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University proposes tuition surcharge

By Paul Morgan
Emerald Contributor

A proposed increase in the non-resident tuition surcharge for next year will move these students closer to paying the full cost of their education.

If approved by the State Board of Higher Education in July, the University's proposal would raise the non-resident tuition surcharge to \$450 a term for the 1992-93 school year, an increase from \$300 per term this year.

"The general proposal is based on the idea that non-resident students should be paying the full cost of their education, and they're not," said Trent Spradling, director of the University Budget Office. "The main question is, should the state be subsidizing non-resident students."

Students can offer input on the proposal at an incidental fee meeting on June 2. The meeting was moved from its usual time slot in July so students will have a better chance to get involved, said Loren Stubbart, associate budget director for the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

"This is an opportunity for students to get involved in incidental fee decisions," he said.

Testimony from the meeting will be presented to the board when it meets in July.

The proposal's final fate may rest with the board's Tuition Task Force, which is holding public forums around the state in hopes of finding better ways to fund higher education.

"We have reservations about the proposal because it could cloud the issues on the task force and make it reluctant to move forward with new fee proposals," Stubbart said. "We don't need to get a lot of students upset because we may be making dramatic changes in how the fee structure will be set up."

More than 3,400 non-resident students registered this term, said Assistant Registrar Tom North.

An additional proposal includes plans for increases in the non-resident tuition and resource fees in the law school. Tuition would rise by \$450 to \$5,866 per year, and the resource fee would increase \$1,000 to \$4,500 per year. Both increases would push total law school tuition to more than \$10,000 per year.

Resident law school students would also be affected by the proposal, which would increase their resource fee by \$750 to \$2,250 per year.

The fee increases are part of a law school plan to comply with an accreditation study that said the school was underfunded.

The College of Business Administration also proposed a resource fee, with residents paying a \$300 fee and non-residents paying a \$750 fee.

AIDS deaths, new cases decline in county, Oregon

By Gerrit Koepping
Emerald Reporter

The battle against the AIDS virus may have taken a turn for the better, according to recent statistics from the Centers for Disease Control.

National statistics show a decline in the number of new AIDS cases and in AIDS deaths.

According to CDC, the first half of 1991 saw 18,835 new AIDS cases diagnosed, and in the second half of that year the number dropped to 14,407, a 24 percent reduction.

This is the first slowing of the disease since the CDC began keeping track of AIDS in 1981.

The number of AIDS-related deaths are also declining with 13,391 deaths in the first half of 1991, and 10,608 in the second half, a reduction of nearly 21 percent.

That puts the number of deaths and new cases back to 1987 levels.

Dr. Mark Loveless, director of the AIDS program at Oregon Health Science University, said the numbers may be misleading because new drugs such as AZT may have delayed the onset of full-blown AIDS for many people who are HIV-positive.

Since statistics on HIV-positives are not gathered, there is no way to confirm whether the spread of HIV has also been slowed, he said.

Nonetheless, Loveless said he suspects HIV infections are also slowing. One of the causes of this is a change in lifestyles among gay men, which has slowed the spread of the disease.

However, he said the spread of AIDS among heterosexual women has increased.

According to the CDC, there was an 8 percent national reduction of new AIDS cases transmitted by male homosexual contact between 1990 and 1991. On the other hand, CDC statistics find that cases increased 32 percent among heterosexual women who aren't IV drug users.

But women still count for only 11

percent of diagnosed AIDS cases in the United States, and heterosexual women who don't use IV drugs account for about 1 percent of diagnosed AIDS cases or 1,923 cases.

Steve Modesitt, HIV surveillance manager for Oregon's Health Division, said Oregon is also seeing a decline in new AIDS cases. In 1990 Oregon had 329 cases, in 1991 that number dropped to 272 cases.

"I think the epidemic is slowing, especially in Oregon, and with the gay male population overall," he said.

But he cautioned that Oregon saw increases among male IV drug users, heterosexual men and women.

From 1981 to 1988 there were 14 new cases of male IV drug users developing AIDS in Oregon. From 1989 to 1991 this number rose to 45, Modesitt said.

Oregon had just one male and four females who got the disease through heterosexual contact between 1981 to 1988, he said. From 1989 to 1991 there were 10 heterosexual men and 14 heterosexual women diagnosed.

Janet Winter, HIV educator for Lane County Public Health Services, said since 1985 there have been 77 cases of AIDS diagnosed and 55 AIDS deaths in Lane County.

Of those diagnosed, more than 75 percent are gay men, he said.

In Lane County, there are four women who have been diagnosed with AIDS. Winter said three of those women said they probably contracted the disease through heterosexual contact, and the fourth said she was an IV drug user.

Jim Shoemaker, coordinator of the White Bird medical clinic, said the statistics might be worthless because the exact number of people who have HIV are not known.

Shoemaker said that the recent statistics might hamper efforts to control the disease.

"This is going to give those people in denial an extra boost of denial."

POLICE BEAT

The following incidents were reported to the Office of Public Safety and the Eugene police department April 19-26.

- An unknown person stole \$250 in cash from the University Law Center April 25, according to police reports. Law school students held a talent show at the center the night of the burglary.

A 39-year-old University student said he put the money collected for the talent show's admission charge in his briefcase on his desk, according to police. He said he assumed the exit door of an adjoining room was locked and did not check it before he left. The door between the two rooms was open.

The student said another student, age unknown, called him later that night to tell him he found the briefcase on the floor of a Law Center locker room, according to police. The other student said he would put the briefcase in his locker until the student could pick it up.

When the student retrieved the briefcase it was empty, according to police. A 26-year-old student said several people entered the room to change in between acts. Police have no suspect information.

- A 23-year-old University student reported a burglary at his house

April 26, according to police reports. The student said his compact disc player was stolen from an unlocked room in his house. He said he lives with seven other people but doesn't suspect any of them.

The man told police the front door of the house may have been unlocked. No other items were taken from the house.

Someone stole a bike from inside the house several weeks ago. Police have no suspect information.

- An unknown person broke the door to the University Inn's mailroom on April 27, according to police reports. The UI Resident Director said someone splintered the door apart by brute force. Police found shoeprints on the door.

Police said nothing was disturbed inside the mailroom and the Resident Director reported nothing stolen.

The Resident Director said a similar incident of criminal mischief occurred recently in which a person ran into a wall, leaving a body impression in the plaster, according to police.

Police have no suspect information. Damage to the door is estimated at \$100.

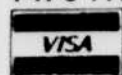
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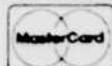
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