

Druids sponsor handicap study

Handicapped students at the University will be given an opportunity to make their grievances known this week through a special survey being conducted by the Druids, Junior Men's Honorary, according to Druid member, Mike Kment.

The survey, sponsored by the service honorary, is receiving assistance from the Office of Student Services, Campus Security and various commissions and projects associated with handicapped people.

The purpose of the poll, according to Kment, is to allow physically handicapped students to offer suggestions and criticisms of the structure of campus facilities, such as walkways, stairs,

lavatories, and access to parking areas as well as needs for various classroom and related materials such as transcribed tapes of course textbooks for blind students.

Among the buildings covered by the survey are:

Straub Hall; inaccessible in all ways because of steps up at all entrances and in some cases steps down inside. There are many levels and narrow doors, and no elevators. Toilets are not accessible because of narrow doors and no lift bars. Inaccessible offices are: Student Conduct Office, VISTA, and HEP. Campus Security has one step up.

Johnson Hall: no entry ramp, no

elevator and no special lavatory facilities. There are no ground floor entry—many steps.

Lawrence Hall: not easily accessible by wheelchair because the doors are too heavy for the handicapped to manipulate by themselves. No special bathroom facilities are available. Several of the doors are too heavy and some floors are either raised or sunken which couldn't be manipulated easily.

Gerlinger Hall: has no ramps which makes access difficult to upper floors, and narrow doorways. However the YWCA Lounge on the ground level is accessible with wide doors.

Classrooms in Allen Hall: are on the

second and third floors only with no elevators. No special lavatory facilities are available.

"Hopefully the survey will be complete by the end of next week but this time deadlines centers around the kind of support we are given by the campus community the handicapped students themselves and the various offices that have already helped in the effort," explained Kment.

Anyone wishing information on the project or willing to help should contact Kment, (ext. 3724), Pat Harrington (343-7272), Marty Hill (686-5277), Don Chalmers (686-8772), Dave Hytowitz (342-7584) or the Dean of Personnel Services, Bob Bowlin at ext. 3216.



Photo by Jerry Benterou

Getting up Johnson Hall steps isn't easy for a handicapped person. For an individual confined to a wheelchair, access to the administration building is nearly impossible. Problems of access faced by handicapped students are under study by the Druids, the junior mens' honorary.

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Chuckling he said, "We mainly planned the dance to relieve all of the tension that builds up in these type of rallies. But we want a lot more people to come to the dance."

Friday night's rally is the first of a list of activities planned by the Student Union and other anti-war groups primarily in support of the People's Peace Treaty.

"We want to start building up to May 5 and beyond," one of the Student Union members explained.

Union members are passing out leaflets today on campus, on the mall and at Valley River Center that outline the upcoming activities. Representatives of the Student Union are also meeting with downtown merchants to explain the anti-war protests and to ask for support and donations. They hope to convince most merchants to stop business as usual on May 5 in protest of the war.

Activities leading up to the May Day demonstration include:

Civil disobedience is scheduled at Adair Air Force base in Corvallis on May 2 and 3. It will involve a food drive for the poor.

"Adair relates to the war because the imperialism that is keeping it from the poor is the same sort of imperialism that keeps the U.S. in Indochina," the Student Union members stated.

Recruiting offices will be the target of protestors on May 3 when they plan to disrupt

business. "We will just mill around in a good active disruption," they explained. "We don't plan any sit-ins or anything like that."

A peace march from campus to the mall is the main activity planned for May 1. A speaker's platform on the mall, a picnic on Skinner's Butte and a dance on the mall are also planned.

A main concern of the Student

Union has been publicizing the upcoming protest. A film about the "People's Peace Treaty" and the May Day activities, "Time is Running Out" is being shown in Eugene high schools and the University dormitories.

It will be shown tonight in the Collier lounge of the Hamilton complex at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Bean West Conference room.

Survival forum slates four campus speakers

"Towards a Stable Environment" is the theme for an Earth Week public forum to be held at 8 p.m. tonight in Harris Hall, downtown next to the County Courthouse.

Scheduled to speak at the event sponsored by the University's Survival Center are three University professors: Gordon Goles, Geology; Allan Larrabee, chemistry; and Robert Campbell, Economics.

Goles, teacher of "Man and His Environment," plans to center his talk on the use of energy resources taken from the earth. "In principle, since the planet offers a closed system, we should be able to get back all the resources we take from it."

Larrabee, professor of chemistry, will aim his speech at the public's attitude toward the

present system of waste disposal.

A member of "Environmental Dynamics," a non-profit organization with goals of changing public opinion on the matter, Larrabee will offer new methods of garbage handling for the Eugene area.

Professor Campbell plans to apply principles of economics to the present situations posed by environmental quality.

Another event for Earth Week sponsored by the Survival Center will be a symposium featuring Joe Smith, District attorney for Umitilla County, initiator of protests against the proposed shipment and storage of nerve gas at Hermiston, Oregon last June.

He will be scheduled to speak on Friday.

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