

OSA 'tuition freezer' makes campus visit

■ **APPLIANCE:** Legislators are also given a chance to sign and show support for stopping tuition increases

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Students had the opportunity to sign the "tuition freezer" on Wednesday afternoon as a way to show that they support a tuition freeze.

"This shows that students are actively doing something to get a tuition freeze," said Jon Isaacs, Oregon Student Association field organizer.

The freezer has traveled to five Oregon colleges in the past week to gather signatures because of the efforts of OSA, which is a coalition of the various student governments from Oregon colleges and universities.

"It's turned into a big petition that students can sign," Isaacs said.

The freezer also sends a message to state representatives because they are given the opportunity to sign the freezer and those representatives who don't sign

can be identified by the students, Isaacs said.

"It gives [state representatives] an opportunity to distinguish themselves from their opponents so students can make a better choice," he said.

The ASUO also had a voter registration table set up next to the tuition freezer. ASUO has currently registered 4,500 students, and OSA has registered over 15,000 in the voter registration drive across Oregon.

OSA representatives said they hope to register 21,000 students by Friday.

"This allows [state representatives] to say, 'okay, a tuition freeze is important,'" Isaacs said.

Isaacs also said students should vote for candidates who support a tuition freeze. Students should also be educated about the ballot measures, he said.

It is also a good idea to write letters to legislators and get involved with local parties, Isaacs said. "All we have is volunteers and votes."

The freezer will be brought out again during February for Lobby Day at the Capitol Building in Salem.

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