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"smear tactics and McCarthyism" Rust said firmly: "It's not Jerry Rust that is Dave Burks' problem."

Well if Rust isn't a problem, what, or more specifically who, is Burks' problem?

Burks would like to add the name of County Commissioner Peter DeFazio.

DeFazio says Burks' budget hasn't been cut any more than any of the other agency budgets. Burks says DeFazio is "stretching the truth."

"I 'costed out' all the departments," DeFazio said. "He's right, the cuts aren't the same, other departments have been cut a lot more than he has." DeFazio adds that the board of commissioners has funded the human services division at only 28 percent of what it had previously been funded. Burks' department is running at about 65 percent of the past budget, DeFazio said.

Many, including the people of Lane County, don't see a benefit in this sparring. Burks says he is trying to gain back the money that was cut from his budget.

DeFazio and Rust said Burks is barking up the wrong tree in suing the board of commissioners.

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"I think his frustration is with the public as well as the county commissioners," Rust said. "His constituency turned (the levy) down, my constituency okayed it," Rust said, adding that the significance in that statement lies in the fact that Rust has an urban constituency, protected both by county and by city police. Burks' constituency, Rust said, is rural and is suffering the most from the cuts in patrols.

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Calling it an "ironic situation," Rust said Burks "now has to worry about losing his credibility."

However, while Burks tries to increase his agency's funding, both commissioners said the county sheriff's office has seen its heyday. Rust and DeFazio are laying claim to a metropolitan police force as the succesor to Burks' and other police agencies.

Part of the "1990 Plan" calls for the combining of local law enforcement agencies into a "metropolitan police force," Rust said.

"We're going to provide services in a more rational plan in the future," DeFazio said. "Basically what the sheriff is afraid of is a change, that's why he's casting aspersions."

But short term change may not be up to the board of commissioners, nor Burks. It is now in the hands of the judicial system.

"Anytime you file a suit it becomes a legal issue. Whether it has merit the court will decide," Rust said.

Like a boxing match that has gone 15 rounds, the corners are waiting to see how the referees scored the bout. Just who will wear the championship belt, which looks more like a well depleted money belt, depends a great deal on how the match is judged.

Safety fair, conference on Saturday

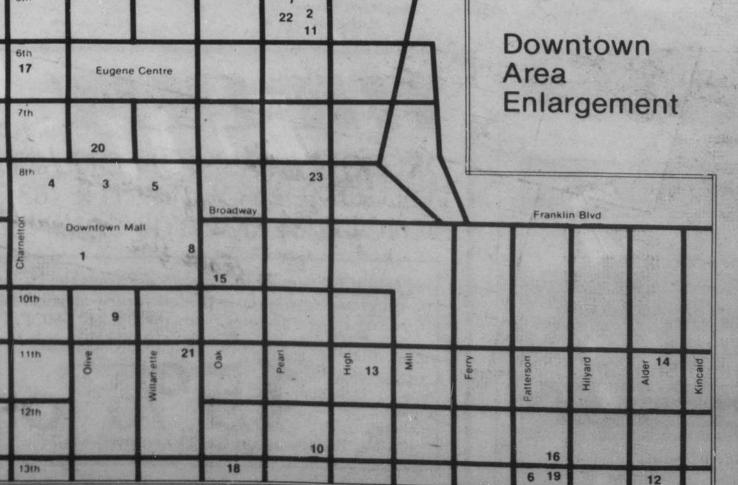
As part of its crime prevention program, the West University Neighborhood has scheduled an all-day Personal Safety Conference Saturday.

The conference, which will include topics such as rape awareness, self-defense, bad checks and fraud, is co-sponsored by Sacred Heart hospital, the University, the Small Business Association and WUN.

Classes and demonstrations will take place at the hospital and at the University, with a "fair" in the hospital parking lot at the corner of 13th Avenue and Alder Street, according to Charleen MacLain, crime prevention coordinator for WUN.

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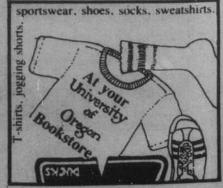
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The fair will include demonstrations, booths and an appearance by MacGruff, the crime prevention dog.

The city's Vagrancy Task Force, which recently was formed to alleviate the problem of transients in the area, also will take part in the conference.

Admission for most activities at the conference is free, although participants in the conference self-defense classes must pay to offset the cost of instructors.



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