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GRAMMING

■ A record enrollment has overstuffed some classes, but solutions are being sought

By Joanna Maas
for the Emerald

Along with the enrollment increase at the University this year, students and faculty are seeing increases in their class sizes, and some say the higher numbers have put a damper on their classroom experience.

According to the University, the largest class size in 2000 peaked at 475 students in the fall. In one year, that number has moved past the 500-student mark — Sociology 204, for example, had 503 students fall term.

Senior Meghann McKinley has felt the effect of the enrollment increase and said her class sizes have grown.

"It's usually the entry-level classes that are packed to the brim, but now I have noticed that even some of the upper-division classes that I assumed would be smaller and more personal seem to have gotten bigger," McKinley said.

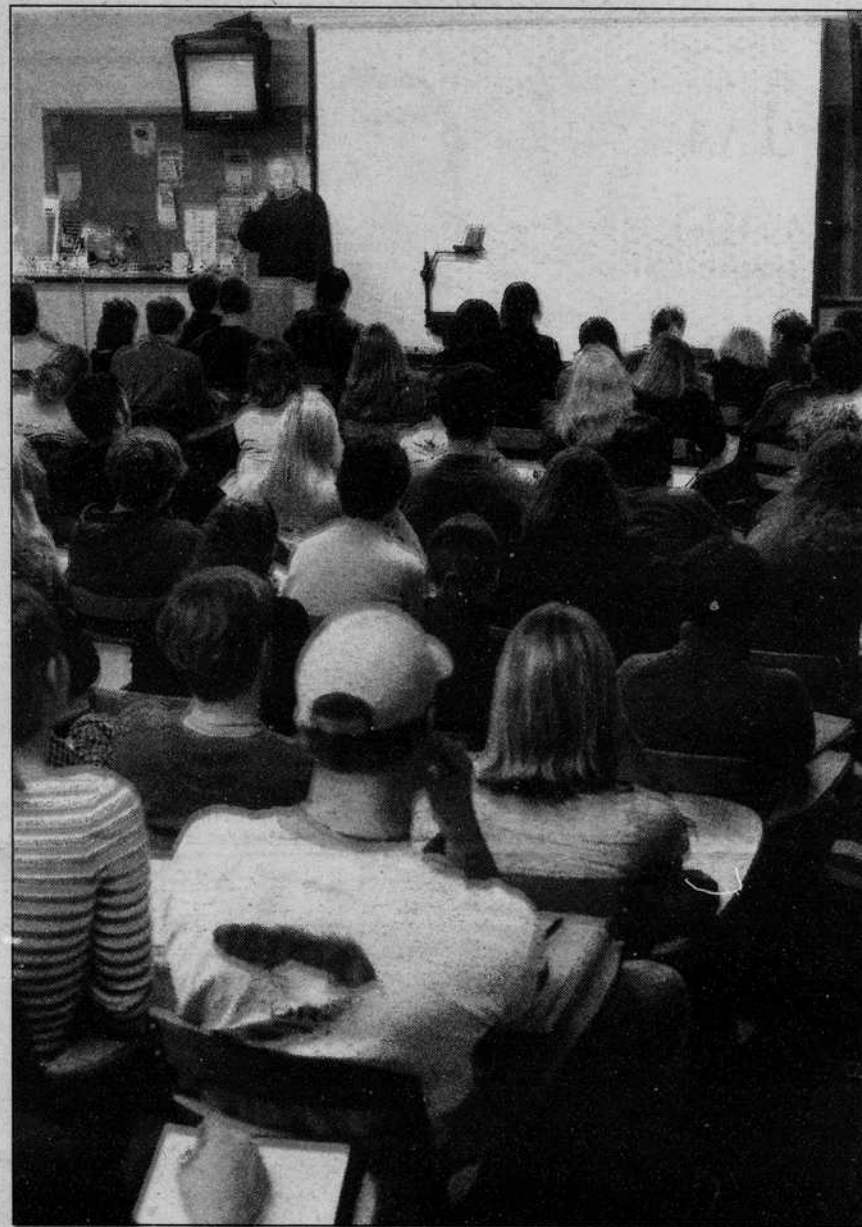
According to James Buch, associate vice president for enrollment management, the University has already taken steps to alleviate this problem.

"When it was realized several months ago that enrollment would increase in fall 2001, faculty and staff in academic departments made adjustments to class schedules and teaching assignments," he said.

Buch said that departments maintained their enrollment levels by increasing the number of classes offered, and that larger lecture-formatted classes were increased in size to accommodate the rising number of students at the University.

"Professors teaching those courses made the adjustments knowing that they could effectively teach the course to a slightly larger number of students,"

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A full house doesn't slow journalism Professor Jim Upshaw as he lectures Monday.

Governor announces fiscal fix

■ Gov. John Kitzhaber says his budget plan, which calls for an \$84 million reduction in higher education, is a "starting point"

By Brook Reinhard
Oregon Daily Emerald

Gov. John Kitzhaber released a proposal Monday to alleviate the \$830 million state budget shortfall. The proposal would leave rainy day funds, such as tobacco settlement money, untouched.

Kitzhaber's proposal also avoided a suggestion to raise taxes.

"This is not a 'Governor's Recommended Budget,'" Kitzhaber said in a statement. He said the initial proposal was necessary to shock Oregonians into realizing the severity of the situation. The governor issued the plan as a "starting point," and he wants to have an updated proposal to discuss with the state legislature by Jan. 14.

Under the plan, the Oregon University System would face \$84 million in cuts, including:

- Reduce direct support for undergraduate education by 5.1 percent, including support for an engineering school.
- Decrease research funding by 20 percent.
- Reduce campus-based service programs by 20 percent. Examples of campus-based programs include small business development centers and campus-based radio stations.

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PeaceHealth buys thoroughfare near campus

■ The medical group is keeping its expansion options open, and pedestrians may be forced to find an alternate route

By Brook Reinhard
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PeaceHealth is shelling out \$85,000 to buy the alley bordering the north edge of Sacred Heart Medical Center between Hilary and Alder Streets, closing a path students and community members use to walk to the University.

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PeaceHealth recently completed its land purchase in Springfield
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The ordinance to vacate the alley, which was passed by the Eugene City Council on Dec. 10 and becomes effective on Jan. 9, is the latest development in the medical group's plans for the hospital and surrounding facilities.

PeaceHealth spokesman Brian Terrett said there are no current plans for the alley, and he would not predict the property's future. He said that owning it would allow PeaceHealth more flexibility in planning what to do with its Eugene campus.

"We just felt it was important to have the alley in our possession," Terrett said.

The group is relocating its main hospital facilities to a 160-acre site bordering the McKenzie River in Springfield. The hospital finalized the land purchase on Dec. 31, and it expects to break ground on the project in 2003.

If PeaceHealth decides to close the alley to the public, it could implement that decision as early as Wednesday.

Mark Allen, a resident of Eugene who uses the alley to get to work every day, said that PeaceHealth will have to expend some effort to get him to change his route.

"They'll have to put up a fence to keep me from walking through this alley," he said.

Some city officials agreed that getting people to choose a new route might be difficult.

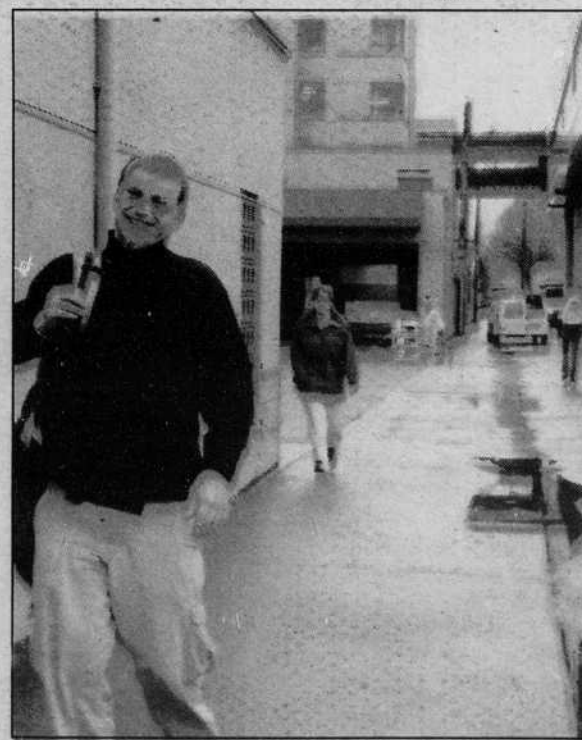
"They may need security guards," city of Eugene associate planner Gabe Flock said. "They may need to gate it."

Terrett said if the hospital decides to close off the alley, there will be plenty of warning.

"We're committed to a substantial public information campaign," Terrett said, with "at least a month's notice."

David Brink, chief financial officer of Oregon Medical Laboratories, a sub-

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Student Dustin Joll walks on East 11th Alley, which was purchased by PeaceHealth and could soon be closed to the public.

OUS to expand athletic audit, survey players

■ Auditors delay results of inquiry to review all travel expenses by University athletes in 2000-2001

By Eric Martin
Oregon Daily Emerald

Results from a financial investigation of Athletic Department travel expenses and procedures will be released a month later than originally expected because Oregon University System auditors have broadened their investigation to include every trip taken by student athletes.

Patricia Snopkowski, director for the OUS Internal Audit Division and OUS supervisor for the University investigation, said additional abuses have not been detected "at this point" among the \$1.7 million in travel expenses for 2000-01.

"Basically, we need confirmation from students," Snopkowski said. "The key audit step is confirming with the students."

The questionnaire asks when athletes

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