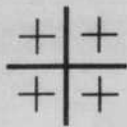


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Education: Rate of enrollment decreases

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Statistics from the 2005 "The Condition of Education" report put out by the NCES also show that students who graduate high school and enroll the following October in college come predominantly from middle and high-income households. From 2002 to 2005, the percentage change of students who enrolled straight out of high-school decreased by 4.8 percent in all incomes, meaning that the rate of enrollment has declined, not that a lower number of total students enrolled. Overall, total enrollment continues to climb for

all races and sexes.

Tuition and inflation

According to Finaid.org, an online financial aid organization for students, "during any 17-year period from 1958 to 2001, the average annual tuition inflation rate was between 6 percent and 9 percent, ranging from 1.2 times general inflation to 2.1 times general inflation. On average, tuition tends to increase about 8 percent per year. An 8 percent college inflation rate means that the cost of college doubles every nine years."

A February 2002 press release from the U.S. Department of Education said that during the 10-year period before 1998, "tuition charges in both public and private sectors rose faster than inflation." As of April 2005, the inflation rate reached 3.51 percent and an average of 2.99 percent for fiscal year 2005, calculated through June. Between academic years 2001-02 and 2002-03, tuition rose 9 percent at four-year public universities and 7 percent at two-year public universities.

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IN BRIEF

University museums sponsor canned food drive

Until the end of July, local museum-goers will get a chance to help out FOOD for Lane County.

Through July 31, the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art and the Museum of Natural and Cultural History, will host a food drive for the regional food bank, which distributes 6 million pounds of food a year, according to a press release.

Guests who donate a can of food at the museums will receive \$1 off the admission price.

For more information about the art museum, call 346-3027. For more information about the history museum, call 356-3024. For more information about FOOD for Lane County, call 343-2822.

— Gabe Bradley

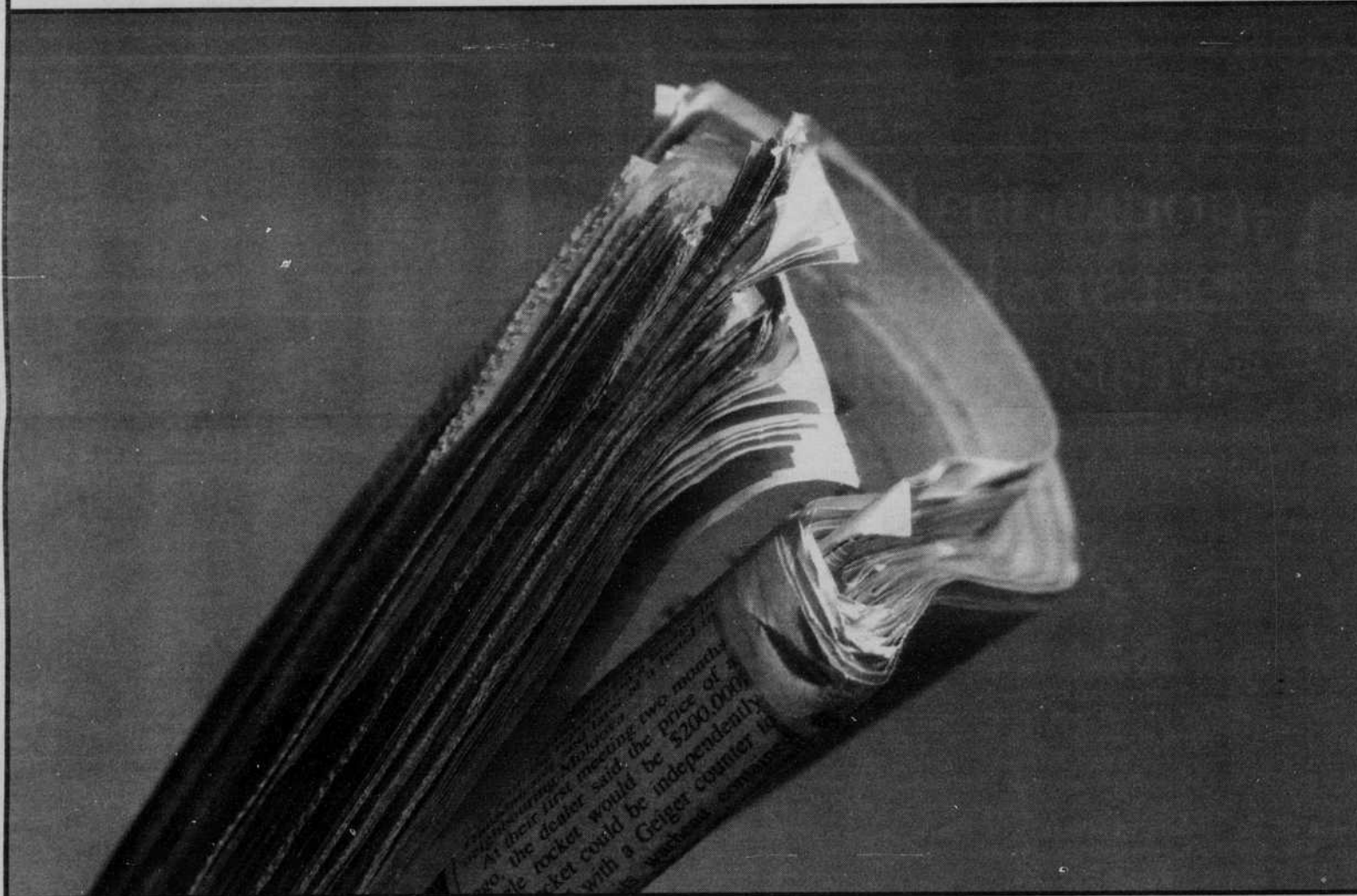
Student Senators plan 'non-official gathering'

Senators Sara Hamilton and Reinier Heyden sent an e-mail on Wednesday to encourage fellow senators "and others," to join them at the Starbucks on the corner of 13th Avenue and Alder Street on Monday at 5:30 p.m. for a "non-official gathering."

Topics on the agenda include: "How the hell is your summer going?"; "Who are you, beyond the Emerald election coverage?"; "Is it just me, or do the contestants on 'I want to be a Hilton' just need to get a frickin' life?"; and "How in the world are we going to manage respectfully disagreeing with each other over an entire nine months, make the tough decisions necessary to become a respected student governing body, and maintain professional relationships ...?"

—Nicholas Wilbur

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