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Brand gets his final farewell from faculty

By Heatherle Himes
Oregon Daily Emerald

A blushing and grinning Myles Brand received a warm farwell from University faculty last night at a reception held in his honor. His wife Peg also received a tie-died t-shirt to wear around the president's mansion at Indiana University.

Faculty members and administrators who spoke at the brief ceremony said that Brand, the University's 14th president, will be remembered as a leader with great vision who guided the University through difficult times.

In November 1990, just a few months after Brand became president, Oregon voters passed Measure 5. This property tax limitation meant that higher education would have to be restructured in order to operate with less financial support from the state.

Brand was forced to eliminate many colleges and programs at the University, deci-

sions that he has said tortured him. Brand decided to use the changing circumstances as an opportunity to plan for the long range future of the University.

"Myles would doggedly and determinately tell us to look beyond Measure 5 to the bright future," said Sandi Morgan, who worked with Brand as a faculty senator and professor. "A lot of what we have achieved in the last few years comes from that vision."

One thing that helped Brand rally support for his planning was that he was "willing to listen and respond," said president Eric Bowen, who as an ASUO representative worked with Brand for the past five years.

Brand's vision for the University, and the visions he encouraged faculty members and administrators to share with him, formed the foundation for a five-year strategic plan. The Oregon Model for high-quality undergraduate education set goals for the University,

including creating a diverse academic community, developing an international outlook and recruiting the brightest students from across the country to study at the University.

"One of the things I learned to appreciate about Myles was his making a short list of things that are important and then being a bulldog about achieving them," said John Moseley, who worked with Brand as the vice president for research. "It's this focus that got us through the smoke and mirrors and to a financial plan and a strategic plan."

Brand's effort to assure a stable financial future for the University led a commitment to raise funds from private donors. According to provost Norman Wessells Brand also maneuvered a deal with the state board of higher education to keep the majority of tuition paid by out-of-state students for development of the University.

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tisan consensus to move the bill in a hurry and get it done this year. I wouldn't write it off," Clinton said recently.

Aides to members of the Democratic leadership in the House and Senate say the prospects for passing welfare reform this year are slim.

A Senate aide puts the odds at less than one in four; House aides are less optimistic and cite the difficulties of scaring up enough money to pay for the White House's \$9.3 billion package.

"Virtually every source of new revenue comes at a price that some members don't think is worth paying," said one leadership aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"The principal reason is time," said another aide. "Second ... the alleged consensus is beginning to crumble."

On the right, prodded by conservatives like William J. Bennett and Jack Kemp, some lawmakers have begun to suggest that time limits and work requirements are not the only answer to solving the welfare crisis and curbing the rising rate of out-of-wedlock births.

They propose more extreme measures: cutting off all cash, food stamp and housing benefits to women under age 21 with children born out of wedlock.

On the left, Rep. Robert Matsui, an influential California Demo-

crat, is drafting his own bill. It will emphasize work for parents on welfare, but rejects the notion of time limits, a cornerstone of the president's plan.

"While it's great political rhetoric and it sounds reasonable to assume people should be able to find a job after two years, the real world is not so simple and clear cut," Matsui said. "The potential is there to make many families homeless, and I don't think that is an acceptable solution to the problems in the welfare system."

The administration has postponed releasing its blueprint several times, largely because of disagreements over financing.

Under the president's plan, young mothers would be given the education, training and child care they need to become self-sufficient. Those who have not found a job after two years on welfare would be enrolled in a work program. The president's bill would also strengthen child support collections, launch a national campaign against teen pregnancy and streamline government welfare programs.

Aides now say the Clinton bill will be delivered to Congress after June 9, when the president returns from ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of D-day in Normandy.

"Unfortunately, the long delay in producing a plan to end welfare as we know it has emboldened the opposition at both ends of the spectrum," said Will Marshall, president of the Progressive Policy Institute, a part of the centrist Democratic Leadership Council founded by Clinton.

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\$15 increase for Westmoreland residents. Increases for residents of the East Campus area will range from \$5 to \$30 depending on the size of the unit.

Some residents remain skeptical, however, that the revenue raised will be spent on the proposed areas.

"We do take these rent increases extremely seriously" said Nancy Forrest of

the Amazon Community Tenants Council. Forrest contends that University Housing has not yet shown residents any solid evidence that these proposed increases are not an unwarranted tax to support the University's overhead assessment fund.

Overhead assessment, claimed Forrest, is \$300,000 worth of revenue collected from University Housing residents this year. Forrest said the fund covers other University needs not related at all to housing.

Amazon resident Michelle Thompson also

said that the proposed increase is unfair given the "tenuous situation" for many family housing residents. She feels that University Housing is asking "the poorest of the student community — those with families," to pay for University needs which will give them no direct benefits.

Larry Gilbertson, a graduate student who has lived in Westmoreland Family Housing for approximately three years, agreed. "I'm waiting to see what the justification of it is," Gilbertson said.

STANDARDS

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lems, and understanding how language, history and art affect society are some of the tasks students will be expected to show when entering Oregon colleges in 1999.

David Conley, a University of Oregon professor leading the standards design team, believes

the most important aspect in changing the standards for admission will come with changing the relationship between teachers and their students.

Under the new standards, teachers will no longer have to set grading standards and play the dual role of coach and judge.

Oregon is the first public system in the nation to make such a departure from traditional admis-

sion practices, yet officials believe Minnesota, Colorado and Wisconsin are moving in the same direction.

Joseph Cox, the new interim chancellor selected last Friday to replace Thomas Bartlett for the next two years, believes the new standards will also aid students in preparing for the academic demands common to the workplace as well.

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