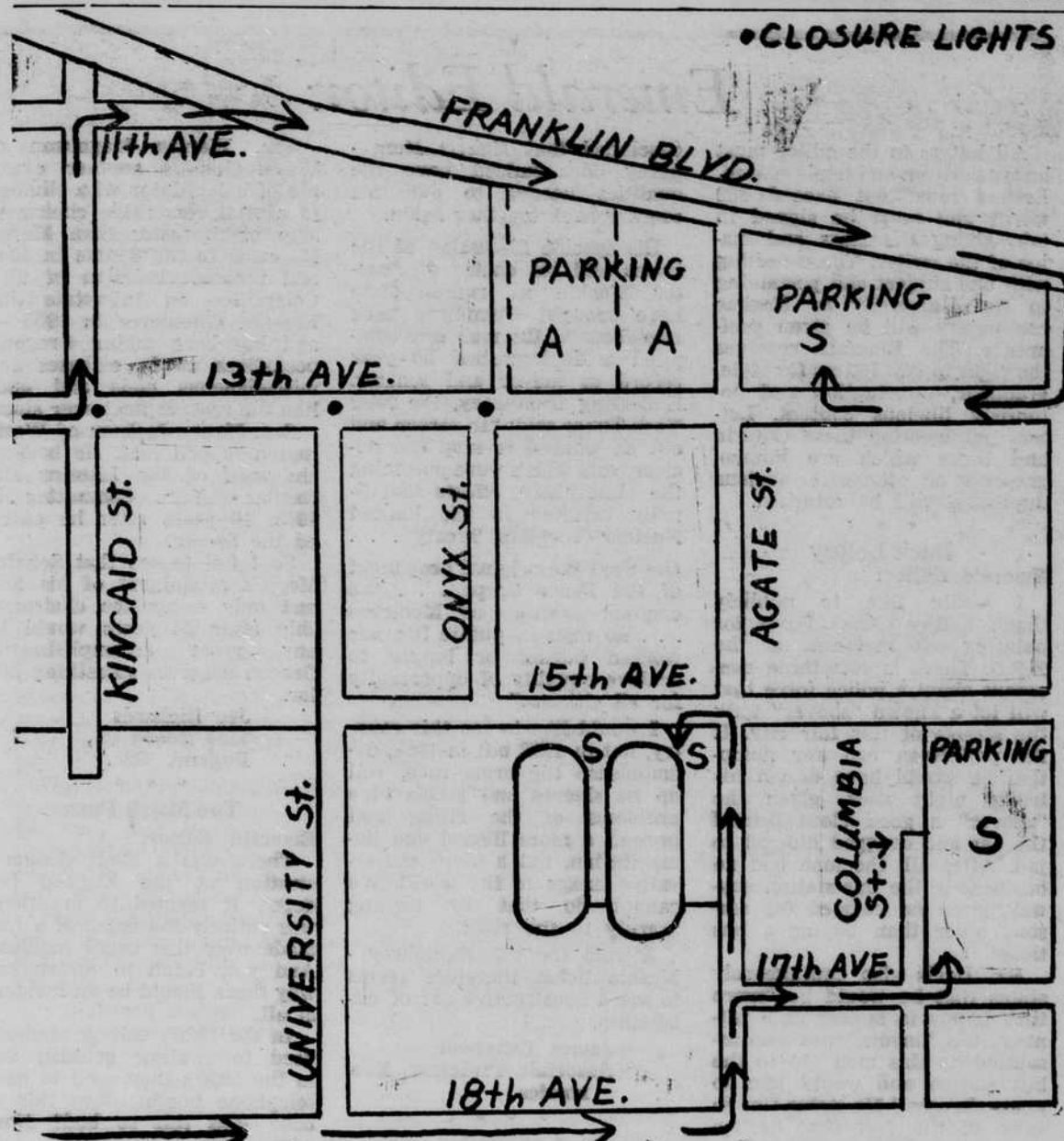




Traffic Outline

Routes Bypass Campus

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Officer M. R. Michaelson of the Eugene police department, outlined several alternate routes drivers can use to avoid congestion and hazards of campus intersections.

Michaelson said that 13th Ave. is the main street that is causing an unnecessary problem. Three-fifths of the traffic on 13th, he said, is traveling east. Most of these drivers aren't students but do use 13th to get to Franklin Blvd., he said.

Michaelson stated that these drivers are not aware that they could avoid crosswalks and stop signals along 13th. He pointed out that cars going east on 13th could out-skirt the campus by turning left onto Kincaid.

"Most people aren't aware that they can turn left there, even if they're in the right lane," he said.

After traveling two blocks on Kincaid, drivers can take a right turn on 11th Ave., which takes them directly onto Franklin.

Michaelson said that by going this way drivers bypass campus congestion, including the intersection at 13th and Agate St., where a number of accidents have occurred.

Michaelson said students going to parking lots off 13th could also use this route via Franklin rather than going through campus.

"They'll get there faster with less slow-ups," he said. From Franklin a right turn onto 13th brings the driver directly into the parking area.

This also eliminates a left turn into the parking area, Michaelson said, which means drivers don't have to yield to oncoming traffic.

The parking lot just east of Emerald Hall will be closed soon to start construction on a new science building; a further reason to avoid 13th, he said.

Parking area in the 17th Ave.-Columbia St. area, and around Hayward Field can be reached by skirting the campus also. Drivers coming west from the Patterson St. area should use 18th Ave. as far as Agate. From Agate they can use 17th or keep going north to 15th Ave., which goes by several lot entrances.

People who use 13th, Michaelson stated, have to go through several crosswalks, besides the traffic tie-ups at University and Onyx Sts. He said when the closure lights are working between classes along this street, drivers think they can sit and wait until they go off. This backs

up traffic, when it needs to keep flowing through at all times, the officer commented.

He said that some people even drive into the closed area without realizing that they cannot.

"It would be so much simpler, quicker and safer if they perimetered the campus." It would cut down 34,000 cars a day going through the campus if drivers would go around, Michaelson said.

'Fabra Dam' Footbridge Plans Aired

Autzen Stadium footbridge construction and Alton Baker Park development plans were explained to an ad hoc student committee Wednesday by Howard Beauford, a representative of the Lane County Planning Council.

The plan proposes to install a "fabra dam" across the river. This type of dam is inflated and is supported by a concrete foundation. Beauford said that this foundation could then be used to support a footbridge to Autzen Stadium and therefore "kill two birds with one stone."

The dam will control the flow of water along the park and divert some to channels in the park itself. It will also serve

to revamp the Mill Race by channeling water through it.

The cost of the nine-foot-high dam is estimated at \$250,000.

Beauford said that developing the 500-acre park would be a piece-meal operation and there are a number of ways to finance it. Two of the possibilities mentioned were the open space program under the Department of Urban Renewal and Land Conservation Program.

Another possibility is through the creation of a park and recreation district, but this demands the coordination between the county government and the governments of Eugene and Springfield.

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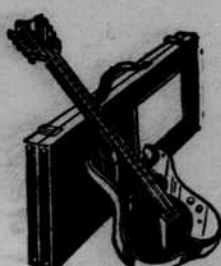
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