

✓ What are you doing for Spring Break?

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"Going on a Caribbean cruise."

-Troy Pahlke



"Practicing for track."

-Harry Tolliver



"Hopefully going skiing."

-Julie Rydzewski



"Road trip...to California."

-Jeremy Armstrong

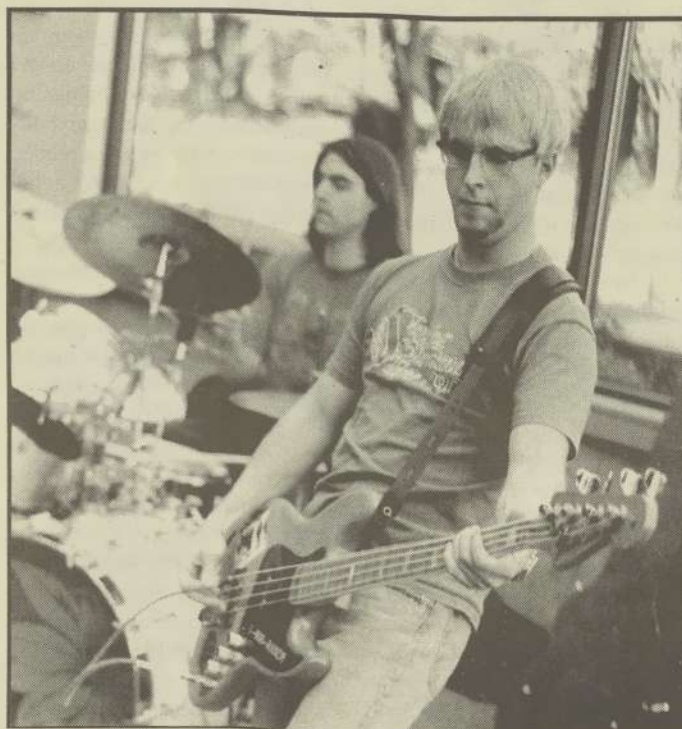
"I'm on the softball team, and we're going to Arizona."

-Rachel Kidder



"Going home to Roseburg to spend time with my family for a whole week."

-Nancy Woody



Local band, Nero's Rome, entertained students over lunch in the Skylight Dining Room.

Photo by Chad Patteson

I've Got The Last Word

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The response our challenge got us appalled me. But let me say that we got at least one response, and that warms my heart a little bit. But we're still asking for your help in drumming up some solutions to the pending budget problem. Send a list to us - even just one idea would be nice - of how to overcome a loss of funds emanating from a downturn in enrollment.

(I can understand your being busy with raising kids, current homework, and so on, but I thought somewhere in your busy schedule, you'd at least find the time to respond.)

If it were up to me, I'd first add a corollary to the challenge

of saving revenue and generating revenue. I'd also look for ways to increase enrollment. The more students that pay tuition, the more funds in the coffer.

(If it takes a tuition cut to bring about an increase in enrollment, so be it; in fact, I'm all for it.)

Think about it. As it is now, in terms of total enrollment, this is one of the largest colleges in the Greater Portland area. And the education we get here will parlay itself in other areas, even perhaps other colleges. We may not be able to keep up that reputation if our enrollment goes the wrong way.

I just don't believe it. I was patient, waiting for perhaps a comment from you, the students,

staff and faculty of our fine institution of higher education, and all we got was one response (but better one than none, oui?). I was more patient than my editors about this, waiting six weeks to their four, and yet all we got were two letters that said the same thing. I'd hoped we'd be surfing an ocean of comments.

I'll very likely return next year and the last thing I want happening to me is paying more tuition to the college I have attended since 1991. As it is now, I have to pay about 19 percent more tuition now than then; this year, I have to pay all my tuition costs. I may not be able to keep it up if tuition goes up.

Please ponder over my plea a little bit, then respond.