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Vicki Dietmeyer, the organization's executive director, says that although marketing has not begun, she has "mentioned it to especially our Japanese prospects. They feel that between the park's site and the University's research capabilities, they want us to get back to them with more information in the future."

Currently the partnership also is marketing Willow Creek, and although she admits the park has been slow to develop, Dietmeyer still is optimistic about the park's future.

"It's one of the best sites we have to offer," she says. "Prospects have been very impressed with it."

Dietmeyer says the Willow Creek Park and the Riverfront Research Park are totally different. "The riverfront will be more for small, burgeoning research and development companies that need very limited space. Companies that need 50,000 square feet to manufacture electronic components, they'll be looking at Willow Creek."

Although the parks are on two different scales, they do share the aura of "high-tech," a recurring buzzword that to many means an ideal of economic development without heavy, noisy or smelly effects.

Karl Eysenbach, a member of the Metropolitan Area Planning Advisory Committee, sees the two parks working hand-in-hand.

"At the riverfront project they would be doing prototypes, coming up with new computer programs, hardware, new biotechnology agents. It would be logical for research operations at the riverfront to locate manufacturing at Willow Creek once the riverfront park was up and cooking."

The park should encourage local entrepreneurs instead of recruiting firms from outside the area, Eysenbach adds. He believes one of Eugene's greatest assets is its abundance of entrepreneurs, such as the local community of 30 to 40 software companies.

One local businessman, John Davis of Crosspoint Systems, a computer electronics company, says his firm probably can't wait for the riverfront project to get off the ground.

But when he toured the Willow Creek site, Davis said the out-of-town location and the slightly industrial setting were substantial drawbacks.

"I know the research park is controversial, but if it were ever developed along the Willamette, it would be a perfect place for my company," Marcus says. "Because Eugene is the way it is, it could take five to 10 years, though."

"We're very happy out at Willow Creek Park, but if we ever did have a working relationship with the University, it would work two ways where we could be talking to professors that would be right across the road... and it would be a terrific place for students to intern," says Marcus, also a University alumnus.

He believes the park should not be built unless it's aesthetically pleasing — "no one wants to take away from the beauty of the area," he says.

"The real reason for being in the park would be to utilize the University and to work with the University. If we started getting into research and development, it would be nice being near the University. It would be ideal if you could just walk over to campus."

Conflict

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groups they're active in.

Athearn disagrees with Menard, saying he believes members should abstain if they belong to another student group.

"When you're judging another group, it's easier to assess the impact of a group as a whole," Athearn says. "When you're an active member of the group, you're biased. You are going to think it's goals are virtuous."

"A conflict of interest is when you can't objectively separate your identification between being a member of a specific group and your membership on the IFC," Athearn says.

But abstention may not always resolve the problem. The potential for lobbying on the side, or even trading votes, still exists.

Apalategui believes the potential for this is very low, if not non-existent. "This year's group are so independently minded that vote-trading wouldn't work," he says.

As for lobbying, members talk to each other about groups they know about, but Apalategui raises the question, "What is lobbying?"

Menard says lobbying obviously occurs. "We're talking politics, and funding is especially political," she says.



Mary Kay Menard

James Randall, current IFC chairman, says he doesn't believe conflicts of interest have been a problem this year. IFC

members voted at the beginning of fall term to voluntarily abstain from voting if they felt there was a conflict, or even the appearance of a conflict of interest, he says.

Although the vote was only a consensus vote, it carries the same weight as a resolution, Randall says.

Members also agreed not to lobby each other, although they could still give input at open meetings, he says.

Even in extreme cases when it appears that a conflict of interest does exist and a member decides to vote against the advice of the other members, members may not keep him or her from voting, Randall says.

If this were to occur, any IFC member or student could challenge the vote before the Constitution Court, he says.

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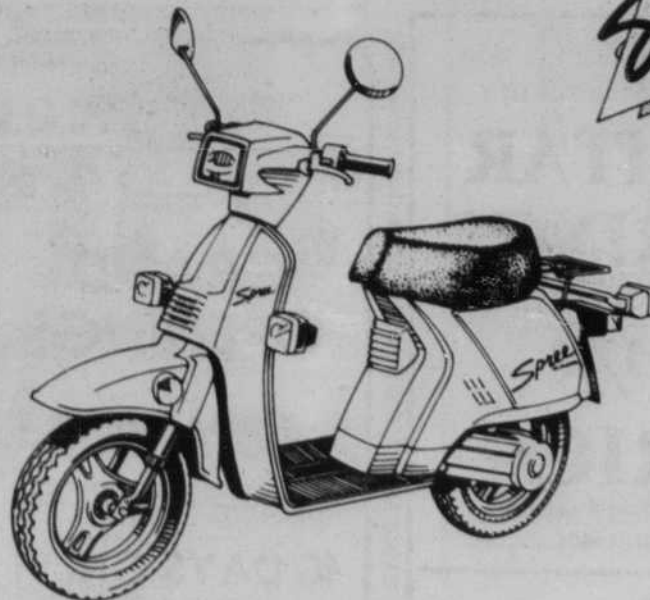
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