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'Commentator' allocated student fees for next year

■ **FUNDS:** Student group gains slight increase despite debate

By Jennifer Carter
Student Activities Editor

The Oregon Commentator received an 8.4 percent increase from the ASUO Programs Finance Committee Monday night despite debate over its right to receive incidental fees and the publication's printing costs.

About 40 students filled the EMU's Maple room for the budget hearing, but only three of these students spoke out about whether the Commentator should receive funding. And of these three speakers, only one spoke out against the group.

Joey Lyons, a coordinator for the Mul-



tical Center and a former PFC member, said he doesn't think the Commentator should receive student fees.

"As you probably know you can't cease funding a publication based on content," he said. "But what I'm about to say isn't about content at all."

"Students over the past six, 12 months have stopped reading the Commentator for the most part, not even picking it up, not even looking at it, not even wanting to

see what it is all about. There isn't anything in there that is of interest or of importance to students."

One of the two students speaking in favor of the group was Grace Smutz, a Students for Choice co-director. She said the paper does serve a purpose on campus.

"While Students for Choice may not agree with all their, well, everything they do, we do recognize that they provide a

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Flower power for endangered animals



Painting for the extinct species, Dawn Carlson (right), a junior Environmental Studies major, paints a flower on Megan Bonini's face at the EMU on Monday evening. The Endangered Species Week, from Feb. 19 to 23, is dedicated to endangered species and ecosystems. This event was sponsored by OSPIRG.

It's the last day to register to vote in March primary

■ **ELECTION:** The ASUO will push for a high student voting turnout for the presidential primary

By Doug Irving

Student Activities Reporter

Today is the last day to ensure your voice will be heard in the upcoming presidential primary.

The ASUO is urging students to make sure they are registered at their current addresses so the ballots will be mailed to the correct places. The primary will be a mail-in election and will end March 12.

"If you want to be eligible for the presidential primary, and you aren't currently registered at your current address, you need to do so," said Matthew Scotten, ASUO federal affairs coordinator.

The recent mail-in Senate elections caused about 4,000 University students to register, Scotten said. Because of this, the need to aggressively register students is small.

"I would guess that the majority of students who want to be registered already are and are ready to go," he said.

The special Senate election also hurt the ASUO's ability to actively register students for the presidential primary.

"We just got out of an election cycle and it's been difficult to refocus our energies," Scotten said.

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Schools deal with Measure 5 funding loss at student's cost



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■ **BUDGET:** Oregon colleges and universities have continued to make cuts and increase tuition since 1991

By Sean Rossol
Higher Education Reporter

Mention the notorious state Ballot Measure 5, and many Oregonians feel a slight chill as they picture the dramatic and sweeping effects it has wrought on higher education and other services in the state.

Measure 5, the property-tax limitation law of 1990, is the reason behind some of the increases in tuition the University and other state-funded schools have experienced over the past few years.

In 1990, Bill Sizemore gathered enough signatures to place a ballot

initiative in the state's general election. The ballot, "Measure 5," won statewide approval as citizens started leading tax revolts.

Citizens simply wanted the Oregon State System of Higher Education (OSSHE) to "trim the fat" and learn to do more with less. Many saw it as a message to the Legislature to fix the state's tax system.

In order to keep the system afloat, more out-of-state students were admitted to help partially pay for in-state students. Despite the increase in non-resident students, tuition has risen drastically.

Although tuition has also increased in other states, it has been especially difficult to handle the estimated 75 percent increase that the state has encountered since passing Measure 5.

Tuition for residents has risen 66 percent, and for non-residents it has risen 88 percent. This is a 75 percent average increase in tuition between resident increases and non-resident increases. Residents still outnumber non-residents, which accounts for the slight skew in numbers.

Measure 5 is sliced into three phases. In each phase, higher education has lost, and is continuing to lose, millions of dollars in revenue due to the cap on property taxes mandated by the ballot measure.

In the first phase, which began in the 1991-93 biennium, the measure created a revenue loss of \$152 million. The four universities and four colleges were forced to soak up the

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WHAT IS MEASURE 5

Ballot Measure 5 was a property tax limitation initiative that voters approved Nov. 5, 1990. The state's General Fund, which goes to pay for social services, as well as higher education, is supported by property taxes. The tax limitation law has severely hampered the state's ability to fund many social programs as well as education.

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