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entire three-year law program, with their program fee increasing 16 percent, from \$3,125 to \$3,625. Students admitted to the school this year would continue to pay the lower rate.

Meanwhile, Clark Honors College students who enroll for the next academic year would pay \$700 in fees per term over their freshman year. Students admitted this year paid \$500 per term. The 40 percent increase would end a one-year plateau in increases for the per-term fee, which has risen annually in \$100 increments for several years. Students admitted to the college in 2000 paid \$200 per term during their freshman year, 71 percent less than the proposal for next year.

The new schedule would also revise the fees charged to students admitted dur-

first year, \$250 per term for their

second, \$150 per term for their third

and \$100 per term for their fourth

and fifth years. If the 2005-06 Fee

Book is approved, those amounts will increase to \$600 per term for

the first year, \$300 per term for the

second and \$200 per term for the third. Fourth and fifth year students

Adam Walsh, ASUO president and

OSA chair, said the fees make it harder

to lobby the legislature because it con-

fuses the true price tag on higher education, muddling the point of refer-

ence that legislators assign to tuition. "Even when they give us most of what we ask for, we're still not getting

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enough," Walsh said. Hight added that program fees are

not costs that students typically expect to budget for, a point former OSA Chair Adam Petkun elaborated on in his May 18 testimony at an Academic Fee Book hearing.

"The ridiculous fees, ranging from \$15 per term at Southern, to \$700 per term at the U of O Honors College, are not ones that students know about before enrolling in universities or have budgeted before they get their actual bill from the University because they are not listed under tuition and fees," said Petkun, according to transcripts.

"These fees are an underhanded and sneaky way to circumvent the process and it hurts students' ability to continue their education when the increases in these fees from one year to the next are so high."

However, program fees are not without advantages, said Senior Vice President and Provost John

Moseley. They apply more precisely to students who benefit from their use, and the revenue raised stays within the department.

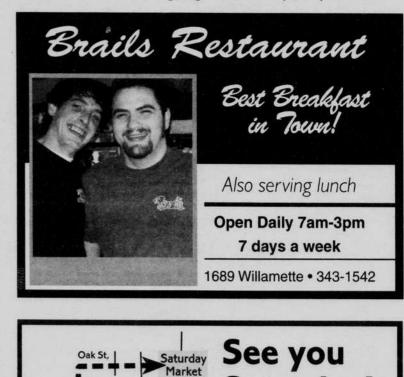
OSA and the administration would like to avoid the scenario of raising tuition levels, and the prospect of additional state dollars is slim.

"We are simply not able to cover the increasing costs of those classes without charging some additional fees," Moseley said.

Of the total fee requests the administration received from departments, Moseley said it "probably went forward with maybe 20 percent."

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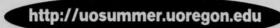




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