

ROTC fights annual attack

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In a rite that has become an annual tradition, a proposal to remove the ROTC will be considered at the April University Assembly meeting.

Bayard McConnaughey, a University biology professor, presented a notice of motion stating that "since the military approach to the solution of human problems is inherently immoral and now poses a clear and immediate threat to the continued existence of humanity... the Assembly recognizes military training is not an appropriate function of the University and it recommends to the President of the University and the State Board that all contracts between the University and the Department of Defense be terminated."

McConnaughey says that although the problem is a national one, solutions must start at the local level.

"I've concluded that the military approach to human problems is the most serious problem facing humanity," he says.

The problem with the ROTC program at the University is they run their own department and hire their own staff, something he says is different from any other department on campus.

McConnaughey compares the ROTC program to IBM teaching computer science courses. The University would not even consider that, he says.

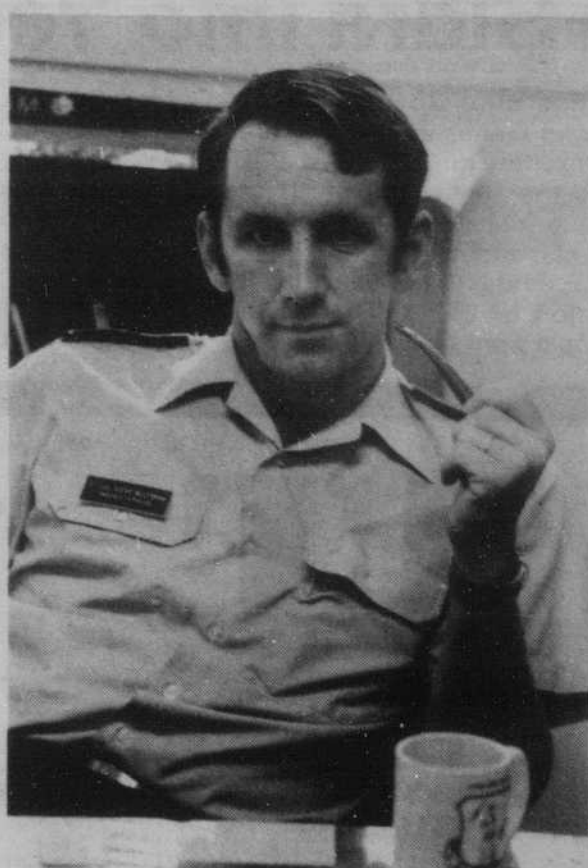
With Reagan's increase in military spending and cuts in financial aid, McConnaughey says ROTC is taking scholarships from the University.

"They're set up as an extraneous growth at the University, taking away grants and giving ROTC scholarships instead," he says. "It's not a fair trade."

Lt. Col. Steven Wolfgram, head of the military science department at the University, defends his departments accountability to University policy.

"I play by University rules," he says. In response to McConnaughey's accusation about financial aid, Wolfgram points out other departments give individual scholarships, which could be considered in the same way as ROTC scholarships.

His department must go before the curriculum committee just like any other department.



Lt. Col. Steven Wolfgram

ment, Wolfgram adds.

McConnaughey who has made the proposal nearly every year for the past 16 years, though it passed only once, in 1977, but was repealed during the next University Assembly meeting.

"I'd like to see Wolfgram and the others come up and debate me," McConnaughey says. "It would be very educational."

"A debate ought to come to a common agreement," responds Wolfgram. "The only thing that will satisfy him is removal of the program from the University."

While the University is debating the merits of the ROTC program, two other Oregon campuses are trying to decide if they will allow ROTC to set up programs on campus.

Lane Community College and Portland State University have both begun the process of establishing ROTC detachments on their campuses.

Wolfgram's proposal to set up a program at Lane is drawing heavy criticism from both students and faculty.

The proposal to establish a ROTC program at Portland State is currently under mail vote by the whole faculty, with the results expected by Feb. 21.

Bill may designate wilderness preserve

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill to designate about 1 million acres of Oregon forest land as wilderness preserve was approved by a House subcommittee on Thursday.

The unanimous approval by four members of the Interior public lands subcommittee came after the measure was amended to delete several thousands of acres where

timber contracts have been sold and to add valuable fishing regions.

Before the changes, adopted at the request of Rep. Jim Weaver, D-Ore., the bill was identical to one considered by the House during its lame-duck session last year. The vote was 247-141 in favor, but the measure failed because it was brought up under a special

procedure that required a two-thirds majority to pass.

The new version now goes to the full Interior Committee.

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