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Conserving energy goal of Physical Plant

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Although the days of gas lines and darkened store signs seem to have vanished, the need for energy conservation has not. According to Harold Babcock, director of the University's Physical Plant, "We still have very real energy problems and will for a long time to come."

The conservation campaign of two years ago, which gave birth to the "Save" stickers that adorn light switches throughout the campus, was "very effective in reducing electrical energy consumption," according to Babcock. But the fight to save continues.

The Physical Plant produces 60 per cent of the University's electricity, and it is presently experimenting with different fuels for its generators. It is also having an electrical engineer study ways in which the University can save more energy.

To help cut down on lighting, the University's biggest use of electricity, the emphasis has been placed on fluorescent light fixtures which use less energy than conventional incandescent light bulbs. In addition, lights have been disconnected when possible.

"In Oregon Hall, for example," said Babcock, "about one-third of the fluorescent lights have been removed." Not only have the long fluorescent lights been taken out, but the small transformers which regulate the power in the lights have also been removed. Babcock explains that "the small transformers use energy even after the lights have been disconnected."

In addition to cutting back on lighting, one program which Babcock describes as "making a substantial difference in energy consumption," is reducing the use of heat exhaust fans during the night. "In PLC the fans are turned off at 5 p.m. every day, and are left off on weekends, resulting in a tremendous saving."

During last January, February and March, the campus was using about 15 per cent less electrical energy than it used during the base year period of 1971-1973. This year, Babcock says he suspects that the Physical Plant will continue its 15 per cent savings.

"What we still need to do," Babcock claims, "is to get people excited. Too many people are unconcerned about energy conservation."

SPI still has 100 tickets

One hundred new student seats are open for Saturday's OSU game and the four other remaining home games this season.

The general admission seats are available at 3:30 p.m. today, for \$2, in Room 15 of the EMU (in the basement of the older section). Student Projects, Inc. (SPI) sells the tickets.

The extra tickets will be available in the SPI office at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday nights for the two remaining Thursday games, and at 3:30 p.m. on Friday afternoons for the two other remaining Saturday games.

The tickets were made available by construction of the new third deck in the Mac Court stands. The Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) voted \$875 to the Athletic Department Wednesday to get the seats for students.

The IFC's one stipulation in that contract was that it would withhold the money if the Athletic Department does not give proof from engineers that the 100 seats are there. That precaution is not out of distrust, said IFC chairer Jamie Burns, but "just good business practice."

CCDC faces budget cuts if scope not expanded

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Of the Emerald

The Child Care and Development Center (CCDC) faces large budget cuts if it does not expand the scope of its services to reach more students.

That's what the CCDC steering board heard in a Thursday night meeting from two Incidental Fee Committee members, chairer Jamie Burns and Jan Oliver.

"My major emphasis to you would be to say that...you could be doing other things" to serve students, Oliver said. "Otherwise, we don't have to have the center. You all know that," she concluded. At present, the center serves about 70 student-parents.

Ways to serve more students could include sponsoring SEARCH classes in childcare, as well as speeches, workshops and symposiums on the subject.

She also suggested an evening baby-sitting service, open to all University students. That may now be possible, said acting CCDC Director Wanda Venturacci.

Though EMU Director Adell McMillan vetoed the idea fall term, Venturacci said she might okay it now. She said that accord-

ing to Drop-In Center Director Edd Casto, the center baby-sitting might not compete with the Drop-In Center, an EMU-based baby-sitting service, because more student parents may want baby sitters than the Drop-In Center can now serve.

One project center members hope may increase its visibility is a benefit dance Saturday, Jan. 31, featuring "Turkey Run," a local group. Admission to the dance, running from 9:30 p.m. to 2:30 at the W.O.W. Hall, will be \$1.50 a person. The center is working on getting a temporary liquor license to sell beer, and is making plans to babysit for parents.

Most of the center's problems rising from last term's crisis over a \$17,325 deficit in 1974-75 have been resolved.

An unexpected \$4,000 from county and state child-care agencies will help the center pay its share of the three-way split on the deficit.

To raise the rest of the \$5,725, the Center agreed to pay, it accepted one more child and raised rates in the three-tiered rate structure from \$1, \$3 and \$5 per day per child to \$1.75, \$3.25 and \$5.25 a day. Those three levels of payment are based on

the parents' ability to pay.

To replace resigned center Director Katherine Sacks, Wanda Venturacci was named acting director. The center approved McMillan's recommendation of Venturacci in its Jan. 8 meeting.

Venturacci will work at the same salary she had as Sacks' assistant. McMillan will leave unoccupied Sacks' position of Child Care Coordinator, in which she coordinated the CCDC's operations and budget with the Drop-In Center's. To help Venturacci, Graduate Teaching Fellow Steve Waks-

man will work 20 hours a week. He worked 12 hours with Sacks.

Any savings this staffing arrangement makes over the one planned around Sacks' position will go toward paying uncollectable accounts with center parents.

The board delayed consideration on Sacks' Jan. 8 suggestion that the center should contract to be affiliated with some other department on campus, or take steps to become an incorporated institution. Sacks said this may be necessary because "the EMU is no longer our friend."

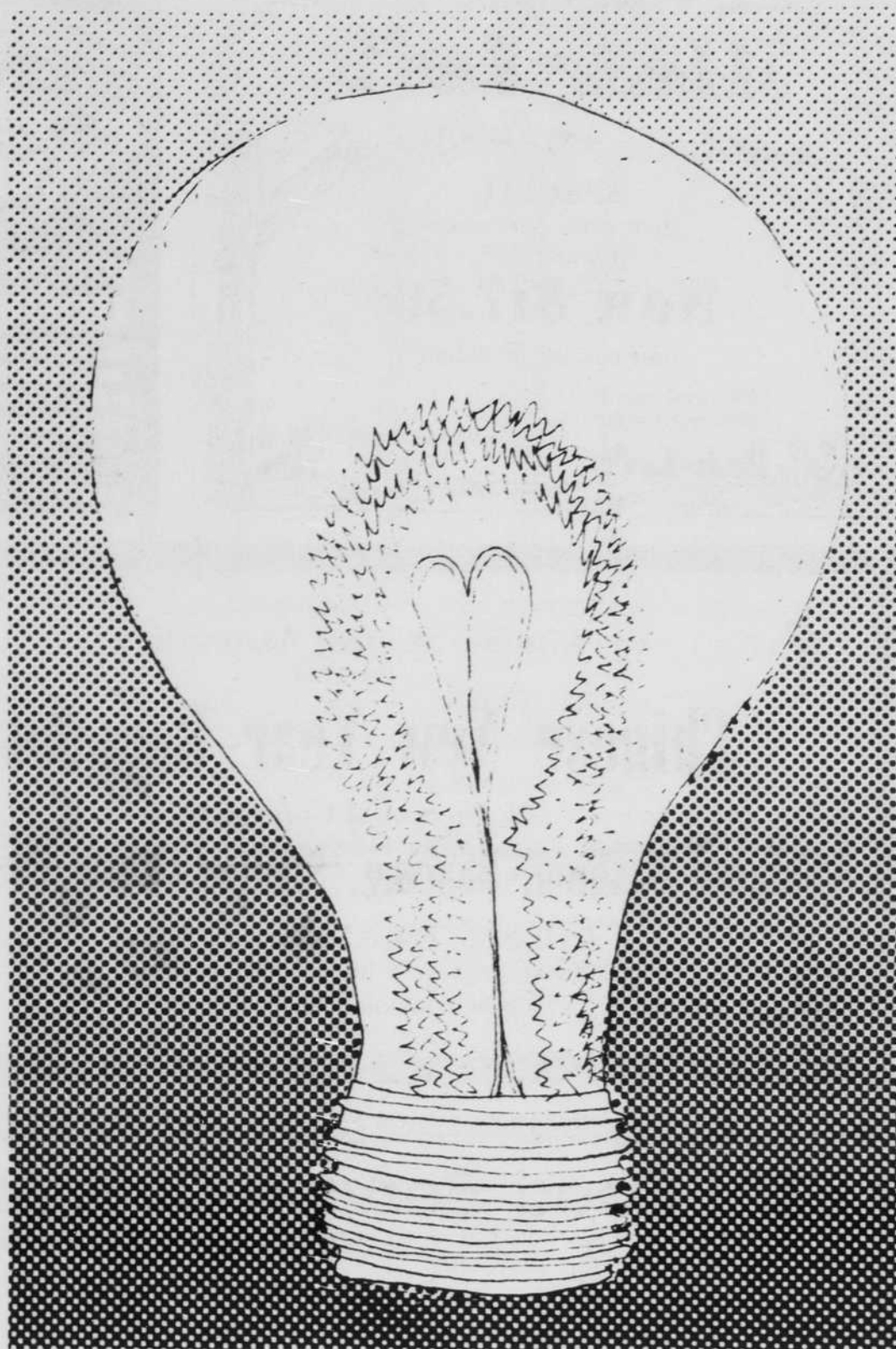
Evashevski withdraws

Forest Evashevski, one of three finalists for Oregon's vacant athletic director position, withdrew his name from consideration, the *Emerald* has learned.

"When I was back there, I saw all the problems I hoped to forget about," said Evashevski from his home in Petosky, Mich. "I had to evaluate whether I should leave what I had here. I have a pretty good

set up here, so I felt the best thing for me to do was to stay in Michigan.

Evashevski, 58 and former athletic director and football coach at Iowa, is director of four companies in the Midwest. Considered a front runner by the Search Committee, Evashevski's withdrawal leaves Bill Cobey, Assistant Athletic Director at North Carolina; and Norm Van Brocklin, former pro football coach, as finalists.



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