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ASUO is working to increase state budget appropriations to prevent future tuition hikes.

Moseley said the administration will be forced to put off needed purchases and hold off on future hiring to make ends meet. The current freeze on wages will continue through next year, which he said will make it difficult to attract faculty. He added that these are only short-term solutions, though, which means tuition could continue to rise in future years.

"We're really not in a long-term sustainability situation," he said. "If the Legislature doesn't reinvest, we'll be looking at more tuition increases."

Moseley said the University will continue to phase out the "tuition plateau" system, in which full-time students are charged a flat tuition rate. The plateau was already reduced to 14 to 16 credits last term.

"I think ultimately it will be eliminated," he said, adding that students on the plateau next year will pay \$40 per credit hour instead of \$20, which he said is still "quite a bargain."

But Rees said eliminating the plateau will decrease access to higher education for low-income students who will need to take fewer credits to save money.

Oregon Student Association Executive Director John Wykoff said eliminating the plateau would mean students will take longer to graduate, which goes against State Board of Higher Education President Neil Goldschmidt's goal for higher education to be "more, better, faster" and instead makes it "less, worse, slower."

"The incentive is to take fewer credits, which means you're in school longer," he said.

He added that the University's approach of narrowing the plateau is more progressive than other schools that are planning to eliminate the system completely sooner rather than later.

Ultimately, Wykoff said higher education needs more support from the state, which also means more support from voters.

"Everybody wants services, but they're never going to be free," he said.

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"Right across the board, consumers have been left without redress," he said.

Responding to some claims that his run for presidency could cost the Democrats the election, Nader said, "No one's entitled to votes. We all have to earn them."

He said his aim is to defeat Bush and that he hopes to do so by making the vulnerabilities of the current administration clear. He added that there are current government policies that are of common concern to some liberals, conservatives and independent voters, and these voters are most likely to seek an independent candidate.

However, some Democrats still believe that Nader's run may not bode well for their party.

"I think it's a bad idea for the country that he runs," College Democrats co-Chairman Kevin Curtin said. While Curtin said he admires Nader for his work, he thinks Nader took votes away from Al Gore in the last election, when Nader knew he was not going to win.

Nader would have advanced the causes he cares about more by stepping down and supporting Democratic candidates who share similar

concerns, Curtin said.

However Timothy Dreier, the editor in chief of the Oregon Commentator, the campus's conservative journal of opinion, said he had hoped Nader would run.

"It will help Dems not win," Dreier said. "I think it would help the Democrats get their head out of their ass," Dreier added. "Help them realize you can't win on just vitriol. They don't have positively defined ideas."

Nader said he believes the Oregon nominating convention will be a success because of the state's great support in the past. He appealed to students who are registered to vote and are politically active to attend the convention.

"They'll see politics at work at its best level, at its cleanest level," Nader said. "They're going to be the leaders of the country, so they better start preparing themselves."

Nader believes one of the responsibilities of the education system is to teach students how to help their communities and practice democracy.

"It's very important that students leave high school and college with citizen skills," he said.

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MUSEUM

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new exhibit will be "integrated (and) ecologically informed" after the renovation is completed.

"The idea of this is that it will show all of Oregon how different types of native cultures have grown up over the last 15,000 years," he said.

The 3,500-square-foot exhibit space will include a small theater, a science lab, a space for temporary exhibits and a set of near life-size dioramas representing the different geographic regions in Oregon — the Great Basin, the Columbia Plateau, the coast and the valleys — displaying each region's distinct native cultural attributes. One of the dioramas, for example, will feature a coastal plank house.

"(Oregon) is a very diversified place to be," Aikens said. "All of that is represented in our dioramas."

Rounding out the exhibit will be the museum's collection of native artifacts, including a 10,000-year-old pair of sandals, which are the oldest shoes ever discovered, Aikens said. The museum also has a collection of ancient and historical native baskets.

The renovation is budgeted for \$1 million, but the museum still has \$200,000 more to raise. All of the current funding was raised through private donations.

Several people and organizations were consulted for the renovation project, including Native American cultural groups, to ensure the authenticity of the exhibit, Aikens said.

"It's very easy for your own stereotypes and presuppositions to creep in," Aikens said. He added that the museum wanted "to tell the story in a way that everyone will be pleased."

Also new to the museum is the addition of "cultural" to its name.

"We want to reflect the fact that a good deal of what we present is human history," Aikens said.

Kelly Stewart, publicity specialist for the museum, said the newly renovated museum exhibit hall will be unique in its coverage of all regions in the state.

"There'll be nothing like it in Oregon," she said. "It's going to be exciting to see it all come into fruition in October."

Linda Yoder, the retail store assistant for the museum, said volunteers are needed to fill a variety of positions including tour guides and museum store associates.

"We're looking for people that are life-long learners and want to share their knowledge with the visitors," she said. She added that the museum will provide training for all volunteers.

The museum will host an open house for those interested in volunteering on May 3, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Bean Complex's Moore Hall, which is across the street from the museum.

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