

Axford proposes national library

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A national investment may be the cure for the University's declining research facility, the dean of the library says.

Dean William Axford says both the quality and the volume of the library's core collection need to be supplemented, and tapping into a national lending library may do just that.

"The English offer a good historical prototype with their lending library," he says. By taking a careful look at the English system, Axford believes a good American lending library could be created.

A lending library would require development of a national data base that would use computers to tell borrowers where materials are and how to borrow them.

A national acquisitions program, Axford says, would supplement core collections with scholarly works purchased by the government.

The Center for Research Libraries in Chicago is now developing a national



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program to aid North American libraries, which like the University's, face yearly increases in scholarly work but decreases in buying power.

Axford, chair of the Chicago center board, says the group is convinced some

type of national investment will be required to help the situation.

"There's no denying the need," he says. "What we're trying to decide is how to go about meeting the need. It's a matter of mechanics now."

Whatever the nature of the national investment, Axford says, "We must think in non-traditional ways to maintain our present level of scholarship."

"You can't stand alone when it comes to teacher and student needs," he says.

"The dollar seemed unlimited. Today there are limitations to what even our GNP can buy. We must find an alternative to keep up the level of study."

The situation now facing American research libraries has its roots in the last two decades, Axford says.

During the '50s and '60s, he says, "We had more and more money but didn't make a heavy enough investment compared to the growth rate of college programs. Now we're trying to make up the deficit and at the same time obtain sufficient current materials."

Axford estimates it would cost \$225,000 in addition to the base book

budget to bring the University up to the level of similar research-oriented institutions.

At present though, Axford is concerned mainly with keeping an adequate base of materials on which to build. "In 10 or 12 years, we're going to build and grow again," he predicts.

Axford says maintaining research libraries such as the University's is of utmost importance. "All of the problems we're facing today depend upon the research being done (in higher education)."

Research may help to solve problems ranging from the environment to food shortages, he says.

The current industrial society is collapsing, he adds, and research in the humanities and science, is needed to guide the emerging society in a way sensitive to "humanness."

"The best guarantee of this happening is the health and strength of our educational institutions," he says. A strong library will also aid in increasing enrollment, says Axford. "The quality of library collections draws scholars. You're going to attract good students by having a good library."

Student-parents review legislation tonight

Bill introduced to ease child-care expense

An informational meeting about a proposed state child-care bill will be held tonight at 5:30 p.m. at 1511 Moss St.

The bill, which asks the state for \$650,000 in financial aid for Oregon student-parents over the 1979-81 biennium, has been introduced by state Rep. Gretchen Kafoury, D-Portland, and is now waiting to be assigned to a committee.

At least one representative

from each of Oregon's universities and colleges is working on the bill, says Rosalind Kotz of the University's Child Care and Development Center.

The legislation, sponsored by the Oregon Student Lobby, aims to raise the maximum limit of financial aid awards to include child care expenses, Kotz says.

"Now it's included when financial aid makes up their budget,

but people are not receiving money for it because of the maximum limit on expenses," Kotz says.

But University Director of Financial Aid Ed Vignoul says that's not true. Students who are parents are offered financial assistance on the same basis as all other students, he says. If child-care expenses are incurred during the school year, the student-parent is eligible to receive up to

approximately \$100 per month, a figure that will increase to \$150 per month next year.

Child-care expenses are not figured in the initial financial aid package, Vignoul says, because students don't know what their schedules will be, and therefore, don't know if they will need the extra money.

Kotz says next year's increase is "sufficient" but adds students do not actually receive the

money, either because they are not aware the funds exist or for some other reason.

Full-time care at the Child Care and Development Center costs about \$200 a month for children three to five years old. For infants, full-time care is \$300 a month.

A similar bill which asked for \$3.65 million for child-care expenses was introduced in the 1977 Legislature but it did not pass.

County postpones waste transport ordinance

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The Lane County Commissioners have once again postponed a decision on an ordinance that would regulate transportation of radioactive materials through the county.

The commissioners Wednesday put off the measure until March 28, deferring a decision for the third time since last November.

Commissioners Otto t'Hooft and Vance Freeman both said at Wednesday's hearing they were not ready to make a decision, and that they wanted to consider amending the ordinance to cover hazardous materials as well as radioactive materials.

Commissioner Harold Rutherford said he was ready to make a decision on the ordinance Wednesday, but did not say what that decision would be.

Commissioner Jerry Rust said he is in favor of the ordinance, with some amendments.

The Commissioners voted to postpone action for three weeks so the county staff can hold a workshop on the possibility of adding other hazardous materials to the ordinance's scope. They also wanted time to check into the possibility a county ordinance

would be pre-empted by state or federal laws now being considered.

House Bill 2571, now in committee, would regulate the transportation of radioactive materials within the state. Rust suggested the commissioners pass a resolution supporting the legislation. The others agreed, and the resolution will be considered March 14.

Rust said the ordinance did not represent a pro or con stance on

nuclear power, but was only concerned with the safety and health of Lane County's citizens. The ordinance would not be immediately pre-empted, he added, because laws on either state or federal levels do not exist.

Rust disagreed with t'Hooft and Freeman about extending the ordinance's jurisdiction to include other types of hazardous materials. He said the law should be kept separate from regulations

covering other types of hazardous materials because of the unique nature of radioactive

materials and the potential impact on the public's health and safety from exposure to spills.



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