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Education board raises tuition

Increases mean that a resident will now pay more than \$5,000 to attend the University this year

By Ayisha Yahya News Editor

Students statewide will fork out more tuition money in the 2003-04 school year after the State Board of Higher Education implemented tuition and fee increases and changes to tuition plateaus that take effect January 2004.

University resident undergraduates

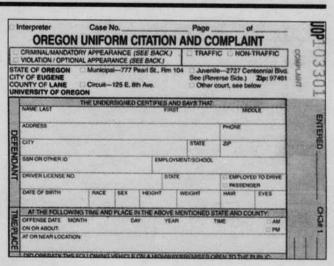
will now pay an extra \$20 charge per credit for their 14th through 16th credit hour. Non-resident students will pay a \$60 charge per credit in the same credit range. In the new system, a resident undergraduate taking 15 credit hours per term will pay about \$5,039 a year in tuition and fees, a 3.8 percent increase from 2002-2003.

Tuition changes were approved at the education board's July 18 meeting. After the decision, board President Jim Lussier said the changes were fiscally prudent and would help stall future tuition hikes

that would be needed to compensate for lost revenue. Throughout the state, tuition increases averaged 7.6 percent, with Eastern Oregon University showing the largest increase, at 14.1 percent.

There was much outcry before the meeting as student leaders across the state argued that the hikes would not only hurt low-income that schools were pushing for them at a time when many students were away. The Oregon University System originally wanted the changes implemented

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Preempting PERS problems

Changes in the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System prompted an increase in the number of retiring professors this year

By Ayisha Yahya News Editor

For music education Professor Randall Moore, the University is like a second home. Not only has he imparted knowledge to many students here for 29 years, but he also earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University.

Moore said he loves to teach. So much that he hoped to continue his passion full time for another three years

But, at the end of the last school year, Moore decided

"In April, it wasn't on my mind at all," he said. "It was a very quick decision."

Potential changes to the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System, which threaten to diminish public employee retirement benefits in the future, spurred Moore's decision. Moore was one of 40 University professors who retired last year, which represents a 100 percent increase from 2002, Vice President for Academic Affairs Lorraine Davis said.

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Potential changes to the state retirement system prompted music education Professor Randall Moore to retire earlier this year.

DPS to employ new authority to issue citations

Following a mid-summer City Council decision, commissioned DPS officers will now be able to write municipal citations if they see the offense

By Jan Tobias Montry

The Department of Public Safety will begin wielding its new, expanded power to cite students for offenses this year, whether for smoking marijuana in the residence halls or for underage drinking.

This summer, the Eugene City Council amended the city code and granted DPS officers the power to write municipal citations if they witness the offense. Before, DPS had to call on EPD to write simple citations, leaving suspects waiting at the scene for EPD to respond.

DPS Interim Director Tom Hicks said the powers, which will mostly be used to cite for minor in possession of alcohol and less than an ounce of marijuana, have been granted to all commis-

Commissioned officers — those who have attended a public-safety course and completed a written- and oral-exam process — will also receive an additional 20 hours of training before they begin issuing citations, which Hicks said will likely begin this week

Hicks said that the expanded powers have a threefold benefit

"I think this will stimulate better cooperation between students and public safety officers," he said, adding that it would "provide another tool to DPS officers that will be used to encourage young adults

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Consulting firm identifies three A-list sites for new arena

A – Autzen Stadium

B-Williams' Bakery

C - Howe Field

D - Federal courthouse district

E - Glenwood east

F - Glenwood west

G - North campus

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According to an external report, top sites for the structure include Howe Field. Autzen Stadium and Williams' Bakery

> By Jesse Thomas Sports Reporter

The University may be one step closer to building a new multi-million dollar arena to replace the aging McArthur Court. But the journey has been long, and the process hasn't even reached the midway point.

Talk of replacing the 77-year-old facility began as far back as the late 1970s, but only recently has any headway been made. A year ago the University acknowledged its interest in replacing "The Pit," and on July 31 University President Dave Frohnmayer

gave the go-ahead for the new arena.

To get the facility running by 2006, construction needs to begin by 2004. But to begin building by then, planning needs to be complete by the end of this year. begin planning, a site needs to be selected.

The University on Sept. 3 released a report by International Facilities Group, which was hired to conduct research and "provide information relative to the major issues, advantages or disadvantages for each of the seven sites," the report states.

The report lists the sites in tiers rather than numbered rankings, with Autzen Stadium, Howe Field and the Williams' Bakery grouped in tier one.

However, tier one appears to consist only of two possible sites, as Williams' Bakery is not interested in selling.

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