

Olum, others field questions at riverfront forum

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Of the Emerald

University President Paul Olum sat in the hot seat Wednesday night as he and three other officials fielded questions and comments from the public on issues related to the controversial Riverfront Research Park.

About 150 people attended the public forum at the EMU Ballroom, although the number had shrunk by the end of the grueling three-hour session.

Participants expressed, sometimes heatedly, concerns about building on the Willamette Greenway and loss of the Southbank soccer field.

Questions also were raised about the feasibility of attracting private businesses to the park, toxic waste leakage into the Willamette River, the secrecy attached to corporate research and its effect on University researchers, the public input process into the planning and the replacement of existing University buildings on the site.

The Riverfront Research Park is a proposed \$100 million joint venture between the University and the City of Eugene. The Carley Capital Group is the

development company.

Also fielding questions with Olum were John Moseley, University vice president for research, and representatives from the City of Eugene and from the development company.

Under the proposal, the University would lease the 71 acres between Franklin Boulevard and the Willamette River to private industry for research facilities.

Concerns about the site location were uppermost in many people's minds. Sandra Vaughn, the EMU coordinator for recreational sports, said the Southbank soccer field and the riverbank area near it are heavily used by students.

"It is probably one of the most beautiful natural areas that our campus can offer the students, and we're giving it up. I just can't understand how we can give up such a prime, beautiful area to a research park," Vaughn said.

Olum said it was possible the soccer field may be saved. He emphatically disagreed that building the research park on the proposed site would destroy the recreational value. The river, the bicycle paths and the



Photo by Bobbie Lo

At the Riverfront Research Park public forum Wednesday night, Eugene resident Brad Stewart poses a question to University President Paul Olum. From left to right are John Moseley, Maureen McAvery, Abe Farkas and Olum.

joggers still will be there, he said.

"I think it's possible to build there and to build something good that's worth looking at,

that will keep it a lovely place, green and usable," he said.

He also noted that much of the 71-acre site is not pristine, and that they were considering

developing first the part that is south of the railroad tracks.

That area is now occupied by

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Bookstore board of directors elected

Five positions on the University Bookstore board of directors were filled Wednesday at the conclusion of two days of elections.

Joern Wettern was elected to the graduate position, with 82 votes, outdistancing Carla Yates, who received 20 votes. Paul Larson withdrew but still garnered seven votes.

Brian Snowden, with 68 votes, and Kristen Teigen, with 64 votes, were elected to the two sophomore positions on the board. Debi Place and Heather Copeland finished out of the running with 24 votes each.

Freddy Vilches was elected to the freshman position, outpolling Joshua King and

Neill Plant. Vilches received 71 votes, King 23, and Plant 12.

Sociology assistant Professor John Foster was unopposed for the faculty position. He received 38 votes, with the remaining 28 votes going to 20 write-in candidates.

A total of 137 ballots were cast in the election, which was held Tuesday and Wednesday. The new board members will take office on May 21. They will serve two-year terms.

The bookstore maintains a nine-member board of directors composed of students, faculty and staff of the University. Board members receive a stipend of \$20 a month.

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LaVerne Krause, 62, died Tuesday at Sacred Heart after battling cancer for the last four years. She is survived by three children, Jay, Darcia and Max.

Krause came to the University in 1966 from The Portland Museum School, now called the Pacific Northwest College of Art.

Specializing in printmaking, Krause also actively taught wood cut, intaglio (etching), watercolor and recently, mono print.

A nationally known printmaker, Krause concentrated on impressionistic portrayals of the Northwest landscape and seascapes. Her style was described as "soft, simple and

airy," by the fine arts department.

Known for her tremendous energy and drive, Krause was "very inspiring to her students and an extremely hard worker," O'Connell said.

A committed artist, Krause believed that artists have a social responsibility to be deeply involved in their work. She insisted students carry this over and learn to work together cooperatively in the classroom, according to O'Connell.

A tribute dinner to honor Krause will be held this Friday at the University Museum of Art. Contact the museum at 686-3027 for more details.

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disrupt the educational process. Education should be a national priority," he said.

Porter also disagreed with the judge's ruling that the injunction was not in the court's jurisdiction, stating, "The court does have jurisdiction in constitutional cases, not the ERB."

School Superintendent Margaret Nichols, in her daily press briefing, said she understood that the strike was a painful experience for all parties involved: teachers, parents, students, administrators and "the superintendent."

Nichols questioned the plaintiffs' claim of injury to students as a result of the strike. "Education is a process; at a minimum a child receives 2,100 days of education. The loss sustained by three weeks missed school is minimal in comparison," she said.

Although Woodrich denied the request for the injunction, he did not throw the case out of court, and the Reimans plan to continue pursuing their lawsuit. Porter intends to appeal directly to the Oregon Supreme Court in the next day or two. Porter said the Supreme Court will give the case highest

priority.

"When a judge denies a temporary injunction in a labor dispute, the matter takes precedence," Porter said.

In other strike news, the ERB in Salem dismissed the school district's charges that the teachers' strike be declared illegal. According to Jan Hamlin, spokeswoman for the teacher's union, the charges were dismissed in their entirety.

"The teachers feel completely vindicated," she said. "We are hopeful the ruling will force the district to reach a settlement."

The school district filed a petition with the ERB a few days before teachers began their strike, stating the union had violated the state's collective bargaining laws. If the ERB had ruled in favor of the district, striking teachers would have been forced to return to the classrooms.

Negotiations in the teachers' strike reconvened Wednesday afternoon at the Village Green in Cottage Grove. Both sides noted that significant progress had been made after nearly 36 hours of negotiations over the weekend.

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