

Foreign student tuition hikes 'unhealthy politics'

As the politics of tuition increases continue to gain momentum, one sees pressure being piled on a particular brand of student — the foreign student. Last year it was on undergraduate foreign students whose tuition reached the 100 percent mark. Within the same period tuition differential was introduced for out-of-state graduate students. By implication the latter increase meant an increase for the foreign graduate students who in no way have the opportunity of enjoying a resident status.

The latest 110 percent hike proposed by Gov. Vic Atiyeh — the state's chief executive tends to suggest that foreign students are not wanted in this state and the logical step to take is to price them out of the academic market. For the governor, it might be a safe politics to play; hence, he decided to use foreign students who lack voice and sufficient interest group support as sacrificial

lambs. The long range effects of this parochial mentality have been highlighted by the foreign student advisor, Dr. Mills, President Boyd, Chancellor Roy Lieuallen, Oregon Student Lobby and some articulate legislators. There is no point repeating them here.

One secret I want to share with all concerned is that more than 50 percent of the foreign students who come to Oregon system of higher education whether they are graduates or undergraduates, are attracted by the foreign students who are already enrolled in the system. The proposed "campaign" against foreign students in the guise of tuition hike has the adverse effect of not only encouraging the current foreign students to transfer to other less expensive institutions (particularly the undergraduates) but also discourages future enrollment into the system as a whole thus exacerbating the

enrollment crisis and other budgetary chain reactions.

While the foreign students may lack political voice, they still retain their existential choice-making power to continue their education elsewhere in United States. Fortunately, this great country provides tremendous alternatives. But most of us love Oregon in general and Eugene in particular and would love to continue our education here.

It is in this light that I wish to express special gratitude to those who have stood behind the "voiceless" foreign students particularly President Boyd, Chancellor Lieuallen and Dr. Mills who have used their good offices to enlighten the policy makers regarding the long term effects of the contemplated tuition hike. I hope that other well meaning individuals will join the administration in stopping this unhealthy politics. A university of this size and prestige is

much more than a "provincial" establishment. Budgetary crunches should not force us to make it one.

The current 876 foreign students enrolled in U of O bring to this campus international aroma in both academic, cultural and social dimensions of life here. Anybody who thinks that this wonderful intermingling does not make a difference is deceiving him/herself.

If the proposed tuition hike for graduate foreign students passes, one can be assured that the above enrollment figure will face immediate decline of more than 50 percent and may likely fall in a geometrical progression in future. A wise policy can offset this ugly situation.

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GTFF backs ethnic studies

It has come to the attention of the Executive Council of the GTF Federation that the full-time, qualified teaching of African-American history at the University is likely to be phased out after next year. We find this lack of commitment to a diverse curriculum to be inexcusably ethnocentric on the part of a supposedly "pluralistic" University.

Moreover, the failure to guarantee that such a course will continue to exist on a full-time basis in the future, actually serves to promote the social discrimination against minority peoples by taking a "hands off" approach to the problems of racism and black people in particular.

Instead, we believe education needs to combat ignorance with a genuine concern for social equality. Toward this end we stand 100 % behind the Black Student Union, and other minority groups, in their endeavor to retain indefinitely a full-time position for an Afro-American historian at this University.

In concert with the BSU, we urge all concerned GTFs and students to write letters demanding that Afro-American history be taught here on a fully funded, three term basis. Direct letters to the History Department, Dean of Students, Provost, President of the University, and through the media, to the public at large. We have found that only broad support can guarantee that responsible action will be taken.

Executive Council
Graduate Teaching Fellows
Federation

Who to tell about nukes?

I am impressed with your newspaper's attempt at keeping the public informed of current nuclear issues. In almost every issue, there is at least one article of the hazards or related topics on nuclear power.

As a senior in biology, I have studied some of the awful mutagenic effects of carcinogenic substances (such as nuclear radiation) on living cells. I would like to take some action against these pollutants, but like most people, I have no address or even names of governmental representatives to whom I could write to express my concern.

It seems rather useless to continue depressing the readers of the Emerald with threats of further radiation poisoning without some alternative. If you could include the names and address of whom to contact, I'm sure it would be greatly appreciated by all concerned citizens.

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Editor's note: In its columns, letters and editorials, the Emerald regularly discusses a variety of environmental issues, including the problems accompanying nuclear-power technology. While some of these items include the names of individuals and organizations concerned with these issues, not all of these stories describe how to contact them. Listed below are the address of some (but certainly not all) of persons and



groups concerned about nuclear-power topics.

Trojan Decommissioning Alliance
348 W. 8th
Eugene, OR (687-2557)

Survival Center,
Students for a nuclear-free Future
and OSPIRG
Suite 1, EMU (686-4356)

Washington Public Interest Research Group*
(studies on Hanford Atomic Reservation)
Student Union Bldg. FK-10
University of Washington
Seattle, Wash. 98195

Oregon Environmental Council
2637 S.W. Water Ave.
Portland, OR 97201

U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield
Or U.S. Senator Robert Packwood
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

U.S. Rep. James Weaver
211 E. 7th
Eugene, OR (687-8827)

Sen. Ed Fadeley

(Chairer, Senate Environment
and Energy Committee)
Room S217
Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97310
(382-8812)

Rep. Nancie Fadeley
(Chairer, House Environment
and Energy Committee)
Capitol Building
Room H286
Salem, OR 97310
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