

OSPIRG films TV series

Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group officials are convinced their University organization is at a turning point and is increasing the group's activities and viability, several members said last week.

The group is filming a Public Access Television series, planning several forums, reviewing a survey on subjects OSPIRG should consider, and will soon publish a women's health care handbook.

In addition, the organization has been placing advertisements in the Emerald comparing local grocery store prices.

"The people now in OSPIRG have shown incredible creativity in working with the funds that are left," says Mike Matteucci, OSPIRG director.

OSPIRG's 1982-83 budget request calls for a 1-percent cut from this year's funds, he says.

The next forum, slated for 7 p.m. today in the EMU Ballroom, will discuss the West University Refinement Plan.

"The main issue is the expansion of the medical profession," says Heather Hartshorn, OSPIRG forum coordinator. Older residents want to prevent the neighborhood from being overrun by commercial development, she adds.

It's a "question of livability," Matteucci says.

Speakers at the forum will include: Harold Lanon, West University Neighborhood representative on the planning team; Tom Slocum, Eugene Chamber of Commerce member; David Rowe, University Planner; Eleanor Mulder, Planning Commission member; and Dave Lesser, Off-Campus Housing director.

The subjects of other forums will be chosen on the results of the survey, with the "main one being the effect of the budget cuts and the services the University can provide," Hartshorn says.

More than 340 people responded to the survey, which asked students to identify areas

of their concern, Matteucci says. About 210 surveys showed concern over budget cuts, he said.

Other concerns were over evaluations of faculty and course content, the athletic department, and OSPIRG's effectiveness, Matteucci says.

Students are encouraged to get involved in the television project, Lisa Cohn, director of the project, says. Political science, community service and public affairs, or telecommunications credit can be earned with cooperating professors, she adds.

Cohn is getting "a lot of good feedback from professors and other people," Matteucci says about the project. The first segment should be aired in early June.

Committee head resigns from dorm government

The head of the Residence Hall Governance Committee resigned his post Monday, saying he was unhappy with the committee's changing role in dormitory government. Roy Elbie's resignation came in the middle of an ongoing controversy over the committee's proposed constitution.

A proposal to adopt a constitution has been in the works since the committee was given the responsibility of handling \$20,000 in dorm improvement funds. In 1979, the University budget office began letting the governance committee handle the \$20,000 the University receives in annual interest from invested dormitory deposits.

The committee has met since 1971 without a constitution because it wished to "remain flexible," Elbie said.

But because of the new financial role, the committee decided to draft a constitution and "fine tune" dormitory government in the process, Elbie said.

An original proposal called for a constitution and bylaws drafted by a committee of four committee members, one pre-

sidents' council member from each complex, and one RA representative, said Dick Romm, a residence hall "Life Director."

Dormitory residents would play a major role in drafting the constitution, but the committee's power as a governing body would be unchanged, Elbie said.

"I felt the process was complete at that point," he added.

But at Monday's meeting, Romm proposed the committee send the final draft to resident assistants and presidents' council members for ratification.

The draft would carry a May 1 voting deadline and would require three yes votes for passage, he said. The committee passed the new proposal over Elbie's objections.

Elbie claimed "a purely philosophical disagreement" prompted him to resign and not the passage of the new proposal.

He said his resignation was "one of the hardest decisions I've made in my life, but this is not a case of sour grapes."

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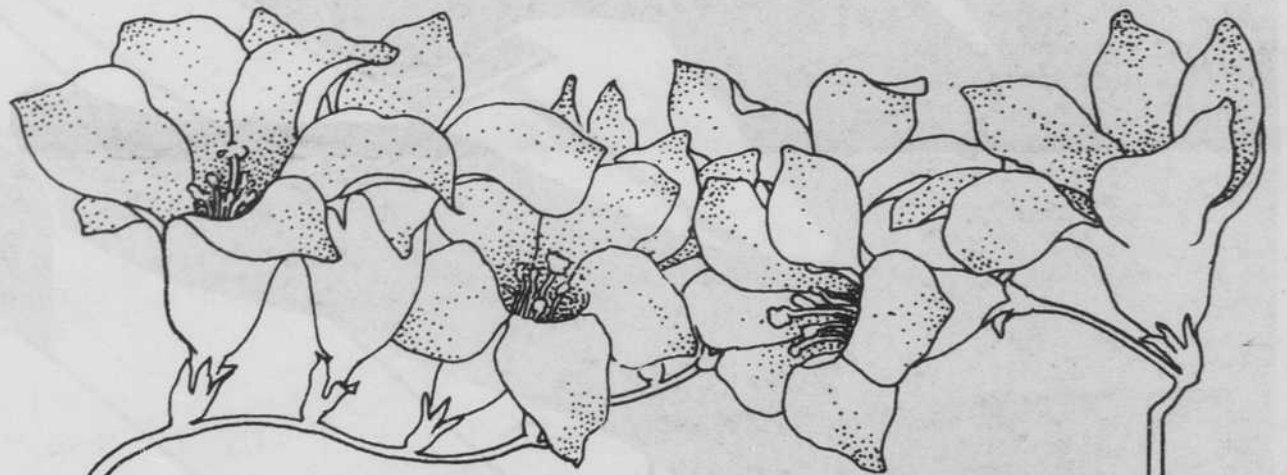
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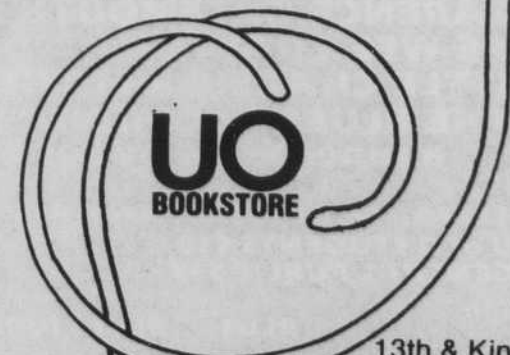
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