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School unites to rescue its program

Amy Columbo
Oregon Daily Emerald

Students, professors and faculty members at the University of Washington School of Communication have united to save the program from proposed elimination in the wake of a budget shortfall next year.

Since the administration's announcement on Nov. 30, the program has been ablaze with efforts to save it.

"Everybody just jumped up," said Jeanette James, a second year Ph.D. student and instructor at Washington. "We were stunned, but we moved fast. We mobilized really quick."

James said in the four hours between the announcement and the news conference, 20 people organized kits with background information to give to media representatives.

"The timing of the announcement was well planned, it was right before finals and before Christmas break," said Erica Meier, a junior planning to major in public relations at Washington.

Since then, eight committees have been organized, complete with a faculty member, graduate and undergraduate student serving as the coordinators.

The committees are trying to network for support by writing letters to alumni, area media representatives and local businesses.

The group formed a Friends of Communication Funds raising close to \$3,000 to finance the cost of these mailings.

A review committee is currently meeting to evaluate the proposed cuts and make a recommendation to the Washington administration on March 15. The administration has the final say, regardless of what the commit-

tee may present.

The School of Communication has been mandated by the Washington administration not to accept additional students into the program. Freshman, sophomores and any students who have not finished core requirements and have not been accepted into the School of Communication as of Nov. 30 have been shut out.

They wait, pending the final decision.

The School of Journalism and Communication at the University of Oregon has already begun to receive calls from displaced Washington communication hopefuls.

"I had one student who was clearly irate with the University of Washington," said Greg Kerber, assistant dean of the school.

Kerber said if the school closes, he expects more students to look to transferring to the comparable Oregon communication program.

Both schools are accredited by the national Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication and offer fields of study such as editorial, advertising and public relations.

The Washington program has more than 500 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled as majors for the 1994-95 year. The Oregon program has about 1,000 students for the same period of time.

"It's really sad for the field that this program is being cut," Kerber said. "Not only for the professionals but also for the academic world of communication."

The Washington administration is coping with a \$12 million budget shortfall next year as the result of Initiative 601, a state measure that passed last November. It mandates state cuts including higher education, similar to

Oregon's Ballot Measure 5.

University of Washington President William Gerberding said rather than make across-the-board cuts that erode all programs, he would eliminate a few programs and leave the others untouched.

Since 1992 the University has faced a total state funded budget reduction of \$65 million. In this period of time, 600 jobs have been cut.

Other areas of the University targeted for elimination are the departments of Applied Mathematics, Slavic Languages and Literature, Speech Communications, fiber arts in the School of Art and systematic musicology in the School of Music.

"The price to pay for this is high, and will mean the discontinuation of worthwhile, highly valued programs," Gerberding said.

"But in looking closely at the university's budget and what the future prospects are for improved funding in the post-601 world, it became apparent to most of us that we should make painful decisions in the long-term interests of the university," he said.

The administration has said students currently enrolled in programs proposed to be eliminated, will be allowed to graduate in a "reasonable amount of time."

James will graduate next year; she said she is very fortunate. "I'm just worried that next year there will be so many changes, I'm not going to get what I need."

"I really feel for the people who got the door slammed in their face," she said.

Tenured faculty members in the School of Communication will be transferred to different departments. But assistant professors and staff members will lose their jobs if the school closes.

New uniforms were small gleam in marching band's eyes

Regina Brown
For the Oregon Daily Emerald

When the Oregon Ducks played in the Rose Bowl, members of the marching band had to sit on garbage bags.

"The pants are white," said tenor sax player Merritt Gade. "They're hard to march in because you can't touch anything."

The band members said that although the pants are hard to keep clean, they like their new uniforms.

Dr. Rod Harkins, director of the University marching band, said the uniforms give new vitality to the band's performance. They make the band look taller and slimmer, and he said the fear of dirtying their uniforms caused the band to march better.

The band was not scheduled to receive new uniforms until

next fall, but University officials encouraged them to go ahead with it so they would look fresh for the Rose Bowl.

The band had to borrow about \$65,000 from the University in order to buy the new uniforms. The price was unusually high because the order was placed on such short notice. They intend to hold a fund-raising drive to raise the money needed to pay back the University.

But band members agree that the best thing about the Rose Bowl trip was not the new uniforms but the excitement that surrounds the Rose Bowl.

Drum major Lewis Norfleet recalls being awe-struck by the media attention that the Rose Bowl and the marching band received.

Norfleet said the band was in good spirits throughout the trip,

and he attributes this to the positive reaction they received from the fans, particularly from the alumni.

Trumpet player Sarah Burt agreed. "Even through all of the hoopla we had supportive fans, which was a good thing," she said.

Band members agreed they were received well by practically everyone involved with the Rose Bowl. Burt said even some Penn State fans paid compliments to the marching band for its spirited performance.

Harkins also was impressed with the positive attitude shown by the band members. He praised them for their ability to perform well under pressure and for the dexterity they displayed in keeping up with their busy schedule, which included 13 to 15 events every day.

"I think it speaks to the class

of both the band and the rally (who accompanied the band on many of their activities)," he said.

The band spent six days in Southern California. In addition to the Parade of Roses and the Rose Bowl, they played in Disneyland, on the Third St. Promenade, in four hotels where alumni were staying and in a pep assembly 10,000 strong that was broadcast on ABC and attended by Rich Brooks and former Gov. Barbara Roberts.

Norfleet said the band's performance at the Century Plaza Hotel in Beverly Hills stands out in his mind as one of the most memorable parts of the trip. The crowd was delighted to see the band, and the band fed off their enthusiasm, he said.

"It was kind of touching," he said. "Everybody was coming together and it was amazing."

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