



Daredevil racer Barney Oldfield, as painted by C. Peter Helck, when he did a mile a minute back in 1903 on the Empire City Track at Yonkers, N.Y. The racer Oldfield drove was built by Henry Ford of

Detroit, some five years before Ford formed the company that produced the fabulous "Tin Lizzie."

Auto prints displayed

When Barney Oldfield drove a mile a minute in one of those "new-fangled" horseless carriages back in 1903 he was making history and he was also among the forerunners of automobile racing.

A print of the painting of Oldfield and the Henry Ford racer is one of a collection of original drawings and prints by C. Peter Helck now being shown in the Special Collections Room of the University library.

The collection was given to the library this year by Helck, a well known commercial artist and major collector of antique cars. He is also an authority on famous races and racers of the past.

The Oldfield "mile a minute" scene is one of numerous racing car paintings that are included in the library's collection which will be on display through Nov. 26.

OSPIRG aid sought on eco issues

As a result of a public hearing Monday night, the Local Board of OSPIRG has a choice of several environmental issues to choose from as possible future projects.

The board heard presentations from the Northwest Steelheaders, Save French Pete, and MITS OFF groups. They also heard the concerns of a student about the future of Straub Hall.

First speaker on the agenda was Bob Robinson of Northwest Steelheaders (a group interested in the preservation of cold water fish). Robinson sought OSPIRG's aid in opposing a proposal of the Army Corps of Engineers to dredge fourteen miles of the Siuslaw river from Florence to Mapleton.

The purpose of the dredging, Robinson stated, is to allow barge traffic at low tide as well as high tide. Of the three mills that operate barges on this portion of the river, Georgia Pacific will be closing down, Erskin is drying out, and Davidson is operating an average of only one barge a month. Robinson contended that this was an "ecological giveaway," considering the minimal tonnage moved by barge and the possibly severe environmental consequences of dredging.

Robinson thought OSPIRG could help in assessing the environmental impact of the proposal and in informing the public. He is worried that with a 12 foot deeper channel, cold salt water may run further upstream and adversely affect the fish. He also raised concern about the "dredge spoils that would be dumped on the bank."

He also charged that Gov. Tom McCall had "muzzled" five state agencies that opposed dredging: the Game Commission, Fish Commission, Department of Environmental Quality, State Water Resources Board, and Division of State Lands.

Jim Renney then spoke for a group called Save French Pete. He asked for OSPIRG's financial assistance in the amount of \$2,500 to help mount a full scale campaign to mobilize public pressure against clear cutting and road building in the 19,000 acre stand of virgin timber.

Some of the items for which money is sought include an honorarium for a Mason Williams concert, radio advertising by such people as Paul Newman, newspaper ads and bumper stickers. Renney announced that there would be a French Pete rally November 18.

Doug Hofstadter, a representative from the newly formed MITS OFF (Mining in Three Sisters Obliterates Flora and Fauna) organization, suggested that OSPIRG could help in informing the public of the effects mining could have on the wilderness area. Hof-

stadter quipped that his group wants to "undermine the U.S. pumice company."

He announced petitions against mining in Three Sisters are available for signing on the EMU terrace. They will be distributed in the community within the next two weeks. Volunteers are needed to help with this effort.

Fred Sawyer referred to a study of the Army Corps of Engineers called the Willamette Basin Comprehensive Study. He reported that the Corps plans 99 dams on the Willamette in the next 20-30 years. Sawyer felt that OSPIRG should investigate the need or lack of need for this number of dams.

It was also reported that the Lane County Commissioners have proposed a dam just below the Ferry Street bridge. State chairman Ben Merrill remarked that he doubted the Commissioners had any jurisdiction over a navigable river.

Gretchen Shoots suggested that OSPIRG look into a motel's request for rezoning along the Willamette Greenway. Ms. Shoots maintained that nearby farmers strongly oppose the area's development.

Debby Dunlap reported her concern over a "rumor" that Straub Hall was going to be converted into academic facilities without reimbursing the dorm fund. R. C. Owens, one of two attorneys serving as legal counsel for the ASUO reported that his office is working on a position statement on the matter for ASUO president Iain More.

All suggestions made at the hearing will be taken under advisement by the OSPIRG local board and the OSPIRG state board. Hearings will be held on the second Monday of each month to determine citizen and student concerns in environmental areas.

More picks Ellen Wolfe

Ellen Wolfe was selected Tuesday morning by the ASUO executive to fill the third and last administrative assistant position in the ASUO.

ASUO President Iain More announced Tuesday afternoon that Ms. Wolfe will work closely with Vice President Larry Salmony in the areas of higher

education, funding and public relations. "Since she's just newly-named to the position," More explained, "all her duties aren't defined yet."

Ms. Wolfe is a graduate student in journalism at the University and editor of Eugene Magazine. She was selected from a field of 12 applicants.



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The courts will open at 7 a.m. and will be available to students and faculty members until 8:30 a.m., and from 1:30 p.m. until closing. The courts will be used by classes from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

As soon as funds are available

for supervision, the courts will be open longer hours, according to W. P. Rhoda of the physical education department. If there is enough use of the courts, Rhoda hopes to have the courts open from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Sundays.

The handball courts in the facility are still closed due to construction.

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