



Vic Atiyeh

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Atiyeh says theory hard to practice

By David Steinmetz
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The difficulty of putting theory into practice was a recurring theme in Gov. Vic Atiyeh's speech Wednesday afternoon at the University Law School, which also featured wide-ranging questions.

"I wanted to be the governor that moved higher education to a new plateau," Atiyeh said.

But this personal commitment was deterred by the economy and the legislature's \$27 million cut to higher education in his budget, he said.

Nevertheless, the effect of the state's budget deficit could have been worse.

"Fact is, higher education has taken less of a cut than any other state agency."

When questioned about his plans for the future of higher education, Atiyeh said he hopes "to make the broadest access (to higher education) possible,"

and pledged higher education will get more money.

Atiyeh also said Ballot Measure 3 is unable to put a good theory into practice.

Although he supports the concept of Measure 3 and continues to be interested in freezing tax rates and controlling assessed value, the measure would have a bad effect, he said.

"Ballot Measure 3 is very unfair in several different ways," Atiyeh said.

Some taxing districts would feel almost no effect if Measure 3 passed, while others would have a 50 percent cut in funds, he said.

The uneven distribution to school districts would give some students a better education than others, Atiyeh said.

Passage of Measure 3 would make it difficult to establish a new tax to replace the loss of property tax revenue, he added.

The measure would require a two-

thirds majority in the Oregon legislature to pass any new tax laws.

"It's almost impossible to get two-thirds for adjournment," Atiyeh said.

Although the measure is similar to Proposition 13 passed in California, he said the state's surplus enabled California to get through the transition period.

Atiyeh added he believes in state land-use planning, but is angry about how it is now being done.

"Nit-picking" and "hysteria" need to be replaced by a "common sense" approach, he said.

Part of that will be the adoption of some of the "very good recommendations" made by his economic task force, which includes less litigation over land-use and faster plan acknowledgement, Atiyeh said.

Measure 6 — which would eliminate the Land Conservation and Development Commission — would bring "mass con-

fusion" rather than help solve the problem, he said.

"We're almost at the finish line, let's not go back," Atiyeh said.

A questioner said the same task force recommended state agencies need to work together better, and asked what Atiyeh will do to change that.

Atiyeh responded that this was an impression and not the actual situation, but said he will move to change that perception.

State agency heads were 'angered' at that perception and strongly disagree with it, he said.

Responding to another question, Atiyeh said Reagonomics is a "good theory" that is not being done right.

He said he began writing letters to Reagan when it was obvious the high interest rates were caused by the nation's budget deficit and not inflation, and Reagan did nothing about it.

Belongings still missing

German students headed for home

By Debbie Howlett
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Two students traveling in the U.S. and Canada are on their way back home to Germany after having almost everything they brought with them stolen from the EMU last Saturday.

The medical students, Uli Kaessler and Brigit Wetzel, received money and help from a number of sources including Eugeneans, the Campus Inter-Faith ministry and Congressman Jim Weaver's office. The Ministry provided the travelers with \$70, enough money to buy tickets for a bus to Seattle to meet their homebound flight.

Several people contacted Kaessler and Wetzel, a few with offers to loan them money, all with condolences and support.

"About six or seven people called. They've been very helpful," Kaessler said. "We've been lucky."

Kaessler and Wetzel have been traveling for the past eight weeks throughout North America. They stopped in Eugene and while showering at Leighton Pool, their backpacks and nearly all of their possessions were stolen from the lockers near the EMU recreation room. The packs contained clothing, food, a passport, \$120 and some German books and notes for a doctoral dissertation in bio-chemistry Kaessler is preparing.

Kaessler says he and Wetzel have given up hope of having their possessions returned. Kaessler says five other packs were stolen the same day.

The pair ran into problems trying to return to Germany without one of their passports, which was stolen. Kaessler said Rep. Jim Weaver's secretary placed phone calls to Washington and obtained permission for them to return to Germany without the passport.

"It seems to be difficult, but Jim Weaver's secretary called Washington for a temporary passport," Kaessler said.

Kaessler and Wetzel will board a late-night bus to Seattle and catch a plane to New York. From New York they will head back to Germany where classes begin the day after they return.

Track decision clarified

Olum explains difficulties in negotiations

University News Bureau

University Pres. Paul Olum clarified Wednesday the University's decision to halt discussions on proposed construction of a track and field building adjacent to Hayward Field.

Former track coach Bill Bowerman had offered to donate half the construction cost of such a facility and to find the donors for the rest. The proposed facility was expected to house dressing rooms, a weight room and an Oregon track and field hall of fame. The third story of the building was to be leased to Athletics West and the Prefontaine Foundation.

"First, I want to stress that there was never any intention of insulting Bill Bowerman through any University action or decision," Olum said. "He's a very good friend of the University and we respect what he's done for us."

The president said any delay in responding to Bowerman resulted from the University needing to fully review legal and related matters involved in the agreement on the proposed building.

"Second, I feel it is essential to clarify that the decision was an institutional one and follows major University policies and procedures," he said.

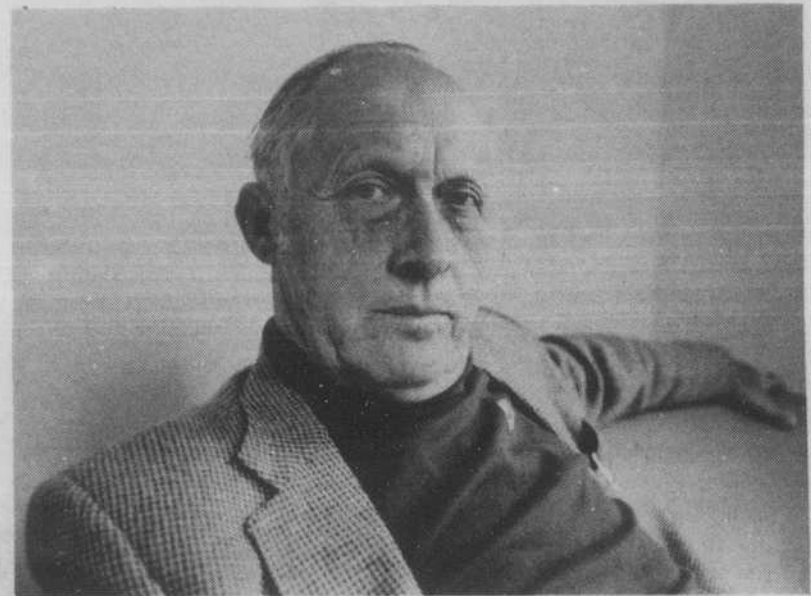


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Former track coach Bill Bowerman wanted his proposed track building administered by the Prefontaine Foundation, but University Pres. Paul Olum says Internal Revenue Service regulations prevent such a stipulation.

Olum said gifts to the University are made through the University of Oregon Foundation, which operates in accordance with Internal Revenue Service regulations.

"All gifts must be irrevocably given, and the donor may not retain any 'incidents of ownership,' including control of the funds, funded programs or buildings," Olum explained. "A gift must become the property of the University, to be administered by the University. These guidelines apply in the same way to private funding for academic programs and endowed professorships as they do to buildings."

In discussions between

Bowerman and the University, Bowerman had stipulated control of the building not go to the Department of Athletics but to the Prefontaine Foundation.

"The University of Oregon administration is charged by the State of Oregon with the stewardship for 250 acres of land and the numerous buildings that make up the campus," Olum said. "In keeping with that stewardship, the University may not turn over control of land or buildings to other agencies or people."

Olum said the decision to halt discussion on the building was made by the administration, not by Athletic Director Rick Bay as some people have assumed.