

# Planning the EMU addition

The University's long-range planning consultant made some ill-advised recommendations to the State Board of Higher Education's building committee last week.

Christopher Alexander told the committee the University ought to go back and replan two buildings scheduled to go to bid within the next eight months—a \$2.95 million administrative services building and a \$3.4 million addition to the Erb Memorial Union.

He said he made the proposal to replan the buildings because his firm believes "something very, very much better could be done with these two buildings" if principles from his proposed long-range plan are followed.

Key among those principles is planning "piecemeal" campus growth and giving the proposed "users" of buildings more say in how they are designed. Alexander suggested the University set up "user committees" to help replan both projects.

The state board committee informally agreed it would be unwise to go back and replan the administrative services building. That was a proper decision.

But committee members also said some "rethinking" of the EMU addition might be feasible. They said such a proposal should be made by the University. Such a decision would not only be unwise, but totally improper.

Suggestions for piecemeal additions to the EMU built as satellites to the main building were made long before Alexander came to this campus as planning consultant. Additions in the form of satellites have—since 1963—been proposed, considered, approved, rejected, suggested again and finally rejected. To bring up the same proposal again—a proposal which has had more than adequate consideration and input—would be unfair to the users Alexander is worried about, the users who need an addition to the EMU quickly.

The suggestion of more user-input is equally unnecessary.

While the addition to the EMU was being considered, at least three open hearings were held asking for input from the campus community. Students were represented on every committee that ever considered the question.

"User committees" appointed at this time would quite simply have nothing new to say—the users have been planning this addition since 1963.

It is ironic that Alexander should pick this project as the one needing user input; the EMU addition has had more student and user input than any other building project on this campus.

The student involvement is still going on and will continue until the final plans for the addition are agreed upon.

Barring any difficulties, these plans will be finished in January. The bid for the building would then be let in the spring and construction would begin in July.

Even that date is a late one. The original union built in 1950 was meant to accommodate 5,200 students, an addition in 1961 meant the building could adequately serve 8,900 students. For Alexander, or anyone else, to stand in the way of the much-needed addition would be totally unfair to the users of the building—the University's 15,000 students.

## Letters

**Editor's note:** The following letters were inadvertently run as one letter in Wednesday's Emerald. Even though they are campaign letters, it is important that they be considered individually so they are being run today.

Merrill

The University, it is claimed, is in financial crisis. To meet that crisis, apparently only two alternatives are being considered: raising tuition or cutting

student services. The University can afford \$25,000 for plastic ID cards, but cannot afford to provide adequate bike racks or even to print catalogs. The ASUO should take the lead in attacking such priorities and pressing for more rational use of what money the University has.

As a start, the ASUO should put its own house in order. At present it is taking \$75 per year from each student. This money is partially spent for quasi-legitimate purposes, partially given away to an assortment of organizations ranging from the

Cultural Forum (\$28,000) to the Cosmopolitan Club (\$200). A start at reducing the financial burdens of students should be made by the orderly reduction and gradual elimination of the incidental fee.

Ron Merrill  
Off-campus No. 22

Kirscher

As an ASUO Greek Senator, I feel my job is to represent the Greek system. To achieve

this goal I will poll a majority of the houses before each major issue, to tell them what is happening in the ASUO Senate, and to receive opinions to represent in the ASUO Senate.

On a personal level I would like to see, for the first time on this campus, a student audit of athletic department spending.

Gary Kirscher  
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Roger Mellem

# French Pete Rally today

Roger Mellem is coordinator of today's Save French Pete-Rock Mesa march and rally.

If you would like for your children to be able to see an Oregon forest as it was before we white men came; if you ever feel a need to get away from it all—civilization—by getting into it all—nature—for a time; or if you simply feel that some of this good planet's beautiful places should be spared the ravages of man because their values, intact, are higher than their values, torn apart, then we sincerely hope that you will help save two of Earth's beautiful places by joining today in the Outdoor Program's community happening: the second anniversary Save French Pete Rally, and Rock Mesa Preservation March.

French Pete is a peaceful, unroaded, unlogged valley up the McKenzie River from Eugene. It is one of three Oregon valleys more than ten miles long which are as yet untouched. At the turn of the century there were 65 such valleys. The Forest Service wants to log it.

Rock Mesa is a rare ecological formation—a viscous, rhyolite extrusion—at the base of the South Sister mountain in the Oregon Cascades. It has pumice throughout it. The United States Pumice Company of Los Angeles wants to mine it.

If preservation is going to triumph over exploitation—if French Pete is going to remain unlogged while Rock Mesa remains unmined—then we must act. And to find out best how to act attend the

Conservation Panel at 1:30 p.m. today in the Erb Memorial Union ballroom. It features Mike McCloskey of San Francisco, executive director of the Sierra Club; Brock Evans of Seattle, northwest representative of the Sierra Club; and

Larry Williams of Portland, executive director of the Oregon Environmental Council, among others. There will be time for questions and answers.

At 3:00 p.m. there will be a gathering on the front lawn of the student union, and a kick-off speech by Willi Unsoeld who led the heroic first ascent of the West Ridge of Mt. Everest in 1963. Dr. Unsoeld (who holds degrees in physics, theology and philosophy) was director of the Peace Corps in Nepal, executive vice-president of Outward Bound, Inc., and is now a professor at the new Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington.

Following Willi Unsoeld's speech we walk down 13th Avenue to Kincaid, down that street to 11th, and down 11th to the headquarters of the Willamette National Forest. We will pass by the Forest Service office, though, and continue to the new Eugene mall for the Rally itself.

Featured at the Rally downtown will be Bob Ziak of Nampa, Oregon, "the logger who guards our resources." Ziak was born in a logging camp, is one of the very best high-lead loggers in Oregon, and hates the

destruction and devastation of our rich forests which is still occurring. He writes poetry and sends it to the Sierra Club.

Also speaking at the Rally will be David

Jennings of MITS-OFF (Mining Interests Threaten Survival of Forests and Flowers). And there will be music.

Two events occur in the evening. At 7:30 p.m. Willi Unsoeld, who is a former Eugenean, will speak in room 150 Science about growing up in the Three Sisters, and man's need for wilderness. If you want to be sure to hear him you should come early to get a seat.

At 8:30 p.m. Brock Evans of the Sierra Club will debate Dave Burwell of Roseboro Lumber Company at the Wesley Center at 1236 Kincaid. Title of the debate is "French Pete: Log It or Leave It?" Again, it would be a good idea to get a seat early—the room holds only about 100 people.

We in the Outdoor Program use and enjoy French Pete and Rock Mesa areas and will fight to protect them. They must not be destroyed—there is too little left of what is good and true and beautiful in this world. "A Community Happening: the Second Anniversary Save French Pete Rally and Rock Mesa Preservation March" is a peaceful step towards our goals. (Neither of these areas will be destroyed for at least two years, for a variety of reasons, so there is no reason at this point to be anything but peaceful.)

We hope that many of you will go beyond participating in this rally, in your personal efforts to save French Pete and Rock Mesa. The single most effective thing you can do right now is to write Senator Mark Hatfield (United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510) and Congressman John Dellenback (House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

20515). Both of these politicians have had long and close ties with Oregon's wealthy timber industry, and both want roads and logging in French Pete. Senator Bob Packwood is the only one hundred per cent wilderness preservationist in the Oregon Congressional delegation. He and Congresswoman Edith Green, who have both introduced bills in Congress to preserve French Pete, deserve a letter of thanks from you.

The next step in the effort to protect Rock Mesa is unclear at this point, but in the job of saving French Pete the next step is clear. We must have Congressional field hearings in Eugene on Bob Packwood's bill, S. 866, to establish the French Pete Intermediate Recreation Area. Whether or not we have them—and they should be held this winter—depends upon the action of Senator Hatfield. Because of the workings of Congress, if he wants hearings scheduled, he can get them. We must get him to want them. And we must get Hatfield to cosponsor Packwood's bill. (Wayne Morse, by the way, although also closely allied with the timber industry while a Senator, is showing signs of a new enlightenment and strongly supports saving French Pete.)

Robert Marshall, founder of the Wilderness Society, said years ago: "There is just one hope of repulsing the tyrannical ambition of civilization to conquer every niche on the whole earth. That hope is the organization of spirited people who will fight for the freedom of the wilderness."

Our organization begins today. Please join us in the rally and march. Thanks!

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