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UNIVERSITY
ASUO sponsors phone bank today

By Chester Allen
 Emerald Reporter

Students opposing a proposed \$400 increase in next year's tuition will have the chance to use a free phone line today to lobby state legislators in Salem.

The ASUO and the Student Senate are sponsoring the three-line phone bank, which will be located outside the ASUO offices in the EMU from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today.

Budget cuts mandated by 1990's Ballot Measure 5 are forcing state legislators to consider cutting 20 percent from the University's 1993-95 budget, causing the tuition increase, said Student Senate President John Thomas.

Students will be provided with the name and telephone number of their state legislator at the phone bank, said Student Senator Matt Hasek.

"We're looking at an increase in tuition from \$2,700 this year to \$3,100 next year," Hasek said. "We're encouraging students to make a free call to contact their legislator and oppose this plan."

Because University administrators plan to reduce all programs equally instead of eliminating

programs, all students will pay more money for fewer instructors teaching more crowded classes if the budget cut passes the legislature, Thomas said.

"We need to show the legislature that we're not invisible," Thomas said. "We are the future of the state, and our university is on the chopping block."

If the tuition increase is passed, student enrollment at the University will decrease by about 500 students, said University Budget Director Trent Spradling.

Calling and writing legislators is the most effective way to fight the 20 percent budget cut, Spradling said.

The ASUO is hoping between 75 and 100 students call their legislators today, Thomas said.

Although many student callers won't personally talk to their legislators, a stack of messages from concerned students is a powerful message to any politician, Thomas said.

In addition to the phone bank, ASUO is sponsoring a letter-writing campaign and a March 3 student lobby day in Salem, said ASUO President Bobby Lee.

POLICE BEAT

The following incidents were reported to the University Office of Public Safety and the Eugene Police Department Feb. 14-21.

•A University student reported the theft of a wedding ring from a locker in Esslinger Hall, 1525 University St., Feb. 16. The student put his ring in the pocket of his pants and left them in an unlocked locker. When he returned, the ring, valued at \$125, was gone.

•A pair of University students reported an intimidation incident Feb. 16. The students were walking on the 1300 block of Kincaid Street when a pair of black males drove by them and yelled, "Honkies," and said, "We're blood, we're black, and we're better than you," according to police reports. One of the victims then said, "Did you say something?"

One of the victims said he was hit two or three times in the face with a closed fist. The two victims fled the scene and hid in some bushes as the two suspects circled around the block looking for them. One of the victims suffered cuts to his

lip and said he believed he may have a chipped tooth.

•The *Emerald* received a letter Feb. 17 that warned there were two cars in Eugene that were rigged with bombs. The letter, which was sent from Salem, was a "letter to get the public alerted about a car theft problem that goes on in every city," it read. The letter said two cars were packed with dynamite and left for car thieves.

It warned, "If a thief breaks into the car and turns the key, guess what happens to the car thief, tee, hee, hee, hee, heel!" The letter also said, "This is no prank. Neither is it written by a crazy, wankle, crank."

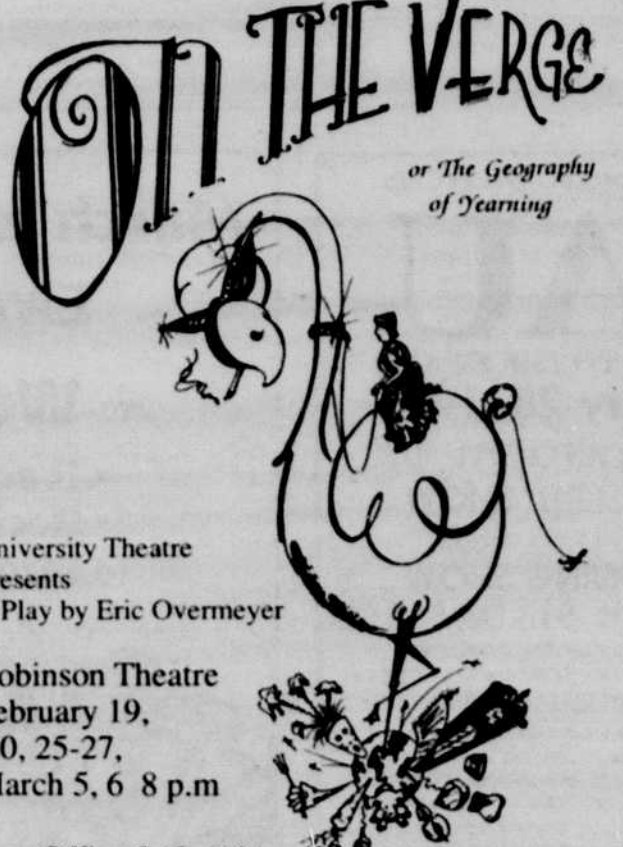
•A University student reported an assault Feb. 18. The student was walking out of the Oregon-Washington basketball game at McArthur Court when another student allegedly pushed her into the bleachers. According to police reports, the victim and the suspect knew each other. The suspect told police the victim poked him in the back with an umbrella. The victim denies she poked the man.

She told police the suspect turned and pushed her into the stands. The victim suffered abrasions, and soreness and pain in her knees, triceps and knuckles.

•Two University students were charged Feb. 22 with the assault of another University student at Cloran Hall. The assault, which was reported Feb. 14, allegedly occurred in the room of the suspects. The victim said the suspects had verbally harassed and spit at him in the past. He said he confronted the suspects in their room when he was at Cloran Hall with a friend.

According to police reports, the victim said he was kicked and punched by the suspects. The suspects said they were just trying to get the victim out of the room when he attacked one of the suspects. One of the suspects said the altercation was started by the victim. "He was trying to beat the crap out of my roommate," he said. The other suspect said he was "trashed out of my wits," but "not in a violent way," and described the victim as "a macho weirdo."


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