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Two interviewed at PSU

## Chancellor hopefuls speak

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**PORTLAND** — State regulations may be hampering higher education's ability to operate efficiently, a candidate for chancellor of the state system of higher education said Wednesday.

The need to hire state classified staff and follow state spending and purchasing limitations can impede public colleges and universities from effectively using state dollars, said George Weathersby, currently Indiana's commissioner of higher education.

Weathersby said he is not advocating that higher education play "fast and loose" with state money. State productivity standards should be met by all institutions, but unnecessary regulations can add to education costs, he said.

Weathersby was one of two candidates interviewed by the State Board of Higher Education at Portland State University Wednesday afternoon.

He and the other candidate, Henry Koffler, chancellor of Amherst College in Massachusetts, spoke with the board at the end of a three-day visit to Oregon. During their visits, the candidates stopped at several campuses, including the University.

Weathersby, whose present job is similar to being the head of Oregon's Educational Coordinating Commission, has five degrees including a Ph.D. in decision and control from Harvard and a master's degree in nuclear engineering from the University of California at Berkeley.

Following a two-hour interview with the board, Weathersby declined to comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the Oregon's higher education system.

"I think that's a dangerous thing to do" after only spending a few days in the state, he said.

Weathersby said he did not apply for the chancellor position, but that he came for an interview because he was "intrigued" by some of the key people and institutions in the state.

He said he told the board that he could be "persuaded" to talk with them about the job, but he said of his visit and meetings with faculty and administrators, "It's interesting — nobody's tried" to be persuasive.

Weathersby said he might favor moving the chancellor's office to Portland to better serve what he sees as higher education's primary constituency — citizens and organizations of the state.

The chancellor's office is an important symbol to legislators and citizens, and probably should be located in the economic, political and cultural center of the state, he said.

Although only 39 years old and the youngest candidate for chancellor, Weathersby said he sees himself as being "terribly traditional, in a sense."

"There's really a very basic set of values... that I share, embrace and endorse," he said.

Henry Koffler, who has worked as an administrator at three colleges and universities said that his first impression of Oregon's higher education system is "very good."

"I think Oregon is getting an excellent bargain for its money," Koffler said, adding that the attractiveness of the state seems to draw people in spite of lower salaries and fringe benefits.

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## Atiyeh wants state agencies safe from cuts

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**SALEM** — Gov. Vic Atiyeh did not ask for more state agency cuts to evaporate the extra \$99.8 million deficit projected for Oregon's 1981-83 budget.

Instead, in a Wednesday evening press conference, the governor recommended replacing the standard personal income tax exemption with a tax credit and consolidating the state's two property tax relief programs into a "Super HARRP" program to help balance a state budget faced with a \$337 million shortfall.

"This will be the fourth budget cut since I took office and any easy answers have been squeezed out of the budget," Atiyeh said.

Atiyeh recommended the same level of state agency cuts as he did Jan. 4 — \$120.9 million. He also asked the Legislature to reduce spending in basic school support and the emergency board by \$5 million each.

"Some legislators have recommended an increase in income taxes to help meet that deficit. I am now advising them that if they will accept my budget reductions, I will accept their proposal to raise more money — but I am not going to do it exactly their way," he said.

Establishing a personal tax credit for one year will actually help low-income taxpayers, Atiyeh said. "Even though it will increase income tax revenue by \$37

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## Sweet as honey

Things were buzzing at the EMU child care center Wednesday, as children were treated to a lesson in beekeeping — and to a little honey as well.

Kids swarmed around Bill Muir, a Pleasant Hill man who owns five bee hives, and listened to his advice on how to handle bees.

The adult pictured is Dennis Reynolds, who helped children try on beekeeping paraphernalia and administered fingerfuls of honey to the smallest. The situation got a little sticky for one youngster, but she had it licked within moments.

Muir also brought a hive along, but left his bees at home.



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