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earn college credit and money while working. Also, more grants, more direct government loans, keeping interest rates lower on loans and paying back loans over a longer period of time.

ISSUE: Measure 47

The Legislative Revenue Office estimates that local governments and schools together will lose an estimated \$1 billion statewide in the 1997-99 biennium if Measure 47 passes. The measure would reduce and limit property taxes, local revenues and replacement fees.

Q. Do you support this measure?

A. I am strongly against Measure 47 and was against Measure 5 [the 1990 property tax rate limit that passed in 1990]. It will decimate the schools in our state. We must turn around the trend of cutting education and make certain that we provide stable and adequate funding for schools here in our state. For the last number of years we've been disinvesting. Our faculty salaries are already in the bottom quartile and we are losing, and in danger of losing, more good faculty at our colleges and universities. Investing in quality is also important so that we continue to build quality programs. We have some world class programs at our colleges and universities, but unless we provide the funding and the focus, we will be in danger

of losing them. That's why things like faculty salaries to affordable tuition to making certain that we're funding research and development programs to strengthen our universities is critical.

ISSUE: Pell Grants

Families with incomes of less than \$15,000 a year typically qualify for the Pell Grant. Because the grant is not an entitlement, Congress can choose not to fund it at authorized levels.

Q. Do you support the Pell Grant as a way to meet the financial needs of all eligible students?

A. Yes. In my five-point plan for education, I protected Pell Grants and Title One grants for K-12 students.

ISSUE: Educational Network

Q. What is the Educational Network?

A. Ed Net is a two-way video, audio system that puts classes around the state by linking together, for example, U of O, OSU, PSU and all the community colleges with interactive videos. So, you can put on a class here at the University of Oregon, and that class will be delivered via live television interactively. You can interact and talk to people over two-way video. It also consists of a one-way video, two-way audio system for high schools around the state. If you're at a high school in Prineville, you can get

an Ed-Net Class that might be offered at Portland Community College. In a rural area you can have a class in Japanese or marine science that you wouldn't otherwise be able to have.

ISSUE: The Senate Race

Q. Why do you think you are the best choice for students?

A. I am a product of the public education system. If it hadn't been for a good public education system, I wouldn't be where I am today, talking to you and running for Senate. I've fought for educational programs in the state for a long time. I served on the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, chaired the Oregon Center for Advanced Technology Education and founded Ed-Net.

ISSUE: Experience

Q. What kinds of things did you do while serving on the Oregon State Board of Higher Education from 1988 to 1992?

A. I chaired the search committee that hired [Portland State University president] Judith Ramaley, the first woman president at a public college in the history of Oregon. That was also when Measure 5 passed. We had to deal with all the issues of how we were going to continue to keep campuses open and provide some level of access to education without having to begin to deny students access because of rising costs.

Baracker leaves hospital

ACCIDENT: Student may be issued a citation after crossing against traffic

The University student who collided with a bus was released from the hospital early Monday.

Freshman Gabriel Baracker was hospitalized with a head injury last Wednesday after he crashed his bike into a Lane Transit District bus.

Baracker apparently tried to cross E. 11th Avenue against traffic, Andy Vobora, the LTD service planning and marketing manager told the *Emerald* Wednesday.

A citation would probably be forthcoming, said Jan Power, public information officer for the Eugene police department. It would almost certainly be issued to Baracker, she said. She did not know what the charge would be.

"Initially, when I talked to the reporting officer, he said a citation would be issued," she said.

No citation had been issued late Monday.

CORRECTION

An article in the Sept. 23 issue of the ODE stated statistics about left-handers that were unable to be verified upon further review.



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