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Schools inch closer to chopping block

Board lists professional schools for 'consideration'



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Two University professional schools and parts of four other schools are to be considered for elimination, Pres. Paul Olum announced at a University Assembly meeting Wednesday.

The schools were listed in a letter sent to Olum from the academic affairs office of the State Board of Higher Education. The list of considerations is the latest development in an ongoing struggle to meet a projected shortfall in state funds for this biennium.

Olum read from the letter that instructed the University to consider cutting:

- The law school
- "Virtually all" of the school of Community Service and Public Affairs
- "Essentially all" of the counseling psychology program

• The masters programs in urban planning

• The educational media program

• And a reduction in the number of entrants into the department of business administration.

"That list I read is not going to happen," Olum told the assembly.

"The law school will not be cut, it will not be offered up," Olum said. "I could go on and discuss the others and say the same thing if you want me to," he said.

Olum told the assembly that the University must review the programs and if the recommendation is not to cut, the institution must justify that.

Members of the assembly questioned Olum as to his "strategy" on the list of cuts. Olum told them that he'd only learned of them 24-hours ago and that he needed time to think

and consult with faculty members.

"I could make a dramatic statement now," he said, "but I want to wait and think and make a dramatic statement later."

"This is a list — for the most part — of duplicated programs," said Clarethel Kahananui, acting vice-chancellor for academic affairs. "We are insisting that institutions look at duplicating programs."

As an example, Kahananui said, the law school is not duplicated within the state system, but there are two other private law schools in the state.

In other assembly business, members voted on a motion to change the student code of conduct. The new version essentially changes the reading of section 571-21-030 to read controlled substances instead of narcotic drugs.

The problem with the original version, according to some

faculty members, was that a legal definition of narcotics is not in the Revised State Statutes, making the original nearly impossible to enforce.

A motion by Thomas Brady, a history professor at the University, to express "no confidence" in the state board of higher education and Chancellor Roy Lienallen, was objected to by Katherine Eaton, chair of the University Senate. The objection, sustained by a 78-20 vote, dismissed the motion without discussion or a vote. Brady said that he will most likely introduce the motion again at the next assembly meeting.

Two notices of motion also were given. Mike Prothe, of SUAB, moved that no tests or new projects be assigned during "deadweek," and biology prof. Bayard McConnaughey made a motion to remove the Reserve Officers Training Corps from campus.

Prof wants removal of ROTC again

Along about this time of year, the ground hog starts searching for its shadow, and biology prof. Bayard McConnaughey tries to get the Reserve Officers' Training Corps booted of campus.

McConnaughey has asked the University Assembly 14 of the last 15 years to remove ROTC. Only once has the faculty said yes. Back in 1977, the faculty voted 86-87 to remove ROTC.

The decision lasted only a week. Through what McConnaughey called a "parliamentary trick," the assembly backed away from its first decision.

But the McConnaughey doesn't seem to mind.

"Some of them think it's absurd, some of them agree," he says about the rest of the faculty.

The first time McConnaughey introduced the notion was in 1967, "in the middle of the Vietnam war," he says. His latest motion is the 13th consecutive time McConnaughey has asked.

"It's not annual, but almost," he says.

The ROTC has endured quite a bit in the past, aside from McConnaughey's motion, which former Air Force ROTC head Hosea Skinner, in 1979, called "McConnaughey's rite of spring."

In 1968, the AFROTC building was bombed, in 1969, ROTC students and their instructor locked themselves in a classroom to ward off protestors. A year later, police reported that anti-war demonstrators had done "considerable damage" to ROTC buildings.

County examines refuse-burning

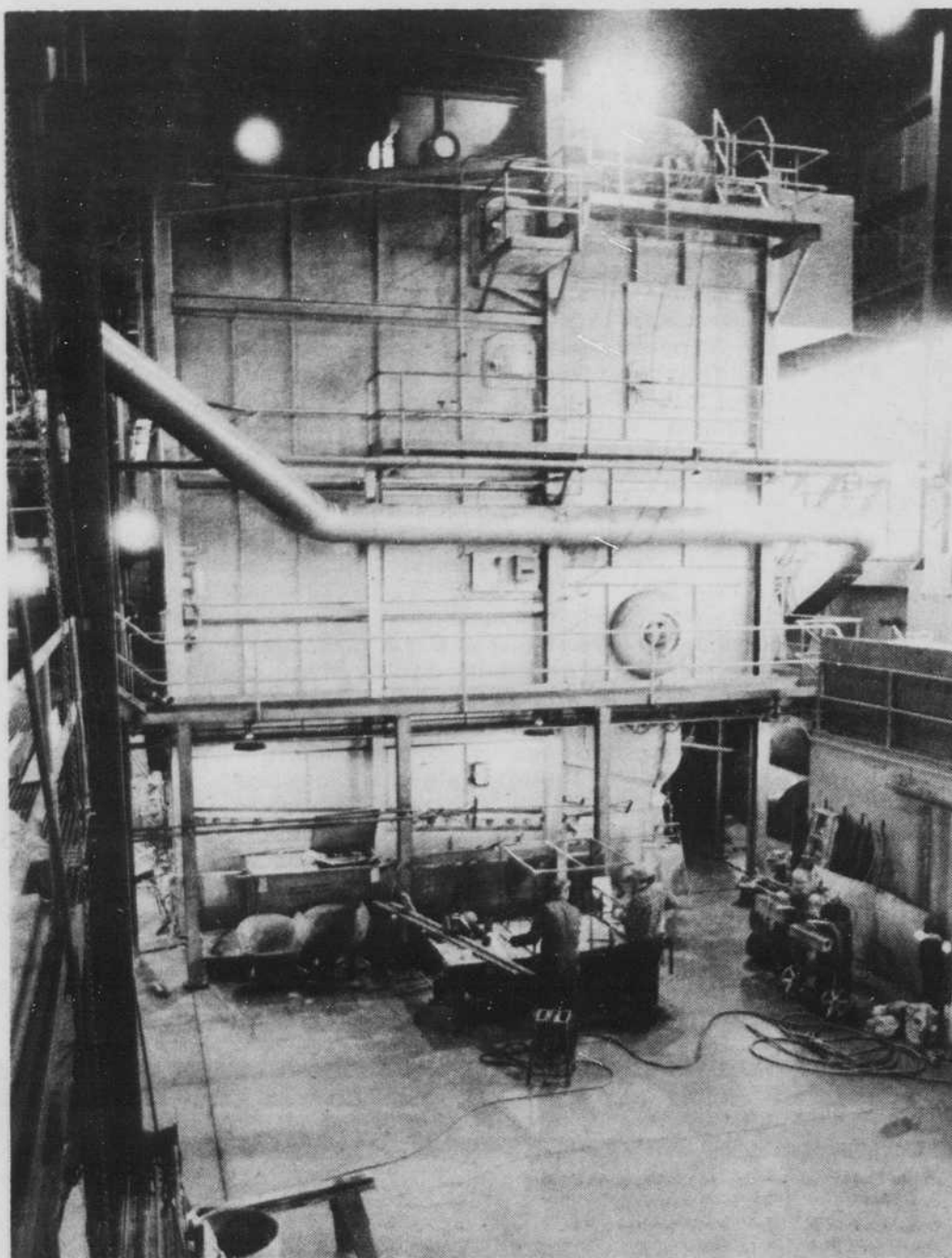


Photo by Duane Schrag

The possibility that this University boiler may soon burn refuse-derived fuel drew heat from County Commissioner Jerry Rust Wednesday.

A recent University test burning of refuse-derived fuel to produce heat and energy came under discussion by the Lane County Board of Commissioners Wednesday.

The commissioners accepted a report prepared by Thomas Miles, a consulting engineer retained by the University, but decided more time is necessary to consider joining the University and the Eugene Water and Electric Board in applying for \$2.5-million in loans to develop the burning process.

The plan calls for the collection of refuse from the Glenwood "resource-recovery" facility to supplement the diminishing supply of hog fuel traditionally used to provide energy and heat for the University.

EWEB would market excess energy to the Bonneville Power Administration, Miles said.

Under current law, the University is not entitled to state loans for the project without additional support, Miles said.

Commissioner Jerry Rust, who says he is opposed to the project, questioned Miles about the possibility of particle and lethal dioxin emissions.

Miles responded that the measurement of dioxins is so small it is nearly impossible to determine.

The commissioners will take up the proposed refuse-derived plan again at its Feb. 23 meeting.

In other University-related business, the commissioners unanimously passed a resolution urging the Reagan administration and the state of Oregon to keep the current level of funding for student financial aid.

The resolution, introduced by Commissioner Otto t'Hooft, recognizes that the Reagan administration's proposed financed aid cuts for 1982-83 would result in a decline in enrollment and a decline in the quality of education at the University.

The University is the county's biggest employer, and more University reductions probably would add to the county's unemployment woes, t'Hooft said.

"I would have never been able to make it through school without financial aid," t'Hooft said.