

\$86 million poorer than expected

# Oregon's budget looks bleaker

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SALEM — The state's revised revenue estimates came out Tuesday, and Oregon's budget future is looking bleaker by the month.

According to the Executive Department, Oregon's economic picture for the 1981-83 biennium is \$86 million worse than predicted in March. The department says a further 3-percent reduction in Gov. Vic Atiyeh's proposed budget must be made unless additional taxes

are raised.

The 3 percent is in addition to the 10 percent the Legislature says should be cut from Atiyeh's budget to ensure that his proposed \$240 million tax package won't have to be approved.

After the announcement, House Speaker Hardy Meyers, D-Portland, said that any meaningful revenue increases would have to come from higher income taxes.

Meyers was asked why the Legislature is considering new taxes when there is over \$538

million budgeted for property tax relief.

"Assuming that no revenue is raised, the property tax relief plan will come under additional pressure," Meyers acknowledged. "However, I think it may be somewhat oversimplified to say that it makes no sense to raise revenue to sustain property tax relief."

"If the program is maintained, the state would continue to place on the income tax some of the weight of property taxes which aren't keyed to income. That is the approach we've ta-

ken for a decade now," he said.

Senate Pres. Fred Heard, D-Klamath Falls, agreed that the relief plan substitutes income taxes — progressive money, meaning those that make more pay more — for property taxes — regressive money, meaning everyone pays the same percentage.

"We simply overextended ourselves in 1979 to preclude the passage of a more regressive kind of tax proposal," said Lieuellen.

Some legislators also are speculating if the dismal revenue revelation will have an effect on the length of the legislative session. Meyers said that an effort to generate new taxes would have little impact.

"I personally think that the thing that would lengthen the

session most would be if you were to say there would be no new revenue and we're going to extract \$86 million from the remainder of the budget."

## Correction

Students sending letters to state legislators should mail the letters directly to the Capitol instead of to the home addresses listed in Monday's Emerald. This should ensure delivery before the Ways and Means Committee finishes its budget deliberations. The correct address is:

Legislature  
State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97310

## Dean lists average GPIs

The University dean of students office has released the scholastic achievement rankings of fraternities, sororities and cooperatives for winter term 1981.

Women's living organizations averaged a 2.89 grade point index and men's organizations averaged a 2.74 GPI.

The dean of students office ranked the living organizations as follows by their winter 1981 GPI:

- Phi Kappa Psi (fraternity) 3.10
- Sigma Kappa (sorority) 3.03
- Campbell Club (cooperative) 2.99
- Delta Delta Delta (sorority) 2.92
- Delta Gamma (sorority) 2.89
- Parr Tower (cooperative) 2.89
- Philadelphia House (cooperative) 2.88
- Alpha Omicron Pi (sorority) 2.88
- Kappa Kappa Gamma (sorority) 2.87
- Alpha Chi Omega (sorority) 2.85
- Alpha Delta Pi (sorority) 2.84

- Alpha Phi (sorority) 2.83
- Kappa Alpha Theta (sorority) 2.81
- Chi Psi (fraternity) 2.81
- Sigma Chi (fraternity) 2.81
- Phi Gamma Delta (fraternity) 2.77
- Gamma Phi Beta (sorority) 2.75
- Chi Omega (sorority) 2.72
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon (fraternity) 2.70
- Pi Beta Phi (sorority) 2.68
- Theta Chi (fraternity) 2.64
- Sigma Phi Epsilon (fraternity) 2.63
- Pi Kappa Alpha (fraternity) 2.62
- Beta Theta Pi (fraternity) 2.56
- Sigma Nu (fraternity) 2.50
- Alpha Tau Omega (fraternity) 2.48
- Kappa Sigma (fraternity) 2.47
- Delta Tau Delta (fraternity) 2.44

The Phi Kappa Psi fraternity soared to the top of the list from its 12th position in the fall 1980 rankings.

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"For the most part we simply explained that we disapproved of what happened, we disapprove of the threat to life that's involved in throwing a burning thing, and that we did everything possible to stop it," Olum says. "What else can you say?"

Ask Simic. He tells people that the protesters had their right to free speech. "Say someone from a Hitler mode were on the campus," he explains to critics. "You would say that nobody should be allowed to protest his speech as well."

Some people will never understand, Simic adds, "but that's what you live with."

"We had calls on both sides, by the way," Olum says. "I got a call from somebody very angry at the excessive force that was used in putting down the demonstrators."

### April: The Immorald.

Because the Emerald operates independently of the University — a relatively rare phenomenon among Oregon student newspapers — administrators can't do much more than throw up their hands when the paper draws controversy.

So when the satiric Immorald came out April Fool's Day, resplendent in four-letter words, Olum was limited to dashing off a letter of protest and condemning the paper at a news conference.

"That probably defused it," Olum says. "Since I'd said already the things that most of (the complainers) were thinking, they didn't get so mad at the University."

The controversy didn't die off immediately, however.

"We got a number of calls, we got a fair amount of anger directed toward us," Olum says. "But it was nothing like what happened in 1969 or 1970, when those same things happened, and they built up and they built up and were not forgotten."

Still, counters Simic, some people remember. Important people.

"We have spent more time putting out fires on the Immorald in the Legislature than we have lobbying our case," he says. "We're talking about that rather than the issues of higher education."

"It hurt everybody," Simic says. "It hurt all of higher education."

No matter what people do, even if it's against the political grain, they must perform their best.

That's the view from the top of the ivory towers. When administrators criticized the Tomseth protesters, it was not for disagreeing with a "hero" but for violating Tomseth's right to speak. And Olum says he could have forgiven the Immorald's scatology if the paper were "better conceived."

A final word on image, then, from admissions director Jim Buch:

"The image of the University is the job of the Director of Admissions, the alumni director, the head of the physical plant, the janitor who's picking up paper off the ground, the freshman in Writing 121.

"Anything you do, you represent the University of Oregon."

## Costs stall museum elevator

Plans to build an all-purpose elevator on the Museum of Art's northwest wall are on hold.

The project — designed to make moving display items easier and to allow ready access for the handicapped — was scheduled to begin last November.

However, the state and University budget crunch has delayed the elevator's construction indefinitely.

Construction costs initially

were estimated at \$120,000, and the Art Council raised \$60,000 through private funding, according to Hope Pressman, special services director for the Museum of Art Council. The balance of \$60,000 to come from the state was eliminated when Gov. Vic Atiyeh froze all funds for the construction of state facilities.

Escalating costs also have hampered the project. Since the architectural survey in July of

1978, the construction estimate has soared to \$190,000. The arts council now has to raise an additional \$70,000, bringing the total funds necessary for the project's completion to \$130,000.

Two art council members — council president Gordon Schinitzer, and Alfred Herman — are heading a budget committee that is investigating alternative ways to raise the funds.

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