

Tuition jumps at state colleges, universities

■ **INCREASE:** Resident undergraduates will pay 3.8 percent more than last year

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Students at the University of Oregon will be paying from 3.8 to 14 percent more in tuition in 1995-96 than they did a year before, according to the budget approved July 21 by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education.

The overall budget, which includes the budgets of seven public colleges and universities in Oregon, is a reflection of dwindling state support for the higher education system. For the 1995-97 biennium, the general fund's contribution to the system will be \$59.6 million — or 10.9 percent — less than in 1993-95.

All University of Oregon resident undergraduate students will be paying an increase of 3.8 percent from last year's tuition of \$3,258. Non-resident undergrads will be paying an extra 4 percent from last year's tuition of \$10,770.

Graduate students will pay an additional 10 percent (for residents) or 14 percent (for non-residents).

The increase in tuition is the culmination of a process that

began in spring of 1994, said Dave Quenzer, budget director for the Oregon State Board of Higher Education.

It is also a reflection of the effects of 1990's property tax-limiting Measure 5, Quenzer said.

"Because of the effects of Measure 5, the board felt that we would need to increase [resident] tuition by 9 percent," Quenzer said. However, Gov. Kitzhaber's proposed budget, adopted by the state Legislature, managed to lessen the proposed increase to only 4 percent, Quenzer said.

Resident undergraduate students at all Oregon institutions will see roughly a 4 percent increase in base instruction fees, while non-residents will pay from 4 to 10 percent more than last year, depending on the institution.

Ryan Harmon, a senior majoring in psychology, said he knew tuition was going to increase and was not surprised.

"Every year it's the same thing," Harmon said. "I pay for everything, so I guess I'll beg and plead for more financial aid."

The forecasted enrollment for the 1995-96 school year so far is between 16,900 and 17,000 students, said James Buch, University director of admissions.

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According to ticket office representative Megan Jacobson, student ticket sales increased each game last year, with the final three home games being sold out. With record-breaking ticket sales already happening, it is impor-

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