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Udall warns nuclear war a 'real possibility'

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Veteran U.S. Congressman Morris Udall of Arizona teamed up with Rep. Jim Weaver and gubernatorial candidate Ted Kulongoski to denounce the Reagan administration and campaign for each other on campus Friday.

In between one-line jokes, Udall, a representative since 1961 and a chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, addressed issues of nuclear war, unemployment and voting.

He said there is a "real possibility of a nuclear war," calling the disarmament talks with the Soviets important and worth continuing.

Udall lashed out at Reagan for trying to simultaneously give tax cuts, double military spending and balance the budget "with a cure called Reaganomics. It's a flop."

He said this plan was worked out on the back of a napkin.

"That damn law went from the back of a napkin to the Republican platform to the law of the land in three years."

Next he pointed out in all four years of the Carter administration there was a $190 billion deficit. "If all goes well, the deficit in the four years of Ronald Reagan will not be $190 billion; it will be $600 billion.

"Now he's on the television saying 'stay the course.' Well, by God, I say change the course."

Udall concluded by pleading to voters to "help yourself by getting the hell out and voting."

Udall disclaimed rumors that he is running for president in 1984. "I don't think it's going to turn out that way" because Ted Kennedy and Walter Mondale will probably be running, he added.

Weaver concentrated on the Washington Public Power Supply System issue, criticizing Gov. Vic Atiyeh for once supporting the sale of bonds to Oregon utilities to pay for nuclear power plants.

"Now that he's turned around on the Bonneville Power all I can say is he's $25 billion late."

Referring to the lawsuit relieving Oregon utilities of their debt, Weaver said, "We (ratepayers) never consented to pay for the plants and the people who signed those contracts did so illegally."

"These contracts aren't worth the paper they're printed on," Weaver said.

Weaver also said the recent grain sale to the Russians makes his "blood boil" because of its contradiction with the military buildup against the Soviets.

He said it is "the most massive foreign giveaway in history right alongside the most massive buildup in history. Now one of these is a fraud. I suspect both of them are."

Kulongoski briefly continued campaign tactics presented in a campus rally Thursday, then yielded the floor to the other speakers.

He once again criticized Atiyeh, saying the governor "has his list" of ideas for recovery, but "he can't disclose it."

Kulongoski said "I have a list and I'm going to make it public. It's the unemployment list. If Vic Atiyeh is going to worry about a list, then this is the list he should worry about."

Photo by Dave Kao

Morris Udall, the veteran U.S. Congressman from Arizona, visited campus last Friday to campaign for Rep. Jim Weaver and gubernatorial candidate Ted Kulongoski.

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Pollworkers await voters during a past election at the University polling station in the EMU. ASUO officials estimate some 2,000 students were registered during a recent drive.

ASUO drive registers 2,000 voters

By Rich Burr
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The ASUO voter registration drive signed about one-third of the student voters of its "optimistic" goal of 6,000, says Debi Lance, ASUO vice-president of state and academic affairs.

With registration booths from the dormitories and other booths not reporting, about 1,200 forms were turned in to the polling office Thursday, Lance says. When all the forms are returned, the total should be more than 2,000 students registered, she says.

"I feel good about the drive considering the circumstances," Lance says.

Sherwood Reese, a volunteer co-coordinator of registration staff, quit last Monday. Reese's resignation set back the ASUO drive about two days, she says.

"We had to start from ground zero again," Lance says.

Reese had organized the staff, but after resigning he refused to release the list of volunteers because of personal principles, Lance says.

If the staff organization problems had not happened the ASUO might have reached the goal number, Lance says.

The ASUO will have voter registration booths Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Lance says.

Assembly to consider adding minor program

By Sandy Johnstone
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"What's your minor?" may become as popular an opening line as "What's your major?" if the proposal to create a formal minor in all degree-granting programs passes the University Assembly in November.

Joseph Hynes, associate dean in the arts and sciences college, proposed the motion at the last assembly meeting.

The University Senate will discuss the proposal at its Oct. 27 meeting, and the motion will come before the entire assembly on Nov. 3.

Under the motion, a student would be granted a minor if he or she takes 24 hours minimum (15 upper division) in a particular field.

"We wanted to make sure students incorporate about two-thirds of a major with a respectable number of upper division hours," says Hynes. "We wanted to have the minimum specified. The rest is up to the schools and departments."

He notes each department will be able to determine whether the classes can be taken pass/no pass or graded.

Hynes says he introduced the motion "because that is a way to give people a formal body of knowledge on their transcripts as well as a formal branch of education.

"It's important that it be on the transcipts. That will help students," he says.

He emphasizes a formal minor will help students find employment, especially now when jobs are hard to come by.

He also says that by offering minor programs, popular study areas, such as computer science and business, will be released from some of the pressure of heavy classloads.

The motion also calls for the same curriculum review process as major programs undergo.

A minor would allow the student to take three less classes in one of the three areas the University requires. For example, a student, majoring in English and minoring in economics, could then take three less courses in social science but would still have to fulfill the cluster requirements.

Neither Portland State University or Oregon State University have formal minors.