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Making the right strides

The wrestling team was pleased with its season as a team, despite some tough losses. **PAGE 7**

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Judicial review

University law students saw the Oregon Supreme Court in action on campus Tuesday. **PAGE 3**

Rallying support in Salem



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Students from the University of Oregon were joined by Portland State University students Abbie Andrette, Sweeta Derrow, and Irene Schwoeffermann at the higher education rally on the steps of the state Capitol. University President Dave Frohnmayer (left) joined 250 University of Oregon students at the rally.

Crowd gathers in Salem to support universities

■ 1,500 people rallied on the Capitol steps Tuesday to call for more university funding

By Andrew Adams
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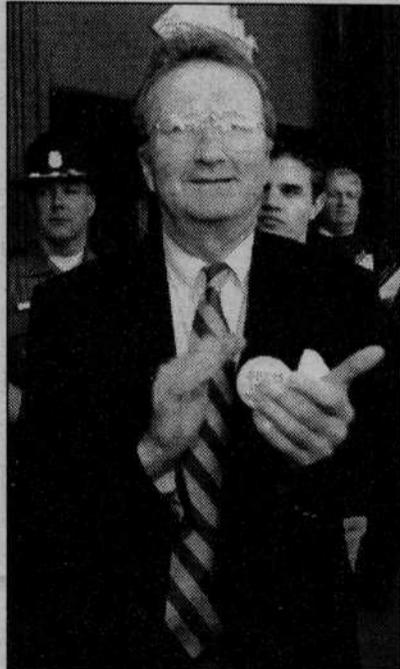
SALEM — Speaking to a deafening crowd of hundreds, state legislators, students, faculty members and business leaders praised Oregon's universities Tuesday and demanded the schools receive more funding.

The speakers joined nearly 1,500 people on the steps of the Capitol to

call for the Legislature to bring the Oregon University System's funding up to a minimum level and not approve the \$96 million shortfall in the budget proposed by Gov. John Kitzhaber.

Students, alumni, faculty and administrators from all seven schools of the OUS carried placards and balloons and dressed in their schools' colors to show their support for higher education in Oregon. They danced and shouted under the shadow of the Capitol dome to the tunes of the University

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EWEB approves moderate rate hike

■ The board voted for a 5.4 percent increase, which is substantially lower than an earlier proposal of 15 percent

By Lindsay Buchele
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After months of deliberation, the Eugene Water and Electric Board voted unanimously last night to enact a 5.4 percent increase in Eugene residents' electric rates.

This is significantly lower than the previously proposed 15 percent rate

that EWEB's board had been considering before. The board was faced with deciding on an increase after this year's drought and the deregulated energy market in California drove market prices up.

The Bonneville Power Administration, which provides almost half of EWEB's generated power, is also planning on raising rates as much as an estimated 250 percent next October.

A fifteen percent increase was still one of three increase options EWEB's Fiscal Services Supervisor Dick Varner proposed to the board at last night's

meeting. Another option Varner proposed was no increase, but it was the supervisor's recommendation that a 5.4 percent increase would be the most beneficial to the community.

"The staff feels that a 5.4 percent increase is moderate enough that it would be supportive of our financial needs and still send the appropriate price signals to encourage consumer conservation," Varner said.

Board President Dorothy Anderson agreed, saying that no one wants to see a 15 percent increase, but no increase

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UO to cut ties with WRC, FLA

■ The issue won't die, professors say, but the method of University involvement will change

By Andrew Adams
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University President Dave Frohnmayer has announced that he will follow the opinion of General Counsel Melinda Grier, effectively keeping the University from becoming a full member of either the Worker Rights Consortium or the Fair Labor Association.

Frohnmayer said he will wait to make his final decision until after a University Senate ad hoc committee working on the labor-monitoring issue delivers its report. But Frohnmayer said it is doubtful that the report will affect his decision.

The decision ends a nearly two-year Turn to WRC, page 4

Collegiate sports betting may end

■ Congress is debating a bill that would make gambling on college sports illegal in all states, including Nevada

By Marty Toohey
for the Emerald

A bill in the U.S. House of Representatives and its Senate counterpart might aid the NCAA in its ongoing attempt to eliminate collegiate sports gambling.

The bill, H.R. 3575, would eliminate all legalized forms of gambling on collegiate sports in all 50 states. It is a follow-up to the 1992 Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act, which prohibited all wagering on amateur and professional sports events in all states, except those already conducting sports gambling or that had enacted legislation in an attempt to do so.

Nevada, the only state since 1992 that has conducted legalized sports gambling, thus betting on college sports, would lose its protection under the "grandfather" clause.

In 1996, Congress created a National

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ASUO Election

The ASUO ballot measure election begins today and runs until 5 p.m. Friday. Students can vote via Duck Web on funding measures for OSPIRG and the Multicultural Center. The ASUO Constitution Court postponed the candidate election until spring term so it can rule on a grievance appeal filed by disqualified candidates Bret Jacobson and Matt Cook.

For more about the election and grievances, see page 3.