

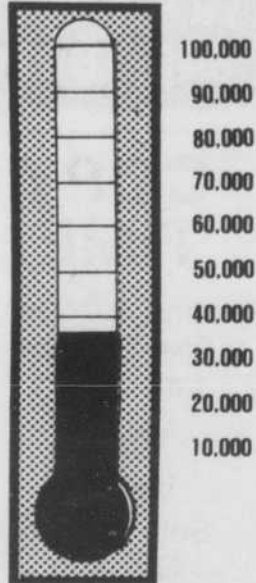
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The most pledges for one night was achieved by Alpha Phi Omega and Circle K Club with 162 pledges.

Tonight Alpha Omicron Pi will attempt a new record for the total pledges received.

Economic proposal tops legislative slate

By Dave Rodewald
Of the Emerald

Work will start today for the 1983 legislature when Gov. Vic Atiyeh presents his budget for the 1983-85 biennium to the State Legislature at 10:30 a.m., according to the new Speaker of the House.

The budget will top the agenda of the new Legislature, said Grattan Kerans, the newly elected Democratic Speaker of the House, who spoke Tuesday at the Springfield City Hall on what the Democrats will hope to accomplish during the 1983 Legislative session.

Kerans said there will be an estimated \$2.8 billion in revenues for the state, but he fears Atiyeh will propose an unbalanced budget calling for an estimated \$3 billion in expenditures.

That will leave the legislature with the dilemma of how to make up the difference. The two choices available are cutting expenditures or raising tax revenues, Kerans said.

The Legislature is looking at paring down budget expenditures to meet revenues, said

Kerans. If there is still not enough money for some programs then the Legislature will consider changing the tax laws.

"1981 showed us that we have to boil down the budget," said Kerans. Even after the budget is slashed, however, the Legislature seems to find it needs more money to adequately continue programs, he added.

The Legislature will look at a retail sales tax as one means of raising the money for the deficit. That plan would bring in tax revenues from visiting tourists, but some people were worried that it would penalize the poor. Kerans said that the law could be written to allow rebates to Oregonians.

The Legislature will also consider what they can buy with the money left in the budget. The state funds basically two things — education and human services — and that does not leave much to cut, he said.

"It is virtually impossible to take hundreds of millions of dollars away from education," Kerans said.

Economists differ on degree merits

By Frank Shaw
Of the Emerald

The difference between an undergraduate and a master's degree in economics is either a higher paying job or nothing, depending on which speaker a person chose to believe Tuesday.

Representatives from the private, public and academic sectors discussed the difference a bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. in economics makes in a job search at a seminar sponsored by the Undergraduate Economics Association.

A person with an undergraduate degree in economics working for the federal government could expect to start at a medium-level job collecting and processing data, said Joe Stone, a University assistant economics professor. A person with a Ph.D. would start at a higher level in a more authoritative position, he said.

The difference in each paycheck is not that great considering the extra time spent to receive a Ph.D., Stone said.

Jim Scherzinger, a state economist in Salem, disagreed. "I don't see people with a bachelor's degree in economics moving into any high-level economic jobs," he said.

At the state level, people with a minimum of a master's and often a Ph.D. hold all the professional economic positions, Scherzinger said.

The difference between degrees is more important in the international and academic sectors, Stone said. A Ph.D. is standard at the university level and the international sector.

Judy Olbrich, representing the human resources department at First Interstate Bank, said a person with a master's degree and a person with a bachelor's degree are treated almost the same, with the same options open to them at the same pay.

Lawyer scores victory in quest for fees

By David Brown
Of the Emerald

Robert Ackerman, the attorney representing Lane County Commissioner-elect Peter Defazio and about 25 Springfield ratepayers in a successful suit against the Springfield Utility Board, began collecting legal fees from the utility Tuesday.

Circuit Judge George Woodrich ruled at Tuesday's hearing that a portion of procedural costs of the suit be repaid to Ackerman by SUB.

Woodrich is currently deliberating on Ackerman's petition to also bill SUB for his legal service to Springfield ratepayers in conducting the suit against SUB. Ackerman took the case on the grounds

that he would seek payment from the utility and not those he represented.

The suit was filed in December 1981 and contended that SUB had no authority to enter into a contract with the Washington Public Power Supply System to fund construction of two nuclear power plants — now mothballed — regardless of whether they were completed. In October, Woodrich ruled in favor of Ackerman by agreeing that SUB lacked the authority to enter the contracts.

That decision annulled SUB's debt to WPPSS. Subsequently, electric rates to SUB's customers were rolled back to reflect the public utility's savings resulting from the decision.

Because the action benefited Springfield ratepayers as a whole, Ackerman petitioned that SUB should pay him one of a number of proposed service charges that go as high as \$823,000.

Ackerman claimed at yesterday's hearing that SUB necessitated his suit on behalf of the ratepayers by defending its authority to enter those contracts.

SUB was originally asked to join with Ackerman on the side of the ratepayers, but SUB lawyers instead maintained that the utility had the questioned authority. In a separate suit, SUB contended that it did not owe anything for the power plants because WPPSS defaulted through mismanagement of

the projects.

At Tuesday's hearing, SUB's legal representatives argued that Ackerman could not ask for reimbursement from SUB because the utility also represents the ratepayers' best interest.

SUB lawyers also argued that the utility should not have to pay Ackerman because the case raised no questions of constitutional substance.

Ackerman responded by saying that the question of a utility's authority to enter contracts on behalf of public interest was very constitutional.

If Woodrich rules that a specific amount be paid to Ackerman by SUB, he may also stipulate that WPPSS contribute to that amount.

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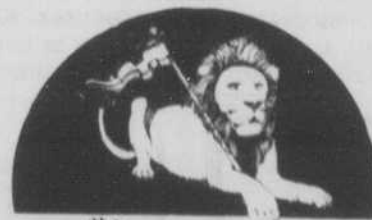
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