

SEATING

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for giving Section 4 at Autzen and rows 1-10 in the first balcony at Mac Court to the students.

Oregon athletic director Rich Brooks later said the athletic department would not take both sections.

"We would either take Section 9 or the seats at Mac Court," he said. "It's unrealistic for us to take both."

Currently, student seating at football games starts at Section 5 (in the corner of the end zone) and ends at Section 9. At basketball games, student seating consists of the court-side seats behind both baskets, the westside court-side seats and the entire third balcony.

"Right now, students have the best seats in the Pac-10, and we want to keep it that way," Walton said, "but the IFC is not willing to pay for them."

Walton also said the department's share of incidental fees has declined since the IFC and athletic department reached an agreement in 1987.

"That year, we got \$25 out of approximate total of \$75 taken in by the IFC," she said. "Now, we get \$22 out of \$107. While tuition, salaries, tickets prices and fees have gone up, we have actually dropped."

"I realize its very popular to bash athletics," she said. "If people don't want to go to athletic events, fine. I don't think many members of the IFC go to ball games, and if the student body as a whole wants to keep their seats, they better jolly well let the IFC know about it."

Student government leaders said cutting the ticket subsidy was an economic deci-

University original in fee idea

The University is virtually the only Pac-10 school to purchase student tickets for sporting events with mandatory student fees. Most other schools offer optional sports passes to students.

At this university, students give \$22 per term of their incidental fees to the athletic department to reserve sections 5 through 9 of Autzen Stadium and all the court-side seats at McArthur Court except the seats behind the benches.

Oregon State University approaches student tickets differently. The school sells an optional \$50 pass that lets students into all sporting events.

At the University of California at Berkeley, students are offered a \$60 sports pass for fall term and another

\$60 pass for spring. The University of Washington also offers two seasonal passes. It costs \$50 to attend fall sporting events, including reserved seating for football. For winter and spring sports, a pass costs an extra \$30.

Football, basketball and other sports are lumped together for one optional \$65 fee at the University of Southern California. The University of Arizona is the only other school to use mandatory student fees. However, the fees only partially subsidize the ticket budget, and students are expected to pay an additional \$5 per game for football tickets and \$3 per game for basketball tickets. They also cannot buy tickets for individual games.

sion and suggested the athletic department could regain the lost money by charging students who use the tickets a small fee.

ASUO President Bobby Lee said students used an average of 3,945 of 6,000 available seats during the 1992-93 football season and let the other tickets go to waste.

"In effect, 2,000 tickets per game are being thrown into the toilet," Lee said.

Lee and ASUO Finance Coordinator Neil Sunnell suggested the athletic department could regain the lost money by charging students a \$1 or \$2 user fee each time they use a ticket.

The fee will motivate students to use the tickets they pick up, and it would help the athletic department regain the lost revenue, Sunnell said.

IFC member Anne Wagoner said she voted to reduce the subsidy because students don't use all of the tickets, and she believes the athletic department can make up the lost money by selling the seats in Section 5 to the public.

Wagoner said it would probably be a good idea to ask all students to vote on the committee's decision, but time considerations would prevent such a vote this year.

"Only about 1,000 students voted us into office, so it's important to bring all students into this decision," Wagoner said. "But because so few students vote, will only those 1,000 vote on this issue anyway?"

ASUO President-elect Eric Bowen said students may be given a chance to vote on funding levels for the athletic department during next spring's general election.

"I've been sitting in front of the IFC for 12 years," Walton said, "and since we reached this agreement in 1987, I've been reminding them how this contract came about. It was by the vote of the students. Maybe they should have the students vote on it again."

During further negotiations between the ASUO and the athletic department Monday, committee member Efrem Mehretab said he would rather give the athletic department \$35,000 than lose prime seating at Mac Court or Autzen Stadium.

"I don't want to put those seats on the table," Mehretab said. "It's not worth \$35,000 to lose those seats."

The seats at Mac Court would give the athletic department 360 additional \$500 donors who would pay \$16.50 a ticket per game. Football seats in Section 9 would give the athletic department nearly 1,000 additional \$50 donors who would pay \$21 per game for tickets.

"From a business angle, we should have moved the students long ago," Walton said, "but we've been saying we'll hang in there with the students. We want our students to have the best seats in the Pac-10. However, we need money from somewhere, and this cut could be the straw that breaks the camel's back."

CUTS

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"They can use a different vehicle, or they can continue to finance it from next year's budget," said Tom Turner, the director of special services for the state Scholarship Commission.

As student tuition skyrockets, the University is also being forced to make more cuts. In the first biennium, the University took massive cuts in programs, positions and even closed an entire college.

For the 1993-1995 biennium, administration and student services will be slashed.

There is a projected cut of 30 percent to 40 percent in student activities alone, said Cheryl Hunter, the executive director of the ASUO.

"All statistics show that when students are engaged in those activities, as trivial as they may

seem to someone from the outside, it keeps them in school," she said.

All services that are not strictly academic are on the chopping block, Hunter said.

The Counseling Center might receive a cut of \$286,000 out of its current budget of \$800,000, according to the Administrative Review Committee, an outside team required by the Legislature to evaluate all administration jobs and structures and make recommendations for cuts.

The University administration has been working overtime for the past two years since Measure 5 passed in the fall of 1990 to soften the anticipated blow.

Brand, who came to the University only a year before Measure 5 passed, estimates that he spends half of his day on Measure 5-related issues.

University President Myles Brand said he tried to warn stu-

dents about the projected effects of Measure 5 before it was voted on. Students were more concerned about the Grateful Dead being banned from Autzen Stadium, he said.

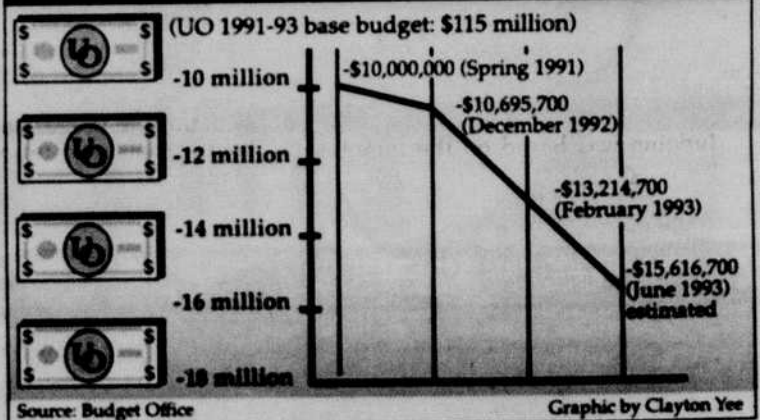
"Students fail to realize that they are personally affected and that they can influence the outcome," Brand said.

Sheila Stickel, ASUO vice president when Measure 5 passed in 1990 said she spent 10 months trying to inform people about the effect the budget cuts would have.

"You can't even work a part-time or even full-time job and still continue to go to school without loans even if you're an in-state student," she said. "Students can't even afford books."

Students will undoubtedly have to be more decisive in their career objectives and will have less time to participate in outside activities.

Cuts in base UO budget



"I doubt if I would have been able to take part in the leadership activities that I did under the current situation," she said.

The stress levels are rising along with tuition, though students might not always recognize

the correlation.

"People are taking heavier class loads to get through faster and are more focused on academics. That adds up to a generally more stressed community," Hunter said.

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