

University tuition hike twice national average

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College and university budget makers across the country have had a rough time keeping up with rising costs and rising enrollments during the last four years. The average institution has just barely kept its budget even with inflation, according to a recent survey by the National Institute for Education Statistics (NIES).

This University, though, has fared better than most, the survey indicates. Total revenue here climbed by 30 per cent since 1973 while the national average rose just enough to match inflation — 22 per cent.

But the higher-than-average revenue gain here is not an entirely rosy statement about the financial picture of Oregon higher education.

For one thing, though revenue growth is accelerating, the state of Oregon falls far below par in the average number of tax dollars allocated per student. Moreover, students here will face 1976 tuition increases that are nearly double the national average hike, according to the College Scholarship Service (CSS).

Though tuition is rising, state tax support remains the mainstay of support for this University's educational costs. The NIES survey shows that although Oregon ranks thirteenth among states in the percentage of its tax revenue appropriated to higher education, it ranks only thirty-third in actual

dollars allocated per student. Two major factors help explain this state's lackluster rating.

First, Oregon has more students attending state colleges and universities in proportion to its total population (41 in 1,000) than do all but four other states, the survey shows.

Second, Oregon just doesn't collect enough tax money to support higher education at a level comparable to other states, the survey indicates. Oregon collects only 85 per cent of its potential tax revenue, while the average state gathers 95 per cent.

The students' cost for education is also being forced up across the country, according to the CSS report. Students will find themselves saddled with an average eight per cent cost increase when they register next fall. The survey identifies student costs as including room and board, tuition and special fees. It found tuition would climb at a rate proportionate to other charges.

At this University, tuition will hike 12 per cent next year, while room and board costs will be up about nine per cent.

The cost increases here do not put Oregon tuition out of the range of other states. University of California tuition, for instance, will be about \$650 next year while this University's tuition will be \$775. The survey shows, moreover, the proportion of total education costs which students here support — about 25 per cent — is very close to the national average.

New baggage screening rule

Airport implements control

"Selective quality control" is the Eugene airport's answer to the new Federal Aviation Administration baggage screening rule.

A spokesman for United Airlines at Mahlon Sweet Airport said, "The FAA has asked us to be more stringent about checking baggage effective April 15." He says prior to the April 15 ruling, airlines had the option to check all baggage, but now they are required to check all traveling bags.

United Airlines will implement a control that "anybody could be subject to," the airline official said. However, he would not divulge the actual method of control. "As far as we're concerned, that information is classified," he says.

Ed LeShane, of Air West Airlines said the company will comply with the ruling by enforcing a control procedure that "will cause little convenience to anyone."

The FAA ruling is a move to prevent explosives from being carried in baggage in the cargo holds of commercial airlines.



Drawing by JoAnn Fahlgren

Nineteen fail safety test

Nuke technicians flunk

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP)—United Nuclear, operator of the idled "N" reactor at the Hanford Atomic Reservation, will retest Tuesday the 19 technicians whose test failures forced a shutdown of the reactor, a spokesman said Sunday.

But, in what apparently is bargaining gamesmanship between the company and the technicians, one of the technicians reportedly says five days isn't enough time to bone up for the test.

The 19 technicians failed Thursday a portion of a written safety test required every two years for recertification under a contract between United Nuclear and the Energy Research and Development Administration. The technicians take a portion of the test every three months.

There are 21 technicians involved but two are on vacation, the company spokesman said. Ronald Robinson, United Nuc-

lear president, ordered the reactor shut down a day after the tests. The effect of the shutdown on the Northwest's power supply apparently is minimal.

The technicians, represented by the Hanford Atomic Metal Trades Council, currently are involved in wage negotiations with the company. The contract, which runs into 1977, has a wage-reopener clause that expires April 28.

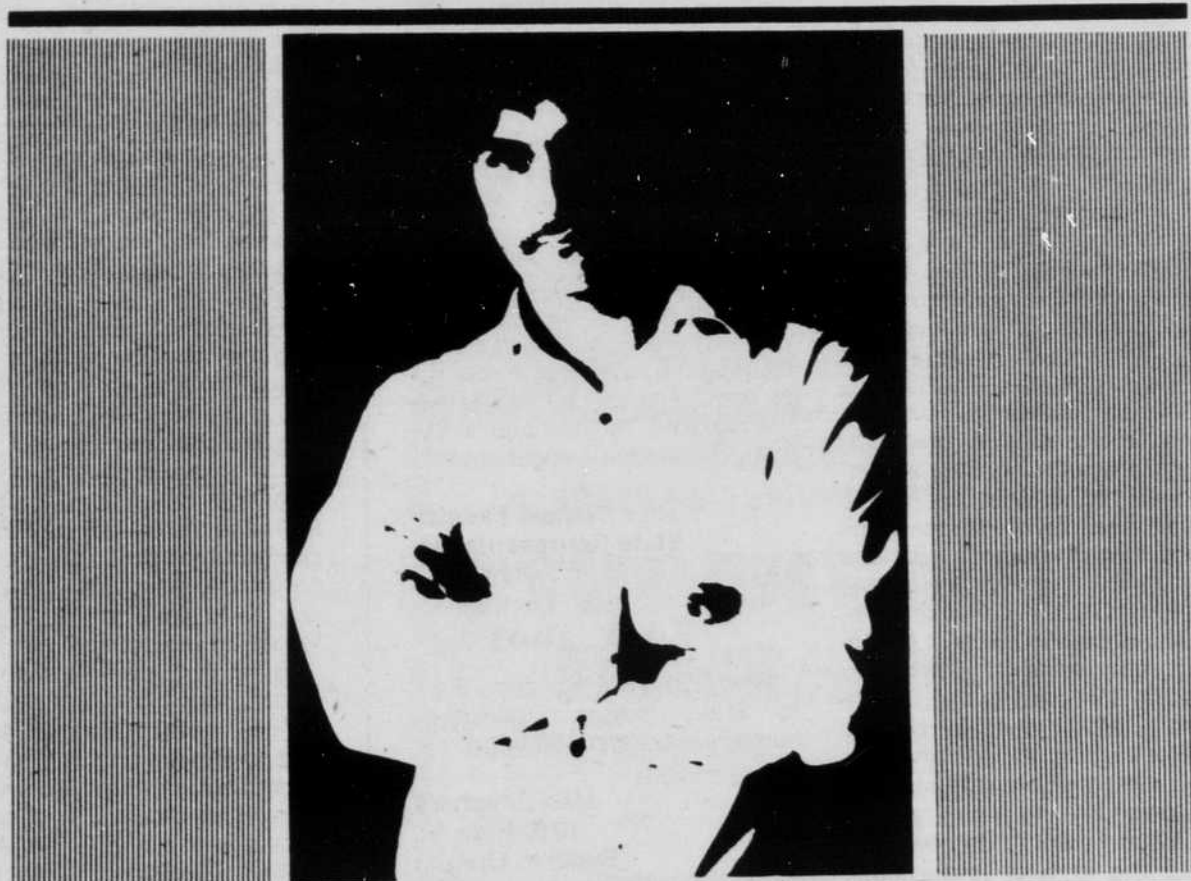
Lynn Watson, spokesman for United, said under the ERDA contract, any technician who fails a portion of the test has up to 60 days to retake and pass the test. However, he said he did not know whether the test could be taken more than twice.

"It's up to conjecture what would happen if they fail again Tuesday," Watson said.

Union officials were not immediately available for comment.

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