

Environmental lawyers unite under E-LAW

By Nate Thompson
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For the past 11 years, the University law school has sponsored the Public Interest and Environmental Law Conference. During this time it has come to be known as a top international conference on environmental law, drawing environmental lawyers from all over the world to Eugene.

Unfortunately, this only happens once a year. Any type of collaboration between these lawyers was reserved for this annual event. For the rest of the year, they were on their own.

Today, thanks to an idea discussed at the 1989 conference, these lawyers stand united to protect the planet and its people on an international level.

Environmental Law Access Worldwide (E-LAW) is the incorporation of the 1989 conference's idea to link environmental lawyers across the world.

Using electronic mail, these lawyers can now access the most current environmental data and legislation to use for their own respective cases. The results since this non-governmental organization became fully operational in 1991 are full of success.

Carolyn Sykora is the development director for the U.S. office located in Eugene. She cites a case of groundwater pollution in Colombia and its resolution as one of the many successes she has seen while working with E-LAW.

An underground gasoline container in Bogota, Colombia, developed a leak that led to local groundwater contamination. The pollution levels rose high enough that nearby residents could taste and smell gasoline in their tap water. A Colombian lawyer contacted the United States branch of E-LAW, and it responded quickly.

"E-LAW U.S. provided Colombian attorneys with scientific methods to prevent more gasoline from spreading through the groundwater and scientific methods to measure lead levels in the water," Sykora said. "We also gave them U.S. legal precedents to apply to the situation, giving responsibility to the gas station owner and the gasoline company."

Sykora said that while the case is now being settled in court the local residents can again drink their tap water.

The success of E-LAW is based upon several factors. The most important is the almost instantaneous transfer of information that using electronic mail allows.

Speakers debate transportation plan

By Meg Dedolph
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A majority of the speakers at the Eugene City Council's Monday night public hearing on the Central Area Transportation Study update supported the proposed plan.

The CATS plan update encourages alternative transportation, including walking, bicycling and public transportation.

The CATS plan update also proposes the creation of a downtown shuttle system, new policies for expanding and improving bicycle lanes, and changes in land use codes which would encourage transit oriented development.

Transit oriented development includes mixing residential, retail and office space in areas easily accessible by public transportation, bicyclists and pedestrians.

Other proposed changes include building sidewalks where they do not currently exist and repairing existing sidewalks to encourage pedestrians.

The update also addresses parking problems, operation of the street system, and employer programs to reduce auto use.

Proposed street system improvements include changing several streets from one-way to two-way, installing new traffic signals, and removing some on-street parking to add vehicle and bicycle lanes.

Brian Churchill, the vice chairman of the CATS project, said the plan involved a series of "carrots and sticks," to encourage people to use alternative transportation.

Dave Sweet, a Eugene resident, said he liked the CATS plan because it emphasized alternative modes of transportation.

"If there's anything wrong with the plan," Sweet said, "it's that we must remember no plan is an island. This plan has to be integrated into all the other plans for Eugene."

Sweet said he would like to see more provisions within the plan for the creation of parks and open spaces.

Bob Graef, of the Eugene Bicycle Committee, said although the committee supports the CATS plan and encourages its passage, he would like to "stress the importance of an east-west bicycle arterial as well as a north-south bicycle arterial."

Graef suggested 12th and 15th avenues and Monroe Street as possible arterial bicycle routes.

"People need to start thinking of transportation problems as a way to move people, rather than a means of transportation so as not to prejudice against those who do not drive," Graef said.

Dave Hauser, of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, said the Chamber of Commerce supported alternative modes of transportation, but did not want the CATS plan to interfere with other objectives for the city.

He suggested the policies in the CATS plan be put to three tests, including whether or not the policies encouraged the use of alternative transportation, and whether they were in the best public interest.

The City Council will vote on whether or not to accept the plan at their April 28 noon meeting.

Two win award for child abuse campaign

By Shanti Soslenski
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Two University journalism students will be going to New Orleans this June to receive a national award for their advertising campaign on child abuse.

Seniors Nicole Marquis and Dylan Coulter entered the national contest last December after competing in a University advertising design class.

The assignment that created the award-winning campaign was given to Marquis last fall.

"My assignment was to design a child abuse campaign that would appeal to kids at a fairly young age," Marquis said. "My first ideas weren't very good; then I went to a child abuse panel where people went on stage and spoke about their experiences."

Marquis believed an emotional appeal

would work best because this is such a charged issue. She used a child's voice for the copy of the advertisement to create the trust needed to address the issue toward children. The advertisement features a large black and white picture of a child's face.

Marquis and Coulter said the most difficult part of the project was finding parents that would allow their children to be featured in a child abuse ad, so journalism Professor Bill Ryan allowed them to photograph his children.

The two attributed their successful design to their professor and the competitiveness of the class.

"Most universities don't have a competitive structure like the University does. Professor Ryan really pushed us to do our best, and it worked," Coulter said.

The advertisement won first place in a University competition. Then it placed

first in a regional competition that took Marquis and Coulter to a Montreal convention in March, which also qualified them for the national competition. More than 12,000 people entered on the national level.

Coulter said it was interesting to compare other programs to the University journalism school. He said a lot of the other schools did not combine their layout design and their copyright classes as the University's journalism school did. This is what he believes teaches students realistic design concepts.

Both are looking forward to attending the June conference in New Orleans where they will receive their national award.

"This advertisement took a lot of work so it's nice to see people appreciate our work," Coulter said.

RECOUNT

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rule," Dennis said before the recount. "But I still believe (Warren and Johnson) were too late."

Section 5.7 of the election rules allows a campaign to demand a recount "if the margin of victory is less than 40 votes." Eric Bowen and Diana Collins Puente beat Warren and Johnson, 936-885, a 51-vote margin. However, the percentage margin of victory was about six votes, Dennis said.

Representatives from the Warren/Johnson campaign earlier said they were not given enough notice to be present during the first recount Thursday.

The elections board decided to recount the votes last Wednesday night and notified representatives from both campaigns that the recount would be Thursday afternoon about 2 p.m., said James McCafferty of the elections board. McCafferty said counting actually began about 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

But Michelle Kuwasaki, observer for the Warren/Johnson campaign, said she wasn't

"notified about anything." Dennis said both campaigns were notified about 4 p.m. A representative from the Bowen/Collins Puente campaign arrived shortly thereafter, but Kuwasaki said she did not get the message until about 4:30 p.m. and was unable to attend.

Elections rules only require campaigns be permitted to have an observer present during counting, but counting can occur without such representatives.

"Almost half-jokingly, are we supposed to send out a written invitation?" McCafferty said.

The initial recount was called because of the large number of write-in candidates and because no votes from Oregon Institute of Marine Biology students had been received as of Wednesday night.

Sheree Watson, a graduate biology student at the center, said the ballots arrived at the institute Tuesday afternoon or evening via Federal Express, but she did not get the package until Wednesday.

"We got it the day before they needed the ballots back," she said, and students did not have enough time to make an

informed decision. Watson said she was called by the elections board Thursday, a day after the elections, and was told that if the institute's students voted and if she could fax the ballots to the board by 5 p.m., their votes would be counted.

However, on Thursdays OIMB students are released from school to pursue their individual research projects and were not available to cast ballots, Watson said.

Elections rules provide provisions for absentee voting, allowing students to vote ahead of time, but election board members said they were not aware of the option until after the election.

Election rules require the election board to announce absentee voting procedures "far enough in advance of the elections to give notice to students who may wish to use the absentee voting process ... in the Oregon Daily Emerald." No such notice ever appeared.

Both Dennis and McCafferty said the omission was an oversight on the part of the board.

"I don't think it was done last year either," McCafferty said.



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