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Spring fling

An unusually sunny weekend prompted some University students to don shorts and play on the still-soggy intramural field.

Photo by Sean Poston

That dwindling financial aid

You can expect your federal financial aid checks to be a lot smaller. Bush's budget cuts and Bennett's war on drugs have led to a new assault on student funding.

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Even as he called in his Jan. 31 State of the Union address to reform American schools, President George Bush proposed a federal budget that would cause more than a million collegians to lose all or part of their financial aid, observers maintained.

At the same time, federal efforts to curb drug use among college students by further threatening their financial aid are drawing heavy criticism in many campuses.

In his address, delivered hours after he submitted a three-inch thick book of budget proposals to Congress, the president urged schools to do better and make U.S. students "first in the world in math and science" by the year 2000.

"If I was going to do a report card for the Education President, I'd give him a B-plus for rhetoric, a C-minus for finance and an A for political science," said Dallas Martin, head of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Aid cuts — what's at stake

More than 300,000 students would lose aid if two Bush budget items — to kill the State Student Incentive Grant program and cut funding for Perkins Student Loans — pass.

The president also proposed cutting funding for the Stafford Loan program, used by 3.7 million students this school year, by \$500 million down to a total \$3.3 billion.

The \$1.23 trillion budget for the nation includes \$24.6 billion for education — up from \$24.1 billion — but it is slightly less than half of what is need to keep up with inflation. The proposed budget will supply money to the U.S. Department of Education, which administers most federal college programs, for the Oct. 1, 1990 through Sept. 30, 1991 fiscal year.

"Unless (Bush) increases grants and loans, he's not helping. What good is getting students prepared to go to college if they can't get financial aid?" asked Janet Lieberman of United States Student Association, a national student lobbying group.

The administration assumes students who can't get loans will turn to the Pell Grant program for aid.

While Bush did propose increasing Pell Grant funding by \$473 million, it's less than the 4.5 percent increase needed to keep up with the inflation rate. In addition, all but \$100 million of the added money would go toward covering Gramm-Rudman deficit re-

Monday In-Depth



George Bush



William Bennett

Bartlett set to request \$10 million for faculty

By Stephanie Holland
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Higher education Chancellor Thomas Bartlett was given approval Friday to request up to \$10 million from the state's emergency board for faculty salaries.

The appropriation would replace some of the revenue lost when the Oregon Lottery Commission decided to abandon video poker, which was to fund higher education faculty salaries and mass transit projects.

Some state Board of Higher Education members, however, expressed concern that \$10 million would not be enough to make Oregon's faculty salaries competitive with other universities in the country, said Jim Sellers, director of communications for the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

"Tom Bruggere referred to the \$10 million as being a 'pitiful amount,'" Sellers said.

Bruggere said \$25 million to \$30 million is needed to raise salaries, Sellers said. However, Bruggere said he understood that, politically, such a large request is not realistic for the emergency board to approve.

Board member Gary Johnston, of Idaho, added that the Idaho Legislature this year is considering a 14 percent increase in funding for universities and colleges.

Some emergency board members, such as Sen. Bill Bradbury (D-Bandon), believe the board will not approve Bartlett's request.

"I am convinced if the state comes in with a request, it will be deferred until we have more knowledge of the financial outlook of the state," Bradbury said.

Bradbury, who is on the emergency board's General Government Subcommittee, said he understands the need for money for faculty salaries, which he said is a critical issue.

However, he said the emergency board won't have enough money left over after paying for other state emergencies.

In a separate action at the higher education meeting, the board voted to approve immunization requirements for the University, Oregon Health Sciences University, Oregon Institute of Technology and Oregon State University.

Recent outbreaks of measles prompted the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Immunization Practices Advisory Committee and the Oregon Health Division to recommend all college students born after 1957 receive a second dose of measles vaccine.

Before the board's approval of the new immunization re-



Thomas Bartlett

Measles shot to be required

Beginning this fall, all new students planning to attend the University must prove they have received vaccinations for measles and rubella before they will be admitted.

Dr. James Jackson, Student Health Center director, said the Oregon Health Division and the American College Health Association also advise currently enrolled University students born after 1957 to get a second dose of the measles vaccine because the campus is at high risk for a measles outbreak.

"Measles is probably the most contagious disease known," affecting people up to ages 32 or 33, Jackson said.

"It's so easily caught that, if you're in shouting distance of someone with measles, you're probably going to get them," he said.

Last year, about 12,000 measles cases were reported in the United States. Forty people died from measles, the highest toll in 18 years.

Although no measles cases have been reported at the University, Jackson said it's only a matter of time. An outbreak already occurred at Southern Oregon State College in Ashland last April and May.

In the Eugene area, several measles cases were diagnosed last week among students at Willamette High School.

College-age people are especially at risk. The measles vaccine given in

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