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UO seeks to increase tuition, fees for 2003-04

The changes would alter the plateau credit system and would increase tuition and fees by several percent

By Ayisha Yahya
Reporter

Students across the state will likely have to rework their education budgets for the next school year if the State Board of Higher Education approves sweeping changes to tuition and fee structures in the Oregon University System.

The seven OUS schools plan to introduce modifications that could increase tuition and fees more than 15 percent in some schools. If ratified by

the board on July 18, the increases will be on top of other tuition hikes already in place for the 2003-04 school year.

OUS Spokeswoman Diane Saunders said decisions on the suggested changes have not been finalized, and the biggest issue at the meeting will be alterations to the schools' plateau structures, which determine the amount in fees students pay when taking a particular number of credit hours.

University Vice President and Provost John Moseley said the University wants to introduce two changes. First, there would be a \$20 charge per credit from 14 to 16 cred-

its for undergraduate resident students. Non-residents would be charged an additional \$60 per credit, according to the OUS Fee Book. For example, an undergraduate resident student taking 13 credits would incur no charge, while that same student instead taking 16 credits would shoulder a \$60 increase.

In addition, the University would offer a 15 percent discount for classes starting at 8:00 or 8:30 a.m., Moseley said. The University introduced a similar discount last year for classes starting at 3 p.m. and later.

"Last year we instituted changes to better spread courses throughout the day," Moseley said, adding that the

school received a positive response on the discounts and decided to expand them. "Students would be happy to come early and take a class at 8 or 8:30 (a.m.) and get a discount."

About 25 percent of undergraduate credit hours would be offered at times that enable students to take advantage of the discounted tuition rate.

Moseley said the per-credit sur-



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charge for 14 to 16 credits, along with the tuition discounts, are a "kind of tradeoff." He said the school could not afford to offer the discounts alone. In fact, according to Moseley, the changes would result in a \$600,000 total annual savings for some students. The changes would also mean an increase in tuition and fees for some, however, especially for those who take between 14 and 16 credits.

Moseley said students may pay the maximum tuition if they take all their courses between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

With the changes in place, a resident undergraduate taking 15 credits

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DRUMMING UP A SYMPHONY



Jessica Waters Emerald

Professor of Percussion Charles Dowd warms up for last Thursday's Oregon Bach Festival performance of Beethoven Piano Concertos No. 1 and No. 5. Dowd is currently principal timpanist in five orchestras: the Oregon Bach Festival, Eugene Symphony, Oregon Festival of American Music Symphonia, Cascade Festival of Music and Oregon Coast Music Festival.

Street renaming prompts Kinsrow address changes

Chase Village apartments along Centennial Boulevard will get new addresses Friday in a move coinciding with the renaming of the thoroughfare to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

By A. Sho Ikeda
Reporter

With the renaming of Centennial Boulevard to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, many residents living along the thoroughfare will find themselves changing their addresses. Some may be surprised to find they must switch their addresses to Kinsrow Avenue, however.

The city of Eugene and Chase Village apartment management decided to make Kinsrow Avenue the new address for all Chase Village apartments, a ruling aimed at coinciding with the renaming of Centennial Boulevard on July 11.

Many of the apartments within Chase Village had Centennial Boulevard addresses when they were first built, City Permit Support Supervisor Debbie Wells said. At that time, Chase Village apartments located next to Centennial Boulevard were supposed to be given odd numbers; however, those apartments were labeled with incorrect even-numbered addresses.

Also, both the Eugene Police Department and Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department have requested Chase Village to have one street address, Duplant said.

"The other day the fire department responded to a call and they said they took quite a while trying to find the apartment because of the two different street addresses within Chase Village," Duplant said.

To correct the mistake, the city and Chase Village apartment management chose to change the addresses from Centennial Boulevard to Kinsrow Avenue. One-third of Chase Village apartments currently use a Centennial Boulevard address, according to the apartments' management.

Chase Village Leasing Consultant Ariel Duplant said 206 of the 536 apartments will be affected by the address change. She added that about 90 percent of those units are currently occupied, which means at least 180 residents will have to change their addresses.

Residents must file a change of address form with the U.S. Postal Service, according to a letter from apartment management. Chase Village will notify utilities such as Qwest and Eugene Water and Electric Board of the address change.

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State rules might change Saferide policy

Oregon law mandates that state vehicles cannot be used for personal purposes, but exceptions may allow students to take Saferide vans home

By Jan Tobias Montry
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Campus transportation services such as Saferide and Nightride are facing strict state guidelines on state-owned vehicles that may affect use of their vans starting next fall.

Employees for some of the services, es-

pecially Saferide, take the state-owned vans home after late shifts end to avoid having to walk home alone, an action which may violate state policy.

Although state regulations prohibit personal use of the vans and require they be parked at state-controlled sites during the night, the regulations do allow certain exceptions. According to the Department of Administration Services' use and access policy, vehicles can be taken home in certain circumstances if there is a perceived threat to safety.

"An agency may allow a state vehicle to

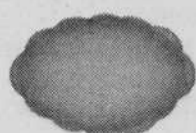
be parked at home when a task or trip requires a driver to depart so early or return so late that it is impractical to pick up or return the vehicle to state parking on the same day," the state policy reads.

In light of the policy exceptions, administration officials have notified ASUO of the state regulations and asked that guidelines be created that could justify why vans are taken home, in case the state inquires why vans are not parked on University property. The guidelines

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