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To push for state financing

Child care campaign opens

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A bill appropriating more than \$3.5 million in financial aid to student parents attending state institutions could be diluted or even by-passed in the Legislature — unless supporters undertake a massive statewide campaign for its passage.

That statewide campaign opens at the University this week. Rachele Katz, a Child Care and Development Center staff member organizing the campaign, explains that April is the critical month for the bill.

It has been introduced in the Joint Ways and Means sub-committee. But when the hearings are scheduled before the full committee later this month, supporters say they will be lucky to get more than 48 hours notice. To cope with that situation, car pools are being organized to provide transportation to make sure large groups of parents are in attendance at every hearing.

The Legislature could pass the bill with lower funding. There is also talk of excluding graduate student parents from receiving child care benefits. Bill supporters say any kind of compromise is out of the question. They want to convince legislators to pass the bill without amendments that would limit its funding or restrict the number of low-income students it would aid.

"We are coming down to the wire. The fate of the bill depends on how much support we can mobilize," says Bob Nagler, an ASUO assistant working on the child care bill. "We want it to pass, not just pass in a watered-down version," he adds.

"We are dealing with a harsh political reality: In order to get the bill in a form acceptable for parents," Nagler says, "we must mobilize political forces."

He explains that the basic concept of day care has

the support of the Legislature—it's just a matter of funding and specifics. But philosophical support may not supply the strong base of support the bill needs to pass.

Supporters plan activities and strategy meetings to build that support base. Petitions, letter writing campaigns, questionnaires and door-to-door campaigns in Amazon and Westmoreland Student Housing are planned to increase backing for the bill.

Weekly strategy meetings are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. every Friday in the EMU. Interested persons can obtain information on the bill's progress and plan activities at these meetings.

Linda Nurmi, another campaign organizer, says she could use 200 letters a week flooding the state capital. Supporters also stress that Sen. Ed Fadeley, D-Eugene, chair of the Ways and Means Education sub-committee, is in a key position to deal with the bill and urges students to contact Fadeley and express their support of the legislation and get it passed in its strongest form.

Parents will be stationed at tables in the EMU and in front of the bookstore with petitions and information for students who wish to write support letters. Child care surveys appearing in today's Emerald may be turned in there.

Data from the surveys will be compiled to provide evidence of the need for child care benefits for use in the Legislature.

Volunteers are needed to participate in these activities and help plan a Day Care Day later this month to demonstrate the need for child care.

Katz stresses the need for child care usually affects single women parents — but adds that increasing numbers of men are in that position.

"Day care affects non-parents as well," she says, "taking into account that they may be future parents and another aspect of social interest."

Senate okays minority program

By TOM WOLFE
Of the Emerald

The University Senate Friday recommended establishing a new program to help certain ethnic minority students achieve academic success. The vote was 23-7 with four abstentions.

Representatives from several groups the program would affect attended the meeting and generally spoke in support of the plan offered by the Special Faculty Committee on Minority/Disadvantaged Programs.

The committee recommended forming a Council on Minority Education comprised of student, faculty and ethnic community representatives with the dean of the College of Liberal Arts or his designee serving as council coordinator.

The council would be the policy-making body for minority education programs such as special classes for different cultural perspectives, skills development, tutoring, advising, counseling and recruitment of minority students. It would serve Blacks, Native Americans, Chicanos and Asian-Americans.

The proposed minority council plan would replace the current Academic Opportunities Program (AOP). AOP Director Willetta Wilson sat on the committee that came up with the plan but spoke

against it before the Senate.

Library professor Guido Palandri unsuccessfully attempted to have Wilson's debating privileges denied because of her personal interest in AOP, and debate continued.

Senate chairer John Sherwood, English professor, relinquished his chair duties to speak in support of the plan. "The alternative to faculty legislation for a minorities program is to leave the decision to some inevitable wise authority," said Sherwood.

Sherwood then suggested making student and community member appointments to the committee by the University president upon recommendation of various interested groups rather than by certain minority student unions as the committee suggested.

"These student unions are ephemeral and may change or disband altogether overtime," he warned. The amendment passed easily and there were no further changes suggested in the committee's report.

The General Faculty has final say about instituting the minority plan and will consider it Wednesday.

At the meeting's beginning the Senate voted not to hear a recommendation by Biology Professor Bayard McConaughy to eliminate ROTC programs from the

University and a faculty committee's plan to revise the student conduct code.

Sherwood made the proposal to skip over these motions, saying it was not directed at the ROTC proposal "though it may look like it." He said debate on the ROTC question would be long and "might question some senator's patience," and the conduct committee report was too complex to get appropriate consideration at the special Friday meeting.

The Senate also recommended setting up two investigating faculty committees before adjourning.

The first was a recommendation by Edna Wooten, physical education professor, to investigate the requirement that the University "maintain depth and breadth by requiring students to take courses from several academic areas."

Wooten says there is no present faculty legislation allowing for courses offered by professional schools to be accepted to fulfill various group requirements.

Bower Aly, speech professor, suggested forming an ad hoc committee to "evaluate the effectiveness of current methods of determining student evaluation of courses and to seek improvements in those methods."

Both proposals passed unanimously.



Cheap seats

Photo by Perry Gaskill

Behind this charging pole vaulter sit residents of a nearby dormitory, watching the first Pac-8 meet of the season for the Ducks. See stories, page 9.

Healer, local politicians headline women's events

This is today's schedule of events for the Women's Symposium, which runs through Friday and is sponsored by the ASUO.

- 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Helen Tolson, psychic healer, Century Room A, EMU.
- 10:30 a.m. to noon. "Women and Sexuality" panel, Dad's Room, EMU.
- 11:30 to 1 p.m. "Women and Religion" panel, co-sponsored by the Ananda Marga Yoga Society and the Wesley Center, Room 101, EMU.
- Contraception '77, presented by Planned Parenthood, Forum, EMU.
- 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. "Madalyn," a film about prayers in the schools, Room 108, EMU.
- Eugene Women's Choir workshop, Room 101, EMU.
- Karen Tyler, singer/guitarist, Room 167, EMU.
- 2:20 to 4 p.m. "Women and Nutrition" panel, Room 108, EMU.
- Blues pianist and singer Jesse Gray's workshop, Room 167 EMU.
- 3:30 to 5 p.m. "Conscious-Ception," sponsored by the Center for Wholistic Birth, Room 111, EMU.
- "Women in Other Societies" panel, Forum, EMU.
- 6:30 to 8 p.m. "Women in Media" panel, Room 238 Gilbert.
- 7 to 8:30 p.m. Laeh Garfield speaking on psychic healing and shamanism, Room 167 EMU.
- 7 to 9:30 p.m. Infant/Toddler Care workshop, Room 101 EMU.
- 7:30 to 9 p.m. "Women in Politics" panel with Rep. Mary Burrows and Sen. Mary Roberts, Room 108 EMU.
- 9 to 11 p.m. Jesse Gray concert, \$1.50, Ballroom, EMU.
- Entire week. Art exhibit in Room 167 EMU.