

# Faculty use full-page ad to protest cuts

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Almost 300 University faculty members used a full-page newspaper advertisement to ask the Legislature to repay the loyalty faculty have shown the state and the University.

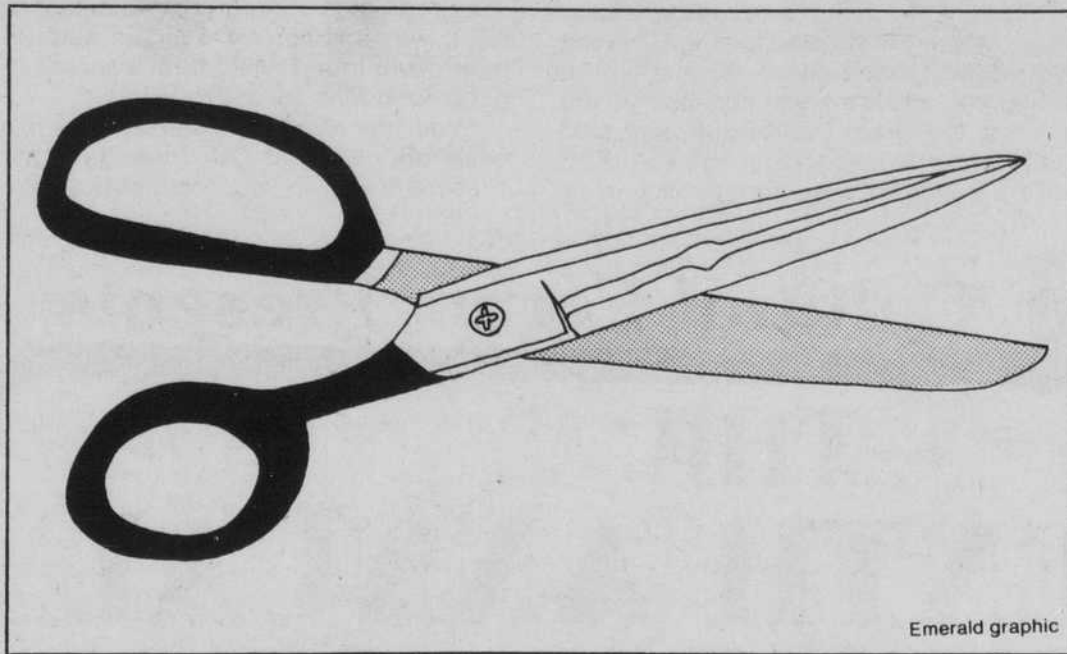
In an advertisement in the Salem Statesman-Journal Thursday, 295 Oregon faculty members asked legislators to "consider carefully the harm that your vote to cut the proposed higher education budget will bring to the University and to its sister institutions."

In the "open letter to the Oregon Legislature," the faculty members warned of the consequences of underfunding higher education and said "reputations once lost are seldom bought at any price."

The letter also warned that cuts being considered in the Legislature would "obliterate" the quality of state higher education, and cost state universities the best faculty, students and potential students.

About 20 volunteers collected signatures and an average \$10 each from the signees to help pay for the advertisement, according to Don Tull, marketing department head and spokesperson for the Loyalty, Exit, Voice committee.

The committee raised \$3,000 and spent \$1,652 on the Thursday ad, Tull said.



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## IFC elects new chairer

The Incidental Fee Committee began a year of budget decisions by electing a summer chairer earlier this week.

First-year law student Karsten Rasmussen was unanimously elected chairer for summer term. A new chairer will be elected in the fall.

The committee, elected last month, also allocated \$31 from unallocated re-

serves to the Food-Op. The money will be used to pay travel expenses for a speaker later this term.

In other business, \$1,581 were released from MEChA's reserve account in this year's budget. The money will be used to fund a concert and a Cinco de Mayo celebration, a holiday recognizing Mexico's independence from France.

The balance of the collected money has been deposited in a bank account and will be used to purchase another advertisement later in the session, Tull said.

The committee's name comes from the three options University faculty members have — to remain loyal, to leave, or to voice their concerns, Tull said.

The letter was paid solely by faculty money, according to faculty treasurer Mike Hopewell.

The open letter to the Legislature was sent "to point out more succinctly and more dramatically the damage that will be done" to the University if higher education funding is cut any more than the 3 percent Gov. Vic Atiyeh has proposed, Tull said.

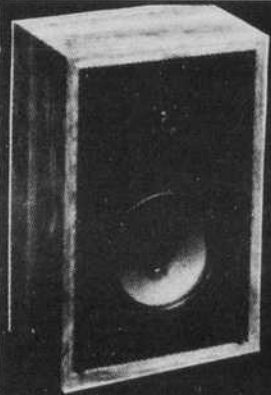
Tull said the advertisement was purchased now because "at this point in time, with the decision so near and the stakes so high, we needed to do something."

The final draft of the letter in the advertisement was written by Lawrence Pierce, head of the political science department, James Lemert, a journalism professor, and William Strange, an English professor.

Tull stressed the remaining money would be saved and spent on another advertisement, and said he was grateful to those who gave money and time to the effort.

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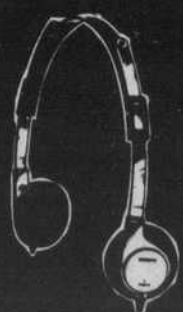
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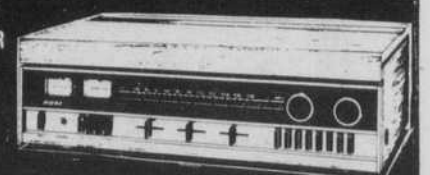
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