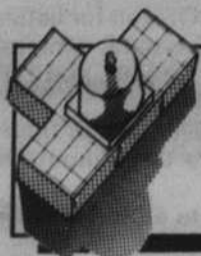


¿Los Lobos son loco?

David Hildago, inset, wore green alligator cowboy boots, sported a goatee and dark sunglasses. Los Lobos' drummer had pasted a cutout of the Virgin Mary to the front of his bass drum. Cesar Rosas played the accordian, lap steel guitar and counted off the start of bouncing Mexican dance tunes rivaling hardcore punk in their intensity and speed.

In all, Los Lobos provided a versatile Saturday night of original music in the EMU Ballroom. A loosely-packed audience filled most of the hall, with many in the crowd dancing or moving to the music.

Photos by Hank Trotter



Legislative Update

Editor's note: Here are some highlights of the Oregon Legislature last week.

Higher Ed

Students and educators told a legislative committee that students at Oregon's colleges and universities can't afford the 3 percent tuition increases that would take effect in each of the next two years under Gov. Vic Atiyeh's proposed budget.

The Legislature's Joint Ways and Means subcommittee on education has been hearing presentations on the higher education budget for the past two weeks.

Higher education officials say the increases would boost annual in-state undergraduate tuition by \$34 in 1985-86 and by \$35 in 1986-87, keeping tuition at Oregon's schools among the highest of any public colleges in the West.

The higher education board originally proposed spending \$4.9 million in the next biennium to maintain a tuition freeze that has been in effect at Oregon

schools since the 1982-83 school year, when tuition was increased 21 percent. That item was cut from the higher education budget by Atiyeh.

Sales Tax

Atiyeh urged the Senate Revenue Committee Tuesday not to make any major changes in the sales tax package passed by the House, but did request some minor changes.

Sen. Ed Fadeley, D-Eugene, told the committee the Legislature should refer a 2 percent sales tax to voters, which could give homeowners and renters as much property tax relief as the 5 percent plan passed by the House.

Fadeley, who as senate president was one of the main sales tax opponents in the 1983 session, said the sales tax vote should be done in a vote-by-mail election. He also recommended a provision blocking the Legislature from changing the sales tax for 10 years.

Three Oregon mayors, including Eugene's Brian Obie, told the committee

they would not support the sales tax unless it dropped provisions prohibiting local governments from enacting their own sales tax measures.

The committee is to begin considering changes in the package on Tuesday.

Seat Belts

Yielding to public outcry, the House Human Resources Committee amended a Senate-passed bill requiring auto seat belt use so the measure wouldn't take effect unless approved by the voters. The bill went to the full House.

Miscellaneous

The House unanimously passed and sent to the Senate a bill aimed at helping middle and low-income families buy homes by making them eligible for federal income tax credits of up to \$2,000 a year.

House Republican legislators say they plan to give money to support Rep. Pat Gillis, R-Portland, in his campaign to defeat a recall vote March 26. Gillis was recently indicted by a Marion County grand jury for providing false information in his Voters' Pamphlet statement.

Small breweries could sell their beer directly to the public under a bill (House Bill 2284) passed unanimously by the House on Monday. Breweries producing

less than 25,000 barrels of beer a year would be able to make retail sales on their premises. The bill now goes to the Senate.

This Week

The House will vote today on a Senate-passed bill (SB 357) containing a provision that would permit banks in a nine-state region of the West to acquire Oregon banks under certain conditions.

The provision is supported by most of the state's banking industry, but is opposed by the U.S. National Bank, Oregon's largest bank. Supporters of the measure say it would allow out-of-state companies to help save ailing Oregon banks.

The House Environment & Energy Committee continues work Wednesday on a measure to prevent state Public Utility Commissioner Gene Maudlin from authorizing mandatory measured-rate local phone service for businesses, probably for one year, while a study is done.

The Senate Human Resources Committee starts hearings Tuesday on a bill to restore welfare aid to homes with two unemployed parents.

The House Revenue Committee begins hearings Tuesday on bills to revise the state income tax, including proposals for a flat tax without deductions.

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