Mandatory meal plans could increase student debt

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Places like Fresh Food Company and the Breezeway Cafe have become somewhat of a staple at the FIU south campus. Like many universities, FIU’s dining facilities are covered in students meal plans, should they opt to purchase one. Also like other universities, for some students, a meal plan is not an option one can choose to opt out of.

“I definitely feel like I could have a smaller meal plan,” said Tina Remic, a University of Iowa freshman from Naperville, Ill.

But income wasn’t the only factor. The income gap in Connecticut, in recent years, has tried to strengthen the agreements between its community colleges and four-year institutions in the state.

Connecticut has a huge opportunity to keep improving,” Davis Jenkins, a senior research associate at the center, said. “This research tells Connecticut that far too many students are failing to meet their higher education goals,” Davis Jenkins, a senior research associate at the center, said.

Connecticut ranked 30th out of 43 states in a new study measuring states’ effectiveness at helping community college students attain four-year degrees. The study was released Tuesday by the Community College Research Center at Teachers College, Columbia University. “This research tells Connecticut that far too many community college students are failing to meet their higher education goals,” Davis Jenkins, a senior research associate at the center, said.

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As of the cost of higher education soars and the role of the less-expensive community colleges takes front stage in presidential debates, the success rate of community college graduates takes on a new urgency.

Connecticut has a huge opportunity to keep improving, said K.C. Deane, a program manager at the Aspen Institute, a co-sponsor of the report. “This not something that is going to go anywhere,” Deane said. “We have students and families hugely concerned about the cost of college and they will continue to start at the community college.”

Officials at the Board of Regents for Higher Education, which oversees the state’s community colleges, could not be reached for comment Monday.

Neither could John Mullane, a student success counselor at Gateway Community College in New Haven who completed a study last year showing just how many Connecticut community college credits were rejected by the University of Connecticut.

The average loss is 12 credits, or a semester’s worth of classes, Mullane said last year. Retaking the rejected courses delays graduation and costs millions.

Added together, the lost credits from 479 community college students who transferred to UConn in 2013-14 translated to about $3 million in extra tuition and fees.

Not just about money.

Culling data from the National Student Clearinghouse, the new Teachers College report ranks 43 states - seven did not have enough available data to be included - and looked the records of more than 720,000 degree-seeking students who entered higher education for the first time through a community college in 2007. The study compared outcomes six years later.

In general, the report found in most - but not all states - lower-income students were less likely than higher income peers in going on to collect a four year degree.

But income wasn’t the only factor. The income gap in the rate of degrees awarded was small to non-existent in Florida, Iowa, North Dakota, and New Hampshire.

The report also found that students who transferred to public four year colleges, or highly selective private four year colleges, performed better than those at non-selective private colleges.

The best performing states were Washington and Iowa. Nearly half, 49 percent, of their students who transferred into a four year school got the bachelor’s degree they sought. Following close behind were Illinois, California, New Jersey and Florida.

Deane said data also suggests that success takes more than a transfer agreement between community colleges and four-year institutions.

“They are part of the equation,” Deane said. “Colleges also need to help students understand what courses and competencies they need to learn to achieve the degree they are seeking.”

Institutions, she added, need to think of student outcomes beyond their walls.

“It has to be about more than just completion of their associates degree and a successful transfer,” Deane, said.

Connecticut, in recent years, has tried to strengthen the agreements between its community colleges and four-year institutions with varied success.

Mullane has said he would like to see a state law mandating transfer agreements between the state’s 12 community colleges and all public four year institutions in the state.

In 2012, a law was passed in Connecticut requiring the development of a list of at least 30 general education course credits that could automatically be transferred among public higher education institutions. UConn was excluded and that list has still not been developed, Mullane said.

The next step in the Teachers College report, researchers say, is to figure out the “whys.” Deane said a more focused look at states deemed to be doing a good job and to release a practical guide colleges can use to improve transfer outcomes.

Connecticut fares poorly in college transfer study

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Although the vast majority of students who attend community colleges say their intent is to earn a bachelor’s degree, in Connecticut only 10 percent reach that goal.

Nationally, the average is 14 percent.

At FIU’s own housing facilities, meal plans are included in the cost of freshman housing, and is not optional. Students are required to purchase a meal plan along with their housing if they are living in the freshman dorms, according to FIU Housing’s website.

Similar to Iowa’s three public universities, meal plans are added to the cost of freshman housing because freshman residence halls are without kitchens. As indicated by the rental rates posted on the housing website, meal plans can increase the cost of dollars to overall housing costs for each freshman residence hall.

The rationale for requiring students living in residence halls to buy meal plans is twofold, said Von Stange, assistant vice president for student life and director of UI Housing and Dining.

“We want students to have nutritious meals,” he said. “It’s also a fire-safety issue if people start cooking on their own.”
Idaho pastor ‘a different man’ after Iran prison, N. Carolina congressman says

After three years in an Iranian prison, Saeed Abedini, a Boise, Idaho, pastor, appears to be in good shape physically, according to an account given to a visiting U.S. congressman who had long advocated for his release. But Abedini’s mental and emotional state after a long period of brutality is much more complicated, and will take some time to figure out, on Feb. 26. The event will now be staged one night earlier by CNN. The committee was intent on punishing NBC over what it perceived as harsh treatment from the panel of CNBC moderators at the Oct. 28 Republican primary debate shown on the cable network.

10.2 million viewers watched fourth Democratic primary debate on NBC

The fourth Democratic primary debate broadcast Sunday on NBC was watched by 10.2 million viewers, according to Nielsen data. The figure ranks second among the four Democratic debates held so far and is up substantially from the 8.03 million who watched ABC’s telecast of the Dec. 19 meeting of the three contenders for the 2016 Democratic nomination, Hillary Clinton, Sen. Bernie Sanders and former Maryland Gov. Martin O’Malley.

NATION & WORLD

Republican National Committee moves February debate from NBC to CNN

The Republican National Committee has made good on its promise to cut NBC out of its primary debate schedule. RNC Chairman Reince Priebus issued a statement late Monday announcing the cancellation of a partnership with NBC, which was set to carry a primary debate from Houston on Feb. 26. The event will now be staged one night earlier by CNN. The committee was intent on punishing NBC over what it perceived as harsh treatment from the panel of CNBC moderators at the Oct. 28 Republican primary debate shown on the cable network.

Mandatory meal plans add to college debt

get 14 percent of all food revenue plus $15.2 million in renovations to dining facilities, the Time reported. The money will help pay for a $177 million student union. Texas A&M signed a 10-year food service contract with Coca-Cola that includes a $22.7 million signing bonus and $25 million in building projects. Iowa’s public universities provide their own food service. The student union acts as a purchasing agent with vendors to buy food, but a Gazette review of the UI’s contracts showed no kickbacks similar to those mentioned in the Times story.

The UI’s Stange said he’s aware some students question the value of mandatory meal plans, especially when looking at the current state of the college.

“ But when you look at all our-you-care-to-eat option, at $6 a meal, it’s a pretty good value,” he said. But many students aren’t using their meal plans.

Jason Smith, 20, of Chicago, chose the unlimited plan his first year at Iowa, but downgraded to the cheaper Black meal plan for his junior year.

“Now with me in my third year, I realized I don’t need to eat there all the time,” he said of the Burge Market Place. Smith eats about one meal a day at Burge during the week, he said. With 65 weekdays in the fall semester, 2015, that comes out to $24 per meal. On weekends, he rarely uses his campus meal plan.

Remec grubs a granola bar or a piece of fruit in her room before going to class in the morning.

“I have the Black plan and I still have a ton of extra meals,” she said. Students with leftover meals or dining dollars often go on spending sprees at the end of the semester, stockpiling on snacks and energy drinks at campus convenience stores to avoid losing the money.

UNI students used more than 97 percent of their dining dollars in 2014-2015, said Annie Karr, assistant director of Residence, Marketing and Conference Services. The surplus of nearly $14,000 - about $5 per student - was used to fund improvements to dining facilities or equipment purchases, she said.

Liz Mills, president of the UI Student Government, said she’d like to see cheaper meal plans. But as former executive director of Associated Residence Halls, another student government group, she knows food services are expensive.

Instead, she thinks UISG and individual students could do more to explain to younger students they can use flex meals in the Iowa Memorial Union, the main library and Pappajohn Business Building.

“We do hear ‘I’m only eating there X number of times,’ ” she said. “We want to make sure students know where they can use them. There’s a lot of education that can happen.”

Additional reporting from TNS Staff
Terrorism breeds ‘needless agoraphobia’

When gratefulness evolves into a travel-based form of agoraphobia, fear wins and there are parts of life that get left behind.

have affected my thinking of traveling there but have not swayed my decision.”

Kano Miyajima, a junior exchange student from Japan, mentioned her own anxieties when it came to Turkey in aIFS 2015-2016 academic year. She talked about the sparks of terrorism that have involved the US and her concern especially when considering ISIS’s role. Additionally, she stated, “In Japan we can’t have guns, so I was worried about a school shooting.”

More than physical worries, there was the issue of whether or not she would adapt to the culture well. Japanese is not a commonly spoken language in the US. There is changing from bowing and a handshake to a kiss on the cheek and close speaking proximity.

“Study abroad is very important,” she asserted. “You get to know cultures, other people’s ways of thinking [because] you can’t spend your life running away from every potential danger. It is far better to die having lived your dreams than to hide from the prospect of danger only to die anyway and without having had grand adventures, without having seen more of the incredible planet we are so fortunate to inhabit.

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Lecture discusses human, dog relationships

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Laura Hobgood, religion and environmental studies professor at Southwestern University, will be speaking on these thousand-year-old relationships, which according to her has shared both of the species’ journeys in such powerful ways that it is tough to imagine one without the other.

The lecture is titled “Becoming Human and Dog Together;” and it is part of a distinguished speaker series hosted by the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs.

It will be held Jan. 27 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Wertheim Conservatory in room 130.

“This event is open to all majors,” said Jessica Beck, a program specialist for the School of International and Public Affairs. “I think everyone can get something out of it, it’s going to be really interesting, learning about the relationship between humans and animals. Hobgood’s most recent scholarship is published in her book, “A Dog’s History of the World: Canines and the Domestication of Humans.”

In the book she discusses ancient eon--an epoch that began when humans started to have significant impact on the Earth’s ecosystems--suggesting that humans and dogs would be very different, had they not partnered with each other thousands of years ago.

These studies have proved this relationship to be a two-way street; however, some, like National Geographic, have taken it a step further stating: “We didn’t domesticate dogs. They domesticated us.”

One thing is for sure, human and dog relationships are one of the strongest and oldest cross-species relationships in history, Beck can attest to this statement, she owns two dogs at the moment: a chocolate labrador named Andy and a tibetan spaniel named Shrug. “They are part of the family,” she said.

“I think we may look at our dogs differently after this lecture,” said Beck.

Local artist AJ Ruiz’s ‘Nimbus’ is made of songs from the heart

NATALIE BORJOQUEZ

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As a feminist in this day and age (2010’s), it’s hard not to face opposition from many men and unfortunately some women as well. Myself and other millennials of this generation are by no means exempt from sexism in our society. Many say that I’m idealistic and would advise me to turn the other cheek regarding these social issues—they would tell me to ignore it, fake a smile, and kindly bear it. However, I disagree strongly with this solution, there is a reason for the modern feminism movement after all; we need it and if we ignore the issues at hand that squander the movement altogether. At the end of the day it all comes down to respect. If you respect each individual regardless of their gender and get rid of the preconceived notions of the roles assigned to us, we would be having less problems of sexism in our society.

As a woman, and as a student in my early twenties I experience sexism and prejudice on almost a daily basis. I understand that this is changing, however it is not yet.

Recently, just this summer, I experienced something that I’ve never experienced before. I was in New York and my best friend and I set out to explore central park. As we entered—these men trying to advertise their bikes approached us, which was completely fine until they started becoming disrespectful.

I don’t doubt that most women face something like this experience multiple times in their lives. In this particular case, it was a woman instead of a man who came to our defense. When my friend and I stated that we weren’t interested in their bikes and proceeded to walk away—they basically followed us and kept asking.

At this point I became extremely aggravated and told them to back off and we’re not interested. The men ignored that and basically followed us. When my friend and I stated that we weren’t interested in their bikes and proceeded to walk away—they basically followed us and asked again.

One of the women present was absolutely livid and asked the men to leave us alone. Luckily she was able to confront them. They finally left and in light of the situation she offered to give us a huge discount as compensation for what transpired. I was grateful for that and felt very lucky.

In this scenario most people would think that a man would come to our rescue with the whole “damsel in distress” thing, but such is not the case. Women can relate and the fact that she intervened so strongly gives me cause to believe that our strongest allies are people that can empathize with our plight.

A few weeks ago, as I was buckling out of Starbucks, a man set off on a conversation with us to see if there were any cars—an middle aged man saw me and blew kisses my way. Another instance of disrespect and disregard for a woman. Later that same day, I rode my bike and I passed by these two teenage boys who moved out of the way to let me pass yet one of them made a comment stating “You so cute.” I just shook my head in disappointment; they definitely start young. It’s important to educate young people, even as young as childhood on how its not okay to call a woman, feel entitled to her body, or to disrespect girls, and view them only for your pleasure. That seems to be the mentality in this male dominated society which still has a long way to go despite this idea of “progressiveness” America has.

The most recent incident of ignorance I’ve experienced actually happened just last weekend. I was in an art gallery with my neighbor, we were hanging out before he left to Washington DC and one of the gallery managers came up to us and made a remark that made me cringe. He basically gestured towards me and told my neighbor. “She’s beautiful, you should be buying a painting for her.”

Trying to basically solicit the fact that since we were on a date, he should try to get me something in order to get something out of it. Of course inside I was fuming but I let out a comment and said.” We can buy paintings ourselves and don’t need a guy to buy it for us thanks.” It wasn’t really his remark that bothered me, it was the fact that he spoke to my friend as if I was nonexistent—an object like one of his paintings if you will.

I honestly feel sorry for girls who experience this daily like myself, but at the same time I feel like it is our duty to educate ourselves about it and to educate our young men from childhood and young adulthood. We all live in this society together, the little steps we take it to make that much better. Because of sexism, gender wage gap, and perpetuated gender roles—we need feminism. Through education and the practice of respect, maybe then our young men wouldn’t grow up to be condescending adults, whether they are conscious of it or not.

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Millennial feminist experiences sexism

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Feminism? AJ takes listeners off to a land of broken hearts. Something everyone can relate to. Now that the new year has arrived and the holidays are over why not have your heart ripped out by the beautiful crooning of AJ Ruiz? AJ’s newest solo project “Nimbus” is made of some of the heart.

AJ’s solo work is drastically different from the work he does with Purple Sun. Purple Sun transports its fans to another time period, bringing to life all the 70s. Physic rock that everyone loves to live but AJ takes listeners off to a land of broken hearts something everyone can relate to. “Nimbus” isn’t your typical romantically charged album. It’s poetic. My absolute favorite song from the album has got to be “Turquoise.” His pleading voice will make the stoniest, coldest hearts melt. AJ is able to tap into his own experiences and present them out to the world.

Another popular track from Nimbus is “Where Are Your Eyes”. Now where Turquoise is calm and pleasing, this song is aggressively possessive, although this may not be a feeling that everyone would care to admit they’ve had it is one that can be shared by most people. This track also include a beautiful cello, courtesy of Patricio Acevedo.

“This is What I Leave You With” is the closing track and it’s the end of AJ’s love story. It’s a bitter-sweet ending to any amazing album. He let’s his unrequited love go with all the hope that she can love herself as much as he does.

Nimbus shows the versatility of this local artist and we hope to see more of his solo work soon.

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Friday Jan. 22
41st Annual Miami Harvest Festival Miami-Dade Fairgrounds, starting at 8 p.m.
Resident DJ playing an open format Garden of Eden Clothing Optional Bar in Key West, starting at 10 p.m.
Live Burlesque Entertainment The Catalina Hotel & Beach Club from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Live Music Synthetic Culture & White Dressery, starting at 9:30 p.m.
Karaoke Seven Seas, starting at 10 p.m.
Sunday Jan. 24
Sunday Funday Duffy’s Sports Grill, starting at 11:30 a.m.
The Flying Trapeze School Bayfront Park, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Latin Connection Band and DJ Carlitos Mango’s Tropical Cafe, starting at 9:30 p.m.
Chocolate Sundays Purdy Lounge, beginning at 10 p.m.

Live!
Alan Rickman, known for Snape in ‘Harry Potter’ series, dies at 69

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For many of us it is known as the ‘half-blood prince’ of the Harry Potter series, Professor Severus Snape, portrayed by British actor, Alan Rickman, died at 69 after a battle with cancer.

He was in London and his publicist, Catherine Olim, spoke to the press giving the reason of his death.

Rickman conquered the hearts of many young moviegoers after impersonating the role of the serious, grumpy and mysterious Severus Snape, professor and master of potions at Hogwarts and head of the Slytherin house.

Rickman played Snape amazingly, starting with his villainous-deep voice, to his thoughtful - acted look that always seemed bothered about something. His dedication to this character made him admirable and respected throughout his career as a stage and film actor.

His acting made me want to learn more about Snape such as why was he always so serious, and it helped me reach the conclusion that deep inside Snape was just a good but hurt man for something that went wrong.

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street turned out great just with the cast, which included Rickman.

He portrayed Judge Turpin, the antagonist that was madly obsessed with Todd’s wife and daughter. With this movie he showed to viewers more of his acting talents as a stage actor.

Before Harry Potter, and Sweeney Todd he was Hans Gribner in “Die Hard.” He was the mastermind of a terrorist group. It was his first action film and he became well known after the movie’s release.

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Rickman began his acting career 40 years ago after he left the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London. He began his stage acting career in plays such as “Troilus and Cressida.”

In 1972 he had his television debut in “Romeo and Juliet,” he played Tybalt. He acted on Broadway, directed films, acted on films and even won a golden globe for Best Supporting Actor in a Miniseries or TV Film. Many die-hard fans of Harry Potter respond to Rickman’s death.

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Instrumentalist/song writer presents lyrical message

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Ill Clinton is a songwriter and instrumentalist based in Jacksonville Fl. Clinton has a number of singles releases as well as three other projects all centered and focused on hip-hop and soul.


From this track Clinton provides some airy production, a combination of lead synths and a bit of electric guitar riffs in the latter half of the song.

Sonically the initial track sounds inspired by Erykah Badu, especially through Whatt’s singing.

Skipping onto the third track, “Thank You,” Drasi Amor features here giving a D’Angelo-esque style of singing and the refrain starts with a simple but catchy and gracefully sung “Thank you” repeated twice followed by verses of self-love.

The following track “A Brother Like Ezzel” is a song with concern for the well-being and safety of black lives and the fifth song get up “All My People” counters the somber message of Ezzel.

The remainder of the project continues the soul hop trend until the end of the project with similar production throughout and additional features from other artist with voices and styles comparable to better known figures like Common, Little Brother, and The Foreign Exchange.

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Men suffer ‘disappointing’ loss, 66-60

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Men suffered a disappointing loss to Ole Miss 66-60 on Jan. 16 in Oxford, Mississippi. The game was the first SEC road game of the season for both programs as Ole Miss took the lead for good with a 21-4 run in the first half. Ole Miss point guard K.J. Buffen led all scorers with 16 points.

Despite Saturday’s disappointing loss, the Panthers leave for Texas Wednesday morning having won four of their last six games, including wins against upper-tier C-USA opponent Western Kentucky University and LA Tech. They will begin their tour of the Lone Star state with a visit to the University of Texas at San Antonio on Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. to face the Roadrunners.

Whiteside earns big bucks by playing for Heat

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Hassan Whiteside was ready to party. At the end of an uneven week in which he missed a key game with a knee issue and got yelled at on the court by teammates, he emerged with one of the best performances of his career and powered the Heat to a major comeback victory. He seemed to be having fun.

That was his 19th birthday. No reason to celebrate, right? Wrong. Whiteside rode out the three years of the contract he had signed with the Cleveland Cavaliers, who were one of the best football games I have ever attended. His rowdy teammates were not celebrating his 19 points, 17 rebounds and 11 blocks, but rather the time he spent with Colton. He got the joke. And he might be getting the message behind it.

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It’s still a young team, Panthers General Manager Dale Tallon said to a visitor in the press box between periods. They’re still learning how to win.

The latest lesson, a 4-2 loss to Edmonton Monday night at the BB&T Center, was a hard one. Tallon was unmoved.

"We’ve got a long way to go yet," he said. "We’ve done nothing. We’re more competitive, better team. But we have to allow him to do that and keep giving better," Bosh said. "It’s been a continuation of his growth. His communication and his poise have gotten a lot better." Bosh’s communication and his poise have gotten a lot better. "His communication and his poise have gotten a lot better."

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Extracting ‘bully’ plants at Virginia Key

The demise of a deal to end decades of feuding on the Klamath River could rekindle old battles over water and dams in a remote corner of California.

A key piece of a three-part agreement expired when Congress failed to approve it by Dec. 31. The complicated pact, backed by the states of California and Oregon, called for the removal of four hydroelectric dams, settled water rights disputes and spelled out water allocations for irrigators and wildlife refuges in the Klamath Basin.

But the deal never got traction in the GOP-dominated Congress. And though some backers are holding out hope that it can be resurrected, others are doubtful.

“It would be very difficult if not impossible to pull the same parties to the table and reach a similar agreement,” said Don Gentry, chairman of Oregon’s Klamath Tribes.

Conflict over the Klamath embodies classic western water wars.

Tribes, farmers, hydropower interests and commercial fishermen all have fought over the 255-mile river, which winds from southern Oregon through Northern California to the Pacific Ocean. Dams, farm and ranch diversions and agricultural runoff have exacted a heavy toll on a waterway that once supported Chinook salmon and was once a highway of migrating salmon.

The clashes drew national attention in 2001, a dry year when the federal government cut irrigation deliveries to preserve fish flows.

Enraged farmers threatened to open irrigation gates by force. The following year, the government increased irrigation deliveries — triggering lethal river conditions that left more than 30,000 dead salmon and steelhead trout floating in the lower Klamath.

The agreements, signed in 2010 and expanded in 2014, were supposed to end the strife. But they didn’t please everyone.

California’s Siskiyou County, where three of the utility company dams are located, opposed their removal, as did key Republican congressmen.

Environmentalists and some tribes complained that the pact gave too much water to irrigators and too little to salmon.

“My answer is ‘yes,’” said Laura Tellez, a program director for the organization, “so they must be removed to restore a balance.”

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The agreements called for dams to be taken under federal control and the U.S. Interior Department, which oversees federal irrigation operations and wildlife refuges in the basin, supported the Klamath deal. “We still believe the future of the basin lies with negotiated agreements, and we will work hard with the parties to find ways to achieve their collective goals,” Interior Secretary Sally Jewel said in a statement.

The dams spread across 65 miles of the Klamath, are owned by PacifiCorp, a part of Warren Buffett’s Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

Under the pact, the company had until 2020 to remove the structures, the oldest of which was erected in 1918. The dams block historic salmon spawning grounds on the upper river and create stagnant pools of water that breed toxin-producing algae.

The agreements called for PacifiCorp to help pay for the dam removal and granted PacifiCorp immunity from any liability claims that arose from decommissioning.

Without the Klamath agreements, PacifiCorp faces a lengthy dam relicensing process and requirements to meet California water quality standards that could force it to spend an estimated $400 million on fish ladders and other improvements.

“We’re all just waiting to see whether there’s any desire among the congressional delegation, the administration and the settlement partners to try to resurrect the agreements we made,” said PacifiCorp Attorney Bob Gravelly. “We don’t know exactly how that would happen or what it would look like.”

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