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GTFs to protest recent tax ruling

By Kirsten Bolin
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If today's informational picket outside of Susan Campbell Hall does not reverse Monday's ruling by the State Board of Higher Education making graduate teaching fellows' tuition waivers taxable income, more drastic steps will be taken, said Chuck Hunt, president of the local graduate teaching fellows' federation chapter.

"If they can't eat and they can't pay rent, what do they do?" Hunt asked at a press conference Thursday at the GTF office on campus.

GTFs, who generally earn \$500 to \$600 a month, will have \$150 withheld from their April and May paychecks to pay taxes due on winter and spring tuition waivers.

A federal exemption preventing GTFs from being taxed on the graduate tuition fee of \$615 a term expired Jan. 1. Taxes were not withheld the first three months of the year because University officials expected the ruling to be reversed, Hunt said.

The GTFs hope the picket will result in a reversal of the State System decision and a repeal of the Congressional ruling, Hunt said. State System officials have offices in Susan Campbell Hall.

But the paychecks the University's 850 GTFs pick up next Wednesday, with current and retroactive taxes subtracted, will be so reduced many GTFs will have to struggle to make ends meet, Hunt said.

"We're not in a high income level," he said. "If we were in the \$20,000 to \$30,000 bracket, \$100 or \$50 out of our paychecks wouldn't make a difference."

GTFs at all eight State System institutions of higher education will be affected by the ruling which stems from the State System's interpretation of federal law.

"We don't feel the decision is justified," Hunt said. No other state has revoked GTFs' exempt status for tuition waivers and a recent decision in Ohio ruled institutions are not obligated to withhold, he said.

The financial situation GTFs are facing is so dire many would consider leaving, but University policy makes that option impossible, Hunt said. A GTF withdrawing from University classes would be assessed the total tuition fee, he said.

Though direct work protests such as striking cannot be advocated by the union and are a violation of GTFs' contracts with the University, some members are considering the option, Hunt said.

But the ramifications of the ruling go beyond individuals and ultimately threaten many students' opportunity to earn a post-graduate degree, Hunt said.

"People who are of moderate income will no longer be able to survive," he said. "(Graduate degrees) will become the domain of the rich."

Athletic Department suffers defeat of both funding measures at polls

By Mary Lichtenwalner
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Results of the ASUO spring elections were met late Thursday night with both cheers and groans.

Several ballot measures increasing funds to student groups passed, while two ballot measures to increase Athletic Department funding failed as well as measures to raise funding for *The Record*, the ASUO publication.

The failure of a ballot measure to increase women's athletics may handicap the strength of the program, said Assistant Athletic Director Chris Voelz.

"I hope it won't seriously impair the opportunities of these young women," she said.

Voelz said the athletic department now plans to negotiate funding with the Incidental Fee Committee. She said she hopes the IFC will see that a cut is not in order.

"We're entering the Pac-10 and we'd like to enter with a strong stance, so we'll need every bit of money the IFC will be willing to give us," Voelz said.

OSPIRG members celebrated a victory Thursday night. Local board chair Maureen Kirk said the group worked hard to gain increased funds. "This is the first increase



Photo by Lynne Casey
Ballot counters Cindi Kim and Bo Kim tally up the results of the 1986-1987 ASUO spring elections Thursday night.

in 15 years," she said.

Passage of the OSPIRG measure increases incidental fees from \$1 to \$2 per student per term. That gives the group \$88,650 annually, Kirk says the funding will be used to provide for an additional position.

A measure raising \$9,000 in incidental funding for the United States Student Association was met with obvious student support. The funding will be used to fund conference participation and aid in lob-

bing to preserve federal support for higher education, said Tom Swan, president of USSA.

Swan, who is touring the country and visited the campus to support the measure, said he is encouraged by the vote. "Our support is about the strongest it's been on campuses," he said. USSA is a voice for students, Swan said. "For example, cutting student aid to build more weapons is something students are

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Elections at a glance

RUNOFF ELECTIONS		Measure 3 — OSPIRG Funding		Measure 9 — Marching Band Funding	
Incidental Fee Committee		Yes	1,175	Yes	1,302
Petra Constante	639	No	1,005	No	614
Duane Dunganon	639	Measure 4 — USSA Funding			
Katy Howard	784	Yes	1,233	Yes	1,302
Jodie Mooney	689	No	858	No	614
Ron Munion	751	Measure 5 — The Record Funding			
John Smithson	636	Yes	696	Yes	821
BALLOT MEASURES		No	1,070	No	1,175
Measure 1 — Oregon Daily Emerald Funding		Measure 7 — Counseling Center Funding		Measure 10 — Limit on Athletic Department (submitted by the Incidental Fee Committee)	
Yes	1670	Yes	1,355	Yes	821
No	486	No	543	No	1,175
Measure 2 — Add/Drop Deadline		Measure 8 — ROTC Affiliation		Measure 11 — Athletic Department Funding (submitted by the Athletic Department)	
Yes	1,999	Yes		Yes	938
No	196	No		No	1,095

Pell grants cut; total financial aid to remain the same

By Andrew LaMar
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University students will receive about the same level of financial assistance for the 1986-87 school year as they have this past year despite cuts in the Pell Grant program, says Ed Vignoul, University director of financial aid.

Letters informing students of their financial aid awards for the coming school year were mailed to students last week. About 60 percent of the University's students receive federal financial aid.

"The total amount of money they will receive will be about the same," Vignoul says.

Although the University will receive \$540,000 less in Pell Grants for the coming school year, the loss will be compensated for with additional National Direct Student Loans and College Work Study, Vignoul says.

About 455 students will no longer be eligible for

Pell Grants and about 855 students will have a reduction in their Pell Grants, Vignoul says. This is due to the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act, which requires the

'We still don't have sufficient funds to assist everyone that's eligible. We just feel fortunate that Congress has minimized the losses for '86-87.'

— Ed Vignoul

program be cut 4.3 percent and eliminates the program's deficit.

The program's \$215 million deficit was created when

it borrowed money from its future appropriations in order to pay all students who were eligible for grants.

The Pell Grant program awards cash to students based solely on financial need. This program is the only student financial aid program at the University affected by Gramm-Rudman cuts this year.

Vignoul emphasizes that the 1986-87 school year is unique for University financial aid. Because of special arrangements, University officials will be able to award an additional \$500,000 in NDSL and \$200,000 in work study, Vignoul says.

While University officials awarded \$1.5 million of NDSL money to students this year, next year they will be able to award \$2 million.

Work-study awards will increase from the \$1.65 million awarded in 1985-86 to the \$1.85 million that

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