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Child care subsidies expanded

Parents will have more care options

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Recent changes in the ASUO Child Care Subsidy Program will allow University student-parents more flexibility in the kinds of day care programs for which they can receive financial assistance.

Also, the maximum amount of assistance a parent can receive has been increased.

Parents can now receive child care subsidy funds for day care facilities that are:

- primarily educational and provide care to children age 30 months to six years for less than four hours a day.
- operated by a school district, political subdivision of Oregon or a government agency.
- operated as a parent cooperative for no more more than four hours a day.

None of the above types of day-care facilities require certification from the Children Services Division.

Previously, parents could receive assistance only if a child was enrolled in One of the University's day care centers, a CSD-certified child care program, a CSD-registered family day care provider or an in-home care provider.



Photo by Andre Ranieri

Vincent You brushes up on his painting skills at the University's Westmoreland day care center.

The new policy was formed in response to parents who were asking for exceptions to the previous ASUO requirements, said Jennifer Collins, ASUO assistant University affairs coordinator and representative to the task force.

"When the task force was formed, the criteria that was used was based on CSD criteria and what they would approve of," she

said. "But CSD includes the kinds of programs that we added, so we're still in line with them. There are certain programs where CSD doesn't require certification."

Some of the local programs that now qualify for ASUO subsidy assistance include Eugene Parks and

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Water, electric rates to go up

By June Russell
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The Eugene Water and Electric Board of Commissioners presented water and electric rate increase proposals designed to cover rising power and operating costs at a public hearing Monday night.

The proposed 5.8 percent increase in electric rates would add about \$3.03 to a monthly residential bill for 1,350 kilowatt hours. Currently, 59,975 customers are served under the residential rate schedule. No change is recommended in the \$5.00 basic charge.

The recommended 7.5 percent average increase would add about \$0.64 to a typical residential billing for 9,000 gallons of water, affecting some 31,000 residential customers. The board recommends an increase in the basic service charge from \$4.60 per month to \$4.85.

Under the rate plan, rate increases are proportionately lower for consistently lower users of water and electricity, as an incentive for customers to use less water and electricity. The new rates will take effect with billings on or after April 2, 1991.

Consumers using 500 kilowatts-hours per month would be affected by 5 percent increases, while higher levels of consumption will have rate increases of 5.6 to 6.3 percent, according to rate proposals. Customers consuming in the low range of 3000 gallons per month would be affected by increases of 6 percent, while customers with higher water consumption would see rate increases of 7.1 to 7.4 percent.

The rate increases are planned to cover annual costs for purchased power, planned resource acquisitions, capital expenditures and other expenses associated with the ongoing operation and maintenance of EWEB water and electric systems, said Dick Helgeson, EWEB manager of rates.

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Small group keeping vigil at Federal Building



Photo by Andre Ranieri

Eugene resident Gloria Haxter continues to demonstrate at the Federal Building despite decreasing turnouts.

By Yoko Kuramoto
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Only a handful of protesters remain in front of the Federal Building in downtown Eugene less than a month after the outbreak of the Persian Gulf War.

A changing cast of fewer than 10 people now demonstrate in the area in front of the Federal Building, where an estimated 2,000 people rallied the night of the U.S. attack on Iraq on Jan. 16.

One protester, Russ Curasi of Sacramento, Calif., said he is discouraged by the dwindling number of participants.

"I guess they just quit caring about it," he said of the protesters who have stopped demonstrating in recent weeks.

Another protester, Michael Wilson of Springfield, disagrees.

"Some people got disgusted with it," Wilson said. Though people still care, he said, "they think it's too late to do anything about it."

Wilson also pointed out that most people are busy with other concerns.

"I don't think anybody's going to devote their whole life to standing down here at the Federal Building," Wilson said.

Vietnam veteran Rick Dormer, who describes himself as one of the protest's organizers, said he believes clashes between pro-administration demonstrators and peace demonstrators contributed to smaller protest turnouts.

But even fewer pro-administration demonstrators remain at their post across the street from the Federal Building. On some recent days, none came at all.

"They've been pretty weather-conscious," Dormer said of pro-administration demonstrators.

Dormer said he believes peace demonstrations will start to grow again, "especially as body bags start mounting up."

"It's going to take something like that to

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town Eugene may be on the horizon, after the Eugene Planning Commission voted 7-0 Monday to approve new plans for the area.

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Gulf War

Allied military leaders today claimed bombing by coalition air forces had effectively cut off access to the

Iraqi port city of Basra, and missiles from Iraq again fell on Saudi Arabia and Israel.

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Sports

Men's basketball Coach Don Monson has been named as an assistant coach to the

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How good is Jennifer Bourn at shooting the three? Good enough to break the record for three-pointers in a game (seven, vs. Arizona State) and probably for the season (41).

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Jennifer Bourn