

Plans laid for new anti-war march

Plans for a Eugene anti-war demonstration and rally were announced Thursday by David Hough, spokesman for the

Eugene Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

The demonstration is

scheduled for next Wednesday. Demonstrators will assemble at the EMU and at the Lane County Fairgrounds. According to Hough

the march will begin at two places so both the campus and the community can participate.

The march will end at the mall where a rally including several speakers "only tentatively lined up" will be held. Hough said that included in the speakers will be several representing student unions.

"Any group marching as a contingent is welcome to speak," he added.

"The demonstration is planned as part of a nationwide moratorium to kick off a month-long series of anti-war demonstrations which promise to become the largest ever seen in this country," Hough said.

Veteran's Day parades are planned by the nationwide group on Oct. 25 and campus strikes on campuses across the country are scheduled on Nov. 3.

The climax of the anti-war activities will be "massive" legal and peaceful demonstrations in 15 cities throughout the nation on Nov. 6.

According to Hough the Nov. 6 demonstrations "Will be the largest this country has ever seen."

Hough felt that this demonstration will be the largest, because the SMC is a national organization and because people are realizing that inflation is caused by defense spending and they will demonstrate against the wage-price freeze.

"The SMC is demanding immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all troops from Southeast Asia coupled with self-determination for the Vietnamese people," Hough stated.

"Anyone supporting these demands, regardless of their views on other political questions is invited to join us in building for the fall offensive," he added.

Hough stressed that the SMC is involved only in legal, peaceful demonstrations and said that marshalls involved in the marches themselves will be included in every march to "Make sure that individual demonstrators do not get out of hand."

According to Hough there is a lot of work to be done in organizing the fall anti-war efforts and he invited anyone that would to help to attend the Eugene SMC meetings on Monday nights in the EMU.

Consumer Research Center suggests alternate methods of college funding

A study suggesting alternative funding methods for higher education has just been released by the University's Consumer Research Center.

The document, "Issues of Grants and Loans to Individuals, Oregon as a Case Study," was prepared by a group of sixteen students under the direction of John Wish, associate professor of business administration.

The research effort was begun last fall in Wish's Marketing and Corporate responsibility class and continued by students in his Consumer Problems of the Poor classes.

The study deals with some major crises of higher education including:

- The taxpayer's revolt against higher taxes to finance increased costs of education,
- The subsequent difficulty of the poor in continuing their education,
- The search for relevancy in education,

• and the unequal distribution of students among institutions, resulting in near bankruptcy for low-enrollment private institutions and increased demands on public institutions.

The study contends that schools must assume a form that will provide wide access to diverse types of knowledge and training for large numbers of students from all socio-economic levels and that such schooling must be within the ability of taxpayers to provide without hardship.

"What is necessary," according to the report, "is to find a way by which the existing funds can be better utilized."

The report presents the voucher system as "offering the greatest potential and the best framework" for eliminating shortcomings in the present system. Under a voucher system, full cost tuition would be charged the student, but he would be issued a voucher on a sliding

scale in accordance with his ability to pay.

The report published, according to the authors, "to stimulate thought and discussion and perhaps make contact with other groups and individuals who are concerned about the future of post-secondary schooling and alternative ways to provide it."

Wish is presently offering the report to members of the state interim education committee and other interested legislators.

This is the second such student report from the Consumer Research Center. A study of alternatives in elementary and secondary education in Eugene was presented to the school board Monday.

MITS OFF considers anti-mining plans

"Pumice miners are O.K., but ...would you want your Three Sisters to be raped by one?" So states a MITS OFF flyer.

MITS OFF, the brainchild of Doug Hofstader, University graduate student, stands for Mining in Three Sisters Obliterates Flora and Fauna.

The group is being organized in an effort to prevent U.S. Pumice Co. from starting a mining operation in the Rock Mesa area of the Three Sisters Wilderness.

About fifty students packed room 111 of the EMU for the first MITS OFF meeting Thursday evening.

Hofstader told those attending that U.S. Pumice, currently engaged in a mining operation in the Mono Crater area near Lee Vining, Calif., plans to mine pumice at Rock Mesa once their mining claims in California are exhausted.

U.S. Pumice has not given a firm indication of when it plans to make the move to Oregon, but pumice holdings in California are estimated to last for the next two to 10 years.

"It's really ugly, just a blight on the area," Hofstader said of the Lee Vining operation.

Bulldozers and trucks have made it an earache and eyesore for nature lovers.

"Huge trucks are audible for miles around," he said.

Because of a loophole believed to have been intentionally legislated into the Wilderness Act of 1964, wilderness area mining claims can be filed until 1983, Hofstader said.

Thursday's meeting unveiled six prongs in the MITS OFF effort to head off U.S. Pumice:

—A door-to-door canvassing of

the Eugene-Springfield area is planned to begin either the weekend of Oct. 16 or the weekend of Oct. 23. Canvassers will circulate petitions endorsing S.B. 1783, which would ban mining in all wilderness areas, and S.B. 1784, which would ban mining only in the Three Sisters Wilderness. Both measures were introduced by Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore.

"The idea is to have our community (the entire Eugene-Springfield area, not just the University) heard in Congress ... to show our community is behind Packwood's bills," Hofstader said. Because of opposition from the mining industry, Hofstader feels S.B. 1784 has a greater chance of successfully completing the legislative circuit.

—MITS OFF volunteers will man an information table in front of the EMU from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. daily beginning Monday.

—Where possible, talks will be held at Eugene area high schools.

—An effort will be made to get local clubs and service organizations to adopt resolutions backing Packwood's bills.

—Radio and television stations will be contacted and asked to broadcast information and films dealing with the Rock Mesa issue.

—Legal means of stopping U.S. Pumice will be explored and used should legislative efforts fail.

Anyone interested in helping MITS OFF should contact Hofstader at 686-4784 or 345-7977. Office facilities are being set up in the Survival Center in the EMU. The number there is 686-4356.



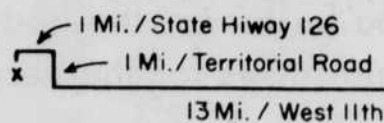
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