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opportunities for public participation "at all levels of planning and development."

The coalition is also suing the University and the city of Eugene for failure to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and an adequate Environmental Assessment, which are both required by law for the Amazon Memorandum of Agreement.

The coalition is also claiming that the University and the city of Eugene have failed to comply with Oregon state law 358.640 (3), which requires approval by Oregon's Secretary of State for any state agency proposal that involves

significant alteration, transfer or demolition of state-owned historic resources.

Stotter announced Saturday that there is also an investigation underway by another federal agency — the National Advisory's Council — that parallels the coalition's federal lawsuit.

Stotter said the council, which is responsible for regulating historic values under the National Historic Preservation Act, is looking into whether the city of Eugene has violated the act.

Other supporters of saving the low-income housing complex joined Stotter Saturday in announcing the lawsuit to the public, claiming the University and the city of Eugene's memorandum of agreement fails to provide what

is best for low-income residents.

"I am very outraged at what has happened and the question before the city councilors [Monday] is how much justice can the poorest people in town afford, and why aren't they looking out for the interest of the low-income families in town?" said Michelle Summers-Thompson, chairwoman of the Amazon Community Tenants Council.

The Eugene City Council is conducting a public hearing tonight where they will affirm or reverse the Eugene Historic Review Board's Jan. 26th decision to approve the University's application for demolition.

The council meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the McNutt Room at City Hall.

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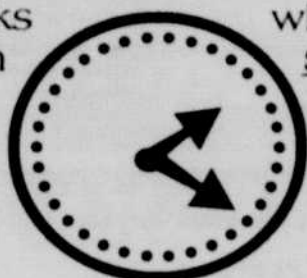
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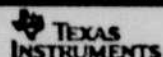
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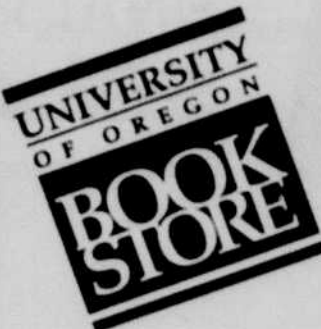
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Mount Pisgah Arboretum serves as a natural learning center. University students lead nature hikes at the arboretum.

KIDS

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ers just don't have the resources to do natural sciences programs like this."

Volunteer guides will go through 16 hours of training on the program topics and various aspects of the arboretum before leading the nature walks.

"It's really a good experience for someone who wants experience in outdoor education or even someone who wants to work with kids," Rosenthal said.

Rosenthal said the program is a good opportunity to get kids outside.

"Kids spend so much time in front of the television these days," she said. "It's vital that we get them to get out and reconnect them with the environment."

The program had 2,600 kids go on nature walks last spring and 2,500 kids last fall from more than 30 area schools.

Dorris Potter, a fifth-grade teacher at Bohemia Elementary School in Cottage Grove who has brought her students to the arboretum for the past six years, said the program is important for kids' education.

"We don't have many opportunities like this," she said. "It's a beautiful outing for the kids, and it's something that we can afford with our tight budget."

Rosenthal said the program was important for the future of the global environment.

"Only by reconnecting [kids] with their own vital place in the web of life will they be able to make sensible decisions that effect the future of this planet," she said.

Jim Nusser, a University senior majoring in biology, said the program is a wonderful experience and encouraged students to volunteer.

"It's a neat opportunity to share information, experience working with kids and be a part of their education," he said.

Nusser said the arboretum, about 10 miles from the University, is a great place to learn about the environment.

"It's a neat area in that it's got a lot of examples of different ecosystems," he said. "You can walk from a pond with frogs and turtles to a meadow and then a little farther into a forest. Everything is close together."

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