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Frohnmayer touts achievements

At the University Convocation, President Dave Frohnmayer spoke of budget cuts, the school's accomplishments and zebrafish

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The procession of faculty filed into Beall Concert Hall on Friday afternoon, wearing traditional caps, gowns and hoods. They were there as part of the annual University Convocation, an event meant to begin the

academic year and honor the school and faculty.

After the placement of a ceremonial mace and the posting of the colors by the Reserve Officers Training Corps Color Guard, the formality of the ceremony was softened as University President Dave Frohnmayer began his speech with a zebrafish theme.

Frohnmayer explained how zebrafish hold a distinguished place in the University's history, and in present research.

Characteristics of the zebrafish make it an ideal test subject for experiments in genetics. Fifteen years before "Dolly," the cloned sheep,

became internationally known, Dr. George Streisinger succeeded in cloning a zebrafish at the University.

After Streisinger's death in 1984, zebrafish research has continued at the University and has also expanded to 350 labs in 30 countries, Frohnmayer said.

Frohnmayer described Streisinger's innovative research as a prologue, which "sets a tone for what can and will be done" at the University.

He quoted 1899 University President

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Danielle Hickey Senior Photographer

University President Dave Frohnmayer gives the State of the University speech at the Beall Concert Hall on Friday afternoon during the 2003 Convocation.

Students struggling to manage cuts, costs

Tuition has risen 19.8 percent since 2001, forcing students to economize more and work harder to make ends meet

By A. Sho Ikeda
Senior News Reporter

While Oregon universities and community colleges try to deal with lowered state funding, college students also suffer the effects of reduced investment in higher education.

Marcie Neil, a sophomore majoring in pre-journalism, lost her work study benefits and a loan because of cuts to financial aid.

Neil qualified for financial aid last year, but she was denied money this year even though her parents' combined income did not increase. Reduced funding for higher education meant there wasn't as much money available to distribute to needy students.

"They just said there wasn't enough for me," she said.

Neil now pays for tuition, fees and housing with private bank loans.

"The interest rates are pretty bad," she said.

Neil, who is taking 17 credits this term, said the 2003-04 school year would be her "intensive academic year," and that she would focus on getting a job to help pay for school next fall.

She said she worries about the loans and the debt she is accumulating.

"I'm sort of setting myself up for bad times after graduation," Neil said.

Oregon was one of three states to receive an "F" for affordability in the National Center for Public Policy in Higher Education's 2002 "Measure Up" survey.

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Students for Choice kicks off residence hall condom campaign

The group hopes to supply those residence hall students who may be intimidated purchasing protection

By Jared Paben
News Reporter

Many students are embarrassed to get condoms in public, which is why Students for Choice is kicking off a new campaign to put free condoms in the residence hall bathrooms.

Amanda Mabry and Alexandra Bullock, co-directors of Students for Choice, said it doesn't matter that the University Health Center gives away free condoms if students are too embar-

assed to get them.

"We realized that anybody can get access to free condoms from places like the health center here on campus, as well as other resources like Planned Parenthood," Mabry said. "But we really felt like it was important for students to be able to get them in more of a discreet manner — to get them without having to ask someone for them."

Students for Choice's new campaign — which was conceived by the co-directors last year but wasn't realized until this year's kickoff party — primarily targets freshmen. Mabry said the group is trying to reach those who recently left home and may be exploring their sexuality for

the first time.

The ability to get condoms in the residence hall bathrooms would also make them accessible to those who immediately needed them but didn't have any on hand, she said. It would also make them available for free after the health center closed.

Students for Choice is in the process of forming a committee to oversee the project, but it can't put its plan into motion without the approval of the health center and University Housing.

Health center Director Tom Ryan said he supports the group's goals and applauds its attempts to make condoms readily available to students. He stressed that making condoms freely avail-

able does not promote having sex, adding that he didn't immediately foresee any difficulties in making condoms available in the residence halls.

However, Mabry said the plan probably won't be a walk in the park. The main difficulty she sees is the logistics of putting condoms in the halls.

"We certainly wouldn't want to put 100 condoms in one dorm and have them gone in one day," she said. "Or have condom balloons floating around the residence halls. We definitely need to talk with the health center to see how we need to work with them to make it work."

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