

Projects thrive across Franklin Blvd

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Late-working architecture majors, clay-covered fine arts students and white-coated biology majors make up the relatively small number of University students who cross Franklin Boulevard on a regular basis.

During the fall, football fans file through the north campus region to go to Autzen Stadium, and throughout the year runners jog through the area on their way to Pre's Trail.

But the average University student views Franklin Boulevard as an insurmountable obstacle — an unfortunate fact considering the many facilities and

programs located on the other side.

Historically, the area has been neglected. Most students and faculty members consider it the "backyard" of the University, says Barbara Edwards, chair of the North Campus Area User Group.

"If you had anything ugly, that's where you'd put it," Edwards says.

But because of Autzen Stadium, Pre's Trail, Alton Baker Park and the bike paths, the area now is a visible part of campus, she says.

What once was the "back door" to campus has become the "front door for many," she says.

In response to the increased visibility, the user group is outlining a

proposal for development of the area, Edwards says.

"We've looked at that area with care," Edwards says. "Most important are those facilities that take advantage and make use of the resources of the area."

One proposed development that utilizes the area's resources is Silva Orchard, perhaps the only remaining filbert orchard in the area.

The orchard could become a place where students and faculty can eat and relax, Edwards says.

A playing field is currently under construction near the south bank of the Willamette River. The field will be used for instruction, recreation and club

sports, says University planner David Rowe.

Researchers at the bio-social colony, located east of Silva Orchard, perform experiments on animal behavior, says Prof. Michael Menaker, director of the Institute of Neurosciences.

Originally designed for researching wolves, the colony now studies the circadian rhythms — biological clocks — of hamsters and several species of birds, Menaker says.

By studying animals' rhythms, which are similar to human beings, physicians can administer medication at "peak times," thus increasing its effectiveness and lessening unwanted

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Violence remains only solution in Northern Ireland, visitor says

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Getting the British out of Northern Ireland requires an armed struggle, a woman who recently returned from Ulster told a Northern Ireland teach-in Tuesday night at the University.

Kendra Morrigan, who is a printer by trade, presented a slide show outlining the history of Ireland and discussed the issues plaguing Northern Ireland.

Although Morrigan and the United Ireland Support Committee, the group that sponsored the teach-in, aren't involved with the provisional wing of the Irish Republican Army, she said their short-term goals are similar. These goals include political status for IRA prisoners and the removal of British troops from Northern Ireland, Morrigan said.

Four people have died for this cause through hunger strikes and four more IRA prisoners currently are on hunger strikes,

Morrigan said. Political status would allow IRA prisoners to wear their own clothes, associate freely with other prisoners and receive mail.

In addition to the hunger strikes, a "no washdown" protest is being waged, Morrigan said. "No washdown" means IRA prisoners are refusing to wear prison-issue clothes, take showers and clean out their cells, which are covered with human excrement, she explained.

British prison officials are meeting this protest by depriving the prisoners of fresh air and exercise, Morrigan said.

Discussing IRA tactics, Morrigan said economic destruction through bombings is the strategy intended to force the British out of Northern Ireland. The IRA always claims responsibility for their actions and always gives a 30-minute warning before a bombing, she said.

"There are some people who have been in the wrong place at

the wrong time, and they have died," she said.

Paramilitary troops from Ulster compound the violence in Northern Ireland, Morrigan said. A group known as the Ulster Defense Association has a "death list" of IRA collaborators, she said.

"Five people on this list were assassinated during the 10 months I was in Ireland."

But even if the British left Ireland there still would be strife, because the Catholic-Protestant conflict is an old one, Morrigan said. The people of Northern Ireland would be subject to the laws of the Irish Republic, she explained.

Divorce and birth control — the first, illegal in that country, the second, now legal but for married women only — would become major issues, Morrigan predicted.

Morrigan spent 10 months in Ireland working with women's groups and printing leaflets to help the Irish cause.

Writing courses face overcrowding

While teachers and students were frustrated by crowded writing courses this year, proposed budget cuts for next year may make the situation even worse.

Ideally, a writing course should have an enrollment of less than 20, says Thelma Greenfield, acting head of the English department. Many colleges limit classes to only 15, but at the University teachers "have to fight for 25" and are sometimes pushed to 30, Greenfield says.

The department, which staffs writing courses required for University graduation, hires mainly graduate teaching fellows and maintains a "floating base" of instructors to teach those classes, Greenfield says.

The classes should polish the skills of students who already have writing knowledge as

well as teach basic writing skills to students who aren't as skilled, she says.

Teachers do this by grading and re-grading students' work and by giving as much individual attention as possible. But if there are 30 students in a class, "how much time can you give them in a week?" Greenfield asks.

And there aren't any real alternative solutions to the problem, she says.

"What we need is simply money," she says.

Additional funding would allow the department to hire more GTFs, which would reduce class size. But the proposed budget cuts all but eliminate that possibility.

Greenfield is acting head of the department in the absence of George Wickes, who is teaching at the University of Tubingen in Germany this term.

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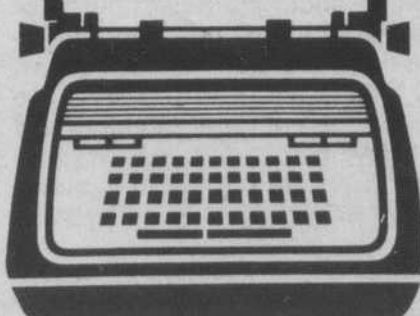
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