

# Envoy to Costa Rica lauds student exchange

Costa Rica is one of the few Latin American countries that remains friendly to the United States the American ambassador to that nation said on campus Monday.

Marvin Weizman appeared briefly to plug the Oregon Partner's for America's program, a cultural and educational exchange between Oregon and Costa Rican students.

Four Costa Rican students attend graduate and undergraduate programs at the University.

An hour long discussion between Weizman, the Costa Rican students and others touched on a number of cultural and political aspects of Costa Rica. The ambassador was questioned by the Costa Rican students on recent events in their home country during their absence.

Much of the conversation centered on developments in neighboring Nicaragua, where Gen. Anastasio Somoza has been faced with uprising by the Sandinista rebels, who oppose his rule.

Weizman carefully avoided directly answering questions on how the U.S. would react if the Sandinistas came to power.

The Nicaraguan situation has resulted in refugees fleeing to Costa Rica. Further, the Costa Rican economy has been hurt by a loss of trade with Nicaragua, which Costa Rica is dependent upon for cottonseed oil to use in its margarine industry.

The discussion touched on some lighter subjects when Weizman asked the students to evaluate their experiences in Oregon.



Marvin Weizman

Photo by Patrick Sullivan

# Boyd snubs a chance for Michigan State presidency

Old ties weren't strong enough to lure University Pres. William Boyd away from Oregon.

Boyd was considered for the presidency of Michigan State University, but requested that his name be withdrawn from the running after his interview.

"I have felt a very strong sense

of support from faculty here — a rare thing for a president to feel — and I would hate to give it up," Boyd says.

Boyd holds no regrets for his decision to remain at the University, even though Michigan State is three times the size of the University and offers programs dup-

licating those offered separately by all three Oregon universities.

"Michigan is larger and more complex, but I regard Oregon as more optimally sized, and in its own way, more elegant," Boyd says.

Taking the Michigan State pres-

idency would not have meant added prestige or status, he adds, because both it and the University are members of the American Association of Universities (AAU).

"In the initial stages, I found it easy to leave my name in 'cause I really do love Michigan State," Boyd says. "But when I was actually offered the opportunity it wasn't difficult to decide."

Though the Michigan State search committee wanted to submit his name to the board of trustees, Boyd withdrew from further consideration.

Boyd's first academic position was at Michigan State, where he taught history during the mid-'50s. From there, he moved on to become Dean of Faculty at Alma College also in Michigan. After serving as vice chancellor for the University of California, he returned to Michigan for seven years as president of Central Michigan University.

"Oregon will not necessarily be my last career, but it is my last presidency," Boyd says. "My principal weakness has been on the student front, but I think that has been improving year by year."

# Hours altered for Thanksgiving break

Various campus offices and University student services will operate with revised schedules during the Thanksgiving break this week.

Oregon Hall will be closed Thursday, but re-opens with a "skeleton" staff Friday. Students and faculty wanting to meet with a particular individual should call before stopping by any office.

The Student Health Center will not hold regular clinic hours over the break, but will be open for emergency services. Students needing hospitalization care can call the health center at 686-4411.

The University library will close Wednesday at 5 p.m. and re-open Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library's schedule remains unchanged for the weekend, while the University Bookstore will close at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, re-opening Monday at regular hours.

The EMU schedule is also changed for the Thanksgiving break. The building will close "at the night manager's discretion"

after 5 p.m. Wednesday evening, remaining closed until 5 p.m. Sunday, when the regular schedule is resumed.

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