

But Incidental fees will decline

Tuition, fees are destined to rise

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The State Board of Higher Education scrambled to repair holes in the higher education budget Friday — and student tuition and fees provided much of the glue.

Undergraduate resident tuition will increase 19 percent next year — from \$231 per term to \$275 per term — which is nearly 1 percent more than the Legislature recommended.

Graduate resident and nonresident tuition also will increase 19 percent, and undergraduate nonresident tuition will increase 16.4 percent.

In addition, the general deposit and the late registration fee will double, students will be charged \$5 instead of \$3 for transcripts, the admission fee will increase \$5 in October and students will be charged a new gym activities fee of \$3 per term.

However, the \$29.50 health service fee and \$12.50 per term building fee will remain at the same level — although the health fee was maintained by the closure

of the health center's infirmary at the end of spring term. Incidental fees actually will decrease from \$50 to \$44 per term.

The 19-percent tuition increase caught some by surprise — the Legislature's Ways and Means Committee had recommended only an 18.2-percent increase.

Oregon Student Lobby member John Moore called the additional 0.8-percent increase "a little extra icing on the cake," and he urged the board to adopt a tuition level that agrees with the Ways and Means Committee recommendation.

It will be difficult for the board to justify the additional increase to the Legislature, Moore said.

But Bill Lemman, the board's vice-chancellor for administration, said the recommendation was entirely consistent with the Legislature's actions.

The Ways and Means Committee budget report suggested only an "approximate" 18.2-percent increase, he said.

Some board members questioned incidental fees at the University — the only higher education institution where incidental fees decreased, compared to

the 1980-1981 school year.

Last year, the board had a "big hassle" convincing student government representatives to increase the University's incidental fees to \$50 to subsidize the athletic department, said board vice president Robert Ingalls.

He questioned whether the University's Incidental Fee Committee — composed entirely of students — was ignoring the board's earlier decision.

No, said Ray Hawk, vice president for administration and finance, the IFC simply was recognizing that "some students don't have athletic loyalties." The decreased fees will be offset by charging half-price for athletic event tickets, instead of continuing to give students free tickets.

The refundable general deposit will increase from \$25 to \$50 only at the University, because the other schools do not deduct library, parking and physical education fines from the deposit, Hawk explained.

Students must be asked to restore the deposit whenever it dips below a \$10 balance, which in the past has created too much extra work for the University's

business office, he said.

The unused balance still will be refunded during the following summer term, Hawk said.

Other fee changes include a \$50 increase in the Law Study Resource Fee, an additional \$3 gym activities fee for graduate students, a \$2 per credit hour increase in the fee for classified staff members taking courses and a doubling of fees for nonacademic use of the library's on-line reference services.

Chancellor Roy Lieuallen said that he is aware that universities have numerous ways of instituting special fees to hit students for more money and he told the board that students shouldn't be charged extra for items already included in tuition.

At the urging of OSBHE Pres. Ed Harms, the board adopted a statement indicating "the board's reluctance to use this (levying special fees) as a specific action."

This year's trend toward special fees must eventually be adjusted somewhere along the line, Lieuallen said, and must not be considered a good long-run policy.

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Bedecked beds battle for charity

Saturday morning bed races raise \$3,500 for MDA

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Lewis must be God, because getting up before 10 o'clock on a Saturday morning is an act of faith.

Nevertheless, 14 five-person teams and a supportive crowd braved the heat Saturday for Eugene's 4th-annual Bed Races for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

That's right — bed races. A double-elimination tourney which pitted teams of four pushers and one rider against each other for fun and charity. Including entrance fees, the event raised \$3,500, said MDA's Pam Wilson.

The riders wore crash helmets, and for good reason. Many of the competing "beds" — defined loosely — built of wood barely held together down the quarter-mile drag strip, also known as 10th Avenue.

On the other hand, the sleek metal Centre Court bed sported an airfoil.

The racing beds began the morning as floats, such as KUGN's "Radio Flyer" and El-Jay's miniature rock crusher, which itself took three days to assemble. Then they were stripped to the skeletons for the competition.

The audience was noticeably smaller than last year's 4,000 turnout, but the mid-80s temperature may have tempered attendance. The only thing breezy was the humor.

"Ladies and gentlemen, start your beds," boomed co-announcer Bill Barrett after Dave Sweeney announced the \$50 donation required to kiss the Union Oyster Bar's mermaid.

Accompanying the 7-Eleven wagontrain bed were two hairy-chested guys dressed up as gay-90s hussies. "They've gone to the drag races this morning," Barrett cracked. Nobody bothered to kiss them.

"We'll do anything for Muscular Dystrophy," explained one. "We're just a little crazy, that's all."

"May I ask your names?" a reporter queried. "Noooo."

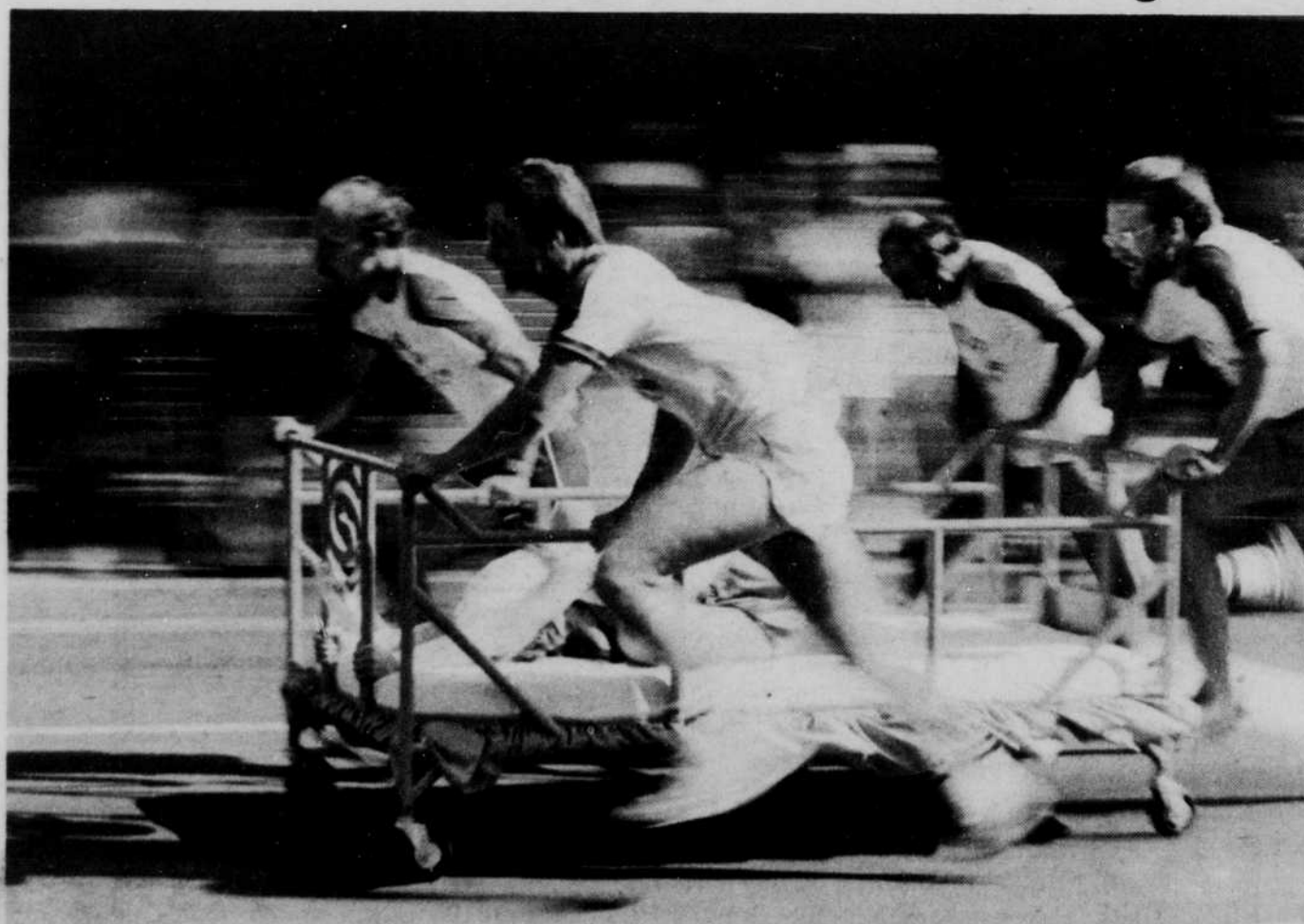


Photo by Bill Wack

Faster than a speeding bed?

The pair, calling themselves Peaches and Cream — later identified, for better or worse, as Gary Haliski and Ron Willis — said the only race they would enter that day would be to the local bar.

Certainly they won no beauty awards. That distinction went to the Lane Transit District/Amalgamated Transit Union "Trippers" bed, which resembled a small bus complete with smoke-bomb yellow exhaust.

After the pre-race judging, the bedecked beds paraded around the Mall, soliciting contributions from the crowd for a "People's Choice" award. While the Bon bed won with \$58.04 collected, the

poor Rennie's Landing crew could only amass \$3.45 for their tap on wheels.

Then, to add insult to injury, they swerved out of their lane in the first heat. Their disqualification may have been a blessing in disguise — it meant that they could remain in the shade for the rest of the morning.

After 24 heats — the morning's prime double-entendre — the 7-Eleven bed won the competition and a berth in the regional Seattle bed races, to be held at halftime during the Aug. 28 Seahawks game.

Peaches and Cream promised to dress up for that one, too. Maybe the heat got to them.