

Bike plan seeks opinions

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The University "bicycle experiment" was the central topic again at the campus planning committee meeting Wednesday. Transportation subcommittee member Al Urquhart made a proposal to send questionnaires to faculty and students as a means of soliciting comments on last fall's bike plan which restricted bikes to certain routes on campus.

Committee member David Wagner said he didn't believe many people on campus were even aware of the new plan, but added that the questionnaire would be a "neat, sneaky way to educate and inform students" about the bike rule.

A proposal passed by the transportation subcommittee three weeks ago would give campus security the go-ahead to ticket bicyclists who ride at night without using bike lights. The proposal, forwarded to

vice president of finance and administration Ray Hawk, would allow bike owners to recover their bicycles the next day or when "suitable lighting equipment" is obtained.

Hawk said he will make a decision on the measure as soon as he has conferred with campus security on the feasibility of enforcing the proposal.

The impoundment measure was proposed after security officer Hal Freywas was hit by a bicyclist riding without lights last month, according to Urquhart.

The committee also discussed plans to upgrade the 101 acres of University land between the Willamette River and Franklin Boulevard.

Barbara Edwards, campus planning committee chairer,

said the area was being "neglected" and called for a plan to "beautify" and protect the screen of vegetation along the Willamette, the natural botanical area between the south bank and the railroad tracks, the orchard area, and the millpond.

Committee members expressed particular concern over the deterioration of the millpond. Committee member Harold Babcock said erosion is washing away the millpond's banks at an alarming rate and called for immediate action by the University.

He suggested that rocks could be used to help stabilize the pond's banks, but said a past University ruling stipulates that only grass, weeds and plants can be used to control erosion.

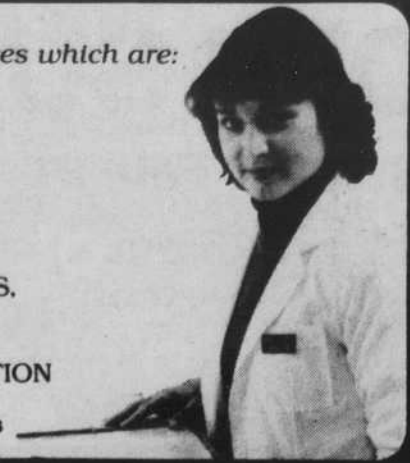
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Duo argues life's origin

An evolution/creation debate today has David Wagner, an assistant professor of biology at the University, facing Norm Fox, a local creationist affiliated with the Institute for Creation Research.

The controversy surrounding public school teaching of both theories of life's origin will be the primary issue discussed, says Dick Beswick of the Restoration Campus Ministry.

The debate will also consider how legislators should view the controversy and whether "scientific creationism" is essentially religious — as the American Civil Liberties Union claims.

"You won't have caricatures represented," Beswick says, "but two very able articulators of their positions."

One of the weekly Mars Hill Forums presented by the Restoration Campus Ministry, the debate will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Koinonia Center lounge, 1414 Kincaid St.

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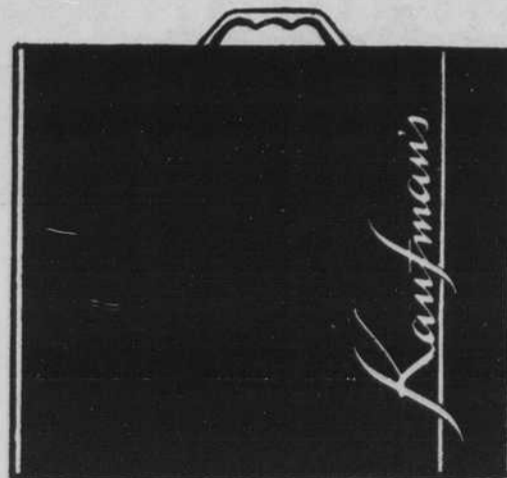
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