

Rhodes presents new plan IFL reaffirms subsidy

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The Incidental Fee Committee reaffirmed its decision to subsidize athletic tickets at 15 percent next year after hearing testimony from more than 30 students Friday night.

Much of the testimony centered around student fear that ASUO programs would be cut because of increases in the athletic department's budget.

"I don't mind paying incidental fees," said Carol Queen, director of the Gay People's Alliance. "And I don't care if the athletic department gets some of that money, but if there's going to be a choice, I want it to be on the side of the programs that help students."

Many of the 50 students who made the meeting the most well-attended of the year also echoed

the feeling that athletic passes only benefit 4,000 students while ASUO programs can benefit more.

IFC member Dusty Rhodes presented a proposal based on a 15 percent subsidy that would, he said, insure maximum student access to games, reduce ticket scalping and cut the athletic department budget.

Rhodes' plan consists of three ticket packages; one for all six football games available to 6,000 students for \$14.35; an "A" schedule for eight basketball games available to 4,000 students for \$19.60 and a "B" schedule for eight basketball games available to 4,000 students for \$19.60.

The basketball games would be evenly divided, Rhodes said, adding that the popular UCLA and OSU games would be on separate tickets.

The plan, Rhodes said, will

shave \$28,000 from the athletic department budget, holding it to an .81 percent increase over the current budget.

"We can't cut one program completely off," said Rhodes after the meeting. All areas of funding — the EMU, ASUO and the athletic department, will have to prepare themselves for cuts, he says.

If Rhodes' plan is not accepted and the current structure is kept with a five percent subsidy cut, combined football-basketball ticket prices would rise to about \$53 for students.

The athletic department is asking for a 12.9 percent increase, the ASUO, a 21.7 percent increase (including eight new programs) and the EMU, a 14.1 percent increase. These combined budgets total \$1,813,248 — \$301,134 over anticipated incidental fee funds.



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SALEM — Last week, Gov. Vic Atiyeh was forced to withdraw his nomination of Dr. Kelly Woods as director of the Department of Energy. That his appointment was foiled angered Atiyeh, and in a Thursday press release he accused the Senate of caving in.

"A small group of citizens, the Trojan Decommissioning Alliance, have pressured the majority of the Senate to accommodate their special interest in this matter."

At a Friday "media availability", Atiyeh repeated his charges explaining what he based them on.

"Just some conversations I've had and the organized effort they made. I congratulate them on a very fine job, but in fact they did."

The governor didn't back down from his statements when reminded that at a January news conference, representatives of the Oregon Environmental Council, Common Cause and the League of Women Voters expressed skepticism over the use of the Woods appointment.

"I made those statements," said the governor. "There's no reason to retract them now."

With that, Atiyeh ended the

discussion.

"The statement I issued yesterday was comprehensive and I see no reason to make any more."

In a Friday release, the TDA acknowledged "Atiyeh's compliment," but declined to accept it.

"A wide range of groups and individuals throughout Oregon — concerned with the well-being of rate-payers, senior citizens and the environment — actively opposed the nomination of Kelly Woods," said the release.

The group then wondered if Atiyeh was trying to limit public input.

"Some members of our state government, notably the governor himself, appear to resent the significant participation of the public in the process of government, especially if their cause turns out to be successful."

One subject discussed during the Woods debate was whether the governor had the power to appoint a temporary director without subjecting him or her to the confirmation process.

Atiyeh argued that since Woods' appointment was only a temporary one, confirmation wasn't necessary.

Attorney General James Redden disagreed.

"Since no fixed term is provided,

any appointment as Energy Director is in effect temporary," Redden's former opinion on the matter says.

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According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, more agricultural land was sold to foreigners in Oregon in the last year-and-a-half than in any other state. The USDA says 130,000 acres were purchased by foreign interests between Jan. 1, 1977, and June 30, 1978.

But the figures vary depending on the source and Rep. Bud Byers, D-Lebanon, introduced legislation requiring foreign owners to register their purchases with the state.

"We need to have some more background on whether or not we do have a problem," says Byers.

Byers' bill is less extreme than one introduced in the House by Clayton Klien, D-Central Point, HB 2513 and in the Senate by Sens. Ted Hallock, D-Portland and Ted Kulongowski, D-Junction City, SB 473. The House bill would prohibit agricultural ownership by foreign nationals or corporations and the Senate measure would limit that ownership to 40 acres.

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