

Third try set for cemetery purchase

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For the third and perhaps final time, the University has introduced legislation in Salem that would give it the power to reclaim the Pioneer Cemetery.

A bill to purchase the cemetery was introduced, Monday, into a House committee by Roger Martin Rep., Lake Oswego.

As in 1959 and 1961 when similar legislation was introduced and defeated, the University will be facing strong opposition from the Lot Owners Association, a group of the original owners and heirs estimated to be some 400 strong.

A member of the association, Carl Svarverud, who recently appeared on PL-3's Community Focus, said in that show that the matter will be taken 'to the highest court in the land' if necessary, and that seems to summarize the association's position pretty well.

But such a step may not be necessary if the proposed bill does not pass the state legislature.

Although it's hard to measure legislators' sentiments on the bill, one state representative, Rep. Grace Peck, from Multnomah county, said in Eugene last weekend that she thinks 'it would be a crime to take the cemetery away from the souls resting there.'

Rep. Peck, who has served in the legislature longer than any Oregon woman legislator, was also a strong and vocal opponent of the earlier bills.

Another legislator, Rep. George Wingard, said he did not know yet whether he would oppose the bill or not. Wingard is also serving on the Eugene City Council, and the ward he represents contains both the cemetery and the University.

Juveniles adjust

'Group homes' need help

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"These kids need a lot of attention to make them aware that people care about them as people," Dick Phelps, an employee of the Lane County Juvenile Department, said.

Phelps is involved in a program to aid juvenile delinquents and is hoping for help from University students.

There are two "group homes"

in the Eugene area that have been in existence for a little over a year. The homes, one for boys and one for girls, exist in lieu of Hillcrest and McClaren, girls and boys state delinquent institutions.

The purpose of the group homes is to help delinquent children become useful members in the community.

The program directors feel that the teenagers in the delinquent homes can be better integrated into the community through this type of program, rather than by taking them out of the community and forcing readjustment on them.

The two homes are located near Churchill and Sheldon High Schools. The children living at the homes attend high school regularly and conduct a normal life, as similar to a regular home as possible.

There are house rules to follow with the only difference between the group homes and a

real home being the extra service provided, such as counseling.

Each home has a married couple supervising. In the afternoons, group sessions are held to let the residents know in which areas they are doing well. Phelps and other people employed in the Juvenile Department as well as workers in the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation attend.

Phelps remarked that a lot of the kids are suspicious of adults and authority. He feels University students might be able to make a few inroads.

Ed West, the program director, said, "There are as many reasons for kids being at the homes as there are kids."

University students would be asked to spend about four or five hours a week or more helping in two ways. The first duty would be to establish a relationship with one of the residents and second to help kids with schoolwork. West said only ten to 15 volunteers are needed.

Thus far the program has served about 35 boys and girls. The average stay at the homes is close to eight months. The capacity at each home is eight.

"We've had pretty good success," according to Phelps. "Some who have stayed at the homes are now in foster homes, others have returned to their original homes and still others are out on their own in apartments."

So far, one student from each home has had to be sent on to the state institutions. Phelps commented that the progress of those who leave the home is watched carefully.

The program director said, "It means a lot to the kids," and University students could help.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Ed West at 342-5021.

dent of the University when the 1961 bill was introduced, said, "Removal of the remains at that time would have cost us about half of what it will cost us now."

When asked why the bill failed to pass in 1961, Jones said, "We were made to appear as heartless ghouls who wanted to pave the whole thing with blacktop and turn it into a parking lot."

"This year," Jones added, "we hope things have calmed down enough so that it can be discussed quietly."

While it doesn't appear that things have calmed down much here in Eugene, the major bills in the legislature might create enough noise that the bill can be slipped in without much notice. At least that is the hope of some of the University officials.

Women tabbed best scholars

Married women students make better grades at the University than any other classifiable group or living organization.

A report released Friday from the Office of Student Services on fall term grade point averages shows that the average of all married women was 3.1043. Married men students averaged 2.8274.

Among other classifications, senior women ranked second with an average of 3.0636, while senior men ranked just above married men with an average of 2.8332.

At the top among living organizations was Carson Hall, Floor three, with an average of 3.0066. Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority followed with 2.9681.

The all-University average was 2.7142. The all-women average was above at 2.7914 and the all-men average was 2.6531.

On the whole, women students make better grades than men. Two women's classifications and seven women's living organizations ranked above the top-ranking men's groups. Top among men's classifications and living organizations was Sigma Pi fraternity with an average of 2.8800.

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