

Committee approves higher education budget

By Brooks Dareff

The Joint Ways and Means Committee approved a subcommittee written two-year budget for Oregon higher education that is \$21 million less than the \$583 million asked by Gov. Vic Atiyeh, but about \$50 million more than will be spent in the current biennium. The next biennium

begins July 1.

The budget was passed on the morning of Friday, June 17, with only Rep. Max Simpson D-Baker dissenting.

Included in the budget is a mandatory tuition freeze, with exemptions for summer session, continuing education tuition and enrollment fees and existing resource fees. The omnipotence of the tuition

freeze mandate amounts to bill language such as "Chancellor Davis provided the subcommittee with the strongest possible assurances..." but stops short of functioning as law, a step which, in the words of Deputy Fiscal Officer Bill Barrows would have had the inflexible affect of "burning bridges."

The higher education budget now goes to the House floor where, if passed, it will be considered by the Senate. There has been no date set for a house vote, but Barrows said Friday he'd "be surprised if it doesn't come up next week." Barrows also said he "knows of no organized opposition" to the bill.

The budget bill calls for general fund spending of \$351.1 million and total spending of \$561.1 million for the primary academic category in higher education, "education and general services."

Of the \$21 million cut from the Atiyeh budget, \$12.7 was slotted for future academic salary and for fringe benefit adjustments, which the legislature is putting off for all

state employees.

The budget does include, however an across the board 2 percent salary increase totaling roughly \$5 million, adjusted from almost \$13 million originally promised by higher education officials.

Of the remaining \$8.3 million cut from the Atiyeh budget, \$4 million was recovered from reduced energy cost estimates and another \$4 million was taken from instructional programs throughout the system. What programs are affected is beyond the jurisdiction of the legislature.

Unfortunately, the approximately 17 percent increase over the current biennium may not prevent program and personnel reductions, since nearly all of that increase has been specifically allocated by the bill. About \$20 million is intended to counteract the speculative revenue losses created by the tuition freeze, \$24 million is slated to cover estimated inflation, \$3 million goes towards building repair (adjusted from the approximately \$16 million requested by higher education officials),

\$2.7 million is earmarked for high tech programs and \$1 million will help libraries keep pace with rising periodical and other acquisitions costs.

A small amount of the \$50 million increase, \$200,000, is set aside as a discretionary salary fund to be used by Davis to retain or attract stellar faculty.

About \$230,000 of the increase will be applied towards establishing the International Trade and Commerce Institute at Portland State University. Portland State will match state funds with a reallocation of \$250,000, which will in turn be matched by \$250,000 from private sources for a total of \$730,000.

In his closing remarks to the full Joint Committee, Subcommittee Chairman Wayne Fawbush praised Davis's participation in the budget writing process as contributing towards "an entirely different atmosphere" from "what we've had in the past," the past being former Chancellor Roy Lieuallen, with whom the committee apparently had somewhat of a trust-gap.

Hazing bill fails, then passes Senate, awaits Atiyeh's okay

After failing once on the Oregon Senate floor and then passing after reconsideration, a bill to make "hazing" illegal is on the way to the governor for his signature.

Whether the bill will be signed into law remains uncertain.

According to Denny Miles, administrative assistant to the governor for communications, Gov. Vic Atiyeh has not yet decided if he will sign the bill or not.

"He has given no solid indication," says Miles. The main problem Atiyeh has with the bill is that laws already exist that take care of any hazing problems, so it is difficult to justify needing a new law, he says.

The bill, introduced in the House by Rep. Tom Mason at the request of Delta Tau Delta fraternity at Willamette University, underwent intense scrutiny in the house, where there were four work sessions in the Judiciary Committee before the committee arrived at the final bill as amended.

The bill establishes that hazing is illegal and sets a maximum fine of \$1,000 for a student group and \$250 maximum fine for any individual involved in hazing.

Amendments to the bill identify hazing as subjecting a person to "bodily danger or physical harm or a likelihood of bodily danger or physical harm."

The bill specifically prohibits subjecting a person to calisthenics (except curricular activities or athletic teams), total or substantial nudity, compelled ingestion of any substance, wearing or carrying obscene or physically burdensome articles, physical assaults or offensive physical contacts, participation in boxing matches or other physical contests, transportation and abandonment, confinement to unreasonably small, unventilated, unsanitary or unlighted areas, assignment of pranks or compelled servitude.

University fraternities have indicated their support for the bill, although the members of the University Interfraternity Council have said they do not think fraternities and sororities should be identified specifically in the bill.

Concert to benefit Earth First

Summer school budget got you down? Spending too much time and money on educational pursuits and not enough on pure self-enjoyment?

How about some fun in the sun — FREE.

If you're interested be at Skinners Butte on Sunday June 26 for a free concert beginning at 3 p.m. No admission will be charged, but donations will be appreciated said Marcy Willow, one of the organizers of the event and a spokesperson for Earth First, the environmental group that will be asking for money at the concert.

Scheduled to appear are five musical groups and one circus troupe, all local entertainers. The groups have agreed to donate their

time, making the concert possible, Willow said.

Whatever your musical taste, one of these groups should appeal to you. Two bands, Arousing Spirit and The Burners, play reggae according to Willow; while Cecilia Ostrow is a singer, David and Windsong is a folk group and Richard Crandell plays a 12-string and acoustical guitar.

The Gallileos will entertain by juggling and performing skits.

Any proceeds collected will go for the legal defense of 36 people that have been arrested for blocking Forest Service attempts to destroy timber growth in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness of southern Oregon, Willow said.

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