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**Q:** Do you support higher pay for university faculty?

**A:** I do support higher pay for higher education faculty, and that is part of the funding package I've talked about; \$150 million more in the first biennium and \$200 million more in the next biennium. Some real dollars that can be applied to these institutions to enhance pay.

**Q:** How do you plan on helping students afford college when scholarship funding in this state is being cut?

**A:** I intend to reverse that trend. I intend to increase the scholarship funding, both on the need side and the merit side, and also intend to make it available on a better basis for our private institutions. We are substantially below the national average in grants and aid for students to attend institutions of higher education, whether public or private. My goal is to get to or above the average within my first four years in office.

**Q:** Oregon Universities are facing record enrollment rates, and at the same time funding is being cut. How do you propose that Oregon Universities keep a high quality of education?

**A:** I will begin with providing state resources. As to increasing enrollment, it's just great that students are continuing on to higher education. The state needs to keep its promise and provide additional funds to accommodate students. Undergraduate programs have to be guaranteed, base level programs need to be guaranteed, advanced undergraduate and graduate programs have to be built up and we need to find money for research and extension services.

**Q:** How do you plan on making yourself accessible to students if you're elected?

**A:** I plan to routinely travel around the state. Every week, I'll travel to different parts of the state and meet with citizens, including students. I'm going to encourage the student council officers from various institutions of higher education to be in touch with my administration and be in touch with their college administrations, so that when I'm coming into that area we can have regular meetings. I'll be accepting invitations to speak on campus.

**Q:** Do you think Oregon's education system is adequately preparing students for college?

**A:** Mixed reviews on that. Some districts are doing an outstanding job, and other school districts are doing a mediocre job. But actually in terms of the SAT scores that are achieved by Oregon students, I think we're doing a good job in terms of those that are college bound in the general sense, but we can do better and we should challenge ourselves to do better.



**Q:** What should this state do to keep Oregon's top students at in-state colleges and universities?

**A:** We need to increase the amount of merit-based grants. At the same time we need to increase the amount of grants and aid, but also hold the line on tuition. That is, there ought to be more merit scholarships to encourage the best students, and we ought to be very aggressive about that. I don't want to lose our talent.

For a full transcript of this interview, including extra questions, go to [www.dailyemerald.com](http://www.dailyemerald.com).




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