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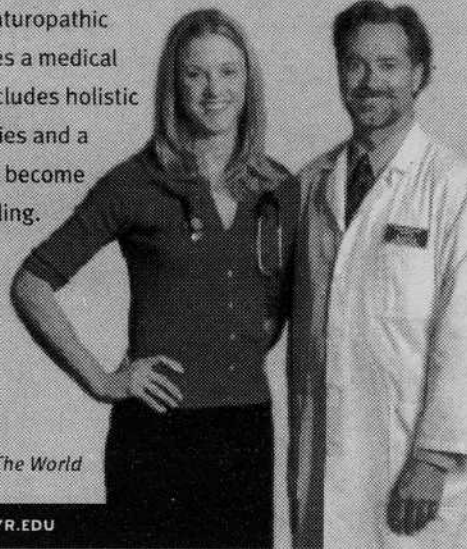
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Under Kitzhaber's first plan, the Oregon University System would face \$84 million in cuts.

— Leon Tovey

News briefs

Kitzhaber to announce revised budget plan

Gov. John Kitzhaber will hold a press conference at 10 a.m. today to announce his plan to re-balance the 2001-03 state budget.

The announcement will come nearly two weeks after Kitzhaber released a preliminary plan of cuts to the state budget totaling \$830 million. Kitzhaber said the proposed cuts were intended only as a starting point for debate about re-balancing the budget, and such drastic cuts were neither responsible nor politically possible.

Kitzhaber has been gathering support among state lawmakers for a plan that combines program cuts with increased revenues. A special legislative session is expected to begin in early February, where lawmakers will work to balance a budget thrown into chaos by a projected \$700 million decrease in state revenue and a \$130 million

OSPIRG prepares winter term campaigns

OSPIRG will hold its kickoff meeting for winter term at 6:30 p.m. today in the EMU Ben Linder Room. Toxics advocate Rhett Lawrence, from OSPIRG's Portland office, will talk about the importance of student activism and involvement with environmental issues, Campus Organizer Jo Voss said.

OSPIRG has introduced two new campaigns this year along with ASUO — Youth Vote 2002 and New Energy Future. Youth Vote 2002 is designed to re-engage 18- to 24-year-olds in the political process by increasing the number of registered voters before the May 7

primary election.

New Energy Future is a nationwide campaign designed to save students money on their utility bills.

Students can also get involved with the Hunger and Homelessness campaign and the statewide Students for a Clean Willamette campaign.

Junior Erik Fristensky, an environmental studies major, is primarily involved in the Students for a Clean Willamette campaign. He said this term students are pressuring governor candidates in the fall election to adopt a plan to clean up the "disgusting" river.

But he added that there are a variety of ways students can get involved in all of OSPIRG's campaigns.

Senior Jerod Hodge just decided to join OSPIRG this term.

"It's a good place to meet people who care about the same issues and social problems in our community," he said.

— Diane Huber

Transferring

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to leave had nothing to do with the University itself.

"I really did love Oregon, and I don't regret going to school there," Hertzelt said. "I really enjoyed myself except for not having the people I wanted around. There's a part of me that wishes I was still there — but I'm happier here."

Students of all ages and academic years decide to leave the University for a variety of reasons, Buch said. But he added that a study commissioned by Enrollment Services showed some trends amid students' unique reasons for coming and going.

According to the 1999 survey, many students who eventually left complained about a lack of finances. Those problems ranged from inability to pay tuition, to frustration with the University's financial aid process, to a perceived lack of scholarship opportunities.

Social problems such as Hertzelt's also contributed to student attrition, the survey said. Some popular comments students made on the survey referred to social conditions, such as "fitting in," roommate problems, the effect the rain has on morale and too much partying.

According to Buch's most recent statistics, 93.4 percent of the students initially enrolled at the University in fall, 2001 stayed for winter term. First-time freshmen have had the highest fall-to-winter drop-out total, with 124 students.

Graduate students have the highest percentage of attrition, however, with 9.2 percent dropping out between fall and winter terms.

Of undergraduate students, 58 percent of the drop-outs in 1999 were upperclassmen.

"Dropping out doesn't necessarily mean they have stopped going to college altogether," Buch said. "We just don't know where they are; they're Ducks who strayed from the flock."

But as Ducks leave the flock, others waddle in to try their luck. Nearly 500 new faces can be seen around the University this term.

Transfer students including junior international studies major Brady Barksdale comprise a significant portion of these new additions.

Barksdale initially expected to transfer from Willamette University in fall 2002, but he decided to act sooner when an acceptance letter came in the mail for winter 2002.

"It was a pretty spur of the moment decision," Barksdale said. "I had to decide if I wanted to stick it out at Willamette or try something new."

Barksdale said he decided to

"For a while, I just missed my friends so much it was distracting me. Then I'd talk to them and think 'What's the point of being here if all I do is talk to my friends in Arizona?'"

Emma Hertzelt
freshman,
Arizona State University

come to the University because, as a larger school, it had more to offer than Willamette. At his former college, Barksdale was an economics major. Now, he said the University allows him to focus on what he really wants to study.

"I was always interested in international studies," Barksdale said. "Willamette just didn't offer anything like that."

But Barksdale added that when it comes to the social climate at the University, winter term didn't seem like the best time to transfer.

"Everyone's a little more downbeat; it's not like people are playing Frisbee out on the quad," Barksdale said.

Since that time, Barksdale said he has met many new friends, including fellow new student Greg Wallace.

Wallace is starting his college experience at the University this term as a first-time freshman. After writing a letter of intent for Arizona State

University to play baseball, Wallace tore his hamstring, ending his hopes to play at the college level.

Wallace said the letter of intent kept him from attending another college fall term. For the next few months, he worked two jobs at home and waited to enroll at the University.

"I was home for the whole fall term, and I didn't like that at all," Wallace said. "I'd talk to my friends on the phone, and they were all down here (at the University) having a good time. If I would have had a choice, I would have definitely started fall term. I missed out on a lot."

Wallace said his experiences during fall term helped him realize the value of a college education. He said he doesn't want to end up working at a golf course for \$9 an hour for the rest of his life.

The most recent statistics report that Wallace is among 42 freshmen starting their college careers in winter 2002.

Now, he is poised to earn a degree in business administration, with an emphasis in sports marketing. The new academic discipline is a shock, he said, but there are plenty of people around to lend a hand.

"The best part of coming (to the University) is joining (Carson) hall and meeting a whole bunch of people who have gone through the college life," Wallace said. "They know what's going on; they know what to do. These people are like guardians."

Both Wallace and Barksdale agreed that a student population of 18,000 and complicated University policies often make the transition processes difficult.

"There are (registration) things that I hoped to get done in the first week," Barksdale said. "But because of the bureaucratic red tape, it takes a long time to get things like an academic adviser."

However, new students said as the year progresses, they will adjust to University life.

"It's a new adventure every day," Barksdale said.

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