

SOC President Backs School Budget Before Brown's Committee

Salem — Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, Ashland, defended his school's budget requests before a sub-committee of the ways and means committee here Tuesday afternoon.

The committee, headed by State Sen. Gene Brown, Grants Pass, (author of a motion passed Tuesday morning to reduce the entire state budget by 10 per cent), was obviously looking for places to cut down. Dr. Stevenson said any cuts at SOC would hurt—"handicap us terribly."

Would Hit Salaries

As a hypothetical question, Senator Brown asked Dr. Stevenson what would happen if the SOC budget were cut by 10 per cent. The educator pointed out that 80 per cent of the college's operating budget is wages and salaries; that, thus, 80 per cent of the cut would have to come from wages and salaries, and that this would boil down to reducing the staff or cutting salaries.

The only special service offered at Southern Oregon college, he added, other than general instruction, is in the speech clinic which serves a hundred or more youngsters with speech difficulties in Jackson, Josephine and Curry counties. In SOC's budget, he said, it is a minor item.

As another hypothetical question, Senator Brown asked what would be the result of eliminating the summer session at the college, and Dr. Stevenson explained that students in the summer are primarily teachers from southern Oregon who must use the summer to continue their educational work. It would be a real hardship on these 600 or more teachers to lose that close-to-home chance for educational advancement, he declared.

No Decision Made

Brown pointed out that no decision has yet been made on cuts in the budget, and the session was only one of a series with

officials of Oregon's various universities and colleges to see what can be done to keep costs down and, if possible, to pare them further.

Sen. Phil Lowry, Medford, sat in on the session, and at the end stated that he has watched Dr. Stevenson "pull the school up by its bootstraps," and that as the only institution of higher education in a large area, more educational value per dollar spent comes out of it than at either Oregon State college or the university.

"I'd hate to see you cut the budget there," he said.

In reviewing the situation at SOC, Dr. Stevenson pointed out

that it is the second fastest-growing institution of higher education in the state (behind Portland State), jumping from 67 students in 1946 to more than 700 today, with more increases expected. More than 50 per cent of the students come from the immediate vicinity, he said, and a number come from neighboring California communities. Continued growth of the area has been even faster than expected, and he forecast an enrollment of some 800 students next year, and 1,200 by 1960.

The college's budget, aside from operating expenses for the coming biennium, includes a request for some \$1,500,000 for

the construction of a new physical education plant, which is second on the priority list of the entire state system of higher education. Dr. Stevenson pointed out that this addition would permit the college to just double its instructional space, and at no additional cost to the state, through a combination of circumstances.

Can Be Remodeled

The present physical education plant and gymnasium, he explained, was built through the use of student fees. With it released from physical education duties, it can be remodeled to include 15 new classrooms, and this, together with one or two others, would double the present

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