

# PSU seeks role in Portland's future

## Governor's report to gauge school system in spotlight

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The Portland State University situation is best described as "mush," said Carl Hofsticka, state representative and vice-president in charge of coordinating University Educational Services in Portland.

"In the situation right now there is not much rapid movement," Hofsticka said Wednesday. "We are trying to find a solution that makes sense for everybody."

The original proposal that the University take over PSU's role has lost momentum and the possibility of a merger involving PSU and the Oregon Health Sciences University never got rolling, Hofsticka said.

Proposals from the governor have now taken the spotlight, Hofsticka said.

"The governor's report is trying to gauge the educational system in Portland based on what the visions are of what Portland will be like in the future," he said.

There are two main points of emphasis involving higher education and Portland's situation, Hofsticka said.

The first emphasis is on preparing the labor force in Portland and nurturing it over time.

The second focuses on specialized research and development in specific industries, Hofsticka said.

Other areas higher education officials feel PSU needs to contribute to the Portland community are social problem solving, taking the lead in urban design and landscape architecture in the Portland area, and supporting the arts in the city in general, Hofsticka said.

PSU is emphasizing a position as an urban university, Hofsticka said. In a letter read by Hofsticka, the PSU's deans expressed no interest in being compared to the other two universities in the state system.

The main problem raised by PSU becoming an urban university focused mainly on the education of working class people in the Portland area involves how to provide professional graduate educations to people living in the Portland area, Hofsticka said.

The PSU administration feels this problem can be solved by the existence of combined graduate schools responsible for coordinating programs that draw upon the resources of other institutions, Hofsticka said.


Areas of strength that the University could contribute to



Carl Hofsticka

this type of set-up include art, architecture, music, material sciences, the performing arts and international studies, Hofsticka said.

Whatever is to take place in Portland, it all comes down to a matter of money, Hofsticka said, and there is a question of where exactly this money is going to come from.



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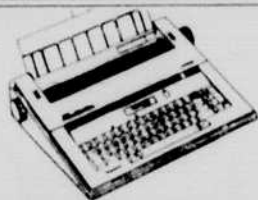
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Two sessions are scheduled, a morning session from 9 a.m. to noon and an afternoon session from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The sessions will be held in the Orlando J. Hollis Courtroom on the second floor of the Law Center.

Students enrolled in the law school's legal writing program are required to attend one of the two sessions, so the public should arrive at least five minutes early for seating and to leave the courtroom only between cases. The justices will make themselves available for questions, except questions about cases they will be hearing, after each session, Schuman said.



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