

Elementary student dreams big

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When it came to suggesting a renovation idea for Condon School's playground, Katy Ferguson thought big.

Ferguson, 7, of East Eugene, proposed redesigning the entire building and installing a sand-box, trampoline, gym, running track, tennis and volleyball court, merry-go-round, night lights and an apple tree under a roofed addition to the school.

Katy made her proposal at Saturday's "Dream a Playground" public-input meeting held at the school.

Ferguson's suggestions were among those put forward at the meeting, sponsored by the University Condon School Playground Park Committee and designed to solicit ideas from children and adults about improving the site's playground.

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The existing playground, designed and built with private funds and volunteer labor in 1977, has deteriorated to the point of hazard, said Karen Logvin, child and family services administrator with the University's Office of Human Resources.

Renovating the playground with equipment could serve both the community — particularly neighborhood residents — and the University, she said.

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The site is now used by the University's Child Care Program and community members, especially those from the East Campus housing area, according to the University's 19th and Agate Special Area Study, adopted in 1988.

The University, which began leasing Condon School from the Eugene School District in 1983 and bought the property in 1989, stated it would maintain the playground, said Chris Ramey, University architect with the Physical Plant.

"This (meeting) is just an extension of that promise," said Ramey, who attended Condon as an elementary school stu-

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dent in the 1950s.

The workshop had a good turnout, said University student John Fogarty, who, along with Ramey, jotted down recommendations from children and adults who drew their ideas with felt-tip pens on a plastic-overlay map of the school.

In addition, children drew pictures on strips of paper, or cut out and pasted photos from playground equipment catalogs.

Most of the children's recommended equipment was standard — swing sets, and merrygo-rounds, said Dennis Reynolds, EMU child care coordinator.

However, "a lot of them (also) wanted some kind of water (equipment)," Reynolds said. "To me, that's one of the most interesting ideas."

Such proposals were exactly the reason children were solicited for ideas at the meeting, said Bruce McKinlay, executive director of the University's Center for Advanced Technology and Education, which is located at the school. "They're users; they should have some input."

After the committee evaluates the meeting's proposals, a subcommittee will select playground equipment to purchase, McKinlay said. The project's estimated cost is \$10,000, with the University contributing an undetermined amount.

The committee is committed to installing the equipment by summer 1992, McKinlay said. The Physical Plant will handle the site preparation and installation.

Condon School was built in 1924 as Theodore Roosevelt Junior High School. In the 1950s, the school was converted to elementary use and named after geologist and University Professor Thomas Condon.

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## Quayle visit brings out protesters

PORTLAND (AP) — Vice President Dan Quayle, who arrived in Portland Saturday to receive an award for patriotism, shrugged off criticism of his decision to spend the Vietnam War stateside.

"It's the political season, we have to take these things in stride," Quayle said in a brief news conference after arriving at Portland International Airport.

He was to receive the Patriot's Award from the Congressional Medal of Honor Society at a banquet at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion.

His motorcade was greeted at the motel by 65 to 75 protesters, many expressing displeasure that Quayle was chosen to receive the Patriot Award.

"A lot of people are very upset that he's getting this award," said protester Robert Allan, 30, of Vancouver, Wash. "I really have nothing against Quayle. God forbid he should become President."

Quayle, in another comment at the airport news conference, repeated his strong criticism of nationally syndicated cartoonist Garry Trudeau over an upcoming Doonesbury comic strip that replays allegations Quayle used cocaine and Quaaludes.

"Garry Trudeau has a personal vendetta against me and the president," Quayle said. "Even for someone as left wing as Garry Trudeau this is a low step."

One of the protesters at the motel, however, touted a sign that read "Dan nose blow," in reference to the allegations.