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## Senate considers increasing cap on tuition hikes

A proposed change would double the percentage a school in the Oregon University System would be allowed to raise tuition

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Student leaders said that a new proposal in front of the Oregon Legislature will permit individual schools within the Oregon University System to raise tuition up to three percent more than they are currently allowed.

The amendment, in front of the Senate Budget and Finance committee, would allow individual OUS schools to raise tuition expenditures from the current 3 percent to 6 percent at each university's discretion.

University officials following the budget deliberations said the amendment would not

immediately raise tuition.

"This is not a tuition increase. It allows (universities) the flexibility to increase revenue as they require," said Michael Redding, University director of governmental affairs. "However, it doesn't say the universities would use it."

Joelle Lester, executive director of the Oregon Student Association, said the senate committee did not act on the amendment Wednesday but could pick it up today. The legislature completed its third day of the second special session to find a solution to the state's \$846 million budget deficit.

Lester said the amendment was "introduced with the idea of raising tuition," and she vowed to fight possible hikes.

"We don't even want the possibility of a tuition increase," she said. "Students are already paying more and getting less."

A spokesman for Gov. John Kitzhaber's office said the governor has not publicly sided on the issue of a possible tuition increase.

ASUO President Nilda Brooklyn said she was disturbed to hear about the proposal from the Senate floor and not from Oregon universities.

"The method of communica-

tion completely eclipses students from the process," she said.

Redding said that each university would make the decision for an increase based on merits of state funding and academic standards.

While Oregon universities laud the low cost of higher education in the state, legislators have passed two tuition increases in the last two years. During the beginning of the 2001-02 academic year, students paid 4 percent more in tuition. Students will also pay another 3 percent more at the beginning of the 2002-03 academic year.

Currently, in-state students at the University pay \$1,054 in tuition per term. Out of state students pay \$4,828 per term.

Redding added that the tuition debate should happen during a larger debate about state funding in general. Gov. John Kitzhaber and different caucuses in the legislature have published competing budget deficit plans. Most of those plans consistently cut OUS funding by \$48 million, which include \$8 million in cuts to the University.

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## Killing as punishment

### Art display documents death row

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Chef salad with ranch dressing, double meat cheeseburger, french fries, ketchup and a chocolate shake: That's what Randall Hafdahl, Sr. requested for his last meal when he was executed by the state of Texas on Jan. 31, 2002.

The emphasis on last meals is represented in a series of photographs by Robert Ziebell documenting the last meals of death row inmates that will be on display in the Adell McMillan Gallery from March 1-15.

"Art on Death Row" consists of art by people facing the death penalty and by artists commenting on the subject of the death penalty. The exhibit is presented by the UO Cultural Forum, which will hold an opening reception at 4 p.m. Saturday in the gallery.

Mary Rasmussen, visual arts coordinator at the Cultural Forum, said some of the art might not nor-



Courtesy photo

This photograph by Ken Light is one of the pieces on display in the Adell McMillan Gallery's show, 'Art on Death Row.'

mally be considered especially good, but "if you know that the guy is on death row, you interpret it differently."

The process of putting the show together began last year when a coordinator applied for a grant for

the exhibit. Rasmussen became interested in the exhibit right away when she started in her position this year.

"I thought that this would be a good way to show that people on death row are people, and that

they have talents," she said.

Rasmussen began research for the exhibit in the summer by corresponding with death row inmate James Anderson. Since Dec. 12, 1979, Anderson has been held  
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### Conference draws death penalty foes

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The Wayne Morse Center's "The Law and Politics of the Death Penalty: Abolition, Moratorium, or Reform?" conference is already drawing criticism from death penalty supporters — and it doesn't kick off until 9:45 a.m. Friday.

The two-day conference, which brings together some of the nation's most outspoken opponents of the death penalty, along with supporters and advocates of reform, has aroused the ire of Crime Victims United, a Portland area victims rights group.

In a statement issued earlier this week, the group called the conference "a political rally for those who oppose the death penalty, organized by state employees, held at state facilities, and backed by government money" and called on the Oregon attorney general to investigate whether event organizers had violated state spending laws.

The event is the brainchild of Harvard Law Professor Charles Ogletree Jr.  
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## Police suspect same man is behind campus masturbation incidents

Three incidents have occurred outside residence hall windows since the end of January

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Police are still searching for a suspect in three recent incidents of a man masturbating in front of female students' residence hall windows, but University officials believe the same man is responsible for all incidents.

Eugene police and the Department of Public Safety said Wednesday they haven't received a clear description of the perpetrator. The Eugene Police Department has sent semen samples from one of the incidents to the Oregon State Patrol crime lab, but it "could be a while" before results come back, EPD spokeswoman Pam Alejandre said.

The last two incidents occurred during the weekend at neighboring rooms in Clark Hall and were pre-

ceded by similar incident at Dunn Hall on Thursday, Jan. 31. The most recent incidents occurred about 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, and at 2 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25.

After Friday's incident, officers were able to take a semen sample off the room window.

University Housing director Mike Eyster said the University is proceeding as if the three incidents, plus another Friday night where a man was seen masturbating in Pioneer Ceme-

tery, were performed by the same man. DPS director Tom Fitzpatrick said he plans to increase patrols around the residence halls.

The most recent incident happened at the window of Beth Broadbent, who was reading in her Clark Hall room early Monday morning when the man appeared at her window and began masturbating on it.

"It was totally unbelievable," said Broadbent. "I was like, 'Is this real?'" Broadbent woke her roommate

and then shouted at the man, who ignored her and continued masturbating. She then contacted her resident assistant, George Fowler, who quickly ran outside. The man at Broadbent's window ran away when he saw Fowler.

Law enforcement officials are treating the man's activities as indecent exposure, a misdemeanor under Oregon law. But many women's advocates around campus consider the  
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