



Atallah Shabazz (right), the daughter of civil rights leader Malcom X, presented the keynote speech at the University's first-ever celebration marking the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 21.

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Measure 5: Hey, Oregon, thanks a lot!

The winners: Oregon property owners. The losers: Oregon students.

Ballot Measure 5, when it passed in November, brought tax relief to Oregon's property owners. Supporters of Measure 5 were satisfied — the proverbial little old ladies would get to keep their homes and what they perceived as a grossly unfair tax structure was fixed for the good of all humanity.

But what's good for little old ladies (and, it turns out, for giant companies, who will save millions as a result of Measure 5's tax cuts) isn't always so good for Oregon's college and university students. In an effort to save money, the University all but shut down its education school and slashed or altered other programs. And let's not forget the \$200 a term tuition surcharge imposed on students next year.

The furor over Measure



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5 exposed another fun fact: the inability of the state Legislature to come up with replacement revenue. A sales tax? Surplus funds? No one in Salem seems to know the answer.

More than 300 Oregon college students protested Measure 5's effects on steps of the capitol in Salem. "My Future is So Dim I Gotta Get a Lamp" read one student's sign. "Pay More for Less? I don't think so."

Of protest and politics



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James Phelps (above left), a third-year law student, speaks at an academic freedom rally after law school Prof. Greg Johnson was forced to apologize to one of his classes. Johnson had spoken to his students about his activism in the gay rights movement.

Inter-office political struggles and personality conflicts tainted the credibility of student government this year. A contested ASUO Executive investigation during winter term found Incidental Fee Committee Chairman Mike Colson (right) responsible for altering minutes of an IFC meeting, which resulted in his removal Saturday.

Student protesters (above right), angered at the CIA's illegal operations around the globe, effectively disrupted and halted the agency's recruitment interviews on campus in November.

Twelve letters must have had a lot to say, as they prompted University Vice President Dan Williams cancel the Grateful Dead's invitation to play at Autzen Stadium this summer. By the time a flurry of student protest and outcry had persuaded Williams and the rest of the administration to re-invite the Dead, it was too late. Jerry Garcia (left) and company said their tour schedule was too full to include a Eugene stop.



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