," he said in talking about the former obstacle, "Not only do we need to be getting a better education dollar-for-dollar, we cannot get out-priced."

He calls the collective bargaining issue "critical."

"The student body president should know exactly what is going on. That's where I feel have the edge over the other candidates."

Among a long list of past positions involving him in ASUO projects and activities, Bernau was an organizer of the Eugene-Springfield Tenant's Union, where he said he gained experience in lobbying. He was also this year's administrative assistant for University affairs.

Bernau is presently attempting to push through the University Senate a mechanism which, according to him, will improve the school's teaching performance.

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