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Ron Wyden gives a speech to a crowd of students at the EMU Breezeway Tuesday afternoon about the coming election. Also in attendance was Governor John Kitzhaber, who voiced his support for Wyden in a brief introductory speech.

Wyden tells UO students of his goals

■ **SPEECH:** Gov. Kitzhaber endorsed Wyden as the U.S. Senate candidate that reflects Oregon values

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Reporter

Ron Wyden, his U.S. Senate campaign team and Gov. John Kitzhaber came to the EMU Breezeway Tuesday.

Wyden visited the University to present his ideas, including his opposition to laws limiting abortion, support for environmental legislation and support for higher-education funding.

"I say these are the ideas that the people of Oregon want to see represented," he said.

Wyden was introduced by Kitzhaber, a fellow Democrat, who said Wyden was the only candidate who supported Oregon values.

"Do you believe, as I do, that there is only one person in this U.S. Senate race that reflects these values?" Kitzhaber asked.

Gordon Smith, Wyden's main opponent in the Senate race, chose not to attend the rally, which was sponsored by Youth Vote '96, a non-partisan organization. Smith had prior engagements and anticipated a hostile atmosphere, said Mark Neumannville, a member of the College Republicans.

"I don't think not coming to campus means he's abandoning the students," Neumannville said. "I think he's getting the message out."

"The impact he would have had here wouldn't be worth his time," he said. "I don't see an event like this having a huge impact."

Wyden disagreed, saying many Oregonians have not yet voted and could be influenced.

"There is a huge block of undecided voters," Wyden said.

The rally was part of a day-long information

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ASUO looking to fill committee seats

■ **GOVERNMENT:** The ASUO will be accepting applications for the open positions until Jan. 29

By Ashley Bach
Student Activities Reporter

With its first budget hearing already in the books, the seven-member ASUO Programs Finance Committee (PFC) is still searching for students to fill its two empty positions.

After the recent resignations of seniors Erica Tubbs and Daniela Diaz and graduate student Michelle Summers-Thompson, the Student Senate and PFC both find themselves with seats to fill.

The 18-member Senate has four positions available, one of which is a finance senator, who also serves on the PFC. The other three positions, all academic senators, serve solely on the

Senate board.

Along with the Senate position, the PFC also has an at-large position available. The committee, which allocates funds to student programs, is in the midst of its annual budget hearings.

As the board hears budget proposals from various groups for the 1996-97 school year, PFC chairwoman Susan Anderson said the hearings won't be significantly altered by the openings.

"[The spaces] aren't putting a hold on the budget process," she said.

While Anderson scheduled many of the simpler, less controversial proposals for this first week of hearings, she knows eventually the board will have to resolve some difficult financial decisions with a short roster.

As the ASUO takes applications for the openings until Jan.

29, Anderson said even when the positions are filled, there will be many adjustments that will have to be made.

"There's a lot of education that has to go into [holding the positions]," she said.

Anderson said that while the rest of the board has had documents to review since last spring, the new members will have only a brief period of time to acquaint themselves with the process.

"The earlier the positions are filled, the better," she said.

Anderson said while the budget hearings won't be easy, once a person gets involved in the process and educates him or herself, it can be satisfying.

"It's going to be exhilarating as far as jumping right into it," she said.

Often, Anderson said, the

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Noted University graduate, Ducks supporter dies at 81

By Trevor Kearney
Sports Editor

The University community will celebrate the life of a long-time Oregon athletics supporter Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the Donald R. Barker Stadium Club.

James Wallace Hubbard died Sunday night due to complications from Parkinson's Disease. He was 81.

Born in Portland on Dec. 4, 1914, Hubbard attended the University from 1934 to 1938 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in economics. But his ties and dealings with the University went far beyond his degree.

Hubbard was a founding member of the Eugene chapter of the Oregon Club, an auxiliary booster that works with and supports the University but is autonomous. Hubbard was the president of the organization in 1951, which has several chapters throughout the state.



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