

Professor tapped for new position

■ University biology professor Karen Sprague will take charge in a newly developed position to help, among other things, ease the transition into freshman year

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In the hopes of advancing excellence in undergraduate education, the University has created a new position to be filled by Karen Sprague, a University biology professor. Sprague will begin her role as the University's first vice provost for undergraduate studies on July 1.

"The position developed out of a campus-wide effort known as the Process for Change," Provost and Academic Vice President John Moseley said.

The Process for Change is a grassroots organization that began about four years ago when students, staff and faculty came together to address new ways to create a more flexible, student-centered model of education.

"The project was prompted by the coming of millennium to start thinking about change," said Sprague.

Sprague became involved in the Process for Change two years ago when she began directing the University Task Force on Undergraduate Education. The Task Force implemented a number of new programs, including building scholarship funds and increasing student opportunities for real-world experience through internships, research and community service projects.

In her new role, Sprague will use her past experience and know-how to oversee academic advising, multicultural affairs, student retention programs and the implementation of undergraduate programs developed through the Process for Change.

"One of my main goals is to improve the freshman year," Sprague said. "I believe that we as

an institution can do better to get students started their first year."

The campus environment is another area where Sprague believes more attention should be focused.

"We need to create a diverse community by making efforts to bring diverse people here," Sprague said, "then we need to get these people to start talking."

As vice provost for undergraduate studies, Sprague will work

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with and be advised by the University's Undergraduate Council.

"The council is very excited about this new position," said Jim Long, previous Undergraduate Council Chair. "This position offers us a partnership and a point person who can take the ideas of research and flesh them through."

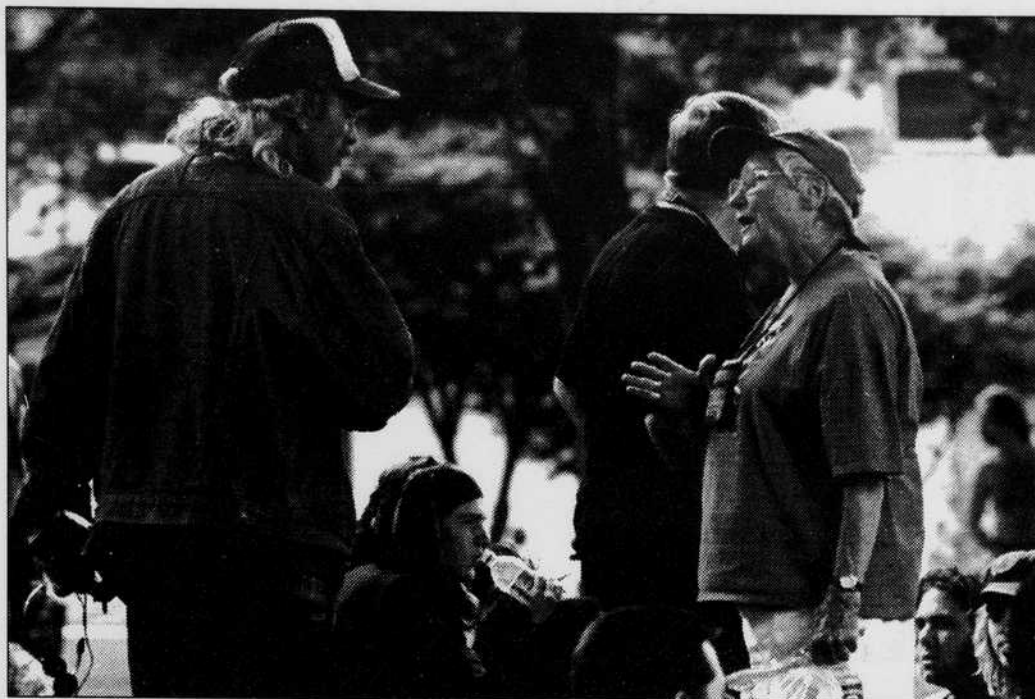
The new position is a step in helping to provide even more opportunities for undergraduates at the University.

"This appointment underscores our commitment to offering the best possible undergraduate education," Moseley said. "Karen Sprague brings to this position not only an innovative can-do approach to teaching, but terrific experience in teaching and research as a leader of the undergraduate task force in our Process for Change project."

advantages for many students, Zumbrunnen noted that it can have downsides.

"Course selection is not as great, and the condensed classes can be challenging," she said.

The counseling center advises students who are having trouble with classes to drop in Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Betty Taylor, right, a member of the city council, speaks to one of the protesters at the rally at Washington-Jefferson Park.

Anarchist rally

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not in uniform. They were in maroon vehicles parked on the side of the road and across the street, observing the gathering and making sure it did not get out of hand.

Even without a uniformed presence, the police were still fresh in the minds of those gathered at the park. One masked anarchist carried a sign about Industrial Workers of the World and said his main goal as an anarchist was to show support for the community, educate and agitate.

"People should have the right to do whatever they want," he said. "I don't want to give my name. That's why I'm wearing a mask ... I don't want to piss anyone off ... I'm just afraid of the cops."

Several other people came to the park carrying signs. Some favored the anarchists, some the police. One man favored them both.

"Eugene appreciates the good intentions of its police and anarchists. We just wish they would play more basketball," Eugene resident Tom Atlee's sign read.

"The vast majority of people in the community don't really want to take sides," Atlee said. "There's a lot of support for the anarchists and a lot of support for the cops. ... My sign is trying to say in a slightly humorous way that we consider there are good points to both of these groups, and if they would just stay within the good things, then it would be pretty cool."

One woman was not as supportive of the cops. She was especially critical of the way she

thinks they are carrying out their code of ethics.

"When you see [this] code of ethics, you're supposed to protect and serve the public — all citizens, every age," Ruth Duemler said, referring to a flier she handed out. "And it seems like they're abusing a lot of the public for the sake of the property owners. I don't like property damage, and I believe strongly in nonviolence. But I feel the police are here to serve all of us and not just the property owners."

The anarchists were left with the park to themselves for most of the day. They surrounded the foundation to the freeway, ate food, listened to speeches, watched a puppet show and played music.

With the absence of an overt police presence, there was only the peaceful discussion of what police intervention meant to these rallies and a feeling that the day just might pan out without trouble.

"If they had police officers surrounding the park, this would have been a different event today," Lee said.

"The more that you can have activities like this, where the police don't need to intervene, the more the bad blood is going to go away," Ward 1 City Councilor Gary Rayer said. "We're working on creating a forum where police and anarchists can find a common ground."

But despite what was to be a peaceful assembly, confined to the park, in the early evening Sunday, there was still the discussion of the presence of the observers and the absence of the police.

"Although well-intentioned, they do act as the first level of

policing," anarchist leader Steven Heslin said about the neutral observers. "I advocate working outside the legal system."

Heslin did say that he feels much less threatened by the observers than he does by the cops, but he offered what he considers a better alternative.

"Instead of being observers, more members of the community need to come down and observe the events themselves," Heslin said.

But many council members at the park and the observers themselves felt that is exactly what the observer program is.

"They're observing the police and the protesters," Mary Feldmann, one of two lead observers, said. "They're community members who are concerned."

"If the police come in and bust [the anarchists'] heads, then the observers can say, 'I saw that,'" Lee said.

But Heslin and the anarchists expressed their fundamental problem with an organization designed to observe the events.

"It still feels like they're here to monitor us," Heslin said.

But when the sun went down and the gathering left the park, the discussion and those observing the anarchists took a drastic change.

When the sun was still glaring over the still peaceful gathering in the park, Lee made a statement that best sums up the beginning day, and possibly the start of summer.

"So far it's been great, but still its not over yet," he said.

Jack Clifford and Rebecca Newell contributed to this article.

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