

EDITORIAL:



Hey buddy, can you spare \$100?

Laney Fouse
Editor-in-Chief

Governor John Kitzhaber has called on Oregonians to invest in the future of the state by allowing him to reinvest the so-called "kicker" revenue generated by Oregon's thriving economy.

It comes as no surprise that many oppose his idea. The proponents say to give the money back to the taxpayers. I say why bother. The average taxpayer would only receive about \$100. This money would have to be included as income on next year's 1040 and would be taxed all over again. So how exactly do we come out ahead?

As my economics textbook would say, "There is no free lunch." Somewhere, somehow, down the road, and it may be sooner than you think, we will all pay for not educating ourselves and our children.

I say let the governor keep the money and make the necessary investments in our future. Let's not forget the \$459-million loss to school funding as a result of the passage of Measure 47. His plans are to pass part of this revenue onto schools from prekindergarten to grade 12 through community colleges and the state system of higher education.

It's not just the school system that will get a booster shot. The governor also plans to help fund the maintenance, preserva-

tion and modernization of Oregon's roads; provide long-term funding for the state's parks systems; and improve water quality for the restoration of endangered salmon and trout species.

And it doesn't stop there. The other features of the governor's "Investment Budget" includes expanding the Oregon Health Plan to include students, redirecting economic aid to rural communities, expanding JOBS (to help reduce welfare roles), adding new troopers to Oregon State Police, building two new prisons and developing juvenile crime prevention strategy.

Now, honestly, could any one of us buy all that for \$100?



New term keeps campus Public Safety officers busy

Mairin-Anne Moore
News Editor

A new beginning to anything involves change and consequence; with the beginning of a new semester, there are new students and more public safety concerns.

There have been three minor traffic accidents since the start of the new semester. One was a hit and run. The accident involved a person who is not a student. A follow-up letter has been sent to the Washington resident asking for more information on the accident.

There are still on going transient concerns. In one case an unknown woman has

been issued a warning as a trespasser. Almost every day she is found intoxicated, wandering the campus. She uses the phones to ask for a ride home.

Larry Dexheimer, chief of Public Safety, has come to her rescue and taken her home three times.

"She's not really trouble, just time consuming. Once on our campus she becomes our responsibility," said Dexheimer.

If found again on campus, she, and others like her who have already been warned, will be arrested and sent to jail ac-

ording to Dexheimer.

The towing policy is enforced on a regular basis. The modulars are still one of the many parking problems.

"Everyone wants to be as close as possible to where they are going and so, once in a while, we have illegal parking," Dexheimer explains.

The towing policy is in force for any vehicle parked in fire lanes, loading zones or other no parking zones. If discovered, the vehicles are subject to towing to the farthest area of the Barlow parking lot. The owner will then be issued a citation.

NEWS BRIEFS

Campus clubs hold open membership

Be sure to drop by the Community Center today and visit the Clubs Fair. Your chance to learn about membership and club activities is just a table stop away. Whether you're a writer, an environmentalist, an athlete, an honor student, a speaker or just curious, there's probably a spot for you. More information can be provided by the ASG at ext. 2247.

Adult Enrichment Program presents Jesus at 2000

Join John Hasenjaeger, humanities instructor, as he presents a report and discussion of ideas from the national tele-conference, "Jesus at 2000," at this morning's session of the Seasoned Adult Enrichment Program. The afternoon session is the first of a three-part series on current events. Participants are encouraged to bring articles and clippings for discussion. Joanne Bakes will be the host.

Sessions will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Harmony Center, 7616 SE Harmony Road, Milwaukie. The cost is \$4. For more information call ext. 3230.

Staff encouraged to visit Virtual Lounge

Come sip a cup of digital java in the Virtual Lounge. Participate in discussions on all sorts of topics with colleagues and friends. To visit the Virtual Lounge, simply launch Groupwise 4.1 on your computer. Once there, under File, choose Proxy and enter Alounge@ in the box. Subscribing to the Virtual Lounge is as easy as sending an e-mail request to chief Lounge Lizard Adeva@ and indicate the topics to which you'd like to subscribe or call ext. 2210.

Writers' contest extends deadline

The annual Writers' Club Contest is extending the deadline for submissions until Feb. 20, according to Allen Widerberg. There are three categories in which winners will receive cash prizes and certificates. To enter your poetry, fiction and creative non-fiction, take four copies of each entry to Widerberg's office in McLoughlin, room 253 or leave them with English Dept. Secretary Rita Dale in Sreeter Hall, room 132. A cover page should include your Social Security number, title of the work, category, name, address and phone number. Each writer may submit up to three poems, one work of fiction and one work of nonfiction. Prizes will be awarded during spring term. Call ext. 2359 for more information.

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