

Care: Children of faculty, staff get first priority

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will become available when the second phase is completed.

"When we get the funding, we'll start architecture plans," she said. "The second phase is moving forward. There's no end date."

The center caters to children ages six weeks to 11 years, which will lessen pressure for day-care space, especially for children younger than 2 1/2 years, Logvin said. It is also open year round, while the other facilities are open only for the school year. Most importantly, she said, it is designated for the faculty and staff, but 10 percent of the slots are open for students.

Currently, there are approximately 250 child-care slots within the campus. Other facilities are the Child Care Development Center, comprised of seven facilities at the EMU, East Campus and Westmoreland Family Housing; Co-Op Family Center in Spencer View Family Housing and the Agate Baby Cottage.

Students have first priority for most of the centers, said Dennis Reynolds, CCDC coordinator. Faculty and staff members are given second priority, and if spaces were available, community members were welcome. Most of the time, the faculty and community had to "fly standby" before the expansion, Reynolds said.

Enrollment is decreasing within the preschool segments, which has helped waiting lists, he added.

"We've been operating in the past few years with waiting lists, which were mainly [University] employees," Reynolds said. "We're seeing a general drop in this community. All the [child-care] directors are saying, 'Where are the kids?'"

"This could be because graduate student enrollment is down as well. This indicates that if this

trend continues, it means typically fewer students with children."

COSTS

Child care can be expensive for students but costs can be cut by how students schedule their child-care services, Reynolds said.

"We're set up to try and minimize costs to students and to make it work for their schedules," he said.

CCDC Full-time toddler programs are \$122 a week for University students and \$130 for non-University students. Preschool, prekindergarten and kindergarten programs are \$89 or \$98 a week.

Vivian Olum Child Development Center full-time fees are \$525 per month for infants and toddlers and are \$400 for preschool and kindergarten students. For kindergarten-aged children, wraparound transportation cost is \$325 and is \$200 for school-age children with transportation. Cost for school-age children without transportation is \$160.

Financial support for University parents is available through a variety of programs.

The ASUO Student Child Care Subsidy helps the majority of University parents, Reynolds said. Funded by student incidental fees, \$400.00 is set aside to pay a percentage of child care expenses.

Another financial program is the Student Block Grant, which serves the entire state of Oregon. However, funds are limited because of Measure 5, which was passed in 1990.

The last option is loans and/or a working partner, Reynolds said.

"We see a lot of tag team higher education," he added. "One parent will go to school, while the other works. Then they switch."

Students are eligible for these programs by demonstrating financial need, Reynolds said.

"At this point, we still have slots

available for the subsidy program," he said. "We give out a total of 200 subsidies and right now, we have 20 left."

English major Rebecca Graff, a married mother of a 7/12 month old girl named Zoe, said the ASUO subsidy helped her tremendously.

"The subsidy pays for 45 percent for my child care, which makes it affordable," the 22-year-old senior said. "If I didn't have that, I would not have been able to go to school full time. I also have financial aid which give me a child-care allowance. It would be so much harder without that as well."

Zoe is enrolled in the Agate Baby Cottage, which is part of the co-op program. Graff said that this program helps with the expenses, and she knows her child is well-taken care of.

"The University donates the space, and parents interested get together and run the whole program," she said. "We make it nice and we have more control than a normal day care."

Junior Jenna Wasson's 3-year-old son, Dominic, is enrolled in the Co-Op Family Center in Spencer View Family Housing.

"I knew [my husband and I] couldn't live off working at a \$6 per hour job for the rest of our lives," she said. "We now have a family to support. I guess I have that additional drive to succeed because of my son."

Wasson also receives an ASUO subsidy and works at the Co-Op Family Center four hours a week. After the co-op and the subsidy, she said, child-care costs are \$130 a month.

She said child care is expensive, and the financial support she receives is invaluable.

"In the scheme of things, [child care] is affordable," Wasson said. "But, of course, as a student nothing is affordable."

Child care center dedicated to Olum 'reflects her spirit'

■ **DEDICATION:** The late University professor is known for her 'pioneering' work with children

By Tamyra Howser
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Dr. Vivian Goldstein Olum is described as a warm, brilliant, caring person who dedicated her life to helping children.

Monday, a child development center was dedicated to Olum.

"The center reflects the spirit of Vivian Olum," said Dr. Charlotte Peterson, a Eugene psychologist and a graduate student of Olum.

The late University psychology professor and wife of former University president Paul Olum was considered an inspiration for her pioneering work with children. She passed away in 1986 from cancer.

"Vivian had an intuitive sense with children," Peterson said. "She was a master of working with children."

Olum attended Swarthmore College and graduated in 1943. She received her Ph.D. from Cornell University and arrived at the University of Oregon as an associate professor of counseling and educational psychology in 1976.

Peterson described her interaction with children during psychology classes "magical."

During classes, Olum's students would watch her interact with children through a one-way mirror.

"It was a gift, watching her work. She would enter their world and would understand and put herself in a child's place," Peterson said. "She helped children heal from their greatest trauma."

"What distinguished her was that she understood children and their needs. She did more than interpret — she really believed in the child."

The child development center, which just opened this fall term, provides comprehensive year-round child care programs for children from six-week-old infants to 11 years of age. Parents have an active role with the center as well and are welcomed to visit their child anytime between classes.

"Vivian really believed children were undervalued especially with the critical needs for toddlers and infants," Peterson said. "She was not supportive to leaving the child alone."

The center was funded through Olum and Goldstein's families, other gifts and state-appropriated student building fees. The \$1.25 million center just finished its first phase, completing 4,760 square feet. After the second phase, the center will be 7,000 square feet.

Town Hall: Dole accused the president of misleading voters on Medicare issue

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Depression in asserting, "We have the worst economy in a century." Clinton shook his head at that, and recalled that this past February, Dole said "we had the best economy in 30 years."

On a night of spirited exchanges, one moment of political theater came when Clinton labeled Dole's tax plan a "scheme" that would either inflate the deficit or require devastating cuts in Medicare and other vital programs.

Staring at Clinton and chopping his hand in the air, Dole said he would not have promised to cut taxes and balance the budget without draconian cuts unless he was certain he could do so.

"I am going to keep my word to you." He

then turned to the audience and said, "I am going to keep my word to the American people." He was asked point blank by one questioner how he could do both — and said again he would keep his word without explaining how.

In addition to faulting Clinton's ethical record, Dole forcefully accused the president of misleading voters by saying Republicans were trying to cut Medicare. The truth, he said, was that Republicans would spend more on the program, just not as much as Democrats would.

"The president doesn't have any ideas so he is out trashing ours," Dole said.

On this point, Clinton held his ground: He said Republicans had tried to cut Medicare by \$270 billion in a plan that

would have required elderly Americans with scarce resources to pay \$270 more annually in premiums. Clinton's plan would save \$124 billion by reducing growth over the same period.

Dole put 35 years of congressional debating to good use, addressing audience members as if they were House or Senate colleagues, often leaning on his lectern.

Clinton, comfortably ahead in the polls, often appeared restrained, listening to Dole's attacks with skeptical looks. Finally, he countered with exasperation: "No attack ever created a job or educated a child, no insult ever cleaned up a toxic waste dump or helped an elderly person."

After the debate, Dole predicted Clinton

would suffer for not answering questions about administration ethics. "Silence is not an answer," he said. The challenger suggested a third debate, focused solely on economics. The Clinton camp said no thanks.

Clinton, at a post-debate rally, said the exchange had demonstrated he was the candidate with "more conviction that our best days are still ahead."

Republicans were ecstatic at Dole's performance, saying he had delivered a broad Clinton critique without appear mean or overly negative. But White House aides noted that not one of the 19 questions from voters was about ethics — and suggested Dole would suffer for failing to directly answer several questions to instead deliver attack lines.

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