



Photo by John Dong

This man is illegally salvaging wood from the old bleachers on Hayward Field. Many re-useable materials such as the wood from these bleachers are hauled away or destroyed because of bureaucratic red tape.

Donors aid University in filling special needs

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"Public funds provided to the University through the legislature and tuition comprise only two-thirds of what is needed to operate the University. And presently both of these sources are being squeezed. So the only avenue left that can give financial assistance to the University is through private giving."

Hope Pressman of the University Development Fund was speaking about the role of the private donor to the University and, more specifically, about a newly formed group of donors called the President's Associates.

The Development Fund is "putting together the needs of the University with the interests of the people supporting it," she says. "The University has special needs, of course, but we try and facilitate people who have a special interest in a particular area of the University and would like to contribute to it."

The recently inaugurated President's Associates is a group of 39 persons who, through their contributions, have provided an example of interest and support to the University, said Pressman.

According to the annual report of the Development Fund, a life membership in the President's Associates will be accorded any individual who pledges \$10,000 or more within a ten-year period, or who signified by appropriate means the intention to provide \$25,000 or more to the University through the Development Fund by means of a bequest or any other deferred giving instrument. Regular membership will extended to those who contributed \$1,000 or more each year for five years.

Formation of the group, says Pressman "is a means by which the University can recognize those persons who have made contributions that are of real importance to the University."

"In addition, it opens more widely the communication channels between these people and the University. It enables these people to communicate to the University what they feel the best interests of the University are," she says.

Donations to the University ultimately benefit the students says Pressman "so we would like to discover ways in which supporters of the University can become better informed about what the students are doing."

"Any suggestions about how a relationship between students and University supporters can be established would be welcome," she said.

Donations to the University can be made to a specific department or facility says Pressman, or they can be unrestricted donations. "The unrestricted category provides the President and his advisors an opportunity to decide where the need for additional funds is strongest," she adds.

Since the Sept. 26 inauguration of the President's Associates, support for the philanthropic group has grown, according to Pressman. "The response has been very, very good and I think it will get even better," she says.

Salvage of re-usable material concerns Eugene residents

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The wrecking business has been booming in Eugene during the past few years. That's the impression of many residents who are confronted with new construction activity on every trip downtown.

Bulldozers rumbling over a lot filled with rubble has become a common sight in Eugene. To the ecology-minded, the material that may be re-usable often seems to be heedlessly ground and crushed and hauled away in one swift economic operation.

"They weren't salvaging anything," claimed Molly Brady, "Right now during an energy crisis wood is at a premium. Many people are willing to burn wood rather than electricity if they can get it." Brady is one of many outraged residents appalled by a waste they believe protected by bureaucratic red tape and legal restrictions.

The city and the Eugene Renewal Agency are very much aware of the problem.

"The Renewal agency has been looking into this question for some time," said Don Hobert of the ERA, "We've been trying to figure out how to salvage building materials, not necessarily firewood."

"We're bound by state and federal regulations," said Holbert, "We haven't found solutions yet."

City Manager Hugh McKinley explained that the city has restrictions against the sale of used building material from the site. Because of the public nuisance created and the hazards involved in allowing unlicensed persons on the destruction site such persons are prohibited. Anyone salvaging material must provide proof of insurance coverage.

City contracts are usually awarded to the lowest bidder, and according to McKinley the process allows the builder the freedom to use the material in any way he wishes.

Brady suggested that an area be made available where contractors could take the lumber enabling people to pick it up without violating the city codes.

Councilwoman Wickes Beal said the city council was willing to hear from concerned residents and suggested that interested groups should devise a feasible plan.

"If an organization like BRING wishes to get into this business of segregating the wood scraps and make arrangements to take it away without cost to the city, and they have a workable plan the council can act on it," said Beal. "We can't tell the ERA what to do, we can only advise. But if a group has such a plan, do bring it to the council."

Holbert, who doubted the suitability of most salvageable material for firewood purposes, said that people were allowed to pick up the material after it was hauled to the dump. "There is no difference in the material's firability at the dump," said Holbert.

Building contractors are currently using the private land fill site at the Bethel-Danebo Gravel Company. The company does sell salvageable material at the dump site.

The ruins of Hayward field have caused a lot of speculation by those who want to see that wood utilized. For the past week people have been picking up wood from the site. Earl Babcock, from the University Physical Plant, said the contractor is selling the materials to people who are picking it up.

"We are encouraging them to use the materials that are salvageable, but it's in the hands of the contractor," said Babcock.

The matter does lie in the hands of the contractor. Until legal complications can be resolved, all the city can do now is encourage the salvage of re-usable materials.

McKinley noted that many contractors treat the problem as purely an economic one—it's much cheaper to dispose of the materials than to sort them out and haul them away for resale.

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