

I can dig it



Photo by Michael Shindler

Geology graduate student Haemyeong Jung takes readings as the Exploratory Geophysics class measures the electrical resistivity of the surface of Lawrence Hall's front lawn in order to determine groundwater levels and depth to bedrock.

Roberts to submit new tax restructuring plan

□ Governor waiting until Oregonians are convinced she has trimmed government

By Daralyn Trappe
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Gov. Barbara Roberts announced Thursday she will submit a tax reform plan to the Oregon Legislature, and Oregonians will be voting on a new state tax structure in September.

Roberts had said she would not call for a special session of the Legislature until she was convinced Oregonians were believed all waste had been trimmed from the budget.

"I heard Oregonians, and I am delivering a better government," Roberts said in a press release. "one with greater accountability, with less administration, with fewer workers and with lower costs.

"Now I can, with a clear conscience, look Oregonians in the eye and talk to them about restructuring Oregon's tax system."

Roberts plans to submit a tax reform plan to the Legislature that will allow their action before July 29.

The new tax plan has not yet been set, but Roberts has "three firm requirements" for what it must entail:

- Homeowners must be offered at least as much property tax relief as was promised, but not delivered, by Measure 5.
- The tax system must be completely restructured.
- State government — "through my streamlining efforts" — must cost less. "I will not support a tax plan to replace all costs lost under Measure 5," Roberts

said. "A more efficient government can and will operate with less total dollars."

Roberts intends to formulate the specific plan over the next few weeks by meeting with citizens — in a move similar to her "Conversations with Oregon" — and getting opinions about what Oregonians like and dislike about the current tax system.

Beginning Tuesday in Pendleton and ending two weeks later, Roberts plans to travel throughout the state. Eugene will be one of the stops.

Meetings with legislators will begin after that.

The November 1990 passage of Measure 5, which limited property taxes, has resulted in a budget shortfall expected to reach \$1 billion by the 1993-95 biennium. Along with state government cutbacks, higher education has been hard hit. The University has seen the closure of several programs and departments and a nearly one-third tuition hike.

Any new tax proposal is expected to include a way to make up for some of the lost revenue. More cuts are planned unless replacement revenue is generated through a new tax plan.

Roberts said additional cuts in services and education are unacceptable.

"I cannot deny that the cuts that we are facing will jeopardize Oregon's future," she said. "And I won't pretend that a few more painful cuts here, or some hiring freezes or efficiency measures there, will solve our problems."

The ASUO is urging students to register to vote at their summer address so they won't be left out when Sept. 15 comes around. The election will be done through mail-in ballots, and the last day to register will be Aug. 25.

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Pulitzer author to speak at University graduation

□ Ecological concerns will be the likely topic of N. Scott Momaday's commencement address

By Rivers Janssen
Emerald Reporter

N. Scott Momaday, a Pulitzer Prize-winning Native American author, will address the Class of 1992 during the University of Oregon commencement ceremonies at noon on Sunday, June 14 at Autzen Stadium.

Momaday won the Pulitzer in 1969 for his novel *House Made of Dawn*, a work about the return home of a Native American soldier from World War II.

He is currently a Regents Professor of English at the University of Arizona, where he has worked since 1980. Prior to that he worked as a professor for three years at the University of California at Berkeley and seven years at Stanford. He has received nine honorary doctoral degrees from universities around the country.

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Allergy time nothing to — achoo!

By Colleen Pohlig
Emerald Reporter

If you hadn't been able to tell from the incessant sneezes, pollen masks and miserable students walking around with red eyes and sniffing noses, allergy season has hit full force in the Willamette Valley.

"This is probably the worst it's ever been," said senior Julie Klassen, who suffers from hay fever. "Medicine hasn't worked and now it's turned into asthma. I couldn't even breathe last night."

For the past two weeks, the University Student Health Center has been swamped

with students needing allergy relief.

The health center has been seeing more than 100 students a day for allergies and allergy-related symptoms. This is at least triple the amount of allergy patients it sees ordinarily, said registered nurse Sharon Harbert.

"Kids who have never had allergies before are coming in," she said.

Harbert said the allergy season has hit a little earlier, and the pollen count is higher than in the past.

Because the Willamette Valley grows a considerable amount of grass seed, the grass pollens are trapped in

the valley and cause problems for allergy sufferers.

Graduate student Jiseong Park said this season is the worst he has ever suffered from allergies. He came to the United States two years ago from Korea and has only suffered from allergies in this country.

"I can only sleep one to two hours a night," Park said. "(The allergies) are a lot worse than last year." Park wears a pollen mask, but said he doesn't think it's doing much good; he's only following "doctor's orders."

Judy Moffett, the health

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GABY'S HERE

'Gaby' Brimmer, who has cerebral palsy but writes poetry with her left foot, will be in town until June 7.

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A LITTLE MAGIC

The wife of 'Magic' Johnson delivered a boy Thursday night. Cookie Kelly delivered 7 pounds, 15 ounces Earvin Johnson III at Cedars-Sinai Hospital. Doctors said both Kelly and the baby are in good health.



FALCON

Joe Falcon will be one of many Olympic hopefuls competing at the Prefontaine Classic.

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