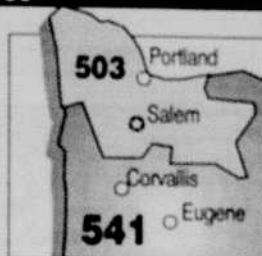


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TODAY

Starting Sunday, Eugene will use the new 541 area code. You can use the 503 area code until June 30, 1996.



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Coup/Clucks, a comedy written by Jane Martin, opens next Wednesday at the Arena Theater in Villard Hall

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Jaden (front) and Seth play after their nap Thursday with fewer kids than usual due to capacity problems at the Amazon Family Co-op Center. The center has been caught in the middle of the controversy over the demolition of Amazon.

Amazon Family Co-op feels funding crunch

■ **CHILDREN:** With enrollment down, the center needs more money to operate

By Colleen Pohlig
In-Depth Editor

Despite the fact that the Amazon Co-op Family Center is snugly tucked in the middle of the remaining 60 Amazon Family Housing units, the children, parents and teachers of the center haven't been able to escape the effects of the two-year controversy surrounding the University's reconstruction plans for the low-income complex.

In addition to struggling to make the demolition of buildings and the consequential changes a positive experience for the day-care children, parents and teachers at the center are now facing another kind of problem: a financial crunch brought on by under-enrollment.

"It's amazing — people think [the co-op] is gone along with most of the buildings," said co-op director Susy Blanchard.

Most of the 220 families who were living at the site until last year are gone. And new student resident won't return until the University's new 132 housing units on the south end of the site are completed in mid-September 1996 — along with a new 100-child co-op center.

As a result of the majority of Amazon's tenants leaving, the center's brightly painted rooms haven't been filled to capacity for the first time since the co-op opened in 1978. While the center's infant-toddler and school-age programs are both full waiting lists, its preschool enrollment is down 25 percent below capacity, or 18 children.

Six open slots may not sound like

“We're committed to continuing to provide family living wages for the staff and low-cost child care for student parents.”

— Susy Blanchard
Director of Amazon Co-op Family Center

a lot, but for a non-profit corporation, the missed funds hurt, Blanchard said. So far, the center has had to receive \$6,000 in emergency funding from the ASUO.

The center does give priority for enrollment first to Amazon family residents, then University family housing residents followed by University student parents and University staff and faculty. Lane

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Internet issues to be discussed at conference

■ **REGULATION:** The event will address privacy, overprotection and intellectual property rights on the Internet

By Brian Womack
Higher Education Reporter

As the Internet continues to demand a larger place in society, some are demanding it be regulated before society is hurt by its growing influence.

Today and Saturday, lawyers, business people and professors will address that issue at a free conference titled, "Innovation and the Information Environment." Papers from the conference will be submitted to a symposium that will appear in the *Oregon Law Review*.

"It's Oregon's attempt to be part of the legal rules that are going to be written," said Keith Aoki, director of the conference and assistant professor of law.

The conference will tackle the controversial subject of intellectual property rights, he said.

James Boyle, a professor of law at American University in Washington D.C., will speak at the conference. Intellectual property is being over-protected, he said. Copyrighted material is too limited to specific applications.

Another problem with overprotection is that it can stifle freedom of speech if it costs money to obtain information because of licensing on the Internet, he said.

The information and tools are too basic to society to be licensed, he said.

"How could [reporters] write stories if the alphabet was copyrighted?" he asked.

Aoki said the conference will also undertake the controversial subject of privacy, including computer mail.

"E-mail is not very confidential," said Richard Painter, director of the Law and Entrepreneurship program. He said it's not too difficult for some computer users to view other people's mail.

This carries over into other areas like getting into databases traditionally excluded from the public like medical records.

Linda Ziskin, a second-year law student who assisted in organizing the conference, said the

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Demand requires Oregon to receive 541 as additional area code

■ **TELEPHONE:** New code may not be compatible with some modems and fax machines

By Marcelene Edwards
Community Editor

Starting Sunday Oregon residents outside the northwest corner of the state will change to the new 541 area code.

Callers will still be able to use the 503 area code until June

30, which gives people time to tell family and friends about the change and to get new business cards and letterhead. Portland and Salem areas will keep the 503 area code.

An explosion in the demand for telephone numbers prompted the addition of a new area code, said Jim Haynes, a spokesman for US West Communications. Phone companies around the state began running out of space and were

looking for a solution.

"[The demand] is because pagers, cellular phones and additional telephone lines in homes take up numbers," he said.

A few years ago the phone companies anticipated the problem and switched from a seven digit dialing system, which allows a caller to place only a 1 in front of the number to make a long-distance call, to 10 digit dialing, which requires a 1 and an area code. This

allows phone companies to use area codes as prefixes.

Some people will have trouble using the new number. A number of telephones, modems or fax machines were programmed to recognize only 0 or 1 for the middle digit of an area code.

"The most important thing for a business to keep in mind is that the people who call from out of state could have a system that may not recognize the

number as an area code," he said. These people may not know what is wrong with the number.

All the University phone systems are programmed to accept the new numbers, said David Barta, manager for University telecommunications office.

After June, those people dialing the 503 area code for 541 numbers will get a recording directing them to the new number.