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Board approves student athlete tuition waiver

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The State Board of Higher Education boosted morale and revenue for the state's universities and colleges when it approved a total of \$1 million in tuition waivers for student athletes last Friday.

The State Board's decision is designed to provide relief for football teams and make athletic programs less dependent on football and men's basketball gate receipts.

Currently, many non-revenue sports, such as women's volleyball, softball and men's wrestling rely on gate receipts from football and men's basketball for support.

The University and Oregon State University both are authorized to waive \$350,000 in tuitions, with Portland State waiving \$200,000. Southern Oregon State, the Oregon Institute of Technology and Eastern Oregon State will divide \$25,000 in waivers.

Jim Sellers, director of communication for the State System of Higher Education, explained instructional tuition waivers would benefit school athletic programs by using scholarship money for things other than tuition.

"Private dollars, which now go to defray costs of athletic scholarships, can now be used for other purposes," Sellers said.

Chancellor William Davis, in a statement to the State Board, explained it seemed "basically wrong that continued participation in the PAC-10 Conference, and the financial support of the women's sports and the men's non-revenue sports, should be solely dependent upon gate receipts generated by football.

"If there is an unhealthy emphasis on the commercialization of intercollegiate football, it begins here. This is Oregon's opportunity to begin getting its major programs back in balance," Davis said.

According to a State Board report on PAC-10 athletic budgets for the 1985-86 school year, the University ranked eighth. Only OSU and Washington State University ranked lower.

These three institutions also have the fewest number of sports and the lowest standings in football in the PAC-10.

Whether the tuition waivers and the subsequent increase in the athletic budgets will translate into victories on the playing field remains to be seen.

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Smile Ronnie

University art student Joe Wayman stands next to his completed master's thesis near Chapman Hall. The photo enlargement of Ronald Reagan and a soldier has drawn mixed reactions.

Photo by Diana Moy
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Board seeks opinion on OSPIRG funds

By Carolyn Lamberson
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The State Board of Higher Education decided Friday to seek an Attorney General's opinion on the legality of allocating incidental fee funds to the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group.

According to ASUO Vice President Karen Gaffney, who was at the meeting, the board President James Peterson said he has received a lot of correspondence from people who expressed concern about OSPIRG's funding. He then said there was no reason to force students to bring the question to litigation and suggested

the board request an opinion from the Attorney General, Gaffney said. Peterson was unavailable for comment.

There have been Attorney General's opinions on the use of incidental fees issued in the past, but there have been none that have dealt with OSPIRG specifically, Gaffney added.

An opinion issued in 1975 focused on questions surrounding the Oregon Student Lobby and OSPIRG. The most recent opinion on incidental fees was issued in 1985 and primarily dealt with the use of incidental fees to express definitive positions on ballot measures.

There was some discussion at the

meeting about freezing OSPIRG's incidental fee funding until the Attorney General's opinion could be released. But according to Board member John Alltucker the Board would have to take into consideration any potential legal repercussions.

"Nothing's going to happen until there is a quick opinion from the Attorney General," he said. That "quick opinion" from the Attorney General may take anywhere from two days to a week to be decided, he added.

The long term opinion will take

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Nuclear free zone group claims task force biased

By Stephen Maher
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Members of a Eugene citizens group charged Monday that a task force appointed by the city may dilute provisions of the Eugene Nuclear Free Zone ordinance approved by voters last November.

The group, Keep Eugene Nuclear Free, later presented to the Eugene City Council more than 1,000 letters signed by Eugene voters protesting any tampering with the ordinance.

The letters acknowledge the Nuclear Free Zone Task Force's redrafting of the ordinance to clarify legal issues but ask that the substance of the ordinance not be changed.

According to a spokesperson for the group, some members of the task force have been working to cripple the ordinance.

"These task force members would like to remove from the ordinance any substantial limitation on the nuclear industry. It's precisely this substantial limitation on nuclear weapons technology that the people

of Eugene voted to support last November," Barbara Keller said.

The original draft of the ordinance prohibits, among other things, the design of nuclear weapons, any applied nuclear weapon research, the production of certain nuclear weapon delivery systems or components, food irradiation, the manufacture of nuclear weapon components that have minor non-weapon uses, and the design and manufacture of nuclear weapon communication systems within the city of Eugene, Keller said.

"It is precisely these teeth some members of the Nuclear Free Zone Task Force would like to pull," Keller said.

In April the City Council voted to implement two sections of the ordinance after the task force recommended their passage. The sections required the city to post and maintain signs reading "Nuclear Free Zone" at 27 city limit signpost locations, and to send

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Members of Keep Eugene Nuclear Free, Barbara Keller and Deborah George, protest the Eugene Nuclear Free Zone Task Force.