

# Underground Tunnels Connect UO Buildings

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Beneath the University of Oregon campus is a vast network of tunnels which carries the complete supply of the institution's power and distributes it to every building on campus.

The system is set up like a tree, with its trunk beginning at the physical plant, stretching across the highway, and extending to McArthur Court. This tree has two main branches, with a maze of sub-branches connecting the scattered buildings to the power system.

The tunnel is approximately six feet wide and seven feet high, and it is made of concrete. Along the right side are three large pipes; the skeen line, the largest of the trio which is above the other two; the medium pressure line and the return water line, which run parallel.

On the opposite wall are various heavily insulated wires and cables which include the high watt power and the telephone lines. There are also sewer lines, irrigation lines which furnish water for the newly planted area by the millrace, water lines for

the sprinkling systems, and various other power and water units.

This is an extremely large unit which is technically difficult to comprehend; but its general functions are very basic. It corresponds to the large generating plants which supply the power for small towns and large cities. If the whole main network were stretched out in a straight line, a man would have to walk approximately 1.84 miles to travel from one end to the other.

The physical plant is a large noisy building with complicated expensive generators, massive furnaces, and numerous panels and instruments.

Originally the Architecture building was part of the Physical Plant. Most of the tunnels were built during the depression days in the 1930's. The section which carries power to the Veteran's Dormitories and to the Music building was constructed in the 1920's, while the branch to Gerlinger, which is the oldest, was built around the turn of the century.

According to I. I. Wright, superintendent of the physical plant, most students and even faculty members do not realize the fact that all the power which the University uses is supplied by the Physical Plant. He stated that he believes that during freshman week, conducted tours of the physical plant and the underground tunnel system should be included in the agenda.

There is much more to this University than just the buildings, the campus, and the social life," asserted Wright, "and I believe it would be extremely educational to the students if they had a working idea of how this university is run, from the mechanical standpoint."

## SU Currents



### Zazu Pitts Stars In WEE Theater

Wednesday Evening Educational theater will present the 1924 film "Greed," one of Director Erich von Stroheim's masterpieces of realism. This movie is first in the series of WEE theater movies presented in accordance with the current Festival of Arts on the campus. "Greed" is typical of films in the early era of the motion picture industry and stars Zazu Pitts, Gibson Gowland and Jean Hersholdt. Admission is free to the movie to be held Wednesday at 7 and 9 p.m. in 138 Commonwealth.

### Publicity Committee Will Meet Wednesday

All members of the Student Union publicity committee will meet Wednesday at 4 p.m. in room 313 of the SU, according to Dick Gray, chairman.

### SU Committee Plans Meet at 1 P.M. Today

Members of the Recorded Music Committee will meet today in the SU lending library at 1 p.m., according to Shirley Hardy, chairman.

### Today's Staff

Makeup Editor—Paul Keefe.  
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## + Campus Briefs +

● A total of 15 students were confined to the infirmary Monday for medical attention, according to hospital records. The patients were Sharon Heider, Judith Harris, Sonia Edwards, Patricia Lewis, Carol Andree, Barbara Coen, William Freske, James Withrow, Chuck Greenley, Gerald Ross, John Lally, Doug Clement, Gerald Ohlsen, Mary Jo Fourier and Ben Dorris.

● White Caps, pre-nursing club, will meet Wednesday at noon in the Student Union. Miss Esther Jacobson, a member of the Membership Committee of the International Council of Nurses will be the guest speaker.

● Any women interested in working at the Skipworth Juvenile Home on Wednesday nights are invited to attend a meeting today at 4 p.m. in the Student Union.

● A meeting of all Sigma Delta Chi members will be held today at 12:30 p.m. in the Allen Memorial Seminar Room.

● The YWCA executive committee will meet at noon today in the YW office in Gerlinger

hall, according to Carol Gerlach, publicity chairman.

● Kwama will meet tonight at 6:45 in Gerlinger hall, according to Helen Ruth Johnson, president.



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### Lacy Meets Today With Psych Group

Psi Chi, psychology honorary, will hold its regular meeting today at 12 in the Student Union.

All members of the organization, faculty members and graduate students are invited to attend the meeting and should either bring a lunch with them or purchase one at the SU cafeteria.

Professor Frank R. Lacy of the law school will lead a special discussion on the topic, "Insanity as a Legal Defense" as the feature of the meeting proper.



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