

Plan will save \$12 million in education budget

Decision: No reduction or slowing of enrollment expected

By Julie Swensen
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SALEM — Gov. Barbara Roberts approved a plan Monday that will save \$12 million in the State System of Higher Education's 1993-95 budget.

Roberts said the state will yield the \$12 million in savings by offering early retirement incentives to teachers, merging duplicate courses and consolidating small class sections, and adding more instruction technology to reduce demands on faculty. The savings will be applied to higher education funding in the 1995-97 budget period.

"The plan will not reduce the number of Oregonians in classes, nor slow enrollments during this budget period," Roberts said.

The decision to save \$12 million, which is part of her plan to cut \$50 million out of all agencies dependent on the 1993-95 general fund, was a compromise from the original proposal to cut \$15 million from the higher education budget.

Robert Nosse, executive director of the Oregon Student Lobby, was pleased that the Roberts opted to apply the savings to the next budget period instead of directly cutting the higher education's budget.

"This is a much better deal for (the higher education system) than what was originally proposed," Nosse said.

"Higher education has taken a huge beating in its General Fund budget since the start of Measure Five in 1991," he said. "This is a more prudent manner in which to go about preparation for the final phase of Measure Five than just an across the board cut of \$15 million."

This "isn't money that higher education will never see again," he said.

The \$12 million in savings is part of Roberts' plan to save \$50 million in funding for state administration, which she created to prompt state agencies to become more efficient.

She had asked general fund agencies to cut expenses in administrative areas that would not hurt services, yet leave an ending balance of \$50 million which would

carry over into the 1995-97 budget period, when the state will face a considerable funding gap.

The plan has concerned legislators, some of whom have set up a special Senate committee to investigate whether Roberts is violating her authority in cutting funds from existing budgets. Only the legislature has the constitutional authority to cut spending for programs and services.

But officials in the Roberts administration have studied that question with the state Attorney General's office, said Gary Weeks, the head of the Administrative Services Department. Weeks said that he and the officials are confident that the cuts would not violate Roberts' authority.

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Jackson settles molestation suit

Lawsuit: The settlement leaves Jackson's 14-year-old accuser "very happy"

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Michael Jackson settled a child molestation lawsuit Tuesday on terms that left his 14-year-old accuser "very happy" and the singer proclaiming his innocence.

Terms of the out-of-court agreement were confidential, although a source put it at at least \$10 million.

The settlement probably could end the criminal investigation, experts said, but Jackson's problems were far from over.

"I am very happy with the resolution of this matter," said Larry Feldman, attorney for the boy, now 14. The boy, Feldman told reporters, was also "very happy with the resolution of this matter."

Feldman said nothing in the settlement pertained to the criminal probe. He also didn't rule out having the boy testify in any criminal proceeding.

"Nobody has bought anyone's silence," Feldman said. "We have been talking to the district attorney all along," he said. "The district attorney has taken all of our evidence."

Nonetheless, the out-of-court settlement is a blow to the criminal probe. Had the case gone to court, prosecutors could have used the testimony and depositions in their pursuit of criminal charges.

"You could call it the rich man's exemption in a child molestation case," said Harlan Braun, a prominent Los

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Class schedules for spring to include local advertising

Costs: Registrar's office hopes this will alleviate printing expenses

By Jim Davis
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Spring term's class schedule will include local advertising in an effort to alleviate printing costs for the University.

The schedule, which will still cost 25 cents, may expand into national advertising, Registrar Herbert Chereck said.

"This is only an experiment," Chereck said. "We are the first school in Oregon to try advertising in the class schedule, but the company that we are working with already advertises in probably 200 class schedule directo-

ries across the country."

Most of the advertising will be in the middle of the schedule so as not to bother students searching for classes.

"Some class schedules at other schools had the advertising mixed in with the course offerings," Chereck said. "I just felt that was too busy."

The centerpiece will act as a student resource guide, Chereck said. The Office of the Registrar may reject any advertising that it considers inappropriate for the University setting.

The registrar's office decided to advertise in the class schedule when approached by a company that specifically locates advertisers for class schedules. Schools

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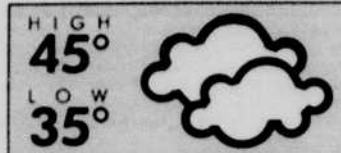
GOOD MORNING

► MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A decision by the *Star Tribune* newspaper to discontinue "certain offensive Indian team nicknames" won immediate praise Tuesday from an American Indian leader.

The *Oregonian* made a similar decision about two years ago.

"I think when a major newspaper such as the *Star Tribune* takes that position, it puts a lot of emphasis on the issue," said Clyde Bellecourt, founder and national director of the American Indian Movement.

"In the long run, it will put pressure on some of these teams to make the same decision," added Bellecourt, who helped form the National Coalition On Racism in Sports and the Media.



Tim McGuire, *Star Tribune* editor, and Julie Engebrecht, executive sports editor, said in a published statement Tuesday. "We have come to believe that discontinuing the use of these offensive nicknames is the right thing to do. And we believe newspapers make decisions about language all the time," they wrote. "Many racist and sexist terms have been eliminated over the years."

There are 49,909 American Indians living in Minnesota, according to the 1990 Census.

"I think we're starting to accomplish some of our overall

goals and sensitizing America to some of these offensive nicknames," Bellecourt said.

► WASHINGTON (AP) — Arby's Inc. will ban cigarette smoking in restaurants it owns, officials said Tuesday in one of the broadest anti-smoking steps since a group of state attorneys general began pressuring the fast-food industry last year.

And International Dairy Queen Inc. is urging its 6,000-plus Dairy Queen, Orange Julius and Karmel Korn franchise holders around the world to ban smoking.

The Arby's and Dairy Queen actions were hailed Tuesday by attorneys general from 17 states.