

For Immediate Release

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What: Rally for Postsecondary Education

When: February 22nd 2007

Why: To get the Oregon Legislature to re-invest in post-secondary education

Who: The Associated Students of Southern Oregon University in coalition with The Oregon Students Association

RALLYIN' TO MAKE OREGON STRONGER!

Did you know that Students are currently paying for 2/3 of the cost of running the university system while the state only invests 1/3? Students are spending their hard earned money and taking out more loans and getting fewer services for their tuition. Many Students are being priced out of an education altogether.

Since 1991 Oregon had the largest decrease in funding per student in the nation, and tuition has increased 50 percent in the last five years. This is a huge burden to students considering that by the end of this decade, 87% of new jobs in Oregon will require a college degree. There are decisions being made right now on these issues. Our elected officials are in Salem deciding our future.

Right now campuses across the state, including Southern Oregon University, are collecting postcards to send Legislators our "Recipe for a Strong Oregon." ASSOU volunteers will be tabling in the Stevenson Union and the Library on February 14th from 11:00am-2:00pm. Postcards will be delivered February 22nd in Salem at the OSA Lobby and Rally Day.

Interested students are encouraged to join us for this statewide Higher Education Rally on Feb. 22nd in Salem. We are providing transportation for students and it's a great way to show legislators that we really care about these issues. Cars leave Ashland @ 7:30am and return by 7:30pm the same day.

To sign up to go or for more information contact:

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