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Four programs are on the budget block....

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Summer enrollment shrivels up 7 percent

Summer term enrollment declined about seven percent from last year, according to early estimates from Dick Schminke, summer session director.

Because of the session's flexible schedule, students continue to register throughout the summer. Final registration figures cannot be totaled until the end of the term, Schminke says.

"Many major workshops do not start until later in the summer, such as the College of Education's symposium on computers in education," he says.

Schminke expects this year's enrollment to "come in right around 6,200 to 6,300" students, below last year's 6,800.

Enrollment can be tallied from the number of students paying fees or from the number of registration packets picked up, Schminke says.

Preliminary figures indicate the number of students who have paid fees is 2,161, a 6.7 percent increase from last year's 2,025.

About 4,500 students have picked up registration packets, down 3.7 percent from last year's 4,656, according to summer enrollment figures.

The number of registration packets picked up is usually greater than the number of fee payments because many students do not pay their fees immediately, Schminke explains.

Summer session officials planned for

an enrollment decline when constructing the summer schedule, Schminke says. Since summer session is self-supporting, "there is no way you can maintain a class with three or four students," he adds.

Business and computer science courses had no problem filling seats, and the professional schools are "holding their own," Schminke says. However, low enrollment in other areas caused about four courses to be eliminated, he adds.

If summer enrollment dropped considerably more than expected, "it would have been another matter," Schminke says. The University would have to draw funds from the regular school year, he says.

Out-of-state students make up a large portion of the summer student population, Schminke says. One reason is because tuition is the same for resident and non-resident students. The school also advertises the session in other states.

Schminke explains that anyone enrolling in one summer term automatically receives information for the following summer. This brings many people back to the University, he says.

"At least half of the students will be non-Oregonians," Schminke says. "A lot of teachers and educators from the Midwest often come for a four-week seminar and bring their families with them."



Photo by Mark Pynes

Summer session isn't always studying in the sun in Oregon — sometimes it's walking in the rain.

'Million dollar problem' befalls University

By Debbie Howlett
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The University is facing a "million-dollar problem" that can't be solved by cutting service and supply budgets, University Pres. Paul Olum told the state Board of Higher Education Friday.

As expected, the board discussed the state Legislature's mandated cut of \$2.4 million for higher education at its June meeting on the Portland State

University campus. Board Pres. Ed Harms read from a handout asking that colleges and universities in the state system meet the budget cuts by reducing service and supply areas — items such as travel expense and library acquisitions.

Olum said the University could not meet the cut by reducing service and supply budgets. "We reached the end of that rope after the first special session," he said.

"If we are not to terminate

individuals and not to terminate programs, that leaves us in an impossible situation.

"If we did not buy another book for the library... that would save only about \$300,000," Olum said.

PSU Pres. Joseph Blumel told the board that the "circumstances described by Olum can be found at all institutions."

Olum then told the board that the University's share of the cut would be about \$550,000 and that the University must also

"reabsorb" a 3 percent pay decrease that classified staff agreed to this spring, amounting to an additional \$400,000. The reason for the "reabsorption," Olum said, is because the Legislature also cut state employee's salaries 6 percent.

"We couldn't ask (classified staff) to take a 9 percent cut," Olum said. "That would be extraordinary."

What this adds up to, Olum said, is that "there is just no way

we can save a million dollars (through service and supply)... All of this puts us in an utterly impossible situation."

Olum has already announced tentative plans to eliminate University funding of four programs: the Labor Education and Research Center, the Bureau of Government Research and Service, the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology at Charleston and University radio station KWAX.

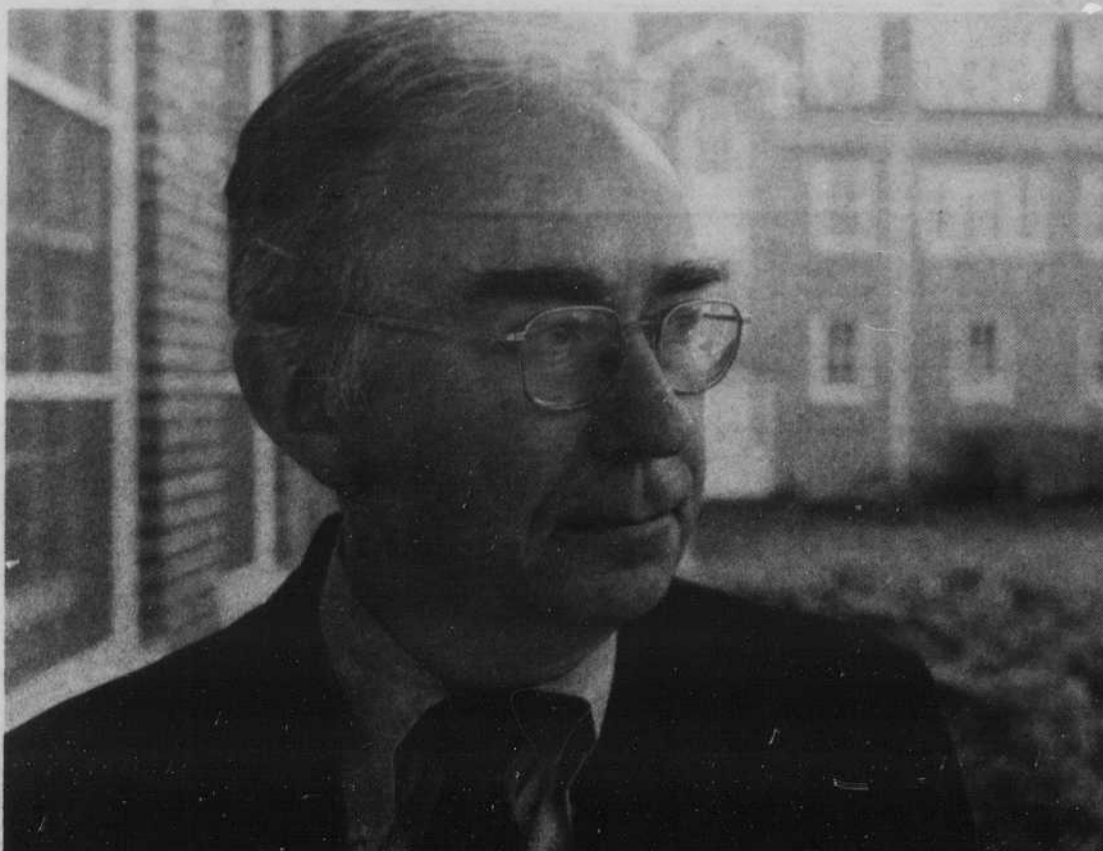
Later in the meeting, Harms read the names of several individuals and groups who had written opposing the proposed cuts, including Gov. Vic Atiyeh.

Atiyeh's letter said he was concerned by Olum's "threat" to eliminate programs. He said the most recent cuts were "predicated on assurance from Chancellor Roy Lieuallen that the cut would not cause major program impacts or layoffs in higher education institutions."

The only two programs Atiyeh mentioned by name were the Bureau of Government Research and the Labor Education and Research Center, both of which are funded with money specifically allocated to them by the Legislature.

Olum stressed that he was in no way asking for special privileges in dealing with the cut, but that the University simply could not cut further into the service and supply budget without doing serious damage.

If the University does not cut its budget through service and supply areas, it must submit a proposal to the board for discussion at its July meeting.



Ken Tollenaar

Emerald Photo

Tollenaar hit by budget ax again, maybe

By Debbie Howlett
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Somebody's yanking the rug from under Ken Tollenaar's feet... again.

First the school for which he is acting Dean, the Lila Acheson Wallace School of Community Service and Public Affairs, was cut. Now, as head of the Bureau of Government Research and Service, his second program is hearing the creak of the budget trapdoor.

With each special session, it seems Tollenaar feels the sharp edge of the budget axe. But Tollenaar isn't making the assumption he'll be out of a yet another job.

"I'm still here," he says. "You must proceed on the basis of if the cuts are made. I'm not assuming the cuts are going to be made."

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