

opinion

Revenue relief finally arrives

The governor is finally doing a little something about the plight of higher education.

Vic Atiyeh, in the face of recent national revelations that the Oregon State System of Higher Education is one of the poorest funded in the country, has added \$80 million to higher education's base budget.

Divided between the eight institutions of higher education, the governor's budget proposal is a modest partial restoration of the damage that has already been done to higher education.

If comments from Rep. Grattan Kerans and Sen. Edward Fadeley are any indication, the Legislature will consider the impact that a poor university system has had on attracting industry, improving technology and providing an intellectual and cultural populace in the state.

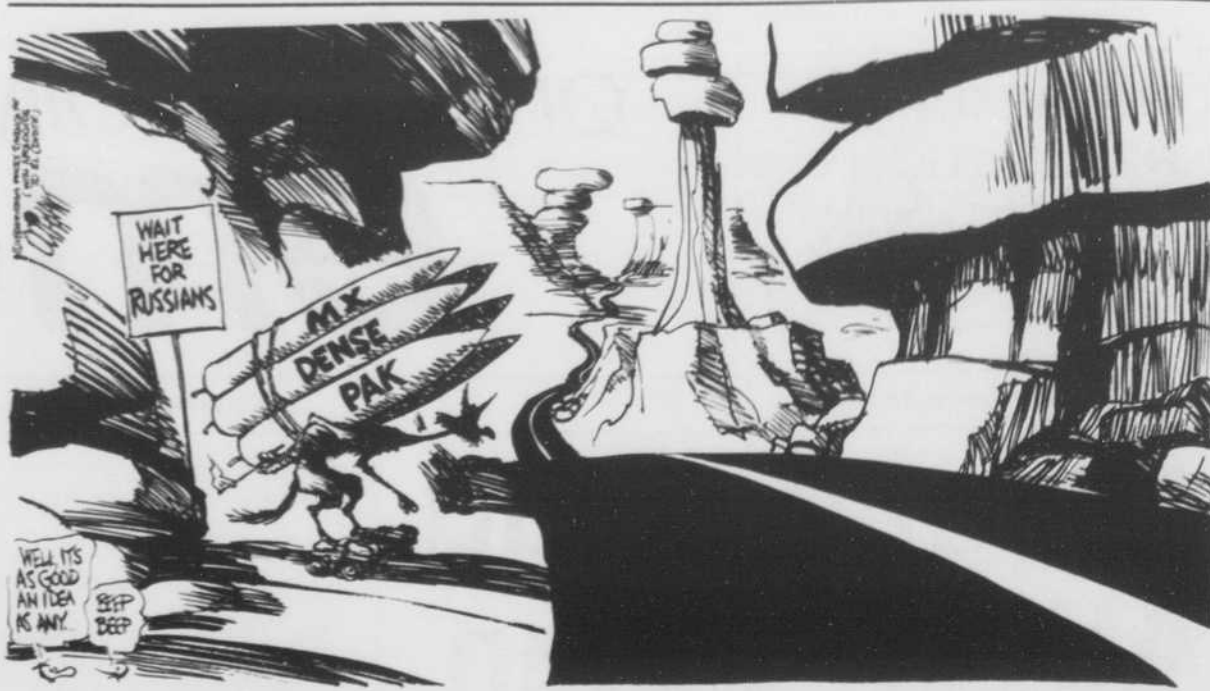
In a tacit acknowledgement of the restrictions to access imposed by raising tuition 62 percent in the last two years, Atiyeh's budget proposes a tuition freeze.

The budget proposal includes money for the delayed pay increase for faculty. The pay increase of 2 percent may help stop the flight of quality Oregon faculty. We seriously doubt it will aid the ability of the University to attract quality people.

\$4 million is earmarked for high technology, \$2.7 million of which would remain in the state system. Someone has been informing the governor of the possibilities of higher ed and business working together.

The governor's higher education items include \$3 million for sorely needed maintenance "catch-up," and \$1 million for library acquisitions — a little notice that he has seen ratings of the state system's libraries.

Not cutting higher education further is a good beginning and the Emerald implores the Legislature to consider the governor's budget. However, it is going to take a lot more to repair our reputation and national standing.



letters

Dunse pack

Rumor has it that a new plan for civil defense is being discussed in our nation's capital. Purported to insure at least 99 percent survival, the plan calls for all citizens of the United States to migrate to Utah's Great Salt Lake and group themselves in a long narrow line.

Theory has it that after the first hydrogen bomb explodes (killing only those unfortunate enough to be at ground zero) the blast will cause any other bombs to malfunction or to self-destruct. Thus insuring survival for the majority of the population.

By utilizing this amazingly simple (minded) concept of fratricide, or is that genocide, the so-called "DUNSE PACK" is heralded as this administration's first positive step towards solving the chronic problem of unemployment.

Quoting the infamous T. K. Jones, "...with enough shovels we could have the place cleaned up in a week."

Bradley Passenger
Eugene

to the Emerald's readers. That didn't necessitate "your side of the story" being told — tell it to the current players on the team.

Perhaps a follow-up story about the club's dissension would be more appropriate, but frankly, I don't think the Emerald's readers would be interested.

John Lashway
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information director

Interjection

After reading Theresa Bottomly's letter regarding the situation surrounding the women's soccer club in the Nov. 22 edition, I feel it's important to interject a little reality into her outlook upon our student paper.

First of all, Theresa, most of the Emerald's reporters are full-time students, not "professionals" as you mislabeled the reporter involved. Most students are relatively new to journalism, spend much of their time trying to gain experience, and possess the sense necessary to realize that through hard work they may someday, become "professionals."

Secondly, a reporter should not necessarily attribute opinions to a named source. In a story such as the one involving the soccer club, it's possible a source many not want to be named, and perhaps shouldn't be identified. A reporter is no less accountable for what he prints and anyone old enough to read can discern opinion from fact.

Most importantly, the story involved wasn't written to ignite controversy within the soccer club; that had happened before the writer ever came to the University. The writer was merely conveying the club's status

No sales tax

It is odd how government seems to get more and more expensive for Oregonians despite the fact that more and more people are paying taxes each year. Now some members of our "wonderful" Legislature have decided that Oregon state government has gotten so costly that we need a sales tax.

Although Oregon already has the most "regressive" income tax in the West (10 percent of income over \$5,000), they still want more money. After all, they have important things to do with our money, and besides, they know what is best for us. Or do they?

Oregon has prided herself on being among the four states that don't have a sales tax and we don't need one either. We are better off keeping what money we have left rather than being forced to give more to the dreaming, socialistic big spenders up in Salem who have such "fabulous" things to do for you if you only give them a chance.

Come on, Oregon. Don't let them pull the wool over your eyes. A sales tax won't help anyone but the bureaucrats. We can make it just fine without more of their "help".

Brandon Shepard
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letters

Distressed

I am distressed by the mistaken, yet common perception of the the political situation in Poland that Joan Nyland's column of Nov. 15 embodies.

It is erroneous to assume that the Polish Government simply "doesn't have a sense of justice."

The government of Poland is, like Walesa, a prisoner. It is subject to the heavy influence of a totalitarian regime, which Nyland herself maintains. It also is influenced by precisely that society of people it was set up to govern which has tasted a bit of freedom, and now wants to gorge itself, completely unprepared for the severe internal disturbances which have and will continue to result.

Were the editor suddenly transformed into Justice her-

self, she would surely realize, despite her would-be attempts to tilt the scales and attain a balance, that the Polish Government would still be in a precarious position at best, caught between a rock and a hard place.

The very fact that the government "waited for the national spirit to weaken and for Brezhnev's death to be announced to let Walesa out" confirms the precarious nature of its situation.

Ultimately, every government tries to legitimize itself. In the face of religious, economic, and political forces beyond its grasp, this is what the Polish Government must attempt to do. In light of this, justice can only be what is right, or "just," for the regime caught in that situation.

Ironically, it is our own inability to see this that keeps us,

like or unlike Walesa, "on our knees."

Lorianne Shaff
senior, Russian and English

Rather resist

In regard to Lori Parkman's letter of Nov. 30, although I strongly agree with her intent, perhaps the "cream of the crop", the genetically superior, are those who are intelligent enough to resist the draft rather than die.

Paul Trombley

Baremeter

Your recent parody of the Barometer was critically accurate, succinct, subtle, and above all, entertaining.

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