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Weather forecast

Today Cloudy High 66, Low 49
 Friday Mostly Cloudy High 68, Low 47

Plastic meltdown

An OSPIRG survey shows that college students have larger unpaid balances than other cardholders / PAGE 4

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Soccer coaches say freshman Chalise Baysa's talent on the field can't be ignored / PAGE 15

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ASUO encourages voter registration

Student government leaders hope to register 6,000 students for November's election

By Kristina Rudinkas
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The ASUO kicked off its voter registration drive in front of Johnson Hall Wednesday morning with the help of University President Dave Frohnmayer and head football coach Mike Bellotti.

"It's important to get involved in the process, so students can shape their community," ASUO State Affairs Coordinator Matt Swanson said.

The ASUO campaign hopes it can register 6,000 students before the Oct. 13 deadline for the November elections. Volunteers will be registering students along 13th Avenue this week.

"We are friendly and neutral; all we're only asking you to register," Swanson said. "Do not be afraid."

The ASUO volunteers have dropped off registration forms in residence halls and are visiting greek houses to sign up more students. Students can also register anytime at the ASUO office, Suite 4 in the EMU.

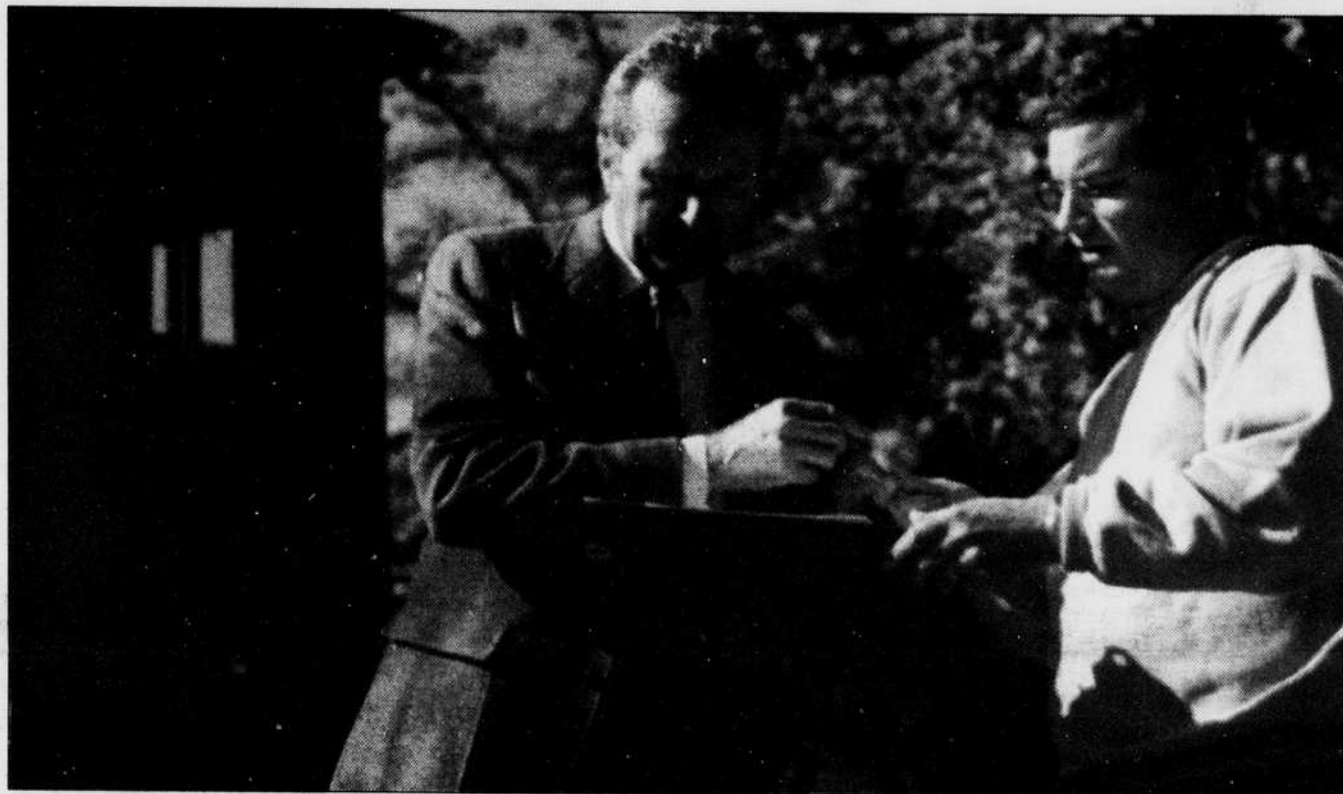
ASUO President Geneva Wortman said she believes this is an important year to mobilize the student vote because of the upcoming legislative session, where student issues will be decided.

"Students don't have the money to lobby," Wortman said. "All the power in Salem is by our numbers."

In the upcoming Legislative session several student issues may come up in Congress.

"We want a reinvestment in the Oregon University System," Swanson said. "The legislature is poised to do it. They do have surplus, although limit-

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University President Dave Frohnmayer lends a hand during the ASUO voter registration drive Wednesday afternoon.

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Oregon head football coach Mike Bellotti was on hand Wednesday afternoon to during the ASUO voter registration drive.

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Campaigns aim to increase activism

Former student leaders say the campus has lost its spirit of inspiration

By Kristina Rudinkas
 Oregon Daily Emerald

Homegrown activism on the University campus has its roots in ASUO campaigns and agendas. From the campus peace protests and sit-ins of the '60s to the lobbying and student empowerment of today, the ASUO has come a long way.

This year's ASUO Executive plans to work on voter registration and education, securing more state and federal funding for University child care, cam-

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University system needs Legislative funds

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

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

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

Wednesday: The OUS changes make universities more accountable.

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

Without full funding, the new model for Oregon University System won't work, officials say

By Eric Collins
 Oregon Daily Emerald

Oregon's public universities are at a crossroads.

One path leads to potential prosperity.

Under a new funding system, the University of Oregon could receive an \$18 million revenue boost as the seven public universities in the Oregon University System keep their own tuition dollars and are rewarded with state money for enrollment

The other path leads back to the drawing board.

The universities would continue to pool their tuition dollars and state funds and share their surpluses and deficits to keep

each other stable — the University lost \$4.4 million of the tuition money it brought in last year under the pooling system.

Where higher education heads depends on whether the Legislature will hand \$121 million to the universities to get the new model rolling through 1999 and 2001.

With a surplus of state revenue after several years of economic upturn, the state's economic future is heading downward, but Senate President Brady Adams is optimistic the state can still afford these changes.

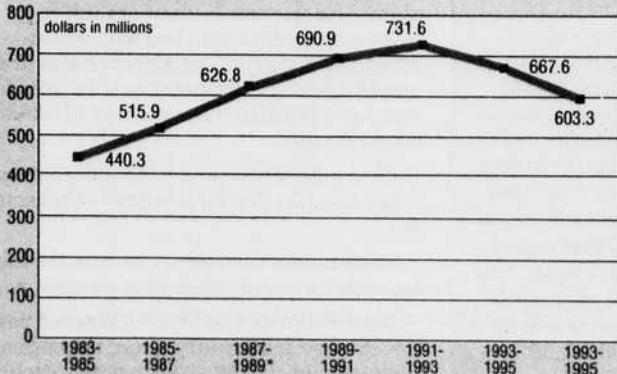
With the model's emphasis on showing how and where the money will be spent in addition to requiring specific, understandable goals, Oregon university officials are hopeful that legislators will pass the additional funding.

Some inside the lobbying effort believe

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State dollars

Since the early 1990s, the state's investment in higher education has spiraled downward, receiving increasingly less State General Fund support.



*OUS number includes \$53.9 million of capital construction
 SOURCE: OUS budget and fiscal policies division, Executive Department general fund expenditure summary

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