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Women's committee targets policy problems

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The University Committee on the Status of Women met Thursday afternoon in an open forum to seek input on proposed changes to the University's sexual harassment policies.

The committee has worked since December to pinpoint problems with the current policy.

At the forum, the committee distributed a list of eight problem areas and proposed solutions, and asked for input from people in attendance. The eight areas are:

- Sexual harassment is treated as a special case, which sometimes results in fewer guarantees for the rights of both the grievant and the accused, compared to other disciplinary matters.
- Complainants are unfamiliar with the rules and procedures for making a complaint and often are unsure whether their complaints are valid.
- The University lacks a clear definition of sexual harassment.
- There is not a clearly defined process for dealing with informal complaints.
- Complainants are not consistently notified of action taken after they've filed a formal complaint.
- Because no written record is kept of informal complaints, there is no "corporate" memory of the total number of complaints or of the number of complaints against a specific individual.
- Some accused offenders have had complaints lodged about them over a period of years with nothing being done to stop the harassment.
- Sexual harassment on campus has been a hidden problem of unknown proportions because the tendency has been to handle it very discreetly and not discuss the problem openly. In addition, victims often are unaware that sexual harassment is illegal and that the University has the responsibility to protect them from it.

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Planners to save historic mill

By Jackie Barry
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Eugene's Historic Review Board received good news from Riverfront Research Park planners about a cider mill built in Eugene in 1883.

At a Thursday meeting, Pat Decker, a senior planner for the City of Eugene, told board members that an access road, which may be built to the research park site, won't affect the Abram's Cider Mill located at 620 1/2 E. Eighth Ave.

In an April 30 letter, the Historic Review Board informed the city that the old building stood within the bounds of the Riverfront Park Study. According to the letter, the cider mill is the only surviving industrial building from Eugene's ear-

ly settlement period.

Named for W. H. Abrams, a pioneer in the Eugene fruit industry who promoted new techniques for fruit preservation, "the mill was a predecessor of the Eugene Fruit Growers Association (Agri-Pac)" the letter states.

The building is in good condition and currently used for storage. It is not listed on the National or City Register of Historic Places, but appears eligible for such status, according to the letter.

Decker said park development will most likely begin at the other end of the 71-acre site, directly across from the University campus. She said a connector might be built from Patterson Street to the park,

but it will be designed to skirt the cider mill.

Developers working on the site want it to be "fairly visible," Decker said. And they want it to make the area across from the campus more appealing.

The proposed park, in the research and planning stages since fall 1985, may break ground in 1988, but more realistically in 1989, said Diane Wiley, a University research project representative. She said it might be 10 or 20 years before the park is fully developed.

Primarily a joint development project between the City of Eugene and the University, the park is to be

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New ASUO hires Executive staff

The recently formed ASUO Hiring Committee announced its selections for next year's ASUO Executive positions, Thursday.

The hiring committee, formed by incoming President Kasey Brooks and Vice President Karen Gaffney, began interviewing earlier this week.

The only position left unfilled is the Women's Task Force coordinator position, Gaffney said. No applications for the position were received by last Wednesday's filing deadline, she said.

For the other available positions, the committee chose:

Course Guide Editor — Dan Martin
The Record Editor — Julie Bulrice

University Affairs Coordinator — Tim Regan

Finance Coordinator — Mike Sauerwein

Assistant Finance Coordinator — Collin Farrell

Fundraising Coordinator — Mike Faherty

Events Coordinator — Angeline Chong

Minority Affairs Coordinator — Harry Hintsala

Publicity Coordinator — Nancy Ottenfeld

Program Coordinator — Mike Siström

Comptrollers — John Thoma, Eugene Liu and Eric Fiow

Gaffney said the hiring process went very well.

"This year, even more so than in past years, we had many excellent applications to choose from," she said, adding that she and Brooks are really excited to take office on Tuesday.

The new Executive plans to go to the new Incidental Fee Committee on Thursday and request budget changes to allow for several new positions. The Women's Task Force position will be re-opened at the end of this month with the new positions, Gaffney added.

ASUO president assesses past year in office

By Carolyn Lamberson
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"I don't think anybody can really be prepared for what they get when they come in here. I expected a large work load, but I couldn't foresee putting in as many hours as I did. I didn't expect to be under attack as much as I was." — 1986-87 ASUO President Steve Nelson, reflecting on his year in student government.

ASUO President Steve Nelson officially leaves office at 5 p.m. Sunday. His administration has suffered a variety of ups and downs, but Nelson said he believes the good outweighs the bad. "I feel very good about this year. I think the goals that we stated at the beginning of our year, our administration, we followed through on."

Nelson feels good about the ASUO's work this year on state and federal financial aid, improving student services, improving disabled access, updating child care and legislative lobbying, he said.

Nelson considers his administration's finest moments to include stabilizing Project Saferide, the creation of the ASUO Mediation Program and the Child Care Task Force as

well as saving almost \$100,000 in work-study funding for all ASUO programs last summer, he said.

However, Nelson doesn't take full credit for his administration's successes.

"I certainly don't think I'm responsible for what I see as a lot of good things that came out of this administration," Nelson said. "We had an excellent staff. I've never worked with a group of people who were as intelligent as this group and as talented."

Vice President Caitlin Cameron echoed Nelson's feeling of success.

"I can sit here now — tired — and be able to say it was worth it," she said. "I think we came out pretty damn well in the big picture."

The year wasn't all successful however.

Nelson didn't expect the incidental fee to increase \$14 during his term. He hoped to maintain the \$61 level or at least keep the increase at a minimum, he said.

The ASUO health insurance controversy plagued the administration for almost a year, and Nelson says the criticism was unjust. "Despite the criticism of the health insurance



Photo by Diana Moy

ASUO Vice President Caitlin Cameron and President Steve Nelson will leave office Sunday when their one-year term officially ends.

program and Student Projects, I feel real good about where they're sitting right now. Health insurance is now stable," he said.

"The problems that Willy Bils brought up — yes — were problems, but he focused in on the minor problem and not the

major problem... getting rid of Lone Star, and we had to do that first and then come back and clean up the messes that were left after Lone Star," Nelson said.

"My biggest frustration is not being able to make people understand that of course there

are some problems with this program, but it's not being mismanaged, the problems are being taken care of and it's going to take some time," he added.

One of the Nelson administra-

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