



Rep. Al Ullman  
...visits campus

# Ullman addresses students on campus

"Congress and the President must work together to get the country back in economic balance," said Congressman Al Ullman in a speech at the Fireside Lounge in the Community Center Wednesday.

He pointed out that there has been a stalemate between the legislative and executive branches of government for the last four years and called for the people to get more involved during this crucial election year. Ullman, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said that the government is moving towards taxing basic income and doing away with deductions. Many problems are involved in eliminating deductions, however, and charitable organizations, an important part of our society, rely on tax deductible contributions for their income and many middle class homeowners would not be able to afford their homes without property tax and interest deductions.

When asked why a provision to provide tax exemptions for parents or students paying college tuition was lost in congress, he felt that this provision would mean 2.2 billion dollars in lost revenue and that it was tacked on to the tax bill at the last minute without proper hearings and study. If there is a Presidential recommendation, this provision may be included next year.

Commenting on a \$100 billion increase in the military budget, Ullman blamed much of the increase on the new volunteer army. "A volunteer army won't work because we can't pay civilian equivalents and stay in business." Sixty percent of the military budget now goes for personnel. He stated further that there is a lot of fat in the military budget that could be cut without harming our defense potential and that it is necessary to maintain our military supremacy.

Asked to comment on the energy situation he said, "Congress and the American people are not ready to face up to tough energy measures." We rely on foreign sources for 50% of our petroleum and this makes us very vulnerable in the Mid-East. Ullman is against banning the building of nuclear power plants but thinks it is necessary to proceed with the utmost caution as far as safeguards.

## College grant

Clackamas Community College has received a grant to enable vocational and occupational students to gain experience in vocational teaching during the 1976-1977 school year. The grant enables the continuation of the Teacher Assistant Training Project which was initiated last year.

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