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Child centers receive recognition

By Zaz Hollander
Emerald Contributor

The University's Child Care and Development Centers have been accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs.

The accreditation process included an extensive self-study and assessment, parent review, and NAECP validation.

The accreditation is "a confirmation of a level of quality that our programs have been providing for a long time," said Dennis Reynolds, Child Care Coordinator.

Reynolds listed high-quality interactions with children, better staff compensation, and a dedicated and talented staff as reasons for the accreditation.

"Outside raters think we are running a good program for children," said Reynolds.

The CCDC provides its services to 180 children from the ages of 15 months to 6 years. The program maintains a staff



Photo by Steve Card

The University's newly accredited Child Care and Development Center feature's the skills of teachers such as Nancy Hammer.

to child ratio which is consistently lower than the ratio mandated by state requirements, according to Reynolds.

Reynolds believes the small

groups of supervised children develop familiarity between both the children and their

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Drug waiver spawns controversy

By Alice Thornton
Emerald Reporter

During registration last week, the ASUO table displayed signs that read, "Just say no to Pell Grant," referring to the Drug-Free Work Place Act of 1988.

The Act, which became effective in March, requires recipients of federal grants to sign a waiver saying they will not use drugs.

Prior to the award of the grant, recipients must certify they "will not engage in the unlaw-

ful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance" during the period covered by the grant. The waiver must be signed by all students who receive Pell Grants. Any recipient found in violation of the waiver may be ineligible for additional grants for up to five years.

Although the waiver may appear to be a solution for drug abuse in the Nation's universities, many students fear random drug testing could be imposed as enforcement.

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Mr. Hongo is the new director for the UO Creative Writing Program.

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