

# Endowment to fund visiting international studies chair

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Students majoring in international studies may get the chance to study under a former ambassador or world statesperson, thanks to a \$500,000 endowment unveiled Tuesday by University President Paul Olum.

About 50 faculty members, past administrators, students and reporters attended a press conference called to announce the Carlton Raymond and Wilberta Ripley Endowed Visiting Professorship in International Relations and Peace, named for the donor and his late wife.

The endowment was a gift from Carlton Savage, 90, a former assistant secretary of state who grew up in Salem and graduated from the University with a bachelor's degree in 1921. Known for his instrumental roles in the formation of the United Nations in 1945 and the Marshall Plan in 1947, Savage retired in 1962 after working 36 years for the U.S. State Department. He now lives in Washington, D.C.

appointed the selection committee, Donald Van Houten, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the committee's chair, offered ideas as to what the University will be able to do with the professorship.

"We've been a university with international interests and concerns for a long time," Van Houten said. He said the gift would allow the University to bring to campus a well-known public figure, "who may be a scholar and or a statesperson, possibly a current ambassador or former ambassador," or a faculty member from another university. He refused to identify any possible candidates, saying the selection committee would have to meet first.



Wilberta Ripley Savage

How long the visiting professors would stay would depend on their schedules, Van Houten said. Regardless of whether it would be a month or a semester, he said he hoped the professors could give at least one, if not several, public lectures the "academic community would enjoy and profit by."

Van Houten said Savage's request for the professorship to focus on both the Pacific Basin and human rights should be easy for the University to implement. He cited several courses and programs already in place, including the University's participation with the University of Washington and University of British Columbia in the newly formed Northwest Consortium on Southeast Asian Studies.

The University is also well-known for its campus activism, notably Olum's call for the divestiture of state funds from companies doing business in South Africa.

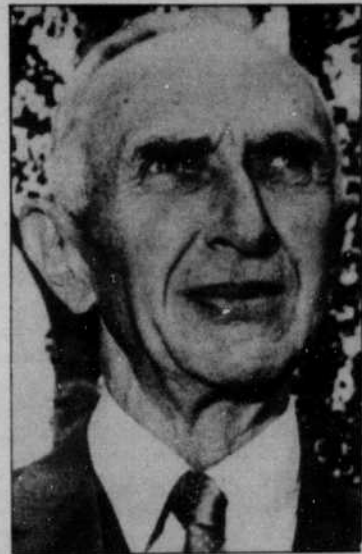
Van Houten added that the Savage family particularly wants to give students the opportunity to meet the visiting professors in small seminar settings. He said money would be set aside for such seminars.

Savage, who fought for

students' rights for self governance while serving as student body president at the University, also specified that students should be involved in the selection of the visiting professors, according to Alison Baker, executive assistant to President

Olum.

Baker said Olum asked Karen Gaffney, ASUO vice-president, to serve on the selection committee, and is still searching for another student to join the eight faculty members on the committee.



Carlton Savage

"This is a marvelous gift, and an exciting one for us," Olum said, adding that the professorship will benefit the University's recently established Peace Studies Program.

"To have a visiting professorship, to be able to have a distinguished person come every year to lecture on the subject of international relations and peace, is going to be a wonderful addition to that program," Olum said.

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