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halocarbons and heavy metals as wastes possibly buried at the site.

The existence of the wastes and the fact of an impending environmental assessment of the site originally were announced at a hastily called news conference Monday, Nov. 20. At the news conference, Williams told the press that officials "don't know what's down there," and that the assessment was being conducted "just to make sure."

The primary location of the chemical wastes is just south of the popular soccer field and north of the Southern Pacific railroad tracks. Additional areas to be examined include the Silva Orchard, where pesticide residues may reside, and a University-owned site where the Eugene Water and Electric Board stores old transformers and utility poles.

L.R. Squire, a Portland geotechnical engineering firm, has been retained to do the initial assessment and recommend cleanup procedures at an initial estimated cost of \$57,000.

A formal request for access to public records under the Oregon Public Records Law was filed with Williams' office

Tuesday by ASUO student senator Brian Hoop. The formal request seeks the release of additional information, including:

- All staff notes, tapes, memos and other documents assembled by the University during its investigation into the dumping
- The names of interviewees that were deleted from the one-page summary
- The final proposal from L.R. Squire detailing the methods to be used in the "Level I environmental assessment."

The one-page summary was released by Williams' office after an oral request for information by a reporter. When asked for additional specific information, Muriel Jackson, assistant vice president for administration, responded with a terse "no." Jackson later modified her stance at a public forum, telling the audience, "That was a preliminary answer based on my best guess as to what our response would be."

Jackson said the formal request for public records would be forwarded to University lawyers for review.

When apprised of the new information, Hoop and law student Dan Stotter confronted University Pres. Myles Brand at

his monthly student forum and demanded that he release all information and enact "sanctions" against all employees engaging in the withholding of information.

Brand refused to admit wrongdoing by staff members, but promised that, "If there has been withholding of information in the past, we will follow the proper procedures" for redressing any complaint.

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Stotter also represents Citizens for Responsible Land Use, a citizen group that filed appeals with the state Land Use Board of Appeals against the conditional use permit the city granted to the University.

Eugene city officials, billed as full partners in the Research Park development, were not informed of the chemical waste or the environmental assessment until just three days before the press conference.

"I hadn't heard about [the

wastes] until Friday [three days before the press conference]," said Rosemary Pryor, who handles public relations for the research park for the Eugene Planning and Development Department.

City Councilor Shawn Boles says he first heard of the situation when Pryor called him Nov. 21.

Brand, speaking at the student forum, admitted he was

not informed until "two or three weeks" prior to the news conference.

By contrast, Williams said he first heard "rumors" of the chemicals "three or four years ago."

"Frankly, we didn't want to release the news" until the assessment had been completed, Williams said in a private interview.


The Department of Environmental Quality was unaware of the wastes or the impending assessment until Nov. 20, the same day the city officials were informed.

Williams' decision to withhold information about the wastes may affect the conditional use permit process retroactively, Stotter said.

"In the University's application for a conditional use permit, and during the University's presentation to the hearings official, it was never mentioned that the general public would be exposed to hazardous chemicals during Research Park construction, though it is clear the University knew of the situation at the time of the hearings," Stotter said. "In the interest of fairness, we request that the city hold another public hearing to consider the facts the University concealed."

Existing city policy requires "site-specific soil surveys and geologic studies where potential problems exist." Attorneys for the environmental group 1,000 Friends of Oregon have agreed to research whether land use laws were violated by the non-disclosure.


Hoop has suggested that the Student Senate ask for a closure of the area until the assessment is complete.



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