

Sales tax defeat leaves schools with less funds

□ Educators begin work on problems facing schools with reduced budgets

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In the aftermath of Ballot Measure 1's sound defeat, educational advocates are discussing ways to fund Oregon schools with less money.

"We are going to have to look at other ways to provide the quality education Oregonians want for their children," Gov. Barbara Roberts said in a prepared statement late Tuesday. "I've put together two previous Ballot Measure 5 budgets and will start now to build the best possible budget for 1995-97 under existing revenues."

Ballot Measure 1, the five percent sales tax that was voted down by a three-to-one ratio Tuesday, was to replace funding for public schools. The measure was the ninth sales tax proposal in state history to be defeated at the polls.

Roberts called a halt to any discussion of new taxes and said she will not call for or support a special session of the Legislature to raise taxes.

In the meantime, Eugene educators and administrators expect to begin making decisions about cutting funds for entire programs and more staff from the 4J School Dis-

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Credit requirements could be reduced

□ Non-professional bachelor degree number may drop from 186 to 180

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The University Senate approved legislation Wednesday that if approved by the University Assembly will reduce the number of credits required for completion of a non-professional bachelor's degree from 186 to 180, effective immediately.

The measure was one of two introduced by Professor James Boren, who said that the six credits in question were left over from previous years when health and physical education were still part of the general education requirements.

Boren said the change would affect no other academic requirements, but that it would result in a "slight" increase in the number of upper-division courses that undergraduates will have to take. An amendment to apply the change to professional schools that require more than 180 credits was killed during debate.

"There is no single proposal we will face that

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Kevin Ladd of Lantz Electric works on a stoplight at the intersection of Centennial and Mohawk boulevards in Springfield. He added a light for a left turn signal needed for the increased traffic.

Media resource center receives IFC funds for computers

ASUO says student groups need more computers to increase efficiency

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The Incidental Fee Committee approved \$13,940 Wednesday night to fund the Student Media Resource Center, six months after the center's organizer submitted the original request to last year's IFC.

Several IFC members proposed tabling the proposal yet again because the original document's computer prices were dated.

The center's chief organizer, Ross Freeman-Jones, told the IFC that if he changed

the document to reflect current computer prices he would have to rewrite the entire proposal, delaying the desktop publishing center for ASUO groups even further.

Freeman-Jones asked the IFC to trust that he would use student funds wisely and buy the best computer hardware at the best price.

ASUO Finance Coordinator Francis Neo supported the center, saying the ASUO's student groups need a centralized place to compose newsletters and flyers. Many groups currently use the ASUO's computers or request time on private equipment, causing lots of lost time from inefficiency.

Committee Member Samir Kumar said

he was concerned the approval might spark a trend where student organizations would request a lump sum of money then ask the IFC to trust how they will spend it.

Kumar motioned to table the request until the next meeting so Freeman-Jones would be able to revise the proposal with current computer prices.

"I see savings with the revised numbers," he said.

Committee Member Preston Cannon added, "That's a lot to just say I trust you." ASUO President Eric Bowen disagreed with the motion.

ASUO organizations are in dire need of such a resource center, he said. Bowen wants to see the center begin operation

from the start of winter term. Delaying the IFC approval now would delay the center's start-up later, he said.

Bowen even offered Kumar the chance to supervise the purchase of the computers to ensure the purchases would meet with IFC approval.

Later, the motion received its second but died due to a tie vote.

Committee Member Shannon Walls then proposed to amend the original proposal of \$12,630 and raise the amount to \$13,940 so the center could afford newer, more advanced computers.

That amendment was approved with only Chairman Jian Liu voting against it.

The overall proposal passed 4-0 with three members abstaining.