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Making plans

Prof. Gunilla Finrow critiques the work of freshman architecture student Katie Stanley during the architecture school's Studio Review. Architecture students in all classes are having their term projects graded by GTFs and professors this week.

Photo by Andre Ranieri

Provost jumps into race for state senate

By Stephanie Holland
Emerald Reporter

Republican Paul Holbo, University vice provost for academic affairs, announced Monday his candidacy for state senator in District 22, one day before the filing deadline.

Holbo, 60, said he announced his candidacy late in the race because he had hoped someone else would run in the Republican seat.

He had considered last fall running for state senator, but decided against it when a private businessman entered the race. When that person withdrew, Holbo again considered entering.

If no one files an application today to compete with Holbo for the Republican nomination, he will run against incumbent Sen. Peg Jolin (D-Cottage Grove) in the general election this fall.

"I've been dissatisfied with her performance for some time," Holbo said.

Holbo, who is most concerned with education and higher education issues, said he has not seen any evidence of Jolin's success in addressing issues of state school funding during her past 10 years as legislator.



Paul Holbo

"Education in the 1990s is going to be a premier national issue," Holbo said.

Holbo added that he is frustrated with the legislature's habit of putting education at the bottom of the state's list for funding, and said the legislature adds more classes to schools' curriculums, but does not add more money.

"(The legislature) can't use the schools as a social service agency," he said.

Holbo is also concerned with environmental, economic and

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University hires childhood educator to study options

By Stephanie Holland
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The University has hired a childhood educator to develop day care options for about 200 children of faculty and staff in response to a growing nationwide need for child care facilities.

Karen Logvin, research assistant for child care issues, began part-time work Feb. 26 to study the available day care choices and to develop new alternatives.

"Right now there are no on-site child care services at all for faculty and staff," Logvin said.

The large number of two-career families working at the University and the increasing number of women in the work force prompted the University to seek better child care options for these people, said Linda King, director of human resources.

"There are many employees at this university with young kids who could be served with a facility on or near campus," Logvin said. "People have child care needs that have not been met."

The University's child care study committee for two years has explored the services available to faculty and staff.

"The time for study had passed," King said. "Vice President Dan Williams identified the funding and authorized the position," she said.

In addition to the lack of child care options, no resource and referral system is available to the University communi-

ty and to new employees to find quality child care, Logvin said.

"I plan to accomplish something within the six months that will help faculty and staff," she said.

Logvin, whose temporary position ends in August, said different child care possibilities are available. On-site day care at the University and care in private homes are options, she said.

"At this point we're still in the exploratory stage," she said.

Currently, working parents must piece together a day care plan from several different sources, such as hiring a babysitter, leaving children at a day care center and alternating schedules with spouses, Logvin said.

"It's incredibly difficult for parents," she said. "Their situations and their care givers' situations change," which usually don't coordinate with parents' work schedules.

Employers should be aware of the increasing need for on-site day care facilities, Logvin said. On-site programs help employers and companies by creating less-stressful working environments, which allow employees to effectively focus on their jobs.

Before coming to the University, Logvin directed the Child Development Center at the Eugene Water and Electric Board.

In addition, she served as a resource for other community organizations interested in developing on-site child care programs.

Research Park may hit glitch

By Hon Walker
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Although Eugene city planners say the Riverfront Research Park project is moving forward, a group of opponents has called for a public hearing to review recent developments.

Evidence of toxic contamination of the research park site was concealed from the public at the time public hearings on the park were held, said Dan Stotter, a member of Citizens for Responsible Land Use.

"We believe economic conditions have drastically changed with the discovery of toxics along the riverfront," Stotter said during a CRLU press conference Friday.

"The cost to the taxpayers for the toxic cleanup may exceed the economic benefits of the research park," he said.

Letters requesting a supplemental public hearing were sent to the city planning commission, city planning department and city council Friday.

If CRLU receives no response within 10 days, Stotter said, the group will circulate an initiative petition that would prohibit the use of toxic materials within 500 feet of the Willamette River.

The petition was originally filed in December 1988, revised after the Land Use Board of Appeals upheld a permit, and filed last November. The measure had been criticized for being over-restrictive, but CRLU held that building and maintenance activities would be



File photo

Toxic contamination at the River Research Park will be reopened for debate if opponents have their way.

allowed, as well as current activities.

"Initiatives are always a last resort," Stotter said. However, "We see that as the best way to involve the public if the city does not provide us a public hearing," he said.

Though a Register-Guard article last

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