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State board meets on campus today

Tuition increases and program cuts are just two of the items that come before the State Board of Higher Education at meetings today and Friday in the EMU Dad's Room.

The board also will consider staff recommendations on a 4-percent budget cut requested in September by Chancellor Roy Lieuallen and will decide on what's to be included in the 20-percent cut requested by Gov. Vic Atiyeh.

One item in that cut is a pos-

sible \$20 tuition surcharge, to begin winter term. Also, an additional \$10 to \$25 surcharge may be attached to tuition at selected institutions and professional schools, including the University.

Bob Watrus, executive director of the Oregon Student Lobby said Wednesday the board may discuss yet another proposal to tack on a second tuition surcharge of \$50 per term beginning Winter 1982.

Higher education officials

were discussing such a proposal yesterday in Salem, he said.

ASUO Pres. Rich Wilkins was furious over the proposal. "When will it all end?" he said.

"Things are coming down real fast," said Watrus, who encouraged students to attend the meetings and protest the increases.

Today's meeting begins at 9 a.m. Limited time for student testimony will be available around 1 to 1:30 p.m.

Commune's leader found guilty after pleading no contest

EUGENE (AP) — The leader of a religious commune was found guilty on Wednesday of sodomy and rape charges involving the 14-year-old daughter of another commune member.

Lane County Circuit Judge Edwin Allen found Thomas Brown guilty of the charges after a non-jury trial. Brown initially failed to contest the charges stemming from the Sept. 15 incident.

"I'm not going to contest them," said Brown, who chose to act as his own legal counsel. "The discipline I live under does not allow me to respond to the specific charges."

But following a court recess, Brown said he believed the state would be able to prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt. Allen said the court had no alternative but to find him guilty.

The judge delayed sentencing pending completion of a pre-sentence background report. Brown faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Allen also ordered Brown, who had been free on bail, to be taken to the Lane County Jail and held without bail until his sentencing date. Brown objected, saying he could be counted on to appear in court.

"There isn't the slightest doubt that I'm making no attempt to defend myself or to flee or to make myself unavailable," Brown said.



Photo by Bob Baker

Thomas Brown

The former philosophy professor organized the Christ Brotherhood commune in Eugene in the late 1960s and then led its members to New Mexico, Colorado and Montana before returning to Eugene last spring.

The rape and sodomy charges were filed against Brown on Oct. 19 after an investigation by the state Children's Services Division and Eugene police that was prompted by complaints from former members.

Fourteen children were taken from the group's two communal homes in October and were placed into protective custody. At least two since have been returned to their mothers.

Dorm thefts haunt security, students

By ANN PORTAL
Of the Emerald

"Stepping out tonight? So is your stereo," says one of several warning posters issued by the University's Housing Department.

Dorm thefts continue to be a big problem this fall — big enough to alarm students, housing officials and campus security officers.

"Several" more meetings between burglars and students have taken place in dorm rooms during the past two weeks, and a housekeeper recently frightened off a man trying dorm room doors in the early morning hours, says Sgt. Rick Allison of the Eugene Police Department.

The latest robberies occurred in Carson, Earl and Walton dormitories, he says.

Yet Marge Ramey, assistant housing director, says "this happens every year," and dorm

thefts probably aren't any worse this year.

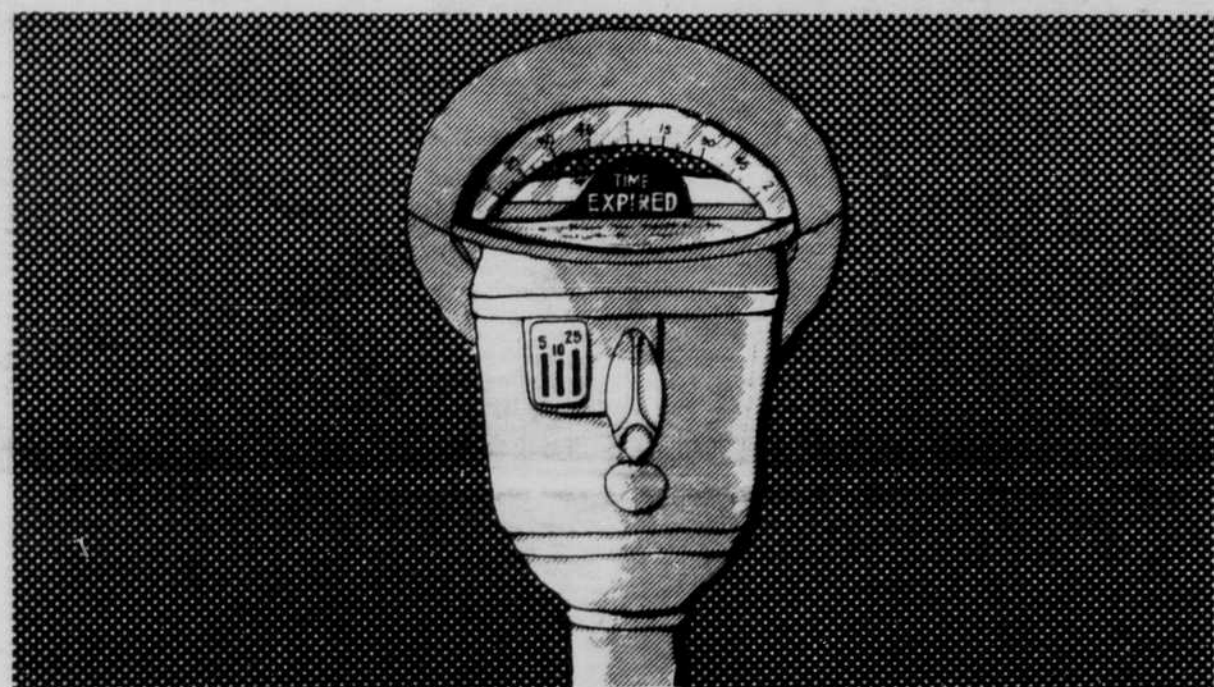
Students drop their guards, forget to lock their doors, and don't challenge strangers, she says. The housing department will soon issue a brochure with tips on securing rooms for the holiday break, Ramey says.

Some stolen items have been found, Allison says, including wallets, bikes and a \$3,000 oboe someone tried to sell at the "Buy & Sell Center" located downtown. Employees at the store notified police that they had the oboe, he says.

However, a larger number of items are not being recovered because they have not been engraved, Allison says.

To slow down thefts, the Residence Hall Governance Committee — a student group — is working with campus security on a "mini neighborhood watch" plan.

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Graphic by Max DeRungs

Students pay \$1,200 in parking fines daily

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No one likes getting parking tickets, yet about 300 are issued on campus each day, according to Richard Tanner, associate director of public safety. Some students have racked up more than \$200 in fines already this term, he says.

"The reason we have parking meters is to provide a turnover of parking and to give everyone a fair chance," Tanner says. "We try to regulate parking in a fair and firm manner."

The price of a campus meter violation has risen 200 percent during the past four years, and it now is cheaper to get a parking ticket in downtown Eugene than on a University street.

Since the parking program is self-supporting and receives no money from the University, fines have increased to compensate for the rising costs of street and meter maintenance and security officers' salaries, Tanner says.

However, this is not the main reason for the price hike, according to Bill McLaughlin, University business manager and parking committee member.

"We don't want to collect a lot of money off fines. We just want people to pay attention to the parking situation and try to get the fines to mean something," he says.

Making parking fines hurt the wallet a little more is a way to discourage people from using parking meters as permit parking places, he says. So far wallets are hurting to the tune of at

least \$1,200 a day.

Four campus security officers check parking daily at 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. The officers patrol different sections of campus each week on three rounds of an hour and half each. Evening and night security officers survey the University for illegal parking, but not metered parking.

The parking committee and campus planning try to discourage automobile traffic and encourage walking to campus, McLaughlin says.

The parking budget consists mainly of parking permits (\$18 per year) and fines that subsidize parking as well as other programs.

Parking revenues totaled more than \$300,000 last year. Parking permits paid about \$100,000 and fines contributed \$125,000 — the largest chunk of the budget.

McLaughlin says he would like more money to come from permits than fines.

Money in excess of the parking budget is being put on reserve to construct a new parking garage. The most probable site for additional parking would be at the site of the Alder Street tennis courts, McLaughlin says.

New courts would be built on top of the garage. The parking structure is not likely to appear in the near future however, he admits.

Campus security receives numerous complaints about parking tickets weekly, Tanner says. If students feel they have been unfairly fined, they can take the matter to the campus security appeal's officer.