

Citizens call new parking a 'blight'

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The proposed Sacred Heart general Hospital six-story parking structure violates Eugene zoning codes and adds to the "neighborhood's blight," charges a letter drafted by the West University Neighbors (WUN).

The letter, sent to the Emerald Monday, will be part of WUN's presentation opposing the parking structure at the Eugene City Council's 11:30 a.m. luncheon Wednesday at King's Table in the Oakway Mall.

Gordon Rennie, director of Sacred Heart's public relations, declined to comment on the letter without having first read it. Associate Administrator Dick Williams, a planner for the structure, was also unavailable for comment.

The letter alleges the hospital's parking structure, planned for the southwest corner of 13th Avenue and Hilyard Street, must be an "entirely closed building" under the current city code. An "entirely closed building" means the structure must be sealed, much like a

regular office building which is sealed in glass.

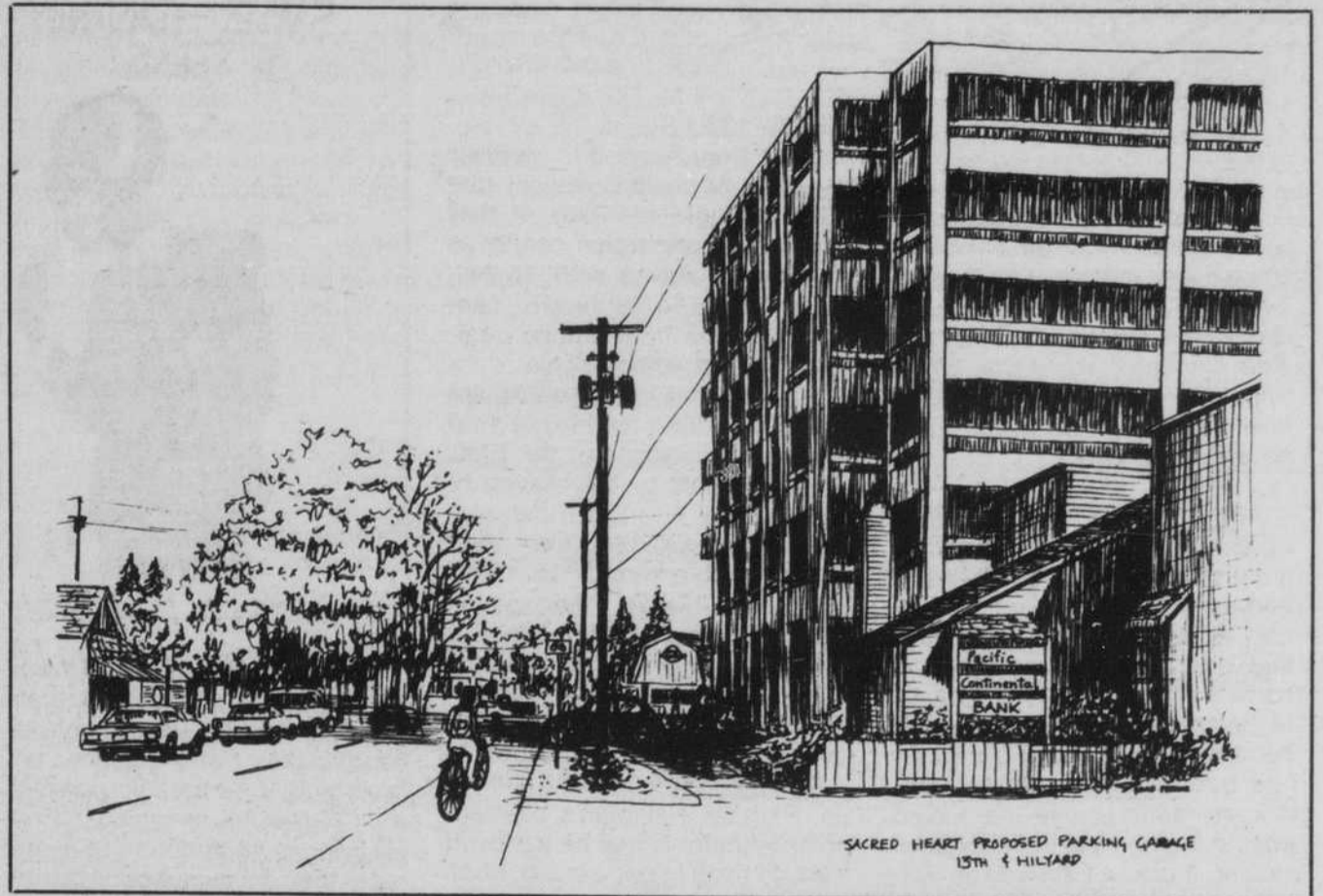
The city code exempts "parking areas" from the "entirely closed building" rule, but the letter claims the hospital's structure is a parking garage, not a parking area.

The letter also charges the proposed six-story structure is out-of-scale with the private residences south of the building. The city code says structures have height limitations if they abut residences, which means if the residences and the parking structure share the same boundary, the parking structure's height is limited.

But Brad Perkins, spokesperson for WUN, says there is a 15-foot alley between the residences and the parking structure, which the hospital claims avoids the question of abutment. Perkins claims the code is vague about the meaning of "abut" and hopes the city council will clarify the code's language.

Besides "neighborhood blight," the letter claims the proposed parking structure will:

- Increase traffic congestion because the structure has one planned exit onto 13th Avenue.
- "No one has been able to imagine the chaos that may ensue as a



good portion of the total 481 hospital employee users of the garage all try to leave at once when the hospital shift changes — through one exit," the letter states.

- Increase auto air pollution because of the greater traffic flow.
- Present a safety hazard to nighttime users because of greater crime potential.

WUN recommends the parking structure be built on the northeast corner of 13th Avenue and Hilyard Street, the current site of hospital parking.

Financial aid helps beat the cost of learning

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There are just some things you can count on. The sun sets in the West. It rains in April, and the tuition rises each year.

In fact, according to the College Scholarship Service, tuition may increase as much as 6 percent next year.

So it may pay to take a look into the financial aid opportunities available to all undergraduates. The deadline for "prime" consideration is May 1. However, students can still submit applications until the financial aid fund runs out of money.

The Office of Student Financial

Aid reports that approximately 40 percent of the students attending the University are collectively receiving more than \$10 million in financial assistance.

In applying for grants, loans or awards offered through financial aid, students may want to establish "independent" status.

To qualify for independent status, the student must not have lived with his parents for more than two consecutive weeks in 1977, 1978 or 1979. Also, the student can't be listed as an exemption on his or her parent's tax returns for 1977 through '79. Finally, the student must also have not received \$600 or more from his or

her parents.

Students should also be able to supply a copy of their 1977 federal income tax return or a statement that no return was or will be filed.

Students have the opportunity to apply for Basic Educational Opportunity Grants (BEOG). During the 1978-1979 year, BEOG awards will range from \$200 to \$1,600. To be eligible, the student must be admitted and enrolled for at least six credit hours a term.

BEOG, as well as other grants offered by the University, do not have to be repaid.

The work-study program offers funds for employing students who qualify for financial aid and are enrolled with at least six credit hours a term.

Students may work up to 20 hours a week during school and 40 hours a week during summer and vacation periods. Hourly wages depend on the student's experience and skills.

Financial Aid also offers national and guaranteed student loans at relatively low rates. In-

terest payment of the National Direct Student Loan after graduation is only three percent. The guaranteed loan carries a 7 percent interest fee.

The office is located at 270 Oregon Hall and is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Issues Day focuses on campus problems

A full slate of topics will be discussed all day Wednesday as part of an ASUO-sponsored "Issues Day."

Six forums are scheduled on various topics ranging from registration procedures to child care. Most forums will have representatives from both pro and con sides who will give short presentations then open the discussion up for audience question and answer.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the EMU Forum, various representatives will discuss childcare issues. Robert Liberty of the Oregon Student Lobby (OSL), representatives from the childcare centers from Oregon State University and Portland State University and a campus childcare center representative, will present problems associated with childcare and funding for the care.

From noon to 1 p.m., also in the Forum, members from the Graduate Teaching Fellows union and a University spokesperson will debate the problems of their current contract negotiations.

Spokespersons for Strategies for South African Freedom have not been arranged yet. The dis-

ussion will take place from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the Forum.

Gary Kim, of the Council on Minority Education, Ramon Herrera, director of MEChA, a campus Chicano student union and Robert Scarborough, Black Student Union director, will talk about "Homogeneity on Campus" and minority student recruitment.

At 2:30 p.m. in the EMU, room to be posted, "Options for registration" will be the topic of conversation between Gerard Mosely, assistant provost for student affairs and Mark Cogan, last year's ASUO vice-president for state and University affairs.

Margaret Simeral won't be there, but a discussion of "Publish or Perish" will take place at 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., EMU room to be posted. Participants will probably include OSL's Liberty and Sanford Tepferd, University biology professor.

"Issues Day" coordinators Keli Osborn, ASUO vice-president, and John Barlow, ASUO administrative aid hope the sessions will be educational for students and allow them to give some input.

Barlow says he hopes there will be enough students to "get a good dialogue going."

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