

Student lobby's 'wish list' unmet

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The Oregon Student Lobby was effective during the recent Oregon legislative session, even though none of the four bills introduced by OSL became law, according to Bob Watrus, OSL director.

Although the lobby's "wish list" of bills was unfulfilled, OSL dealt successfully with other legislation of concern to students, Watrus says.

The lobby's success rate would have been a lot higher if it had tried to pass much more "palatable" legislation, as some groups do, he says.

"How we decide what issues to take on is not on the basis of how successful we are likely to be, but on the basis of its interest to students. We're pretty idealistic," says Watrus. "And so we take on tough issues, and our success rate reflects that."

But the lobby has been effective in responding to issues that arose during the session, Watrus says.

An example of this was the lobbying done to make the tuition-freeze law.

Watrus says OSL successfully worked with other groups, such as Associated Oregon Faculties and the Department of Higher Education, to pass the bill which maintains state school tuition at 1982-83 levels for the next two years.

Compared to the 1981 Legislature, education was "on the back burner" during the most recent session, with the focus on property tax relief and balancing the state's budget. Most education issues dealt with governance and education's high technology tie-in, Watrus says.

Although Watrus says he would classify the tuition-freeze effort as a success, OSL must keep monitoring it. The Department of Higher Education is projecting enrollment to drop-off, and this means legislators will try to increase tuition or look for programs to cut to make up the difference in lost funds, he says.

The lobby was also effective in defeating legislation it felt would be detrimental to students.

Several bills setting deadlines for voter registration up to 20 days before voting day were introduced in the House, but each was defeated, partially due to the efforts of the OSL, according to Watrus.

Watrus says OSL opposed such bills because a survey found students would be especially effected, since they tend to register only about 10 to 20 days before the voting day.

Additionally, Watrus says he has noticed the lobby's credibility is up.

Not only is OSL asking legislators to help on legislation, but legislators are coming to OSL and asking for support.

This increased credibility is due to the longevity of the organization, which was established in 1975, and the experienced staffers, Watrus says.

The OSL is planning no policy changes, but people involved in the group have been focusing attention on the need to increase student voter registration and turnout and increasing the amount of information given to students about the OSL.

"You might call it PR," Watrus says.

OSL's failures during the recent session, exemplified by their four bills which did not pass, actually had some positive

sides too, Watrus says.

For example, OSL pushed for a bill allowing students to have more say in the setting and allocating of incidental fees. Although it failed to win legislative approval — it passed through the House but not the Senate — some provisions of the bill may be adopted because the Senate Education Committee told the state system to work with the OSL to iron out differences on incidental fees.

Although the OSL-Department of Higher Education discussions should be helpful, Watrus says he still expects the subject to be brought up again at the 1985 Oregon legislative session.

A truth-in-testing bill that would have required agencies who give standardized higher education admissions test to provide more information about the tests died in the House Education Committee without a vote.

"Tactically, we did everything possible to get that bill out of the committee, but the odds were definitely not in our favor," Watrus says.

The powerful lobbying by the testing companies was to blame, he says.

However, he was pleased with the responses of students when OSL asked for calls and letters supporting the bill.

OSL called ASUO and other student organizations, told them which representatives they were having problems with, and the letters and calls came in and changed votes.

"You need the folks out in the country calling in to back up what we're saying," Watrus says.

Fairgrounds hosts sporting goods sale

Your body temperature may tell you it's not the right season to buy a parka, but after you see some of the deals at the fairgrounds this weekend, you may find it easier to pretend it's snowing outside.

And with the "summer" weather Eugene has had so far, a coat isn't such a bad idea.

Eugene Athletic, MacKenzie Outfitters, Luby's and Mattox are collaborating to bring Eugene some of the year's best buys in sporting goods Friday through Sunday at the Lane County Fairgrounds exhibit hall.

Admission is free for the free-for-all, which runs from noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Parkas regularly sold for \$150 will go for \$29.95. Gortex rain pants will be discounted from \$100 to \$29.95 and sweaters that usually cost up to \$90 will sell for \$19.99, according to Gloria Godfrey, owner of Mackenzie Outfitters.

This is the second year the stores have held the bi-annual sale, where they "slash prices down and just dump that stuff," Godfrey says.

Because owners of the "little" stores don't have huge advertising budgets, they decided to pool their resources, and the idea has paid off, she says.

Last year between 6,000 and 8,000 people showed up to browse and buy, she says.

But the slashed prices are about the only luxury you'll find at the sale. There will not be dressing rooms and the merchandise is non-returnable, Godfrey says.

"Once it goes out the door, it's yours," she says.

Items that require fitting will be available at the regular

store outlets at marked down prices. The four stores are participating in a sidewalk sale sponsored by the Eugene Downtown Association, Godfrey says.

Shop carefully. Some — although not all — of the merchandise is "as is." An item might have been returned because of a missing button or the size selection may be "just shot" because the items have been previously marked down, Godfrey says.

The drawbacks, however, are "usually something so minor the prices more than make up for it," she says.

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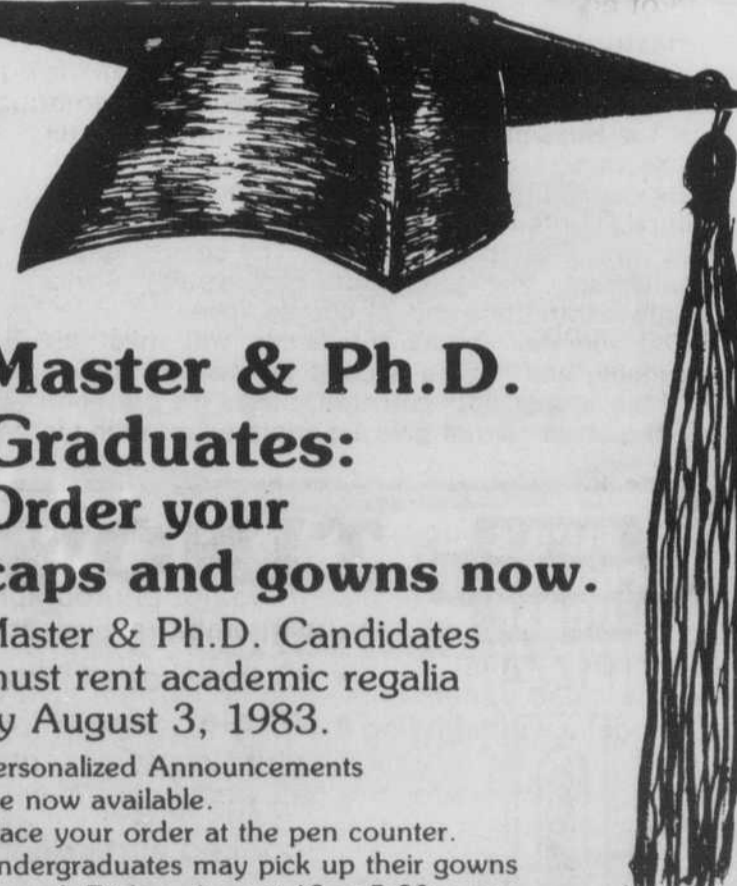
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