

Weyerhaeuser predicts NW mill closures

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If an Oregon initiative petition banning aerial herbicide spraying is put on the November ballot "we will most definitely wage an active campaign in opposition," says George Weyerhaeuser.

Weyerhaeuser, president and chief executive officer of Weyerhaeuser Co., the third largest employer in the Northwest, was in Eugene Tuesday and Wednesday to take part in the University's Executive in Residence program.

The program provides students an opportunity to learn about business operations directly from business leaders.

In a brief press conference Wednesday, Weyerhaeuser dis-

cussed the future of the wood-products industry, America's future energy requirements, pollution and his choice for the next U.S. president.

Weyerhaeuser expressed optimism about the wood-products industry over the long run. But of the plywood industry he said, "The immediate future is not so good. With high mortgage rates and increasing inflation, the plywood industry will face a declining demand, then a flat demand.

"We do not foresee a log shortage, but I do think there will be an increase in small-log availability," Weyerhaeuser continued. As the supply of old-growth timber diminishes, the wood-products industry will log more 30-to 80-year-old trees, he explained.

When asked about the timber industry's recent trend of moving corporate offices to the South, Weyerhaeuser said his company would not be moving, though its land holdings are divided equally between the South and the Northwest.

"We've got a very good mixture of soil, tree-growth capability, stable communities, good employment and access to world markets (in the Northwest)."

But the company head-quarter's permanence is tied to potential herbicide-application restrictions, he said.

"There's an awful lot of land in the South, and if precluded from using herbicides in the Northwest we will definitely lose a great deal of productivity from our lands.

"If we can't get more productivity out of the forests, then we'll have to move."

Weyerhaeuser foresees a number of Northwest mill closures in the near future as the country goes through "a big crunch on homebuilding and people spend less."

In addition, this year's negotiations with wood-workers' unions "will be difficult," Weyerhaeuser said. "If there is a walk out, I do not foresee it as a short-term one."

When asked about the company's future energy needs, Weyerhaeuser criticized the Carter administration for not laying down hard and fast

regulations and standards for coal use.

"We need to know what the standards are going to be so we can get on with it. Weyerhaeuser plans to utilize coal much more in the future."

Solar and wind energy can supply 10 percent of our country's needs, he said, but the other 90 percent must be supplied by coal and nuclear power, which need to be developed as soon as possible.

Weyerhaeuser said he supports his old Yale classmate, George Bush, for president. "I think he's a first rate individual who's done a good job on everything he's undertaken."

Workshop stresses experience

Students who are worried about the tight job market may find their career future more secure with practical experience, according to a University Career Faire workshop Wednesday.

Neil Murray and Maria Rojo from the Career Planning and Placement Center suggested several ways students can improve their chances of finding a

job. A survey of 1978 University graduates conducted by the center in early 1979 indicated a clear connection between career-related practical experience and the ability to get a job in a particular field, Murray said.

"We divided types of employment into four categories," he said. "Of the graduates holding professional jobs di-

rectly related to their field of study, 71 percent of the respondents indicated that they had had experience in their field before getting the job; 45 percent indicated they had no previous field-related experience."

Unemployment figures also are significantly higher for those who had no practical experience before they graduated, Murray said.

"Any job has experience value. Active leadership words, such as manage, coordinate, initiate and supervise, are highly valued across the employment sector. It is up to you to recognize and effectively translate your leadership experience, whatever it is, when applying for a job," he said.

Field experience, whether paid or volunteer, can also help students decide career objectives, acquire job skills, and establish contacts that may lead to jobs later on, he said.

The week-long Career Faire continues today at 10:30 a.m. with a workshop titled, "Finding the Hidden Job Markets," and will conclude Friday at 10:30 a.m. with, "The Federal Connection," a workshop dealing with government jobs.

IFC funds Crisis Center

The IFC unanimously approved funding goals for the Drug Information Center and the Crisis Center Wednesday.

DIC Director Mark Miller told IFC members the center offers analysis and research services and maintains a resource library. The center's services deal with both illicit drugs and prescription drugs, he said.

"Offering students no kind of drug education is like putting a million drivers on the road with no driver's education," Miller said.

The Crisis Center is a University-based emergency telephone service aimed at preventing suicides as well as helping new students who are

having problems adjusting to the University environment

Steve Staats, Crisis Center assistant director, said college age students are the highest suicide risk. Staats says he feels the Crisis Center is at least partly responsible for the fact that the University's suicide rate is one of the lowest in the nation.

In other business, the IFC unanimously approved funding goals for MEChA (the Chicano Student Union), the Black Student Union, the Student University Affairs Board, the Muslim Student Association, the Asian-American Student Union and Switchboard (an information referral service).



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