

Law building diagnosed as unbalanced

The Law School building was diagnosed as "unbalanced" yesterday as a new concept adopted by the Campus Planning Committee took its first tentative steps toward application. The plan consists of piecemeal growth based on planning concepts called patterns. Patterns are shared principles of aspects of what the campus should be like. The patterns are used to evaluate and plan for future growth.

A diagnosis of the present state of the University community was presented to the committee by Harry VanOudenallen, the acting planner of the Physical Plant. VanOudenallen explained that it was only a rough draft to give committee members an idea of how the diagnosing process would be formulated.

Areas on the campus were judged against the patterns in use to evaluate present buildings and plan future projects. Buildings were found to be "balanced" or "unbalanced" according to the pattern criteria, said VanOudenallen.

The new Law School building was found to be "unbalanced," but a member of the

committee questioned the finding, stating that the structure had solved the space problems of the Law School. Chairer Jerry Diethelm responded, stating "...We have explained our requirements for building functions," and added that planners are hopefully more sensitive to a variety of needs filled by a building.

VanOudenallen noted that the Law School had been referred to as a "fortress" because it was not accessible to the whole of the campus population.

Another committee member defended the Law School's design by pointing out that the users of the building, namely Law faculty and students, might not be interested in making the building accessible to others. He wondered aloud if a building similar to the one constructed would have been planned even if the new concept was used.

Diethelm admitted that it was possible, but noted that while Law building users would have primary influence on the plans, other users of the campus would also provide input. He added that any plan would have to conform to the adopted patterns of campus

development.

The discussion broadened into consideration of how to develop patterns which would be known to and agreed upon by the University community. A chief problem mentioned was providing for input from those who may be critical of the adopted patterns.

Also discussed at the meeting was the circulation and traffic diagnosis for the University. One recommendation was made that the University oppose proposed expressways through the University area. These proposed expressways include: sections between the campus and the Willamette River, campus and central Eugene, 30th Avenue and Centennial Boulevard and between the University and Fairmont Boulevard.

The need for student representation on some of the subcommittees was also discussed. Student member John Medows told the Emerald that a check would be made with the ASUO to recruit students who would serve on the subcommittees and suggested that they would function as advisors to students already on the committee.

Idaho wilderness area threatened by Forest Service land use plan

"The largest chunk of classified wilderness area in the United States is threatened—we must take steps to preserve the Idaho Primitive Area now," said Ron Waters to a crowd of 200 people in 150 Science Monday night.

Waters, who made a dramatic 200-mile cross country ski trek across the area last winter to bring attention to its plight, made the plea in the face of the National Forest Service's proposal that would threaten various parts of the 1.2 million acre Idaho Primitive Area.

"While much of the proposal is sound, it excludes the protection of many tributaries of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River that runs through the area. By not protecting all the river's branches, the river would be extraordinarily vulnerable to outside pollution that would in turn be carried into the virgin area," Waters explained.

"Other parts of the primitive area are being left open for mining, under the Forest Service proposal, and heavy mining lobbies are pressuring the Forest Service to let them exploit the minerals," Waters continued.

The proposal has yet to be adopted and Waters, assistant director and Environmental Coordinator for the Idaho State University Outdoor Program, maintains that citizen pressure could be effective in preserving this unique area.

"The Forest Service has succumbed to public pressure before, and they may do it in this case if enough people write to demand that the area of the proposed wilderness be extended

to include the watershed of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. The letters should also ask that the almost half million acres in land contiguous to the Salmon River Breaks Primitive Area be classified as wilderness," Waters said.

Waters said that such letters should be sent to Vern Hamre, Regional Forester in the Federal Building in Ogden, Utah. Copies of the Forest Service proposal and the environmental alternative are on display in the Outdoor Program, EMU room 23.

When asked to comment on the Idaho Primitive Area issue, Gary Grimm, Outdoor Program

Coordinator and college wilderness recreation authority at the University, asserted, "The Forest Service plan excludes a key fact of any wilderness issue—the watershed protection. Few places in America today have water as pure and clean as the Middle Fork. Any intrusions in the Middle Fork watershed endanger its future purity."

"The Forest Service plan concerns itself more with preserving small roads than with preserving the wilderness. The only people who could possibly support this are people with economic concerns in this area," Grimm said.

ALERT discusses German tapes for disabled students

A "Guten Tag" German class for disabled students was one of the topics discussed at the November meeting of ALERT, an organization of all persons, disabled or not, interested in the problems faced by the handicapped.

The meeting, with Don Johnson presiding, was held Monday night in the EMU. The organization meets the first Monday of each month.

ALERT members endorsed the efforts of Christian Stehr, a first-year Guten Tag instructor, to duplicate tapes used in the language program for those students without access to the language laboratories. The present plan calls for financing through student contributions.

Other items on the agenda included the possibility of a west coast coalition for persons of limited mobility, formed with other interested colleges in California, Idaho, and Washington, and a wheelchair repair service using ALERT funds.

The Lane Transit District is "listening more" to handicapped persons, but buses continue to be inaccessible to the disabled, a member reported. The existing mass transit system could be made accessible by installing wheelchair lifts on the buses, it was suggested.

ALERT members examined and adopted a mascot drawn by member Peter Markus. The mascot, a duck in a wheelchair holding a can of pencils, will be used to decorate ALERT sweatshirts and letterheads.

Dellenback urges propane quota change

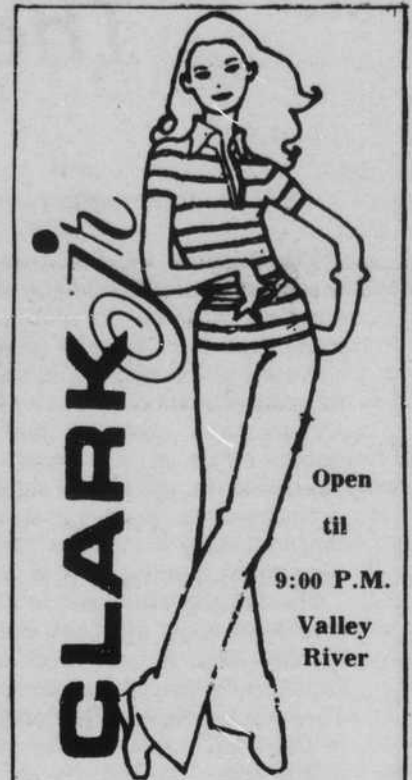
WASHINGTON — Congressman John Dellenback, (R-Dist. 4) joined by Senators Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.) and Bob Packwood (R-Ore.) and Representatives Edith Green (D-Dist. 3), Al Ullman (D-Dist. 2), and Wendell Wyatt (R-Dist. 1), has written the President's assistant for energy policy, former Gov. John Love, to urge "in the strongest possible terms" revision of the mandatory

propane allocation system ordered by the Energy Policy Office earlier this month.

As ordered by the Office, the mandatory propane allocation system does not include lumber and plywood production as a priority use for propane gas.

The letter points out: "Most plywood producers who utilize propane have already been contacted by their suppliers with the information that, unless there

are significant new resources of propane made available, there will be no propane available for non-priority users. If this is the case, most plywood producing firms will either have to shut down completely or at least drastically curtail their operations. An area like ours which suffers from perennial high unemployment would be extremely badly hurt by such a blow."



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