

# You want it, then you pay for it

University funding is becoming a disappearing/reappearing act. The crunch of 1990's Ballot Measure 5 has presented many interesting attempts at generating money for this University, as well as education in general.

We have been faced with a sales tax, which was defeated Tuesday. Differential tuition was introduced by University President Myles Brand just before the election — maybe a little foreshadowing as to the outcome of the election.

The differential tuition rate is a way to raise money for the University. There are a couple of ways to implement the differential tuition. One is to add a \$40 increased fee to each student's tuition per term. Another is to add different charges for different majors.

Adding \$40 more per student will generate money for Freshman Interest Groups, student/professor research projects, better faculty advising and other programs that would improve the University.

There is one important question that has no answer: Can the \$40 be increased when the perceived need arises? It would also cost students more to go to this University than another. In this country more is better and the American way is "the bigger, the better." An education from the University could be perceived as having more worth than an education from another state school.

There is also the student who is forced to attend a school not out of choice, but solely because that is the only state school offering the student's chosen major. The student is then forced to earn a degree from a state school that is seen as second—best simply because the differential tuition is less.

Either way, when charging a higher fee to everyone — or to each particular major — the cost will probably not be substantial, at least not substantial enough to discourage students from continuing on with a higher education. There needs to be however, a point when the increases stop getting passed on to the students. There needs to be a program implemented that fuels the desire of the entire state to take the brunt of the high cost of education for that state, a cost that must be endured by the people, not just the students. Such an effort would better the country, and on a more personal level, the state we live in.

In the aftermath of Measure 5, money has been crunched. Methods used to try to generate needed revenue to keep the University functioning with a full head of steam are becoming quite entertaining. A state school is a service to the students of that state. In return, educated citizens are a service to the state. One can't successfully function without the other.

Differential tuition is just that, different. Maybe a little too different. At first, it sounds like a small cost passed on to the students. The issue is deeper than the small cost the student endures. It becomes the value of an education and the side effects differential tuition has on an education. The side effects, on a large scale, are quite substantial. The biggest side effect is the demeaning quality of education at one school compared with another simply because of the of the price tag.



## LETTERS

### Prisoner's Plea

I'm an inmate here at the Indiana Reformatory. Certain events have compelled me to write this letter, in an effort to reach out and elude the shadow of loneliness that I've known for so long. Over the years I have lost contact with family and friends. This has left a void within, that can only be filled by human contact. I have been attending church service, in an effort to become a complete Christian. This is something I sincerely work on. As a result, I find life rewarding and my life here has been meaningful, and bearable. Yet, there are times when I'm overwhelmed by a loneliness that cries out for contact with individuals, other than those here at the prison. In this letter I reach out.... I pray that you find the space in your newspaper to print this letter. Hopefully, someone will respond. A letter from someone would dissipate the loneliness, and fill the emptiness inside. Thank you for any consideration given to my request.

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### Jake's no racist

Jake Berg, editor of the *Emerald*, is not a racist. Just because the photos of the Husky football players who have been charged with sex abuse and burglary were placed on the front page of the *Emerald* (Nov. 2), and they happened to be black, shouldn't give anyone the right to assume that Jake Berg is racist. It's not his fault that these men committed this crime and that they were black. The person who is accusing Jake of being racist and hanging posters around advertising these accusations is the one who has the problem. This person does not realize that despite the color of the football players, the same story with the same format and pictures would still be placed on the front page of the *Emerald*.

Jake Berg was doing his job when he placed this article on the front page. It wasn't because he was racist and trying to prove some point because these men

were black. It was because this was big news and it was important for everyone to see and realize the problems of sexual harassment and rape on campus.

To the person who has been slandering Jake, we would like to say that you need to take a look at yourself before you accuse someone else with accusations as terrible as these. You obviously do not know Jake as a person and have no right to judge him by the layout of his newspaper.

Our advice is to count to 10 and chill out.

Rebekah Berg  
Ginger Sonnie  
Eugene

### To the point

The comic strip "Bullregard" is neither funny nor clever. Please cancel it.

G. Mark Verbiske  
Spanish

### Flying leap

Since John-Wayne Johnson brought up the subject of turkeys as an excuse to again plug his extremely tiresome religious beliefs (*ODE*, Nov. 10), I would like to expand on his vague analogy by inviting this turkey (John-Wayne Johnson) to take a flying leap through the Pearly Gates and "leave us to quietly enjoy our own beliefs." (Basic Common Courtesy, 101.)

Brian Bogart  
Japanese

### Policy of greed

It seems as if everyone is trying to ignore the human element in the Amazon housing situation. What about those people who are currently being kicked out of their homes because the University wants to make more money? What are these people supposed to do? Study by a flashlight in a tent while bundling their kids up tight, hoping they'll stay warm, and then move back into Amazon after unnecessary renovations are completed and pay \$500-\$600 per month? Then they won't be able to afford school. This seems to be a prime exam-

ple of the University's policy of greed.

Brian Olson  
Political Science

### Dark ages

As the Bosnian Muslims continue to be slaughtered, the Saudi and Kuwaiti governments also continue their \$3-billion investment in European and American banks.

Instead of using the economic leverage they enjoy in the West to improve the lives of the Muslims worldwide, the corrupt ruling al-Saud of Arabia and al-Sabah of Kuwait have joined the Western governments in disempowering the Muslims not only in Bosnia but also in their own countries.

These ruling families control their countries like tribal societies of the Dark Ages. Both women and men have no freedom.

A few weeks ago President Clinton proclaimed his personal interest in human rights for people of all nations, in an opening speech at the United Nations Assembly.

If President Clinton is truly interested in everyone's human rights, he should initiate a process through the U.N. that would isolate both rulers. For a start, all the ruling families' assets in the U.S. should be frozen until they improve human rights in their countries.

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Eugene

### Classist policy

We've heard a lot of facts about the Amazon housing demolition, but nothing about the people who are living in tents now due to the University's greed. This is a case of the University putting forth a classist policy, discriminating against those students with low incomes and families. Without adequate low-income housing, these people are not going to be able to continue to educate themselves. I'm disappointed that the University puts profit before people.

Angie Bentz  
Undeclared

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