

Graduates try to oust Atiyeh as speaker

The Senior Quacks don't want Gov. Vic Atiyeh at the University's June commencement exercises and will collect signatures on petitions Friday and Monday in the EMU to keep him away.

"My feeling is a commencement speaker should be someone people respect and look up to," Senior Quack Jim Stratton says, adding Atiyeh does not fit with the University's liberal, environmental leanings.

The Senior Quacks, a group of about eight seniors, organized the move to oust Atiyeh as commencement speaker earlier this week at a planning meeting.

"I don't think they could have picked anyone more conservative or more right-wing, with the exception of Huss (Walter)," he says.

Stratton claims Atiyeh's recent sit-

ing council appointments, his decision to continue 2,4,5-T use in Oregon's forests and his appointment of Kelly Woods as head of the state Department of Energy make the governor a "ridiculous choice."

"He's a big business governor," Stratton says.

"We want someone at our commencement who will say something meaningful."

Stratton spoke with University Pres. William Boyd Monday about Atiyeh, but reported the president said he cannot change the decision.

Historically, commencement speakers have been chosen by the Assemblies and Lectures Committee, which has only two student representatives this year, Stratton says.

He said Boyd agreed commencement speakers should be



Gov. Vic Atiyeh

chosen only after considerable input from graduating seniors, and said

next year's seniors will be asked for their ideas.

That doesn't help this year however, and Stratton says petitions will be circulated in various departments for a couple of weeks to test support for organizing an alternative commencement ceremony.

"If we have enough support, we'll start planning an alternative commencement ceremony and hold an open meeting to gather ideas from seniors," he says.

Some of the speakers already suggested to replace Atiyeh include Emily Ashworth, Barry Lopez, U.S. Rep. Jim Weaver and Ken Kesey, Stratton says.

Although no definite plans have been made for another ceremony, Stratton says the Senior Quacks are sure they don't want Atiyeh. "It (the choice) really pissed me off and it's pissing a lot of people off."

International Studies approved by Senate

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The University Senate gave its approval to a proposed interdisciplinary undergraduate major in international studies Wednesday with 27 yes votes and 1 abstention.

Prof. Clarence Thurber of the Community Service and Public Affairs school explained in support of the proposed program that it responds to both national needs and specific needs of the University.

"We are trying to build on strengths that already exist at the University," he explained, noting that the program would bring new students to campus in addition to attracting students already at the University.

A report by the ad-hoc committee appointed to study the proposal said preliminary cost estimates indicate the program would require the addition of two half-time staff positions: one director and one clerical person.

Thurber's initial motion was amended by the Senate to include an automatic review of the program after three years to assess its strengths and weaknesses.

Considerable debate centered on which classes will fit

the program and how they will be divided into clusters.

The 45-credit block is divided among three core clusters: 18 credits in international relations, nine credits in regional culture studies and nine credits in global perspectives and issues. A final three-credit seminar will conclude the program.

The international studies program will go before the University Assembly for approval Wednesday. If granted Assembly approval, the program will also have to receive the endorsement of the State Board of Higher Education before becoming part of the University's curriculum.



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Student manager appeals suspension

Suspended Carson Hall student manager Chris Walsh faces a hearing this week after appealing a recent decision of the University Housing Department to dismiss him because of alleged misconduct.

Walsh, who is accused of stealing a beer keg that was being kept by students in a Carson storage room, will be represented by Don Chalmers, Office of Student Advocacy director.

Chalmers says the Housing Department acted too quickly and without considering the facts of the case. The hearing for Walsh's appeal will be Friday at 1:15 p.m. in the EMU, room to be posted.

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