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## Students lobbying for increase in Pell Grant

The grant only covers one-third the cost of a University education

By Kelly Delaney  
for the Emerald

For some students, an additional \$400 a year could mean an extra outfit from the J. Crew catalog, a few more trips to the mountain or a couple more rounds at Taylor's. But for students who receive the federal Pell Grant, it means accommodating the rising cost of a University education.

"The cost of receiving an education is getting more and more expensive and it only makes sense that the government should raise the Pell Grant to meet those

needs," said Tevis Hurst, a senior journalism major.

Student leaders from the ASUO, Associated Students of Lane Community College, the state chapter of OSPIRG and the Committee to Re-establish OSPIRG are lobbying Oregon's senators and representatives in Washington, D.C., to support a \$400-per-student increase in federal funding for those who receive a Pell Grant.

The increase would raise the maximum award for Pell Grant recipients by 12 percent, from \$3,125 to \$3,525.

More than 3.9 million students nationwide receive Pell Grants to pay for college. Seventy percent of the grants go to students from families with yearly incomes of

\$20,000 or less.

"This is just one of the many campaigns OSPIRG and the ASUO are working on to make access to education a lot easier," said Jereme Grzybowski from the Committee to Re-establish OSPIRG.

Because of the decline in Pell Grant funding, students pursuing a college degree now face greater financial burdens. The average debt among graduating seniors has risen to approximately \$14,000, according to the ASUO.

The maximum Pell Grant award paid for three-quarters of the average cost of attendance at a four-year university in the late 1970s, according to OSPIRG. Today, the maximum award only pays for one-third of the cost.

## Auction

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men's basketball coach Ernie Kent, women's basketball coach Jody Runge and football coach Mike Bellotti are among the University representatives on the committee.

Bellotti said he has been involved with the auction since its inception three years ago.

"I believe that helping the homeless is important," he said. "Anything that benefits the local community is worthy of my time."

Bellotti said he likes to lend a hand with anything he can.

Frohnmayr joins the honorary committee this year and shares Bellotti's concern for community events.

"Although this is my first

time as a committee member, I have long been aware of the important human service provided by Lane Shelter Care," he said. "I am always anxious to assist needed community efforts such as this."

Lane Shelter Care chooses each committee member based on his or her position in the community, Bunch said.

"We just solicit folks that have been known to have an interest in the services we provide and have name recognition in the community," she said.

The silent auction will begin with eight separate pools of tables with bid sheets on each one. The opening bid will be set at one-third the item's value.

Participants can continuously

make bids throughout the day and the one with the highest bid when the table closes wins.

Bunch said the auction is used solely for fund-raising efforts for the organization's homeless housing programs. She said revenues from the auction have been growing every year.

"The first year we made \$10,000, and we expect to make over \$50,000 this year," she said.

Lane Shelter Care is helping 1,200 families this year through its two homeless services, she said.

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## Forum

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film club, or choose from a number of how-to workshops, including "Hands-on Science for Women," "Becoming an Advocate for Girls" and "Community Service and Values."

At the same time, girls can attend small-group "Getting to Know You" sessions and a panel discussion.

After lunch, girls will have the opportunity to attend sessions led by professors and students in creative writing, fine arts and Web design. Other sessions, as well as other artists from the community.

From 3 to 4 p.m., girls will have the opportunity to showcase what they learned during the previous sessions at "The Girls' Show" in

the EMU Ballroom. This part of the conference is open to the public.

Other sponsors for this weekend's events include the College of Education's Youth Enrichment/TAG program, Eugene 4J School District, the University's Center for the Study of Women in Society and the University Admissions Office.

## Y2K

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Apple Macintosh and Mac OS computers will have no problem working with the new millennium, according to Macintosh's Y2K help page. Older software may have a problem.

Earlier model IBM computers may need some tools to help them prepare for Y2K, but all are available for free by contacting IBM, according to the IBM Year 2000 home page.

If an IBM computer is on when the new century begins, customers are advised to turn the computer off and then back on once, or restart the operating system to ensure the internal clock resets itself, according to the home page.

The University home page has a Y2K link that will connect PC users to various computer companies as well as other important Y2K information.

Computer owners who have concerns can log onto the net at www.download.com. The site has freeware programs that can be found by doing a Y2K search. The programs will test the computer for any problems and offer solutions.

Giusti summed up the Y2K / PC situation.

"Don't panic," he said. "It's pretty much a nonissue. That's why you don't hear anything about it."

## News Briefs

### New justice named for Constitution Court

Undergraduate student and ASUO Constitution Court member Jeremy Gibbons was named as the new Constitution Court Chief Justice Thursday. Gibbons will fill the void left by Joel Corcoran's resignation two weeks ago.

Gibbons has been a member of

the court since spring 1998. He is the only undergraduate, non-law student on the court. He said he felt there is a "job that needs to be done" and that he is ready for the position.

The chief justice is responsible for maintaining procedure in public hearings, assigning opinions and other administrative tasks.

### Today's Events

Friday, March 12

■ Oregon Ballroom Dance at 7:30 p.m. Room 220, Gerlinger Hall; \$3 general public and \$2 students and faculty. Call 346-6025.

■ The Oregon Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab bands, 8 p.m., Beall Concert Hall; \$5 public, \$3 senior citizens and students. Call 346-5678.

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