

University underfunded, but Olum understands the Legislature is a "hard nut to crack — harder than I had hoped and harder than Bud may have thought."

"Everything depends on funding," says Olum. "There are very few major problems at this University money would not cure. What we need from the chancellor is success in increasing funding. We are aimed in the right direction, but are not there yet."

Davis agrees. "We have a long way to go, but it is a start."

Besides funding issues, there was a move, early in the

Legislative session, to reorganize higher education, which Davis opposed.

"More important than the specific organization is the leadership in key spots, and the support of the legislature and the people," he says. "Our problem is not the organizational structure — it's the level of funding. Given this level of funding it will not make that much difference how higher education is organized."

The interim between legislative sessions will be the real test of the "tenuous relationship" built up between the Legislature and the state system, says Rep. Rick

Bauman, D-Portland, a member of the Joint Ways and Means Committee.

"He has restored an amount of credibility to the state system," Bauman says.

Others are more skeptical — they say any new chancellor would have been given a chance.

"Any new chancellor is going to have a honeymoon with the legislature," says T.K. Olson, executive director of the ECC.

"Whenever a new person comes in, regardless of the former incumbent, there is a period of freshness," says Bill Lemman, vice chancellor for

administration in the state system.

Davis had the ability to capitalize on the opportunity to create support in the Legislature, says Lemman.

Davis tried to show how government, business and higher education can work together to aid Oregon's ailing economy by creating CASEERI, the Committee for the Advancement of Science, Engineering Education Research for Industry.

"We fare the best when the economy is best," said Davis.

Cooperation between institutions has increased, strengthening the entire

system, Davis says. For example, the education schools at Oregon State University and Western Oregon State College were merged, the engineering program is being built up at Portland State University with help from OSU while the University and OSU are cooperating in genetic biology research.

"This is what makes a state system a partnership rather than eight individual fiefdoms," says Davis.

What has been the worst part about his year as chancellor?

Davis grins. "I haven't had time to go fishing yet."

Say Bud, what's next?

He's implemented the strategic plan, new admissions requirements and Presidential Scholarships — so what's next for Chancellor Bud Davis?

Davis has set up some goals he hopes to achieve within the next year. Many of them are extensions of ideas he has laid the groundwork for during this year.

They include:

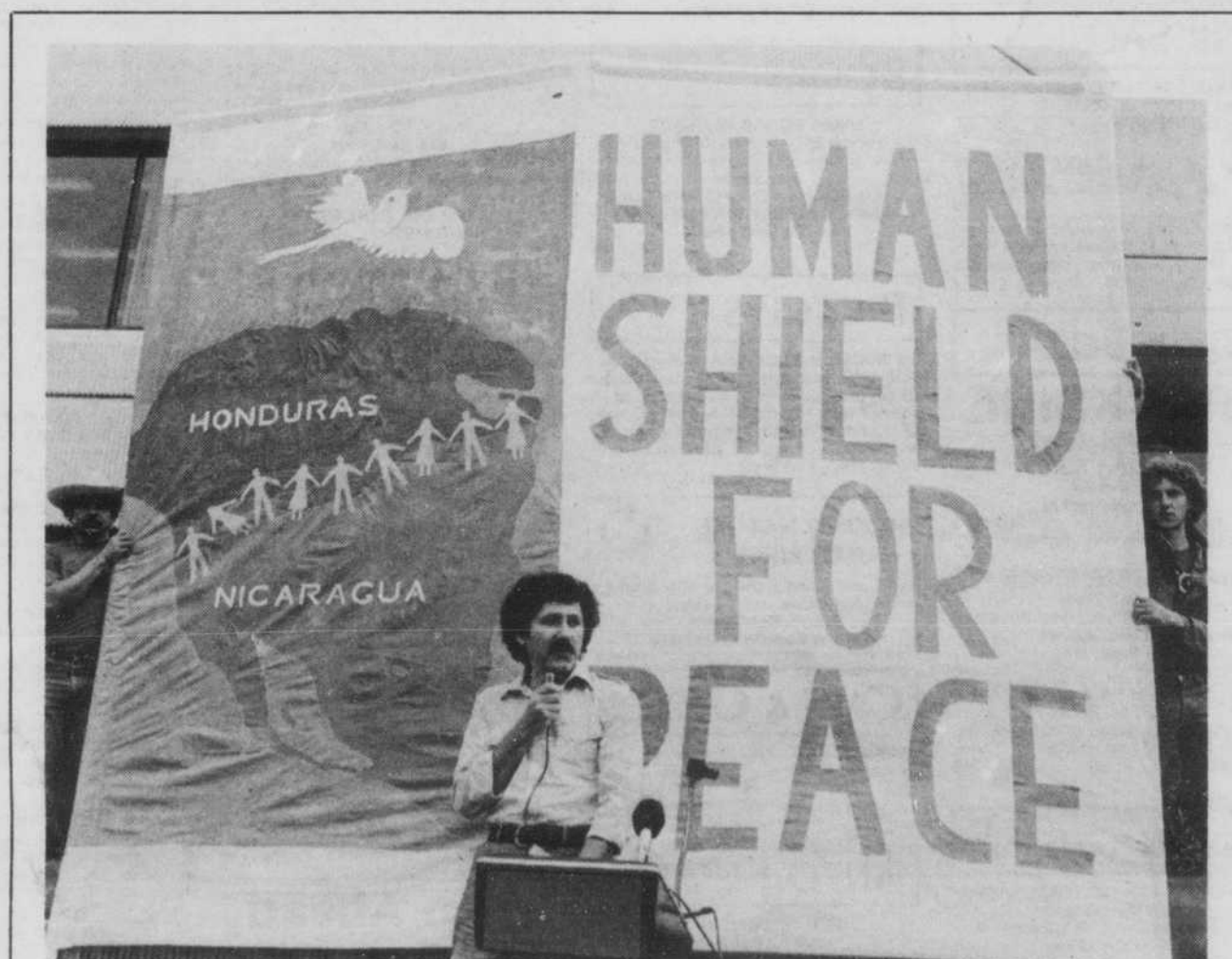
- Expanding the number of scholarships offered for merit. About 96 percent of scholarships are based on need, says Davis. He'd like to see more recognition given to excellence.
- Developing complete computer literacy for all students within four to five years.
- Using computer capabilities more effectively in research.

• Upgrading library acquisitions. "Regardless of the computer, the availability of books and literature is important," Davis says.

• Setting aside a certain percentage of each institution's budget for repairs, rehabilitation and on-going maintenance.

• Being able to set aside 1 percent of each institution's total budget to use as seed money for basic research. "The number is far too small, but it is a beginning," says Davis.

• Developing the capacity to become a statewide resource for Asian and international studies. "I hope to see Oregon become one of the most cosmopolitan states in the country," says Davis.



Protest for peace

Fifty people gathered in a vigil for peace in Nicaragua at the Federal Building in Eugene Wednesday afternoon.

The vigil was held in conjunction with a similar demonstration in Managua, Nicaragua. Between 150 and 200 North Americans are in Managua, preparing to go to Nicaragua's border with Honduras where they will serve as "human shields" against U.S. backed guerrillas, says Manuel Pacheco, director of the University's High School Equivalency Program and spokesperson for the vigil.

Pacheco read a statement from Eugenean Bill Collins who is in Nicaragua with the Inter-religious Task

Force.

"The U.S. does not contribute to democracy or gain popular influence here in Nicaragua by putting bullets in the backs of peasants," the statement said.

Geri Seese, a Springfield resident also is in Nicaragua with the peace group.

Other speakers at the vigil included County Commissioner Scott Lieuellen, Gail Gill from U.S. Congressman Jim Weaver's office, Donald Purkey, a minister at Central Presbyterian Church, Bill Walker, a minister at the First United Methodist Church and John Farley, from the American Federation of Teachers.

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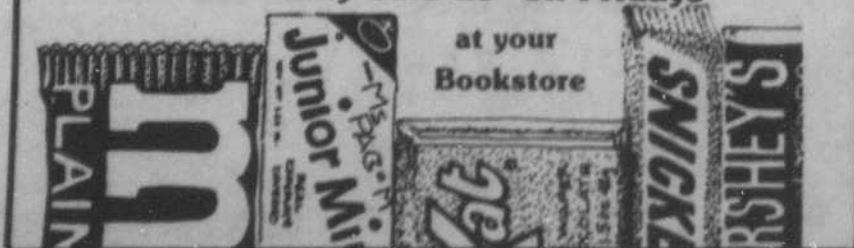
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