

Campus to remember former president Olum

■ A funeral service at Beall Hall Wednesday will honor Olum and his UO career

By Andrew Adams
Oregon Daily Emerald

Another of the University's shining lights of research and education went out recently when President Emeritus Paul Olum, 82, died Jan. 19 of Lewy body disease in Natick, Mass.

His death comes at a time when the University is also honoring the memory of Professor Aaron Novick, 81, who died in December. Novick was credited with making several breakthroughs in biological research during his time at the University.

While remembered for his work

as a professor of mathematics, Olum's chief accomplishments during his presidency from 1981 to 1989 were his unflinching defense of the University's educational mission in the face of a severe statewide recession and countless education budget cuts.

"There are lots of people who thought like he did, but few had the courage to say it," said Olum's son Ken Olum, 39, a physicist who works with Tufts University.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Beall Concert Hall, and a campus memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Paul Olum Atrium in Willamette Hall.

As president, Olum was able to guide the University through a massive expansion project that

brought 20 new research institutes and academic programs. He also oversaw the construction of the \$45.6 million science complex and the \$27 million expansion and remodeling of the Knight Library.

He was able to accomplish this despite a crippling recession in Oregon during the early 1980s, which brought serious budget cuts to the Oregon University System. Olum's devotion to both students and faculty kept the University running strong during the recession, but also put him out of favor with the State Board of Higher Education. The board eventually decided it would not renew Olum's contract in 1987, effectively forcing him to retire in 1989. The move was met with protests from both faculty and students who were

highly supportive of their president.

Ken Olum said he respected his father for being able to hold on to his beliefs even when they went against those of the State Board of Education. He said that Olum was a wonderful father who viewed his family just as important as his work at the University.

"He had a love of intellectual pursuits and justice, both at home and at work," he said.

Both Ken Olum and his sister, Joyce Galaski, 51, a rabbi in Amherst, Mass., recounted the time Olum joined an anti-apartheid protest on the steps of Johnson Hall. Galaski said her father viewed his job as a means to bring about positive change at the University, and also to give students and facul-

ty more say in higher education.

"He saw part of his job as a way to support faculty," she said. "He wanted to empower faculty, and I think he wanted to empower students."

Vice President for Administration Dan Williams, whom Olum hired in 1973, said Olum was a truly unique person.

"He really was an extraordinary man," he said. "He had a humanness about him I had never encountered before and never have since."

Williams said Olum lent inspiration and confidence to faculty members who knew that he was truly working on their behalf.

"It became very clear to me that he was a faculty member who just happened to be president," he said.

Students initiate postcard campaign to reject Ashcroft

■ Campus groups ask others to encourage legislators to oppose the controversial attorney general-designate

By Emily Gust
Oregon Daily Emerald

As a decision on the confirmation of Attorney General-designate John Ashcroft lurks around the corner, two campus groups are trying to block the confirmation in their own way.

The College Democrats and Students for Choice have begun a campaign aimed at influencing the two people in Oregon who can make a difference: Sens. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and Gordon Smith, R-Ore.

Since Thursday, the groups have been asking students to sign postcards requesting that the senators oppose Ashcroft's confirmation. The cards say that Ashcroft is "out of touch" with Oregonians' views and that his own views are too extreme.

The groups are also encouraging

students to write the senators themselves.

Ashcroft's nomination has encountered a wave of controversy, as many Democrats contend that Ashcroft — who has taken stances against gay rights, civil rights, gun control, environmental protection and abortion — will not enforce federal laws as they are written.

Some believe he will even try to change them.

"I would have a hard time believing that anyone, myself included, could go into that position and disconnect from pre-existing views," said Arlie Adkins, a member of the College Democrats.

Sara Poynter, Students for Choice director, said her group is worried about Ashcroft's taking the post of attorney general because of his far-right stance on abortion issues.

"He's an anti-choice activist who doesn't trust women to make their own choices about child-bearing," she said.

Poynter added that not only is

Ashcroft against exceptions for abortions in the case of rape or incest, he also wants to ban common forms of contraception.

"We really feel that John Ashcroft is way too conservative for this country," said Jed McGuire, co-chairman of the College Democrats. "And we really don't believe that he will enforce the laws."

Some members of the College Republicans said they understand Democratic complaints that Ashcroft will not enforce federal laws as they are written.

"That's a valid concern," junior sociology major Chris Fosnight said. "But that's not going to happen."

The College Democrats are not so sure.

"If we did have faith in him," McGuire said, "we wouldn't be mounting this campaign against him."

With confirmation likely — several Democrats and Republicans in Congress have already pledged to

endorse Ashcroft as attorney general — the campaign might not have the ultimate effect of keeping Ashcroft out of office.

However, McGuire said, "it's never over."

But the campaign is also touching upon another political level.

Adkins said he hopes the postcards and letters will make some public officials, including Ashcroft and Smith, aware that they are being monitored.

Smith is up for re-election in two years, Adkins said, which means his vote on Ashcroft will impact the outcome of his own election.

Senior English major Scott Austin, a member of the College Republicans, said Smith needs to pay attention to his Republican base.

"Let Wyden not vote for Ashcroft," he said. "Smith can't afford to."

Adkins and Poynter said that most of all, they want to make students aware of what is coming their way.

"The real tragedy wouldn't be so

Wrap-up of Ashcroft confirmation hearings

Confirmation hearings for Attorney General-designate John Ashcroft began Jan. 16 before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Critics are fearful that Ashcroft will try to change federal laws contrary to his beliefs, such as abortion rights and gun control.

Ashcroft pledged during his hearings to uphold federal laws despite his beliefs.

A decision could come as early as this week.

much that Ashcroft were confirmed," Adkins said. "More than anything, we want to inform students about what's going on."

Their efforts will continue until a final decision has been made, which could happen as early as this week.

Jackson grateful for solid support

By Andrew Buchanan
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Rev. Jesse Jackson thanked his family and supporters for standing by him as he spoke publicly Sunday for the first time since acknowledging he fathered a daughter during an extramarital affair.

But Jackson, speaking briefly to worshippers who packed Salem Baptist Church, saved his most personal comments for his wife, Jackie.

"After 38 years and five children later, Jackie, you're still here," Jackson said.

The civil rights leader said he was grateful to supporters who made it clear that they want him to return to the helm of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition as soon as possible, and indicated he is ready to resume his work.

"Yesterday, the winds shifted, so it's a new stage in our challenge," Jackson said, referring to President Bush's inauguration.

Jackson, who had been in seclusion since acknowledging the affair four days ago, told The Associated Press Saturday that he would return to the civil rights stage next week.

Salem Baptist pastor, the Rev. James Meeks, who also is executive vice president of Rainbow/PUSH, told Jackson that the coalition needed his leadership.

"Reverend, we want you to know something today: Not only do we love you, not only do we care for you... we can't afford to lose you," Meeks said.

"We need you, we want you, we love you, Rev. Jesse Jackson."

Jackson has said he will be at a luncheon in Chicago in his honor on Monday, and plans to attend an annual economic conference that the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition hosts in New York.

Jackson has said he will not discuss his daughter, now 20 months old, or her mother, Karin Stanford,

former head of Rainbow/PUSH's Washington office. Stanford and her daughter now live in Los Angeles.

Leaders of Rainbow/PUSH have acknowledged that the civil rights organization paid \$35,000 in "severance pay" to Stanford. John Scanlon, a spokesman for Jackson, said that included \$15,000 in moving expenses and \$20,000 as payment for work Stanford was contracted to perform for the organization. He said Stanford has received no money from Rainbow/PUSH since August 1999, when the work was completed.

Jackson personally pays Stanford \$3,000 a month in child support, he said.

Meeks has questioned the timing of news that Jackson had fathered a child, suggesting that it was an attempt to stop a march in Florida Saturday to protest alleged voting irregularities during the presidential election.

Calendar

Monday, Jan. 22

— **Exhibition:** Multimedia by Gabrielle Lerner, Rebecca Smith, Heidi Yoder and Jennifer Theusch, and painting by Nicole Shery. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. LaVerne Krause Gallery, Lawrence Hall. Through Jan. 26. Free. Reception 7-9 p.m. Jan. 22.

— **Winter Campus Recruiting Interviews:** Students and recent graduates who register with the UO Career Center may sign up for job interviews through InterviewTrak, an on-line recruiting system, for career, intern and summer positions with employers

around the nation. UO Campus. Free.

— **Campus Planning Committee Meeting:** Agenda includes revision of the MRI Alterations and Additions Project. 3-4:30 p.m. Room 143 Straub Hall. Free.

— **Cultural Forum Speaker:** Hank Nuwar discusses "When Rites Become Wrong," an examination of the potential problems in hazing practices. 7 p.m. Ballroom, EMU. Free.

— **Presentation:** A report on the US Army School of the Americas protest. 7 p.m. Room 100 Willamette Hall. Free.



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