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Students rally at State Capitol

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"Standing here today on the steps of our State Capitol provides us with a great opportunity: the opportunity to go into these hallowed halls and tell our story," said Associated Student Body President Mike Caudle in his speech during Student Lobby Day in Salem.

Several hundred college students from across the state of Oregon lobbied legislative members last Thursday. Some carried banners, some wore buttons, some even brought their school mascot. A freezer covered with signatures and bearing their message was clear, "Freeze college tuition."

Students at Oregon state colleges have been faced with an 80-percent increase in education costs since 1990.

"It is our job to . . . convince all lawmakers from our own districts that providing access to education is a great benefit to the community and the students," said Caudle, who also serves as vice president of the Community Colleges of Oregon Student Association and Commissions.

"We must make them believe health care is a right. And that access to education, at all levels, is a right," said Caudle. "Our task is to carry our passion to the lawmakers behind these doors and convince them education is important."

Students quickly picked up the chant, "Education is important," as Caudle finished his speech.

Ryan Deckert, a Democrat from District 8, stopped by to offer his support.

"I will tell you, as a young member of the Oregon legislature and someone who believes in education . . . it troubles me [to see] the lack of priority we give to higher education funding."

Deckert is a newly-elected member of the House of Representatives. Whenever he's asked why he ran for office, he says "I attended the University of Oregon, and I live in a state that leads the nation in cuts to higher education in the last legislative session. I find that deplorable."

Deckert encouraged students to keep coming to the legislature, otherwise their needs will be forgotten.



Photo by Laney Fouse

Students gather on Capitol steps during a rally to show support for educational funding. Students throughout the state of Oregon lobbied legislators during Student Lobby Day.

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"It is incredible how many people will tell you, in this building, that they are for higher education and they understand the long-term economic of higher education. But, 'Show me the money' has to be your rally cry.

We've done this for three sessions in a row and the money hasn't been there," said Deckert.

Mary Beth St. John pointed to the freezer covered with signatures. "This freezer has been around for a solid year and I hope you have all had the

chance to sign it. This is part of our "Freeze, don't squeeze" campaign. Tuition is up and I don't know about you, but another \$100 per month will break me."

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IMPORTANT! DON'T FORGET!

Remember, there are no day classes tomorrow because of the Clackamas Regional Skills Contest. The public is invited to a free work-to-school opportunity fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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In the continuing saga of the "water intrusion problem," the Instructional Media Services will be moved to two separate modules over spring break.

IMS will be moving due to the possibility of health risks because of the mold that is present in the Dye Learning Center (mold is also present in Streeter, Oregon Advanced Technology Center and Gregory).

Starting next Friday, IMS will no longer be handling any requests for videos, equipment or any other type of service.

"They [the videos] stayed in the building, because they [staff] were hoping that, by asking instructors to provide a list ahead of time of the materials they would need, we could limit the staff going into the building" stated Director/Learning Resource Center Cyndi Andrews.

"However, it didn't work as we had hoped ... staff were having to enter the building daily, sometimes more than daily," added Andrews.

The reason the IMS staff is particularly susceptible to the mold is because the video tapes will collect dust and mold spores,

and then when those tapes are picked up, the mold spores are spread into the air, worsening the problem.

"It's a little bit like drinking ... some people can drink more than others without showing effects over a long period of time, and some people cannot. It's a little bit the same way with mold — some people, due to their own personal body chemistry, can have a very quick response, and some people, even after prolonged exposure, will not have a response," said Andrews.

Andrews stated that IMS will be ready to move during spring break, so that they can be operational by the start of spring term.

"What we're waiting for now are the cleaning protocols. It has been indicated that items going out of the Dye Learning Center need to be cleaned before they can go into any other spaces," said Andrews.

Andrews also said that, under the circumstances, the staff and students have been handling the situation pretty well.

"... Everything is in place from spring term, as much as humanly possible. The staff is working under extremely disadvantageous



Photo by Joel Coreson

Cyndi Andrews, Director/Learning Resource Center

circumstances," stated Andrews.

Andrews stated that the college has hired some people from Dow Chemical to initiate and oversee the cleanup. Dow will be coordinating with the college's Plant Services department during the cleanup.

During the 1994-95 school year, IMS served 12,000 individual video requests from students, 2,500 video requests from instructors, 1300 Audio/Visual setups (projectors, satellite links, etc.), 1300 hours of audio tape duplication and 357 hours of editing services.

Andrews stated that, once IMS has moved all of their equipment to Modules one and three, normal operation will resume.

"I just want to assure staff and students that we hope to return to normal service at the start of spring term. This is a very stressful time for the people who are trying to provide service," said Andrews.

"The staff is working under extremely disadvantageous circumstances."

Cyndi Andrews
Director/Learning Resource Center