

Students visit capital to lobby for tuition, funding

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The Oregon Student Lobby is sponsoring a lobby day Wednesday for university students from throughout the state to talk to legislators and promote student concerns.

The OSL is backing the Student Need Grant Lobby Day in Salem, and OSL Executive Director Robert Nosse expects over 300 Oregon college students to participate. The students will visit the capital building to ask legislators to fund the Oregon Need Grant, support lower tuition and increase state funding.

"We're bringing in students from all over the state to talk about financial aid and tuition," Nosse said. "It's vitally

important that legislators hear from their constituents. It's very effective because they represent voters."

The OSL represents the needs of students in the Oregon public higher education system.

"We're a coalition of public university and college students working through each school's student government to make higher education more accessible to Oregon students," said Nosse, one of three full-time OSL staff members in Salem.

The Oregon Need Grant is a fund for Oregon college students who can't afford the full cost of tuition. The need for more student grants is illustrated by the increase in student dependency on loans,

according to Nosse.

"The average debt burden on Oregon college students is \$10,000," Nosse said. "In 1992, 14 percent of Oregon students had over \$20,000 in loans. In 1994, the number of students rose to 21 percent."

Higher education is becoming too expensive for many Oregon residents, Nosse said. In the 1990 school year, 45,000 Oregon students were attending an Oregon college, he said. But last year, the number dropped to 38,000.

Each of the eight schools represented by the OSL has two students on the organization's board of directors. The University's representatives on OSL are Ryan Coonerty and ASUO President Leslie Warren.

"The OSL is the best student lobby in the country," Coonerty said. "It gives students the opportunity to shape their own education. The Oregon Student Lobby makes a tremendous difference in the student voice in the legislature."

Oregon ranks last in the amount of money that is going to higher education, and is the only state that is decreasing funding for higher education, Coonerty said.

"Literally there are 150 bills [in the legislature] that directly affect higher education," Coonerty said.

One of the biggest concerns of the OSL is the 4 percent higher education tuition hike proposed in Gov. Kitzhaber's new budget.

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MEETINGS

Student Projects Inc. will have a Board of Directors meeting today from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room C. For more information, call 346-2859.

ASUO Budget Programs Financial Committee Hearings will meet tonight from 6:15 to 9 in EMU Century Room F. The following groups are scheduled: Legal Services at 7:00, MEChA at 7:45 and LGBA at 8:30. For more information, call 346-0623.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Alliance women's drop-in group will meet today from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St. For more information,

call 346-3360.

Public Interest Research Group will meet tonight from 7 to 8:30 in EMU Century Rooms C and D. For more information, call 346-3235.

MISCELLANEOUS

Environmental Studies Program will sponsor a slide show and discussion about Cuban society, politics and agriculture tonight at 7 Room 129 Law School. For more information, call 686-9563.

Lesbian and Gay Law Students Association will sponsor a lecture by guest speaker Jorge Cortinas—program director of the International Gay and Lesbian

Human Rights Commission tonight at 7 in Room 229 Law School. For more information, call 345-9847.

Sierra Club will sponsor a lecture by Stan Gregory on Historic Changes of the McKenzie and Upper Willamette River Basin tonight at 7:30 at the Roosevelt Middle School Library, 24th Avenue and Hilliard Street. For more information, call 342-4537.

Outdoor Program will offer a Raft Trip Initiators' Workshop tonight at 7:30 in the EMU Outdoor Program Room. For more information, call 341-4507.

U.S. Marines will be in the EMU today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more informa-

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camp's social service advocate for only three weeks, said he was able to find homes for many of the residents with support from the community.

Amundson was hired by Lane Shelter Care, which staffs the camp's office 24 hours a day. He is charged with managing the applications for the 10 K Assistance Fund in response to the immediacy of the 19 residents whose stay limit expires Friday.

The 10 K Assistance Fund contains \$10,000 for the car camp duration to be used to help residents find housing.

The fund grants monetary assistance for qualifying applicants to secure stable living. This money is used to pay for deposits on housing, housing application or to arrange transportation to allow applicants to sustain their employment.

"Our number one criteria is to help someone not go out and park their trailer on the streets, accumulating more tickets," Amundson said.

According to Amundson, the fund is utilized to financially assist people to become "self-sustained, stabilized, and into

permanent housing."

Amundson said the biggest roadblocks he faces are finding landlords willing to work out a plan with car camp residents applying for housing, and helping residents come up with first and last month's rent for housing.

Amundson, who has lived in Eugene for the past 18 years, said Eugene has changed.

"I used to think Eugene was one of the nicest, least-expensive places to live," Amundson said. "Now I think it's the nicest, most-expensive places to live."

Amundson said the growing numbers of homeless people can be attributed to the lack of low-income housing and the lack of manual jobs.

"I have a lot of gratitude toward the landlords who have accepted the residents that I've sent to their trailer parks," Amundson said. "When people hear the word homeless, there are a lot of reservations that come up."

Amundson said he feels good about what he's accomplished so far and is hopeful that he will find housing for the remaining residents.

"I'm shooting for the full 19 [residents] by Friday," he said.



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The Attorney General's opinion states that the Oregon Legislature "did not intend for incidental fees to be used for political or ideological advocacy" unless "...activities also can be said to be advantageous to the cultural development of students."

According to its new goal statement, Students for Choice is an organization providing information and a forum for discussion about women's repro-

ductive rights.

The Senate ruled that the revised goal statement did reflect a group whose purpose added to the diversity and forum for debate on campus and therefore, approved the group's revised goal statement.

Student's for Choice will go before the finance committee again but it is not guaranteed that they will receive funding. The group has been funded through incidental fees for six years, said Mandi Hood, one of the group's co-directors.

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