

Administrators say study proves secret-research ban is unneeded

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A survey of business firms located in research parks indicates the majority of the firms do not conduct classified research, said John Moseley, University vice president for research, at the Riverfront Research Commission meeting on Wednesday.

The survey, sent to 88 business firms in the United States and Canada, indicated all but two firms conduct any classified research, Moseley said. The two firms reported only 10 percent of their total work is classified research, he added.

Moseley brought the survey to the attention of the commission in response to the University Senate's concern in putting a ban on classified research in the proposed Riverfront Research Park. Although the survey is not completed, Moseley believes the information will be very beneficial in determining whether having the ban will be a concern.

Dave Povey, University professor of planning, public policy and management, is running the survey of the 88 firms that responded to a mail-out survey sent last fall. These firms are all located in university

parks similar in size to the one being planned for Eugene.

Povey's survey thus far is good support for not having a ban on classified research, Moseley said. "By the next commission meeting the results will be here. It will be very useful information."

In other business, Abe Farkas, director of the Eugene Development Department, discussed support for the park at the state level. In addition to the \$6.5 million the governor has committed so far, "We're pursuing a \$2.5 million building fund to secure the University space in the park," Farkas said.

Meetings have been held with the Office of Economic Development, and the \$2.5 million figure has not yet been confirmed, Farkas said. "We'd like to secure 25,000 to 30,000 square feet for the University to build on."

The space would be filled with University research activities, and the University would benefit from the park's location because of its lack of space on campus, Moseley said. Examples of possible activities are a manufactured housing wood products research project and an atmospheric science research program.

"I've been seeing deans and department heads to solicit new ideas," he said, explaining if there is funding, the space might be available to the University.

The commission also discussed transportation funding for the park. Eugene Transportation Engineer Dave Reinhard said the state has given \$500,000 for preliminary engineering. "By next fall we hope to have some preliminary sketches. We want to start developing an infrastructure," he said.

Ideally the site planning process should be done before the engineering, but Reinhard said he thinks the two can complement one another in the planning of the park.

A community forum is being planned for March 5 to let the public know how the site will work, said Rosemary Pryor of the Eugene Development Department. In addition to the forum, written material and fact sheets are being developed.

The forum will be held in the Eugene Community Conference Center. "It will be a real opportunity for good discussion," she said, explaining that different department heads will be there to respond to questions.

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World beat

International

Dissident gets pardon

MOSCOW (AP) — A Soviet official said Wednesday that imprisoned Jewish activist Josef Begun had received a pardon, but Moscow dissident circles had no confirmation that Begun or either of two other dissidents had been set free.

Begun's son, Boris, said his father still was in prison but probably would be freed.

National

Reagan won't answer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan refused to answer questions on Wednesday about the Iran-Contra scandal, while Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said the administration had secretly provided intelligence information to both sides in the Iran-Iraq war.

Reagan maintained his two-month silence and refused to elaborate on his previous comment that mistakes had been made and declined to identify who had been guilty of the errors.

Regional

County won't play game

COQUILLE (AP) — After listening to a plea from members of the Oregon Peace Alliance, Coos County commissioners voted unanimously against taking part in the mock war communications exercise scheduled for March 3-5 by the Oregon Daily Emerald

Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Bomb case considered

CORVALLIS (AP) — Grand jurors will decide whether charges should be filed in connection with a bomb discovered on the Oregon State University campus, the district attorney said Wednesday. William A. Myers had been scheduled for arraignment Thursday, but the court appearance was canceled, Benton County District Attorney Peter Sandrock said.

Police found the pipe bomb in a briefcase after receiving several anonymous calls about it. Campus police said Myers'

name was on papers found in the briefcase. Myers has said he believes someone is trying to frame him. He says a woman approached him with the briefcase and asked him to deliver it to the computer center.

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