

University program gets facelift

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Administrative changes in the College of Arts and Sciences, which included the creation of a new associate dean position and the appointment of three new associate deans, took effect July 1.

Risa Palm, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the restructuring, which began last fall, was long overdue, because the last one took place in the 1960s, when the college was half its current size. Today, the college serves 9,600 students, or roughly half of the enrolled student population.

Palm said the restructuring allows the College of Arts and Sciences to function like every other similar college in the Pacific-10 Conference with the exception of Oregon State University.

The money for the restructuring, which cost \$175,000, came from a reallocation of existing University administrative funds, and caused the University no additional expense or loss in teaching funds, she said.

The primary change under the new system was an increase in the number of associate deans from two to three, which included hiring three new people from the College of Arts and Sciences faculty to fill these positions.

The new associate deans are Stephen Durrant, associate dean for humanities, Joe Stone, associate dean for social sciences and David McDaniels, associate dean for physical sciences.

Palm said she wanted people who were familiar with how the University worked, and who were well-respected by their co-workers. She also said that overall, it was cheaper to move people into these positions from within the University than hire new people from outside.

The three new associate deans are responsible for curriculum and budgetary planning, recruitment of new faculty and the handling of student problems. Their teaching duties will be reduced, but will still include working with advanced graduate students and leading graduate seminars.

Each of the 30 different departments and programs represented in the College of Arts and Sciences chose one or more of the associate deans to report to depending on who the department thinks will best represent its concerns.

For example, the anthropology department reports to Stone, the computer sciences department reports to McDaniels and the linguistics department reports to all three associate deans, Palm said.

Palm said this system will be more efficient than the previous one because the dean's office now has the personnel to effectively respond to suggestions and problems from a variety of departments.

Previously, she said, if someone from the chemistry department had called with a suggestion, there would have been nobody in the dean's office qualified enough in the physical sciences to adequately respond. With the installation of associate deans to specifically deal with the physical sciences, the social sciences and the humanities, Palm said the dean's office will be able to respond to a wider variety of questions from departments.

Furthermore, Palm said under the old system, most departments spoke with her when they had problems or questions, and as a result, people ended up waiting several weeks for an appointment. With the three new associate deans, Palm hopes that responses to questions and concerns will be quicker and that it will be easier for faculty members to contact administrators.

Palm also hopes to spend more of her time working on planning and fundraising for the college.

Loggers arrested for timber protest

FORKS, Wash. (AP) — Loggers arrested for taking chain saws to blown-down timber in the Olympic National Forest would rather work than fight, a leader of the protest said.



"We don't want some kind of war out of this; we just want the timber sold," said Gus Kuehne, president of the Northwest Independent Forest Manufacturers.

Kuehne and about 100 Forks residents met with Sen. Slade Gorton Wednesday for a community breakfast and question-and-answer session, one day after 21 loggers were arrested for cutting into the wind-uprooted trees in a protest of federal rules protecting northern spotted owl habitat.

Gorton expressed support for the loggers' cause and promised he would work to change the Endangered Species Act to take economic costs into account when deciding how to protect threatened or endangered animals, Kuehne said.

Kuehne, who was among those arrested Tuesday, said today that no further civil disobedience was planned, but that the protest would be noticed in logging communities around the Pacific Northwest. He said others might turn to civil disobedience unless the government and Congress made blown-down timber available to loggers and sawmills.

"We think it's time now for the government to tell us when this is going to be sold," Kuehne said.

Gorton did not promise a bill allowing sale of blow-down timber would pass Congress this ses-

sion, but he did say "he would do his best to see that (protest leader) Larry Mason would be permitted to testify on forest health" before a Senate panel, Kuehne said.

The arrests came on the second day of the protest and were made without incident, said Gary Harris, U.S. Forest Service ranger at the Solveduck Ranger District in Forks. Two chainsaws were seized and the loggers were taken to the Clallam County Jail in Port Angeles in Forest Service vehicles, Harris said.

The arrested loggers were cited, given a court date and released, said Clallam County Under-sheriff Joe Martin. They will be required to appear before a federal magistrate here, probably within two weeks, he said.

The loggers began the action Monday to protest government rules barring the salvage of wind-toppled trees in national forests. Participants drove on gravel roads to a 60-acre patch of fallen trees about five miles north of Sappho — about 50 miles west of Port Angeles — and sawed about three acres of downed logs into standard industrial lengths.

Among those arrested were Mason, executive director of the Washington Commercial Forest Action Committee in Forks.

"We're going to try to bring this into the forefront," Mason said earlier. "We're not here to take wood."

"We don't take breaking the law lightly," he added. "But this community is desperate and the government is dysfunctional."

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