

State of higher education moving from bad to worse

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Higher education, like many other state-funded agencies, has seen better days.

Measure 5, the property tax-limiting measure passed in 1990, has cut the education budget drastically. And things are only getting worse.

So far, tuition has gone up and programs have been cut at the state's eight public colleges and universities. In the next few years, unless new revenue is found, more jobs will be lost and tuition will continue to rise.

Numbers and numbers and numbers

add up to one thing on which almost everyone can agree: Students are getting short-changed.

The 1993-95 budget approved by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education in July calls for a 30-percent tuition increase to be instituted over the biennium.

It will be implemented at 15 percent a year, beginning in 1993.

With all the tuition increases and surcharges levied since the passage of Measure 5, students have seen and will continue to see tuition skyrocket.

The board recently approved the tuition and fee schedule for this academic year, which includes a 6.7-percent in-

crease in the base instruction fee.

The chancellor's office reports that by 1995 students will have seen their tuition increase 77 percent in five years since 1990.

Greg Parker, the communications director for the state system of higher education, said the increases create many concerns.

People won't be able to afford an education, he said. Poor students will lose their "economic mobility," he said, while wealthier students will still find a way to go to school.

Moreover, Parker said, if high school graduates leave the state in search of a cheaper education, Oregon taxpayers

will have wasted a valuable resource that they nurtured.

"These taxpayers have paid for 12 years of education," he said. "Now they're exporting these minds to another state and losing this investment."

In the meantime, legislators are still searching for a way to get the needed money. And it doesn't look as if they will find it soon.

During the summer, the Oregon House of Representatives killed a plan that would have put a sales tax proposal before the voters to solve the state's budget woes.

THE ASUO WOMEN'S CENTER IS HERE FOR YOU!

We Provide:

- A staff and central location to network for student organizations and services for the women of the University of Oregon.
- Information and referrals to campus and community resources.
- A space for women to bring ideas which need to be addressed so the University and student government can better meet their needs.
- A place for planning and coordinating events and symposia.
- A lending library of women's resources.
- A safe place for women to gather and talk.

The following three programs are located in the Women's Center:

WOMEN'S DIVERSITY PROGRAM:

recognizes and celebrates the diversity of women. The program's focus is on promoting greater ethnic awareness and diversity within the women's community, on campus and within the Women's Center and student government.

The Women's Diversity Program sponsors and organizes support groups and multi-cultural events throughout the year which celebrate and empower women. The program is dedicated to the development and expansion of various programs on campus that serve the needs of ALL women.

WOMEN'S RESOURCE & REFERRAL: 346-3327

The Women's Resource and Referral Program is a program that is dedicated to the provisions of the following resource and referral services to the women population within the campus as well as local community:

- Women's Resource Library
- Calendar of upcoming women's events
- Counseling info
- Sexual Assault Services Info
- Health/Medical info
- Abortion Services/Support groups info
- Women's scholarship info
- Information files on a wide variety of women's issues and concerns
- Job listings
- Legal info
- Housing info
- Welfare info

The Women's Resource and Referral Program is also involved in active networking with many different state and nationwide women's, health and political organizations.

The Women's Resource and Referral Program also sponsors & co-sponsors a large variety of social, cultural and health events on campus.

Practicum is available to all interested women students.

WOMEN IN TRANSITION:

We Are:

- Bridge for coalition
- Tool for empowerment
- Support for change
- Stepping stone for solidarity

Goal: Diversity and Integration

Target: Non-Traditional and International women

*older than average *minority women
*low income *single mothers *physically challenged

Support Services:

- **Support groups & workshops** (dealing with diverse issues)
- **Social activities** (coffeehour, picnic, potluck...)
- **Resources & referrals** (information concerning child care, housing, academic learning, administration, sexual harassment...)
- **Newsletter** (monthly or quarterly)
- **Handbook** (Non-Traditional Student Handbook)
- **Brochures & pamphlets**
- **Networking** (off-campus & student organizations)
- **Lending library**

346-4099

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Applications available for various positions. Stop by the office for details.



Saferide

Fall Hours: Sun-Thurs 6pm-Midnight; Fri-Sat 6pm-2am

Project Saferide is a free night-time shuttle service for women. It provides a safe alternative to walking/biking alone at night, risking possible assault. There is an on-campus van that travels to eleven locations every 1/2 hour and an off-campus van that is available on an on-call basis and can provide a ride to any destination within 10 minutes to campus. **Wheelchair lift! Bike rack! Children's seat!**

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Academic credit and part-time jobs are available.*

On-Campus Route: (off-campus rides also available)

