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Tuition will increase 3.8 percent in 2003-04

Tuition hikes mean that residents taking 15 credits will pay more than \$5,000 in tuition and fees next year

By Ayisha Yahya
Reporter

Students statewide will have to adjust their pocketbooks for the 2003-04 school year after the State Board Higher of Education decided Friday to implement changes to tuition plateaus that begin in January at Oregon University System schools.

The Board ratified OUS' 2003-04 Academic Fee Book, which includes other tuition and fee increases already approved in April.

Resident undergraduates at the University will now pay an extra \$20 for each credit from 14 to 16 credits in winter and spring terms. Non-resident undergraduates will pay an additional \$60 per credit for the same credit range.

With these changes, a resident undergraduate taking 15 credit hours per term will pay about \$5,039 a year in tuition and fees, a 3.8 percent increase

from 2002-03. Statewide, the tuition increases averaged about 7.6 percent.

The board also approved a 15 percent discount for University classes taken before 9 a.m. University President Dave Frohnmayer said the discounts will greatly benefit students who opt to take advantage of them.

"It's a real effect on the principle of student choice," Frohnmayer said. "Many students are cost-sensitive."

The board voted 7-1 to approve the changes. Board President Jim Lussier said members decided after extensive

debate that changes to the plateaus were a good policy overall, adding that they did struggle with the fact that students would have to fork over more tuition money.

"The board has a lot of empathy with where we place out students in regards to tuition," he said. "On the other hand, we have a fiduciary responsibility to maintain the Oregon University System."

While a majority of the schools in OUS will alter the tuition plateaus in some way, Portland State University

and Eastern Oregon University now have the go-ahead to completely eliminate their plateaus, meaning students at those schools will now pay on a strictly per-credit basis. Under the plateau system, full-time students pay the same amount for a certain range of credits.

Lussier said changing the plateaus is economically wise and will help in the long run to stall further general tuition hikes that compensate for lost revenue.

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THEATRICALY SPEAKING



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Jill (Erica Smith, left) and Little Red Riding Hood (Margie Kment) try to convince Hansel (Greg Heaton) to run further through the enchanted forest to escape the big bad wolf. Director Elizabeth Helman wrote "J. and The Beanstalk," an adaptation of a children's story, as a response to "sexist fairy tales." The play runs July 29-Aug. 2 and Aug. 5-9. The shows start at 11:00 a.m. on the lawn outside Robinson Theatre and Villard Hall; admission is \$4 for all ages.

Planners weigh residence hall siting choices

A planning committee zeroed in on a location suggested by administrators for a new \$30 million residence hall, but it wasn't able to recommend any particular site

By Brad Schmidt
Editor in Chief

University Housing officials have big plans for the construction of a new \$30 million residence hall to accommodate more than 400 first-year students.

University administrators have big ideas about where the building should go.

But the University Campus Planning Committee has quite an obstacle in making the two mesh; the proposed structure is just too big.

Add to that the fact that University administrators are backing the project before the planning committee has made a final recommendation — something fairly atypical in the annals of University decision making — and there it was: Monday's two-hour meeting. What could have essentially been the last major step in the conceptual development of the first new on-campus housing in more than 40 years instead turned into a prolonged conversation, and ultimately, a stalemate.

The project, dubbed "Living Learning Center" because of its goal to provide more than just a sleeping place for students, is slated for completion by fall 2006. The residence hall would provide students with rooms twice the size of current on-campus rooms and allow the University to continue meeting the growing demand for student housing. That is, if a site can be selected.

University Vice President and Provost John Moseley, Vice

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Presidential candidate Kucinich campaigns at University

Ohio representative Dennis Kucinich addressed a packed classroom Sunday evening, accusing the Bush administration of misleading Americans

By A. Sho Ikeda
Reporter

Speaking in front of a packed classroom Sunday night, congressman and presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, explained his stance on issues ranging from the war in Iraq to the environment.

About 350 community members and students gathered in 180 PLC to listen to Kucinich as he told the crowd that he decried the division he saw between the United States and the rest of the world.

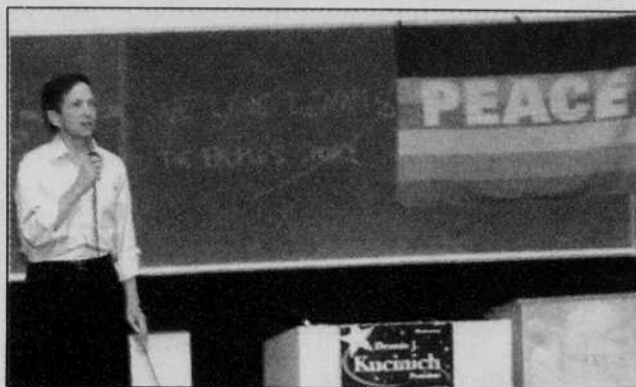
"It's time that we redirected the energy of the nation," Kucinich said. "As we isolate ourselves from the world, we lose the ability to change the world."

A fervent critic of the Iraq war, Kucinich accused the Bush administration of misleading Americans and falsifying information about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Kucinich also denounced the USA Patriot Act and military spending, criticizing the size of the United States' own nuclear arsenal.

"I intend to lead this country in a direction to achieve total nuclear disarmament," Kucinich said.

Kucinich's key goals include creating a universal health care system, reducing the cost of education and

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U.S. Representative Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, spoke to about 350 community members Sunday during his presidential campaign visit to the University.
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