

Says new Campus Planner

Student involvement needed

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Student involvement and feedback within the various facets of University planning was the main concern of Christopher Alexander, new Campus Planner for the



University, at a special meeting of the Planning Committee on Thursday.

Alexander, formerly employed in the same capacity by the University of California at Berkeley, will assume the post Jan. 1.

Most of the committee's action at first will be dedicated to the creation of new patterns and guidelines on campus, as the last long-range planning was done in 1962. Consequently, the meeting was largely devoted to the theoretical policy for 1971 and familiarizing Alexander with problems faced by the University.

Alexander's first request of the committee at large involved making it known in the campus community that anyone interested is invited to participate in planning

activities or provide feedback as to committee proposals.

Recent activities of the committee have been restoration of the millrace, the use of 13th Avenue between Kincaid and University Streets, and the proposed EMU addition.

Alexander believes that "perhaps two dozen students would be vitally interested, with several hundred on the periphery." Committee Chairman Alvin Urquhart of the Architecture Department noted that the controversial EMU addition has elicited a large response in the University community, with numerous petitions and phone calls directed to him, and believes that students are concerned with the activities of the planning organization, if given the proper publicity.

Publishing tentative proposals of the committee was suggested by Alexander in order to subject them to criticism. The planners should "develop a large body of guiding principles," he believes, which would be submitted to the campus populace.

A SEARCH course in the area of campus planning, possibly under the auspices of the architecture department, was suggested, with seminars and discussions sponsored by the committee. This would hopefully familiarize a wide range of students with planning problems.



Student housing was a specific concern of the three student planners present. The clustering of dormitory facilities tends to cut them off from the west end of campus, said one member, with the result that dor-



mitory facilities are unattractive to upperclassmen, causing isolation of the freshmen. Demolition of old buildings and erection of more attractive dormitory facilities and married student housing was proposed.

Department isolation and parking facilities were also a cause for concern. Integration of the various departments was viewed as a deterrent to campus blight, as the delineation of departments was questioned as a practical course of action. The creation of related department clusters with maximum retention of open space was opted for by Alexander, who noted that the "planning committee's job essentially consists of locating things." The concept of a "cluster college" system such as that used in California was discussed, as it was felt that the University will reach maximum capacity in the near future.

Senate to hear election appeal

A varied order of business, including an election appeal, faces the ASUO Senate when it meets at 7 tonight in 101 EMU.

Val McIntyre announced at the meeting of the Elections Court Tuesday night that she plans to appeal an alleged violation of election rules in this term's Senate elections. Miss

McIntyre, who lost her case Tuesday ran against Rolf Hage for position number three, Senate-at-large. She charged that Hage "furnished false information to the University with intent to deceive" by inserting the words "Nature Party" after his name on the general election ballot. The party affiliation was not on the primary ballot.

Under new business the Senate will consider a bill detailing duties and responsibilities of the ASUO Comptroller (formerly Bureau of the Budget director). The bill is co-sponsored by Jim Tiger and Joe Genayel of the Fiscal Committee.

The bill outlines the following duties of the comptrollers: preparing and controlling the incidental fee budget, co-signing all ASUO contractual agreements and suspending program expenditures when deemed necessary.

Other matters the Senate will consider include approval of two motions to come before the faculty—one on credit by examination and the other on plagiarism.

Delegates to the Interinstitutional Union of Students in the State Board of Higher Education (IUSOSSHE) will be elected from the Senate body. The Senate will also approve ASUO committee appointments and hear Election Court and executive reports.

City committee plans bicycle problems study

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Plans for a study of city bicycle problems have been approved by an advisory meeting of the Eugene City Council.

In a report presented to the Council Wednesday, assistant director of parks and recreation, Ernie Drapela presented three steps which his committee would take in attempting to improve Eugene cycling conditions.

"The first phase consists of a survey to obtain raw data on the bicycle situation in Eugene," Drapela said. He plans to circulate a questionnaire dealing with the uses and numbers of bicycles in Eugene. As study of present bicycle laws will be undertaken, and an educational program for cycling safety has been suggested.

Phase one would provide data for making a bicycle route study using present traffic arteries and paths and to aid in recreational planning and facilities for cyclists—possibly including a velodrome stadium for bicycle racing.

Phase two would use the data collected in phase one to develop

proposals which could improve cycling opportunities in Eugene.

Problems of financing, according to Drapela, could be solved by use of the funds collected under the room tax allocation. These funds, collected as a three per cent tax on hotel and motel bills, have been earmarked for cultural, recreational and tourism purposes. Drapela feels cycling falls into all three categories, and that some of the \$80,000 collected annually could be used for improving bicycling conditions. He sees additional funds coming from the bicycle license fees and penalties.

Drapela's committee expects these two phases to require two months to complete.

Phase three, implementation of the proposals, would require much time and money, according to Drapela. "A velodrome may cost \$35,000 to \$40,000, and signs for an 18 mile bike route would cost between \$800 and \$1,000."

One citizen noted at the meeting that efforts should be made to discover the interrelationships between bicycles, automobiles, pedestrians, and mass transit, all as viable forms of transportation.

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