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Holly Shue and Mike Cartmill often communicate through instant messenger, though they both live in Dunn Hall.

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## Budget plans boost tuition

■ The newly unveiled state budget looks bleak for the average college students' wallets

By Andrew Adams  
Oregon Daily Emerald

With the recent release of the legislators' version of the 2001-2003 state budget, higher education gained some breathing room, but students still need to be concerned about an inevitable tuition increase.

While representatives and senators wrangle over state and federal funding to fill the holes in the state's budget, students would still be left dealing with what could be an almost 9 percent increase in tuition.

State Sen. Lenn Hannon (R - Ashland) and Rep. Ben Westlund (R - Bend), co-chairmen of the Joint Ways and Means Committee, released a state budget proposal that places nearly \$30 million more toward higher education.

The Governor's budget proposal called for nearly \$100 million less than what the Oregon University System requested. While the legislative plan offers just a little more funding, it is viewed by many as a positive step.

"It was good news," said Oregon University System Chancellor Joseph Cox. He said he was happy with the state's Republicans, who are apparently committed to retaining higher education funding, but he admitted that the final budget plan won't be complete until the spring.

"There's a long way to go," he said. "It's neither perfect nor finished."

But Cox said he was a born optimist, and would continue to believe the state would come to support higher education.

John Wykoff, the legislative director for the Oregon Student Association, said students in Oregon need to be aware that despite encouraging news from the legislature, a tuition hike is likely and students will "be paying more to get less."

Under the OUS's original plan, he said higher education would mandate a tuition increase that would be directed only for higher education. In the proposed budgets by Gov. John Kitzhaber and the co-chairmen, Wykoff said students would still be paying more, but

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“If the state doesn't give enough resources the whole system will collapse.”

Tim Young  
student rep., State Board of Higher Education



## Plugged into the revolution

■ Higher-speed connections, instant messenger services and chat forums have made the Internet the place to be

By Beata Mostafavi  
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The sound of slamming doors is often heard through the University residence halls at odd hours of the day and night.

But this noise isn't caused by any lover's quarrel or roommate disagreements. It's just the sound of America Online's Instant Messenger, letting users know a chat "buddy" has signed off.

Students have found many reasons to hang out in cyberspace for hours at a time. Devices such as ICQ and AOL

**Today:** How the growing popularity of Internet use in residence halls and off campus is changing the ways people communicate and interact with each other

**Tuesday:** Internet addiction and its affect on college students

Instant Messenger, which allow real-time chatting, keep students up until the early hours of the morning talking to romantic strangers and friends in other states — even neighbors who live in the room next door or the floor above them.

Five years ago, the University brought the magic of high-speed Ethernet connections to residence halls, supporting fast Internet access and allowing students to be "perma-online."

In the Ethernet's beginning years at the University, an estimated 20 percent of the residents used it, while today nearly 85 percent of students who live on campus are connected, according to Housing Computing Coordinator Norm Myers.

Although access was only granted to the University Inn and Riley Hall in the first year, by 1997 all residence halls were wired, contributing to the "Internet revolution" of the last decade.

Online chat devices and e-mail tend to be popular uses of the Web and especially help freshmen keep communication strong in their first year away from home.

Junior journalism major Brian Carlson estimates he spent nearly 40 hours a week online during the fall

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## University graduate convicted of pirating Adobe software

■ Jeff Stockton will be sentenced April 17 and faces a hefty fine along with time in prison

By Jeremy Lang  
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University graduate Jeff Stockton could spend up to five years in prison after he agreed to a plea bargain and pleaded guilty to copyright infringement in U.S. District Court in Eugene last week.

Stockton, 21, could also face up to \$250,000 in fines and a three-year probation period for illegally copying, and

selling Adobe Systems software while he was a University student. He pleaded guilty Jan. 30, and will be sentenced in Eugene April 17.

Eugene police, working with Oregon State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, raided Stockton's apartment, post office box, car and bank account on Jan. 13 as part of a massive, year-long undercover investigation.

Officers seized pirated software, \$4,600 in cash and computer equipment from his apartment — and an additional \$9,000 from his bank account.

Stockton, who is now living in Hon-

olulu, Hawaii, declined to comment.

According to court documents, Stockton sold pirated CD-ROMs with Adobe programs such as Photoshop to fellow University students and others using an alias on the Internet. Court documents estimated Adobe's retail loss at \$490,644.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Sean Hoar said it is unlikely the judge will convict Stockton to five years in prison, but the sentence could be harsher than normal state guidelines, because of the extensive planning involved in Stockton's piracy operation.

### Timeline of Stockton piracy case

**December, 1999:** Eugene Police Department begins an undercover investigation of Stockton's software piracy operation.

**Jan. 13, 01:** Police raid Stockton's apartment, post office box, car and bank account and seize \$13,600 in cash and computer equipment.

**Jan. 30, 01:** As part of a plea bargain, Stockton pleads guilty to copyright infringement in U.S. District Court in Eugene.

**April 17, 01:** Stockton will be sentenced. He faces up to 5 years in prison, three years probation and a \$250,000 fine.