

Freshman legislator's opinions heard at Rubicon luncheon

"I have learned that there is one thing lower than a Marine recruit," state representative Wayne Whitehead (R-Dist. 39) said Friday, "it is a freshman legislator in the minority party."

Whitehead is serving his first term in the state House of Representatives.

Speaking at the Rubicon luncheon, the Republican legislator explained why his name appears as a sponsor of a bill that he does not support. Whitehead's name is on the bill that would decriminalize (in effect, legalize) the use and sale of marijuana.

He said that he had agreed to co-sponsor the bill with Sen. Ed Fadeley (D-Eugene) when Fadeley had explained that the bill would send the question of whether marijuana is a narcotic to the State Board of Pharmacy for a decision. However, the bill that he signed did not contain what he understood it would. Whitehead would like to see his name taken off the bill, but said

that he doesn't expect it will be.

He also doesn't expect that the bill will be passed during the current session of the legislature. "It won't get out of committee," the freshman legislator predicted.

One of the reasons he signed the bill, Whitehead said, is that he doesn't have time to read all the bills in detail that come across his desk. He said that he just reads the summary until the bill is presented to him in its final form.

Other topics touched on during the luncheon meeting included: — Revenue sharing. "We realize that there is less money coming in from the federal government," Whitehead said. He called for local governments to "pick up the slack" and added that "a lot of programs are just make work deals" that should be eliminated.

— Lowering the state drinking age to 18. "I think that it is in trouble," Whitehead said and cited the so-called "Michigan study" as the reason. The Michigan study is a report done in that state when they lowered the drinking age that showed an

80 per cent increase in alcohol-related traffic fatalities as a result of that action.

— The governor's tax plan. Whitehead said he agrees with Bob Davis, an aide to Gov. Tom McCall, that 100 per cent financing of kindergartens may drag the bill down to defeat. He hopes that the 50 per cent funding figure will remain in the legislation.

— Campaign spending legislation. Whitehead said that he expects some sort of campaign spending legislation to pass during the current legislative session. He said that he expects that the final law will call for a 25 cent per voter limit, or roughly \$10,000 campaign expenditures for a Senate district and \$5,000 for a House district.

— Press coverage of the legislature. "You are getting the nuts and bolts," he said and that the reporting is "factual, accurate, correct and quite good." However, he charged that mistakes made by the Democratic majority are not being reported as thoroughly as mistakes were reported when the Republicans were in control of the legislature.

On Campus

Land classification session tonight

The University Survival Center and the Sierra Club are sponsoring a session Monday to facilitate public involvement in decisions about land classifications in the Willamette National Forest. The session will be from 7:30 to 10 p.m., in Harris Hall. Forest Service planning maps and evaluation forms will be available, as will resource persons to explain the material.

Comments and evaluations by hikers and backpackers about areas familiar to them are being sought, according to Gayle Landt of the UO Survival Center.

Free Van Cliburn tickets available

A limited number of free student tickets for the Eugene-University Music Association concert, featuring Van Cliburn, will be available at the EMU Main Desk, beginning Monday morning, at 9 p.m. The concert is scheduled for Monday, March 5, at 8 p.m. in McArthur Court. The tickets are limited to one per student, and student I.D. is required. Tickets for student spouses are also available at \$1 each.

Leather crafts at EMU this week

The Craftsmen's Corner, a program sponsored by the EMU, continues this week with Karl and Marie Smiley. The Smileys specialize in leather crafts and will be demonstrating tooling leather and weaving on a table and inkle looms.

The Smileys will set up a small booth in the EMU Fishbowl and demonstrate, exhibit and sell their crafts today through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Population perspectives examined today

"Social Science Perspectives on Population" is the title of a session tonight in a University series on ecology and the economy. The free public discussion will be at 8 p.m. in Studio A of the University Library.

Lecturers will include Ed Whitelaw, associate professor of economics, Thomas Hovet, professor of political science, and Steven Keele, associate professor of psychology.

Like other sessions in the series, tonight's will examine critically the assumptions and conclusions made by the Pacific Northwest River Basins Commission regarding population carrying capacity of the Pacific Northwest. The series is sponsored by the University's Graduate School and Environmental Studies Center.

Lecturer to discuss 'gender identity'

The public is invited to a free discussion of "Gender Identity: The Development of Masculinity and Femininity" at 3:30 p.m. today in 180 PLC.

The lecturer will be Richard Green, associate professor of psychiatry at UCLA and director of the Gender Identity Research and Treatment Clinic of the Neuropsychiatric Institute at the UCLA School of Medicine. Green is also editor-in-chief of the journal "Archives of Sexual Behavior". His talk is sponsored by the psychology department.

Computer animated films to be shown

A free hour long festival of computer animated films on chemistry showing highlights of the work of twenty computer animators will be shown at 7:30 tonight in 177 Lawrence by Prof. Kent Wilson of the Dept. of Chemistry of the University of California at San Diego. The musical backgrounds for the films are by Moog Synthesizer.

The subjects of the films will range from molecular biology through quantum mechanics. In addition, a film of the Protein Synthesis Dance as originally performed by 200 Stanford students, will be shown. This is the same dance that was performed during the Festival of the Arts. Free refreshments will be served. The films are being presented by the Dept. of Chemistry as a part of the Kodak Seminar series.

Council begins canned food drive

The Sophomore Class Council is sponsoring a food drive this Saturday, March 3. Collected canned foods will be given to the Salvation Army who will use it for emergency relief.

Students are urged by the Council to contribute canned foods. Those interested in helping collect food can meet at McArthur Court at 10 a.m. on Saturday or call Jim Davis, Sophomore Class President at 687-0586.

Community

Legislative hearing on handicapped set

The first hearing on a package of bills that would remove many existing architectural barriers for handicapped persons will be held at 8 a.m. Tuesday in room 20 of the capitol.

The hearing is being held before the House Environment Committee, chaired by Rep. Nancie Fadeley (D-Eugene), chief sponsor of the legislation. (see related story on page seven.)

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