

Measure 1 opponents view tax as inefficient

Method of taxation draws objections

By Meg Dedolph
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On Nov. 9, voters will head for the polls to decide whether Oregon will adopt a 5 percent sales tax, the proceeds from which are intended to help fund schools.

Supporters of the tax hope it will supply some much-needed money to public schools from

kindergartens to community colleges. But opponents of the tax view it as overly regressive and a poor solution to Oregon's budget woes.

"The education people are being duped," Frank Cardoza said. "This is the worst damn thing for Oregon."

Cardoza, the co-director of the Stop The Sales Tax political action committee, said he opposes the tax because it is regressive, inefficient and invasive.

Regressive taxes like a sales tax require everyone to pay the same percentage in tax, regardless of income. A 5 percent sales tax would cost every consumer an extra 5 cents on every dollar spent, regardless of whether the consumer made \$10,000 a month or \$1,000 a month.

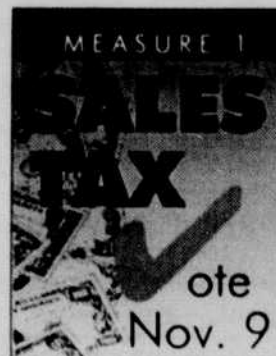
Cardoza said that in the case of certain foods, the tax would be even more regressive.

"Forty percent of what people consume is taxed (as) packaged or

prepared food," he said. "So 40 percent of food consumption is going to be taxed. Poor people, single parents, haven't time to cook, so they're forced into fast food or prepared food. It's doubly regressive."

Cardoza also objects to other exemptions in the proposed tax bill.

For example, machinery costing more than \$500, used in indus-



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Pointing fingers



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Bree Medley, a freshman in architecture, confronts Jim Webb, a roving preacher who stopped by campus to declare the behavior of homosexuals, fornicators and others sinful in the eyes of God. Medley, along with most of the crowd of about 200 students gathered around Webb, disagreed with his beliefs.

Construction of housing plagued by complaints

Agate complex may not meet access regulations

By Arik Hesseldahl
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Now that construction is nearly complete on the Agate family housing complex, University officials have learned that the buildings may not comply with some state and federal regulations regarding access by students with disabilities.

Fred Tepfer of the University planning office has been looking at the site on the corner of 18th Avenue and Agate Street and has determined that in several cases, some important details of building design need to be corrected.

"After you've started construction is not the time to be addressing access compliance problems," Tepfer said of the complex.

Tepfer has made a brief survey of the complex and found that some internal details of the buildings need to be corrected, including some characteristics that are already complete or near completion.

At least one bathroom in a unit that is meant to be fully accessible is not wide enough for a wheelchair user to enter, use the toilet, turn around and exit. Bathrooms

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Controversial curriculum committee meets

Previous meetings were closed to public, unpublicized

By Edward Klopfenstein
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The University Assembly Committee on Multicultural Curriculum met publicly for the first time Wednesday afternoon after holding two unpublicized meetings, one in which a University student was barred from attending.

Regarding committee business, the groundwork was laid Wednesday for future meetings as committee members discussed goals and how statements on the multicultural curriculum issue will be collected.

The committee met Oct. 13 and Oct. 20 in what appeared to some were violations of the Oregon Open Meetings Law and to others as a misunderstanding.

Incidental Fee Committee member Preston Cannon filed a formal grievance Tuesday with the Office of Student Advocacy for being barred from the Oct. 13 meeting, saying that as a member of the University he should be allowed to attend. He said he has also talked with the

governor's office about further action.

"No one contacted me," he said Thursday about members from the committee. "Do I have to knock on doors?" Cannon said he wants an apology for the incident.

In an earlier interview, Peter Swan, assistant to the president for legal affairs, said the committee fell under the open meetings law.

Paul Engelking, a professor of chemistry and the newly elected chairman of the multicultural curriculum committee, said after the meeting that the first two meetings were unpublicized because members didn't know where the committee stood under the law.

Engelking said University committees fall into a very vague part of that law because the University isn't a municipality or a legislative body. This made the committee unsure about whether meetings should be open or closed.

"Legal opinion said, 'We could make a good case for closed meetings, but why bother,'" he said. "Why fight when nothing really rides on it?"

If the committee decided to have closed meetings,

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Scary sight



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A pumpkin-headed straw man frightens 1-year-old Isaac Alltucker, whose babysitter is senior Stephanie Greenwood.