

OUS endorses new 'deal' for education

"The Deal," a new plan to distribute higher education costs, is raising concern from student leaders about cost increases to attend school

Paying for college

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The Oregon University System announced Friday that it will endorse a new proposal, titled "The Deal," that would create a partner-

ship to spread the cost of higher education between students, universities and legislators. Right now, though, student leaders say students are getting the short end of the stick.

Ultimately, the plan would ensure that students pay no more than half the cost of higher education. But with no tuition cap set, in the long run, students could see costs increase.

"The only thing students are shaking on is that we're paying more," Oregon Student Association chairwoman and ASUO President Rachel Pilliod said of the deal.

Given Oregon's ongoing budget woes, OUS sees the plan as the best way to stabilize long-

term funding for higher education.

"It's the game in town right now," OUS Chancellor Richard Jarvis said. "We're looking for this to be our campaign in the Legislature next spring."

To ensure state support, Pilliod said it's important all involved parties have a unified front. But for now, Pilliod said the state student association sees the proposal as a "work in progress."

Pilliod said there is concern that the state won't be able to meet its end of the deal. At the end of the fourth special session of the Legislature, funding was already below the

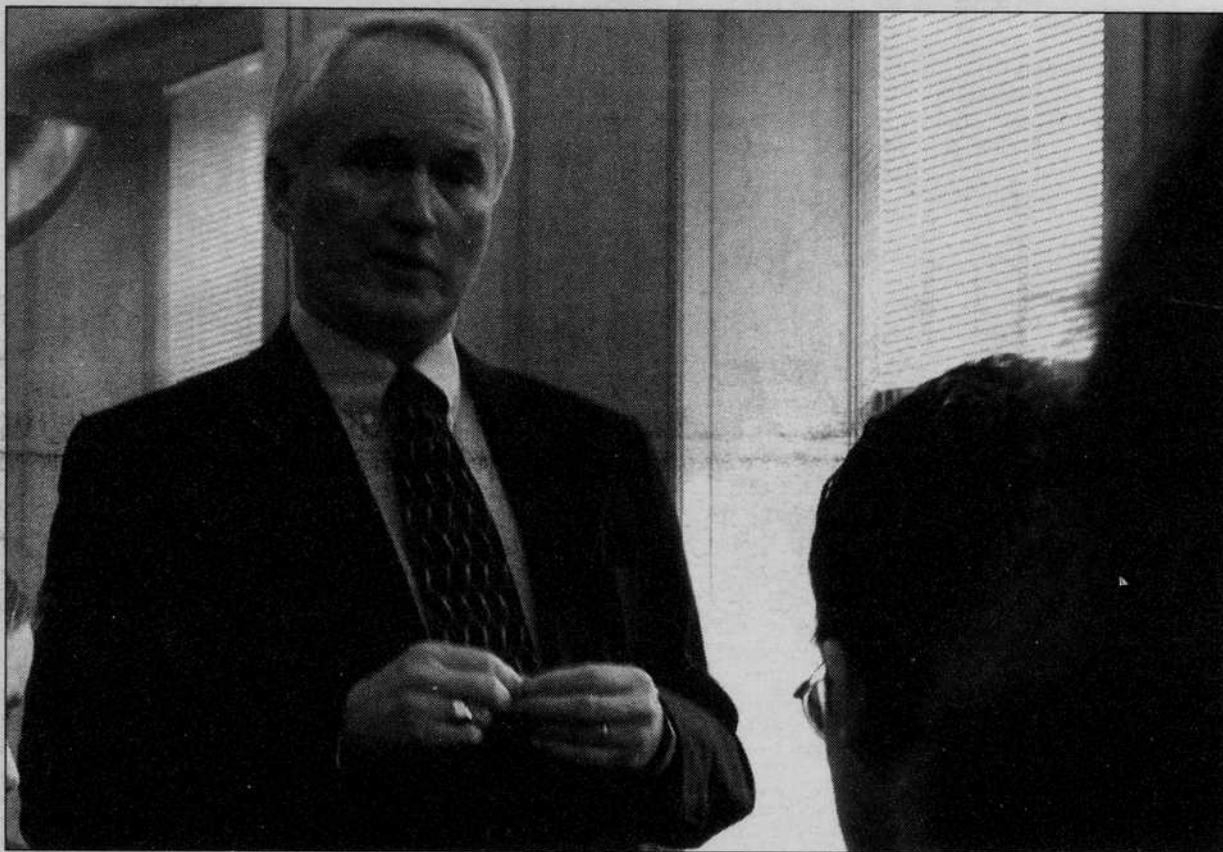
agreed level. In the proposed deal, that funding is supposed to go up. And right now, no one seems certain about whether that will happen.

"That's the challenge, isn't it?" Jarvis said. The deal could also force universities to put caps on enrollment if the state doesn't provide substantial funding.

"That would be the deal breaker," said University senior Tim Young, one of the 11 members of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education. "This proposal really holds the Legislature accountable to consider the im-

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Voice of experience



Mark McCambridge Emerald

Diplomat returns to give Iraq lecture

News brief

University alumnus Victor Tomseth delivered a lecture about the Middle East to a small crowd of students and community members at the Adelaide Church Memorial Reading Room at the Knight Library on Monday. Tomseth, a former diplomat to a half dozen countries, was one of 52 Americans held hostage when the U.S. embassy in Iran was overrun in 1979.

The peaceful talk, entitled "What Went Wrong? The Road to Baghdad" was in stark contrast to a lecture Tomseth delivered to a crowd of more than 1,500 students Feb. 9, 1981, at the EMU Ballroom, when the diplomat denied student allegations

that he was a CIA spy.

"If you think the CIA 'sucks,' you're not talking about me," he was quoted as saying to one detractor in a Feb. 10, 1981, Emerald article.

At the 1981 talk, two students from the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade burned a yellow cloth during the reception and bolted from the ballroom before they were arrested by police.

Although the community at the time hailed the alumnus and 1959 Springfield High School graduate as a hometown hero, Monday's event at the library drew only 30 to 50 people.

— Brook Reinhard

PFC meeting's short notice draws grievance

Emerald editor in chief files a complaint in response to an emergency meeting of the Programs Finance Committee

Student fees at work

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Actions by the ASUO Programs Finance Committee have prompted one student organization to file a grievance.

PFC called an emergency meeting last week to make preparations for the coming year. Members elected officers, made amendments to the bylaws and approved the ASUO programs budget packet after minor grammatical changes.

Emerald editor in chief Michael J. Kleckner filed a grievance with the ASUO, complaining that PFC had given no reason for the meeting's short notice.

Notice for the 8 a.m. emergency meeting was given at 10:23 p.m. the night before, according to the grievance. Under the Oregon Public Meetings Law, officials must include reasons for an emergency session in their meeting minutes.

According to the Clark Document and the ASUO Constitution, PFC is required to follow Oregon Public Meetings Law.

PFC At-Large Kate Shull said the emergency meeting was necessary for two reasons.

First, PFC members wanted to tell student group representatives at an ASUO Programs Council meeting — which took place the day after — who the PFC leadership and assigned tags would be.

Second, Shull said scheduling conflicts between PFC members made it difficult to meet at another time.

Kleckner asked in his grievance for a written explanation of the emergency meeting, including how the meeting business related to the emergency. He also has requested that the explanation be amended to the minutes before approval at the next meeting.

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WEATHER

Today: High 68, Low 35,
morning clouds turn to sun
Wednesday: High 65, Low 33,
mostly clear and sunny

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday
Review of The String Cheese
Incident's Hult Center gig
Thursday
Fashion show to increase
breast cancer awareness

Kulongoski brings political experience

Democratic Gubernatorial candidate
Ted Kulongoski campaigns on social
issues, education and the economy

Oregon votes 2002

Jan Montry
Campus/Federal Politics Reporter

Ted Kulongoski is no stranger to the political game.

After serving in the Oregon House of Representatives, the Oregon State Senate and the Oregon Supreme Court, Kulongoski is an anomaly among Oregon politicians: one who's worked in all three branches of government.

Now Kulongoski is seeking the highest seat in Oregon — the governor's mansion. He is basing his

statewide campaign on three top points: the economy, education and social issues.

To stimulate Oregon's struggling economy, Kulongoski said he would raise vehicle registration fees from \$15 to \$30 and use the money to create a billion-dollar bridge-building fund to rebuild Oregon's infrastructure, which he said would create more than 700 jobs and boost the link between economy and community.

"Moving up and accelerating public works projects is one area where you can have the most effect on Oregon's economy," he said.

Kulongoski said the creation of an economic rapid-response group would also be a priority.

"There should be a SWAT team for the state's economic development, that every time we know there is an industry that could improve our quality of life there, that we immediately send someone

to find out what we can do to help them and convince them to locate here in Oregon with existing businesses in this state."

On education, Kulongoski said he would work to create an endowment fund specifically for higher education.

The endowment "would actually provide, ultimately, every student in this state who graduates from a high school and meets the criteria to enter a four-year institution," he said. Students "would be given the opportunity to obtain tuition scholarships and grants, not loans, to attend our universities."

Kulongoski added that he would fund the endowment by rerouting part of the capital gains tax that would otherwise go to the general budget. The gubernatorial candidate also said he has two con-

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