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Weaver attacks education cuts

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Congressman Jim Weaver, D-Ore., wooed the student vote Wednesday by pledging to "believe in and fight for" funding of higher education.

More than 200 students squeezed into the EMU Forum Room for a question-and-answer session sponsored by the ASUO. The students - who clapped frequently during Weaver's speech - grilled the four-term representative on subjects ranging from higher education to defense.

"If you lose education, you lose the hope of our young people," Weaver told the crowd. "I don't believe you save it by raising tuition. Raise tuition and you get fewer students."

Higher education cannot be measured in dollars and cents, he added. "An institution is a lot more than brick, glass and grass." Weaver vowed to do whatever he could in Congress to help the plight of higher education.

But Weaver spent most of the session ridiculing and criticizing the Reagan administration.

Pres. Ronald Reagan is cutting social and educational programs and increasing the defense budget - a move that basically "takes from the poor and gives to the rich," Weaver said.

"It's not only crazy, it's cruel."

The Reagan administration also is emphasizing military aid to foreign countries, a tactic that Weaver said he votes against every time a foreign military bill appears in Congress.

"I think they want to make the world an armed camp," he said, adding that "this administration thinks our vital interests lie in Mideast oil."

Weaver said tough economic times are forcing people in our "throw-away society" to live more frugally. "Let's face it, we've been living high off the hog for too long."

Americans are generally wasteful and inefficient, he



Photo by Bob Baker

More than 200 students crammed into the EMU Forum Room Wednesday to question and listen to Congressman Jim Weaver.

said. "Whole countries could live off our garbage."

"Now a certain commodity is hitting the fan and splattering all over."

But this belt-tightening doesn't justify cutting social welfare programs, Weaver

said. "This country can always afford to decently feed all of its citizens."

At the end of the hour-long session, Weaver - who has won overwhelmingly in campus districts in every race for Congress urged students to

"make a difference" by voting in the 1982 election. He said only 22 percent of college age students vote, compared to 80 percent of people over 60.

"Turn out the vote on campus, and you build a machine," he said.

Faculty approves new class clusters

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The University will require "group satisfying" courses and clusters for a baccalaureate degree. When those requirements

will be implemented is still up in the air, but most likely, students who enroll at the University in the fall of 1982, or those who graduate after summer 1986 will be held accountable to satisfy those requirements.

The University faculty voted unanimously at Wednesday's faculty assembly meeting to approve the content of a motion requiring cluster classes. The question of when the requirement would be enacted was

referred back to the curriculum committee for further discussion.

Course clusters are groups of three courses arranged in numerical order. The motion states that each student would be responsible for satisfying the requirements in six cluster areas, or 18 courses.

Discussion over the timeline for the implementation of the requirement brought up points about the effect on transfer students and those students enrolled in five-year programs.

In other assembly business, University Pres. Paul Olum outlined for the faculty the 20-percent budget cut mandated by Gov. Vic Atiyeh.

The cut, proposed in four packages of 5-percent each, includes another \$8 million reduction in institution budgets, the foregoing of 1982 pay increases for state system employees and additional tuition increases.

The elimination of about 425 faculty members, 85-90 classified staff and 5,000 students could occur in the last two packages.

Olum told the faculty that the last two packages of cuts are "utterly beyond reach," and that major schools within the University would have to be closed.

"(The proposal) has variously

been called impossible, insane and obscene ... there is no way on this earth that we could make cuts of that magnitude."

The assembly, which met for the better part of three hours, also decided on a motion submitted by the curriculum committee.

The faculty voted unanimously in favor of the recommendations in the committee's report, which becomes effective fall term 1982.

The report names changes, deletions and additions to the University's curriculum. A net total of 85 hours was added.

New courses totaled 258 credit hours, with course changes adding an additional 1.5 credit hours. Courses dropped amounted to 174.5 hours.

The largest overall gain was in the architecture school, which added 70 hours. The greatest number of courses dropped was in the business school, which deleted 36 hours.

One of the changes in curriculum was to re-number the Math 99 course to Math 100, with the stipulation that it not count toward a degree requirement. The course number was changed because of a legislative direction that orders all classes numbered below 100 to be self-supporting.

Alumni give \$1-million gift

A gift that could be worth more than \$1 million will solve some of the financial problems of the University library and music school, Pres. Paul Olum said Tuesday.

The gift, made by an Oregon family in the name of former University track coach Bill Bowerman, also will provide scholarships for outstanding senior students and help keep the Oregon Bach Festival an annual event.

William and Doris Scharpf of Albany and Lois Scharpf Reed and George Scharpf of Eugene made the gift through the University Foundation.

The gift will be used to create the Bill Bowerman Fund in tribute to Bowerman's contributions to the University, to the sports of track and field and jogging, to business in Oregon and to humanity.

"We feel that the announcement of the family's gift and pledge is more a plea for others to contribute to the Bill Bowerman Fund than a tribute to us. We have asked the Foundation to keep the fund open so others can contribute to it," William Scharpf said.

The gift includes a substantial contribution of Nike Inc. stock plus a pledge of additional stock to be given over a number of years, said Clifton Cole, the foundation's director of planned giving.

The Scharpfs were part of the original investor group that helped Bill Bowerman and Phillip

Knight start Nike in 1964.

"When the total gift from the Scharpfs has been made, we expect the value of the Nike stock given will be well over \$1 million," Cole said.

According to the terms of the gift, the fund will be divided in three equal parts to provide funds for purchase of books and materials by the library, to support the music school and the nationally-known Oregon Bach Festival, and to provide scholarships that cover tuition, room and board, and books for academically superior students during their senior year.

"The University is extraordinarily pleased to receive a gift which directly meets important University needs," University Pres. Paul Olum said.

A well-known Oregon figure, Bowerman introduced jogging into the United States from New Zealand in 1962, served as an Olympic track coach in 1972 and helped found Nike Inc., makers of running shoes.

Born in Fossil, Ore., and raised in Medford, Bowerman is a graduate of the University. He lettered in football and in track.

The Scharpfs are owners of Scharpf's Twin Oaks Builders Supply Co. of Eugene and Albany. George, Lois and William are all University alumni.

The first distribution of monies from the fund is expected to be made in 1982.