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AAU meets at University for first time

Representatives of the prestigious Association of American Universities, along with the CIA director, discussed pertinent issues affecting universities

By Chelsea Duncan
News Reporter

Delegates from various American academic institutions and the director of the CIA assembled at the University this week for the Association of American Universities' fall meeting, the first time in the school's history that the event was held on campus.

Much of the on-campus proceedings were cloaked in secrecy as armed police officers guarded areas surrounding the EMU Ballroom while university presidents and chancellors from around the country discussed a variety of issues behind closed doors. The five-day conference was not publicized before or during the event, and notification of the event only was made public Tuesday.

The AAU is an elite organization comprising 62 public and private research universities in the United States and Canada, and membership is by invitation only. The University is one of two universities in the Pacific Northwest, and the only one in Oregon, involved with the association.

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Lauren Wimer Photographer

University President Dave Frohnmayer talks with members from the Association of American Universities.



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CIA Director George Tenet walks into the EMU on Monday for the AAU meeting. Tenet was said to have been present to motivate universities to create quality graduates.

Surcharge on taxes contested by many

Opponents of the surcharge are gathering signatures so that citizens may vote on it in a February special election

By A. Sho Ikeda
Senior News Reporter

Nearly half of the Oregonians polled about a Legislature-approved tax surcharge would vote against the measure if opponents are successful in referring it to a February special election, according to a recently published survey.

The poll — conducted by Moore Information, a public opinion research firm — revealed that 48 percent of registered voters would vote no on the tax measure and 33 percent would vote yes. The remainder are undecided.

The Oregon Legislature approved the tax surcharge in August to generate revenue for the state's budget shortfall.

If opponents of the tax surcharge gather 50,420 signatures by the Nov. 25 deadline, the measure will go to a statewide vote on Feb. 3. If voters reject the tax hike, about \$792 million would be cut from the 2003-05 state budget, including \$11 million from the higher education budget.

Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski could then call a special session of the Legislature, wherein legislators would scramble to make changes to the budget.

The survey recorded the responses of 500 registered Oregon voters across the state.

Support for the tax surcharge was divided geographically by the state's mountain ranges. Voters to the west of the Coast Range and east of the Cascades mostly opposed the tax measure, while those living within Multnomah County and the Willamette Valley generally supported the surcharge.

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New steps: Freshmen adapt to college life

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The Emerald recognizes the significance of freshman year and, more importantly, the adjustments that are made in such a short period of time. Emerald writers and photographers will chronicle the activities of two freshmen this term, reporting only what they see and hear. If Emerald staff are not present, the scene will be re-created through the recollection of those who were present at the time.

Though homesickness and academic pressures can be difficult, new students find ways to get comfortable

By Jared Paben
News Reporter

Jennifer French and Michele Taylor's door is wide open. En Vogue's "My Lovin' (You're never gonna get

it)," blasts from their room into the hallway, mixing with three or four other songs coming from other rooms inside McClain Hall.

A skeleton decoration is taped to the door. They've named him Humphrey, and Taylor says he is a "39-year-old divorced accountant."

Taylor is sitting on the floor with her legs crossed, surrounded by colored construction paper, tape and a pair of scissors. She is busy making

clothes for the skeleton.

It is nearing the end of the fifth week of school, and the many students in McClain are settled into their rooms. In the hallway, women take turns using a vacuum cleaner.

French and Taylor are settled in as well. Their desks are covered with soda cans, books and scattered papers. The floor around Taylor's bed is equally messy.

French's wall is decorated with CD

album sleeves, including three from Bad Religion, her favorite band, and two from Blink-182. The blanket on her bed is plaid with dark blue, light blue and cream colors. Below it the comforter is dark blue.

The opposite side of the room is a different story. Taylor's bed is covered with a light pink and purple blanket with lime green squares. On the wall

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