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Today is the priority deadline to apply for reenrollment or registration for winter 1998

WEATHER

Today
Partly cloudy
High 61. Low 41.
Tuesday
Cloudy
High 58. Low 40.

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Class tackles West University problems

Student Corrine Nesting said the class is working to make the West University area a 'gateway to the University'

By Michael Burnham
Community Reporter

The West University neighborhood — an area often seen as rich in the number of student residents as it is with apathetic com-

munity involvement and crime — will be getting a "face lift" through a University public policy class this fall.

Professors Mike Hibbard and Elizabeth Rocha are teaching a joint planning public policy and management class, titled "Public Policy and Community Development 323/448," in which students work with the neighborhood to solve some of its toughest problems.

Hibbard said the objective of the class is

to have students form groups that organize and motivate the residents of the neighborhood to work on solving some of its burdensome problems including crime, safety and a run-down image.

"It is a problem area," he said, "but there has not been any organized student attention being paid to it."

Rocha also attributes the neighborhood's problems to the "lack of involvement" of the student population in recent years. But both

professors hope the class will change this, especially after a 1996 city report revealed that 97 percent of the neighborhood is composed of renters who stay for an average of less than one year.

Corrine Nesting, a senior psychology major enrolled in the class, said each group will become familiar with the neighborhood and work on separate problems.

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A program's roots



City Council member Bobby Lee, Apple Henley Oxman, president of the Chinju Sister City Committee, and guests met at the Mount Pisgah Arboretum Friday to plant two trees honoring the Eugene-Chinju Sister City Program.

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OPS plans for services despite cuts

A student survey will help OPS determine what services are important to the community

By Teri Meeuwse
Higher Education Reporter

In response to a University-wide 3 percent budget cut in June, the Office of Public Safety is finding ways to keep the same services for students while tightening its belt.

"In terms of ability to deliver services to students, we genuinely want to deliver quality service, but it depends on the resources available to you," OPS director Stan Reeves said. "We need to think of new ways and creative ways to provide the same services at the same level without the money."

With cutbacks and holds on OPS funds, Reeves said the office has been brainstorming at staff meetings about how to give students the same quality of service with less money.

A student survey is being created for OPS to learn about what the community's priorities are in response time, Reeves said. For example, OPS wants to know whether it's more important to students to respond to a call on jump-starting a car or opening a locked car.

"We are at the beginning stages to create an appropriate design and to find the best way to approach it," he said.

This new plan is just the beginning of the effort to keep OPS services up to student standards.

"I think we're doing a real good job," Reeves said, "and a lot of that is attributable to a good staff."

Twenty-five percent of the OPS budget goes to the Eugene Police Department for its services, which cost \$400,000 a year. Originally, this meant four officers and a sergeant were on campus during the school year along with three officers and a sergeant on campus during the summer, Reeves said.

"The police contract was one of the few areas where there was a little bit of wiggle room to make these cuts," he said.

A year-round officer position was eliminated, as well as the sergeant position filled by Sgt. Dave Poppe during the summer. This left two officers on campus during the summer.

"The sergeant position lost is minor because the officers don't need a supervisor, but

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Cybersisters encourage girls in math, science

The program pairs girls with mentors who share their interest in technical fields

By Sam Giaconi
Freelance Reporter

Encouraging women to pursue careers in math and science. That's the main idea behind the new Cybersisters program.

While most mentor-student relationships involve physical contact, cybersisters communicate with each other using e-mail. The tele-mentoring program pairs 22 middle school girls in the Eugene-Springfield area with a University graduate student working in math and science fields. The program gives girls the time and freedom to discover how the Internet and other computer applications can be used to explore what they enjoy most.

"This program gives us an opportunity to encourage younger women to pursue high-level careers in math and science, while pairing them with women who have suc-

ceeded in these fields," said Jill Bishop, co-founder of Cybersisters. Bishop is an employee at WISTEC, a local science museum that is coordinating the program.

The middle school girls are usually recommended to the program by one of their teachers. From there they fill out an application designed to determine their interests in math and science fields. After concluding the application process, they are paired with a graduate student who has similar interests.

The project begins by students e-mailing their mentors at least three times a week. Much of this time is spent getting to know each other.

Typical questions students ask include how their mentors became interested in

"It is wonderful to be able to encourage young women to pursue careers in math and science."

Renee Bourgeois
Geology graduate student

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