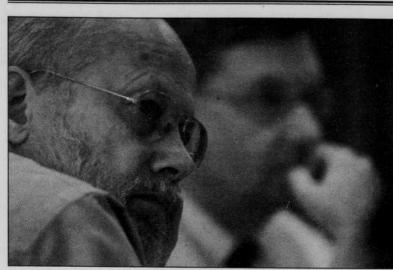
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Campus Planning Committee member and professor of architecture G.Z. Brown expresses his concern that the long range Campus Plan concentrates too much on individual parts rather than the whole.

# **Planning:** Proposed review process improved for efficiency

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already gone through a considerable conceptual planning process.

English department graduate secretary Michael Stamm asked whether projects such as the basketball arena University officials are hoping to build on the newly acquired Williams' Bakery site would be included in the off-campus review process. Committee member Chris Ramey, who is the University Planning director and architect, said it would.

Thompson said after the meeting that because the arena project is already in the planning process, the proposed review process would not retroactively apply to it.

"That project is already started; the question of whether it will be subject to these new requirements is highly unlikely," Thompson said.

Much discussion centered on the problems that can arise if the committee is only able to review a project after it has already been through the conceptual planning stage and has the backing of powerful donors.

Brown said if the University is truly interested in planning development at all levels, "it seems to me ... we would want the advice of the committee for conceptual projects." But Thompson said just because a project has gone through a considerable conceptual process does not mean alterations cannot be made to the plan.

"We cannot be out there so-called policing," Thompson said, emphasizing that the review process can be very effective.

Ramey agreed.

"Almost every project I can think of has gone through radical revisions," Ramey said.

Thompson said it is important for committee members to remember that the proposed campus plan is only a proposal and is not a reflection of the quality of the previous plan.

"What we tried to do is make it very clear," Thompson said. "It was difficult to understand in the past."

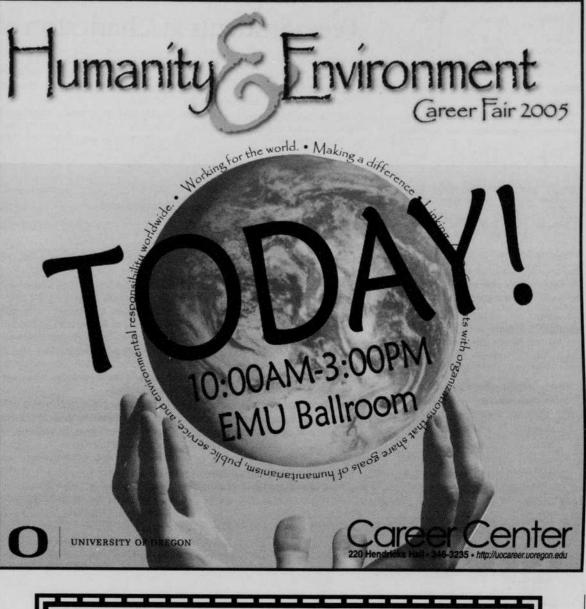
Thompson said many small details have been removed from the plan in order to make it more efficient, such as details about light fixtures and a section devoted to describing the mandatory setup of a janitor's closet.

"We're trying to get the policy aspect out there versus the detail," Thompson said.

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