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Students, University agree on tuition plan

Administrators meet with students and agree to a \$4 million tuition increase for winter and spring terms if voters do not pass income tax proposal

Brad Schmidt

City/State Politics Reporter

Attempting to preempt potential funding cuts, student leaders and University officials agreed Friday on a plan that would balance the school's budget woes by temporarily increasing tuition by more than 10 percent each term.

As a worst case scenario, students and administrators agreed in principle to a plan that would, if needed, increase tuition fees for all undergraduate students by about \$10 per credit hour for winter and spring terms.

University officials estimate that average students, taking 13.5 credits per term, could see an increase of at least \$135 for both the winter and spring terms.

The fees will only be implemented, however, if Oregon voters do not support a \$312 million income tax package in January that would prevent the state from making cuts across the board.

If the package is not passed, the University anticipates a need to cut \$6.5 million from its budget. But with the \$4 million "tuition surcharge" plan now in place to help circumvent more than 60 percent of those cuts, students and administrators vow academic programs would survive the slashes untouched.

"It's a little bit schizophrenic in a sense, because we've got to

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University budget plan

Funding cuts:	\$80,000	Increased funding:
Instruction: \$3.6 million	Advancement: \$150,000	Tuition Surcharge: \$4 million
Library: \$560,000	Administration: \$880,000	
Academic Support: \$1.1 million	Other: \$130,000	Overall cuts: \$2.5 million
Research:	Total cuts: \$6.5 million	SOURCE: Senior Vice President and Provost John Moseley

Wreaking havoc



Rioters in the East 14th Avenue and Ferry Street roundabout added to one of Friday night's fires. As many as 1,800 people were in the streets.

Norman Mesman for the Emerald

Partygoers turn violent near campus

Thirty-five people were arrested amid a scene of tumult and vandalism Friday night in the area's biggest riot in months

Brook Reinhard and Brad Schmidt

Staff Writers

Between 500 and 1,800 students stormed the West University neighborhood Friday night in riots that continued for hours before local, county and state police were able to break up crowds at 3 a.m. Saturday, according to police reports and witness accounts.

Witnesses said dozens of people were injured and police said 35 were arrested after several parties near East 14th Avenue and Ferry Street spilled into the neighborhood and turned into a mass of violence and vandalism. Protesters set fire to Dumpsters, furniture, traffic signs and a golf cart.

Eugene Police Department Public Information Officer Pam Olshanski

estimated that as many as 1,800 people took part in the melee, as a mob threw beer bottles and bricks, defied police orders, set fires and uprooted street signs.

The riot was the second scuffle in four months between civilians and police in the campus area. At a party that began May 31, police attempts to stop similar chaos failed, as officials were beaten back and mobs ruled the streets for hours until dozens of riot police arrived to break up the party.

Police were first notified of Friday's disturbance at 11:30 p.m., but said they were not able to contain the riot until three hours later. Witnesses said this delay allowed crowds to get completely out of hand.

"I never saw a cop until it was pretty much over," said a University student who hosted one of the neighborhood parties that got out of hand. "I was trying to get everyone out of the front yard for quite some time."

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Professor battles racism charges

Two authors accuse a sociology instructor of anti-Semitic teaching

Brook Reinhard

News Editor

University Professor Doug Card has had a rough summer.

While many of his colleagues were busy teaching summer classes or vacationing, Card spent three months trying to convince a New York columnist to retract allegations of anti-Semitism and academic unfairness.

Card, an adjunct sociology professor at the University, was one of six instructors across the nation branded anti-Jewish by Daniel Pipes, an author and regular columnist for the New York Post and the Jerusalem Post. In a June 25 article entitled "Extremists on Campus," Pipes and co-author Jonathan Schanzer said Card called Israel "a terrorist state," said Israelis were "baby killers" and forced students to agree with an anti-Jewish viewpoint when taking the final exam in a fall 2001 Social Inequality class. Pipes also has the article archived on his Web site, www.campuswatch.org, which many experts say blacklists American professors that Pipes considers anti-Jewish.

Card said he was amazed someone would take issue with his teaching because of the measures he takes to present both sides of any issue. Pipes, a well-known author on Middle East affairs and Schanzer, who contributed to the article, cited testimony from a single Jewish student in Card's class of 200 students

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WEATHER

Today: High 62, Low 38, chance of thunderstorms

Wednesday: High 65, Low 38, sunny after fog

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday
"Ask Nat," premieres, bringing keen answers to student questions in Pulse Relax.

Wednesday
Union workers at The Register Guard vote on a contract three years in the making.

Autonomy proposal raises concerns

An Oregon University System meeting lets students weigh in on the presidents' request for autonomy

Brad Schmidt

City/State Politics Reporter

As Oregon's seven public universities seek greater flexibility from the state's higher education governing body, student leaders at those institutions simply hope to have a voice in the process.

Thus far, however, there doesn't

seem to be a consensus among student body presidents as to whether they are being heard.

On Sept. 19, student representatives met at Portland State University with university presidents, administrators and Oregon University System officials to discuss the specifics of what the institutions hope to accomplish in their requests for autonomy, while also expressing concerns of their own.

"We feel we should have been in-

cluded earlier in the process," ASUO President Rachel Pilliod noted early in the meeting.

And while the meeting was an opportunity to help remedy the exclusion, some felt the hourlong discussion did little.

"I felt like I was getting the typical head pat — 'Oh! Look at the cute student talk,'" said Bridget Burns, Oregon State University's student body president.

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