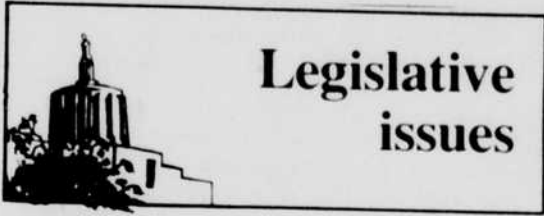


Limiting access to state schools seen as means of lowering costs

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SALEM — Legislators talked Tuesday of limiting access to Oregon's public colleges and universities as a possible means of lowering education costs for the state.

The Legislature's education budgeting committee spent nearly two hours agonizing over the "ton of money" that the University and Western Oregon State College want added to their operating budgets next year because of increased enrollment.



But the committee failed to reach any final decisions about funding for state colleges and universities. More work sessions are scheduled for this week.

Extreme enrollment increases at the University and WOSC this fall prompted the two schools to request more money for additional instructors and instructional material to educate the added students.

The one-year enrollment increases at the University and WOSC this fall were unprecedented in Oregon history, and the State Board of Higher Education agreed to change a policy that required colleges to have excessive enrollments for two consecutive years before receiving a budget increase.

But on Tuesday, legislators charged that a policy which changes to accommodate such exceptions is not much of a policy at all.

"You had the corridor of enrollment formula... it didn't seem to work, so you changed the formula," Rep. Tony Van Vliet, R-Corvallis, told Chancellor William Davis and other State Board staff.

Oregon Educational Coordinating Commission Director T.K. Olsen defended the policy. "You adopt a policy which you think will accommodate relatively modest growth outside of the norm — but at Western it just exploded," he said.

"This is boiling down to the idea of either a system where you pump in more and more students — and more money is demanded — or a system of quality," said Rep. Tom Mason, D-Portland, the committee chairman. After the session, Mason said he thought the committee will require some sort of limit on state college enrollment in the final budget.

He said enrollments will not be limited by increasing tuition, but instead by toughening entrance requirements. That would prompt more undergraduate students to make use of the underused and less costly community colleges in Oregon, he said.

Davis said the State Board already has taken steps to curtail enrollment at the University. "Before 1983, the State System had virtually an open admissions policy."

In 1982-83 the State Board developed statewide grade-point average and subject matter requirements for entering freshmen. The University raised its GPA requirement to 3.0 beginning in 1987-88.

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The "excessiveness" of television violence brings our society closer to nuclear annihilation, Spock believes. "It brutalizes us. An average child will witness 18,000 murders by the time he reaches adulthood. That leads to murder within the family, rape and wife and child abuse."

Besides delivering this sober message, he encouraged the audience to embrace the peace movement through both civil disobedience and "legal activities."

"We need more demonstrations — each one should have at least a million people at them. It has to do with saving the lives of you and your children," he said.

He also suggested writing to congressional representatives. "I have talked to a lot of senators who say that when they vote against what their constituents have supported in letters it gives them goose flesh. I say goose bumps should be rippling on their arms."

Voting also could help prevent a nuclear war, he said. "People say the Soviet Union doesn't have a democracy. But only one half of Americans vote, so what use do we have for it if we don't use it?"

Spock was quick to add, however, that most politicians cannot be trusted. "They may have been wise before they got into office, but they all lose their independence and feel obligated to follow policy."

"What right do they have in jeopardizing the lives of everybody as they flex their muscles, especially our president?"

The Reagan administration is committed to escalating the arms race, Spock said. "It baffles me that 70 percent of Americans say they support the nuclear freeze, but then twice they elect a president whose policies contradict that."

"When asked why a person voted for Reagan, he usually says, 'Because he makes me feel good.' But you don't have any right to feel good," said Spock, referring to the 50,000 nuclear missiles between the United States and the Soviet Union.



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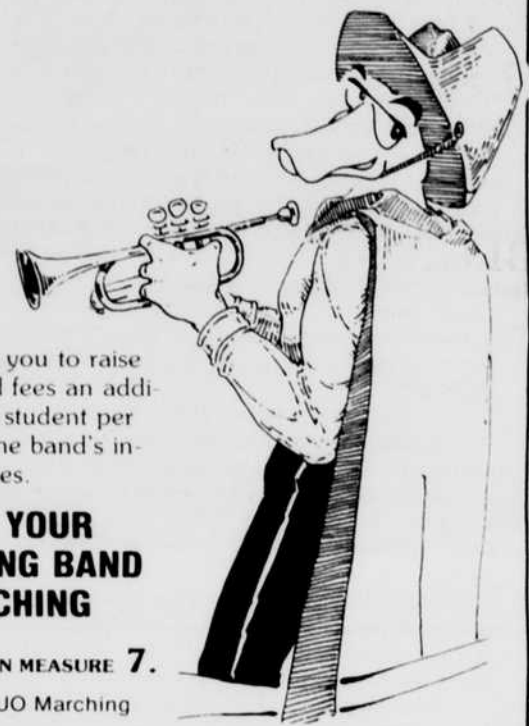
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