

Senate: Several companies interested in site

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purposes while a plan for the student housing is finalized, Moseley said.

"But those purposes will generate the revenue so that the amount of money from this sale that will go to student housing will not be less than the amount of the sale," Moseley said.

"I think in the end this will be a win-win," he said.

Dyke said needed property acquisitions will likely be impossible unless Westmoreland is sold, and Moseley echoed that belief.

"If we do not sell it we have no — zero — resources with which to acquire any of this property that the University needs," Moseley said.

Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of University Housing Mike Eyster also said that the need to renovate and build new residence halls on campus is extreme, but there's no money to do it unless Westmoreland is sold.

University officials emphasized that nonprofit organizations involved in low-income housing have shown interest in the site, which they said would minimize if not dis-

solve the negative effects the sale could have on the 592 people who currently live at Westmoreland.

"We don't know for sure if that's going to happen, but that is what both the real estate people in town and the appraisers say is the highest and best use, therefore the use that will get the University the best price," Moseley said.

Bing Li, chairwoman of the Westmoreland Tenants Council, outlined her reasons for opposing the sale, asking why the University would want to sell property in which so many organizations see value.

She also criticized University President Dave Frohnmayer for his dream of securing a land bank in the east campus neighborhood to serve as his administration's legacy.

"We shouldn't sacrifice our homes and our children for someone's personal dream," Li said.

Some people have expressed concerns that the sale money could be used to help finance the basketball arena the University is hoping to build at the Williams' Bakery site on Franklin Boulevard, but Moseley guaranteed that "not one dime of this money

will go toward any arena."

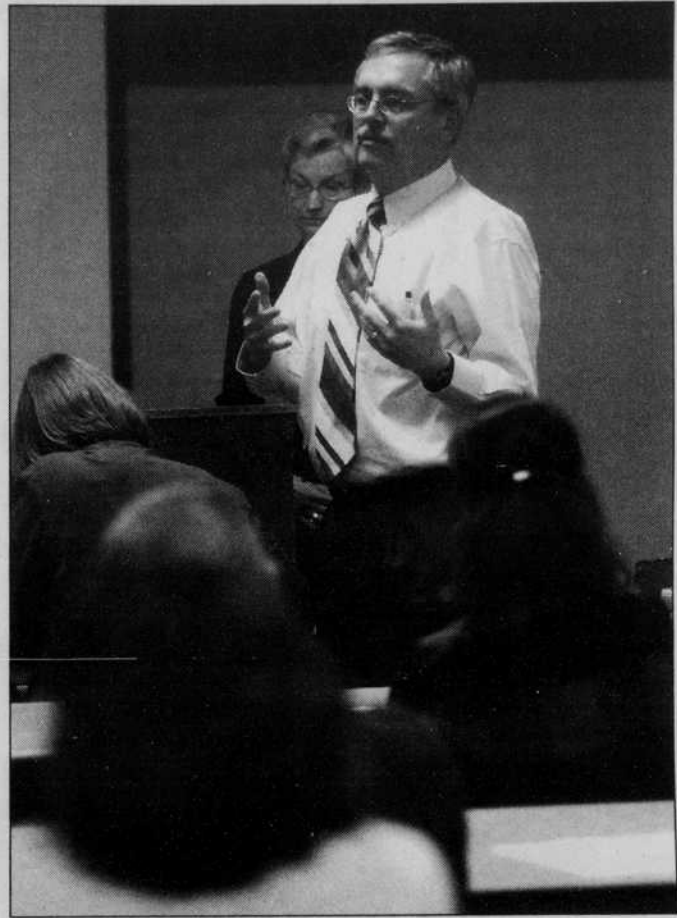
Frohnmayer said during his State of the University address later in the meeting that there is no arena, there is only hope for an arena.

Estimated to cost as much as \$180 million, the arena will be financed through private fundraising efforts by the Athletics Department and through private loans taken by National Championship Properties, a subsidiary of the nonprofit organization the UO Foundation.

"It would require an heroic act of philanthropy to proceed," Frohnmayer said.

Also at the meeting, the senate was notified of motions it will hear at its Nov. 30 meeting. One motion calls for public hearings regarding the University's funding from the Department of Defense. Another would limit the amount of wireless Internet access in classrooms because of concerns that students spend time browsing Web sites rather than listening to professors and participating in class discussions.

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Mike Eyster, interim vice president for Student Affairs and director of University Housing, responds to a question from a University Senate member about the possible sale of Westmoreland Apartments.

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Mankiller: Students applaud former Native American chief



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Former Chief of the Cherokee Nation Wilma Mankiller speaks to a crowd in the EMU Ballroom about the history and culture of Native Americans.

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necessity of doing so.

"If we don't frame our own issues, our opponents will," she said.

She ended her speech on a note of optimism for the future of the Native Americans by invoking her favorite proverb.

"It's hard to see the future with tears in your eyes."

Audience response was overwhelmingly positive, with applause and several standing ovations punctuating her speech.

Shalan Ryan, an undeclared sophomore who is in Mankiller's class, said she found the speech, as well as Mankiller herself, amazing.

"She's a phenomenal person. ... Tonight's speech was a summary of a

lot of stuff we learned in class, and it really cemented the ideas," she said.

Wesley Weathers, an honor guard of the Grand Ronde who presented the flag, said that the speech echoed much of what he already felt.

Master of Ceremonies Rennard Strickland, a professor of law, said Mankiller is an inspiration.

"I thought it was a marvelous analysis of the misconceptions that people have about American Indians," he said.

"I hope people get a sense ... that any individual who devotes themselves to something that is important can make a real difference," he said.

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