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Catfish to catch sunrays

By ANNA C. HOYT
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Catfish and grits may sound like Southern fishes, but four Eugene groups are backing a project which just may make catfish a common food in the Willamette Valley.

Lane County, Amity foundation, Action Now, and Associated Students of Landscape Architecture are sponsoring a project to test the feasibility and economics of locally raising fish on a small scale basis.

Previously, "fish culture in the U.S. has been limited to large scale operations," explains Bill Head, project director, who was hired by Lane County to oversee the project.

Catfish and Tilapia were selected as the fish to be raised in the (almost completed) solar greenhouse. The greenhouse, which was started in March, will be completed and stocked with initial test fish by May 3rd, when tours are scheduled to run through as

Photo by Dennis Hickok

Bill Head, project director, stands in the soon to be completed solar green-house fish farming operation. Tours are scheduled

to run through it as a part of the Sun-Day solar energy celebration.

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Food workers strike for wages

By CAROLYN BEAVER
Of the Emerald

University student food service workers go on strike today saying they won't accept "slave wages" or stand for the withdrawal of their seniority rights.

About a week ago the students called an impasse in contract negotiations with the University. The two sides could not agree on a seniority clause and below minimum wages for some workers.

Both sides agreed students' positions should be determined by the length of time they had worked. However, the conflict arose because the University wanted to exclude two positions from the seniority rule.

Food service workers want to name one

of the positions not covered and require the University to explain why someone more qualified is being chosen over someone with seniority for the other position. They say they don't want arbitrary decisions on who is qualified and who is not.

Allen McKenzie, University chief mediator and assistant vice-chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, says he believes the two exclusions are "necessary and appropriate."

He continues that the persons in the two positions would be chosen on the basis of "skill and talent," rather than seniority and that it would be a management decision.

The other complaint is that the University refuses to pay minimum wage for all work-

ers. The University is not legally required to pay the rate, but student workers say there is no reason why EMU workers should be forced to accept less than the going wage in the rest of the community.

Because half of the EMU food service labor force are foreign students, who are limited to campus work without a U.S. work permit, the union feels the University is exploiting those workers because they can't get other jobs.

McKenzie says if the strike is carried out it will be "unlawful." He says public employees must go through a procedure that involves a state mediator, a fact-finding process and a 10-day notice of strike.

"None have been promoted or even

started," he says.

"I'm very disappointed that this group would take illegal measures," says McKenzie. If they do strike, McKenzie says the University "will seek such legal remedies as under the law," which might include an injunction or an order from the state board to cease and desist, "which would be enforced."

James Covington, food service director, doesn't foresee much problem should the students strike.

"I hope I'll have the same areas open that I do today," he says.

He's not sure what action he'll take. "I don't know what I'll do. I'll have to wait until they go on strike to see."

Wolfe nabs Emerald editor post

Tom Wolfe, a University graduate student, was chosen at a Thursday night Emerald Board of Directors meeting to serve as 1978-79 Daily Emerald editor.

"I would like to see the Emerald continue to gain respect as an independent voice in student journalism," says Wolfe. The new editor currently serves as Emerald managing editor and as a night editor.

"As one of the few independent student newspapers in the country the Emerald has the potential of developing prestige and legitimacy beyond that of most campus newspapers," says Wolfe. He says that furthering that potential will be one of his

main goals as editor.

Wolfe, from Portland, is involved in an interdisciplinary graduate program combining journalism, political science and philosophy.

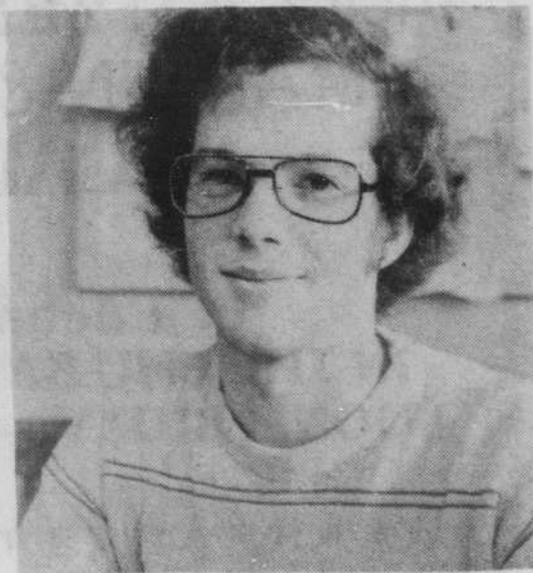
Besides his current Emerald positions, Wolfe has served on the paper as a reporter, desk editor and associate editor for departments and schools. He also wrote for the University of Delaware student newspaper while he was attending that school on the University's National Exchange program.

Wolfe says one of his plans for the Emerald involves the newspaper taking ad-

vantage of the University's diversity of population to pursue a "broad range of stories that appeal to students in their roles as parents, spouses, immigrants, advocates, travelers, employees, consumers, voters, scientists, musicians — or whatever."

As editor, Wolfe will direct Emerald news and editorial policy and supervise a news staff of about 30 people. He will also be a voting member of the Emerald Board of Directors.

Wolfe will begin accepting applications and interviewing for 1978-79 staff positions early in May. He will officially take office June 6.



Tom Wolfe