

River bike path almost done

With the completion of a two-mile section of bike path along the west bank of the Willamette River, bicyclists are now able to travel almost the entire length of the river as it flows through Eugene.

The new section, the latest added to Eugene's growing bike path network, joins the existing riverbank path at Polk Street and extends to East Howard Street in the River Road area.

"The majority of the Greenway Bike Path is in now," says Barb Bellamy, Eugene parks and recreation representative. "We're working on completing

the entire system.

"When the paths are complete, cyclists will be able to ride from one side of Eugene to the other along the river."

Construction on the two-mile section was finished when a bridge spanning an inlet of the river near Merry Lane was completed. Cyclists have been using other portions of the extension that were paved earlier this month.

Eighty percent of the funds for the project were provided by state gas tax money that no longer is available for bike paths. Lane County financed 20

percent of the path construction, and the city provided 20 percent of the cost of the bridge.

When Eugene's bike-lane system is completed, more than 150 miles of bike lanes will be available. Currently, about 70 miles of bike paths have been completed, says Charles Nordgaard, public works department bicycle coordinator.

Several other bike path sections should be completed by the end of summer, Nordgaard says: street widening and bike-path construction on 24th Avenue between Agate Street and Amazon Parkway, on Willamette Street between Marlboro Street and 52nd Avenue, and on Bertelsen between 11th and 18th Avenues.

"As funds become available, the remainder of the route will be finished," Nordgaard says.

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PSU slates energy workshop

A statewide conference on Women and Energy featuring energy-related skills, opportunities and political-action workshops will be held this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Portland State University's Michael J. Smith Memorial Center.

Skills workshops will teach women about conservation techniques, solar energy, utility operations and renters' rights. Opportunities workshops will inform women about jobs and training programs in the field of energy, while political action

workshops will discuss energy policy decision making.

Valerie Pope, president of the San Bernardino Westside Community Development Corporation, will be keynote speaker at the conference. Pope founded the nonprofit, minority-owned and -operated corporation to promote energy systems development that provides both training and job opportunities for local community members.

The conference will present technical, educational and political information, says Nancy

Cosper, conference coordinator. "Workshops will demystify energy systems, disclose opportunities in the field of energy and energy policy decision making and mobilize women for political action," she said.

The conference is sponsored by the Public Power Information Center, the Utility Action Center and Portland Sun.

Child care is available upon request by calling Cosper at 222-9311, and rides are available through Switchboard at 345-7600.

Feds cut Basic Grants by \$50

Students getting Basic Grants will find their checks \$50 short this fall.

Shirley M. Hufstедler, the federal secretary of education, announced a newly revised Basic Educational Opportunity Grant payment schedule that schools will use in calculating the amount of individual student grants in the 1980-81 academic year.

The payment schedule takes into account the \$140 million reduction in funds that will be available for BEOG for the fiscal

year beginning July 1. Under this reduction, each student's 1980-81 award will be \$50 less than would be received if the program was fully funded.

The Department of Education also is revising the 1980-81 formula for assessing the earnings of dependent students who apply for BEOGs.

Under the existing formula, approximately 50,000 applicants in this low-income category were found either ineligible for grants or eligible only for small amounts. To correct this

before the beginning of the fall term, the department will send these students new eligibility reports that reflect the revised income assessment formula.

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MEETINGS

Oregon State Employees Association, Chapter 338, will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Straub Hall, Room 154. The meeting is entitled "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Layoffs, But Were Afraid to Ask," and all classified employees are invited.

GRADUATES

Due to a commencement starting time change, graduates should report to the staging area **no later than 9:45 a.m.** Commencement will begin at **10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 9**

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