

Higher education allocation praised, lamented

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Reactions to the \$562 million higher education budget approved last week by the Oregon Senate ranged from delight to disappointment.

"I'm not particularly happy about it," said University Pres. Paul Olum. Although the budget shows a 17 percent increase over the 1982-83 budget, "most of the increases" are earmarked for "things done in the past two years," Olum said, such as implementing deferred salary increases to some administrators effective July 1.

Despite that increase, one of the budget's "chief disappointments" is a freeze on all University employees' salaries during the next biennium, even though "modest increases are in line," Chancellor Bud Davis said.

The 17 percent budget increase doesn't boost the base budget which runs the basic parts of the University. Legislators cut it by 6.5 percent (\$4 million).

The Senate approved the cut because of enrollment slumps at Oregon's eight higher education institutions, yet the University was not funded adequately for students in the past, Olum said.

"The system desperately needs more money, but under the economic circumstances we did pretty

well. We are improving our position," said Robert Ingalls, president of the State Board of Higher Education.

Despite the cuts, Davis reacted with "qualified pleasure."

"Within the available resources they had to work with, we received very considerate treatment from the legislature and governor," Davis said.

Both Olum and Davis were pleased with the budget's tuition freeze for the next biennium. "I feel it's a big break for students," said Davis, who hopes the tuition freeze will help boost enrollment.

ASUO Pres. Mary Hotchkiss is confident that the freeze on Oregon's escalating tuition rates will bolster enrollment "back to old figures."

"I'm delighted that they passed it without more hassle than there was," said Hotchkiss referring to the Senate's approval of the budget by a 26-3 vote.

The relatively easy approval may stem from an increasing awareness within the Legislature that higher education's well-being significantly influences Oregon's economic well-being, said Bill Lemman, vice chancellor for the state system.

One sign of this increased awareness is a \$2.7 million allocation for computer science and cell biology research within the 1983-85 biennium.

"I think the Legislature is recognizing the need for higher education and technology," Ingalls said.

For the University, this could mean as much as \$1.4 million in these technological fields, with the remaining funds going to Portland State University and Oregon State University, Davis said.

Other bright spots within the new budget include "modest increases" for international trade research, library acquisitions and maintenance of campus buildings and grounds, according to Lemman.

Although these allocations are "terribly important," they don't help the University's total budget or restore past budget cuts, Olum said.

A special state board meeting will be held Tuesday in Portland to decide how to deal with the \$21 million chunk pared from Gov. Vic Atiyeh's budget recommendation by the Joint Ways and Means Committee.

Neither Davis nor Olum knew specifically how these cuts would affect the University.

"We still don't know the magnitude (of the cuts) until we go through the total allocation process," Davis said. Decisions on allocating the reduced funds hinge on which cuts will have the "least adverse effect and impact on students," he said.

Police beat

Among campus area crimes reported:

A burglar pried open a window in Old Taylor's and stole an undetermined amount of money and a custom-built bicycle worth \$900 between 2:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. Wednesday morning, Officer Darren Dragt said. There was no damage to the local tavern at 894 E. 13th Ave.

Police are looking for a male suspect who exposed himself outside the music school Friday, police said. A female student was coming out of the music school when she turned and saw the man masturbating nearby. When she screamed, the suspect fled towards East 18th Avenue.

The suspect is described as a clean-shaven white male in his 20s, with a thin build and dark brown hair. He was wearing jeans and a blue shirt.

The incident resembles others which have occurred within the last few months in the campus area, police said.

Four cases of beer worth \$51 were stolen from Sheli's Restaurant sometime between last Friday and Monday. There was "some ransacking," but no other items were stolen from the campus-area restaurant at 854

East 13th Ave.

The manager and two employees of BJ Kelly's Tavern, 1475 Franklin Blvd., were confronted by a man wielding a crowbar at 4:30 a.m. June 29, police said.

The employees heard noises above them and saw a hand come through the roof's vent. The burglar removed the vent and dropped to the tavern floor. When employees confronted the suspect, he brandished a crowbar and escaped.

For two blocks, police followed a "trail of blood" left by a burglar who broke a window to enter the Chi Psi fraternity June 27 between 11:43 p.m. and 1 a.m., Sgt. Rick Allison said.

Police were making routine "rounds" of the University community when they noticed the broken window in the fraternity at 1018 Hilyard St., Allison said. They followed the trail in an attempt to find the burglar, but rain washed the trail away after two blocks.

Because there are no fraternity members living in the Chi Psi house this summer, police do not know how much — if anything — was stolen.

Camera equipment, clothing and a wallet were stolen from the Parr Tower, a student cooperative at 1648 Alder St.

on June 27. Total value of the items is \$275.

The items had been left outside the co-op's front door in a backpack for less than an hour when the two owners returned and found them stolen.

Police arrested a 29-year-old transient who was "harrasing students" in the law school June 25, Allison said. Richard Pulver, no permanent address, had been advised previously by police not to trespass on campus.

A large group of "very important" keys were stolen from Oregon Hall on June 16. Police are following up on the crime, Allison said.

Police arrested a male suspect accused of assaulting another male at the 15th Street tennis courts on June 18, Allison said. Contusions and abrasions resulted from the scuffle, which he termed a "mutual combat." The case, originally referred to the district attorney's office to determine the criminal charge, will probably be dropped because of recent county budget defeats by voters.

A Lawrence Hall door was kicked off its hinges on June 21 or June 22 between 4:30 p.m. and 7 a.m., Allison said. Police do not know if anything is missing from the building.

A Sigma Chi fraternity member who was "house sitting" the fraternity for the summer, while other members were gone, walked in on two males who apparently were burglarizing the house on June 21.

The men fled with a large set of keys to rooms within the house, forcing the fraternity to replace the keys, Allison said. Police did not know how the men entered the locked house.

A camera valued at \$500 was stolen June 22 from an unlocked room in Parsons Hall dormitory, located in the Bean complex.

Clothing, running shoes and other athletic equipment worth \$463 was stolen from an equipment room at MacArthur Court between June 8 and June 15, Allison said. The burglar pushed in a wire screen to enter the equipment room.

It is the second burglary of a Mac Court equipment room in two months. In both burglaries "the method of operation was similiar but not exact," Allison said.

Nine bikes were stolen from various campus locations within the past two weeks, Allison said.

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