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RALLY

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those in the crowd.

University students at the rally gave the spotlight to students from other colleges and universities because the Eugene area has received more Measure 5 media attention, said Student Senator Brian Hoop.

Paul Evans, Western Oregon State College's student body president, urged the crowd to turn its anger into something positive.

"We want a tax structure that meets the needs of everyone," Evans said. "And we have the power to enact positive change. If Oregon wants real change, nothing on God's green earth can stop us. And it starts with each of us understanding our own social responsibility."

Bonnie Staebler, statewide faculty senate president, said the state is now ranked 37th in the nation in higher education and is slipping with each Measure 5 impact.

"Few people realized that higher education would be one of the services first hit by

Measure 5," Staebler said. "We lost nearly 90 programs. We lost 500 faculty and staff. We lost 3,000 sons and daughters of Oregon. This was the greatest loss of all."

Scott Palmer, a former OSU student and founder of Students of Oregon United to Rescue College Education, spoke about how the cuts have affected education at all levels, as well as state services and assistance.

Palmer asked Oregon citizens to question the kind of state they want to live in.

"(This has) made me ashamed, embarrassed and afraid," Palmer said. "What have we become? What kind of people have we allowed ourselves to become? Are we the kind of people who will allow our children to suffer and do nothing?"

Palmer said Measure 5 has come to stand for thoughtlessness and blatant disregard for human rights.

Palmer said. "Race relations, diversity issues, health care ... drug and alcohol abuse are all tied directly back to education."

Palmer pointed to the words printed on the wall of the capitol building that say, "A free state is formed and is maintained by the voluntary union of the whole people joined together under the body of laws for the common welfare and the sharing of benefits."

Then he asked lawmakers to live up to the words.

Although Gov. Barbara Roberts was in La Grande Friday, an assistant, Marilyn Kaiser, assured the crowd Roberts would get the message.

"I commend you for being so informed," Kaiser said. "Your plan is on target, but you have to convince others."

Roberts has said she will not call a special session until Oregonians are ready to consider serious changes in the tax structure and until they believe all the excess and waste has first been cut out of the budget.

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system. These decisions come in the looming shadow of an expected 20 percent drop in state funding for higher education in the 1993-95 biennium.

Present and future students have a tremendous stake in public input and the resulting decision; they could be asked to pay up to 100 percent of the cost of their education beginning in fall 1993.

Oregon undergraduates are already struggling to pay 38 percent of their total educational costs, up from 28 percent last year, representing an increase of one-third.

The state board is expected to raise tuition this fall by another 6.6 percent at Oregon, Oregon State and Portland State, and 5 percent at the four regional colleges in Monmouth, Ashland, La Grande and Klamath Falls.

The tuition committee will ask the public for input on three tuition alternatives:

- Option 1: No tuition increase.**
 - annual tuition stays at \$2,700.
 - cut enrollment by 20 percent.
 - students pay 38 percent of education costs.
- Option 2: Small tuition increase.**
 - annual tuition raised to \$3,300 in 1993-94, \$3,900 by 1994-95.
 - cut enrollment by 10 percent.
 - students pay 43 percent of education costs in 1993-94, 52 percent by 1994-95.
- Option 3: Large tuition increase.**
 - annual tuition raised to \$6,300.
 - cut enrollment by 70 percent.
 - students pay 100 percent of education costs.

Tuesday's meeting in Eugene is scheduled at Lane Community College, 4000 E. 30th Ave., from 1 to 4 p.m. in Room 308 on the south side of the Forum Building.

While the state board decides how to deal with a budget shortfall on the state system level, the University administration and budget office is deciding how to deal with shortfalls on the campus level.

Plans are already in the works for the 1993-95 budget, taking into account the worst case scenario — a 20 percent reduction from the cost of running the programs in place at the end of the 1991-93 biennium.

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A happier outcome would include potential 10 percent "adbacks" or a special legislative session resulting in a tax restructuring plan.

University President Myles Brand discussed the 1993-95 budget process and the timetable at a special meeting of the University Assembly Friday afternoon. The assembly includes faculty members and student senators.

Brand said a special session, if called by Gov. Barbara Roberts, would probably be early this summer, and a mail-in ballot could be sent to Oregon voters in September.

However, obstacles blocking a special session include disagreement on tax reform strategies between key constituency groups and a high level of resistance to tax reform by Oregon voters, particularly in the Portland metropolitan area.

In addition, Brand said the recall petition against Gov. Roberts is taking up some of the time and focus she could be giving to a new tax plan and a special session.

In constructing the 1993-95 budget, due in late fall of 1992, Brand said several faculty and student groups will be consulted.

In this, the second phase of cuts following Measure 5, Brand said the University will make no more vertical cuts.

"We will not cut major programs, departments or colleges," he said. "This time, we'll handle it differently."

The University will instead downsize and make cuts in non-academic areas. Brand said the University's individual schools and colleges may be given the option of making their own reductions, which could include reducing, combining, or eliminating programs within each college.

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