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## Officials laud Atiyeh's plan

### Chancellor calls budget proposal 'restoration' of higher education

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Four state officials united in support for Gov. Vic Atiyeh's recent budget proposal Saturday as they met to discuss the coming legislative session and its impact on higher education.

Gerry Thompson, executive assistant to Atiyeh, House Speaker Grattan Kerans, Sen. Frank Roberts and Bud Davis, Oregon's chancellor of higher education, applauded the governor's proposal and solicited support from the audience during a panel discussion before the American Association of University Professors.

Thompson admitted higher education "took its lumps" during this biennium.

"Oregon has found itself in a position of being dead last among the 50 states in support for public four-year higher education schools. Yet at the same time Oregon is charging average tuition rates that are among the highest of public institutions in the West. That is a sad dissertation," Thompson said.

But with the new budget and a new chancellor of higher education, the governor "is serving notice that higher education must once again be restored to its vital role as a continuing leader in our state's economic and social future," she said.

Higher education, public safety and economic development are the only three areas to receive funding in addition to the base amount in Atiyeh's budget proposal, Thompson said.

Atiyeh has recommended adding more than \$70 million to higher education's 1980-82 allocation, a move that could freeze tuition, bolster programs, boost faculty salaries, upgrade

libraries and pay for long-needed building repairs.

Kerans, recently elected Speaker of the House, agreed Atiyeh's budget proposal could "recover part of the gap that has been created in recent years" but warned that it is only a partial restoration and shouldn't be viewed by taxpayers as a "grand program improvement."

He said because this budget will take \$3.3 billion in revenue while the last budget took only \$2.7 billion, the legislators will have to decide either to accept this budget and find new revenue sources or agree on a budget limited by available revenue.

"It is worse to go home with a budget balanced within the revenues available to us... than to face the question of revenue increase," Kerans said.

Roberts, who is the leading contender for Senate President, indirectly apologized for the Senate's delay in organizing and electing a leader but said the group is usually quick to come to consensus.

He said Atiyeh's proposal is a "real boost to the funding of higher education" because it gives the legislators the impetus to act. An order not to increase the budget would have restricted the lawmakers, Roberts says.

Davis said the governor's priorities are the same as the State Board of Higher Education's. First priority goes to the students, with salary increases and economic development following.

Specific needs of institutions, library funding and deferred maintenance of facilities conclude the list.

The chancellor repeated a bid for public support reiterated by each panel member: "If we're going to be successful in this legislative session we need a parade of people saying, 'Yeah this is a good idea.'"



Photo by Bob Baker

## High-water mark

The jogging trail in Alton Baker Park resembled Oregon's shoreline more than a river bank Sunday. The Willamette River swelled after heavy rainfall, nearly submerging parts of the river bank bike trail.

Across the state the storm has been

responsible for two deaths. A Portlander died when she lost control of her car on a wet street, and a Tillamook man died when high winds sent his motorbike into a utility pole.

More showers are expected today.

## Lumberman to faculty: Watch what you say

By Ann Portal  
Of the Emerald

A former state legislator and past member of the State Board of Higher Education blasted faculty members Saturday for stating opinions that cause bad publicity for state colleges and universities.

L.L. "Stubb" Stewart told a group of about 80 professors, legislators and higher education officials attending an American Association of University Professors meeting that professors who publically take controversial stands are doing higher education a disservice.

"When you go out on a controversial

subject, just be awfully careful you don't identify yourself with the university," Stewart said.

Stewart, a state board member for seven years, past president of the Eugene lumber company Bohemia, Inc., and an Oregon State University trustee, said that he wasn't against academic freedom. But he told the professors they should get the approval of administrators before drawing their school or another into a controversy.

He pointed to the University law school as "a good example" of faculty who cause problems, though he did not identify what the problems were.

During Stewart's keynote speech at the AAUP's monthly state-wide meeting, he also criticized the University for bringing former University Pres. Arthur Flemming to the campus to speak recently.

Flemming, who was University president from 1961-1968 and later became president of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights under Pres. Richard Nixon, "came within an inch" of ruining the University and was one of the main reasons the school's funding decreased, Stewart said.

Flemming allowed student activists to run wild on campus and was partly re-

sponsible for the destruction of the cranberry crop on the Oregon coast, Stewart said.

"There's a deep-seated hatred for that fellow in the state of Oregon," he said.

Stewart got a round of applause when he suggested the Oregon Educational Coordinating Commission should be abolished during the next legislative session.

The commission, which coordinates educational policy in the state at all levels, was "one of the biggest boondoggles in the country" when it was created, Stewart said. He said the OECC is a waste of time and money.