

New waste management facility to be erected behind Science II

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Nearly nine years after the idea was introduced, a Eugene firm begins construction of a building this month that will be used in the management of waste materials from University science research.

A University scientist says old-timers in the chemistry department sarcastically call the building "Sudmann's Outhouse," in honor of the unsuccessful plans of a former University health physicist.

When construction is completed, the \$200,000 addition to the science complex

will include a lab for processing radioactive waste, a chemical waste processing lab, an equipment room for calibrating radiation detection instruments, office space and space for temporary storage.

The new unit will be built at the north end of the science library, adjacent to the Science II loading dock.

Current work space for waste management is spread over three science buildings, hampering coordination, says Ed Bailey, health physicist and manager of the Environmental Health and Safety Office.

The new facility will include a loading dock adjacent to the work area that will aid

in the transportation of toxic materials and cut back on the handling of the packages, Bailey says.

"We'll be able to manage waste more efficiently — both from a cost standpoint and a safety standpoint," he says.

The new waste facility will actually be the second improvement in the handling of hazardous wastes at the University. Waste disposal drew attention last summer when it was discovered barrels of chemical waste were stored outside on the loading dock.

The dock now has only empty barrels and the amount of hazardous wastes stored on campus has been reduced, thanks largely to the efforts of Gary Nolan, an Oregon State University graduate hired as a chemist in the Environmental Health and Safety office 10 months ago.

In addition to reducing the amount of wastes, Nolan says he hasn't had to ship any wastes to landfills since he arrived.

"To me, landfilling is the worst possible thing to do," he says.

Nolan says he relies on neutralizers that allow chemicals to be flushed down the drain. He also stresses the importance of decreasing the amount of hazardous wastes. Professors sometimes can choose to use chemicals in teaching labs that can be rinsed away instead of having to be processed, he says.

"I think as chemists become more experienced and people's attitudes start to change, you'll see more of that in the future," Nolan says.

Emeritus professor earns art award

Gordon Kensler, professor emeritus of art education at the University, received the Oregon Art Educator of the Year award at the National Art Education Association's April conference in New York City.

He was cited by the Pacific Region of the NAEA for his "outstanding contributions to the profession of art education" and for his service to the Oregon Art Education Association.

Kensler specialized in research methodology in art education and published articles on the relation between modes of perception and learning. He worked closely with doctoral students in the art education department. The doctoral program was ranked second in quality of its faculty among 18 similar programs in a 1979 nationwide survey.

Kensler, who retired this winter after 16 years at the University, served three years as head of the department and twice as acting head during the 1970s.

His paintings have been included in many exhibits throughout the Northwest, and he has served on the board of directors of the Friends of the University art museum.

Kensler received his bachelor of fine arts and master of fine arts degrees from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and a doctor of education degree from Stanford University. He taught at Illinois State University before coming to Oregon.

Museum director to lecture about historic architecture

Bates Lowry, director of the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C., will give two illustrated lectures on U.S. architecture May 10-11 at the University.

The free public lectures, set for 8 p.m., are presented in recognition of National Historic Preservation Week, May 9-15.

"Filling a National Need," a lecture on the purpose and goals of the building museum, will be given May 10 in Lawrence Hall, Room 177.

On May 11 Lowry will speak in Lawrence Hall, Room 107, on the "rare and

remarkable architecture" of the Pension Building, which now houses the National Building Museum.

Lowry is the author of "The Visual Experience," "Renaissance Architecture," and "Architecture of Washington, D.C." He is currently on the editorial board of the Smithsonian Institution Press.

The lectures are jointly sponsored by the historic preservation graduate program and the architecture school. For further information, contact Mary Christoferson, architecture administrative assistant, at 686-3656.

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