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Student Senate votes no confidence in board

By Will Holbert
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The Student Senate unanimously voted to declare no confidence in the State Board of Higher Education Thursday night.

The approved motion marks the beginning of a series of actions the senate plans to take against the state board to protest the decision to retire University President Paul Olum.

The motion was amended at the last minute to include the Oregon State System of Higher Education and Chancellor William E. "Bud" Davis.

But, student leaders view Olum as only the catalyst in starting a movement to reform what they see as an aloof and unresponsive system.

"I don't think that Olum's the end of it," said Karen Frymoyer, senate chairperson.

Karen Gaffney, ASUO vice president, sponsored the motion, which accuses the state board of violating state public meetings laws. In a letter Gaff-

ney sent to Gov. Neil Goldschmidt today, she charged the state board with abusing its right to hold executive sessions, and of not keeping records of the original meeting where they decided Olum should retire.

Gaffney also accused the state board of violating Olum's rights as an employee by not giving him reasons for his forced retirement.

Gaffney sent Goldschmidt a tape of the state board's teleconference along with the letter, and appealed to him to investigate the state board and to "consider the possible need to take drastic action" — removing some state board members.

"It's really in Neil's court right now," Gaffney said before the senate.

Senate members will place their motion before an emergency meeting of the University Senate this Tuesday and urge them to take similar action against the state board. This

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Tests await aspirants to Peace Corps jobs

By Will Holbert
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Adventure was one of the things Tim Meinzen hoped to find when he stepped off a plane somewhere in Mauritania.

"It was like landing on the set of the desert scene in 'Star Wars'... there was sand blowing everywhere, turbaned soldiers with guns, and it was all very exotic," Meinzen recounted.

Then he flew to Sierra Leone.

The desert gave way to lush, green jungle. Meinzen stepped off the plane, and disappeared into the countryside to teach agricultural science in a small African village as a Peace Corps volunteer.

Born in the days of Kennedy New-Frontierism, the Peace Corps has survived 25 years and still draws people to its service, giving them the chance to temper their ideals working at the "toughest job you'll ever love."

Through the Peace Corps, Americans have the opportunity to live and work in underdeveloped countries. This often means abandoning the amenities of modern life — like electricity and running water — to spend years living in an isolated third-world community, the stated purpose being to help the people there help themselves. Along the way, volunteers make new friends in

strange places as "citizen diplomats."

Reasons for answering the Peace Corps call include curiosity and a desire for self-fulfillment.

"I enjoyed experiencing another culture and learning a new way of living, a new way of seeing the world," said Bonny Tibbitts, a volunteer who served in Kenya.

Meinzen, who returned from Sierra Leone in 1985, listed a desire to meet people as one of the things that motivated him.

"You hope you can establish some kind of friendship with a people from a very, very different culture," he said.

A University student currently applying for the Peace Corps sees a chance for self-fulfillment in volunteering:

"I think it would be really maturing, it would help you to re-evaluate your priorities... figure out what you really want," Jean Aalseth said.

But whatever the reason, the Peace Corps application process tries to insure that it's not a passing whim.

Approximately one out of every seven applicants succeeds in joining the Peace Corps, according to Jake DuDell, Peace Corps coordinator at the University.

Much of the selection process depends on people losing in-

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Graduate speaks about AIDS

By Shelley Kehm
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Randy Shilts, a 1975 graduate of the University's School of Journalism and author of "And the Band Played On: People, Politics and the AIDS Epidemic," spoke about AIDS while on campus Thursday.

Shilts, currently on a nation-wide tour promoting his book and speaking about the epidemic, reports on gay issues for the San Francisco Chronicle.

Shilts' book concerns his views on what he believes to be past and present failures of social, medical and political institutions to control the spread of AIDS in the United States.

Shilts, who said he was homosexual, explained that he grew tired of the little publicity his beat for the Chronicle was receiving. "I was tired of sitting around and biting my fingernails, wondering how many friends are going to die in the next two to three years," he said.

In the Oct. 13 edition of the New York Times, Shilts said society's leaders were significantly responsible for allowing the spread of AIDS. "The bitter truth was that AIDS did not just happen to America — it was allowed to happen by an array of situations..."

He targeted four factors as contributing to the epidemic:

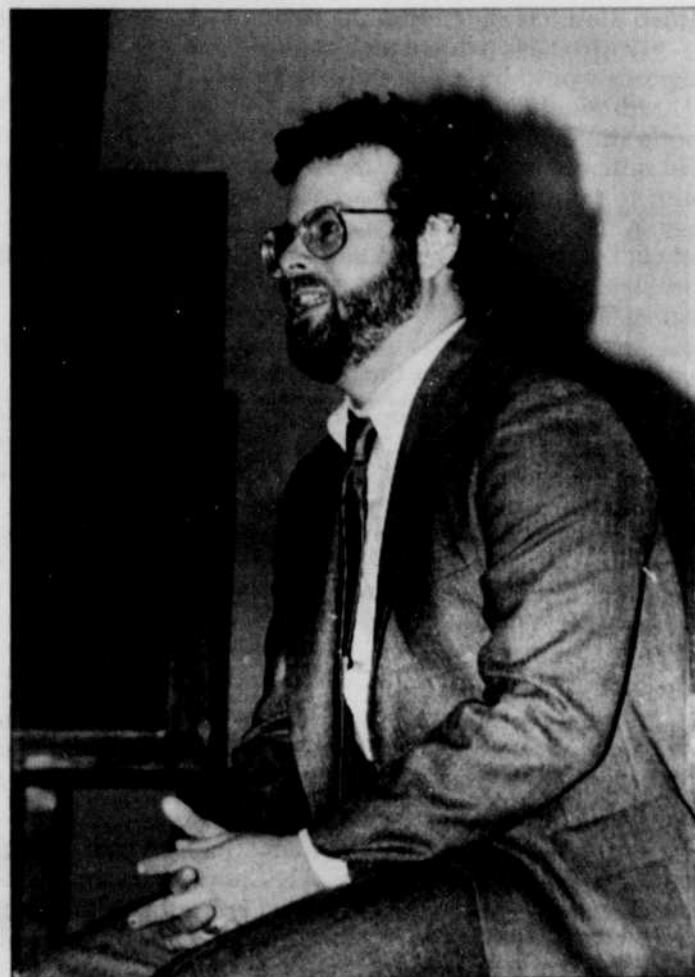


Photo by Scott Mahen

Author Randy Shilts spoke on campus Thursday to promote a book which he hopes will deflate myths about AIDS.

- The lack of social acceptance of the gay population, especially its leaders.
- Medical institutions feared that treating AIDS would be financially difficult.

- The government refused to acknowledge the potential gravity of the epidemic and thus appropriated no funding

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Committee to spend \$150 million

By Jeff Morgan
Emerald Reporter

The Campus Planning Committee has approved a recommendation to spend nearly \$150 million on University construction throughout the next eight years.

If the money is appropriated, it will be spent on a slew of projects, including the purchase of Condon School, basic remodeling, installing a third elevator in PLC and the construction of a new Library wing.

At a meeting Thursday in the EMU, the planning committee discussed the University's Capital Construction Program for the next three legislative biennia, starting with the 1989-1991 biennium and ending with the 1993-1995 biennium.

The committee's proposal will next be submitted for approval by President Paul Olum. The expenditures must be approved by the legislature and the State System of Higher Education.

The new library wing is the committee's top priority at an estimated cost of more than \$24 million, \$9 million of which will be raised through the upcoming Capital Campaign Fund Drive.

Other priorities for the first biennium are: \$600,000 for the purchase of Condon School from Eugene School District 4-J, which leases the building to the University; \$890,000 for the first half of restoration of Deady and Villard Halls; \$1

million for general classroom improvements; \$400,000 for planning of a new foreign language building to be built during the 1991-1993 biennium; and \$310,000 for a third elevator in PLC.

Also, the proposal called for money to build a new parking structure and to move University Printing out of Allen Hall and convert that space into classrooms and offices. In all, nearly \$55 million is recommended for the first biennium.

However, a large chunk of the recommendation is a yet-to-be raised \$15 million from private donations for a controversial project to put a dome on Autzen Stadium.

Top priorities for the second and third biennia include: construction of a foreign language building; and additions to and remodeling of Robinson Theater, Deady Hall, Villard Hall, Hendricks Hall, Fenton Hall, the Computing Center, the Law Center and the College of Education.

Also, Esslinger Hall is slated to have a second floor added; it was built as a two-story building, but the top floor burned in 1971. Allen Hall is scheduled for a \$2.2 million project to add a fourth floor.

Committee member Theodore Palmer, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the University usually gets about 25 percent of the state's money for capital improvements for the eight campuses within the Oregon State System of Higher Education. If the committee's recommendation is approved by President Olum, the University will seek about 30 percent of that money.