

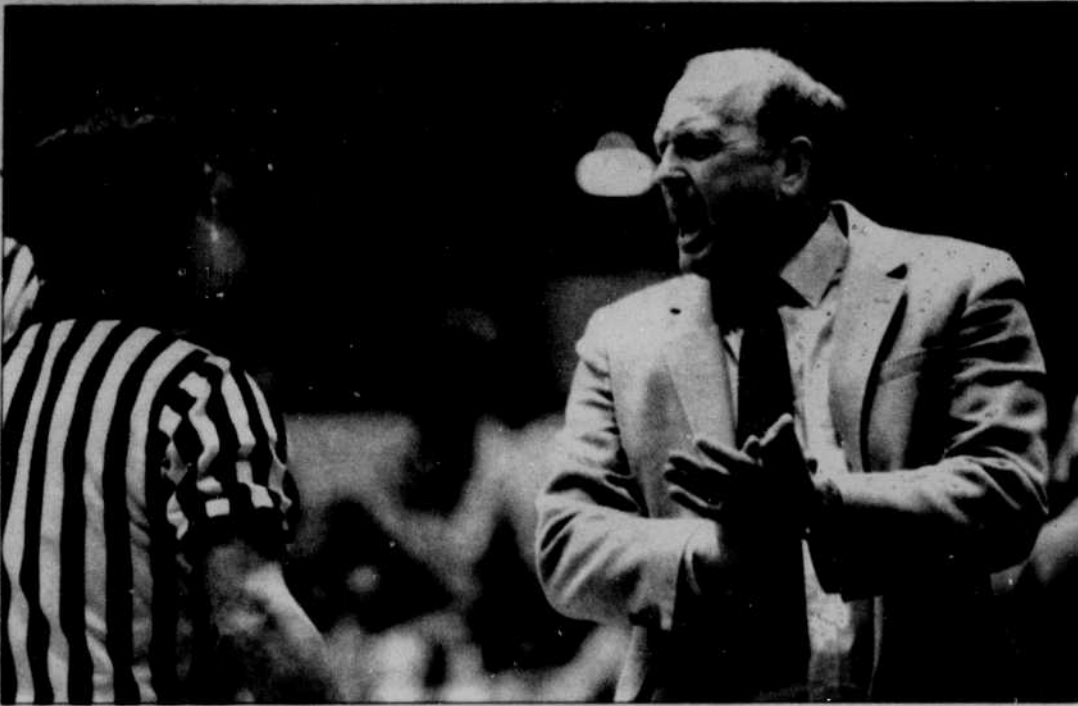
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Lettin' off some steam

University basketball coach Don Monson expresses dissatisfaction with a referee's call during the first half of Tuesday night's game against Lamar University. The Ducks beat the Cardinals 58-47 before a home crowd of 5,803, bringing their record to 3-2. See related story, Page 12.

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Budget Committee reviews capital improvement plan

By Sarah Barton
Of the Emerald

The draft version of Eugene's Capital Improvement Program was opened to public comment at a Budget Committee meeting Tuesday night. The 143-page document propose improvements to be made during fiscal years 1987-92.

"The City has a dramatic need to provide adequate funding to preserve its existing infrastructure: streets need overlays, buildings need roofs and HVAC replacement, parks need repairs to the sprinkler system, deteriorated sewers need to be replaced," said City Manager Michael Gleason.

Failure to maintain such projects through adequate funding is ultimately more expensive, he said.

"If adequate preservation and maintenance funding is not in place, then the relatively inexpensive preservation option becomes a four to five times more expensive reconstruction problem," he said. "That is to say, a street that isn't periodically overlaid will need to be reconstructed, or a

roof that isn't replaced will develop leaks and structural damage."

"There are approximately \$81 million worth of projects in the draft," said Kirk McKinley, a planning staff member. "Approximately \$18 million of that consists of proposed bonds and levies."

Projects that were discussed included the expansion of the Eugene airport, the relocation or expansion of the library and the Fire Redeployment Plan, which would include the relocation of several emergency stations.

Tuesday's hearing marked the Budget Committee's first public hearing ever on the CIP," McKinley noted. "In previous years, the Planning Commission and the City Council held public hearings, and the council forwarded the first year of the CIP to the Budget Committee as the proposed capital budget."

Three members of the public were on hand to comment on

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Attacks women's issues from feminist perspective

Feminists' ideas differ on direction of movement

By Shawn Wirtz
Of the Emerald

From the strong but singular voice of the National Organization for Women, the feminist movement has launched into a sometimes disharmonious chorus. Rather than focusing on feminism itself, the movement is attacking women's issues from a feminist perspective.

"At first the thrust was that women be given the same opportunities as men," said Mimi Johnson, director of the University Center for the Study of Women in Society.

Now feminists "are concerned with poverty and single mothers, lesbian rights and perhaps more oriented to issues of women outside the corporate structure," she said.

There are a lot of different ways to proceed, said Betsy Brown, a journalist with the Feminist Press in Eugene. "The more things we hit the patriarchy with the more likely it is to crumble," she said.

"Some people want to work within the system, and other people want to do local radical changes that have to do with basic societal attitudes," said Barb Ryan, volunteer coordinator at Rape Crisis Network.

Ryan believes coalitions of domestic and sexual violence victims are "on the front lines" of feminism, in contrast to NOW's legislative emphasis, she said.

"Women are being co-opted by the masculine style of type-A personality that leads to heart attacks," said Jean Rubel, president of Anorexia Nervosa and Related Eating Disorders.

In rebellion, women are saying, "Could we not look at feminine contributions and strengths, could we look at more synthesis and less analysis, and could we do it in a networking rather than hierarchical way," Rubel said.

In a sense, the women's movement has spread its roots underground. "It's a lot of personal contacts," said Barbara Pope, director of

the University Women's Studies Program.

The mass media rarely deal with the whole range of feminist issues, so many feminists rely on a network of feminist newspapers and bookstores, Brown said.

"Who controls the newspapers, the publishing houses, the magazines? Whose editorial judgment decides who is going to get published? It's not women, and it's most particularly not feminist women," Brown said. "The media don't do very much in-depth about anything."

Because it's easy, journalists contact NOW as the official feminist voice, giving legitimacy to the organization and perpetuating other journalists' reliance on NOW as a source, she said.

"People depend for their power on people not looking too deeply into what's going on," Brown said.

Feminists also are relying on networking in the academic arena. In Washington, D.C., the American Council on Education's Office of Women in Higher Education recommends women for the more than 300 presidential searches conducted yearly, according to a Dec. 3 article in The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Bernice Sandler of the Association of American Colleges "fields thousands of requests a year from women seeking help on problems ranging from sexual harassment to hiring disputes," the article states.

"It's the new girls' — I should say new women's — network," Sandler said. "Because we look at the whole picture, we're in a position where we can put women in touch with other women."

While many feminists admit gains have been made, they believe new approaches will further feminist goals that have made little progress.

"We need the optimism of 'Yes, things are



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