

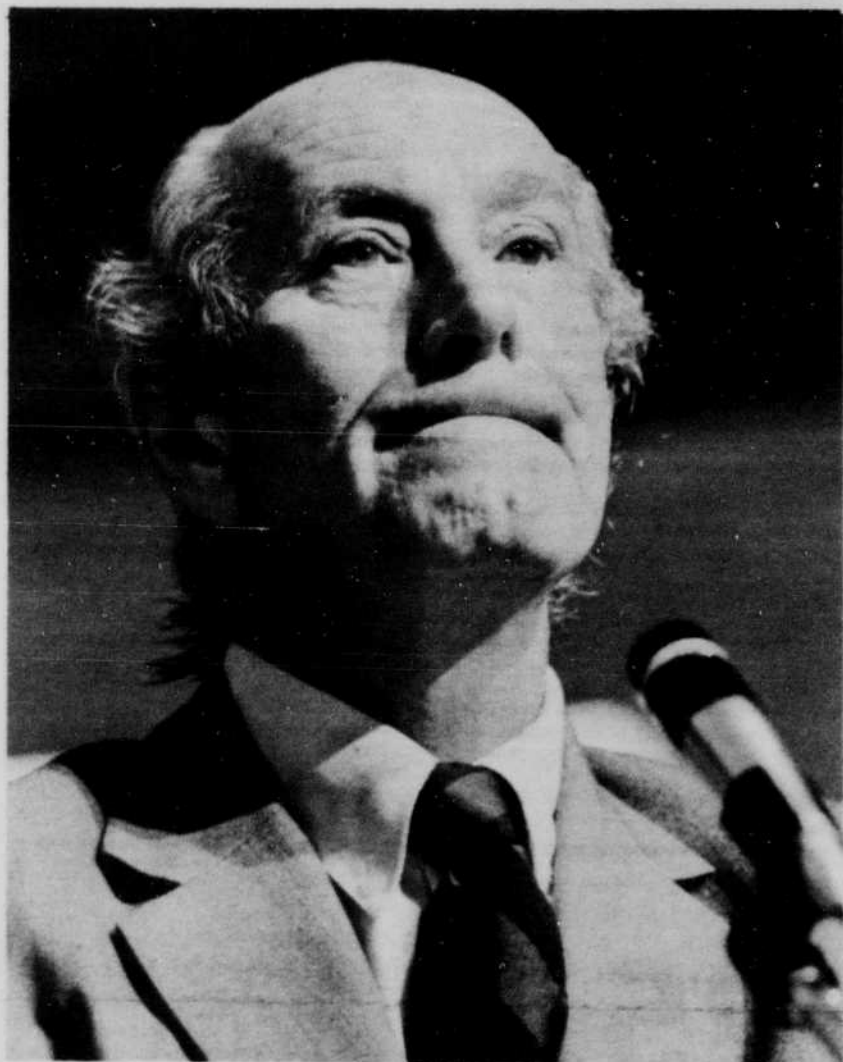
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Weaver won't seek governor's seat



Jim Weaver will seek a fifth term in Congress, but maintains Gov. Vic Atiyeh can be beat.

Photo by Bob Baker

By RON HUNT
Of the Emerald

Killing rumors that he will run for governor, Rep. Jim Weaver, D-Ore., said he plans instead to seek a fifth term in Congress.

"I wanted to clear the air," Weaver said at a Monday morning Eugene press conference, adding that February is the normal time to declare candidacy for major political races.

"My decision had nothing to do with whether I could win or lose," he said.

It's not too late for a Democrat to enter the gubernatorial race, Weaver said. "I think you could start a race in the spring and still beat (Gov. Vic) Atiyeh." State Sen. Ted Kulongoski, D-Junction City, or Don Clark, chief executive officer of Multnomah County, could oust Atiyeh, he said.

Atiyeh is vulnerable because he lacks leadership, Weaver said. "I want someone to run for governor to scare Atiyeh into putting people to work. I hope he (Atiyeh) wakes up. We don't need a governor in one-and-a-half years, we need one now."

Weaver said he had considered retiring from politics rather than run for governor or his 4th Congressional District seat. "I have a strong desire to return to Oregon and work my farm," but "it's not a time to withdraw."

"The national forests, particularly now, when our wood products economy is in depression, present an obligation to me as chairman of the forests committee to search for solutions."

Weaver hinted that he may retire in 1984 if re-elected but, "We always go one term at a time in Congress. Who knows what the future will be?"

Dewey Newman, director of candidate assistance for the Republican Party of Oregon, said Monday his party has some excellent candidates

ready for the race against Weaver. "The Republican Party will contest this seat very vigorously."

University economics prof. Ross Anthony is a prime contender, Newman said, adding that State Rep. Mary Burrows, R-Eugene, also would have a good chance against Weaver.

Burrows, however, said she has decided to run again for the Oregon House although aides thought she could win the 4th District seat. The House will be making key decisions, especially on revenue, and she wants to be in on those decisions, she said.

Kulongoski also has decided to avoid running against Weaver. "I see nothing to be gained by it," he said.

But Weaver is not invincible, said Kulongoski. "Because of the state of the economy there is a chance that any officeholder has potential problems." Voters might decide against the incumbent to "get him out and start all over," he said.

Clark has officially declared his candidacy for governor.

Kulongoski said his own decision will be made within the next two weeks. On a scale of one to 10, he placed his position at three, "and that's optimistic."

"I think it takes more time than one year" to run for governor because Oregon is the 10th largest state by land area, Kulongoski said. Waiting to enter the race makes it more difficult to win, he added.

Atiyeh will be hard to beat because his strategy is "don't do anything and don't get anyone mad," Kulongoski said. "In the public perception he is still popular."

Oregon is losing its reputation as a pacesetter, he said. "The governor hasn't tried anything," and Atiyeh's actions are not in the tradition of the state, Kulongoski said.

Winter grads face recruiting freeze

By LISA McCORMACK
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Many of the major corporations that normally send recruiters to the University will not interview this December's graduating seniors, warns Lawrence Smith, director of career planning and placement for the University.

Businesses sensitive to the current economic recession are hesitant to hire students, at least until this spring, when the economic picture is expected to brighten, Smith says.

But the "absolute demand" for new workers is the same or higher, Smith says. "They are just changing the time frame."

With 153 recruiting teams already scheduled for interview sessions, Smith says he expects last year's total of 200 to be topped by the end of the year.

The rise in recruiting teams visiting the campus bears out the College Placement Council's forecast that 551 national employers will increase hiring 5 percent in 1982.

Most jobs offered by the majority of the interviewers are accounting, management/personnel, sales/marketing and teaching. Smith advises students to attend applicable recruiting sessions, saying that recently, more college graduates are hired through the

recruiting sessions than through applications made directly to the parent company.

"During the last recession, back in the early 70's, the major corporations reduced their campus recruiting programs and found five years later that they had a very severe shortage of middle-level managers," Smith says.

"They do not want that to happen again because everyone is looking at a major economic turnaround."

Planned recruiting sessions are published in the "Briefs" section of the Emerald. Times and locations can also be found by checking with department offices or by dropping by the career planning and placement office in Susan Campbell Hall.

Smith says prospective employers are looking for much more than technical skills in the people they hire. They are also looking for "communication skills — the ability to write, listen, read."

Research skills and the ability to work cooperatively with others also are important in getting hired, Smith says.

"The people who end up getting jobs are the people who can talk about themselves in those kinds of terms," he says.

"They are the ones being sought by companies."

ADDICTED 'Hospital' heads lists as best soap fix

By RICHARD BURR
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As 2 p.m. approaches, the small, quiet crowd in the EMU TV lounge swells to standing room only. The atmosphere grows noisier.

The show that attracts the crowd into the small, smoky room off the Fishbowl is not a World Series play-off game, but "General Hospital," the soap opera students schedule their classes around.

Different reasons are given for watching soap operas but there is one common thread.

"They're addicting," says Melissa Herron, junior psychology major. "I wouldn't want to be associated with watching soap operas."

"It's addicting," agrees chemistry junior Penni DePriest. "They drag (the plot) out so slow you have to wait for the next step."

Addiction isn't the only reason people submit to the soaps.

"Another reason why I watch them is the social situation," Herron says.

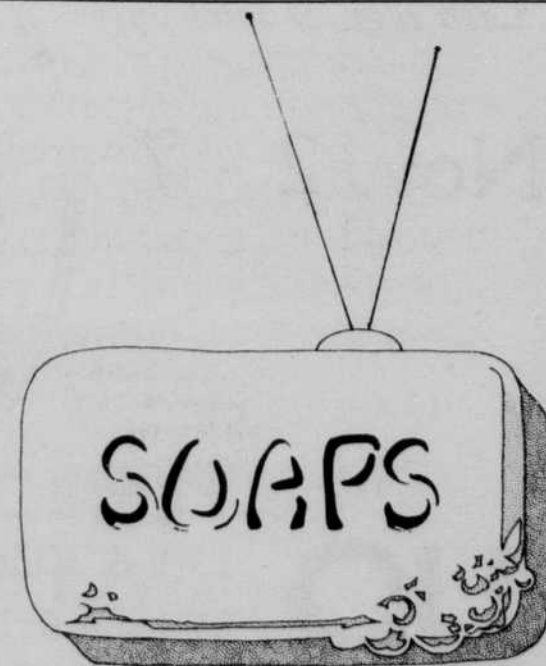
"Other people comment about them. They're not that fun to watch alone."

Junior English major Annie Carter, who recently moved to Oregon from Miami, Fla., says "when you sit down to watch Laura and Luke on General Hospital, you feel right at home."

Dick Schoonover, a junior political science major, says it's the quality of daytime soaps that attract him.

"There's only three things on at night: trash, MASH and PBS," Schoonover says.

But sociology sophomore Synnove Abrahamsen has a different view.



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"I like to see how ridiculous it can get," Abrahamsen says.

Soap opera watching is not restricted to a certain type of personality, Abrahamsen says.

"I hang out with all types of people and they all seem to watch General Hospital — from the dead heads to the people in the (Fishbowl cafeteria) kitchen."

Terry Giczy, a journalism junior, says her male friends watch just as much as her girlfriends, and she even corresponds with one to keep up on current soap opera developments.

"He fills me in on what I miss and I fill him in on what he misses," Giczy said.

Although Dallas gets high ratings, most Fishbowl viewers prefer the daytime soap operas to the nighttime shows.

"In General Hospital they have all kinds of people — variety," says Laurie, a math sophomore who wouldn't reveal her last name. "But in Dallas they just have a lot of rich bitches."