

Good day

As it appears now

There may be no Football or other Fall sports joining the cancelled Spring sports for our Universities One University is planning a major remodel for the AD while Losing money each and every year, receiving 8 to 15 million dollars of subsidies and 10 winning seasons in football since 1971!

One University is not only balancing its budget yearly since part of an agreement for state bonds to fund it's expansion in 1999. This University has a Legacy fund to cover financial emergencies, and build and rebuilt facilities without state bonds these last few years. No School subsidizes, no scholarship rebates and limited money via Student Incidental Fees arrangement that reduces or provide free tickets for Students.

Other state schools subsidize sports in some way and all Universities Athletic Departments recieve some money money from the Oregon lottery!

We cannot wait for you all to discover how much of a short fall the state will recieve and action is needed now or where we can tighten the belt to keep as many public services going. Tell our state Universities to remove all funding for Athletics accept for Student Incidental fees, Tell each University that lottery dollars will be used for education programs only and tell each Athletic department that they must run a balanced budget, have a reserve in place with all debt paid back in full before any more expansion or remodeling is approved!

I say it has to be now! Stakeholders, donors, fans and the University Presidents need to be give time to formulate the changes that have to take place. In my estimation one state University since 1999 has piled up over 250 million dollars of wasteful spending covering Athletic Department mismanagement, poor decisions by former School President and a lack of a fan base willing to pay the cost of Athletics! Those losses hangover the heads of other Universities and never should have been toleraded this long. It's time for real accountability for the people of Oregon.

It;s time for change and it's time to re-evaluate how we fund state Universities without a bunch of behind closed door deals and political influence. It's time to give Oregon stiudents the education system and costs they deserve and not the Presidents of these Universities!

Thank you

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