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Today Mostly sunny High 80, Low 46
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Avoiding the 'freshman 15'

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Schools gain control of funds

The Oregon University System changed its funding model during the summer, giving each school more autonomy

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Tuition from Oregon university students is staying on campus, giving university officials complete control of the money.

And Oregon University System officials say that will lead to more funding for student-centered programs.

OUS changed its funding model to a more student-centered, independent model in July. Seven Oregon public universities make up the system, and each now keeps its own tuition and fees on campus instead of collecting the money into a single melting pot and distributing to each school on a need basis.

The new structure has empowered university presidents, faculty and administrators to work with and distribute funding to their own programs and projects on each campus. Tuition and fees

will remain on campus, and state dollars, including federal and lottery money, will be distributed on a need basis with additional funding given to successful programs throughout the state.

Better educated students, more access for new students entering the university system and a more diverse enrollment are some of the reform's goals, according to the 1999-2001 OUS Biennial Bud-

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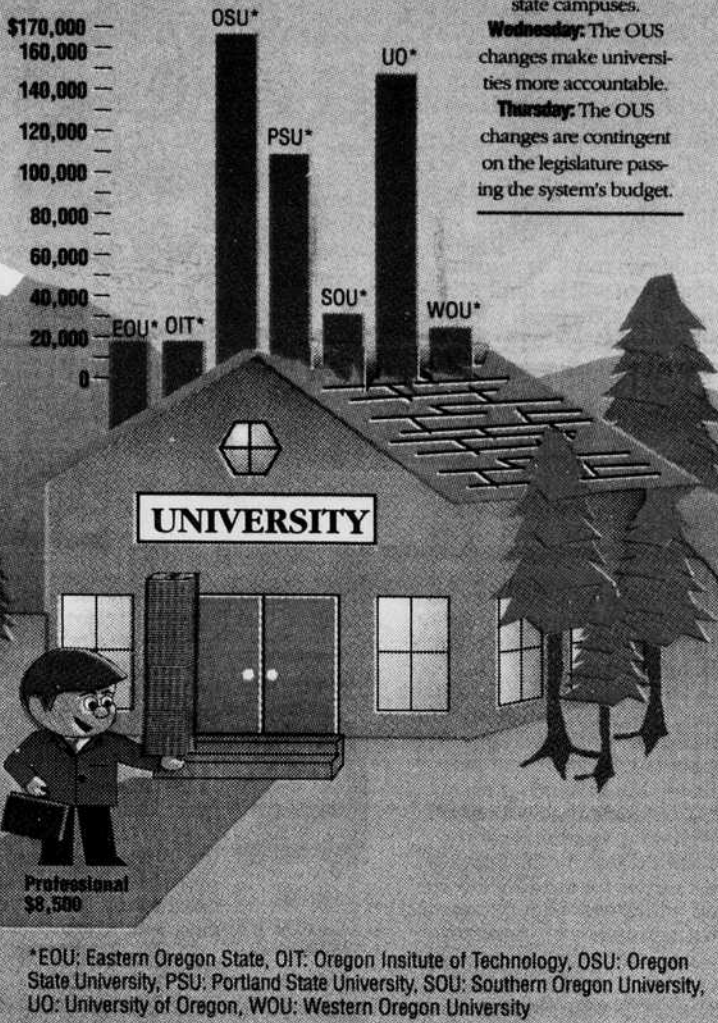
First in a four-part series on the Oregon University System

TODAY: OUS changes its funding system to be more student centered.

Tuesday: How the OUS changes will affect other state campuses.

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Thursday: The OUS changes are contingent on the legislature passing the system's budget.



Sen. Smith examines higher ed

The senator makes a rare visit to the University to discuss education and watch the Ducks play football

By Michael Hines
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With a Duck green sweater draped over his shoulders, U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith ambled alone around the west rim of Autzen Stadium in the third quarter of Saturday's

blowout over Stanford. And as Oregon kicker Nathan Villegas lined up for yet another extra point, the Republican senator pushed to the tips of his toes to see the play over the heads of his constituents.

In his six years as a state political leader, Smith has spoken on the University campus only twice.

He delivered one of his speeches in the EMU Courtyard during his campaign for the senate seat he now holds. More opponents than supporters attended, and they drowned out his voice with their shouts. Under the shouts of rabid Ducks fans at Autzen Stadium Saturday, Smith discussed his perspective on higher education and the incident at the EMU.

"I remember that," he said. "That was just an unfortunate incident, but I've been back and will be in the future. I regret that often in political campaigns or in our political dialogue, we are losing much of civility."

Despite Smith and U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden's heated battle for the seat Wyden won in 1996, Smith said the two often work together on legislation in Washington, D.C. Smith was elected to fill U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield's seat later that year, defeating Democrat Tom Bruggere.

"When Ron Wyden and I cast votes that cancel one another out, we chuckle because everyone in Oregon feels represented," said Smith, who is two years into his six-year term. "But on the other hand, I've been heartened by how often we are able to vote

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Re-keying of EMU boosts students' safety after hours

The building receives new locks to keep out holders of keys from as long ago as the 1970s

By Nicole Garton
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Students can feel a little safer now when they work after hours in the EMU.

With the re-keying of many of the building's entrances and offices this summer, EMU administration can keep better tabs on who enters the building late at night, director Dusty Miller said.

Recently renovated areas, such as the recreation level, food services and new student offices, received new locks as part of the yearlong, \$4.75 million renovation project that updated sections of the EMU. The cost of the re-keying came from the renovation budget, most of which was granted from the Oregon University System's statewide student building fees fund.

"We knew the renovation was going to move student organizations and change traffic patterns in a substantial part of the building," Miller explained. "And we knew the security system of keys has been very poor for decades. This was a chance to say, 'Let's make the building safer.'"

Before the re-keying, many keys issued to students and staff, some dating back to the 1970s, were never returned. No one knows who has them now, and the ability of non-students to enter the

EMU re-keying

The locks have been changed for the following areas of the EMU:
 The recreation level
 New student offices
 First floor foods

SOURCE: Mike Kralman, EMU technical services manager

EMU after hours poses a security threat to students who work late in the building.

"We believe there are a whole bunch of keys in the community that open our doors, and there's no way to know how many are out there," Miller said. But with the building's new locks, "all the keys out there that nobody has good tabs on are now useless."

Increasing security has long been a priority for the EMU board, and the re-keying was bound to happen — especially now that the building is open until 2 a.m. instead of midnight, ASUO President Geneva Wortman said.

"It's been an issue since I've been on this campus," she said. "Now with the building open later, safety is an even bigger concern."

Changing the locks has helped make the EMU safer, although how much safer remains to be seen, facilities manager Dana Winitzky said.

The key to security lies with how well the EMU administration keeps track of new keyholders and ensures the return of keys when students graduate. Miller hopes that by contacting keyhold-

ers at the end of each term, the EMU will maintain a more accurate database.

He also believes a \$15 deposit per key, as opposed to the previous \$5 deposit, will encourage students to return their keys instead of keeping them or passing them on to other people.

The building's new submaster system should also keep the EMU safer, Winitzky said. Instead of only a few different keys accessing the entire building, each section of the building now requires a different key. For example, the foods, recreation and student office sections each have different locks.

"Before, if someone lost their keys, it put the whole building at

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