

Office studies parking, transportation problems

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The University Office of Planning is conducting a comprehensive study of the problem of parking and transportation on campus at the request of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education.

A recommendation on how to best solve the problem is due out at the end of spring term, said Gabe Onyeador, a University planning assistant.

"We're trying to get some general view of where additional parking will be most useful," said University Planner David Rowe.

Onyeador began looking at the problem in November, he said, and is trying to determine the nature and degree of the problem.

"The problem is bad all over campus. If you drive to campus, you know what it's like," he said.

Traffic counts have been completed by the city at intersections around the University, and Onyeador will be hiring University students to conduct traffic and parking surveys for four days from 7:45 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Counts of pedestrian traffic and numbers of passengers per vehicle on campus also will be gathered.

Questionnaires will be mailed out ear-

ly next term to a computer-selected random sample of 10 percent of the student body, faculty and staff of the University, Onyeador said.

The questionnaire is designed to determine where commuters park when they arrive on campus, what their destination is, what time they arrive and leave and how many times they leave campus each day, among other things.

"We are trying to determine how much turnover there is," Rowe said.

The study will try to draw a relationship between the supply and location of parking spaces and the demand for those spaces.

"Right now we are down about 60 parking spaces campuswide (from the beginning of the academic year)," Rowe said. This is mainly due to the work being done at Hayward Field to widen the track, and to work being done on the University's new Museum of Natural History in the Bean parking lot, according to Rowe.

"When work on the new science complex starts, there will be some more loss," Rowe said, but he noted that 150 additional spaces will be available when work is completed on a new parking lot in the Silva Orchard located across Franklin Boulevard near the millrace.



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Parking and transportation have become such a problem on campus that the University Office of Planning is conducting a survey to recommend a possible solution.

Symposium raises question about symptoms of hunger

By Sarah Kitchen
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Fighting hunger on a global level, instead of just concentrating on local issues, was one of the points discussed Monday night at a panel discussion about hunger in Lane County.

The discussion was presented by OSPIRG, the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group.

One major position on hunger looks at the world as one system, a world system, and tries to ask why things happen as they do. What are the nature of processes that result in hunger, malnutrition, high rates of population growth and ecological destruction, asked Jack Rollwagen, professor of anthropology.

"Problem solving begins with the whole system and moves down to the local system, and not vice versa, so rather than working from Eugene out to the universe, I'm going to try to start from the world and work

down, which to me makes more sense," Rollwagen said.

In order to understand why there is hunger in Eugene, one must relate to a set of ideas that are not only related to hunger and poverty, but also to ecological destruction.

Many people do not want to see the hunger and malnutrition that exists in the United States as being a result of a system, but rather something that has not been taken care of yet, Rollwagen said.

In order to deal with the hunger problem, people must concentrate on the symptoms and not the causes. One way to deal with the symptoms is to revise the political agenda on hunger, said John Ball, Lane County Commissioner.

It is difficult to deal with the political issue of hunger because it is not something people want to talk about as a political issue, he said.

"There are a whole gamut of

issues that go into poverty and hunger and you cannot extricate them and say we are going to give these people food and that is going to cure the poverty," Ball said.

"Arming ourselves with the information to make the argument to our fellow citizens that hunger and such issues need to have a higher priority has to continue; making it an issue and trying to devise solutions does not mean you are going to solve the problem. It is a long-term commitment and essentially it is all of us resolving that," Ball said.

There are approximately 19 million people in the United States getting food stamps, and 33 million people who are eligible to receive food stamps, said Bob Warren, a speaker from Rep. Peter Defazio's office.

These statistics are a part of the recent food assistance cuts carried out by the Reagan administration.



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Kristy Murray deposits money in the Food for Lane County jar at the EMU Fishbowl as Betsy Lane looks on.

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