

Greek house misses historic mark

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A University fraternity may have missed its chance to be a historic landmark when the Eugene Historic Review Board postponed a decision on the designation at a meeting Tuesday night.

The board, which heads the city's historic preservation program, tabled indefinitely a request by the Delta Tau Delta fraternity for the historic designation of the fraternity's house, 1886 University St.

Although no firm decision was made on the designation, the board will continue to investigate the history of nearly all the fraternities and sororities on the campus, says Judy Rees, historic board staff member.

The fraternity house was designed and constructed in 1924 by Portland architect Francis Jacobberger.

During a search for the house's historic roots, some DTD members discovered that Jacobberger also designed several other public buildings and churches around the state, says Terry Johnson of the fraternity.

The house, which was purchased by the fraternity organization in the 1950s, was originally built as the home of the Beaver Club, fraternity organization.

Johnson and the fraternity's alumni association filed for the historic designation more than a year ago and have been waiting for the review board's answer. That answer may take longer than they expected, Rees says.

"The board is not recommending approval of the request at this time," Rees says. "What they have suggested is a more thematic investigation of all the fraternities and sororities around the campus."

That investigation may be im-

portant, but it won't be a very high priority, she says.

"Jacobberger was a very competent architect, but he was not very influential at that time," Rees says.

Other architects, including two who laid the plans for the University campus, were more influential in the early 1920s, she explains. Some fraternity and sorority buildings may have been designed by more prominent architects, which could entitle them to the historic designation.



Photo by Patrick Sullivan

The Delta Tau Delta fraternity house, 1886 University St., wasn't always the home of the Delta Tau fraternity. Back in 1924, when the structure was designed and built by Portland architect Francis Jacobberger, it was known as the Beaver Club, and housed another fraternity. The Eugene Historic Review Board was considering the house for historical designation but decided to postpone that decision.

Eugene hits new pollution low

Eugene-Springfield area hit a new pollution low this summer, says Terry Smith, an environmental analyzer employed by the city of Eugene.

That "low" referred to the impact that field burning has had to date on the air quality in the Eugene-Springfield area. Smith told the Eugene City Council Wednesday that the area experienced the least impact from field burning in its history this year.

"We're quite a bit better than we've ever been," Smith said. "The main reason is probably the weather and the rule changes."

So far this year, approximately 137,000 acres of grass fields have been burned — far below the maximum allowable by law of 180,000 acres.

Smith noted the heavy August and September rains as an important factor in the low acreage number.

From 1973 through 1977, the Eugene-Springfield area averaged 43 hours of field burning smoke intrusion. So far in 1978, 6.5 hours of field-

burning smoke intrusion and four hours of intrusion from unknown sources have been recorded.

Smith cited a new rule prohibiting field burning in the south priority (near Eugene) and Silverton Hills areas as contributing to the improved air-quality figures.

However, while noting the improved figures, Smith criticized the federal air-quality standards. He said the particular percentages in Eugene-Springfield air were "alarmingly high" in August, but still did not violate federal standards of air quality.

He told the council that the weakness of air-quality standards was illustrated by the fact that even though the air quality was sometimes "very low" this summer "standards had not been violated."

Smith proposed that local health effect studies should be begun to determine the particulate standards for the Willamette Valley.

In a report presented to the council, Smith noted the upcoming Nov. 17 Environmental Quality Commission hearing on 1979 field-burning rules.

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