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**Prof. Bunn**

## **Faculty Group Plans Energy Degree**

Energy has become and, probably for decades, will continue to be a major American problem. With its emergence has come a need for knowledgeable energy specialists who are able to direct policy and management decisions for governments, utilities, consulting firms, and other organizations that deal with energy.

A UW-Madison faculty committee from more than a half dozen disciplines, with support from the Institute for Environmental Studies, has set to work this fall to consider a degree program that would train such specialists.

Law Professor George Bunn, chairman of the committee, hopes the university will be able to offer at least the beginnings of a graduate energy policy studies program as early as next fall.

Ideally, the concept will grow into a full-fledged master's program in energy policy studies, says Bunn. But because new programs require high-level administrative review that may take two or three years, energy policy studies probably will be offered in the interim through established graduate programs.

Bunn's committee is investigating three current programs that might serve as "carriers" for energy studies: the IES Land Resources Program; the Public Policy and Administration Program (an adjunct to the Political Science Department); and the Urban and Regional Planning Program. Each offers a master's degree. The land resources M.S. is research-oriented and requires a thesis, while the other degree programs require students to work as interns with public and private agencies before earning their degrees. The faculty committee envisions offering prospective students the option of entering any of the three programs and concentrating in energy-related courses. Each program's emphasis would be determined by its professional orientation.

Professor Bunn has been named acting chairman of the IES Instructional Program following the heart attack suffered recently by Prof. Carlyle Runge.