

University, county study plan



Refuse replaces wood for fuel

A Lane County-University plan to use garbage as fuel for the University's power plant is being studied by Physical Plant Director Harold Babcock.

Babcock said Wednesday that a plan currently being studied will use Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) as a partial replacement for "hog fuel" (wood waste). Hog fuel is currently the only fuel used in the University power plant, which provides heat and electricity for the University.

The county will provide the RDF from a resource recovery plant it plans to build adjacent to its present Glenwood facility, Babcock said. The county has started the bidding process required to construct the plant, he added. If an acceptable bid is received, the plant will open about a year after a contract has been awarded, he said.

The recycling plant would first shred the garbage received from regular garbage pickups, then remove any metal and glass, explained Babcock. The remainder of the garbage would be used as RDF to be burned in the power plant.

Babcock hopes the new process will cost no more than the present system. He said the process will be used on a small, experimental basis until he decides if the plan is feasible. The power plant fuel mixture eventually will be one-half garbage and one-half hog fuel, he said, adding that any savings resulting from the changeover would depend on the price of hog fuel.

Although he is unsure what pollutants will be released into the air, he said there will be no more than is presently released because of governmental air quality standards, there is no adverse smell from burning the garbage.

"Ecologically, I think it is great because we will be getting something useful out of our garbage," Babcock said.

State restrictions set

Bulk yogurt portioning stopped at area stores

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If stores buy their food in bulk from wholesalers and then divvy it up into smaller quantities for customers, they can save both themselves and the customers money. This is a nifty idea, but it doesn't work in all cases.

Yogurt is one of those cases, and the State Department of Agriculture now restricts stores from portioning out their bulk yogurt into smaller quantities for retail sale. Two Eugene stores caught in this practice were the Willamette People's Co-Op Grocery and the Sundance Natural Food Store.

At both stores, customers could bring their own containers and buy portions of Nancy brand yogurt kept in bulk; store workers would simply lade it into their containers. But the agriculture department now says the practice is unsanitary since yogurt is a fluid milk grade A dairy product, all of which must be packaged where it is processed and remain unopened until its final sale.

The department's main objection to the stores' procedures, according to Martin King, one of the Willamette managers, was the ladle which stayed in the yogurt bulk con-

tainers. The handle, which received wide exposure to human bacteria through the ladler's hands, was deemed unsanitary.

Anthony Stahelski, manager of Sundance, admits the practice was "pretty raunchy." He also agrees with the unsanitary ruling and says his store would eventually have resorted to using special taps for yogurt dispensation if it continued the practice.

King says he thinks sanitation is a personal judgment and that the agriculture department's stipulation is too "radical."

At any rate, the two stores can no longer buy Nancy yogurt in bulk from the Springfield Creamery if they are going to dispense it improperly. The creamery is still allowed to sell the five-gallon bulk containers, and usually does so to restaurants which use the yogurt in cooking. As with the stores, however, restaurants cannot serve customers grade A dairy products directly out of bulk containers without special taps.

Sue Kesey of the creamery says she was aware of the stores' improper dispensing techniques but did not refuse to sell the yogurt to them before the agriculture department's enforcement.

Staff photo
Landfills like this one are rapidly filling up across the country. Projects like the University's plan to burn garbage will help take the strain off the over-used landfills.

ASUO studies athletic fund proposal

The ASUO Executive is currently examining a proposal before the State Board of Higher Education which would increase University registration fees by \$6 to help subsidize non-self-supporting athletic programs.

Mark Cogan, ASUO vice-president for legislative affairs, says he is "cautious" of the proposal, introduced by Chancellor Roy Lieuallen because of the pos-

sibility of placing an additional financial responsibility on students.

Presently profits from the intercollegiate basketball and football programs, including incidental fee subsidies for student tickets, fund men's non-revenue sports unable to support themselves through ticket sales. Women's athletics depend solely on incidental fee money. The chancellor's proposal aims to make the "minor sports" financially independent from these sources.

As the recommendation reads now, the State Board would initiate in 1977 a separate athletic fund; approximately two thirds of it would consist of student registration fees and the balance would come from state funds. Although registration fees would increase, a decrease in the incidental fee charge is expected.

Discussion on the proposal will begin at the upcoming State Board committee meeting scheduled for Monday at 3 p.m. in 113 EMU.

In the meantime, ASUO officers "will have to study further" to determine the net cost to students, Cogan explains.

Warren named to SUAB post

Jeff Warren was named chairer of the Student University Affairs Board (SUAB) state and local committee Friday by summer interim SUAB chairer Andrea Gelatly.

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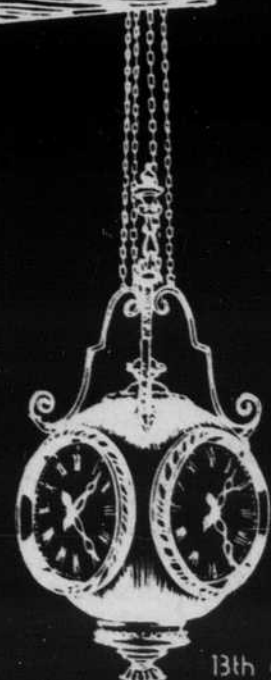
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