



Professor Arthur Mittman dies at age 80

Mittman, a professor emeritus at the University, had a 'passion for life' and was a 'true mentor' to his students

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In 1944, Professor Emeritus Arthur Mittman — then Lt. Mittman, a B17 pilot — parachuted out of a plane over Berlin and was taken by the Nazis as a prisoner of war. Fourteen months later, the war ended and Mittman returned to his home in Muscatine, Iowa, after which he went to college and later became a well-known

and well-respected professor at the University.

Mittman died May 14 at the age of 80, leaving behind him a legacy of stories, family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Marguerite "Mony" Mittman; a son, Tom; two daughters, Nancy Nichols and Elizabeth Mittman; a sister, Sharon Klein; a brother, Wayne; six grandchildren; and countless friends and students. A



Mittman

memorial service will take place today at 2 p.m. in the Central Presbyterian Church.

Born Sept. 9, 1922, Mittman grew up in the city of Muscatine, where he met his wife when she was only 14 years old. Although he and Mony knew each other throughout high school, they did not date until he was back from the war, and they married in 1945.

"He was a generous, outgoing, warm, friendly person," Mony said, adding Mittman was loved by everyone he knew.

Mittman attended the University of Iowa, receiving a bachelor of arts, a master's de-

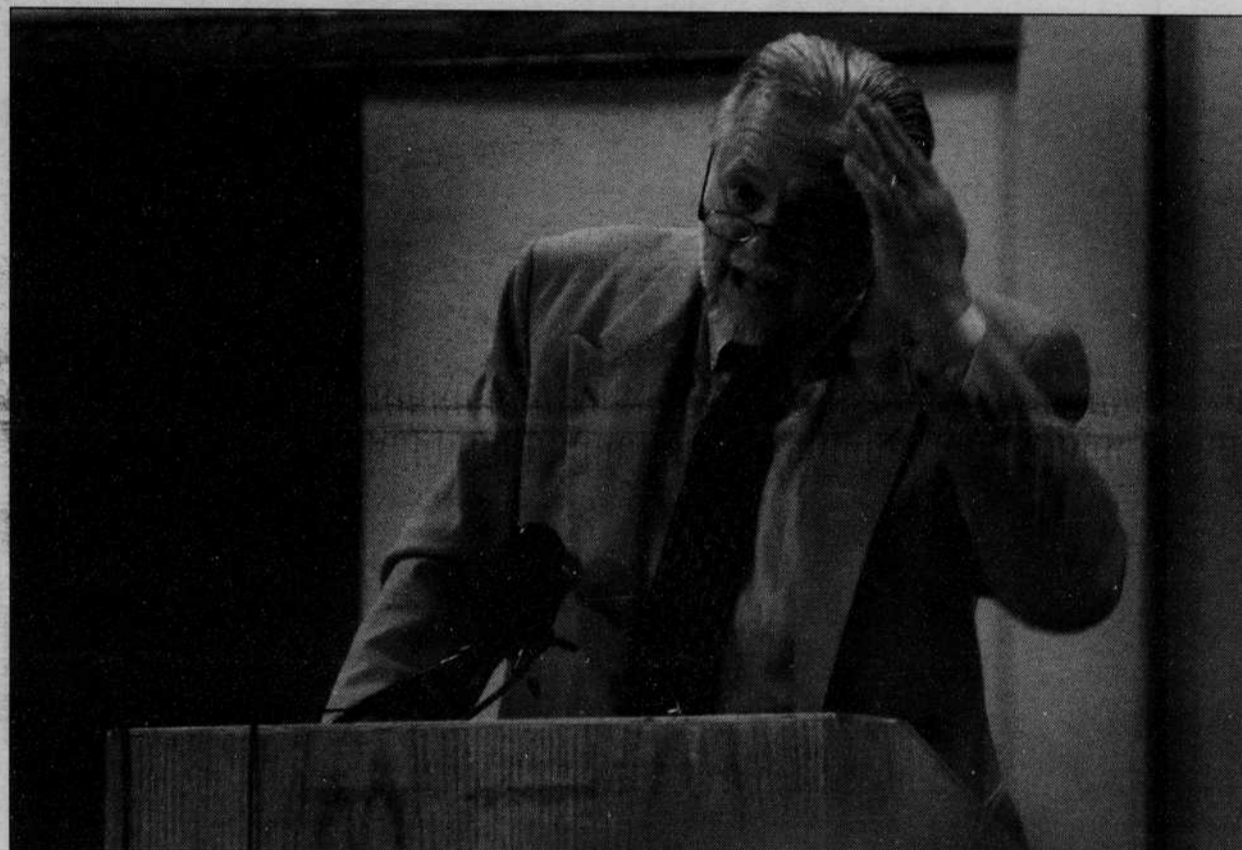
gree and a doctorate in educational measurement and statistics. During his time in graduate school in 1956, Mittman met Henry Dizney, who is now a University of Oregon professor emeritus, and the two sparked a lifelong friendship.

"He was fantastic," Dizney said. "He was totally and completely devoted to his family ... he was a real inspiration in many, many ways."

After receiving his doctorate degree in 1958, Mittman went on staff at the University of Iowa and became the director of examination

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Ending Middle East violence



Mark McCambridge Emerald

Ron Young of the U.S. Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East speaks on Tuesday about the Road Map for Peace at a lecture titled "In Search of a Just Peace in Israel and Palestine."

Plan for peace

Keynote speaker at 'In Search of a Just Peace in Israel and Palestine' supports Bush's 'Road Map for Peace' plan

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Campus/City Culture Reporter

Ron Young, the executive director of the Seattle-based U.S. Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East, stressed Tuesday that President George W. Bush's "Road Map for Peace" plan is the only solution to end the violence in the Middle East.

Hours before the discussion, which took place at the Eugene Hilton, additional violence between Israelis and Palestinians in the troubled region resulted in six new deaths, including a 12-year-old Palestinian boy.

Young was the keynote speaker at panel discussion called "In Search of a Just Peace in Israel and Palestine."

About 60 people attended the discussion, and the University Muslim Student Association and Jewish Student Union were among the sponsors.

"For all you Bush supporters, he has proven he can lead in war — now he has to prove he can lead in peace," Young said. "For all the opponents of Bush, they need to take him more seriously."

According to Young, the road map plan is a document calling for the formation of two separate Israeli and Palestinian countries. Some aspects of the plan include an equal amount of effort from both groups to create a new independent state for Palestinians by 2005, which is the plan's timetable.

But Young said the first step before the road map can be implemented is for Palestinians to halt any further terrorist attacks in Israel and for Israel to pull troops out of the West Bank. The only other options, Young said, are to either push Palestinians into Jordan or

to keep the two groups as one country and endure more violence.

"There's a tremendous sense of frustration ... that either side has any hope at all," he said.

One of the biggest problems to reaching peace, however, is the lack of cooperation of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Young and other panelists said.

"I have doubts whether Sharon really wants peace," panelist and Palestinian activist Munir Katul said. "Without meaningful U.S. pressure, Sharon has repeatedly demonstrated that he has no incentives to follow the path of peace."

Katul said it should be the American citizens' mission to convince the U.S. government that Sharon's government, the Likud Party, should accept the road map unconditionally.

This "is what our administration claims it wants in the first place," he

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Students clash over bill that would protect fetus' rights

'Laci and Conner's Law' is causing an uproar between anti-abortionists and abortion-rights activists; if made a law, it could challenge Roe v. Wade

Jennifer Bear

Campus/Federal Politics Reporter

As Congress considers a bill that would grant legal rights to unborn fetuses separately from the expectant mother, tensions between abortion-rights activists and anti-abortion advocates across the nation are mounting, including here at the University.

Republicans in Congress are linking the legislation with the high-profile murder case of Laci Peterson and her unborn baby, nicknaming the bill "Laci and Conner's Law." If it is signed into law, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act will recognize a pregnant woman's fetus as a potential victim of violence and establish a legal status of personhood for the unborn baby. And with both houses under Republican control and President George W. Bush's pledge to sign the act into law, the bill probably will pass.

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University to hire new vice provost for diversity work

The hiring process will allow students to meet, question and comment on the candidates, Michael Stevenson, Joel Montemayor and Brenda Greene

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News Editor

The University is hiring a new vice provost responsible for diversity — and administrators are inviting students to come and meet the first of three candidates. Students can meet Michael Stevenson at 9 a.m. today in the EMU Metolius Room for an hour-long grilling of the candidate.

Stevenson is one of three bureaucrats vying for the job of vice provost for institutional equity and diversity. Committee member and psychology Professor Gordon Hall explained that the new vice provost will coordinate the various University diversity efforts and interact with administrators, faculty, students and the University community.

"Students should expect to get some sense of the candidate's leadership skills and his or her visions," Hall said. "There's not a central person at this University whose responsibility is diversity and diversity issues. We're looking

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