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Lariviere's Pitch

U of O president talks change

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Richard Lariviere has been president of the University of Oregon for just over a year, but he has already hatched a plan to drastically reshape how the college is governed in hopes of bringing greater financial stability to the school, and giving students a better sense of how much their education will cost.

Lariviere spoke about the sweeping changes he aims to bring to the university during an interview with the Portland Observer at the college's Portland campus in the White Stag Block of Old Town.

Lariviere, 60, explained that when he was an undergraduate at

the University of Iowa, it was possible for a student to work during the summers and save up enough for tuition at a public college that was heavily subsidized by the state.

"That's what we are hoping to go back to, and those days are gone forever," he said.

With fewer taxpayer dollars allocated by the state to public universities, students increasingly fund their education through a patchwork of grants, part-time jobs, family support (if they're lucky), and, probably, lots of loans.

Lariviere said that with UO's \$8,000-a-semester tuition many families, particularly low-income, think that school is out of reach.

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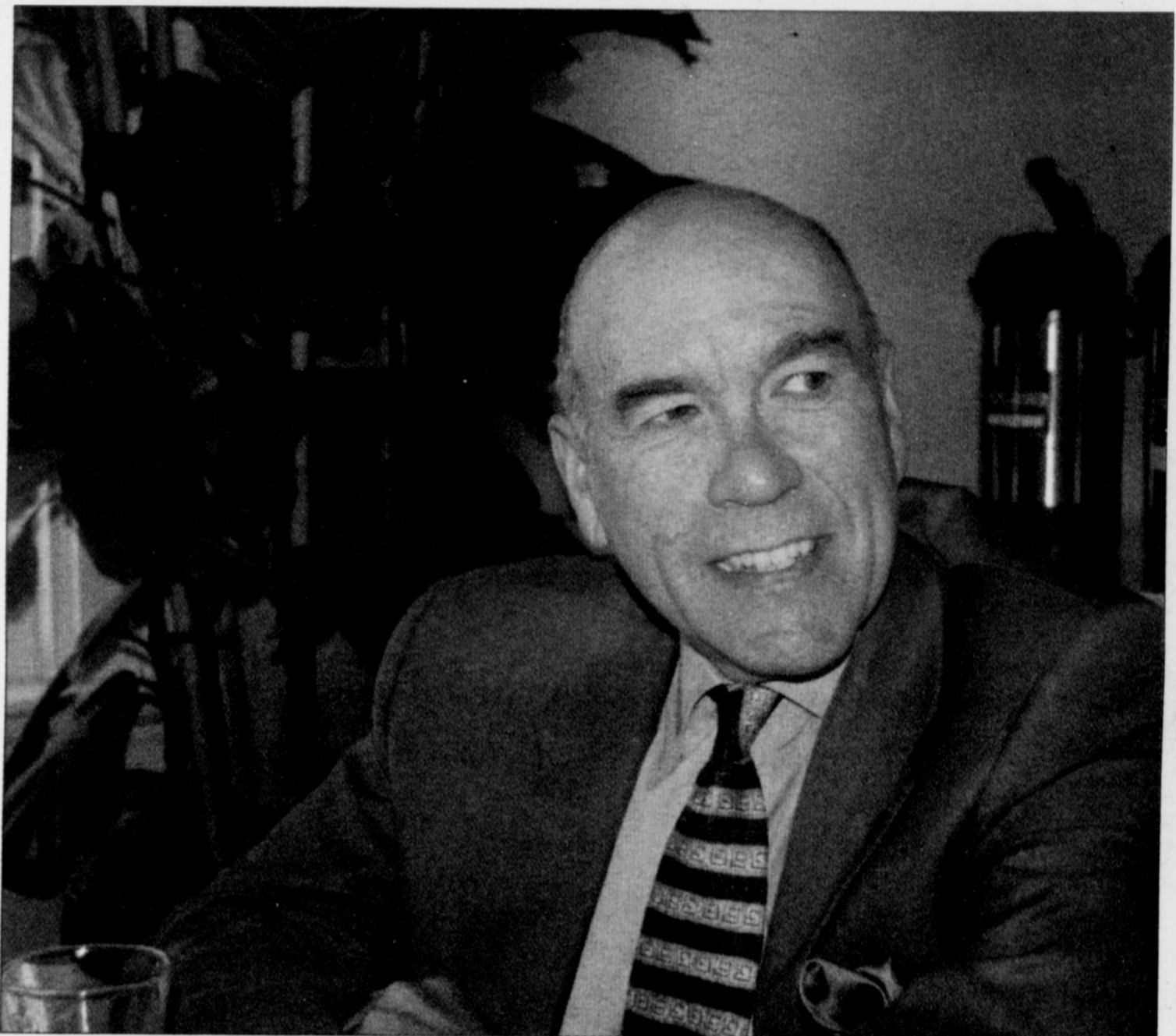


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University of Oregon President Richard Lariviere makes a pitch for reshaping the university's financial health and making the college more accessible to underserved populations during a Portland visit to the university's White Stag block in Old Town.

Housing Project Back on Track



An artist's rendering shows the proposed Killingsworth Station housing complex coming to the intersection of North Killingsworth and Interstate Avenue, across the street from a Max light-rail station.

PDC throws life line to Killingsworth Station

BY LEE PERLMAN
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The long-delayed Killingsworth Station housing project has new financing in place and could be under construction as early as November, according to developer James Winkler and the Portland Development Commission.

On Friday, the commission voted unanimously to increase a construction loan for the four-story housing project to be built at North Killingsworth Street and Interstate Avenue from a previously approved \$3.2 million to \$5.8 million.

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