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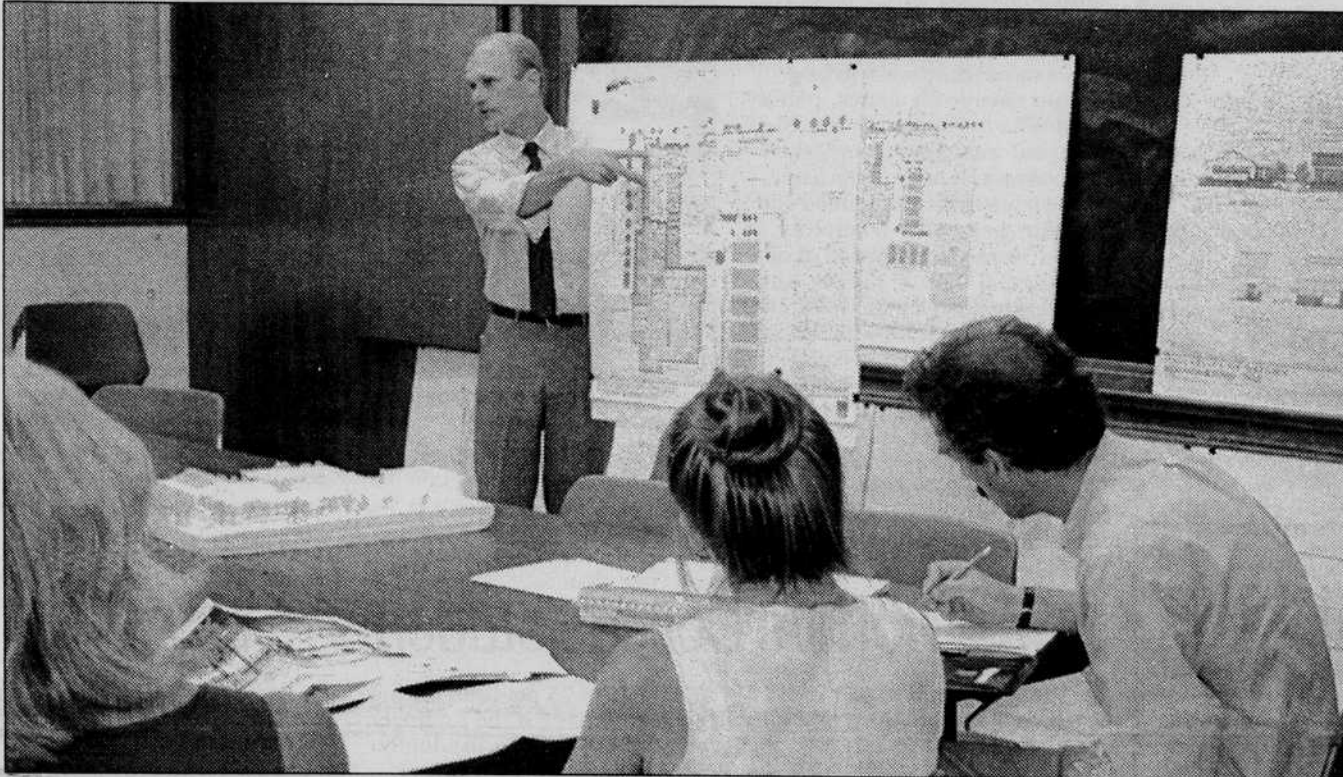
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 Mostly sunny.  
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**ESSLINGER CONSTRUCTION**



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Project Manager Gregg Lobisser reviews design sketches of proposed construction and renovation to Esslinger during a Campus Planning Committee meeting Wednesday. The Committee voted to further the \$18 to \$19 million project.

## Committee OKs Esslinger project

**PROJECT:** The building is being constructed to foster competition and increase recruitment and retention of students

**By Michael Hines**  
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The Campus Planning Committee voted Wednesday to forward the process of the construction and renovation of Esslinger.

The \$18 to \$19 million project was forwarded to President Dave Frohnmayer, contingent on several points.

The committee wanted further examination of the East 15th Avenue edge of Esslinger. Under the current plan, four of the covered tennis courts will be demolished and replaced with an extension of the building. The new building would be further from the street than where the tennis courts stand. The committee expressed concerns about what the front of the building would look like and what would be done with the space between the building and the street.

The committee also expressed reservations about car parking, the nearby field, bike parking and the landscaping of the intersection at 15th Avenue and University Street.

University officials have been planning this project for years. Students passed a ballot measure in 1995 agreeing to pay fees totaling \$9.5 million to pay for part of the project. The Oregon State System of

Higher Education gave \$4.5 million from its building fund and promised \$4.4 million more in the 1999-2001 biennium. The rest of the funds will be raised by the University Foundation.

"We think it is a very unique project that will dramatically change campus for the better," Project Manager Gregg Lobisser said.

The building is being constructed for three major reasons, Lobisser said. The facility will foster competition, increase recruitment and increase retention of students.

The University is the only school in the Pacific 10 without a comprehensive fitness facility, Lobisser said. He cited a statistic that 65 to 70 percent of students currently use the building, and he said he expects facility use to increase after construction.

"If you are going to keep your students, you want them to be actively involved on campus," Lobisser said. "Students will see this as a place they want to be."

The project will include some major new construction. The new part of the building will include a weight room on the bottom level that will stretch 260 feet. Behind the weight room will be three basketball

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## Incidental fees increase 9.9 percent

**FEES:** Many of the increases came about because of student votes, including support for a Saferide van

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The Oregon State System of Higher Education made a final decision July 18 on student fees for the coming school year.

Many of the fees were simply adjusted for inflation, but several had significant increases.

Tuition at the University is broken into several fees: instruction, resource, building, incidental and health service.

As a result of recent action by the Oregon Legislature, the instructional fee for resident undergraduates will not change. The fee was frozen at the 1996-97 rate. The instructional fees for nonresident undergraduates and graduate students will increase by 3 percent.

The building fee was raised 35 percent to \$75. This means all students will pay \$25 per term. The fee pays for construction associated with student centers, health centers and recreational facilities.

The recreation facility in Esslinger Hall will receive \$7.75 per term from students for renovation. This will be part of the student incidental fee increase that was passed by University students in a 1995 vote.

The total incidental fee was raised 9.9 percent to \$147.75 per term for all students. Much of the increase is due to student votes, including the increase to pay for a new Saferide van.

ASUO Vice President Ben Unger is not alarmed by the increases because they were supported by students.

"I don't think that they're out of the ordinary," Unger said.

The University health service fee increased 1.3 percent to \$80 per term for all students, as well.

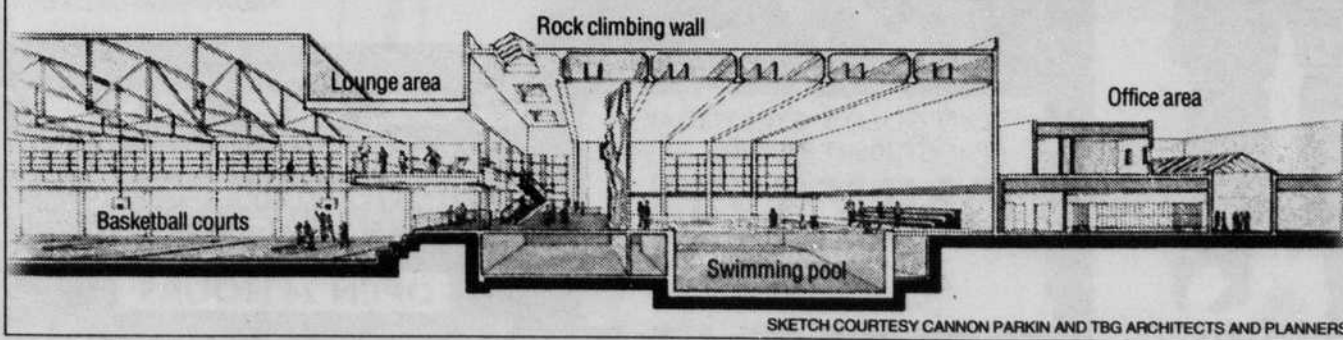
The technology fee and the fee for the College of Business Administration Master students did not change. The technology fee will stay constant at \$50 per term. Masters nonresidents will continue paying \$750 a year while residents will pay \$300 per year.

The largest fee change was for law students. Administrators decided to even the fees for residents and nonresidents. Resident fees increased 21.9 percent to \$3,900, while nonresident fees declined 6 percent to \$3,900.

Incoming freshmen to the Honors College will pay an extra fee for the coming year.

| INCREASES              |                                      |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>BUILDING FEE:</b>   | Up 35 percent to \$25 per term       |
| <b>HEALTH FEE:</b>     | Up 1.3 percent to \$80 per term      |
| <b>TECHNOLOGY FEE:</b> | Remains at \$50 per term             |
| <b>ESSLINGER:</b>      | \$15.25 per term to fund renovations |
| <b>TOTAL CHANGE:</b>   | Up 9.9 percent to 147.75 per term    |

**ESSLINGER IN THE FUTURE**



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