

IN BRIEF

**Teach for America program enlists students**

An information session will be held at noon on Tuesday for students interested in learning more about the nationwide program Teach For America.

Teach For America enlists college graduates to teach for two years in a public school located in a low-income community.

The program sends members to schools in 22 regions of the United States, both urban and rural.

Tuesday's information session will begin with a brief video, narrated by actor Harrison Ford, that outlines the mission of Teach For America. Annie Lagozzino, a 2004 University graduate who is currently a Teach For America member in Phoenix, will also answer

questions and provide details about her experience.

The session will be held in the Ben Linder Forum on the lower level of the Erb Memorial Union. Food will be provided.

Campus interest in the program has grown in recent years, said University senior and ASUO Finance Coordinator Nick Hudson, a Teach For America campus campaign manager.

"Everyone is encouraged to come. We're shooting for about 50, but we'd love to have more," he said. "The more people we can get a hold of, the more our mission gets out in the open."

Hudson added that the first application deadline is fast approaching. The first application is due Oct. 30.

—Joe Bailey

**Former Congressman faults Democratic Party**

Jim Weaver, former Oregon U.S. Congressman and University alumnus, blasted the Democratic Party, which he described as being in bed with large corporations and allowing mass importation of goods produced by "10-cent Chinese" in a speech on campus Friday.

Weaver said the biggest economic issue facing the country is the competition U.S. producers face with the importation of goods from Asia. He also criticized former President Clinton for involving the country in the North American Free Trade Agreement, which he said benefits large corporations.

"What's going to happen to our middle and working class if they have to compete with 10-cent Chinese?" he said. "The Democratic Party has got to stop being a party of cowardice and corporations."

Weaver, 78, has represented Oregon's 4th District, which includes Eugene, for six terms.

Weaver spoke to an audience of eight people in 128 Chiles, wearing a muted green button-up shirt and jeans. He decried the war in Iraq, the Vietnam War and the Korean War, although he explained he enlisted after his 17th birthday and served on an aircraft carrier in the South Pacific during World War II.

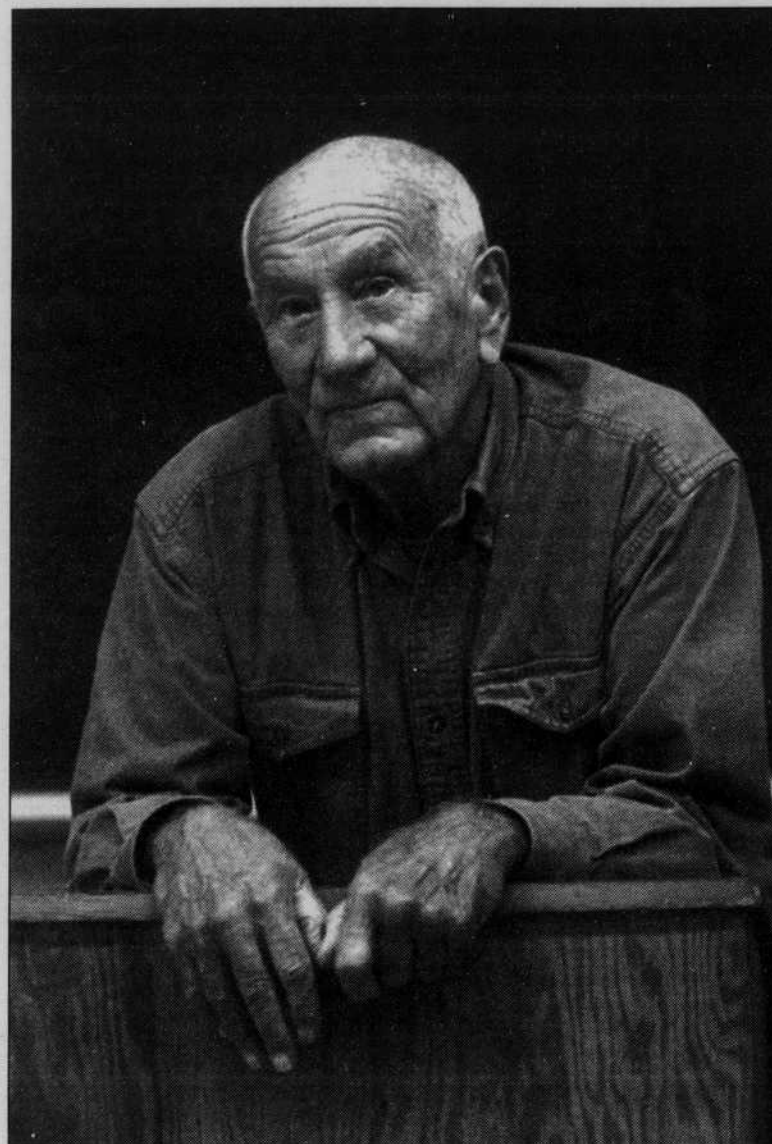
America was defending itself in World War II, he said. America is the aggressor in the Iraq war, he said.

"It's the oil we're after (in Iraq)," he said. "There's no ifs, ands or buts. Don't let anybody fool you."

Weaver said he voted for Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., during the 2004 presidential election because he thought Kerry's tremendous Vietnam War record was beyond attack from the Republican Party. He was wrong, he said.

"I, who hate the Republicans, misjudged them on how vicious they can be," he said.

He supported former Vermont Governor Howard Dean for his strong anti-war stance during the



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election, but said that "the press, the media and both political parties — they murdered Howard Dean in that election. And that made me so darn mad."

Weaver also said he expects Republicans to be voted out of office in large numbers in the next election. On the other hand, he wouldn't put

it past them to stage a terrorist attack and declare martial law before the next election, he said.

The speech was organized by the Pacifica Forum, a group dedicated to discussion of war and military issues.

— Jared Paben

**EPD: Initial investigation conducted by hired auditor**

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reopen closed cases and require more investigation.

The city council unanimously supports an oversight initiative, but some councilors do not support Measure 20-106 because it would amend the city charter.

Currently, the charter calls for the council to appoint only two positions — the city manager and the municipal court judge — and mandates that the city manager hire all other positions.

Supporters insist that having the auditor report to the city council and not the city manager is essential to making the oversight system independent.

"If this is administratively implemented, it's unlikely the auditor will disagree with their boss," said Bonny Bettman, Ward 1 city councilor and a member of the Eugene Police Commission.

Having the auditor overseen by an elected body will ensure complaints aren't ignored, as they were in the Magaña investigation, Bettman said.

"If the auditor identified problems, and year after year the city council failed to do anything about it, they would be voted out," Bettman said, adding that the amendment would also create a permanent process for investigating complaints.

"City managers come and go," Bettman said, "but this puts in an independent review of the police from now on."

Ward 4 City Councilor George Poling opposes that independent review. Amending the charter will make the positions difficult to get rid of if the city decides they aren't

needed, Poling said.

"If we get one complaint every six months, is that worth the tax payers' money?" Poling said. Poling believes having the auditor is important but that amending the charter threatens the city's form of government.

"By doing this, what is going to stop a councilor from putting out a measure to hire the chief of police?" Poling said. "When is it going to stop, to the point that we hire the guy that operates the street sweeper?" Poling believes that allowing the city manager to hire the auditor won't compromise the position, and will increase the oversight system's efficiency by allowing the auditor to report to one city manager instead of nine city councilors, each with different opinions.

"The auditor will be able to focus on the meat and potatoes," Poling said.

Bettman, despite her desire for an oversight system, wouldn't support one in which the city manager hired the auditor.

"In my opinion, it's a waste of money," Bettman said. "The city manager could have implemented this two, five, 10 years ago. It will remain a situation where police police the police."

Under the proposed system, all complaints dealing with the police department would first go to the auditor, who would classify the complaints and conduct the initial investigation. Complaints would be classified as either one of the following: service complaints; complaints dealing with officer performance or police policies; or, allegations of misconduct, which could be violations of department

policy, a person's civil rights or a criminal offense.

Investigations would still be handled by EPD but would be monitored and documented by the auditor. The auditor would have access to all investigative materials and be able to mandate additional investigation. Any discipline would still be handled by Eugene Police Chief Robert Lehner.

The city attorney has advised EPD that they cannot give opinion or comments on the issue because of election law, but the Eugene Police Employees Association supports the plan, according to the Police Commission's report. Bettman said commission members made some concessions during their planning of the review board to avoid

conflicts with the EPEA contract.

"We took a lot of authorities away from the civilian review board and the auditor to avoid litigation with the police union," Bettman said.

The measure will be the only issue on the ballot, something Bettman hopes will give it greater visibility than it would have in a general election.

"It would have been lost in a barrage of issues and campaigns in the May primary," Bettman said.

Lane County will mail ballots on Oct. 21. Voters can vote by mail until Nov. 4, and all ballots are due by Nov. 8.

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