

EMU child care enters 25th year

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While many of the toddlers in tow at the 25th birthday celebration of the EMU Child Care and Development Centers may not have known what exactly it was they were celebrating, the festivities on Tuesday took on a deeper significance for the adults present that surpassed a visit from the Oregon Duck or even oozing chocolate ice cream cones.

On June 22, 1970, the University set up a site for temporary child care in a house at 1511 Moss street, after a group of parents pressured the University for child care space, said Dennis Reynolds, child care coordinator.

Twenty-five years later, the original EMU Child Care and Development Center has given birth to a total of seven separate, state-certified child care sites in Eugene.

Reynolds said the centers serve the dual purpose of providing child care and opportunities for students to gain work-study positions and internships.

Admission to the centers is based on a point priority system. University students receive first priority for vacancies, followed by University employees and community members.

The centers care for approximately 185 children a week, said Reynolds, and employ about 95 students.

The Moss street building, the site for Tuesday's birthday party, provides child care for children ages 36 months to 5 years old. The other six buildings provide care for different age groups.

Mary Zukin, lead teacher at the Moss street preschool, said she hopes it will continue to be a permanent location for child care well into the future.

"Good child care happens in funky buildings," Zukin said.

A new child care center, the Vivian Olim center, is expected to be in operation this winter. The Olim center is hoped to serve as a complementary site for child care for University faculty and staff by creating more opportunities for child care.

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"What is it about the algorithm that could be improved is what we look at," Ginsberg said. "We make a hypothesis and then test it."

To solve problems, Ginsberg said a given organization must translate its scheduling problem from English to a special sort of mathematical language

that the computers at the University's Computational Intelligence Research Lab can understand, and thus determine the best way, out of myriad possibilities proposed by the computers, to solve the problem.

This sort of technology delves into the world of artificial intelligence; an advanced field of computer technology where one day computers will be able to

read a book and explain what it means to a 3-year-old, Ginsberg said.

Ginsberg, who received his doctorate in mathematical physics from Oxford, helped to establish the lab in 1993. The lab, which is located in the Riverfront Research Park on Franklin Boulevard, is associated with the University and supported by external funding sources.

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result of heart attack, electrocution, near drowning, etc.," according to material provided by the council.

Also, the material said, a four-minute response time is necessary for fire suppression because the contents of a burning building can be heated to ignition temperatures within four minutes. After that, the contents will catch on fire from heat alone, without a flame.

The resolution also includes a voter's pamphlet for the election. A pamphlet was not prepared for the May election.

Discussion about the redeployment measure centered on cost, and the increase to property taxes interested many of the council members.

Although Councilman Pat Farr said he supported the measure, he is concerned about adding to the property taxes.

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district does not know how long it will take to reach full enrollment.

Funds will be used for one teacher, two instructional assistants, a part-time case manager and related staff, as well as, materials, equipment and operational costs.

The program is not intended to function as a substitute from other school programs — the youth will not be able to graduate from the program. Instead, it will emphasize on educational evaluation, referral and resource connections.

"It's important to remember this is not an alternative school," Nichols said. "It's designed to be a bridge — a new road."

make themselves, said detective Tom Turner of the Eugene Department of Public Safety.

Homemade fireworks create the greatest danger because they lack the stability of factory production, he said.

Modifications to legal fireworks also pose hazards, he said.

"Some of the most common fireworks are altered to make them illegal," he said.

Turner works with an explosives disposal unit that seizes and disposes of illegal fireworks, he said. They take possession of around 200 pounds of illegal fireworks a year, he said.

About half of that amount is seized at the Fourth of July celebration that takes place each year at Autzen Stadium, Turner said.

The team destroys the fireworks by burning them.

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fireworks caused \$241,000 in damage, while the state was forced to spend \$231,000 controlling the fires, she said.

While most damage is caused by fireworks sold in the state of Oregon, fires and injuries can also be caused by illegal fireworks that come from across state lines, or ones that people

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