

Roberts unveils 1993-95 budget

□ Tuition hikes, program eliminations part of higher education cuts

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SALEM — Gov. Barbara Roberts unveiled a proposed General Fund budget for the 1993-95 biennium Tuesday that includes substantial cuts to higher education funding.

"This is a stark budget that reduces many of the services that government provides," Roberts said. She tried to maintain the overall quality of state services nonetheless, she said.

The state General Fund supports nine areas of state service programs, including human resources, education and public safety. All nine received cuts in funding. The current service levels will drop by: 17 percent for education, 6 percent for public safety; 16 percent for human resources; 58 percent for economic and community development; 17 percent for natural resources; and 57 percent for transportation.

Additionally, prisons will operate at 88 percent of their current service level.

Current service level is defined as the cost of contin-

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Gov. Barbara Roberts met with the media Tuesday to present the budget she will submit to the state Legislature in January. The budget reflects the \$1.2 billion shortfall in the state's General Fund for 1993-95.

Library abstains from 'Sex'

□ No "artistic merit" found in Madonna's book, so it won't be on campus library shelves

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It's official: There will be no *Sex* in the library.

Citing the lack of artistic merit of the photography and the cost of rebinding the book for preservation, the University Knight Library recently decided not to carry Madonna's new book, titled *Sex*.

"The photography is pedestrian at best," said Cheryl Kern-Simirenko, an assistant University librarian for collection development, who was solely responsible for the decision.

Because the book is spiral-bound, the library would have to restore the binding so that it would be adequately preserved, Kern-Simirenko said.

"To preserve the book would be fairly expensive, and the photos don't justify that kind of expense," she said.

Kern-Simirenko said she did not know the actual cost to rebind the book.

Sex, which costs \$50 and is covered by mylar plastic to restrict viewing before purchasing, is a compilation of photos showing Madonna and others engaging in various sexual activities. The photos are accompanied by her written sexual fantasies.

While the cost is well within the range of average costs for books the library purchases, "the given quality of the book is not the best investment for \$50," Kern-Simirenko said.

The Knight Library usually decides what to carry by consulting subject specialists and faculty through a faculty liaison program, Kern-Simirenko said.

Because this wasn't a specific request, Kern-Simirenko said she didn't contact anybody through the liaison program, but "simply reviewed it."

University Librarian George Shipman, who is not directly involved in selection decisions, said the library doesn't base its decisions on what to collect "from our interests or biases, but rather, 'Is it representative of scholarship and society's issues?'"

"Madonna represents something of our era that people study in the West, but we don't see the need to purchase the book, apparently," Shipman said.

Shipman said if people from the campus community request the book for research or because of cultural significance, the collections department may reconsider the decision.

Although Kern-Simirenko said she hasn't received significant input on the issue from the campus community, the few calls she has gotten have been evenly balanced between people wanting the library to carry it and those who feel the library should not promote pornography by collecting the book.

Oregon Trail tour to roll through history

□ Nebraskans plan first-ever bicycle trip of landmark paths

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Another group of pioneers is planning to travel the Oregon Trail this spring, but unlike the travelers of the 1800s, wagons and oxen will be nowhere in sight.

The first bicycle tour of the Oregon Trail will leave the trailhead in Independence, Mo., on May 31, and will cover six states during five weeks.

The 150 riders will pass several historical trail markers, including Chimney Rock in Nebraska, Fort Laramie in Wyoming and the Barlow Road in Oregon, before the ride ends July 3 in Oregon City.

The idea for the ride began when Nebraskan Tom Armstrong, one of the organizers, bicycled through California, Oregon and Idaho in 1991.

"There were a couple of times during the ride across Or-

gon that I found the ruts from the (Oregon) trail," Armstrong said. "I always thought it would be so great to have a hiking or biking trail along the Oregon Trail."

"As I bicycled across the country, I put more detail into the trip," Armstrong said. "I found when I got home that it was the 150th anniversary of the Oregon Trail, and then I knew it had to be a bike ride."

Armstrong and a friend, Randy Terbush, began organizing the ride after Armstrong's trip.

"Our plans have changed from having a big ride with hundreds and hundreds of people joining up for a day to a more streamlined and organized ride," Armstrong said, explaining why he and Terbush decided to limit the ride to 150 people.

Armstrong said the anticipated cost for each rider to participate may range from \$800 to \$1,000, but this cost includes dinner and breakfast for 22 days and support vehicles that

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WEATHER

Today will bring some clear skies after a morning of showers. Highs will be in the mid 40s. Tonight will get to a surprising low in the 20s.

Today in History

In 1970, the Environmental Protection Agency began operating under its first director, William Ruckelshaus.

PASSES BY PACKWOOD

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate ethics committee, under heavy pressure from women's groups and congressional leaders, said Tuesday it has begun a preliminary inquiry into sexual harassment allegations against Sen. Bob Packwood (R-Oregon).

Packwood once shocked an *Oregonian* reporter by kissing her on the lips, the newspaper reported today.

The *Oregonian* revealed the incident in a front-page analysis of its coverage of the Packwood-sexual harassment story, first reported Nov. 22 in the *Washington Post*.

The *Oregonian* said Roberta Ulrich, 64, was kissed by the Senator after a background discussion in his office one evening last March.

SPORTS

NEW YORK (AP) — Tennis star John McEnroe said Tuesday that he and his actress wife, Tatum O'Neal, are having marital problems.

McEnroe, 33, and O'Neal, 29, have been married six years and have three children.

"Tatum and I are having marital problems, just as many other married couples do," McEnroe said in a statement issued through the office of his father, New York attorney John McEnroe, Sr.

"I intend to work hard at finding a sensible solution that's best for our entire family," McEnroe said.