

COX

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chance I had," Cox said. "I will do my best to keep access as broadly available as possible."

Access means two things to Cox. The first is affordability, the second geography. By geography, he said he is dedicated to ensuring that people in outlying areas, such as Eastern Oregon, are able to attend OSSHE campuses either physically or through one of the electronic campuses.

As a consequence of the state's transforming role from an agricultural-based economy to one of science and technology, Cox said he thinks Oregonians are beginning to understand that public higher education is becoming the "engine" of the state.

Moreover, there will be no family-wage jobs without "an education price-tag," he said.

"Every time we disinvest in public higher education — as we're doing with these cuts — there are going to be social costs down the road," Cox said.

One of the chancellor's plans to maintain access to Oregonians is by using OSSHE's resources — particularly in research — to advance the state's economic future, which he said should result in more public support for higher education.

Through a \$500 million state higher education research industry, Cox and the other OSSHE board members plan to connect the relevancy of research contributions to the lives of Oregonians.

"[Research] matters everyday to Oregonians' families, their businesses and their health and economic well-being," Cox said.

To help get this message out, an OSSHE committee has proposed a \$400,000 public information plan to the board, which could be implemented as early as March. The plan would use television and radio commercials, among other things, to inform people of higher education's contributions to the state.

Besides maintaining access, Cox's other two goals for this legislative session are to financially stabilize the institutions, thus enabling OSSHE to make salary adjustments for professors and to see the Legislature pass the Higher Education Efficiency Act.

The recently passed Ballot Measure 8, which requires public employees to pay 6 percent of their salaries into their pension plans and eliminates the PERS pickup, is a harsh blow to OSSHE professors, Cox said.

"We've got to say to those professors who have stuck by us that they are doing a great job, and we support them," he said. "Measure 8 sends the opposite message because it takes money away and

no matter what the circumstances, this is seen as negative."

The Higher Education Efficiency Act, Cox's third goal, seeks to exempt OSSHE from certain state administrative costs. This would save \$10 million from the annual OSSHE budget, which could add 2,000 more in-state students into OSSHE classrooms.

Looking toward this legislative session - with new faces and a new governor - Cox said he is positive, and encouraged by the correlation legislators and other citizens seem to be making between the state's economic well-being and the necessity for public higher education.

Cox said he owes much to the campus presidents who continue to stick by the system. Also, he believes the state has weathered the three phases of the property measure as well as can be expected, now is the time to go forward.

"I wouldn't have agreed to take the position if I hadn't thought we have turned the corner," Cox said. "The presidents are responsible for this. By far, this is the best group of presidents I've ever known."

The chancellor, with the board's help, appoints presidents for the nine universities, colleges and National Coastal Research and Development Institute. Currently, three are interim presidents.

"Every president who has left, we've replaced with someone who is every bit as good - maybe better," Cox said. "It's a good thing they believe so completely in the importance of this enterprise."

On a personal level, Cox doesn't know how long he will remain chancellor. His love of teaching has sucked him back into the classroom more than once in the past, even when he was Southern Oregon's president.

"This is the first time in 30 years that I wasn't part of the fall start-up, and honestly, I missed it," he said. "Teaching is my mental health outlet. I bet if you came looking for me in five years, I'll be back in the classroom."

For now, however, Cox remains confident about the future of the state's public higher education.

"I was born an optimist, and they will carry me out an optimist," he said.

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tion to ILSA budget, requiring the group to report back by April 1 with a plan to reorganize, or receive no money for next year. Inconsistent operation by previous ILSA leadership was part of the reason for the committee's request.

Committee Chairman Joey Lyons said he wants to make sure student groups focus on managing their money.

"We want to minimize the amount of money students pay out of their pockets," Lyons said.

The Minority Law Students Association received more than a 5 percent decrease over last year. Helena Gurley, MLSA coordinator, said she concentrates on recruitment and retention of minority students, as does the BLSA. Gurley's concern last

WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

The 7-member ASUO Programs Finance Committee, which includes three student senators, will recommend how incidental fees are allocated to student groups next year.

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT	PERCENT CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
Black Law Student Association	\$1,705	5.5% less
International Law Student Association	\$690	7.4% less
Minority Law Student Association	\$1,676	5.63% less
Lesbian & Gay Law Student Association	\$1,350	26.4% more
Jewish Student Union	\$6,230	60% more

Money given this week: **\$11,651**

Money given to date: **\$32,921**

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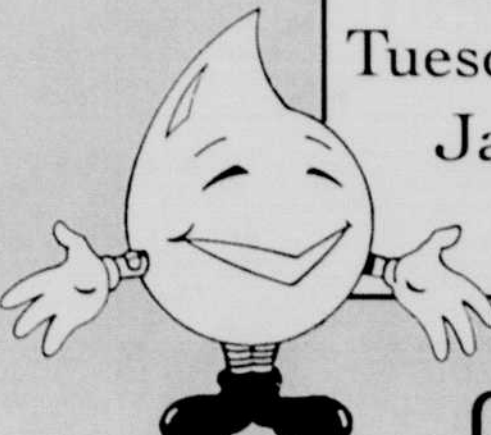
night was keeping funding for her group to pay for speakers. She said MLSA tries to attract experts in areas of interest to minority law students.

"One of the tough things about being in Eugene," Gurley said, "is that [these kinds of speakers] are not in this area."


The committee gave MLSA \$1,676.

The only other student program getting a budget increase last night was the Lesbian and Gay Law Student Association. The Committee increased LGLSA's budget by more than 26 percent, giving \$1,350.

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