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Board, Weathersby talk specifics

Committee discusses levels of compensation

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Portland — After a weekend of "philosophical" discussions with chancellor candidate George Weathersby, the State Board of Higher Education decided Sunday afternoon to begin talking specifics.

The board appointed three of its members, Bob Ingalls of Corvallis, Loren Wyss of Portland and Louis Perry of Portland, to a committee that will continue discussing possible levels of "compensation, allowances and expenses" with Weathersby.

"We believe he's interested — and we're interested in him," board president Ed Harms said of Weathersby, who is currently Indiana's commissioner for higher education.

During Weathersby's two-day visit he talked with Gov. Vic Atiyeh at the Republican Dorchester Conference at Seaside, met with four Republican legislators at the coast, and ate breakfast with four more legislators in Portland.

Following a two-hour executive session between Weathersby and the board Sunday at Portland State University, Harms said the board now is satisfied with Weathersby's educational philosophies and approach to the chancellor job.

However, a "great many things"

remain to be resolved, Harms said.

One topic the committee and Weathersby undoubtedly will discuss is the chancellor's salary. A Portland newspaper reported Saturday that Weathersby's original salary demand was \$90,000, a figure Harms would neither confirm nor deny Sunday. Weathersby's current salary is \$70,000 plus expenses.

Chancellor Roy Lieuallen's current salary is \$69,000 plus expenses, scheduled to increase next year to \$76,000 plus expenses. The state also provides a house for the chancellor.

Harms said he has had some discussions with legislators about an "appropriate" salary level for the chancellor. The final amount may "be perceived by many — by perhaps all — to be a substantial salary," Harms said.

"I think the legislators feel there will be some public differences even if we only talk about the present salary levels," he said.

At a press conference after his board interview, Weathersby said he "really hadn't picked up" any feelings from legislators about his reported salary demands.

Weathersby said he appreciated the chance to talk with political leaders, and said he enjoyed a "very positive, informative, off-the-record" talk with Atiyeh. The governor's hopes for the state board and institutions are "positive and en-

couraging," he said.

Talks with the board also were encouraging, Weathersby said, adding that higher education in Oregon is approaching a crossroads.

"I think there's a great need in the state. I think we're going to see less resources for higher education in relative terms than we've historically had available," he said.

Future funding depends to some extent on the kinds of services higher education offers state citizens, Weathersby said.

On the issue of whether the chancellor's office should be moved to Salem or Portland, Weathersby said that is something the board should decide, regardless of who is the next chancellor.

Weathersby said during his first interview two weeks ago that he favored moving the office to Portland, which he called the "political, economic and cultural" center of the state.

Harms said, however, that the chancellor's residence was an issue for regular board meetings, and would not be decided during executive session or negotiations with Weathersby.

The negotiating committee will make its recommendations to the board as soon as possible, Harms said. That probably won't happen until after the board meeting in Portland this Thursday, he said.



Photo by Harry Esteve

Chancellor candidate George Weathersby talked with state political leaders this weekend.

Want to adopt a bear?

Museum of Natural History kicks off urgent fund-raiser

By Tamy Riggs
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A drive to save a "venerable institution" at the University began Sunday with the opening of a new exhibit at the Museum of Natural History.

The museum is due to close June 30 unless its supporters can raise \$34,000. A fund-raising committee, headed by Anthropology Research Associate Richard Pettigrew, has planned several activities designed to raise the amount necessary to keep the museum.

An Indian crafts display was the highlight of the opening activities, which 100 people attended. Stone tool-making and taxidermy restoration also was demonstrated.



Photo by Mark Pynes

The museum needs to raise \$34,000 by June 30.

The museum has served as a University research facility since the Condon Collection came to Eugene in 1866. Thomas Condon was one of the University's first professors.

Opened for public display in 1955, the museum draws thousands of grade school students each year. Tourists from all over the United States have viewed the 40 exhibits housed in the facility. In addition to the University exhibits, two traveling exhibits on Indian basketry and prehistoric Oregon are sent around the state, with two more in the planning stages.

A unique approach to fund-raising is included in the drive—an adopt-an-exhibit program. For an average donation of \$50, museum patrons may receive a certificate of adoption for the exhibit of their choice, and their name placed on a card by the exhibit.

"One woman adopted a saber tooth tiger for her son," says Alice Carnes, director of the museum. Other displays up for adoption include a giant polar bear, reptiles and fossils. The donation is used for the upkeep and restoration of the exhibits.

The museum is "an unappreciated state resource," says University archivist Keith Richard. "I hope this drive raises money, but most importantly, I hope it makes people realize the museum is here. Most people are ignorant of its existence."

The University facility is one of the largest natural history museums in the United States, Richard said.

Luther Cressman, professor emeritus and the first professional archaeologist in Oregon, was present at the event. Much of his work is included in the traveling prehistoric Oregon collection currently in Burns.

Paula Krogdahl, a University law student, sold



Photo by Mark Pynes

Patrons can help save the museum by adopting displays like the polar bear, assorted reptiles or fossils. Adopters receive a certificate of adoption and have their name placed on a card by the exhibit.

hand-painted eggs, donating a portion of the income she received to the museum.

Krogdahl believes in the things they have here. "It'd be a real waste to have these beautiful things locked up where no one could see them."

William Ayres, an assistant professor in the anthropology department, said the museum is "really a tremendous resource for students on campus as well as a public asset."

"It has such a long history — I'd hate to see it close down just for financial reasons."

The museum takes on special significance "in a state like Oregon, which is so diverse geologically and culturally," Carnes says.

"The more people understand about the land we live in, the better rooted they'll feel."

The museum lets people know "there's more to Oregon than just the Willamette Valley," Carnes says.