

Professionals set college guidelines

Maintenance manual defines landscaping

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There should be no more excuses concerning the College's landscape maintenance and development situation with the acceptance of the new campus maintenance manual, said Andy Rice, College landscape architect.

Rice developed the campus maintenance manual; after some students questioned the landscape practices at the College.

"It took quite awhile to compile all the material necessary for the manual," Ed Hartman, college grounds supervisor, said.

Norm Goetze, an agronomist from Oregon State University, helped to formulate the manual along with myself in an effort to establish a systematic and structured maintenance format that the College's grounds crew could use as a guideline, Rice said.

"As far as I know, we're the first College to apply this idea of a maintenance manual," Hartman said.

The campus maintenance manual explains thoroughly and systematically such technical criteria as fertilization, pruning, mulching, soil preparation for new planting and turf management which Norm helped on, Rice said.

After extensive research with Clackamas county agents in such areas as forestry and woodlot production, crops, and weeds, vegetables along with both Washington and Oregon state highway departments, the manual should provide "direction and policy," Rice said. The manual has been "researched pretty thoroughly."

Rice said that the campus maintenance manual has been employed at the College for about a month and a half.

"It's too soon to tell whether the manual has been a success or not but the only way of knowing is by trial and error," he said.

Hartman said that the manual operates on a man-day basis,

meaning that jobs are figured proportionately as to how many days a single man would take to complete a given job.

"Andy and I collaborated on the schedule," Hartman said.

The grounds crew has been separated into three categories in which each groundsperson is assigned a special category where his knowledge is best applied, Hartman said. "We expect a fourth person to be added during this month, he said.

Inside the manual, each supervisor in each specific category is responsible for making sure his area is covered and well maintained. These people must be pretty knowledgeable about their category, Hartman said.

"There should be no excuses

for not getting things done now," Rice said.

According to Hartman, his crew is meeting the demands presented by Rice in the maintenance manual.

"Rick Fargher has received his Commercial Applicator's certification from the state. Before any maintenance man can apply chemicals, insecticides or pesticides to a commercial establishment, he or she must be licensed through the state," Hartman said.

Hartman said that he expects the entire College's grounds crew to become certified in the use of pesticides over a period of a year. "We're going to have a damn good crew," he said.

Presently, the College is undergoing special tree maintenance,

Hartman said.

"We had a professional tree consultant examine the trees outside Randall Hall and he found that they were slowly dying. This is the reason for the little white bottles implanted within the tree trunks," Hartman said. "Dave Halstead, who is the tree surgeon consultant for the state capitol grounds and is currently working on the trees, considers the College to be a preferred customer. He takes a great deal of interest in the College," he said.

"As the maintenance manual is used we will be able to locate areas in need of revision and work from that point," Rice said. "Its structure is very sound and pinpoints responsibility."



These trees in the area near the trailers on campus are being intravenously with Mauget Stemix, a multi-nutrient to induce feeder root

growth and to activate and encourage the health of the tree.

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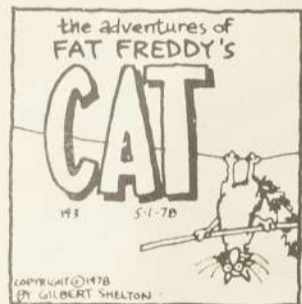
Stricter rules set for grants

Joseph A. Califano, Health, Education, and Welfare secretary, cautioned students to supply complete and accurate information when applying for Basic Educational Opportunity Grants (BEOG) for postsecondary education.

Califano said every grant application is now being computer screened before processing and those with incomplete or questionable data are being returned to students for correction. Corrected applications

will undergo further checking.

Under the Administration's 1979 budget, the program would be expanded to include an additional 3 million students, many of them from middle-income families. The maximum grant would increase from the \$1,600 maximum available to students in the 1978-79 academic year to \$1,800 in the following year. Children of families with annual incomes of \$16,000 to \$25,000 would be eligible for a Basic Grant of \$250.



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