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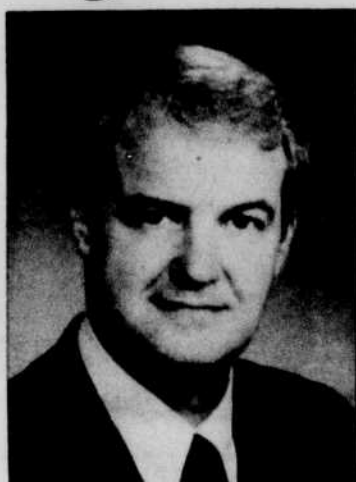
Colleges to get fallout from budget cuts

By Joe Kidd
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Oregon's executive department projected an \$800 million budget shortfall in the 1991-93 biennium Friday, painting an even more dismal picture for the fiscal futures of state-funded agencies — including Oregon's universities and colleges.

The executive department pegged incoming dollars for state programs for the next two years at a level \$211 million lower than its last analysis done in September, adding to the budget pressures legislators already anticipate by the passage of tax-limiting Measure 5.

"I feel like I'm climbing up the cliffs at the guns of Navarone," said state Rep. Tony Van Vliet, R-Corvallis, who will be next year's co-chairman of the budget-writing House Ways and Means Committee. "We clearly have a tough job ahead of us."



Peter Courtney

The executive department has projected the state's present budget into the next biennium at \$6.1 billion. With the new revenue projection bringing available dollars for that period to \$5.3 billion, the state faces a shortfall of nearly \$800 million. Because Oregon's Legislature

is required to produce a balanced budget, the \$800 million gap has spurred speculation of budget cuts. The lower prediction has called into question the feasibility of the proposed increases of an additional \$50 million for faculty salaries and \$51 million for university libraries.

"We have an awful lot of hard work ahead of us," Van Vliet said. "There are 90 different legislators with 90 different philosophies. And they have to work together with a governor that has desires of her own for the future of the state."

In order to prepare for the anticipated round of budget cutting, the executive department two weeks ago required state-funded agencies — including the State System of Higher Education — to submit budget scenarios with 10 percent reductions.

And last week the Legislative Fiscal Office asked the same

agencies to respond to a hypothetical 5 percent cut, a reduction beyond the 10 percent scenario already required.

"We know we will have to make cuts," said legislative fiscal officer John Lattimer. "Depending on what is considered essential, we are considering cuts of 15 percent — and that could be as high as 19 percent out of the budget — in order to give the Legislature options."

"We want to be able to talk with (state-funded agencies) about where we can cut programs in part or in whole, minimizing the pain to those who can least afford it," he said. "Nevertheless, we have no choice; we have to balance the budget."

Dave Quinzer, vice chancellor for budget policy for Higher Education, said the Fiscal Office has asked Higher Education to offer a plan if additional

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Briefly

As tensions in the Persian Gulf continue to mount, the possibility arises that the United States will see its first draft since the Vietnam era ended almost 20 years ago.

Unlike during the Vietnam era, male college students would not be exempt from the draft.

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People make lots of jokes when they learn Carl Hosticka has two careers, one as a University associate professor and one as a state representative from District 40 in Eugene, he says.

Fellow legislators laugh when they learn his job in the "real world" is in academics, and his colleagues in the Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management think it's funny that he has a "real" job in politics as a legislator.

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Entertainment

It's not very often that someone starts playing music in a little campus tavern and ends up making it big — but Robert Cray did.

For him, it all started in Eugene's own Taylors, 894 E. 13th. "He's originally from Tacoma, but Eugene is where everything really took off for him," said Mike Cohen, general manager for Double Tee, the promotion company handling local Cray concerts.

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Sports

The offices of the Oregon Sports Network are in a small, cramped corner of MacArthur Court, but the OSN operation is anything but minor.

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The Oregon Ducks got their second taste of life on the road in college basketball Thursday night, and it left them feeling a little queasy.

The Ducks headed into Utah's Huntsman Center fresh off of a 98-71 win over UAB and looking to extend their winning streak to two games, but they ran into a Utah squad that wasn't about to let that happen.

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Photo by Sean Poston

Jason Margolis, a HEP volunteer, and Brian Moore, an instructor in the high school equivalency program, lead 35 new graduates in a song at commencement exercises Thursday.

HEP students receive diplomas with pride

By Cathy Peterson
Emerald Reporter

After eight weeks of studying and a week of intensive tests, 35 high school equivalency program students collected their diplomas in the Ben Linder Room in a ceremony with all the traditional trappings.

"This is a proud moment for them and a proud moment for us," program Director Steve Marks-Fife said. "We've become a little bit like a family, a family that gets larger and larger," he said.

"These are 35 young people who have taken a step forward in their life."

Established at the University in 1967, the High School Equivalency Program is open to anyone regardless of race, creed or color

who has been a migrant or seasonal farmworker, or has members of their family who have done farm-related work.

The program serves more than 130 people a year during three eight- to 10-week semesters.

Career counselor Jose de la Pena welcomed the former HEP students in the audience, including Jesus Estrada, who graduated with the very first HEP class 24 years ago.

"When you started, some of you said you didn't know if you wanted to be here," de la Pena said. "You survived, you did well, you should be happy."

In the future, "the whole responsibility will be yours," he said. "You have taken it and have done something with it."

"Please don't stop learning. Educate yourself."

He asked the parents in the audience to support their children in seeking more education or whatever they choose to do. "They're turned on right now," he said. "Continue to help this motivation they feel inside."

"I set very high goals," instructor Sylvie Florendo told the students. "You accepted the challenge."

She commended Laura Legorreta, who Florendo said works a full shift at night after taking classes all day.

"Please continue to study, you'll do great," said instructor Bryan Moore, who also led the students in song at the end of the ceremony.