

# Salem Scene

By Everett E. Cutter

A legislative proposal to bar outside agitators from college property in times of emergency snared headlines last week. At the same time, a purse-strings panel worked less conspicuously on another matter of concern to higher education: its state budget for the next two years.

Probably the quieter funding issue will have more effect on state institutions of higher learning in the long run. Reasons why are explained by Rep. Philip D. Lang (D-Portland), chairman of the higher education subcommittee of the Joint Ways and Means Committee, fiscal arm of the legislature.

"The subcommittee generally feels that the legislature has abdicated the responsibility of giving direction to education in Oregon," he says. "Policy goals and objectives have long been left up to the education establishments instead of being set by the state's policy-making body."

The panel therefore is taking a different approach, which goes beyond simple trimming and tidying of budget recommendations submitted by the governor. It aims instead for control—not over militants or protestors or potential riots, but control over the quality of public-supported college and university programs.

### LIMIT ENROLLMENT

One unprecedented panel recommendation is to restrict enrollment in the six institutions comprising a part of the State System of Higher Education. This can be achieved by the State Board's raising qualification standards to limit freshman and sophomore enrollment, and restricting out-of-state entries to 10 per cent of total freshmen. (Out-of-state students now number about 15 per cent, notes Rep. Lang; they pay a bargain \$999 tuition for \$1,300 worth of education.)

State funding then would be tied to 44,830 full-time equivalent students in the coming biennium. This, along with adoption of a slightly higher student-teacher ratio than suggested by the governor, could save \$2.6 million out of higher education's \$145 million base budget for the biennium.

"More important than this saving is the fact that projected enrollment increases show that our resources cannot keep up, we face deterior-

ation in the quality of our educational programs," says Rep. Lang. "Our recommendation also redirects emphasis from graduate programs and research back to undergraduate instruction."

His subcommittee has authorized introduction of a legislative resolution outlining "fairly broad but definitive" goals for higher education. At present, he says, the State System's primary objective amounts to a complete open door policy for student enrollment.

"They are more interested in affording post-high school education opportunities for anyone who comes along than in whether students can achieve a baccalaureate degree and benefit from a college education," he charges. "Our subcommittee feels this role can be more suitably filled by community colleges."

### NEED FISCAL CONTROL

Besides lack of policy on this relationship, he says, Oregon statutes are lax regarding duties and objectives of the chancellor's office, and long-range goals of the entire system. In addition, budget hearings have shown that systems and organization for management and fiscal control are "totally inadequate." He cites examples of significant deficit spending at two state-supported universities, and promises that such practices will be dealt with in the panel's forthcoming legislative resolution.

Rep. Lang, a lawmaker for nine years now, believes this year's legislature will pass a bill to move the chancellor's office from Eugene to Salem and thereby strengthen state control. While chancellors have tended to view themselves as part of the academic fraternity, he says, a chancellor really is an executive administrator whose job is to carry out policies set by the State Board and the legislature.

Another different approach to legislative leadership is shown in a new interest in faculty-student relationships. Some lawmakers seriously consider recommending to the State Board that minimum hours available for teacher-student contact be established. The idea gained additional backing from a recommendation of the recent House of Representatives touring task force investigation of higher education, in which many students expressed dissatisfaction with inaccessible professors.

"Many instructors teach all their own classes and keep their office doors open, but some others don't," says Rep. Lang. "We haven't really done the necessary work to back the person really interested in teaching. The teacher who really gets ahead is one who subscribes to the 'publish and flourish' theory."

## COMING EVENTS

TONIGHT - 8 p.m. Regular meeting of Nyssa PTA unit in school cafeteria.

MAY 9 - Arcadia club meet at home of Mrs. C. R. Kesler, Sr., Gem avenue.

MAY 10 - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Job's Daughters rummage sale in former Liquor store building.

MAY 10 - 9 a.m. Cub Scout Pack 450 Candy sale - headquarters at Don Savage home, 307 South Seventh street.

MAY 10 - 2 p.m. Nyssa Jaycee's auction in Thunderdreg Mall.

MAY 12 - 7 p.m. - AAUW meet in Frank Morgan home.

MAY 13 - 10:30 a.m. Senior Citizens meet.

MAY 14 - Out Our Way club meet at Lester Cleaver home.

MAY 14 - 8 p.m. St. Paul's Episcopal Guild meet in home of Mrs. Grant Rinehart.

## Budget Bureau Rulings Rile Repr. Ulman

A federal agency was the recent object of stinging criticism from 2nd District Congressman Al Ulman for its handling of Pacific Northwest matters.

In a statement supporting the establishment of a Congressional Committee to review Bureau of the Budget (BOB) actions, Ulman told the House Rules Committee that the agency was guilty of "legislative usurpation" in its handling of the O & C revenue formula and its rejection of the role of the Bonneville Power Administration in the Pacific Northwest thermopower agreement.

Ulman is a co-sponsor of House Resolution #350 which would authorize an eleven man committee to oversee the operations of the BOB. Other sponsors include House Majority Leader Carl Albert, Ways and Means Comm. Chrm. Wilbur Mills, Armed Services Comm. Chrm. L. Mendel Rivers, Atomic Energy Comm. Chrm. Chester Hollifield, Foreign Affairs Comm. Chrm. Thomas Morgan, Interior Comm. Chrm. Wayne Aspinall, House Administration Comm. Chrm. Samuel Friedel, and 16 other members, many ranking high in House seniority.

Concern stems primarily from the policy making functions assumed by the Budget agency in recent years. Ulman accused "B.O.B. beaurocrats" of changing long established Congressional and Administrative policies without hearings or without consultation with affected localities, the federal agencies involved, or with Congress. As a result, he said long arduous negotiations can

Joint Ways and Means also is looking toward long-range efficiency possibilities through improved business-management practices. The committee has authorized a feasibility study to see whether it might be fruitful to launch a full-scale higher education investigation, similar to the Business Task Force on Education study which recommended steps to save \$22.6 million in operating public schools.

Rep. Lang is confident his subcommittee's recommendations will gain legislative approval and help chart a new course for sound management of higher learning institutions. "We cannot use the people's tax dollars to subsidize confusion of second-rate educational opportunities," he says. "It is up to the legislature to provide guidance and make policy consistent with goals of maintaining quality education and getting the most for our money."

## HEALTH PLANNING GROUPS ANNOUNCE PUBLIC MEETING

Members of the Malheur county court and the steering committee for Comprehensive Health Planning for Malheur County are co-sponsoring a public informational forum for Malheur county residents at 8 p.m. Monday, May 12 in the Weese building on the Treasure Valley Community college campus.

Dr. Gus Tanaka, chairman of the steering committee, has announced that health planning at the community level in a truly coordinated and comprehensive manner with a broadly based citizen participation, representing all segments of society is mandated under Public Law 89-749, the "Partnership for Health Act" passed by Congress several years ago and which is just now going into effect. Only through citizen planning efforts will future health programs be made available to communities.

He further states: "This law is unique in that the 'Feds' are passing government back to the people. We, at home, are being asked to identify local health problems; to assess our local health needs; and to establish our own priorities. Then inform the higher levels of government, state and federal, what needs to be done."

"It's a real challenge for those of us who have objected to the ever increasing federal bureaucracy that has dictated increasingly from above. If we don't pick up the ball and run, the 'Feds' will again pick up where we fall so I hope we will get a good turn out both from the specially invited agencies as well as from the general public. We hope to explain what the game is all about."

The program will include a brief explanation of the federal laws and a description of the state plan by Allan Kahn from Oregon Governor McCall's Office. Ulisse Pardini and Richard Adams from Idaho Governor Samuelson's Office will explain that state's program. Chris Dlafucus of Boise, chairman

of the Treasure Valley Comprehensive Areawide Health Planning committee (of which we are a part) will explain planning efforts in Treasure Valley to date. Finally, a proposal will be made to the citizens of Malheur County in this area of Comprehensive Health Planning. "We should all understand that comprehensive health planning is a broad concept aimed at reducing total cost, eliminating waste, avoiding needless duplication and avoiding areas of omissions. The concept relates to health as well as to sickness and does not restrict itself to problems of doctors, hospitals and drugs.

"Environmental health, such as air and water pollution, public sanitation, disposal of waste, occupational safety, preventive and public health, poverty and the welfare program and all areas of public concern which have immediate and remote effects on health are potential areas of concern in comprehensive health planning," Dr. Tanaka concluded.

Ulman also singled out a B.O.B. ruling which would have the affect of overturning an agreement of the Bonneville Power Administration with Pacific Northwest public and private utilities providing for joint participation in the development of thermogenerating plants to supplement the regions hydro-electric power resources. The agreement was reached after many months of negotiations and now all parties to the accord are awaiting clarification of the surprise ruling Ulman stated.

In his statement to the Rules Committee on the B.P.A. ruling, Ulman said the action was taken by the Bureau of the Budget "arbitrarily and without regard to the incalculable damage it was inflicting."

## It's Your Law!

### VISITATION RIGHTS

When parents divorce, the courts "award" children to the parent whom the judge believes can take the best care of them. In deciding, the judge considers the child's age, the parent's ability, the child's preference, and other factors. The court will not award a child to an "unfit" parent. In rare instances, the court may award a child to someone besides a parent, perhaps another relative or to an institution.

The parent who does not have custody can visit his child as a matter of law. A court may detail his visitation rights, but any limits should be "reasonable."

In unusual cases the judge may retract these rights. In one case a court denied a father the right to visit his son because a court had convicted him of non-support. Besides, he had threatened to take the child out of the state.

When a parent is denied visitation rights by the other parent, or had them limited by the court, he still has the legal duty to continue to support the child.

But just because the parents live far apart does not bar a child from visiting his parent. In one case, a court allowed a father living in South Africa to have his daughters

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### FOR OREGON ONLY

Oregon bills introduced by Hatfield include public works projects for the Merlin and Illinois Valley divisions of the Rogue River Basin and the Olalla Division of the Umpqua Riv-

## Work Smarter - Not Harder

YOU HAVE 100 HOURS PER WEEK LEFT if you sleep 8 or 9 hours each night.

How you use this 100-hour week makes you the kind of person you are. Many people think time planning is too cut and dried for family living, too likely to interfere with spontaneous good times.

We would like to be the first to say there are occasions when a time plan should be temporarily chucked if something more worthwhile than a routine job offers itself. But that shouldn't keep you from having a plan which certainly can make home-work move more smoothly. Besides it may also make it possible for you to squeeze in some of the things you especially want to do for the fun of it.

WHAT SHOULD YOU BELIEVE about claims for stain removal by detergents? Something new has really been added -- enzymes.

These products, used either for soaking or washing, contain ingredients that break down certain complex stains such as gray, blood, perspiration.

You may remember from school days that enzymes in the stomach break down foods to make them more digestible. This is the same type of chemical action that takes place with enzymes in detergents so that stains are loosened from fabrics. However, detergent enzymes do not act on greasy stains.

BUDGETS FAIL (Continued From Page One) Seuell are serving on the board following appointment for unexpired terms.

NYSSA VOTING Nyssa voted 314 to 135 against the TVCC budget and 278 to 170 against the Independent Education District (IED). They favored Jackson with 288 votes to 229 for Seuell and 132 for Turner.


In the race for two spots on the Nyssa Board of Directors Mark Hartley and Ira Ure, Jr. tied with 212 followed by Mitchell with 193, Blaylock with 143 and Charles Quinowski 119.

ADRIAN VOTING Adrian rejected the IED budget 126-63, the TVCC budget by 121-67 and gave their local contestant (Seuell) for the TVCC board a big majority with 163 to 64 for Turner and 38 for Jackson.


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