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TODAY

Today a class registration fee begins. For every class dropped or added a fee of \$10 will be issued to your University bill.



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Senate hopeful Tom Bruggere speaks out on higher education issues confronting students

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Lawsuit will not go to trial, judge rules

■ **OSPIRG:** Seventeen University students and alumni allege incidental fees should not cover expenses for the student group

By Angie Suchy

Student Activities Reporter

The case against OSPIRG will not go trial, a U.S. Magistrate Judge ruled Thursday.

The lawsuit, filed last Spring by 17 University students and alumni, alleged that OSPIRG's use of allocated mandatory student fees is a violation of the First and 14th Amendments.

The case was filed in the Eugene Federal Court in May 1995 by a non-profit law firm and a group of students and alumni. The suit named the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, the University, the ASUO and OSPIRG as defendants.

"Plaintiffs fail to analyze certain programs or expenditures in terms of the University's educational objectives," Federal Magistrate Judge Thomas Coffin wrote.

"The Magistrate probably looked over the case and decided 'naah, I don't want to rule on this.' He wanted to maintain the status quo," Plaintiff and University alumnus Owen Brennan Rounds said.

OSPIRG says the University administration is supportive of the incidental fee allocation, as is the ASUO and the student body in general, who "have continually voted to keep our causes funded" OSPIRG Campus Organizer Catherine North said.

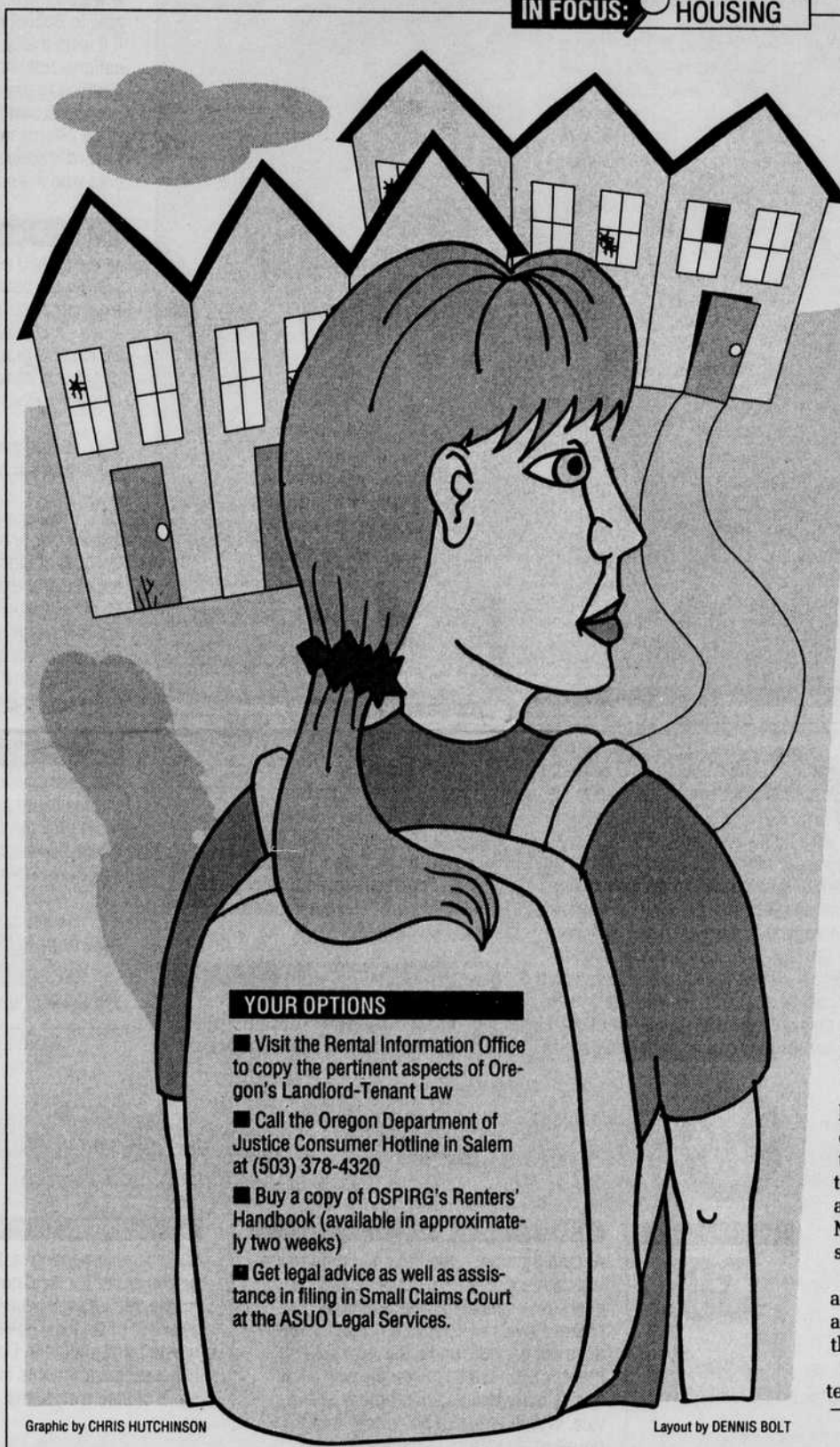
"This decision is just reinforcing the belief that the University's educational mission is broader than just classes," OSPIRG State Board Chair Kalpana Krishnamurthy said. "A ruling against OSPIRG could completely debilitate student groups as a whole."

The mandatory student incidental fees are allocated to University groups. Plaintiffs in the case maintain that the mandatory \$2.75 paid per term to OSPIRG by each student should be refunded to them.

"The blatant misuse of students money needs to be stopped," Brennan Rounds said.

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IN FOCUS: HOUSING



YOUR OPTIONS

- Visit the Rental Information Office to copy the pertinent aspects of Oregon's Landlord-Tenant Law
- Call the Oregon Department of Justice Consumer Hotline in Salem at (503) 378-4320
- Buy a copy of OSPIRG's Renters' Handbook (available in approximately two weeks)
- Get legal advice as well as assistance in filing in Small Claims Court at the ASUO Legal Services.

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The riddles of RENT

Students can get housing advice from various community resources

By Tiffany Smith

Special Projects

The rental agreement states that every third tenant must pay a drapery and carpet cleaning deposit.

The front porch light has a short and won't stay on. The landlord hasn't fixed it, even after five phone calls and a letter requesting the repair.

The landlord showed up at 8 a.m. on a Saturday morning, without notice, to see if the tenants had a party.

The cleaning deposit has not been refunded two months after moving out. The landlord said it would not be refunded and offered no explanation why.

Where does a renter go in Eugene to find the answers to these questions? Once the answer is found, the possibility of legal action is often a lengthy process that many students would rather avoid.

Amid a variety of complaints renters have about their landlords, the City Council directed the Permit and Information Center to establish a department advisory committee, which is now working on a proposal for a Eugene housing code. Code Compliance Manager Dick Gassman said the proposal should be complete this time next year.

A housing code would provide landlords and tenants with a place to log complaints and request inspections, possibly enabling them to avoid legal action in court.

Currently the Permit and Information Center receives numerous calls requesting infor-

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Frohnmayr announces increase in Oregon Campaign's fund-raising goal

■ **AIM:** Some of the money will be used to prepare the University for its projected enrollment growth

By Kristine Sohnrey

Higher Education Editor

President Dave Frohnmayr announced an increase to \$200 million in the Oregon Campaign's fundraising goal during the "Celebrating Achievement" campaign dinner on Friday.

Campaign accomplishments include \$84 million donated for the Oregon Model, a plan for undergraduate education improvements, \$18 million for financial assistance to students and an increase from 20 to 60



professorships and endowed chairs, Frohnmayr said.

Successful planning and generous donations moved the campaign two years ahead of schedule, but the goals originally set

have not been met, said University Provost John Moseley.

However, Moseley sees this advance receipt of funding as an opportunity to meet those goals.

"With our enrollment expected to exceed 20,000 students around the turn of the cen-

tury, we must have room to accommodate more students with additional classrooms equipped for students using computers and faculty using electronic projection equipment," Moseley said.

Some of this additional funding will be allocated for library collections, research initiatives, graduate student aid programs and in construction and renovation on campus, he said.

This construction will include building a new law school and giving a face lift to the old law school, renovating Allen Hall and the Museum of Art, adding a new wing to Gilbert Hall, constructing an indoor athletic practice facility and a student recreation

and fitness center.

"This is the most ambitious campaign of its type in Oregon history," Frohnmayr said. "There were many who doubted we could pull it off. That we have [pulled it off] is a testament to the vision, generosity and hard work of hundreds of donors, volunteers and staff members."

Frohnmayr seems to believe the prior donations have generated a continuing momentum.

"The magnitude of some of the early gifts and the sort of loving kindness with which people made major gifts that in many cases were a real stretch provided a very positive and contagious example," he said.