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Pair of Moccasins

Michael Moccasin and his father, Don, display their Assiniboime tribal dress Friday night in McArthur Court as part of the 21st annual Pow Wow sponsored by the Native American Student Union.

Photo by James Marks

Goldschmidt lobbies for schools

Urges 'yes' on measure for Tuesday's election

By Don Peters
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Gov. Neil Goldschmidt and other state and local political leaders met at Eugene's Roosevelt Middle School Friday to lobby support for Ballot Measure 1.

Joining the governor at his old alma mater were Oregon Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer, House Speaker Vera Katz (D-Portland), Senate President John Kitzhaber (D-Roseburg), Senate Republican Leader C.T. "Cub" Houck, and Eugene and Springfield mayors Jeff Miller and Bill Morrisette.

The visit came as part of a statewide barnstorming campaign. Measure 1, which goes in front of voters Tuesday, would establish new tax bases for roughly one-third of the 303 Oregon public school districts. The measure would enable financially strapped districts to escape the so-called "safety net".

"This (Measure 1) is a real commitment to the kids and the taxpayers," Goldschmidt said. "This will set us on a course to assure children the future they want."

In addition to setting new tax bases, Measure 1 would provide almost \$50 million in direct and indirect property tax relief, and allocate \$33.7 million for handicapped student programs.

"Education is a state, not a local issue," Katz said. "Education is a tool kids need to have."

Katz added Measure 1 is part of "a series of steps" to bring about improvements in the state education system.

"We're sending a message to the voters that

they need to support Measure 1," she said.

"This measure will help, but not solve the problem," Goldschmidt added.

Frohnmayer called the state education system "disruptive" and said the government has not lived up to taxpayer's expectations.

"We have a moral and constitutional obligation to keep up the quality of education in this state," he said.

Rep. Carl Hosticka, chairman of the House Revenue and School Finance Committee that drafted Measure 1, also showed up at the rally. Hosticka said he hoped voters could look past their own school districts and see the rest of the state.

"We need to emphasize that Measure 1 is for all of Oregon, and not just individual districts," Hosticka said.

Goldschmidt had originally opposed the measure's predecessor, House Joint Resolution 1. At first, the governor had wanted both school finance reform and property tax relief to be linked under one bill. But Hosticka made the decision to separate the two issues and deal with them one at a time.

HJR1 came out of committee with no property tax relief plan contained in it, and Goldschmidt went as far as to publicly announce his opposition to the measure. Later, when a tax relief package was tacked on, the governor reversed his stand and has supported Measure 1 since.

In related news, Eugene's 4J School District has a tax base request before the voters in Tuesday's election. If approved, the request would add a 7 percent increase in tax dollars above the normal 6 percent growth in the tax base. Eugene has not had a new tax base since 1984.

The base would raise the tax per \$1,000 of assessed property 46 cents to \$18.36.

Study reveals University's funding at bottom of Pac-10

Oregon receives fewest state dollars per student

By Michael Drummond
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Generally, the lower the state funding for public universities, the lower the academic quality — and the University and Oregon State University are at or near the bottom in the Pacific-10 Conference.

According to a recent report conducted by Duncan Lindsey, a University human services associate professor, the University

and OSU are in trouble as far as the sciences are concerned.

Lindsey's study compared state funding of Pac-10 schools against their "production of science," or number of articles their faculty had published in major scientific journals, and found the University and OSU have slipped in terms of state funding since 1970 compared with their Pac-10 brethren.

The report offers a mixed bag of conclusions. It puts the Uni-

versity at the bottom of the Pac-10 in terms of state funding per student and in the number of published scientific articles.

Nonetheless, Lindsey's report also indicated the University was getting more for each state dollar invested in terms of published research — an indication that the school does well with the money it has.

Other findings included

- Since 1970, the University has moved from ninth to 10th in terms of state funding per student.

- In per student funding, the University's closest neighbor on the list is ninth-ranked Arizona State University. ASU was spending 12 percent less than the University per student in 1970 and is now spending about 30 percent more.

- The University now publishes fewer scientific works than any other school in the Pac-10, something that could not be said in 1970.

- The University "produces the greatest return (of published scientific work) on each dollar invested."

- The University is not funded as well as four other schools within the Oregon State System of Higher Education, ranking behind Portland State University (fourth place), Oregon Institute of Technology (third), Oregon State University (second) and Eastern Oregon State Col-

Funding for Public Colleges and Universities in Oregon

	1970	1980	1987
Eastern College			
State Funds	1,787,895	4,645,823	7,264,824
Enrollment	1,536	1,452	1,414
\$ per student	1,164	3,200	5,138
Portland State			
State Funds	10,753,137	21,346,566	34,803,340
Enrollment	9,206	9,739	9,707
\$ per student	1,168	2,192	3,585
Oregon Instit Tech			
State Funds	2,208,682	6,377,087	10,626,246
Enrollment	1,284	1,823	2,519
\$ per student	1,720	3,498	4,218
Oregon State			
State Funds	16,897,000	38,983,400	61,685,000
Enrollment	14,772	14,985	13,559
\$ per student	1,144	2,602	4,549
Univ of Oregon			
State Funds	15,385,000	31,173,000	53,237,000
Enrollment	13,729	14,394	15,366
\$ per student	1,119	2,166	3,465
Southern Oregon			
State Funds	3,619,284	8,235,358	12,253,544
Enrollment	3,894	3,646	3,691
\$ per student	929	2,259	3,320
Western Oregon			
State Funds	3,326,549	7,067,718	10,130,924
Enrollment	3,415	2,781	3,428
\$ per student	974	2,541	2,983

Source: Competing in the Academic Pac-10



Photo by Bill Haines

The University is at the bottom of the Pac-10 in state funding per student, says Duncan Lindsey, associate professor of human services, who conducted a funding study of Pac-10 schools.

lege (first).

"I really truly was surprised at the results — that there was such a differential (in funding)," Lindsey said. "I thought we'd all be within the same band."

The study only measured the level of state funding and did not include outside sources of revenue, such as federal research grants. Nor did the study include the Pac-10's two

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