

SPI sets goal of complete income subsidization of ASUO programs

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"The ultimate goal," says Darrell Murray, interim chairman of the board of Student Projects, Inc. (SPI), "is to produce enough income to subsidize ASUO programs completely. If we can do that, students won't have to pay any incidental fees."

The idea behind SPI, according to Murray, is to put to work the huge amount of money collected from students every year in incidental fees. Murray sees the possibilities for investment as almost unlimited, although SPI is still in its formative stage.

Murray sees a possibility for SPI to "absorb" some ASUO programs and support them completely. "We could take over Day Care, for example," he says. "All we have to do is make the money. We find the projects, see if they're feasible, and then we bankroll them. So far, we're out of debt, we're going to break even, and we may even carry some profit over into next term. That's a start."

SPI is a non-profit corporation whose liabilities are carried by ASUO. The ASUO president appoints the eight-person board of directors, of whom he is one member. Murray characterizes ASUO as the "political decision-maker."

Murray, a sophomore in political science, is the lone undergraduate on the board. The other members are all graduate students in the School of Business Administration. Board members serve two-year terms, and are limited to two terms.

When he came to SPI this term, Murray found a \$4000 deficit left over from previous years. Murray told the Emerald that previous ASUO administrations have taken little interest in SPI, some failing to appoint people to serve on the board. "The Leo administration can take a lot of the credit for SPI's getting out of debt and beginning to make money," said Murray.

SPI publishes Footnotes, a system of note-taking in undergraduate classes. SPI pays a note-taker to attend classes, and

then sells the notes to interested students. Students can subscribe to a term's worth of notes for \$6.95; notes for single class sessions sell for 50 cents. The notes are available a week after the class session. At present, 1,760 students are subscribing to Footnotes for 36 courses.

SPI is designing a SEARCH class for winter term in which new projects for the corporation will be explored. Murray hopes to recruit business students into the SEARCH class who can think up and organize the projects, and then help run them.

"We might open a used furniture store, for example," said Murray. "That's worked very well at Yale. Or a record store. We could buy records in quantity and sell at a real discount and still make money. Students will manage the projects, and students will benefit from the profits."

SPI is also handling the athletic ticket exchange program suggested by sophomore Steve Yarabek and implemented by the Leo administration.

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Photo by Trish Weisman
Elmer Schultz, an employee of Pacific Northwest Bell, has been wiring circuits in the new Administrative Services Building at the corner of 13th and Agate Streets. The building is occupied, but not yet completed.

City Council acts on auto speed, alcohol sale by minors

The Eugene City Council Monday moved to assure the city's accordance with interstate automobile speed regulations, adopted an ordinance revision on the sale of alcoholic beverages by minors and gave the go-ahead for the design concept of improvement for the Willamette Street area north of 8th Street.

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The Council also upheld the preliminary approval by the City

Planning Commission for the Hertlewood Planned Unit Development (PUD).

Meeting with members Gus Keller and H.C. McDonald absent, the Council's decision on the Hertlewood issue denied an appeal on the part of area residents who sought to ban the construction of the proposed planned unit project.

The PUD endeavor calls for the creation of 50 one, two or three bedroom dwelling units on approximately 6.69 acres in the Hertlewood area.

Hertlewood residents argued that fire danger, increased crime

and overcrowding of schools the new people might cause will be too much of a strain on the traditional single family residential district. Contractors, however, cited positive impacts the multiple family dwelling could have on community growth because the proposed structures fall within city codes with regards to the number of people who are allowed to live on any one acre of property.

Approximately 35 area residents attended the meeting in support of the appeal but the planning decision was upheld with Councilmember James

Herschner making the only vote in support of the appeal.

Residents also stressed the incompatibility of the single family situation with the "mass living arrangement" that would exist in the large development. Vernon Gleaves, 2515 Highland Oaks Dr., commented "This is the kind of thing we're asking the Council to come to grips with. By supporting this mass construction, you're just putting off facing a coming phenomenon that you will have to face in the years to come."

Councilmember Wickes Beal made the motion to deny the

appeal, however, with Councilmember Tom Williams providing the second.

Amending an original proposal which would have set a 55 mile per hour speed limit on state highways in the city, the Council acted to comply with whatever current standards are accepted nationally.

Members cited President Nixon's recent recommendation that automobile speed be regulated to 50 miles per hour maximum in a move to anticipate any changes in the foreseeable future. The current standard is 55 miles per hour, so no drastic prediction for change in the amendment was voiced. Councilmember Beth Campbell was the lone voter against the proposed change.

The Council also adopted ordinance revision C.B. 411 which brings city standards into conformity with new state laws that permit minors 18 years or older who are employees of stores with packaging licenses to sell alcoholic beverages. The change added a provision that provides for an exception to the current standards which prohibits such sale or delivering.

Vote on the Alcohol Ordinance revision was unanimous and was accomplished with three straight procedural readings and an affirmative voice vote with no opposition.

Approval on the Willamette street design project, by the Council, will allow for the construction of a 10-story Sheraton Hotel on 7th Avenue, perpendicular to Willamette, the addition of an increased number of retail parking facilities downtown and several other business area improvements.

In other major Council work, a plea to the Zoning Board of Appeal's decision on the denial of permission to maintain materials in a storage facility on Rocky Lane was also denied. Councilmembers Beal and Herschner, however, voted to uphold the appeal in a losing verdict.

The Council will meet again at noon today in the Eugene Hotel on a Committee of the Whole format.



Barbara Harden, Roynell Mass, Jim Clifford, Judy Fossum and Patti Bloesinger of the University's data

processing staff recently celebrated their move into the newly occupied Administrative Services Building by having a

picnic lunch in the building's keypunch room.

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