

Editorial

# Campus fire hazards need correction

Legislative funds must be secured for the improvement of several campus structures which have been singled out by the University and will be included in a renewed Omnibus remodeling proposal.

The campus needs that money and this work done to ensure the safety of its students, faculty and administration as well as to provide improvement for many University departments with regards to space utilization.

An in-depth article entitled 'Several campus buildings cited as fire hazards,' published Nov. 14, pinpointed the plight faced by many of these older buildings and the critical need that exists for more money.

Physical Plant director Harold Babcock commented at that time, "if we restricted every facility that has a deficiency, I suspect we'd close down every building on campus." This may be an overstatement, but it's a good in-

dication of what faces the campus and its edifice situation.

The University made a \$1.2 million proposal this past spring on a project which would have covered the renovation of eight older campus structures. The plan was designed to "provide better utilization of existing buildings on the campus through comprehensive remodeling to meet current needs." That 'Omnibus' proposal, however, was turned down by the legislature.

Structures included in the original fund request were: Commonwealth, Condon, Fenton, Friendly, Gerlinger, Hendricks, Johnson and the Science Complex. Others, which need to be included in future plans, the article noted, are: MacArthur Court, Deady, the Music Building, Susan Campbell, the Faculty Club and Villard Hall.

The University plans to resubmit the project in an expanded form at the special session early next year. Hopefully, more

buildings will be added to the plan for which that body will grant more money.

While we can't expect to have perfect buildings which are completely fireproof we must have the ability to keep those we do have as close to safe and sane as possible. The University can't do everything it rightfully should be able to do and that's where the real tragedy lies.

Money was needed to end this problem last spring — and for years before that — so it remains up to the legislature to grant these funds. It may also be up to the public to determine how safe "safe" is but fire safety and University organizational space utilization is nothing to ignore or play politics with.

These buildings must be made safe for all, now. Someone must take that responsibility and hopefully, both the legislature and the University will see fit to do so.

## Letter

### Shoplifting policies

I just have to reply to a past commentary on shoplifting policy at the Bookstore.

A shoplifting "bust" is as detrimental to a student as any felon if he wants to pursue a career in the American style.

I would rather see a policy that reads like the University of San Francisco.

1. "USF student caught—student court.
2. Non-student-jail
3. 2nd offense-jail
4. This store is under surveillance."

With the despotic, tyrannical practices in America, the Bookstore should try to have a little of the spirit of the "Dead."

Michael Foley

### Charge more for more

With all of the current emphasis on the "energy crisis," there are numerous actions which individuals may take to cope with—or react to it. One of these alternatives involves not only a step towards a sound energy-use policy; but also a possible advantage to an individual's pocket book.

The Eugene Water and Electric Board is currently considering ways in which to compensate for their loss of revenue brought about by current energy conservation programs. They are considering several alternatives, one of which happens to be a form of inverted rate, cost increase. Simply put, this means that the more energy one uses, the more that person pays for the energy. Currently, the rate system is exactly opposite (for all practical purposes), the more energy one uses, the less it costs. Under this alternative, consumers using 5,000 kw-month would receive a 13.4 percent rate increase, consumers using 500 kw-month would receive a 9 percent increase, and consumers using below 200 kw-month would receive no increase.

The implications of such a system are obvious, consumers become more aware of how they utilize energy, and would be encouraged to use less. This system is not the ultimate answer, but it is a step towards an energy-conserving system.

Take a look at your last bill, and let the board of directors know how you feel.

John Eliassen  
ASUO Survival Center

### Amateur psychiatry

The Holy Bible tells us of the wisdom of Solomon. Just the other day we were treated to some of this wisdom when Norman Solomon psychoanalyzed Paul Wallulis in a letter. My comments on this analysis are certainly germane since Paul and I are friends.

Norm, you're amazing. Your insight was flawless and your conclusion (that Paul is a robot) left me breathless. You must have peeked into the backroom where we keep Paul. All I can say in defense of Paul is that he was down a quart on the day he wrote the letter on women.

Amateur psychiatry is very big these days, so how about if I take a stab at analyzing Norm. Let's see...on the basis of what he wrote I would say that he has an anal fixation and that he has always hated his mother. If Norm will submit another letter I'm sure that I can uncover even more.

Phil Nyegaard  
Economics

### Don't give away tomorrow

We, the shaftees, being card-carrying, god-fearing lovers of our minor role in life must, in good conscience...RAG. What did we do to deserve the "help" we are getting from our fellow students? That underline is important. Contrary to many people's beliefs, we are here; this is an institute of learning. That should be our foremost aim.

Disgraceful as it may sound, we couldn't give two shits in a snowstorm if some of the crap was cut out of student "welfare programs." Are you on a scholarship? Yes? Congratulations and good luck. Minority student organizations, public service groups and other "programs" are stealing from us. Not money or power but future. Someone at the altar of University Planning is sacrificing the students' right to an education. Emerald Hall will go to the support of some, to the detriment of most. Architecture is sandwiched into the stacks in Fenton. We are not some secondary support group; we are real, live, honest-to-goodness students. Amazing, huh? There are still a few of us left. No matter what they do with the "Grant Programs," education is why we came here. Architecture needs the space. They know that. If we had all the space in Emerald, we would still need more. What more of an endorsement do we need? 1975 is a long way away, but we still need an education now.

We spend a minimum of fifteen hours a week in a glaring 4 foot by 6 foot environment trying to make tomorrow's environment a better one. Don't give away our tomorrow because it is yours, too.

Jeff P. Barr  
Junior, Arch.  
+ 7 other students  
(names on file)

### Unfunny matters

I enjoyed your staffer Lee Seagull's (sic) piece in the Emerald about athleticosis. I could have guessed it was funny even if you hadn't labelled it "Humor." But I have some unfunny matters to call attention to:

1. Day after day there are a couple of dozen unused parking spaces left vacant on the most convenient U. of O. parking lot facing 14th Ave. between Alder and Kincaid. These are labelled "Reserved" for "Disabled." There must be some better way to show kindness to disabled persons than such wastage of scarce parking spaces. I mentioned the matter briefly to O.C.S. some time ago. Since ethical

crusading journalism does get results, would the respected apprentice journalists of the Emerald perhaps consider this matter worthy of their concern?

2. The original Woman's Liberationist, Betty Friedan, said her major concern would be to more nearly equalize longevity for American males. As matters stand, the U.S. census figures say American females outlive us American males by more than 6 years to the man. Not chauvinism but masculinism objects to so abnormal a disparity; and must not normal feminism strengthen our healthy maleness rather than object to it?

3. The letter you printed from Professor Reynolds says in part "...the Soviet Union is in its essence the most massive, systematic and brutal interference of one nation in the lives of others in all history." Crossing 10,000 miles of "Pacific" ocean to drop so vast a tonnage of bombs, to defoliate forests, and to napalm peaceful villages, destroy crops, hospitals and so on, was that less "massive, systematic and brutal?"

PROhuman  
Educ. '36

## Gremlin Village

WE'LL KNOW THE FUEL SHORTAGE HAS GROWN CRITICAL WHEN...

