

\$100,000 in federal grant money gets some interest, city approval

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The Eugene City Council unanimously approved a proposal Monday to spend \$100,000 of federal "jobs bill" money on park rehabilitation projects.

The money will be used to rehabilitate the River House on Adams street and the Owens House in the Eugene Rose Garden and to upgrade drainage systems in several parks, creating six job slots for six to eight months.

G. V. Stathakis testified against the projects, saying they were not directed to the city's needy and were not aimed at relieving urban blight.

Stathakis pleaded with the council to "get in touch with some of the needs of the less fortunate in this community," and called its decision a "disgrace"

and a "slap in the face to the city's poor."

The funds, part of a \$700,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, were when a road surfacing project on Roosevelt Boulevard cost less than the estimate.

That project came under fire last summer for failing to create many jobs. Federal criteria for the use of the funds stipulated the projects be labor intensive, but \$300,000 of that money went to materials and only four jobs were created.

Council member John Ball said the council should have spent more time considering other possibilities, but said the council had done a pretty good job.

"We made a substantial improvement that needs to be recognized," says Ball. "Last time

we made four jobs with \$600,000, this time we made six with only a \$100,000."

The Community Development Committee and Eugene Private Industry Council endorsed the park projects because they said they would fulfill federal requirements and create job opportunities.

Ski bus tickets available

Tickets for the 1984 Hookey Ski Bus are now on sale at the Eugene YMCA.

Each Wednesday for the last 23 winters the Hookey Ski Bus has been whisking adult skiers off to Mt. Bachelor. This year's season begins Jan. 4, 1984 the day before winter term classes start.

The bus loads at 6:45 a.m. and leaves from the South Eugene High School parking lot at 7 a.m., returning to Eugene by 7:15 p.m. after a day of special-rate skiing at Mt. Bachelor.

Season tickets are sold for 10 trips and for 15 trips. The 10-trip package costs \$125 (a savings of \$35) and the larger package sells for \$187.50 (a savings of \$52.50).

The packages assure skiers a spot on the bus each Wednesday until May 1.

Single-trip tickets are available for \$15 on a first come, first serve basis by calling the YMCA weekly.

Skiers riding the bus receive \$2 discounts on all-day lift tickets and \$2.50 off of complete rental packages. Other discounts also are included.

"Hookey" invites everyone to their annual ski season kick-off coffee at 1 p.m. Nov. 16 at The Far West Federal Bank on the corner of Broadway Avenue and Oak Street.

For more information, call the YMCA at 686-9622.

Music school notes events

A guest recital, an Alumni Band appearance at Homecoming and performances at the University Day at the Hult Center are among the events scheduled for the coming week at the University School of Music. All events are free unless otherwise indicated.

Friday Nov. 4 — Guest artist Ron Pellegrino will present a lecture and recital on the visual application of music at 8 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall. He will use a synthesizer and a laser projection system in his presentation. Admission is \$2.

Saturday Nov. 5 — The University Alumni Band will reunite to perform at 12:30 p.m. in the pre-game activities of the University Homecoming game with UCLA. For more information, call 686-5678.

Sunday Nov. 6 — The University Day at the Hult Center for Performing Arts, part of Homecoming activities, will feature various music school programs. At 11:15 a.m., Jazz Lab Band I will perform outside in the Hult Center courtyard. The Oregon Wind Ensemble will present Morton Gould's "Ballad For Band" and Alfred Reed's "Russian Christmas Music." The University Symphony will also perform.

Also scheduled at the Hult Center are the University Singers, who will present a program including Zoltan Kodaly's "Cohors Generosa."

Thursday Nov. 10 — Student musicians will present a Musical Smorgasbord concert at 12:30 p.m. in Room 198 of the music school.

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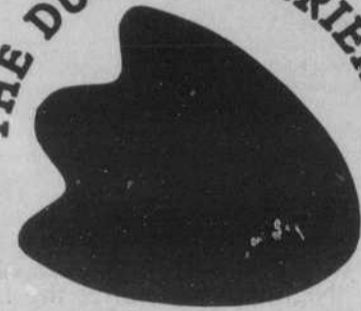
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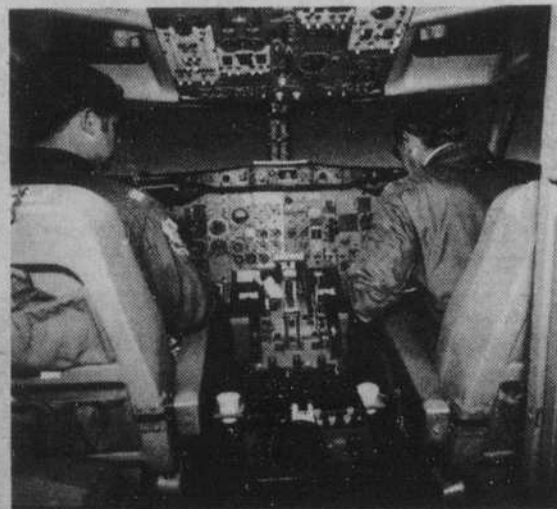
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