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Photo by Jeff Paslay
Jean Stockard, president of the Oregon Conference of the American Association of University Professors, speaks about the need for a special session as ASUO President Jennifer Bills and WOSC professor Bonnie Staebler listen.

Students, faculty voice concerns

□ Speakers request March legislative special session, saying Measure 5 cuts have been devastating

By Daralyn Trappe
Emerald Associate Editor

The time is now for decisive action to counter the effects of Measure 5. That's the message student presidents, faculty and administrators from Oregon's colleges and universities sent out to Gov. Barbara Roberts Thursday in their call for a special legislative session.

Those who spoke at the press conference at the University, in the presence of vocal and supportive students from several schools, urged the governor and state legislators to meet next month and attempt to come up with replacement revenue for higher education.

The cuts resulting from Measure 5 have been devastating to higher education and students, the

speakers agreed, and it will only get worse unless something is done soon to stem the tide.

But Sarah Carlin Ames, a communications assistant for Roberts, said the governor is not prepared to call a special session in March.

"The governor strongly believes that would be premature," Ames said in response to the press conference. "We have a lot of work to do in streamlining, improving efficiency and reducing the number of state workers before the public is ready to start talking about restructuring the tax system."

Roberts plans to restructure the tax system before planning the 1992-93 budget, Ames said.

"A special session is months away, at the earliest in May," she said.

ASUO President Jennifer Bills was the first to speak Thursday in opposition to that.

Bills, who is also the chairwoman of the Oregon Student Lobby, issued a joint statement from

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Brand supports proposed change in Higher Ed Act

□ President says more students will benefit from congressional efforts for direct government loans or grants

By Colleen Pohlig
Emerald Reporter

President Myles Brand's push for direct loans to students is just in time for the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, which sets standards for federal financial aid by creating new programs and revising existing ones.

Official debate is under way by legislators in Washington, D.C., on the issue and the final outcome is expected by spring.

During Brand's trip to Washington last month, he spoke with members of Congress about one of the act's central issues — the amount of federal funding for stu-

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Toil and trouble



Photo by Michael Shinder
Cast members Janet Gupton, Tricia Rodley and Heidi Schreck rehearse for 'The Troubles,' which opens tonight in the Robinson Theatre. The play explores the struggle of two sisters to rediscover a sense of family that has been shattered by the powerful forces of 'the troubles' engulfing Northern Ireland in their lifetime. The show continues Feb. 22, 27-29 and March 6-7.

Task force on athletics appointed

□ Members will seek solution to intercollegiate athletic funding dilemma

By Carrie Dennett
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The Oregon State Board of Higher Education has completed appointments to the Task Force on Athletic Funding.

OSBHE President George Richardson Jr. called for a look with "fresh eyes" at the issue of intercollegiate funding within the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

"Funding of athletics is at a critical juncture, and the pursuit of a solution will require exploration of many approaches," Richardson said.

Funding of intercollegiate athletics in OSSHE has been an issue for the past 15 years. Current state board policy permits the use of institutional funds for athletics at the four regional colleges: Western Oregon State, Southern Oregon State, Eastern Oregon State and Oregon



George Richardson Jr.

Institute of Technology.

However, institutional funds cannot be used for athletic programs at Oregon, Oregon State or Portland State. All three university athletic programs are operating with deficits.

In June 1990, the state board permitted university presidents to use institutional funds on a one-time

experimental basis to avoid increasing the accumulated deficit of \$6 million.

After a series of public hearings and another review of the issue, the board decided at its Nov. 15, 1991 meeting to explore other alternatives to funding intercollegiate athletics.

Testimony at that meeting included concerns that the board had not put sufficient effort into finding alternative solutions before pouring millions of dollars into a bailout.

"While several themes emerged during our public hearings, a consensus did not," Richardson said. "It is the charge of this task force to find a more acceptable way out of the present dilemma, taking into account all of the suggestions the board received from faculty, students, citizens and state officials."

Along these lines, shortly after the November board meeting, University President Myles Brand began taking steps to increase the faculty's role in governance of the Uni-

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SCORCHED

The Sun Devils whipped the Ducks 89-76 at Mac Court Thursday.

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HITCHCOCKBURN

Musicians Bruce Cockburn and Robyn Hitchcock and the Egyptians bring their own styles to Eugene next weekend when they perform at the Hilton and on campus.

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