

University gets \$665,000 aid from Salem

SALEM — The University budget was given a \$665,000 boost by the State Emergency Board here Thursday.

The additional money came as a result of the Legislature's promise that no state college or university would lose more than its one percent base budget because of faltering enrollment.

The University, along with Southern Oregon State College and Eastern Oregon State College, were exceptions to this rule because the Legislature also "underfunded" its salary positions.

The Legislature usually underfunds state agencies in terms of the money needed to finance all their authorized positions. The theory is based on the idea that certain salary savings will be derived because of delays in refilling vacancies that occur.

But Higher Education and University officials contended they were underfunded twice.

The approach taken by the board, however, was not as encompassing as Chancellor Roy Lieuallen's \$900,000 proposal.

The board accepted the recommendation of the state executive department to offset the underfunding only at those institutions most severely hit by budget cuts.

Approximately \$400,000 of the University's increase will come from higher-than-expected tuition received by other state schools. Higher education officials estimate they will receive \$1.7 million more in tuition receipts than they originally budgeted for.

Apparently that increase is a result of more out-of-state students enrolled in Oregon universities. The \$400,000 will be used to restore the one percent base budget promised by the Legislature.

The board agreed that \$540,000 of the \$1.7 million should be used to offset future tuition increases.

The board also recommended that state schools be able to spend their income received from federal payments from financial aid and special fees.

'We need good laws'

Women gather again to show ERA support

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There were women of all ages, but most were in their late '30s or '40s. Most were well-dressed, and many looked as if they had been to the beauty parlor the day before. All had red, white and blue name-tags with the letters "ERA" in large, red felt pen letters.

The women gathered at Oregon's ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) Day Celebration, sponsored by the Oregon chapter of the League of Women Voters (Jan. 26) in Salem.

They came from all over the state to attend a reception, complete with coffee, punch and cookies, in Gov. Bob Straub's office. Pat Straub, Oregon's first lady, Betty Roberts, Appeals Court judge and Norma Paulus, Secretary of State, addressed the crowd.

Besides giving the

amendment's supporters a chance to band together and express support, the convention proved that in the debate over passage of the amendment, it is Phyllis Schafley and her group of ERA foes who are the radicals, not the supporters of the amendment. Annabell Kitzhaber, Oregon president of the League of Women Voters, stressed that the league has joined the battle for ERA in the hopes it could lend an air of respectability to the amendment. Their goal is to develop a "positive public image for ERA," Kitzhaber said.

The governor's wife opened the panel that followed the reception.

"What women need more than anything right now are good laws," Straub said, "laws that guarantee to a young woman that she can have an equal chance to obtain the education or training she needs for a career."

"The Declaration of Independence says that all men were created equal," she stressed. "Women weren't mentioned. That's the main reason we need ERA so badly. Time after time, courts throughout the country have handed down rulings that indicate women are not whole persons under the law."

Straub said that supporters should do everything possible to campaign for ratification of the amendment in state legislatures that have failed to do so. Approval by only three more states is needed to put the amendment into operation, but it must occur within a year to become law.

Roberts, a long-time figure in Oregon political circles, said, "Never must we think that because Oregon has ratified the ERA our work is done. We are here to demonstrate that we are still willing to work incessantly to pass the ERA."

Roberts emphasized that ratification of the amendment will not

automatically solve all the problems of discrimination that women face. But it will be "another step in the legal process in which we are working to bring about those goals" of sexual equality.

"For ERA to succeed, we must form coalitions of supporters," Roberts said, adding that the first group women must enlist as supporters is, "believe it or not, men."

"We cook for them, mother them, share job responsibilities with them — and we sleep with them." After a brief pause, she added, "We have every opportunity to show them they need the ERA, too."

Paulus stressed the importance of voting for legislators who have good records in regards to sexual equality. She said it is meaningless to vote for a woman solely on the basis of sex.

"If we want men to be non-sexist, we must be non-sexist, too. It does us no good to elect women who are not qualified," Paulus said, citing Washington Gov. Dixy Lee Ray as an example of a woman she feels is less than ideal for her job.

Paulus spoke directly to the accusations of anti-ERA forces that the ERA will destroy the family unit. "Equality and mutual respect and dignity do not destroy the family," she said. Another stumbling block she sees in the way of the ERA is that "religion is taking on a new importance in the lives of Americans." This religious revival is of a fundamental nature which stresses the traditional roles of women, warned Paulus.

And as the women gathered around the large ERA donation barrel, shuffling through pocket purses and contributing lunch money, one woman made a remark that should prove to the skeptics just how middle American belief in the ERA is: "Everybody has the same problem — they all left home without money from their husbands."

Poor women lose abortion benefits, with restrictions

SALEM — Oregon women on welfare are not eligible for abortion benefits, the Legislative Emergency Board ruled 8-7 Friday.

State welfare officials had proposed several restrictions on the welfare abortion policy in an effort to reach a compromise to preserve non-therapeutic abortion privileges for lower income women.

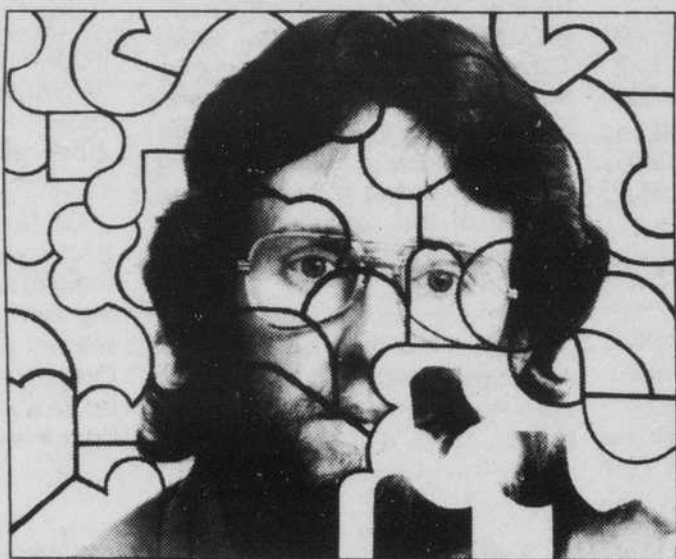
But the compromise effort failed, and only federal sanctioned abortions — those following incidents of rape or incest or when the mother's life was in danger — will be allowed.

The welfare division was denied \$1.6 million, which would have paid for an estimated 4,500 abortions for welfare recipients during the next 18 months, or the rest of 1977-79 biennium.

Gov. Bob Straub called the decision a "denial by the Emergency Board of human rights for the poor women of Oregon."

"The issue is not whether there should be abortions," Straub said. "Abortions are legal in Oregon, but the board has decided that legal abortions will be beyond the reach of those who are poor."

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