ET ALS

MEETINGS

Kultura Pilipinas will meet tonight at 7

Alpha Phi Omega will meet today at 6 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room C.

Men Against Rape will meet tonight at 6:30 in EMU Century Room E.

EMU Board of Directors Budget Committee will meet today at 3:30 p.m. in the EMI Board Room.

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Incidental Fee Committee will meet Tuesday night at 5:30 in the EMU Board Room to hear budgets for Avenu Legal Services, Pre-denial Club, Westmoreland Tenants, (KWVA) Campus Radio, and the International Student Association.

MISCELLANEOUS

A group meeting for Andersen Consulting will be tonight from 7 to 9 in

EMU Cedar Rooms A and B

Career Planning and Placement office orientation session will be today at noon in Room 237 Hendricks.

RELIGION

Deadline for submitting Et Als to the Emerald front desk, EMU Suite 300, is noon the day before publication. Et Als run the day of the event unless the event lakes place before noon.

Notices of events with a donation or admission charge will not be accepted. Campus events and those scheduled nearest the publication date will be given priority. The Emerald teserves the right to edit notices for grammar and style.

GAS

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The natural gas project came about because the use of wood chips, or "hogged fuel," became too costly and was polluting the air. The wood chips are salvaged from the debris left after timber is harvested.

"Wood burning creates much more air pollution than gas, and the cost of equipment for compliance with air-quality standards would have been about \$2 million," Hecht said.

According to an American Lung Association newsletter, woodsmoke contains several toxic gases, including formaldehyde, carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides. Studies show that woodsmoke is a more potent carcinogen than cigarette smoke, and that chronic exposure to the smoke increases the lungs' vulnerability to disease.

Hecht said that natural gas currently costs about half as much as a comparable amount of wood chips.

"We are not able to buy the quality of wood chips we need to do the job," he said.

Hecht said that in 1989, hogged fuel cost \$4 per unit, compared with the current price of \$40 per unit.

"What's happened in the last five to 10 years is that the lower amount of timber harvested is creating less hogged fuel," said Dan Williams, University vice president for administration.

"Looking at what's going on with the timber industry in this state, hogged fuel prices are just going to keep climbing."

Hecht said switching to gas from hogged fuel offers greater boiler efficiency and requires fewer workers to operate the plant that provides steam heat for the University.

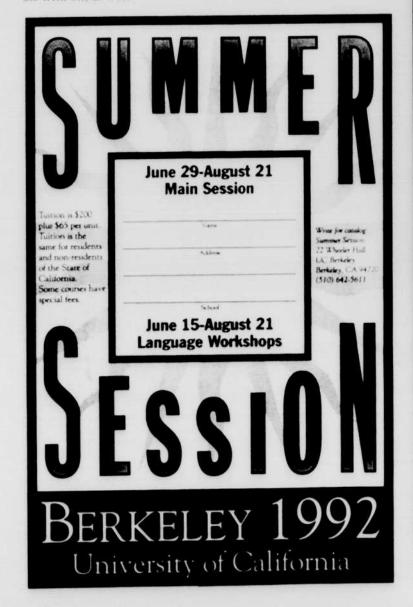
The number of workers needed to operate each shift at the steam plant could drop from 14 to 4, he said. The steam plant at Oregon State operates most shifts with only one worker.

Hecht said using fewer workers is not expected to result in layoffs.

"We expect some of our workers to retire, and we would have had to hire people to replace them," he said.

The gas will be transported through a new pipeline that Northwest Natural Gas Co. installed under Franklin Boulevard. Steam Engineering Inc. of Portland designed and engineered the gas conversion.

The University is retaining the ability to use wood and can operate with oil, as well.



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