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pedestrians and cyclists alongside the Millrace, turning the parking lot across High Street from the Federal Building into a park, constructing a swimming area near the duck pond and adding another canoe-rental shack and a canoe launching area where the Millrace now ends, behind the University Inn.

At the Millrace's end, it is channeled into an underground pipe that feeds it to the Willamette River. The current now runs at 20 cubic feet per second, and Yimsut said it should run at least half the 300-cubic-

feet-per-second rate it once did if algae and garbage is to be swept out.

Although the University controls the speed at which it pumps water into the Millrace, the underground pipe is only 30 feet in diameter and cannot handle a current beyond 25 cubic feet per second. Once the Millrace openly ran to the Willamette, but the last part of it was filled and the pipe was installed in 1949 when the city rebuilt the Ferry Street Bridge and part of Franklin Boulevard.

"At one time the Millrace was the place to go for social life in

Eugene," said Brad Perkins, the neighbor association's vice chairman. "Nobody wants to look at stagnant water and trash."

The city planning department favors enhancing the Millrace and reconnecting it to the Willamette, and it is a priority of the city's downtown plan. But city planner Pat Decker said the city has a full plate of projects ahead of it, such as the Riverfront Research Park.

"It's always feasible to do things like" Yimsut's plan, Decker said. "It takes time and money and it takes a lot of com-

mitment and someone willing to work on it."

The residents who live along the Millrace need to get together and work in a concerted effort if much progress is going to be made, she said.

Jerome Diethelm, University professor of landscape architecture, has planned landscapes for the city before and said there is a good chance the city will adopt the project when it reconstructs the Ferry Street Bridge in the early 1990s.

City officials were present to hear Yimsut's plan and afterwards listened to residents'

complaints and suggestions about the Millrace. Residents complained about students dumping garbage into the canal and one woman said she had seen people dump entire truck loads of material into the water.

Gene Shutt, a city operation superintendent, said the canal has decayed rapidly the last two years because of the lack of community support to clean it. Until two years ago, fraternities and sororities volunteered to clean out the Millrace every year, he said.

"We don't do a lot of work on the canal, and that's obvious," Shutt said. "We can't get in there to do the work."

Once or twice every week maintenance officials clean the garbage from the grating where the Millrace ends and enters an underground pipe.

Holland

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nomination, and said the committee had reaffirmed its commitment that the issue will go to a Senate floor vote. Bork may have more support in the Senate as a whole than in the committee, Holland said. He also added that talk about the threatened filibuster seemed to be fading.

"I don't agree that the nomination is a lost cause by any means...the administration would concede that it (the nomination fight) is extremely close, it is not going to be an easy confirmation, as was Scalia's and O'Connor's, and to some extent Justice Rehnquist's."

Holland testified for an allotted five minutes, and expressed some disappointment with the proceedings he took part in because most of the committee members were absent.

Senator Joseph Biden's withdrawal from the Democratic presidential race had little effect on last week's testimony, Holland said. Biden, a vocal foe of Bork, is the chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

"I didn't hear anybody joke about it, or refer to the matter at all," Holland said.

As for negative local reaction to his trip, Holland said he had received a few "abusive" phone calls, but has heard almost nothing from faculty and students.

"I expect to have cordial relations with people on the other side of the issue here," he said.

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