

New approach to campus planning stresses development for 'users'

A different approach to planning the physical development of the University involving greater participation by the "users" of campus facilities was explained to Campus Planning Committee members Thursday.

The first draft of a planning strategy for the University was summarized by Christopher Alexander, head of the Center for Environmental Structure of Berkeley, Calif. The Center has been commissioned by the University to develop a long-range plan for campus development.

Alexander answered questions from the committee, outlined the Center's plans for the next few months and cited five possible points where the proposed planning process might break down.

The committee took no action on the draft presented, but decided to break down into two

subcommittees to review the plans in detail during the next month. One subcommittee will review "patterns" which have been developed by the Center to be used as a basis for designing all types of spaces on campus. Another subcommittee will consider the Center's recommendations for "piecemeal" or repair of campus areas in small chunks rather than "large lump" development with fewer projects built on a large scale.

Alexander said the process being proposed by the Center has not been tested on a large scale or for an extended period of time. "This thing definitely might not work," he said. "But I must answer this with another question. If we don't do this (the Center's proposed plan), what are we going to do?"

The patterns presented in the 90-page draft have a theoretically complex basis, Alexander said,

but they should also be treated and considered in light of their inherent sensibility. They are to be modified and improved by the Center's staff during the next few months and eventually will be reviewed annually by the committee.

Bike rally highlights Eugene 'Earth Day'

Frisbee throwing, coke drinking and socializing were the preliminaries to the Earth Week bike rally Thursday afternoon.

Sponsored by the Survival Center, the Outdoor Program, Eugene Parks and Recreation and interested individuals, the rally was in honor of Keith Kingby. Kingby is from the League of American Wheelmen.

Later Kingby lectured and showed a movie about 40 Taylor University men who rode from San Francisco to New York on their bikes.

Kingby, 57, started riding bicycles when he was five years old. He has ridden all over the Western Hemisphere and teaches others to ride efficiently. He has taught Hugh Hefner's Playboy Bunnies how to ride efficiently because bicycle riding is one of the best ways for a girl to develop shapely legs.

Kingby said that bike riding is becoming more popular, with adults as well as students because it is good for the cardiovascular system. There is also less pressure on the lower back than in many other sports.

"You see and hear things on a bike you'd otherwise never notice, even in places where you

live." He said the people he meets on bicycle tours are one of the most interesting aspects of cycling.

Kingby gave some tips on how to ride efficiently. He said to sit high enough so that one could reach the peddle with the bare heel. Handle bars should be kept fairly low.

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