

Lieuallen calls for tax relief cut

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"If we don't get anymore dollars, we really ought to self-impose some enrollment restrictions and serve fewer people."

—Roy Lieuallen

But Lieuallen, the chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, is quick to add that such reductions mean more than fewer professors.

"In my judgment, society does benefit from placing people in a learning environment. In many cases, those who go there for possibly less than academic reasons get turned on and become much more productive citizens than they would otherwise have been."

Given that, Lieuallen is for finding additional revenues rather than restricting access. But where? His first suggestion is property tax relief.

"You are spending the same money to provide higher education services, and you are spending it to provide welfare. In other words, it's just another expenditure of state revenues."

However, political realities dispute Lieuallen's claims that tax relief is just "another expenditure." Last week, Repub-



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lican leaders in both the House and the Senate called for a firm legislative commitment not to reduce the 30 percent relief package contained in Gov. Vic Atiyeh's proposed budget.

Lieuallen says he wonders if that concern is over emphasized.

"There is a general legislative perception that to tinker with property tax relief is to court political disaster. I don't think that's true. But unless some of the influential people — editors, prominent business people — express some point of view, the Legislature won't have much to persuade them."

The 30 percent relief plan was fashioned by the 1979 Legislature in part to ensure that an

Howard Jarvis-type property tax limitation, California's Proposition 13, wouldn't be approved in Oregon.

"I'm only arguing that we did more than we could afford," explains Lieuallen.

Before the session, Lieuallen proposed that the state should not make any attempt to maintain the 30 percent tax payment level but simply keep the same dollar commitment in the 1981-83 biennium as it has now.

According to the Legislative Fiscal Office, such an alteration would free up about \$70 million, slightly less than a 15 percent increase over what Atiyeh proposes to send to higher education during the next two years.

The governor's proposed budget allocates nearly one out of every ten state dollars to higher education.

"I don't personally feel that I mistreated them in terms of all other agencies of state government. I think, as a matter of fact, that I treated them very well in regard to all other agencies."

But the chancellor is still not satisfied. He's determined to plead his case despite the expected defeat.

"I do know that somebody had damn well better try. I'm not willing to say that because it's a difficult job, we ought to accept the reality of 30 percent tax relief and let everything go to hell."



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**WHY NOT FLY
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African leader raps U.S. policy, says revolution brewing in U.S.

Americans should be working for non-intervention in El Salvador and Nicaragua, the chair of the African People's Socialist Party told a University audience Monday.

Omal Yeshitela said "the belligerence of the present administration" is causing Nicaragua to prepare to defend its revolution.

"The difficulties they anticipate in the future in Nicaragua will probably be launched from this country," he said.

Yeshitela recently returned from a week in Nicaragua, where he participated in an International Conference on Solidarity with Nicaragua as a

Forum begins on toxic waste

The University Survival Center is sponsoring a two-day forum on "Toxic Substances in the Environment: Citizen Awareness and Involvement."

The forum today and Wednesday features Mary Shinoff, a member of the California Coordinating Committee on Pesticides, and Bruce Anderson, a local environmental advocate and attorney.

Today's workshop, beginning at 11 a.m. in the EMU Forum Room, will focus on hazardous waste proliferation and transportation in the state. Wednesday's workshop, also beginning at 11 a.m. in the forum, will center on air and water quality degradation caused by toxic substances.

Bruce Anderson will speak on toxics in the environment Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom. He will be followed by Mary Shinoff speaking on pesticides in the urban environment.

For more information, contact Barb Powell at 686-4356.

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representative of the black liberation movement in the United States.

The APSP leader compared his stay in Nicaragua to "stepping into the future." The ruling FSLN has outlawed the oppression of women and exploitation of workers, he said.

"When the FSLN took power in 1979, there was only \$3,000 left. Somoza and his bandits, supported by the United States government, had literally robbed the treasury."

The Somoza regime also destroyed factories and stole tractors and other equipment before fleeing the country, he added.

Young people play a key role in the Nicaraguan revolution, Yeshitela said. It was "a tremendous thing" to see 17- and 18-year-olds in positions of authority, Yeshitela said.

American youth "live in the

center of problems for people around the world," he said.

Yeshitela also commented on the returned American hostages, drawing snickers from the audience as he referred to them as "chumps."

"They were chumps if they weren't spies and criminals," he said.

Yeshitela compared imperialism to a vampire that depends on the blood of oppressed people. Revolution is keeping the blood from being made available, he said.

The American "ruling class" is in trouble, Yeshitela said. Watergate and Vietnam "created a serious contradiction within the ruling class itself" by causing many white Americans to turn against the government.

"Despite the belligerency and sabre-rattling, Ronald Reagan represents a system in crisis — a dying and weakened system."

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