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The reporter is falling!

Emerald reporter Lisa Toth took a plunge to explore the world of skydiving. **PAGE 3**

Play it again, Joey

Quarterback Joey Harrington says he's ready to put up more big numbers against Arizona. **PAGE 7**

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Money may materialize for universities

■ An investment plan could amass funds for Oregon engineering programs

By Andrew Adams
Oregon Daily Emerald

The University and several other schools in the Oregon University System could receive a substantial windfall of state and public funds for their engineering departments if the State Board of Higher Education approves an investment plan during its regular meeting at Southern Oregon University this weekend.

During a teleconference meeting on Monday, OUS representatives made their recommendation to the board for an eight-year, \$85 million investment package that would draw on state and private funding in an attempt to make Oregon's engineering schools top-tier institutions.

The computer and information science department at the University could stand to acquire approximately \$8 million per year in the plan to support its data engineering programs, according to an OUS report.

Board members will decide on one of four options submitted by OUS during the morning session of their Friday meeting. The options differ

mainly in how funds are spread out through a certain amount of time.

During the teleconference, board members and OUS representatives heard a report from Dan Leizel, a representative of the consulting firm that studied how the OUS can bring its institutions into the top tier of engineering schools.

"There's a need for a major resource investment," he said, citing several technology companies in Oregon that are in desperate need of skilled data engineers at all levels.

"They said the state needs to enhance the prestige and quality of engineering programs in the state," he said.

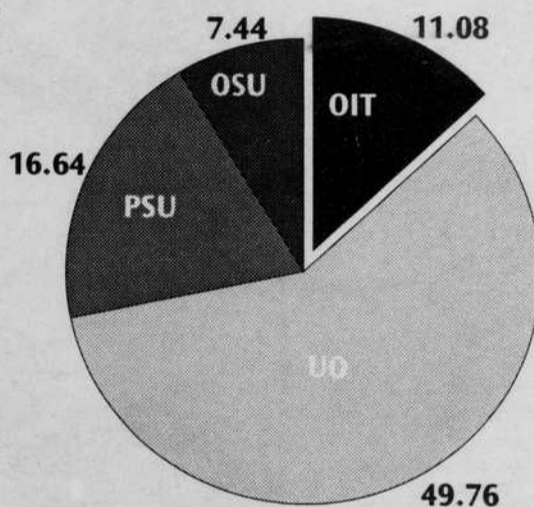
Leizel said his firm determined OUS needs to invest \$113 million to add 222 faculty, 45 staff members and 178 graduate assistants to improve engineering programs in the state. The University could hire nine faculty members, four staff members and 18 graduate assistants. The report did not factor in the costs of improving or adding facilities, which prompted a few board members to criticize it.

Board member Geri Richmond said she thinks

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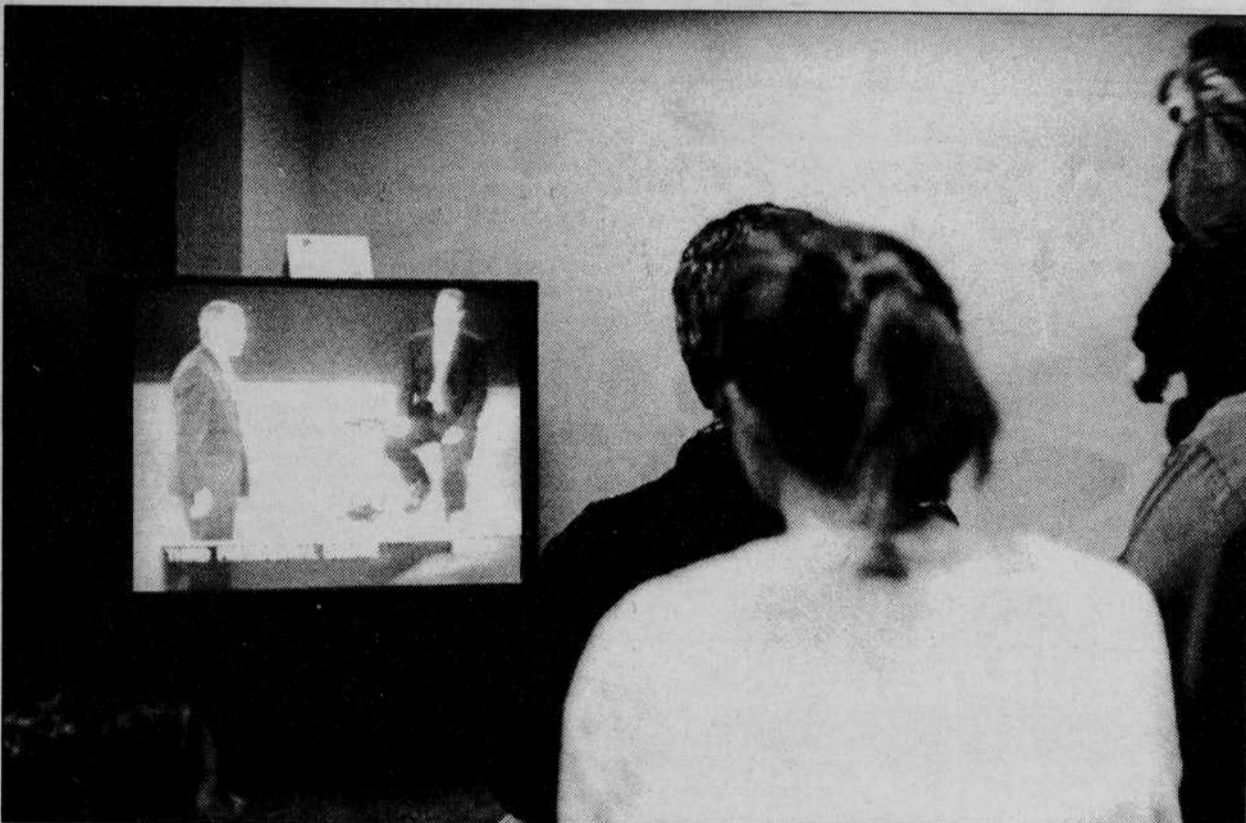
Proposed investment (in millions of dollars)

The OUS has proposed an 8-year, \$85 million investment plan for state engineering education.



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Presidential Elections



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Students from a range of ASUO organizations watch the final debate between Gov. George Bush and Vice President Al Gore on Tuesday night.

Debating the debate

■ Various students and community members gather to watch George W. Bush and Al Gore battle

By Beata Mostafavi
Oregon Daily Emerald

From the rants and raves, grunts, mild swear words and frustrated sighs heard from the Break Tuesday night, a bystander would think the people in the room were watching a wrestling match.

Close enough. They were watching the third presidential debate between Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore.

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By Connie Farrow
Associated Press Writer

ST. LOUIS — Ralph Nader sued the commission organizing the presidential debates Tuesday, aiming to dismantle the system that kept him out of the 2000 televised debates.

His lawsuit, filed in Boston and claiming his rights were violated by his exclusion from the first debate there, came as Nader protested the commission's refusal to let him join Al Gore and George W. Bush for the third and final confrontation in St. Louis.

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Caring caravan cruises to Cuba

■ Human rights activists cross borders to deliver 'friendshipments'

By Beata Mostafavi
Oregon Daily Emerald

Herb Everett remembered his second trip to Cuba in 1996 when he and about 30 other activists for Pastors for Peace were stopped at the San Diego-Mexico border in an illegal attempt to take aid to Cuba.

Everett, now 51 years old, remembered being frightened and frustrated as border patrol officials ripped away hundreds of computers from the activists' arms — computers designated for Cuban health clinics.

The computers finally reached their rightful destination, but only after caravan leaders went on a 94-day hunger strike.

This Thursday, the 11th U.S.-Cuba Friendshipment Caravan will make its stop in Eugene. The vehicle will collect donated bikes and bicycle parts, which will be distributed in Cuba.

For nearly 10 years, Pastors for Peace, a ministry of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO) has sent thousands of participants in caravans that take aid to Latin America and the Caribbean. The project is meant to openly protest the trade embargo that prohibits U.S. citizens from distributing humanitarian aid in Cuba.

The Friendshipment Caravan will also pick up Susan Silver, a senior sociology major and volunteer for the University branch of the Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People (CISCAP), an ad-

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“That's what the Friendshipment is all about. It's saying to our government that 'you need to end this blockade' ...”

Scott Mikseh
CISCAP
coordinator

