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now," Petkun said. "The burden has been shifting for the last decade and it's becoming unbearable."

Moseley said the administration is also concerned about loss of access due to rising costs. For that reason, administrators have made course availability one of their highest priorities.

"If the cuts are so deep that adequate numbers and breadth of courses cannot be maintained, students will be unable to get the courses they need to graduate, and thus will incur much greater costs than the additional tuition if they must take another term or two to graduate," he said.

He said the Office of Financial Aid is also working to provide low-income students with adequate financial aid packages.

Savings from the ongoing restructuring of the Chancellor's office may help generate extra funds for the universities. At the meeting, the board approved \$1.9 million in further reductions to the Chancellor's office budget; it had already approved \$1.1 million in reductions earlier this year.

Campuses will get \$1.1 million of the savings to alleviate the repercussions of Measure 30's failure; \$500,000 will go towards a "fighting fund," to retain top faculty, and the rest will be used to finance the board's other initiatives. OUS Spokeswoman Di Saunders said the board will decide in the next few weeks exactly how these savings will be disbursed to each campus.

Saunders added that the board is very concerned about keeping costs low, but financial pressures and the economic climate have put universities "between a rock and a hard place."

The board did approve tuition increases with the stipulation that schools find ways to cushion the impact on students, according to the release.

Moseley said more increases are expected next year, but he hopes they will only be in the range of about 5 percent.

"We are encouraged by Governor Kulongoski's strong interest in higher education, and in the access issue," he said. "Although the state budget situation will be tight next year, there may be some opportunity for increased funding for higher ed, which will help to hold down tuition increases."

Petkun said the state was not investing enough in higher education.

"We're going to have to work very hard with the administration to get as much funding as possible for students from the legislature," he said.

He said it was important for students to vote so as to have a voice in how education policies are formulated at the state level.

"I think it's important that students see the connection between tuition and the legislature," Petkun said.

In other business, the board officially appointed George Pernsteiner as OUS' executive vice chancellor, chief operations officer and interim chancellor, according to an OUS release. Pernsteiner, who worked for 13 years in various capacities at the University, the Chancellor's office and Portland State University, is currently the vice chancellor for administrative services at the University of California-Santa Barbara.

Pernsteiner will be in charge of implementing the board's new vision for higher education.

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VIGIL

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country lost such a great man and great president."

She said Reagan's "infectious spirit" helped bring back faith in the country after the Vietnam War.

"I think President Reagan renewed people's faith in the American spirit and the American dream," she said.

Jenkins also said Reagan should serve as an example for current leaders.

"I think today's leaders can look to Reagan for an example of how to lead with what's right," she said. "He's a conservative role model."

Oregon Commentator Editor in Chief Timothy Dreier said Reagan will

be most remembered for defeating communism. He also said Reagan helped curb inflation and that his policies made the tax system more fair.

"(Before his changes) there was no incentive to raise your income past a certain point," he said.

Dreier also said students and politicians can learn from Reagan's example.

"I think many of them should learn his oratory skills and many more should learn his moral clarity," he said. "I think a lot of students have lost sight of that these days."

Associate Professor of Political Science Gerald Berk said Reagan was a "revolutionary president." He said the Reagan administration will be remembered for deregulation of industry.

"Although deregulation started with Carter, it took off under Reagan," he said. "The results are a mixed bag. Some parts of the economy have adjusted well, but I think other results are things like Enron."

However, Berk said President Jimmy Carter's policy of human rights actually helped end the Cold War.

"I don't buy the argument that Reagan ended the Cold War," he said.

He said Reagan will be remembered as the Great Communicator.

"I think that Gary Wills said that Reagan mastered the power of the pep talk and transitioned it from sports into politics," he said.

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