

Enrollment

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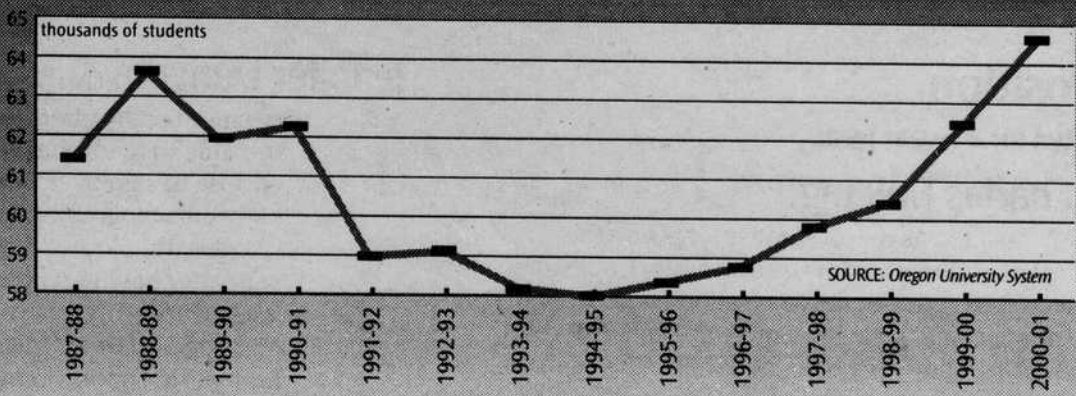
Bob Bruce
OUS spokesman

will take a couple years before the full effects and overall enrollment benefits of the new class take place.

“I’m very excited about the increase,” Pitts said. “Not only is enrollment increasing, but the quality of students is up as well. We’re getting larger and stronger classes which helps everyone on campus.”

Oregon’s enrollment history

According to estimates by the OUS, enrollment in Oregon’s seven public universities will be a record high in the 2000-2001 school year.



Russ Weller Emerald

The higher number of students means a larger overall budget for the University, Buch said. Tuition accounts for approximately one-third of the University’s \$330 million revenue, according to the Accounting Office. The increase, however, will not have a dramatic impact on next year’s budget, Buch said.

In light of the predicted increases, Bruce attributes the rising enrollment numbers to stronger recruiting by the schools.

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Additionally, Bruce attributes the enrollment increase to stable tuition rates and a rise in the number of students who return after their freshman year.

“There’s always an unknown in terms of student retention,” Bruce said. “But the campuses have done a terrific job of promoting retention.”

Calendar Thursday, May 11

Reading/Book Signing: Carol Ann Bassett, Journalism and Communication, discusses and reads from the anthology, “American Nature Writing 2000,” which includes her essay on the fate of the Bio-Bio River in southern Chile. 5:30 p.m. Fir Room, EMU. Free. For information, call 346-4331.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Movie: “Boys Don’t Cry,” based on the true story of a transgendered Nebraskan who was raped and murdered. Discussion follows. 7 p.m. Suite 34, EMU. Free. For information, call 346-1134.

Center for Asian and Pacific Studies/Asian Studies Lecture: Elizabeth Perry, Harvard University, discusses “Chinese Popular Protest at the Turn of the Millennium.” 7:30 p.m. Alumni Lounge, Gerlinger Hall. Free. For information, call 346-1521.

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