what programs the excess revenue should be spent on, which could perpetuate the crisis in the state's higher education system.

"Faculty salaries have been frozen for too long and the governor has taken a strong stance on this." said Sen. Larry Hill (D-Springfield) about Goldschmidt's proposal. "The Legislature will have to be convinced."

Hill, in addition to other legislators, foresees the proposal splitting along party lines over where the money will come from and how it will be spent.

"We've fallen so far behind we're on the edge of disaster." Hill said. "If the Legislature wants to improve salaries of faculty, we have to access part of that money."

Legislators will face a number of higher education issues when they convene in 1991. Hill said. Among those will be tuition rates, day care, graduate teaching salaries and student loans.

The Legislature also fa

test in March when the Emergency Board meets to discuss how to replace revenue from the aborted video poker game that was to fund faculty salary increases.

"We need to demonstrate a commitment to addressing the problem of low faculty salaries," Hill said. "How much we can afford to put into faculty salaries depends on competing needs."

House Majority Leader David Dix (D-Eugene) said the governor's proposal is a good first step but it will not solve the problem. Dix said he plans to offer a three biennium plan that will fund higher education for a long-term period.

"Within existing tax codes ... the money will be there," Dix said.

Legislators will probably battle over setting priorities rather than the spending limit when bey turn to allocating the excess revenue because there are numerous ways to avoid the spending limit. Dix said.

"What I see a problem with

is a situation where you get in a legislative session and people ask why higher ed and not something else." Dix said.

Legislators and higher education officials need to get out and explain that the state needs to make a long-term investment in higher education now that the economy is healthy, he said.

Dix. who sponsored the video poker legislation, said he is through using the lottery to fund education programs and that the money must come from the state's general fund.

But getting additional money from the general fund may prove difficult if higher education becomes a partisan issue.

"I certainly recognize the need for additional funding for higher education," said C.T. "Cub" Houck (R-Salem), the Senate minority leader, "However, until we find out the governor's proposal for many other areas in the state of Oregon, I cannot tell you what priority it will take."

Houck said the state's higher

education system had suffered over the last 10 years from a depressed economy, but questioned whether faculty salaries were in the same condition as other programs.

"We have to ask 'are we in the same type of crisis in Fairview and in taking care of our mentally ill," he said.

Moreover. Houck said excess revenue and the spending limit will again be the focal point in the Legislature.

"You have to be careful with people talking surpluses." Houck said. "They're really not looking past the end of their noses."

Using surplus revenue is not a stable funding source because when the economy hits a recession, the money is no longer available, Houck said.

Some legislators are worried

higher education will get lost in the fight over the spending limit.

"People have been waiting since 1982 on this issue and they're just going to get fed up and go," said Rep. Carl Hosticka (D-Eugene), who is also a University professor.

Hosticka said the Emergency Board needs to allocate enough money to show the Legislature is serious about solving the problem. He said the Legislature is certain to take some positive action in 1991.

However, the situation will be worse if the Republican party gains the majority of seats in the House of Representatives in the next elections.

"I think something will be done." he said. "It's a question of how much and when it will happen."

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trained for cash registers. This leaves two for windows; during breaks and lunch-time, only one. Besides selling stamps, weighing packages and handing out box mail, clerks prepare mail for dispatches, put third-class mail in boxes and review yellow notices daily.

"It's a lump-lump system," said Wilson. Because of the traffic pattern, he says they don't plan to add any staff. "We can't justify it due to the periods with no traffic."

But customers such as Tryhorn don't believe the busy times are random. Instead, they say the crowds are predictable like restaurant rush periods. The post office conducts user surveys in the spring, said Wilson.

Edwinsen said he's found the post office busiest around 9:30 a.m. between early morning class periods; from 11:40 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. during lunch; and just before the post office closes.

"If you're a student you only have time to mail a letter between classes," said Keith MacKay, sophomore "After classes, it's closed."

While other post offices in Eugene have a five minute goal for servicing customers, this station does not. Wilson said.

Linda Jacobson, post office director of marketing for Eugene, also pointed to constraints with the crowded and dingy facility leased from the University. The lobby, which Wilson said was operated jointly by them and the University, has burnt-out lights, papers scattered across the floor and disorganized lines. Wilson said lobby maintenance was handled by the University.

The post office plans to better organize the lines soon, acting on a clerk's suggestion. Wilson said. They added vending machines about six months ago, and possibly could add mirrors so clerks would know line length and install postal scales on counters. But Wilson said they currently have no other ideas for improving service.

Despite the complaints University postal customers have about long lines, most found the clerks efficient and helpful once they got to the service window.

"The people here are very nice." said Dai Zhongyi, graduate student.

Kristen Inmann-Wilson, freshman, said "the clerks are not overly friendly, but not rude."

This post office does not get any more complaints than others in town. Wilson said, but gets many more compliments about clerks' helpfulness, "This says something for the students." he said.

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