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Sacred Heart decides to use cloth diapers, points to recycling needs

By June Russell **Emerald Contributor**

Disposable diapers lost another supporter in the diaper war as Sacred Heart General Hospital switched to reusable cloth diapers March 22, becoming the fourth Oregon hospital to make the

Following the example of Kaiser Permanente and other Portland area hospitals, Sacred Heart made the change to take advantage of the environmental and economic benefits of cloth dia-

Both staff suggestions and recycling brought it to our attention that it might be something we could be doing," said Lori Logan, of maternal and newborn services at Sacred Heart. Diapers were about the last thing we thought about. Just about all the materials within the hos pital that can be recycled, are,

paper and cardboard each month, according to information from the local Pearl Buck recycling program. Plastics, glass, foam, metal and items

Nationally, 2 to 3 percent of landfill contents is disposable diapers, although a recent Metro waste study placed the level in Portland landfills at 1 percent, said Quincy Sugarman, environmental advocate for Oregon State Public Research

That doesn't sound like much, but when you consider that you're talking about only one item, that becomes a lot." Sugarman said. "Disposable diapers take up to 500 years to decompose, where cotton cloth diapers only take six

More than 18 billion disposable diapers are thrown away each year, said Tonya Heikkila,

OSPIRG project leader for recycling.

The hospital uses approximately 162,600 diapers annually. Logan said. Disposable diapers may still be used for babies with special medical needs, but Sacred Heart will continue to explore

'We feel this is going to make a difference in the number of diapers being thrown into the landfills." Logan said. "The other environmental concern we feel we're addressing is the presence of fecal matter being put into the landfill, and that doesn't happen with cloth diapers

Ken Sandusky, recycling coordinator for Lane County, agreed, "Obviously, it will reduce the presence of a commodity that we're not particularly crazy about having in the landfill. We're also glad because for one thing, it will lessen the presence of certain bacterias and reduce their presence in leaching.

The reusable cloth diapers are also more economical for the hospital to use than expensive disposable diapers.

Actually, it is a few cents less per cloth dialook at the volume of diapers we use, a few cents can make a difference

The response from hospital staff and parents alike has been very positive. Logan said.

They find it no different to work with," Logan said. "It's been a very smooth transition. We've gotten a very positive response from parents - it's a choice they can make when they go home, but we're definitely very supportive in the hospital of using cloth.

"Nationwide, 85 percent of the diapers being used are disposable," Logan said. "I feel that the hospital using cloth diapers will make a differ-

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Native American Student Union to meet

MEETINGS

ASUO candidates meeting will be held tonight at 6 in EMU Cedar Room F

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the Future will meet tonight at 5 in EMU Suite 1

Students for United Nations meets tonight at 6 in the EMU Fountain Court.

Students for the Improvement of Counseling Center Studies meets tonight at 5 in the EMI! Fountain Court Cafe.

Men Against Rape meets tonight at 7 in EMU Century Room B.

Native American Student Union meets today at 3 p.m. in EMU Room 15A

Druids meet tonight at 6 in EMU Cedar Room E to discuss events coming this spring. Ancient Forest Action Group

meets tonight at 5:30 in EMI

OSPIRG's Hunger Cleanup group meets tonight at 6:30 in EMU Suite 1.

College Republicans meets tonight at 5:30 in EMU Cedar Room B.

SPEAKERS AND LECTURES

"From Conservative Utilization to Subsidized Plunder: Forest Service Management Policies and the New Environmental Consciousness" is the title of a lecture to be given by Mike Medler, an environmental studies graduate student. The lecture will be today at 4 p.m. in Room 106 Condon.

MISCELLANEOUS

"Great White Hunter" is the title of a video about class V rivers, to be shown today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 23 EMU. The showing is sponsored by the Outdoor Program.

"Where in the World Are You Going?" is the title of workshop on studying abroad through the Study Abroad Program. It will be held today at 3:30 in Room 164 Oregon Hall.

A workshop for physical therapy and occupational therapy practicum students will be held Thursday morning at 11 in Room 164 Oregon Hall

Communal Reconciliation penance service will be held tonight at 7:30 at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St.

Wednesday night Student Mass will be held tonight at 9 at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St. Refreshments will follow Mass

Traveling North: A Detour on the Road to Paradise is the title of a film to be shown tonight at 7 in the Sacred Heart General Hospital Auditorium. The film is part of the Mental Health and Cinema series.

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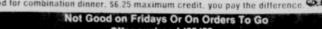
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