

Increase possible

Last Thursday, April 29, the finance committee of the State Board of Higher Education recommended no tuition increase for the 1977-79 biennium. Committee member Robert Ingalls termed the vote "hypocritical" because the board has recommended no tuition increase for the last three bienniums and yet tuition has gone up every year since 1971. While the committee's recommendation may not be hypocritical, it is at least unrealistic.

Each time the legislature has refused to fully fund the board's budget request, the board has been forced to increase tuition to make up the difference. Experience should have taught us by now that when the legislature is faced with a tight money situation, higher education is one of the first areas to feel the axe.

Rather than repeating this spring's frantic, last-minute effort to reduce the tuition increase, the time to start searching for ways to trim the budget and ways to influence legislative actions is now, before the committee's recommendation goes to the full board for approval on May 25. The ASUO Executive has already identified two overly-fat areas in the proposed budget; over-duplication of programs and top-heavy administrative costs.

Even with a trimmed-down budget, however, it is still possible that students may be faced with a tuition increase for the next biennium. Our best bet for keeping this increase as low as possible is for students to begin working now. The ASUO Executive and other student groups, such as the Revolutionary Student Brigade (RSB), must unite and begin their lobby effort. Two years from now anti-tuition demonstrations will do nothing to hold back tuition if specific plans aren't made now.

Letters

Trowel raised

I've been an ardent follower of the ASUO scene for the past three years, and I think its time for me to raise my sandbox trowel and be recognized.

Tuesday's headline, "Davis granted retrial on new info grounds," is why I'm taking my Hobo Kelly magic glasses and crushing them into minute bits. I believe that the time has come for me to stop trying to understand the "Peanuts", world of ASUO politics, and especially those people of the *Emerald* who cover their trite traumas.

These past few weeks of journalistic coverage and editorializing have led me to believe that Charlie Brown and Linus are bringing Piggpen to trial for not cleaning up his act; and that Lucy is standing in the corner of the jury sandbox writing a story for her kindergarten class.

If this letter seems to border on the absurd, remember: a lot of us, so called, constituents of University student leaders are very tired of reading about some sandbox traumas that student govt. has gotten into.

A lot of us wonder why the *Emerald's* ASUO coverage borders on the edge of the absurd and why this whole damn election process has been run so absurdly.

In conclusion, I offer the suggestion of moving all the cartoons to the front page (that way the reader will be able to scan the paper for vital information quicker).

Robert Hastings
arch., jr.

be that he never uses the EMU, attends any campus movies or never has need for legal services. If so, we think he is an extreme minority. The *Emerald* believes that students have a right to know how their money is being spent and who is going to do the spending. And, if the ASUO stories do not interest you, turn the page—certainly something in the paper will be of interest.

Didn't yield

We would like to congratulate Jim "Izzy" Whetstone on his moral victory in the ASUO primary elections. It is important to note that only 2,000 of the University's 16,000-plus students cared enough to cast their ballots, even when these ballots were mailed to their doors. The other 14,000 students are, of course, the natural grass roots of the Apathy Party and they were not swayed by campaign rhetoric. They stood firm. They did not yield.

Izzy, don't be discouraged; this is a mandate from the people. Think of the great mass of students rising in a titanic groundswell to sweep this campus clean of pretention and bureaucratic self-importance. They gain converts each and every day. Right on, Izzy! Reductio ad absurdum!

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arch., jr.
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Reply welcomed

Editor's Note: Every year most students pay \$76.50 to the ASUO for funding of student programs. It may be that Mr. Hastings does not have to worry about money or it may be that he is not involved in any student organization or it may

As a resident of north wing, seventh floor of University Inn, who was forced to flee the April 30th fire there, I want to express my opinions on the fire and on quotes (ODE, May 3) attributed to Leo Brasseur of the UO Physical Plant.

Iran: a future Vietnam?

On Sunday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m., The Iranian Student Association at the UO will sponsor the "Iran Night" — a series of programs pertaining to the present political situation in Iran. By presenting these programs, an attempt will be made to analyze the socio-economic and political conditions in that country under the Shah's regime, the oppressive nature of that monarcho-fascist regime and the reaction of different strata of the Iranian society to this oppression. The analysis of this very last point requires a thorough understanding of the causes of the movement in Iran, the most radical and dynamic part of which is the revolutionary armed struggle which began in 1971. Since the media and the press in America have been relatively silent on this matter, we feel obligated to put more emphasis on this very last point. This movement, we believe, has significant implications for the U.S., and therefore, we urge everyone concerned in the community to participate in our activities.

What makes this issue a significant one? Iran is a leading Middle Eastern petroleum-producing country which has existed under the Shah's brand of fascism for the last twenty-two years. The Shah, who came into power in 1953 as a result of the first CIA-engineered coup in history (it is well documented in the western press), was able to overthrow Mossadegh's independent and democratic government which had ended the British influence in Iran. Mossadegh could not be tolerated by America and the west because he did not defend the interests of any imperialist power in Iran. This is precisely why Anthony Eden, the British Prime Minister at the time of Mossadegh's fall, once said, "The news of Mossadegh's fall from power reached me during my convalescence when my wife and I, with my son, were cruising the Mediterranean between the Greek Islands. I slept happily that night." The Shah, on the other hand, has tried to safeguard western corporate interests since 1953. Using American military advisors, he has built himself a very strong and modern army, together with a 65,000-man Gestapo-type secret police force (SAVAK), through which the Iranian people have been denied the most basic human rights and live under a reign of terror and repression. No opposition is tolerated by the Shah's regime, and SAVAK utilizes jailing, torture and execution to contain and crush any movement willing and capable of undermining the perpetuation of the Shah's rule or the interests of western monopoly capitalism. This explains why, in the last few years, over 400 Iranians have been executed.

Oil is the most important single commodity for the economies of the western industrialized nations. Since over 60 per cent of proven petroleum reserves in the world are known to be in the Middle East, the "security" of the petroleum-exporting countries of the Middle East is of vital importance for the western powers, led by the U.S. The importance of oil, the departure of the British forces from the Gulf in 1970, and the exis-

tence of a Vietnamese-type revolutionary movement in the Gulf area (Oman) have expanded the Shah's role to safeguard the imperialist interests in the whole of the Gulf region. This new role is a reflection of a recently reformulated American foreign policy designed by Henry Kissinger (the Nixon Doctrine) to cope with the newly emerged problems. As Kissinger states, "To act consistently abroad we must be able to generate coalitions of shared purposes. Regional groupings supported by the U.S. will have to take over major responsibility for their immediate areas, with the U.S. being more concerned with the overall framework of order than with management of every regional enterprise." The mere selection of Iran as the gendarme of imperialism in the area stems from such facts as the existence of a very strong and modern army, a large population, and as compared with her neighbors, the possession of a relatively strong economic infrastructure and a larger strata of technocrats, and finally that the Shah has proven to be a reliable watchdog for Imperialist interest.

These two roles, given to the Shah by the U.S. and other Western imperialist powers, has caused more dependence on Western industrialized countries by Iran and has diverted the Iranian socio-economic structure from its natural and historic path which certainly would have been conducive to the creation of a just society, an equitable distribution of income, and the elimination of poverty and other social evils. It is therefore imperative that the Iranian people rise and overthrow such an oppressive and reactionary regime. The existence of 40,000 political prisoners (according to the Sunday Times of London, Jan. 1975), many of whom are under torture or awaiting execution, is certainly a response to the unbearable conditions in Iran. Moreover, in 1971, the Organization of People's Fedayee Guerrillas took up arms and since then, together with Mojahdeen and other revolutionary organizations, they have waged an armed struggle in their attempt to create conditions under which a total transformation of the Iranian society would be possible. To them, an armed struggle is the only possible way to overthrow the Shah's regime and thus put an end to imperialist influence. The fact that the Shah's army is being advised by thousands of American military advisors, that SAVAK agents are being trained by their American counterparts, that Iran is a watchdog for American imperialism in the area and that Iran functions as an economic base for the U.S. in the region will make inevitable a Vietnamese-type of American involvement, while the Iranian struggle will become more intensified. No wonder Richard Helms resigned as the chief of the CIA a few years ago to become the American ambassador in Iran.

In light of the above, we urge your participation in the "Iran Night", Sunday, 7:30 p.m., EMU Ballroom.

Iranian Student Association
Ahmad-Mobarez

First, I'd like to express appreciation to Keith Mountain, Art Sullivan, John Eigenraam, Jeff Smalley and other Inn residents who discovered the blaze and contained it to one room.

Second, I wish to state my strong unhappiness with the fire bell system. When the bell first rang, it sounded just four strokes, then quit. Also, it's not a very loud bell. Charles Harris, complex director for the Inn, has told me that fire horns have been ordered, but he has no idea when they'll arrive. Hopefully these horns will be louder than the bells and will be installed soon.

Third, there is the failure of the smoke detectors. There are three detectors in north hall, and theoretically there was enough smoke in the hall at the time I left the building to set them off. Brasseur says they were checked "last week," and implies that student vandalism led to their failure. The latter is a rather lame excuse, since seventh floor residents are mostly juniors, seniors and grad students unlikely to commit vandalism, and since not one, but all three failed.

In conclusion, I hope these problems will be remedied and I welcome any reply from responsible authorities.

Perry E. Buck
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Down to business

I'd like to thank all the business students who expressed their interest in the conditions of the college of business by voting in the SUAB elections.

Now it's time to get down to business. My name is Kim Defenderfer and I invite any business majors with any suggestions or problems to let me know about them. My office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. I will be in Suite 4 in the lower section of the new wing of the EMU. If you can't make it, please leave a message at the SUAB desk (686-3728) and I'll get back to you.

Couldn't leave without thanking my essential friends who put out a lot of energy to pull me through.

Martin (the Kid) Giudici, Benny Barnes and Ted Wray.

Kim Defenderfer
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Of all things

It was surprising to read in Anita Hale's letter of April 20 that: "No citizen's vote is allowed by LCDC on these matters of law pertaining to land, air and water. The Big Seven have allowed only themselves their exclusive vote on these matters of Oregon law. LCDC allows citizen involvement to be merely 'comment.'"

Mrs. Hale is the wife of the mayor of Coos Bay, so she knows what is going on down there. The irony of it is that Coos Bay applied to LCDC for an extension of their planning deadline, because their plan (out of hundreds submitted) was the very first to be rejected for (of all things) inadequate citizen participation!

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