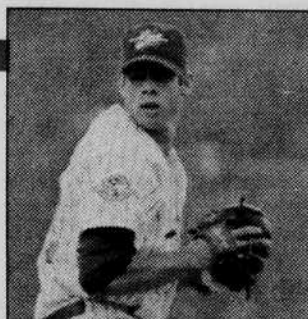


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Graduate students lose tax credit for tuition

BUDGET: Rep. Peter DeFazio is working to combat the elimination of the tax break for grad students

By Michael Hines
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Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., and the ASUO have begun a fight to change the Republican budget.

The budget could raise the income tax liability for many graduate students by as much as 1,000 percent, according to DeFazio, the Eugene congressional district representative.

Currently, some graduate students have their tuition waived as compensation for teaching. With the new budget, the tuition money would become taxable.

The University had 3,124 graduate students enrolled in the fall of 1996, including 504 law students. About 1,200 of them were graduate teaching fellows and re-

ceived tuition as compensation.

DeFazio estimated that the tax increase will supply an additional \$80 million to the government. This will help offset the \$2 billion in tax breaks given to corporations like AT&T, he said.

The tax break for graduate students has been in existence for years. The tax break expired in 1986 and DeFazio introduced legislation that was eventually integrated into the budget to keep the graduates from paying the taxes.

The reinstatement was a nonpartisan effort.

"Even Ronald Reagan agreed that it was unfair and reinstated it," DeFazio said.

In 1997, the tax break did not expire; the break was written out of existence by a Re-

publican working on the budget. DeFazio said that no individual has taken responsibility for making the change.

"We're still fighting the battle," DeFazio said.

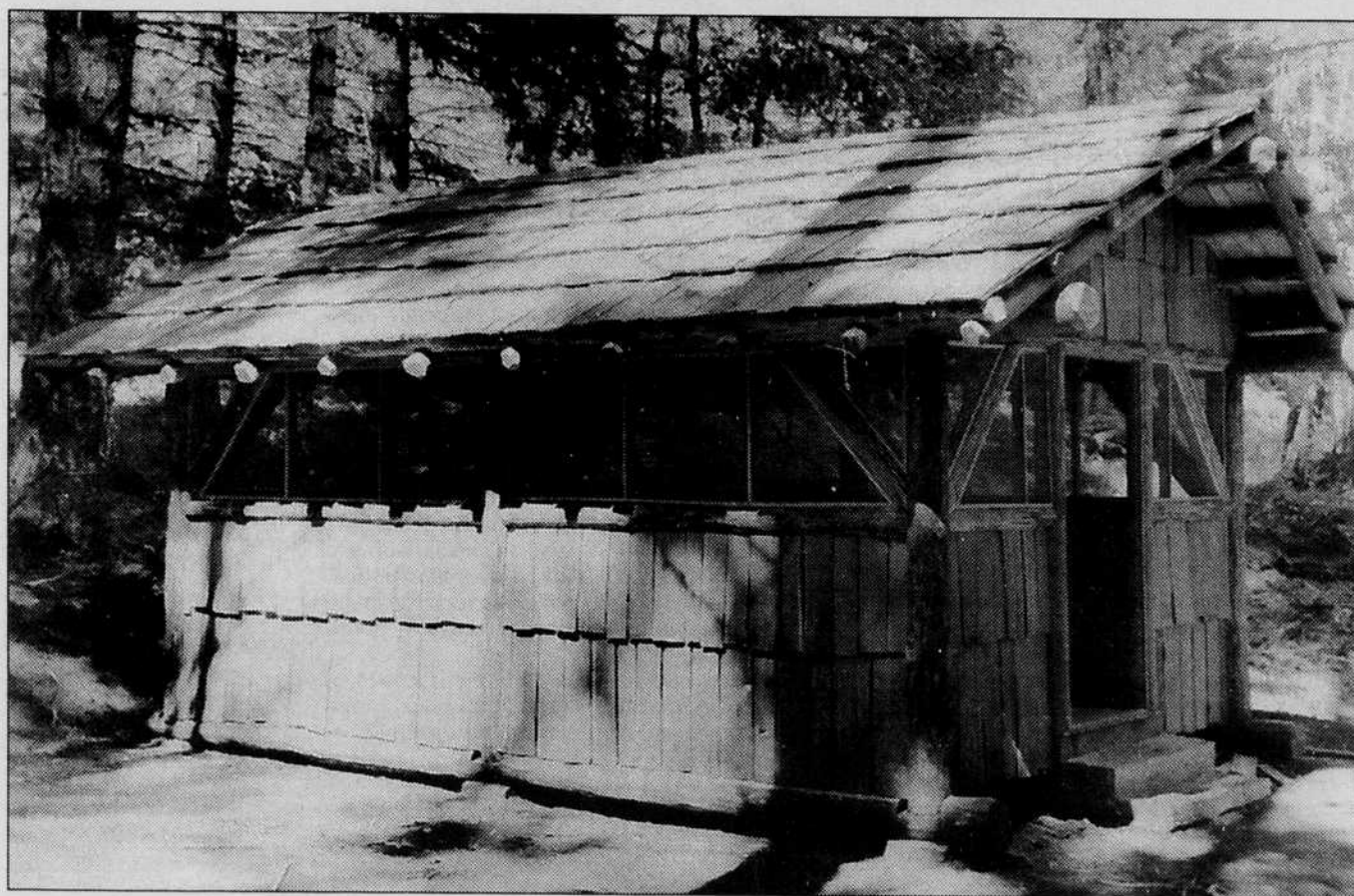
Also fighting the battle is the ASUO. President Bill Miner attended a rally in Washington, D.C., last week to change the budget's language. He met with DeFazio, Senator Ron Wyden, and representatives from Senator Gordon Smith's office.

Miner said Wyden was receptive. Smith's representatives wanted suggestions for making up the money they would be losing by giving the graduates a tax break.



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COURTESY PHOTO

This log building at Silver Falls State Park near Salem is one that the University Field School has been refurbishing this summer.

Field School students reconstruct barn

FIELD PROJECTS

■ **1997:** Camp Silver Creek's log buildings

■ **1996:** Work in Port Orford on a lighthouse, a lifesaving station and a Queen Anne house built in 1888

■ **1995:** Students worked on a round barn in Eastern Oregon built in 1884 by an Oregon Pioneer

■ **PROGRAM:** The school offers a 'hands-on' learning experience in preservation and repair of historic and other buildings

By Michael Hines
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Cabins, lighthouses and barns. The University Field School has restored them all.

This is the final week of the program's third year. Seven students are finishing work in this fourth week on log buildings at Silver Falls State Park near Salem.

Students and non-students can pay \$375 for one week in the program. The program runs over the summer, and students receive two class credits for the program.

The program is officially called the Pacific Northwest Field School, but it has not ventured out of Oregon yet. The first year was in Eastern Oregon, south of

Burns. There, the school worked on a Round Barn built in 1884 by Pete French, an Oregon pioneer.

In the summer of 1996, the school worked in Port Orford, which is south of Coos Bay, on a lighthouse, a lifesaving station and a Queen Anne house built in 1888.

Graduate student Dave Pinyerd has been involved with the program all of its three years, both as the director and now as a student.

"It was a great learning experience," he said. "Everybody got involved."

This program offers "hands-on" experience in preservation and repair.

The program, which is directed this year by Donald Peting, associate dean of the University School of Architecture and Allied Arts, also participates in archeological digs and cemetery surveys.

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Springfield works to combat child abuse

■ **ABUSE:** Leaders are working to put together a task force to tackle the cycle of abuse that has plagued the Springfield community

By Mike Schmierbach
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When Springfield residents met with local child-service agencies, police and volunteer groups to discuss child abuse and create a new task force, many involved left the meeting hoping community involvement and interest was on the rise. Others were unsure if public interest could be so easily roused, while some felt the needed concern already existed.

In a July 8 meeting, Springfield Mayor Bill Morrisette and Linda Christensen of Springfield Child Abuse Resources called together community members who wanted to talk about abuse. The meeting was prompted in large part by the death of 3-year-old Tesslyn O'Cull, who apparently died of injuries caused by abuse.

The recent death is not a unique incident, however. At least nine children have died within the past five years in Springfield, according to Christensen.

"All of us are interested in doing something about the terrible problem — child abuse — and the deaths that have happened in the past few years," Morrisette said.

For Morrisette, doing something includes the creation of a task force, made up of interested community members and representatives of local agencies such as Neighborhood Watch. "I see a coming together to enhance existing services, to look for weaknesses that

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