

Child care subsidy program gives parents opportunity

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Child care can be a difficult proposition to pull off for some parent-students, but unbeknownst to many, there is help available from the ASUO.

Last spring the Incidental Fee Committee allocated \$80,000 to the child care subsidy program, which assists parents in paying for a percentage of their child-

care costs. These subsidies are available to parents who have children at either the EMU Child Care and Development Centers or any other off-campus child care facility, according to ASUO Vice President Karen Gaffney.

"Basically, it (the subsidy program) was developed by student government to give parents the opportunity to go to school," Gaffney said. The federal financial aid allotment

for parent-students' child care is "woefully inadequate," and the goal of the ASUO program is to help those parents out, she said.

The process is relatively simple, Gaffney said. If the parent-students have already filled out a federal financial aid form, there is a one-page form available at the CCDC office at 15th Avenue and Moss Street that will allow the child care center staff to have access to the federal financial aid information. Once that is completed, the staff at CCDC checks the parent's financial aid situation with the University Financial Aid office and assesses the need level from that information.

The criteria for assessing

need was changed over the summer by the IFC at the request of the ASUO Child Care Task Force. Originally, the CCDC staff took any Guaranteed Student Loans into consideration as income. However, Gaffney said since the GSL isn't real income and many times parents couldn't afford not to take the GSL to save their child care subsidy, it was decided not to include the GSL when figuring a student's need level.

The maximum amount of subsidy given a month also was increased during the summer IFC meeting. Students may now receive as much as \$125 for the first child and \$100 for the second as opposed to last year's maximum subsidy amounts of

\$100 and \$75.

Mona Inman, an CCDC employee, said she was unsure at this point how many parent-students have taken advantage of the subsidy this fall. Her closest guess was "a lot," but added other CCDC employees have noticed an increase in the number of people coming in to the office and requesting information about it than in years past.

"We have more information out on it this year," Inman said. "And it seems there is a lot of word-of-mouth going around. We've had a lot of people come in and say, 'Hey, I heard about this from my friend. How can I get in on it?'"

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The following is a list of some campus-area crimes reported to Campus Security and the Eugene Police Department between Sept. 21 and Oct. 1.

- A man was charged with criminal trespassing at the Westmoreland housing complex. Eugene Police responded to a call Oct. 1 at 2:57 a.m. about a man looking at parked bicycles. Police searched the man and found "cutting tools" that would have been suitable for stealing bicycles.

- Vandals shot a steel ball-bearing through a room window in Caswell Dormitory Sept. 30 at 10 p.m. The residents of the room were uninjured. Campus Security could not locate any

suspects.

- A 1974 Datsun was reported stolen from the parking lot across from Bean Dormitory on East 15th Avenue Sept. 29.

- Campus Security arrested a man for shoplifting \$3.20 worth of pencil leads from the University Bookstore on Sept. 28. Campus Security found the suspect in a state of "dizziness," and he admitted that he had taken a cold capsule and an unknown amount of aspirin earlier that day.

- Vandals smashed the glass cover on a pinball machine in the EMU arcade on Sept. 28 around 11 p.m. No suspects could be located.

- Cash in the amount of \$280

was stolen from a room in Schafer Dormitory on Sept. 28.

- A man was a victim of fourth-degree assault in Pioneer Cemetery on Sept. 22. Eugene Police are still investigating the incident and have not released further details.

- Campus Security reported six bicycle thefts since Sept. 21. They recovered one bicycle. In addition Campus Security reported 10 criminal mischief incidents and four theft-from-vehicle incidents.

- Crime prevention tip of the week: Campus Security urges students to lock bicycles to a stationary object and recommends the use of a U-shaped lock device.

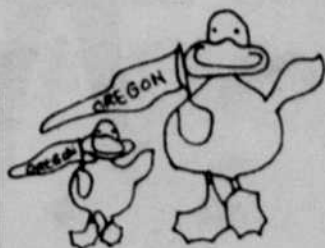
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Activities Calendar

Singapore Student Association Fall Bash, Oct. 4 at the EMU Ballroom from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are available at the EMU Main Desk. \$3 admission includes drinks. All are welcome.

Foreign Student Organization Coffee Hour, weekly each Friday at the International Student Lounge in the EMU at 4 p.m. No admission. All are welcome.

A calendar of events will be

run every Friday. Deadline for submitting student activities information to the Oregon Daily Emerald front desk, Suite 300 EMU, is each Thursday at noon. Student activities are run only once in the calendar.

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