

SUAB chairer worried about possible cutbacks

The Incidental Fee Committee will be "going after stipends" in the Student University Affairs Board budget, said board chairer Dan Allen at a Wednesday ad hoc SUAB meeting.

Unless all members appear at the budget hearing and justify why they are paid, the committee may cut entire stipends, Allen said. Concerned members should indicate the amount of hours they work on various committees, he said.

"I think your stipends are worthwhile," he said.

Testimony from affected board members will be more effective than that solely from vice chairer Lori Kleinsmith and himself, Allen added.

The IFC has considered cutting stipends "just like we've considered cutting everything else," says Betzy Fry, IFC vice chairer. Fry says she cannot speak for the committee because of an IFC rule adopted this year prohibiting such an act without prior majority consent of the IFC.

Partial stipend cuts may be one way to pare the budget, but members should indicate which budget areas may be expendable, Allen said. Advertising is an area under scrutiny for a reduction, he added.

In other business, Allen said SUAB will delay lobbying activities for two weeks. The board will begin lobbying work in early February when the Legislature starts its budget considerations, he said.

The board needs a new Legislative Council representative, Allen added. SUAB member Dave Bauer, one of two SUAB members on the council beside two representatives from both ASUO and Student University Relations Council, is unable to continue those duties, he said.

Board members should read the State Board of Higher Education's Strategic Plan, Allen added.

In other announcements, Allen said John Moore, director of the Office of Student Advocacy, would like to have a workshop with the board. Board members should consider possible workshop dates and discussion topics, he said.

Assembly supports Atiyeh's budget

By Frank Shaw
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The University Assembly passed a resolution Tuesday supporting Gov. Vic Atiyeh's budget for the coming biennium and urging the Legislature to support the governor's budget.

The resolution said the budget's funding level for higher education takes a good first step in reversing the decline of state support for higher education.

The motion was finally approved after a motion to table the motion and one to postpone it permanently.

University Pres. Paul Olum made several announcements, noting that the University's new bicycle laws took effect on Jan. 6. Copies of the new bike laws are available at the office of the vice-president for administration and finance.

Olum also mentioned the

departure of Curt Simic, vice-president for University relations, and the search for a replacement. He asked the faculty for opinions, advice and suggestions on the replacement.

Copies of the Strategic Plan for Higher Education are available at points around campus, including the main library and the information booth in Oregon hall. There were not enough copies to distribute to all the faculty and staff, Olum said.

The University will hold a hearing Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 110 Fenton, and anyone who wishes to testify should sign up at 6:30 p.m. before the hearing.

Olum also announced that a proposal requiring a year of math for a University bachelor of science degree, originally scheduled to become effective

in fall, 1983, had been postponed for budgetary reasons.

University Provost Richard Hill said adding the math requirement would cost approximately \$130,000, but Ted Palmer, head of the math department, said the cost would be considerably less.

"I feel it's not prohibitively expensive," Palmer said.

The assembly will discuss the proposal at its next meeting.

The body also approved the course changes recommended by the Faculty Senate and overturned the senate's recommendation that faculty names be removed from the course descriptions.

Professor to discuss media views

University News Bureau

Charles Whitney, University of Illinois journalism professor, will discuss how the American people view the news media during a public talk today in Room 211 Allen.

His talk, "Public Attitudes and Public Knowledge about the Mass Media in the United States," will be presented at 12:15 p.m.

Whitney's research reveals that older, isolated Americans who are less educated and less knowledgeable about the media have strong negative attitudes about the press, says Everette Dennis, dean of the journalism school.

Highly educated people who are somewhat knowledgeable are quite supportive while the most highly educated are highly sophisticated critics of the media, Whitney's research has shown.

His work has "given us clearer insights about the role that knowledge about the purpose and inner working of the press plays in public support for the media and freedom of expression," Dennis said.

Whitney is a member of the Institute of Communication Research at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

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In Memory of Comrade John Kaiser

A memorial will be held Tuesday, Jan. 18, 8 p.m., at the Erb Memorial Union.

On January 3rd, 1983, while visiting his family over the holidays, Comrade John Kaiser, member of the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade and one of the Yellow Ribbon Defendants, died suddenly and unexpectedly of encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain. He was 26 years old. The circumstances around his death are being investigated by his family and friends.

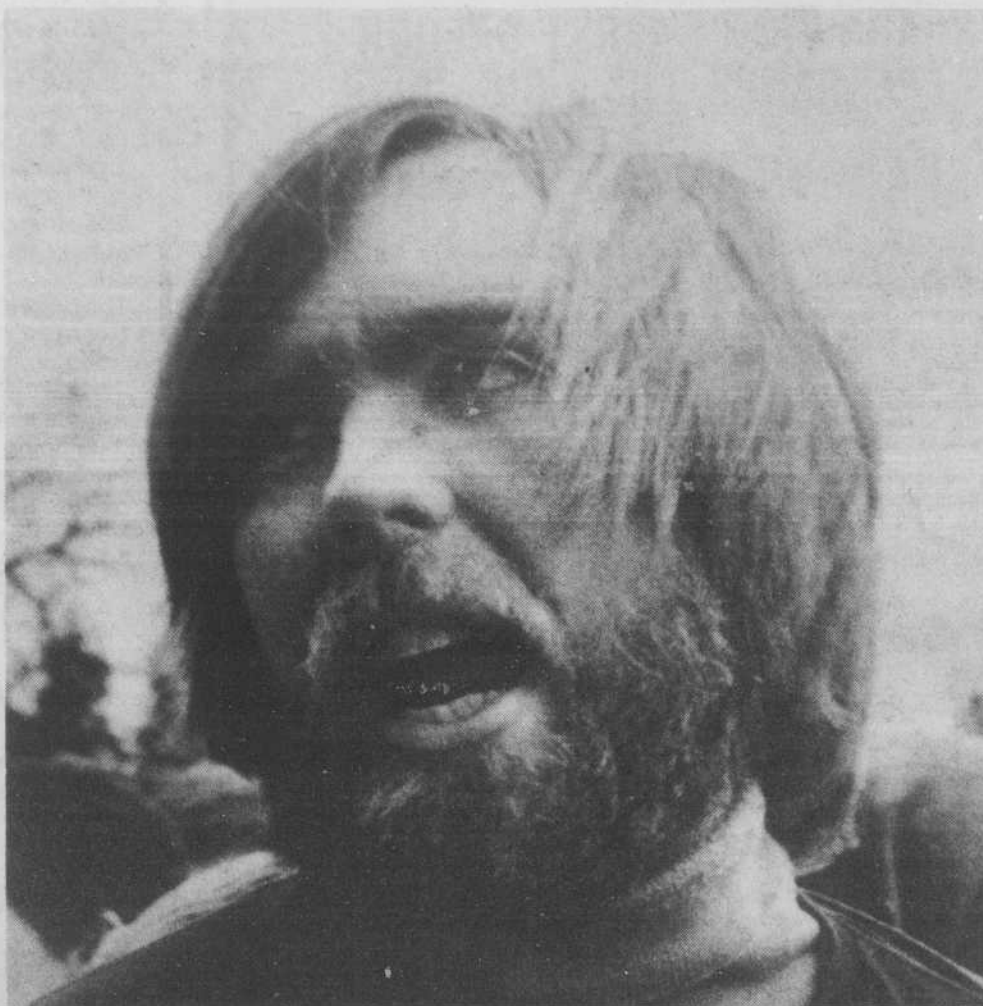
"Your yellow ribbon — your red, white and blue — your whole stinking system — we spit on you! We stand with the people of Iran!" These words from the lips of Comrade John Kaiser resounded in bold defiance to the packed Erb Memorial Union Auditorium at the University of Oregon as he and Nancy Whitley torched a yellow ribbon during Victor Tomseth's speech at the height of the Iranian hostage-homecoming hoopla. This was one of the proudest moments in the life of Comrade John Kaiser.

Much of his deep sympathies and bonds with the Iranian people developed through the understanding and training he gained with the *Revolutionary Worker*. As with many, however, it also stemmed from struggling shoulder to shoulder with Iranian comrades and being deeply moved by the revolutionary spirit of the Iranian masses which these comrades brought wherever they went. It was all this that fueled his determination to see to it that Victor Tomseth's visit would not pass uneventfully and to arm others with this view. The rest is now a bright page in history.

John Kaiser, known to his friends as JK, came to the University of Oregon in 1975 fresh out of a high school in a small

Nevada town far removed from the centers of the revolutionary upsurges of the '60s. Nonetheless, he had been profoundly affected by the struggles of the Vietnamese people against U.S. imperialism, the urban rebellions in the U.S. and the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in China. He chose this school because of its reputation for being a center of student revolt in the '60s. Upon arriving in Eugene, Oregon, he immediately began investigating the entire spectrum of student political organizations and soon thereafter joined the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade because "they were the only thoroughly revolutionary group." Through the course of political work in the Brigade guided by the line of the Revolutionary Communist Party, he strived to learn and imbue his life, his actions and his thoughts with the outlook of the international proletariat. Several comrades recall how after a demonstration in the San Francisco Bay area targeting U.S. and Soviet imperialism, John emerged from a local bookstore with a complete set of Lenin's *Collected Works*. In his senior year when he was posed with the question as to which path he would take, he donated money to the party's Million Dollar Fund Drive.

He was well known as a revolutionary and for his outrageous revolutionary politics. He would not go anywhere in Eugene without being recognized and sought out. The bourgeoisie threw a lot at him, hoping he would break — a large number of arrests, beatings, surveillance and slander in the press. This was especially true after the burning of the yellow ribbon when they persistently threw all they thought they could get away with at him. A



notable, glaring and despicable example of this was the break-in where the political police entered his home secretly to conduct a search and stage a photo involving guns crossed over the *Revolutionary Worker* newspaper in an attempt to paint him, the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade and the Revolutionary Communist Party with the brush of terrorism. All these things in conjunction with the developments in the world, posed sharp questions which JK grappled with earnestly and deeply. Even in his most difficult moments, he was determined to put the interests of the masses of people of the world

first and foremost and to carry out all-around revolutionary work.

Comrade John Kaiser's life was of significance to the international proletariat, to the party and to all who seek the advancement of mankind and the elimination of all oppression. It is truly a testament to the rare historic moments we are entering and to the historic strength of the international proletariat that such a young life can be part of striking an important blow in behalf of the people of the world. Such is the measure of the depth of our sorrow over his death and such is the measure of the strength we have gained from his life.

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