

Group offers plan for saving wilderness

The Hardesty/June Wilderness Council will present its proposal for an alternative backcountry management plan for the Hardesty roadless forest area tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Amazon Community Center.

"We have a proposal for the management of the Hardesty/June area that we want to see the Forest Service use. We suggest preserving Hardesty as a wilderness, removing trees only for emergency purposes," says Brett Fisher of the University's Survival Center.

"The area should be used as back-

country wilderness for recreation, education and wildlife needs," Fisher says.

The Hardesty/June area is the last intact roadless forest region in the entire Lewell Ranger district of the Willamette National Forest, says Survival Center director Doug Norlen.

The Hardesty Mountain/June area was omitted from a proposed Oregon Forest Wilderness bill last summer. Instead, the area was designated as general forest to be managed for multiple uses, including timber sales, water,

recreation and wildlife, says Forest Service worker Mike Strange.

In the meantime, several local environmental groups, including the Survival Center, have opposed the logging of the area and formed the Hardesty/June Council.

The Hardesty area is only a half-hour from Eugene and is an increasingly popular hiking area for Eugene residents, Norlen says.

The area is also the home of three known bald eagle nests, three occupied

spotted owl management areas, as well as cougar, deer and other forest wildlife and flora, Norlen says.

In October, a group calling themselves the Hardesty Avengers claimed responsibility for spiking trees in the Hardesty Mountain area with 5-inch nails to express dissatisfaction with the planned timber sales.

Local environmental groups denounced the action, calling for peaceful means of protest. Federal and local officials investigating the incident have failed to find the spikers.

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"It is not my responsibility to judge the display case as long as it is not deemed illegal by the state of Oregon," she says. In the past, complaints about the contents of the display case have been rare, she says.

Michael Cross, director of Students Against Rape, Pornography and Exploitation of Children, fears the display will be identified with his group and will hinder its work.

"I see where they're coming from. I see their point," Cross says of the WRRS display, but he also agrees with Lewis' charge that it could alienate

people, especially a part of the display singling out white males as the main consumers of pornography.

"Our group is trying to bring together men and women, liberal or conservative," he says.

Lewis and Cross also argue that the display advertises the material it is supposed to oppose.

Romano admits there is probably a certain element that will see the display merely as entertainment. A disclaimer on the case is intended to deal with this: "If you find this exciting,

seek help, for you are the victim of a pornographic tolerable society!!"

Romano is not bothered by the controversy surrounding the display. She says it has brought an important issue out in the open.

Magazines that depict women being abused and dominated by men reinforce violence toward women in society, she says.

"The underlying fact is that women's bodies are used for profit," Juniper says. "The destruction of women's bodies is seen as entertainment."

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development grants to those doing good research to improve their teaching skills," Hill says.

"An absolutely abysmal

teacher probably wouldn't be promoted," Hill says.

Richard Schmuck, chair of the Faculty Personnel Committee, which makes tenure and promotion recommendations to Hill, agrees that research considerations can often outweigh considerations about the faculty member's teaching abilities.

"The only thing to counterbalance poor course reactions would be an outstanding research record. Then maybe teaching would be reduced in its importance," Schmuck says.

"External research demonstrates the person is on the cutting edge of success," he says.

But the hypothetical situation of a professor being excellent in one discipline and poor in another probably doesn't exist, Hill says.

While Hill feels overall that the University's tenure and promotion system is a fair system,

he admits there are some recognized costs.

"I know of no more stressful time in a faculty member's life than when he or she is going through a promotion or tenure decision," Hill says.

The tenure or promotion process can take up to a year to complete while information for the faculty member's dossier is gathered and the case is thoroughly reviewed, Hill says.

This review takes place at both the department and school or college level, as well as within the FPC.

"That's a whole year that the faculty member must remain under this microscope," he says.

"I'm not saying that the process is foolproof — it's ultimately a subjective decision," Hill says.

"But the system works sufficiently well that those costs are worth it," he says.



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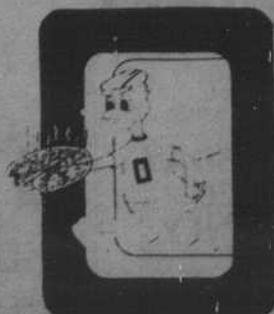
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