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Hwang's twang



Photo by Jeff Paslay

Senior Jerry Hwang practices his guitar in the EMU Monday in preparation for Guitar Performance class. Hwang has been playing the guitar for 11 years and is a music major.

Sheriff, kids to benefit from levy

□ Sinking timber revenues cause predicted shortfall for county, commissioner says

By Tim Neff
Emerald Associate Editor

Lane County voters are being asked to dig into their pockets and bail the Sheriff's Department and other public health programs out of a projected \$4.2 million revenue shortfall.

During a June 30 mail-in election, voters will decide if they want to increase the county's property tax rate to fund a three-year serial levy. If approved, Ballot Measure 20-02 would raise \$11 million per year for the next three years to maintain existing law enforcement services and improve child abuse prevention.

County Commissioner Jerry Rust said the budget shortfall is the result of declining timber sales. Money from the sales goes into the county's discretionary general fund, which public health and safety programs heavily rely upon for their budgets.

"We've been able to cruise on timber revenue," Rust said. "But we're going to run out of juice."

Timber revenues have dropped from \$16.7 million during the 1990-91 fiscal year, to \$14.7 million this year. That number is expected to further decline to \$12.7 million for the 1992-93 fiscal year. The \$11 million-per-year levy would

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Brand announces 20-percent cuts forced by Measure 5

□ The ASUO and administration hope Gov. Roberts' special session will make projected cuts unnecessary

By Daralyn Trappe
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University President Myles Brand recently announced plans for the second round of Measure 5-induced cuts, but Oregonians will likely be voting this fall on a new tax structure that could eliminate the need for those cuts.

The proposed budget cuts include eliminating 166 positions in the schools and colleges, 139 positions in other academic units, 22 positions in student services and 78 positions in administrative support services.

Both the ASUO and the University administration are taking steps to inform students, parents and alumni of how the cuts — \$30.5 million over two years beginning July 1, 1993 — would affect the University.

93-95 BUDGET CUT PROPOSAL

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*The proposed cuts would be 50% larger than the major program changes totalling \$10 million a year already sustained by the university during 1991-93.

The proposal does not envision the kind of major program closures and other permanent changes that took place last year, Brand said in a press release. Cuts during the 1991-93 biennium, totaling \$10 million, also resulted in a nearly one-third tuition hike for students.

"At this point, the University is at the minimum breadth for a public Association of American Universi-

ties research university," Brand said. "If Oregon is to continue to have a university of this high caliber available to its citizens, a different strategy to deal with the second stage of Measure 5 budget cuts is required."

That's why, Brand said, the University has proposed a budget-cutting plan that downsizes the University without further reducing breadth.

Brand said if this budget proposal has to be activated, it would have a significant negative impact on the University by cutting back on a number of crucial campus services and reducing student access to educational programs.

No serious tuition increases are planned under the latest proposal, although an alternative plan, with higher tuition and maintenance of the courses and services on the chopping block, was also presented.

But although a new tax structure could be on the horizon, and would likely result in replacement revenue for higher education, Brand's office announced the newest cutback plans — Phase 2 of the Measure 5 cut-

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WEATHER

The high temperature records began to melt before noon Monday. Officially at the Eugene airport the mercury climbed to 101. Although somewhat cooler weather is forecast later in the week, meteorologists said the heat wave will be back Wednesday with highs near 100 and possible late afternoon thundershowers.



HISTORY IN THE MAKING

After 11 years with the Museum of Natural History, Mike Smith has seen many changes take place and his volunteer work has helped to fill the museum's empty interior. He says the museum's lack of money has made his job a lot more fun.

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SPORTS



Washington State University has been placed on probation by the Pacific-10 Conference for two years and will be barred from competing in post-season competition in baseball and men's track and field next season as a result of NCAA scholarship violations. "Quite candidly, we were guilty," said Washington State Athletic Director Jim Livengood.