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Expansion may be the answer to cramped airport conditions

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Eugene's Mahlon Sweet Airport was built in 1964 to accommodate two airlines, one car rental agency and a city with about half the population of Eugene today, but after 21 years of growth, the airport cannot adequately function without new facilities, says one airport official.

The building is worn out and becoming expensive to maintain, says Larry Schoelerman, operations manager.

Although the airport was designed to house two airlines, five carriers now have daily flights out of Eugene. And while there was plenty of space for one car rental agency when the facility was built, the four agencies now operating there are met with cramped quarters.

In fact, the airport is so cramped, newly arrived American Airlines must share a ticket counter with Frontier Airlines, and management must work in a temporary trailer set up in the parking lot.

"It's not a very good first impression for people coming to Eugene," Schoelerman says.

American Airlines General Manager Steve Roberts says the facilities are adequate for his company's present needs, but extra counter and office space are needed. The terminal also should be equipped with jet

bridges instead of the current outdoor boarding ramps, Roberts says.

City and airport officials appear to agree expansion of the aging airport is necessary, but any major work on the facility must be financed primarily by Eugene residents, Eugene Mayor Brian Obie, as one segment of the eight-part Eugene

back forms, 77 percent marked the expansion as their first or second priority, she says.

"People realize good air transportation is essential to attracting business to Eugene and keeping business here," Bellamy says.

Because of the citizens' strong support for the expansion, Bellamy says there is a

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Agenda, has proposed spending \$17 million for an airport terminal expansion.

Obie's proposal calls for \$2.6 million in federal grants for the project as well as \$10 million in city funds, possibly raised through a city income tax. The final \$4.5 million would be funded through revenue bonds to be repaid by the airport.

Since city councilors began holding town hall meetings in late July to discuss the Eugene Agenda, the most popular project has been the airport expansion, says Barb Bellamy, city of Eugene public information director. Of those attending the meetings and filling out feed-

good possibility, the project could be placed on the ballot this November. The City Council wants to move ahead quickly with the expansion if the community continues to support the project, she says.

Although there has been strong support for the expansion, many citizens believe it is unfair for the city of Eugene to completely finance the project, Bellamy says. Those living outside of Eugene, as well as residents of Benton and Linn counties, would benefit from a larger airport, but convincing them to pay for the project would be difficult, she says.

Gone, but certainly not forgotten

Because this is our last issue of the summer, the staff at Oregon Daily Emerald would like to wish all summer school students good luck on finals and a happy summer vacation.

Don't forget to look for the Fall Orientation issue during registration week. This special issue will contain articles about the University, the Eugene community, entertainment and sports.

The Emerald will resume regular publishing five days a week beginning September 30, the first day of classes.

About 350 particle physicists attend University conference

The annual meeting of the American Physical Society's Division of Particles and Fields is now underway at the University.

The conference, which began Monday and continues through Thursday, has attracted more than 300 particle physicists to present invited and contributed papers on nearly all areas of high energy physics. Three of the physicists are Nobel Prize winners.

A broad program of plenary sessions and six parallel

"miniconferences" on various physics subjects are scheduled.

All plenary sessions, which are open and free to the public, will be conducted in Room 150 Geology.

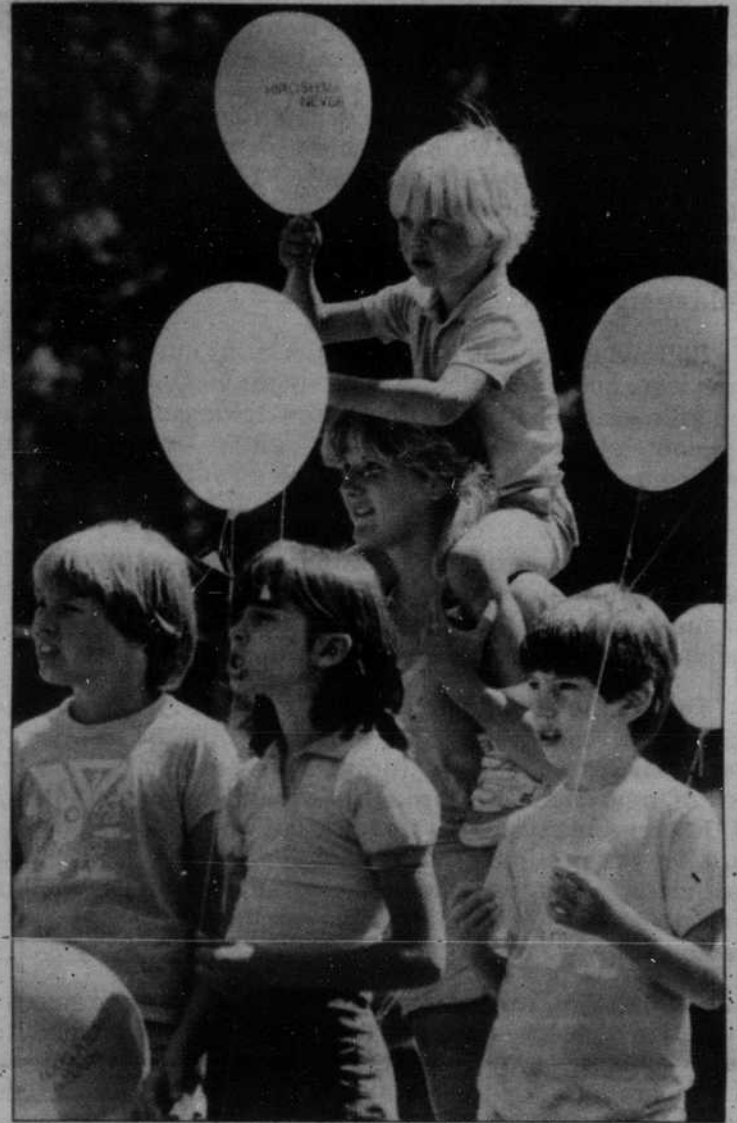
Today's plenary session begins at 9 a.m. and will conclude with a presentation by Nobel-laureate Tsung-Dao Lee of Columbia University at 11:45 a.m.

The mini-conference will meet from 2 to 5:30 p.m. in rooms in the Bean Residence Hall complex.

After a Wednesday trip to the

coast, plenary sessions will continue on Thursday from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Nobel Prize winner James Cronin, of Chicago, will head the 4 p.m. session, which includes a presentation by Steven Weinberg, of Texas, who also is a Nobel Prize winner.

The particle physics conference is supported in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, which also has sponsored a series of workshops on super high energy physics this spring and summer at the University.



In memory

About 150 children at the Multicultural Peace and Justice Kids Camp gathered in a circle and sang songs of love and peace at a noon rally on Friday. The gathering was held to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

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