

Center: Parents must plan ahead

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tial batch of scheduling right before registration ends."

Priorities shall be established no later than four weeks after the final day of Duck Call registration, the proposed amendment to OAR 571-24-005 states. Applications received after this time shall be processed on a space available basis.

Even though the application deadlines may change, the center will still maintain priority space for students' children.

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Spaces for child care are now

rated on a point scale. More points are given for full-time students with returning children in the program and fewer for part-time employees or GTFs applying for the first time. The admission point system gives first priority to the full-time student families, second is given to full-time University employee families and third is given to "community families," who have previously applied and been unable to gain access to child care services.

Reynolds admits that the proposed adjustments will place an extra burden on parents by forcing them to plan ahead, especially for students arriving in late August and September with children.

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EMU Child Care

"Students will need to let us know by June so that we can schedule them," Reynolds said.

Children under the age of six are accepted into the child care centers.

Safety: Alcohol often factor in deaths

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footbridge, where students and other young adults are known to engage in bridge jumping, and have found a large amount of debris under the surface of the water.

"We have dived in [the Autzen footbridge area] and it is a real hazard area. People also jump off the Knickerbocker footbridge and it isn't any better," Armstrong said. "What we have found, and it is important for people to know, is that the footbridges are where people throw a lot of stolen bikes. We've got bike frames down there and a whole mess of things people can and do get tangled in real easy."

A man drowned in the Willamette River underneath the Autzen footbridge last year. His leg became caught on an abandoned bicycle lying unseen on the river's bottom. It took skilled divers two days to free the body, according to Public Safety records.

Drowning is the second leading cause of death from unintentional injuries for youth aged 5 to 24 and the fourth leading cause of death from unintentional injuries for all ages, according to the National Safety Council's accident facts report.

Students congregate to the McKenzie River and many of Lane County's other scenic natural bodies of water during the warm weather months, and often alcohol is present, according to Armstrong.

"Alcohol seems like it is present in close to half the accidents during the summertime," Armstrong said. "It's out there and it's a big factor."

Alcohol and water activities don't mix. University students have been hearing this for years. According to Miner, however, the problem doesn't seem to diminish even with all the educational exercises the county has provided.

Each year the number of water accidents that involve alcohol remains high, according to Armstrong.

"These people need to realize that alcohol is a depressant and hinders the onset of all the body's responses to cold," Armstrong said.

Even with physically fit people the body systems fail quick in the cold water. Limbs get heavy, and, if the current is taking you pretty fast, it is difficult to get back to the shore, Armstrong said.

Armstrong tells potential swimmers and bridge jumpers that the most important thing to keep in mind is to be smart.

"People are out enjoying the park, and it's so peaceful and so nice that it is hard to remember that there is a cold, raging, drowning machine just a few feet away," Armstrong said. "It is really an attitude approach. With these recreational resources we really need to stay smart. If people are just heads up they'll be better off."

Trip: 'Cancer is not a death sentence'

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video camera and funds for gas and lodging.

Donations have already been coming in since *The Seattle Times* wrote an article on May 14 about Rian and the trip he is planning. However, more money is still needed.

"We were surprised by the response," Jay said. "People have been so nice. We have gotten about 300 to 350 letters, some containing checks. It surprised us what people are willing to do for strangers."

About five years ago Rian had the opportunity to make a wish of his come true through the Foundation. His dream, he said, was to meet actor Chevy Chase.

"I have always been a huge fan of his," Rian said. "I think he is one of the funniest guys, and humor has been important to me through all of this."

Rian said the Foundation is important because it gives people

with terminal illnesses and their families something to look forward to. "Looking forward to the trip took my mind off everything else that was happening," Rian said. "This organization gives hope to so many people."

Rian and Jay have speeches scheduled in a couple of cities and are working on scheduling more speaking events for the trip. Jay said even if they don't have a place to speak, they will "hand out brochures on the street."

"We want to encourage people to donate to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and to cancer research," Jay said. "We have seen that Rian's story has moved a lot of people, and brought hope to many people's lives. We hope that through this we can touch millions more."

Rian and Jay are also planning to make a video documentary of their cross-country trip. "I want people to see what we will experience and a documentary is an

ideal way to do that," Rian said.

Jay said Rian's positive attitude is much of the reason why Rian has stayed healthy. It has also taught Jay how to be positive. "You can't help but catch the vibe when you are around him," Jay said. "Rian has decided to live life to the fullest. He doesn't worry about the bad stuff, he is so excited and so positive."

"I have a lot of hope," Rian said. "And that is what keeps me going. I am enjoying every day, and I am grateful for what I have. I am just living life to the fullest."

This trip, Rian said, is about fulfilling a dream for him. "Cancer is not a death sentence," he said. "People can still follow their dreams and this is mine. I want to see everything, I want to travel the country."

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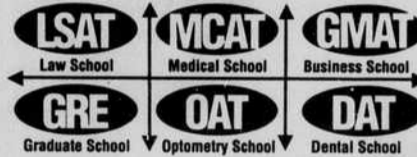
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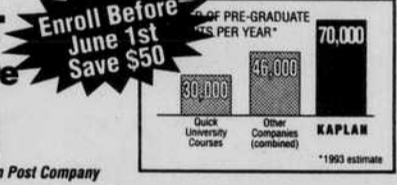
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