

4-story Parcade opens

Eugene's new parking structure on Eighth Avenue and Willamette Street opened Wednesday as a part of the city's effort to keep the downtown area alive.

Mayor Gus Keller dedicated the new Parcade, saying this is one step toward "keeping downtown Eugene a viable retail center." Keller called the Parcade "an outstanding parking structure."

The four-story parking structure has space for some 400 vehicles, and also includes space on the lower floor of the building for lease as retail outlets. As yet, none of the spaces have been leased.

The Parcade is the first of a two-building complex. The second phase, which is planned but not yet funded, will include a transit station to be constructed

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across the street, on the corner of Eighth and Willamette.

The future transit station will be linked to the Parcade via aerial ramps over Eighth Avenue allowing cars to pass from the Parcade to the transit building.

The ground floor of the transit station will be used as a central

bus station for Lane Transit District transfers. The upper two floors will contain 260 parking spaces. LTD transfers are now made on the mall on Tenth Avenue.

Ron Sanetel, of the Lutes-Masarie-Sanetel architectural firm which designed the building, said the Parcade cost about \$2.5 million. He said the future construction of the transit building depends on when funding is available.

In addition to the Parcade, a hotel is planned for the vacant lot on Seventh Avenue and Willamette Street.

The Parcade will be heated by a unique heating system installed by Marquess Engineering Co. The central energy heat pump system, as it is called, makes use of energy supply well water which maintains a temperature of 63 degrees Fahrenheit. The heat from the water is converted into warm air. The water is then returned to the ground.

Dale Dukes of Marquess Engineering Co. said "this is an old theory and we have been practicing it for about five years." The same system can be used to cool the building in the summer. The parking ramps are also heated, but by a different system using EWEB steam to prevent ice build-up.

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Smeede

when Willamette Street was a notorious part of town.

"Willamette used to be a place where you could get tricks, get drunk, see bums around," says Burdell. "It frightened people to go down there."

Meanwhile the incomplete Parcade across Willamette Street and the closed shops near the mall across Eighth Avenue present barriers for shoppers to come down to the Smeede.

And still there is one more question — has the hypothesized crafts glut in Eugene taken its toll on these merchants?

Frager, the Smeede's manager, isn't convinced about that but he says he is looking for businesses which would not suffer from such competition. He envisions "a crepery, or a beauty shop, or a woman's clothing store" to fill the Smeede's vacant spaces.

Smeede's merchants, too, have had to wrestle with a problem familiar to retailers in the mall. Eugene is a town dominated by youth. Saturday Market crowds often spilled over to the Smeede to the benefit of some and the dismay of others. Do the youths who play flute and mill through the Smeede's hallway have money to spend?

"The Coffee Bean brought in all kinds of foot traffic," says Burdell. "It was great. Some of those people didn't have a lot of money, but they'd come in and save up to buy

our clothes and purses. At Bugatti's, imported leather purses ran as high as \$45 and imported clothes up to \$200.

"Even when tourists came in, they saw a happy feeling there and said to themselves, 'Oh this must be the place to be,'" says Burdell, who claims the Smeede has the potential to be like The Cannery or Ghirardelli Square, where people are excited about exploring shops around every corner.

The Smeede, however, is nowhere near dead. Merchants there are optimistic that if they can hold on awhile longer, it can be a "super location," as Don Provo, manager of Barney Bagel, put it. The reason: a new parking structure across Willamette Street is opening. Retail shops are scheduled to go in on the basement floor of that structure. And everyone agrees that the maintenance of the Smeede is better since Frager took over managerial duties.

Meanwhile, parts of the upper floors of the Smeede are turning into spaces for professional offices. The building's tall floors have inhibited foot traffic in the past, merchants acknowledge.

Perhaps all that is needed is a revision of the theory that a wine shop, a jewelry store and a hand-made clothing outlet can bring in the masses.

"It's such a great building," sighs Burdell. "I hope it does well."

Volunteers keep tabs on courts

The University's Off-Campus Housing office soon will be conducting a court watch to collect data concerning landlord-tenant cases and to pinpoint Eugene landlords who are repeated offenders of landlord-tenant laws.

According to the housing office, the court watch program will involve volunteers attending Small Claims Court sessions to watch and observe how landlord-tenant cases are handled. According to Malcolm Stewart of Off-Campus Housing, the watch is necessary because many judges are not aware of the ramifications of recent landlord tenant laws and the heavy case load in Small Claims Court makes it impossible to deal with one specific case for a large amount of time.

"Eugene is in great need of a

special housing court," Stewart said. "There is not sufficient expertise in Lane County's Small Claims Court to judge housing issues fairly."

Stewart said many judges are unfamiliar with the laws because of their newness and complexity. "A judge may favor the party he thinks is right, but according to what the actual law says, he may be issuing a wrong verdict," said Stewart.

The purpose of the court watch is to catch these kind of mistakes.

The office may use results from the watches as testimony to support legislation establishing special housing courts.

The office also hopes to develop a list of Eugene landlords who are repeated violators of landlord-tenant laws.

An introductory meeting for persons interested in participating in the court watch will be held today at 4:30 p.m. in the EMU. Court watchers need volunteer only one hour a week, according to the housing office.

Publishers convene

A Pulitzer prize-winning reporter and an investigative reporter from the Chicago Tribune will speak when the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association (ONPA) convenes for its annual conference at the University Friday.

The 58th conference is co-sponsored by the ONPA and University journalism school.

Mel Ruder, who won the Pulitzer prize for local reporting of a Montana flood in 1965, will address ONPA delegates and professors at a noon luncheon in the EMU Ballroom. The editor-publisher of the Columbia Falls, Mont., Hungry Horse News will lecture on "How to Sell Papers Without Sin, Sex and Comics."

Ron Koziol, of the Chicago Tribune, will address ONPA delegates at a 6:30 p.m. dinner banquet at the Eugene Hotel.

Koziol helped organize a national team of reporters to investigate private and public corruption in Arizona. The investigation followed the murder of Don Bolles, a reporting colleague who was murdered there.

Koziol's address is titled "The Response of Investigative Reporters to the Murder of a Colleague — the Phoenix Project."

Nearly all the delegates are pre-registered for the conference but additional registration for the two-day conference is scheduled for Friday at 8:30 a.m. in the journalism school, according to Galen Rarick, journalism dean.

Other speakers scheduled for Friday in Room 221, Allen, are:

• Jack Hart, assistant journalism professor, who will speak on "The Changing Law of Libel" at 9:30 a.m.

• Barrie Hartman, managing editor of the Register-Guard, who plans to address "Covering the Automated Cop" at 11 a.m.

Saturday the conference will continue at the Eugene Hotel.

A panel discussion about juvenile news coverage is scheduled there beginning at 9:45 a.m. George Van Hoomissen, Multnomah County judge; State Sen. Betty Browne, D-Oakridge; Robert Burrows, Josephine County district attorney; and John Moreau, editor of the John Day Blue Eagle, will participate.

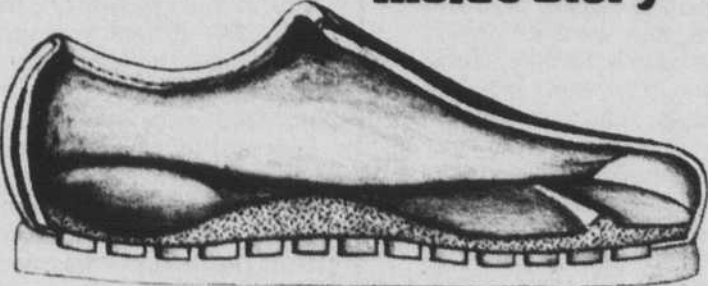
At 1:30 p.m. a panel will discuss "Press Attention to the Judicial System and Parole Board." Mick Gillette, assistant state attorney general; Ed Allen, Lane County circuit court judge; and Chalmers Jones, Oregon parole board member, will lead discussion.

Though most delegates have already registered for the conference and have first priority for attendance, some students will also be allowed to attend, said Rarick.


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Thursday Feb. 10 (11:30-1:00)
Wednesday February 16 (12:30-2:00)
Thursday February 24 (3:30-5:00)
Room 101 of the EMU
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