

Rust calls Cone-Breeders 'a victory'

By STEVE DODGE
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Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust called last week's Cone-Breeders decision "a very significant victory" for the people of Lane County at a Eugene Hotel luncheon Friday.

"Citizens have shown they can

take a stand and win against a lot of money interests and a strong city council," he said.

Rust made his remarks before a gathering of planners invited to Eugene by Students in the University's Department of Urban and Regional Planning.

Rust also accused Gov. Bob Straub and attorney general Jim

Redden of "improper lobbying" with the LCDC in favor of the city of Eugene's efforts to zone the 390 acre agricultural land for light industrial and residential use.

The "Alternatives in Planning" conference, brain child of six university students and an instructor, was designed to bring together planners to discuss non-tra-

ditional approaches to a city and regional development.

Following opening comments by University professor Richard Ragatz, University student Mary Schoolcraft told the approximately 160-person audience that "traditional approaches to planning are no longer adequate, in view of changes in the environment and communities."

She said in forming communities for the future, planners will have to "shift approaches to reflect the scarcity of resources and provide more control over our lives and food sources."

Russ Beaton, director of the Willamette University Alternative Futures Project, followed Schoolcraft and admonished the audience to "assume we can shape the future because if we assume

we can't it will surely shape us."

Beaton said there is a "values revolution" occurring in communities wrestling with growth versus no growth which is resulting in "a conscious move to slow growth."

"A lot of people are very upset about what they see," he said, which has resulted in an all time high interest in future study. He said future study really has nothing to do with the future, but deals with the present — "what we can do now."

Beaton said solutions to community problems would not be coming from the top, but from the bottom of society up.

Workshops included carrying capacity, community development, solid waste management and appropriate technology.

Journalist wants modern, independent newspapers

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The American and Australian presses share a common problem, says Charles Stoakes, director of journalism studies at an Australian University in Brisbane.

"There are not enough newspapers, and too many of them are owned by too few people," he told classes at the journalism school Friday. Stoakes believes it is vital for any democracy to have a wide diversity of independent newspapers.

Stoakes visited the University at the invitation of Journalism Prof. Charles Duncan, who spent a semester in Brisbane last year. Stoakes is presently touring several countries to observe worldwide media performance and journalism schools.

"Newspapers have conglomerated because it is cheaper, however, I believe this is an unhealthy trend," Stoakes said in reference to the big business of rapidly growing chains.

"I am hoping the age of electronic papers will induce the creation of more privately owned papers." He added, "I believe the way in which a paper is produced should not affect its news worthiness. Actually, if computerization saves so much money, in the long term, newspaper firms should spend money to employ more journalists at better pay."

Stoakes was "incredibly impressed" with the quality of the Register-Guard, calling it a "very pro-

fessional newspaper." He met with Barrie Hartman, managing editor for the Guard, observing the process as well as discussing the concept of computerization.

"The Guard has superb modern equipment. It is very farsighted in leading the way into electronic journalism," Stoakes said.

Stoakes judged the Guard as superior to San Francisco dailies.

Stoakes sees a great future in media for women. He says enrollment in journalism programs in his country is about "half and half" and there are a number of highly respected female journalists in Australia. However, he recalled a case where a particular female was by far the most experienced on her newspaper's staff but was not promoted as she rightfully should have been. "I think it was due, partially, to the fact that she was a woman," Stoakes said.

"I believe things are changing rapidly and that there is a great future in store for women in the media. Now is the time for women to penetrate the field," he added.

Asked whether or not a good journalist is born or made, Stoakes said, "A good journalist must have flair." He explained that a journalist must have a broad education but that a flair for writing must be built right along with that.

After his stopover in Oregon, Stoakes will go on to the University of Washington in Seattle, Chicago, New York, Boston and Africa.

Enrollment downshift expected

In spite of Oregon's growing population, many of the educational institutions throughout the state are predicted future enrollment declines.

"The total enrollment in Oregon's colleges and universities is expected to increase gradually through 1980 and then decline steadily through 1985," according to John Westline, research coordinator for the Oregon Educational Coordinating Commission (OECC).

The main reason for the expected decline is the changing age distribution in the population resulting from the declining birth rate. There are fewer young people today than there were 10 years ago.

"The University of Oregon is experiencing enrollment changes not only because of the age distribution factor, but because it is a liberal arts school," says Westline. "Most students are now seeking degrees in professional business, technical or career-oriented colleges, feeling that they will be more assured of a job after graduation."

Community and independent colleges are experiencing the highest enrollments in 1978. Community Colleges are up 6 percent over 1977, and independent colleges are up 2 percent. Westline says this is due to the

fact that community colleges offer high school drop-outs a chance to receive a high school certificate and to enroll in special business and non-degree seeking classes.

"From my research, I have found that there is a much greater interest among high school seniors in Oregon State University over the UO," says Westline.

The number of high school graduates is expected to increase gradually until 1979 and then face

a sharp decline of about 14 percent during the following five years. The percent of ninth graders who graduate from high school four years later has declined in the past seven years. According to Westline this has not yet affected college enrollments.

State-wide statistics show the average membership in elementary and secondary schools is expected to remain fairly constant through 1985.

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