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Advisory board reviews Research Park options

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An advisory committee composed primarily of faculty members reviewed preliminary site drawings for the proposed Riverfront Research Park Thursday.

The committee, called the Riverfront Research Park Advisory Design Committee, was appointed by University President Paul Olum to advise and assist in the planning process.

The members considered four tentative options for placement of research park buildings on the 71-acre site between the Willamette River and Franklin Boulevard. Only one of the tentative options includes building on the soccer field.

The committee members, who have an advisory capacity only, generally agreed that the soccer field location would not be their choice.

The options were designed by the architectural firm ELS/Elbasani and Logan. Before architects can continue work on the master plan, the city and the University have to make some decisions about the exact location of the park and any possible access problems, committee members said.

The developer of the property, the Carley Capital Group, would like the park to be visible from Franklin Boulevard.

The committee also recommended that increased University staff time should be devoted to the question of project funding and costs, which include the cost of replacing existing University buildings on the site.

Committee members expressed concern that these and other questions should be resolved quickly, so that students and faculty can contribute to the public input process before the school year ends in June.

The committee will recommend to President Olum that another public forum be scheduled for June.



Hitting the highway for MADD

Eight "Fijis" from Phi Gamma Delta are cycling to San Jose, Calif. to raise money for MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving). Carl Rasmussen (far left) started the first leg of the trip Thursday morning as he headed for Reedsport. The cyclists will cover approximately 650 miles in relay stretches of 20 miles over about three days. The second-annual project is coordinated by Umesh Kulkarni (far right).

Photo by Derrel Hewitt

Police arrest more teachers; negotiations continue

By Scott Maben
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Seven more striking teachers were arrested Thursday while district-union negotiations appear close to being settled.

Meanwhile, 4-J students are slipping on yellow arm bands in a quiet protest against the Eugene teachers' strike, now in day 23.

Paul L. Hymes and Patricia Ann Mahoney, whose addresses were unavailable, were arrested outside the Holiday Inn on Coburg Road Thursday morning for trying to block the path of a bus carrying replacement teachers, according to Eugene police.

According to police spokesman Tim Birr, both were charged with disorderly conduct and released on their own recognizance.

In the afternoon, five picketers also were arrested for impeding a bus full of replacements at Cal Young Middle School on Gilham Road, according to a police report.

Arrested were Donald Gene Adkins, 4405 Franklin Blvd., Eugene; Linda Lee Ague, 2637 Forester Way, Eugene; Lee Susan Bear, 245 Sunnyside Drive, Eugene; Daniel Gordon O'Neil, 1500 Norckenzie Road, Eugene; and Kenneth Lee Shingledecker, 5105 D St.,

Springfield.

They were arrested at about 3:45 p.m. on charges of disorderly conduct, police said.

They also were released Thursday night.

The seven arrests are preceded by one on Wednesday and four on Monday.

About 300 striking teachers and their supporters demonstrated Thursday morning at the Lane County Fairgrounds, where the district buses pick up and drop off replacement teachers.

Police force remained heavy there after classes let out, but no incidents of protest occurred.

At the same time, a marathon

negotiations session in Cottage Grove continued into the evening following Wednesday night's new contract offer from the district.

District community relations officer Kelly Fenley said Thursday negotiations may be nearing an end, although the topic of discussion heading into Thursday night didn't concern economic issues.

"It looks like, at this point, they're working on language issues" such as teacher work loads and assignments and transfers, Fenley said.

Prior to the latest session, chief school district negotiator Steve Goldschmidt said his side

would consider a settlement, provided the union significantly alter its position on salary.

Meanwhile, a business student at Lane Community College is organizing a protest of the strike in favor of neither teachers nor the district, but the students.

Andrea Hirons, 21, said she came up with the idea Wednesday night.

"The goal is to have all of the students in the 4-J District wearing yellow arm bands, from kindergarten to 12th grade, for the duration of the strike," said Hirons, a freshman at South

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Bill banning classified research passes House, moves to Senate

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SALEM — If the Senate gives Rep. Wayne Fawbush, D-Hood River, his way, institutions of higher education in the state of Oregon will be forbidden by law to conduct classified research.

The bill, HB 3224, sponsored by Fawbush, passed unanimously through the House on Thursday and now goes to the Senate for consideration. Fawbush said he is confident the bill will be approved by the Senate and will be signed into law by the Governor.

"There is no formal ban on classified research" currently in the state, he said.

The University and Oregon State University, however, currently have policies banning the conduct of classified research on those campuses.

Even so, Fawbush noted the purpose of the legislation was to eliminate the temptation of administrations at Oregon's public colleges and universities to take on secret research in the future.

"We will not let the universities sell their souls for military research," Fawbush said.

Aaron Novick, noted University biology professor and director of the University's institute of molecular biology, is a valuable proponent of the bill, according to Fawbush. Novick, a well respected molecular biologist in the scientific community, said the value of research conducted in a closed environment is marginal at best.

Classified research as defined in the bill is research the results of which cannot be published.

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Federal Building receives threat, 'suspicious' suitcase found empty

A bomb threat Thursday afternoon led to the evacuation of the Federal Building, 211 E. 7th Ave., but police found no bomb.

A police search of the building revealed a suspicious briefcase in an opening of the wall in an area normally used to store fire hoses, police spokesman Tim Birr said.

The bomb threat was telephoned in shortly before 1:30 p.m. to the U.S. District Court office in the building, which houses courtrooms and federal agencies.

Police explosive disposal experts blew up the briefcase at 3:50 p.m. and determined that nothing was inside it, police spokesman Aaron Douglas said.

The briefcase was found near the Internal Revenue Service offices on the first floor of the building. The Federal Building was closed for the rest of the day, and pedestrian traffic around the building was blocked for two hours.

The FBI has taken over the investigation, Douglas said.