

Residents, doctors debate spread of medical clinics

Residential, clinical and industrial interests collided Tuesday as special interest group representatives gave their views concerning West University refinement proposals.

Refinement changes proposed by the Eugene Planning Commission would curtail the development of new clinics in the West University area unless developers first obtain a conditional use permit. The affected area lies west of the campus and south of 13th Avenue.

Clinic representatives said doctors who might establish practices in this area, because of its proximity to Sacred Heart Hospital, would be discouraged from doing so.

Putting a crimp on growth would be "ridiculous," developer Tom Slocum said. Not only is Sacred Heart Hospital a large employer locally, but because of its specialized patient care, it also takes on regional significance, he said.

"Don't outlaw the clinics, because you might need them someday."

However, ASUO president Rich Wilkins said if

the refinement plan is not passed, many of the 6,500 students living in the West University area would be deprived of low-cost housing when the medical groups move in.

"Students will have to move farther from campus, thus incurring higher transportation costs," Wilkins said.

Also, because the area is located near downtown, a decrease in residential population could economically depress downtown businesses, he said.

Another refinement plan proposal discourages the use of automobiles and encourages the use of bicycles, mass transit, walking, and other forms of alternative transportation.

Because of the number of bike-auto accidents in the area — especially between 6th and 19th Avenues on Pearl Street — the proposal is especially important, said Michael Prothe, Student University Affairs Board vice chairer.

"We want to make the bike routes from the campus to the West University area more accessible to students," he said.

Minority group plans meetings

Asian American issues will be addressed at a state-wide Asian American Youth Conference Friday and Saturday in the EMU Forum Room.

Friday's schedule, which begins at 8:30 a.m., includes a series of films, video tapes and slide shows. Among them will be "Memoirs 1941-45," a slide presentation on Japanese in-

ternment camps in the United States during World War II to be shown at 4 p.m.

Keynote speaker Warren Furuntani, an activist and Asian-Pacific American talk-show host, will speak Saturday at 9:30 a.m. on the history of the Asian American movement.

A concert by a Los Angeles-based touring musical group,

"Warriors of the Rainbow," is scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday.

The conference, free to the public, is sponsored by the Asian American Alliance, Inc., of Eugene, the University Council for Minority Education, the University Asian American Student Union and the Eugene Commission on Rights of Minorities. For pre-registration and additional information, call 485-2308 or 686-3479.

Asian conference slated

"Minority Concerns in a Conservative Era" is the theme of the Willamette Valley Racial Minorities Consortium's fourth annual conference to be held Friday and Saturday at the University.

Held in conjunction with a state-wide Asian American youth conference, the conference will feature a wide variety of speakers, panels, paper presentations and entertainment.

Discussion topics will include the combined effects of racism and sexism, building coalitions in the 1980s, federal immigration policies and American minorities, issues of minority ag-

ing, and Hispanic professionals in higher education.

A continuous workshop called "The Ethnic Minority Student as an Independent Power Broker" is highlighted as an important session for minority students. The workshop is organized by Carol-Linda Bough, director of Pacific University's health careers program.

The conference registration desk will be located in the EMU first floor lobby. Student registration for the conference is \$5. For more information, contact Bean McFadden or Colleen Fong at 686-3123.

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