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Report finds no signs of toxic wastes

By Stephanie Mencimer
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An area of possible environmental concern was identified when the first of four assessments of the Riverfront Research Park site was released Friday.

LR Squier Associates, the environmental consulting firm contracted to assess the property, found a partially buried drum in the northwest corner of the Silva orchard, located off Franklin Boulevard, said University project representative Diane Wiley.

Wiley said interviews with University Physical Plant employees had suggested the drum might contain a deer carcass, but the report said the drum was crushed and apparently empty.

The report recommended further exploration of this area, although it said the probability of finding more drums is low.

Wiley said the University plans to follow up on the report but said she is not sure whether the consulting firm or the Physical Plant will carry out the recommendations.

The report also recommended that the University evaluate the environmental impact of underground storage tanks on two adjacent properties on the Silva orchard sector.

The Department of Environmental Quality identified an adjoining property at 1715 Franklin Blvd., as a leaking underground storage tank site. According to the Squier report, a report on the site to the regional DEQ office is currently under review.

The assessment report recommended that two petroleum tanks and connected lines at 1565 Franklin Blvd. be tested for leaks and the underlying soils evaluated for possible environmental impact on the Silva orchard.

As part of the assessment Squier analyzed water samples from the Millrace for chlorinated pesticides, herbicides and PCBs; none were detected. No signs of arsenic, cadmium, chromium, lead and mercury were found. The test also

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Off-season strategies

College athletes who make it to the NFL learn the rules to a new game — avoiding unscrupulous agents and contracts that bankrupt their futures.



By Joe Kidd
Emerald Reporter

It has been said "the love of money is the root of all evil." And some people may argue that the proverb is especially true in the National Football League.

With NFL rookie minimum wages set at \$50,000 per year and a recent top draft-pick contract climbing to \$15 million for six years, it's no wonder there's as much strategy in off-season maneuvering as there is in the heat of a Super Bowl huddle.

Last week's NFL draft process was just this sort of skirmish.

Four Ducks were plucked up in the two-day selection flurry, and since the draft three others have signed free-agent contracts. Terry Obee and Derek Horton, who were not chosen during the draft, were contracted by the Seattle Seahawks, and Chris Husko has signed with the Detroit Lions.

But in the game of agents and players, the rules are often broken and the players are not always well-educated about the process, said NFL spokesman John Jones.

Although most are fair and honest, the field of agents "has a record of abuses," and corruption "is at times deep and widespread," Jones said during a telephone interview last week from New York.

Although football coach Rich Brooks said the University has gained a group of reputable agents that continues to represent the University's athletes year after year, he noted that disreputable agents who misrepresent or exploit players are "not too uncommon." These agents are the primary reason the Career Counseling Panel was established last year, Brooks said.

The panel, which screens agents and informs players of the world after college, represents a national trend among colleges of establishing these groups to protect their players.

"Sometimes 21- or 22-year-olds don't look past their nose to check into the credentials of agents," Brooks said. "The old adage 'Read the fine print and buyer beware' are very fitting here."

Exploitation

Because players' salaries range from tens of thousands to millions of dollars and the average professional football career lasts only 4.4 years, there are many ways agents can exploit players or damage players' careers, Jones said.

"Sometimes a player can become a pawn in the agent's negotiating game," he said. In the past, agents have been found holding out on a lower-ranking player's contract as a bribe for a team to settle a higher-rated player's contract

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Election results

Here are the results from the 1990 ASUO General Elections. Winning candidates' names are in *italics*.

IFC (2 year)

Freddy Vilches — 979
Michael Colson — 804
Tim Hughes — 747
Travis Green — 558

ASPAC

Christine Saito — 629
Bethany Strasbourg — 623
Tom Oberhue — 614
Mark Rosencrantz — 429

Student Senate Seat 3
Chris Cellars

Student Senate Seat 4
Darin Linnman

Student Senate Seat 5
Stefan Stent

Student Senate Seat 6

Katie Shelby

Student Senate Seat 8

Brian Daily

Student Senate Seat 9

Jeff Lathrop

Student Senate Seat 10

Christi Druce

Student Senate Seat 11

Kevin Bonham

Student Senate Seat 13

Craig Wanichek

Student Senate Seat 14

Brian Hoop

Student Senate Seat 16

Amy Brandon

Measure 1 — LTD bus service

Yes - 1,977 No - 344

Measure 2 — Campus radio

Yes - 1,852 No - 439

Measure 3 - OSPIRG

Yes - 1,759 No - 564

Measure 4 - Employment Pledge

Yes - 1,750 No - 509

Measure 5 - Toxic Materials

Yes - 1,814 No - 394

Measure 6 - Graduation Pledge

Yes - 1,398 No - 654

Measure 7 - Health Insurance

Mandatory - 59

Strict Waiver - 140

Loose Waiver - 369

Voluntary - 1,740

Measure 8 - Counseling Center

Yes - 1,428 No - 646

Measure 9 - Child Care

Yes - 1,751 No - 387

Mandatory insurance rejected by students

By Catherine Hawley
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Students voted overwhelmingly to keep voluntary health insurance and approved the eight other measures on the ballot during general elections last week.

Members of the elections board counted 2,441 ballots representing about 14 percent of the student body.

More than 70 percent of voters chose option D on Measure 7, the student health insurance measure. Only 59 students, or 3 percent of voters, asked that participation in the insurance program be mandatory, as recommended by the Student

Health Insurance Committee last fall.

About 20 percent voted for some kind of waiver that would exempt students with their own insurance plans from participating in the plan offered by the ASUO.

In other ballot measures, voters approved allocations of more than half a million dollars for student services and campus organizations.

Students agreed to chip in about \$25,000 to start a mixed-format campus radio station to run in conjunction with KWAX, the University-funded classical music station.

They also approved budget

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