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ASUO debates filmed



Left to Right; Eric Bellman, Jerry Rust, Donna Weatherly, Bob Tonkinson and Jan Oliver.

Does the University exist for Eugene or the community for the institution?

Four panelists in the ASUO television series couldn't arrive at an agreement Thursday night but they did raise other questions and finally came to the end of the half-hour time slot allocated the show.

Broadcast of the show will be delayed until Sunday, Feb. 6, because of scheduling problems.

Panelists included Jerry Rust, county commissioner, Donna Weatherly, KVAL News, Bob Tonkinson, associate professor of anthropology and Jan Oliver, ASUO president. Eric Bellman directed and moderated the segment that will appear on KOZI, channel 11.

Rust said there "must be some substance to the rumor that Eugene runs Lane County and the University runs Eugene." He commented on the resentment community residents sometimes feel toward the University, espe-

cially during elections. "Even if students are transients, they should be allowed to vote," he said. Rust said, however, he could have won the last election without the votes in the University precincts.

But students, in turn, sometimes resent the community. "We are constantly reminded of the investment alumni have in the University," said Oliver.

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"The community relates to the University through sports," Weatherly told the other panelists. "Most of the financial backing of the University is predicated on whether it is winning in sports," she added.

Oliver responded, labeling the opinion "rumor." "I feel that there is too much emphasis on sports," she said. Oliver then named other forms of entertainment brought to Eugene by the Univer-

sity — including concerts, speakers, films and cultural events.

The discussion shifted to question the role of the University — research or the 3 R's and job preparation. Weatherly, again assuming an adversary role, told the group that Pres. Boyd and the University exist for research. "I'm concerned that money which should be going into education is going into research," she said.

"The cameras shooting us right now are exactly the same as replicas of early television in the Smithsonian," she said, referring to the equipment being used by broadcast students to tape the segment.

While students are training on old, black-and-white equipment, color technology is being used by the industry, she said. "You cannot go out into the job market without a skill — you'll be laughed at," she said.

"Are we in the University training students to go out and accept what's there

or question it?" Tonkinson queried. "There remains a good deal of public relations work to be done," he said, to communicate to the community what goes on inside the university.

Rust came to the defense of the University. "This is some kind of sanctuary from the metro area," he said. "We do have an ivory tower consciousness and I'd hate to lose it."

"But the faculty have to be nudged and sometimes pushed into the community," Oliver said.

Tonkinson laughed. "I'm on a list to go out into the community and I haven't been called in two years," he said.

Weatherly then shifted the discussion to minorities. "What does the University owe to minority students?" she asked.

Oliver responded, explaining that entrance standards aren't usually relaxed for minority students. "Ninety per cent of our minority students walk in through the front door," she said.

Willamette's volume plunges to record low

SALEM—The volume of water in the Willamette River at Salem dropped to 5,050 cubic feet per second Thursday. The normal volume for this time of year is over 30,000 cubic feet and the Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is becoming concerned about the relative pollution level of the river.

That concern could result in the slowdown or closure of water polluting industries on the Willamette if the state doesn't receive rain soon, according to DEQ direc-

tor William Young.

While the water level dropped to the lowest point on record for this time of the year, the state's major industries have been operating and discharging waste at a normal level.

A spokesman for the Army Corps of Engineers, which controls all the state's reservoirs, said there is no reserve water to augment river volume and he expects a drop of 25 to 50 cubic feet per day until it rains.

Young said the DEQ staff meeting next week to determine at what volume the situation will be judged critical and at that point he will consider the option of an industrial discharge reduction.

DEQ spokesperson Dave Gemma said the first industries to be affected would be the pulp and paper mills such as the Weyerhaeuser corporation in Springfield. Though the pulp waste is organic, its decay process consumes large quantities of ox-

ygen and could begin to kill fish and other water life.

Young said he is looking into whether the DEQ has the authority to force industrial closure. But the spokesperson for Weyerhaeuser said the company will cooperate fully with the state if the situation becomes critical.

An industrial slowdown would happen only after available alternatives (dumping land and storage ponds) reached maximum waste storage capacity, Gemma said.

Today

Mexico Med

A recent student of Mexican medical schooling defends the training against attacks of educational inferiority.

Cold Winter

A trio of articles on page 10 looks at the energy situation in this country and the bitter weather characterizing much of the nation. We may be in for a long, cold winter.

Deep Sleep

Hypnotherapist Eric Allen extolls the virtues of his art. The self help influence is credited with numerous success stories on page 11.

Wrestling

Lacking depth of experience may hurt the Ducks more than losses of sidelined wrestlers tonight as 14th rated Oregon takes on the number nine Central Washington grapplers.