

Students who gathered outside Johnson Hall Monday were encouraged to lobby the state Legislature for alternative ways to fund higher education rather than significantly increasing tuition.

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education," said Ann Koelling, University Democrats chairperson, adding that such students would be supporting businesses and the economy of another state.

Moore said that proposed tuition hikes may not only drive students out of state, but may make job retraining unaffordable for unemployed timber workers and others who are losing their jobs in the recession.

"I think a cut like this will be too deep for higher education to recover from," Bailey said.

As part of the continuing fight against cuts in higher education, a march and rally will be held in Salem on Jan. 19 by the Heart of Oregon Coalition, a statewide group formed to fight cuts in programs and services because of property tax limitations initiated by Ballot Measure 5.

Feb. 5 will be a lobby day in Salem, and students will attend legislative sessions and meet with legislators, as well as rallying on the steps of the state capitol and presenting a petition to Governor Roberts, who is expected to be in attendance.

"The number one thing to do is to get up to Salem," Bailey said. "We're going to have a strong student presence."

Students interested in attending these events should contact the ASUO office at 346-3724 for more information, or for assistance in getting to Salem.

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the state's system of higher education, which will likely result in dramatically higher tuition rates and the elimination of 500 faculty and staff members from state colleges and universities.

As if Measure 5 were not enough for Roberts to contend with, the Nov. 6 elections captured a majority for Republicans in the House of Representatives for the first time in 20 years.

The GOP-controlled House, which will craft the first legislative version of the new budget, is now seen as potentially pitted against a Democratic Senate and governor.

While remarks made during Roberts' inauguration formed a general consensus, slight differences were apparent — differences that could grow throughout the coming rounds of budget slashing.

Before formally introducing Roberts to members of the Senate and House, Senate President John Kitzhaber, D-Roseburg, described the coming effects of Measure 5 in mixed terms of dread and concession.

"Let no one doubt the gravity of the situation in which the passage of Measure 5 has plunged us," he said. "... But I do not believe, though serious the problem is, that we are at all

helpless."

"Indeed, Measure 5 offers us an unparalleled opportunity ... to develop a clear and consistent policy of the appropriate role of state government in our society ... to clarify the difference between what the state government must do, what it should and can do, and what we should do for ourselves without the state's help," he said.

However, House Speaker Larry Campbell, R-Eugene, offered a slightly more favorable review of the tax-limiting measure, reflecting what some see as Republican agreeability in the face of across-the-board cuts.

Campbell said voter approval of Measure 5 was a message to the Legislature to "look to government in a new and different way. We must streamline state government."

"We should reduce spending ... It can only be achieved if we're determined to minimize our differences and work together to get the job done," he said. "I hope that the challenge of Ballot Measure 5 will bring out the best of the many talented people now in state government."

"Too often we have chosen to bicker without exploring the alternatives. Ballot Measure 5 has shaken us out of complacency."

But Roberts, who served two terms as a state repre-

sentative — in 1983 becoming the first woman to hold the position of house speaker — hit on Measure 5 as an initiative that will "cripple Oregon and put it permanently on the economic back burner" if a new, counter-acting tax is not adopted.

Measure 5 will demand incrementally larger chunks of the state's general fund over the next six years, eventually resulting in a \$2.2 billion shift in the 1995-97 biennium if a new source of education funding is not found.

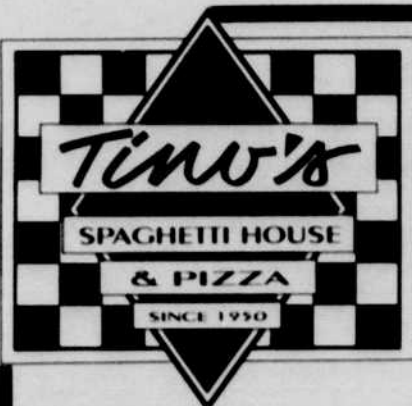
Roberts has called for a 5 percent sales tax on goods and services for funding public education.

In her speech, Measure 5 was one of three key areas the governor said she hopes to address in the next four years.

Along with reforming Oregon's "worn-out tax structure," Roberts said she wants a better prepared work force and "sensitive and sensible growth" in the state's urban areas.

But as for the current budget crisis, Roberts said her administration "will not be consumed by Ballot Measure 5."

"We understand its implications and its limitations and we will deal decisively with those issues," she said. "But Ballot Measure 5 will not be the battering ram that some expect it to be."



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