



Hendriksen mourns higher ed cuts

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The condition of higher education funding "can only be described as horrendous," Rep. Margie Hendriksen, D-Eugene, told an EMU audience on Saturday.

Hendriksen held a no-host brunch at the University to voice her opinions on education funding issues at the Legislature and answer constituents' questions.

Gov. Vic Atiyeh's proposed \$480.9 million budget for higher education would exclude capital construction funds and limit faculty-salary equity increases, Hendriksen said. This projection is based on a 15-percent tuition increase.

"We're excluding people who have intellectual ability but no means to pay for education," Hendriksen said. "This is serious in light of federal aid cut-backs."

And inadequate equity increases in faculty salaries could force University professors out of the state system, she said.

"I think our faculty has other places to go."

University faculty members

requested a 13-percent equity salary increase in the 1981-82 biennium, but Atiyeh's budget would give them only a 6-percent increase.

Atiyeh's proposal is "death by inches," Hendriksen said. Instead of bleeding higher education across the board, the state should maintain quality programs and eliminate others, she said.

And Hendriksen called for the consolidation of duplicate educational programs. For example, teacher education training is offered at seven different colleges and universities in Oregon, she said.

But eliminating state educational programs and insti-

tutions is difficult, Hendriksen said.

Hendriksen is sponsoring or co-sponsoring several bills related to higher education. One of the bills, HB 2965, would require any higher education program to submit an affirmative action plan with its budget request.

"All statistics from student organizations are very dismal. The majority of women and minorities are in fixed-appointment and non-tenure tract jobs," she said.

Hendriksen voiced strong opposition to the bill that would designate campus security officers as peace officers. Campus security personnel would be able to carry guns and make arrests if the bill passes, she said.

Feminists hold annual meeting this Saturday

"Women's rights are under enemy fire," and the Oregon chapter of the National Organization for Women will be circling the wagons at the University during its third annual conference this weekend.

Oregon NOW treasurer JoAnn Een says the Republican Party has "gone back to its very old conservative line, and it's forced many of us to say, 'Here we are and we have to do something about it together.'"

The conference will emphasize feminism as a non-partisan, cultural movement rather than a political movement, says Een, who is also conference coordinator.

The conference will begin Saturday at 8 a.m. and conclude at 1 p.m. All conference events will be held in Carson Hall.

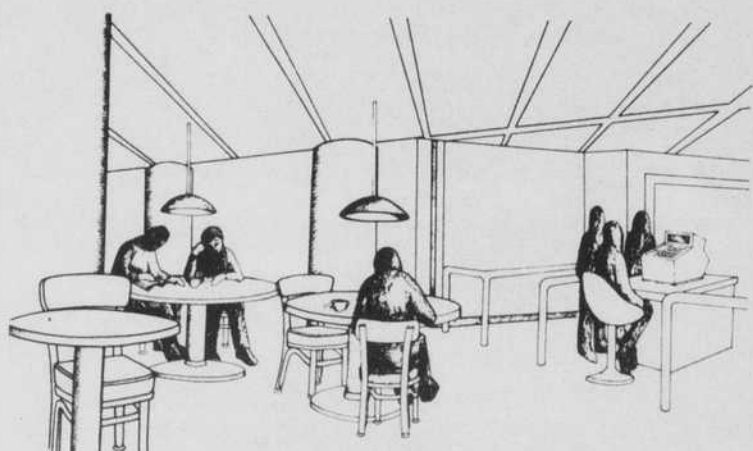
Keynote speaker will be U.S. District Court Judge Helen Frye. Frye will speak on the Equal Rights Amendment and the Human Life Amendment, which would constitutionally prohibit most abortions.

The conference will include workshops on violence and women, women's issues and the New Right, self-defense, the Equal Rights Amendment and the "Mormon conspiracy," and the Human Life Amendment.

The fee for the conference is \$15.

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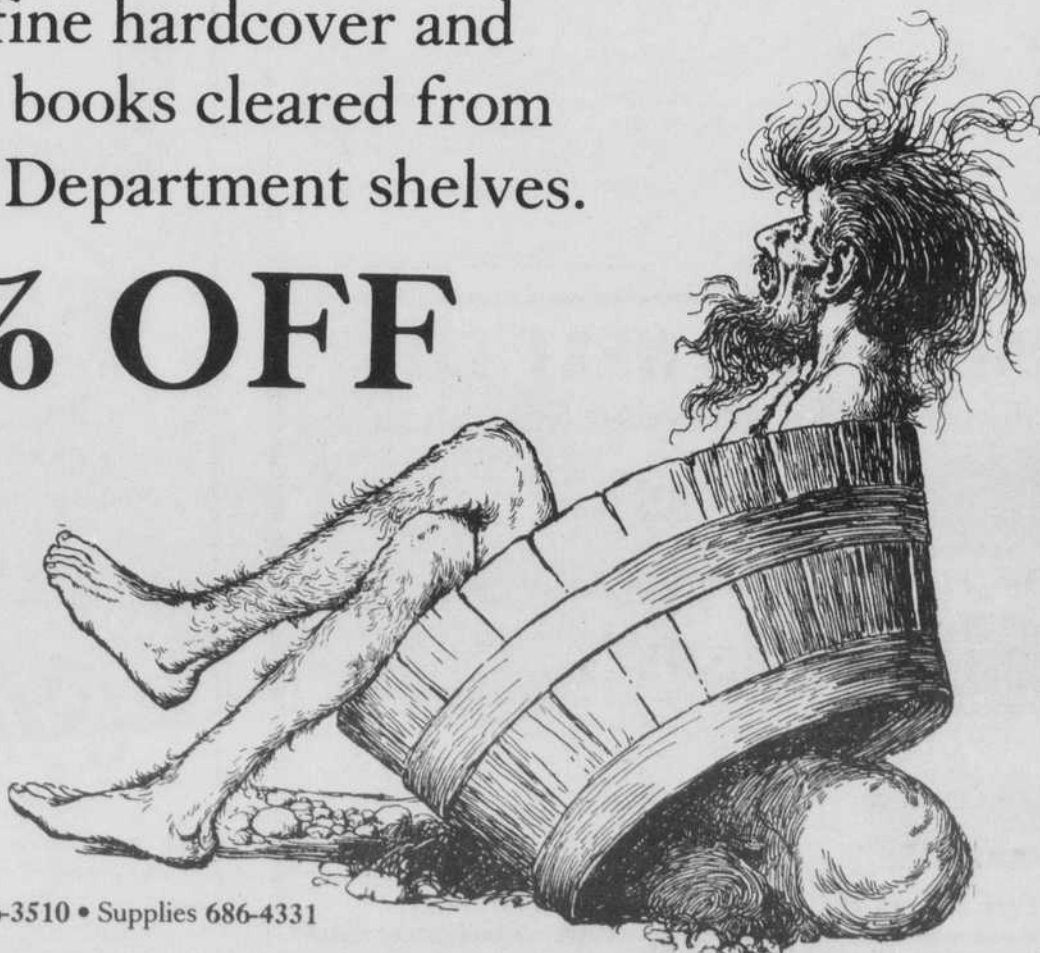
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