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Balancing budget

Cut to show trimming hurts

It's become an annual event. With cuts from the state it looks as though the College is in for another tuition hike. The jump could be anywhere from \$10 to \$30 per term, beginning fall term in 1982.

As much as anyone hates to see the College's tuition raised once again, raising tuition is probably better for the College on a whole, than accommodating the newly acquired cuts in some other way.

Before you start saying, 'This editorial is getting crazy,' read on a ways.

The raising of tuition, because of the current budget cuts, can work as a defense for future cuts. This raise will be a very visible way of handling the cuts. That way, if more cuts become a possibility to the College, those responsible for bringing the ax down will be able to see how these cuts hurt the College.

Cuts could be kept internal where no one would really notice them, like cutting a small portion from each department's budget, thus trimming back on services.

Even when students see cutting back in specific departments that they are involved in, they do not get an overall picture of how much is actually being cut. A tuition hike would mean a lot more to everyone, even to those not attending the College.

As Gov. Atiyeh's proposal for solving the state's deficit was first presented, memos were circulating throughout the campus asking for possibilities of what could be cut without outwardly showing much impact.

Why keep the impact of cuts under wraps? The only thing that is going to accomplish is more cuts.

It looks pretty ridiculous to send students down to Salem to rally against cuts to community colleges, and then when the cuts do occur, hide them away. People viewing this will just say, "I thought you said you could not afford the cuts."

The memos are once again going around campus to all the departments. But before the final decision is made about who is going to receive what cut, we need to think about whether or not we want people to see how much the cuts are affecting the College.



Sales tax fairest way for all

So what is wrong with Oregon going to a sales tax?

About the only argument that keeps coming out against the state starting up a sales tax is that the people hurt most will be the poor. That's just not true. Of all the taxation ideas that have ever been suggested, a sales tax would be the fairest to everyone.

By Rick Obritschkewitsch

Those who are opposed to this type of taxation because of how unfair it is to the poor, are arguing that the poor are not paying property taxes (which is what the sales tax would be designed to take away from). But the poor already are paying property taxes, even though they may not be aware of it.

Most people are living under some type of shelter, and that means they are paying for that privilege. So the owner of every piece of property is paying some type of property tax. And those renting their property out are not going to pick up the bill to pay the property taxes all by themselves. However, the owner will charge his renters a percentage of the taxation.

Many people say they are stretching their incomes, right now, just to be able to survive. The sales tax which is being considered would exclude food and drugs, so that the very bare necessities would be tax free. If a person were that poor the only thing he would need to buy that would have a tax on it would be clothing. Plus they could get \$45 back at the end of the year.

As for some of the disposable things that have to be purchased, such as diapers, they also come in the reuseable type. That is true with just about every disposable item that is needed. Most things came out in the reuseable type first. It is only in contemporary times that our country has switched to a "disposable society." It is just that Americans have gotten so use to disposables, that they are almost thought of as one of the basics of life.

As for the argument that a sales tax might hurt Oregon's tourist trade, Oregon is one of the few states left that has not gone to this type of tax. That means, most of the state's tourists are already use to a sales tax, and it should not effect tourism one way or the other.

Aside from property tax payers benefitting from a sales tax, more people would be involved in this program than are currently involved in paying property taxes. This addition would come from those who are minors living at home, not paying any rent, but still earning an income. They would be paying the sales tax.



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2-4		2 M	1 T	3 M
4-6		Conflicts	2:30 T	Conflicts

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