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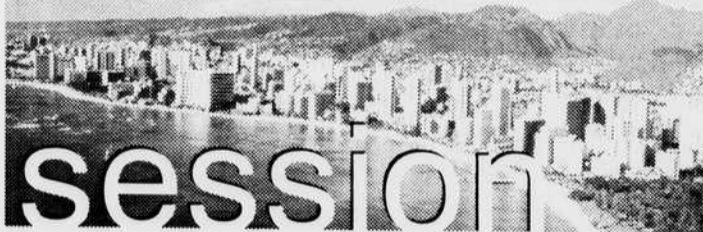


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Hyundai hires more technicians

The Eugene plant hopes to be at full production level by September

By Jesse Sowa
Community Reporter

Hyundai Semiconductor America recently hired its sixth wave of manufacturing technicians for its computer chip factory in west Eugene, bringing the total number of technicians to about 285.

Hyundai spokesman John Lively said the company wants the number of technicians to reach 400 before September, the date when the company hopes to be at the full production level. Hyundai began production during December of last year, meeting its self-constructed deadline to get things under way in 1997.

Newly hired manufacturing technicians begin work at \$9.20 per hour and begin an eight-week training program at Lane Community College after two days of orientation. The program's curriculum includes intensive work in mathematics, chemistry, technical reading and writing and the general semiconductor process flow.

The next level in the training process requires the technicians to move into a four-week training program aimed at developing expertise in processes specific to Hyundai's Dynamic Random Ac-

cess Memory chips technology. Following completion of the program, the technicians are given a graduation ceremony. The technicians are given certificates for successfully completing the training and are given a pay raise to \$9.50 an hour.

After the completion of the training program, the newly trained technicians become part of the manufacturing processes and are assigned to functional areas such as qualifying equipment, running equipment and monitoring production lines.

Lively said more than 90 percent of those who enter training complete the two programs. Manufacturing technicians are originally hired based on testing that requires strengths in math, chemistry and interpersonal skills.

All of the technicians are from Oregon, and most are residents of Lane County.

"Hyundai has demonstrated to us that they are truly committed to hiring local Oregonians," said Carol Fairbourn of the Oregon Employment Department. "They offer a very competitive wage and benefits package along with other incentives. It is satisfying to be part of such a successful labor exchange."

Hyundai has received more than 5,000 applications from local residents interested in working for

the company.

"We've been very pleased with the quality of applicants we've attracted," said Linda Norris, director of human resources at Hyundai. "Our manufacturing technicians represent both sexes, a wide age range and a variety of backgrounds. The training they receive at LCC and on-site is the best I've seen."

Lively said some limited hiring will be done for engineers and technicians before September. Hyundai currently employs 621 people, and that number will rise to about 790 when the company is at its full production level in the fall.

Full production at Hyundai will allow it to produce 30,000 eight-inch-long wafers per month. Each wafer contains about 200 chips and will be shipped to South Korea upon completion.

Hyundai also recently named S. E. Ju, an executive with its parent company in South Korea, as its new chief executive officer and president.

Ju, senior vice president of Hyundai Electronics Industry, is a 15-year veteran of Hyundai and will oversee the \$1.4 billion factory. Ju takes the position vacated by former president Jim Hartman, who resigned for personal reasons last October.

ASUO unfazed by add-drop defeat

Although it had hoped for a win, the ASUO is still enthusiastic about other winter projects

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Editor

The ASUO couldn't have planned its setback in the University Senate any better.

The Senate voted Wednesday to deny the ASUO's proposal to extend the class add/drop deadline. The ASUO had hoped the Senate would vote on its proposal at the end of last term.

Instead, the Senate postponed its vote until this week. That gave the ASUO enough time to build up some momentum with its winter term campaigns.

"Last term, it might've gotten us down a little bit," ASUO President Bill Miner said. "Now we have

new people — they don't really see it as a defeat."

The ASUO's proposal, amended in the Senate meeting, would extend the deadline to add classes to 10 days and the deadline to drop classes to eight days. Students now have eight days to add and six days to drop classes without having "Withdrawal" marked on their transcript.

The campaign to extend the deadline had become a focal point at the end of fall term, and the ASUO looked forward to a Senate victory as an important cap to a successful term.

The defeat Wednesday came more than a week after the ASUO had kicked off its major winter term campaigns. It had already built enough support that a hold-over from fall term couldn't damage its enthusiasm, Miner said.

"We're definitely not losing any

momentum," he said. "This is just a bump in the road."

Student Senator Michael Olson introduced a motion to reconsider the decision. That means the Senate could vote to rehear the proposal at next month's meeting, Student Senator David McGee said.

"It's not a dead issue," he said. "But right now, the decision stands."

Miner and Vice President Ben Unger will lobby University Senators leading up to the reconsideration next term.

Students have said they want longer to decide on classes, Unger explained, pointing to an ASUO petition to extend the deadline that attracted more than 2,000 signatures.

"We did everything we were asked to do, and all it got us was disrespect," he said.

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