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Legislators consider privatization

State looks at options to solve budget crisis

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A letter from two legislators asking state higher education board members to consider privatizing schools said the University was only the beginning of a far-reaching discussion on the state's future educational instability on Friday.

Reps. Carolyn Oakley, D-Albany, and Jim Whitty, D-Coos Bay, requested that Chancellor Thomas Bartlett and board President Bob Bailey submit a proposal to the House Education Committee by April 1 to privatize the University.

The request comes as the state scrambles to solve a potential \$1.3 billion budget shortfall. The University receives \$64 million in state funding every year, and higher education is bracing for cuts.

Last month, Bailey asked board members to make a list of options for the future of higher education to be discussed at Friday's board meeting.

The board favored two options: a centralized system where each of the state's eight campuses has distinct missions, but is under the title of a single university, or privatizing one or more schools.

"If we keep going in this same direction and no new revenue is found, we're either going to have very high tuition, downsize incredibly or give (institutions) up to privatization," Bailey said.

While the options seem drastic, Bailey said the board may decide to create variations and may not go to the extreme of what was proposed. He said implementation of any plans decided may take up to four years.

Another option discussed included a closer relationship between community colleges and four-year public institutions.

In the midst of the legislative session, Bailey said he wants the state to see that options are on the table for dealing with the budget gap in a "responsible way."

The board voted to further discuss the options at a special meeting March 12 at Portland State Univer-

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Brand seeks change in EMU funding

Proposed IFC plan welcomed by some, considered undemocratic by others

By Chester Allen
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University President Myles Brand proposed last week to take away the Incidental Fee Committee's authority to allocate money to the EMU in a move to reduce conflict between branches of student government.

Brand also ruled the IFC cannot tell the EMU how to spend the \$1.8 million in student fees it received last year.

If Brand's new plan is adopted, the EMU Board of Directors, not the IFC, will decide how much student money each EMU program, such as Oregon Club Sports, will get for the next school year.

However, IFC Chairman Steve Masat said Brand's plan is undemocratic and reduces student control of student fees.

The IFC has allocated money from student fees to EMU programs since the early 1970s, but during the past two years the IFC and EMU have argued over the EMU's use of student fees.

University Vice Provost Gerard Moseley said Brand's plan would preserve student control over student money while inhibiting non-productive conflict between two branches of student government.

Moseley said the plan would bypass the IFC's role in the EMU budget, but the rest of the current system of distributing student fees would remain the same — including keeping students in control of student fees.

"This is a transfer of authority over student fees from one student group to another," Moseley said. "Only student members of

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Courting the weather

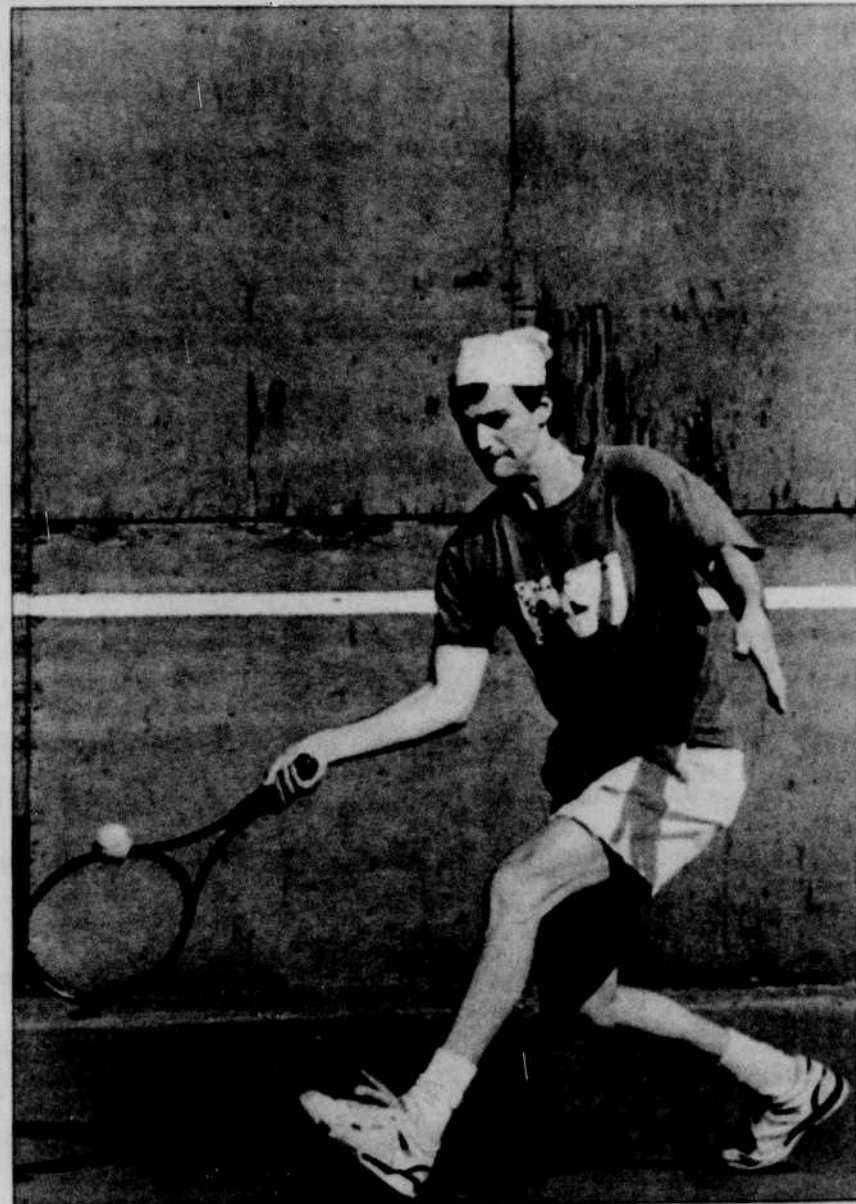


Photo by Anthony Forney

Sunday's spring-like weather beckoned Jeff Stern, a University graduate student in architecture, to play tennis.

School starts on agreement

Officials will find remedies for alleged violations in affirmative action programs

By Colleen Pohlig
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University officials entered into a conciliation agreement with the U.S. Department of Labor last Friday after eight violations were found in the University's affirmative action programs in December.

The agreement specifies steps the University must take to comply with the agreement, or it will risk losing federal money.

One of the remedies includes regularly submitting progress reports to the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, a division of the labor department that conducted the on-site investigation.

The University failed to comply with a similar 1981 agreement that resulted from the last OFCCP investigation.

To prevent this from recurring, the OFCCP outlined specific internal procedures the University must take in order to comply.

The OFCCP also gave a 45-day deadline from the Feb. 18 signing of the agreement for submitting information and plans on how the University is going to meet the conditions.

ASUO President Bobby Lee said he is concerned the University will fail to comply with the agreement, as it did in 1981.

However, University officials said they don't foresee any problems with meeting the 45-day deadline in submitting the requested additional information to the OFCCP.

"All affirmative action audit matters were taken seriously," Brand said. "Given what the auditor found, the University is doing a good job. These additional areas,

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WEATHER

Cloudy skies are expected to prevail over the Eugene area, with a chance of rain. Highs will be in the upper 50s.

Today in History

In 1932, the infant son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh was kidnapped from the family's home near Hopewell, N.J.

FROM THE PAST

The biology lab at the turn of the century was located on the third floor of Deady Hall. The biology department relocated in Pacific Hall after its construction in 1950.

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SPORTS

Oregon and Washington tied twice this weekend in club hockey at Lane county Ice. The two teams played to a 1-1 score Saturday night and a 2-2 tie Sunday.

Saturday's game was shown Sunday on KEZI-TV. Paul Swangard and Mike Sobol did the play-by-play of the game, which was the first telecast ever of club hockey in the Eugene area.

Oregon's Marco Tuunainen scored the Ducks' lone goal Saturday.

Oregon is now 4-4-3 on the season, including three ties against Washington.