

Amendment

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choice would make use of the parking lot on Willamette Science and Technology Center grounds. The other two are along Leo Harris Parkway and an existing parking area on the northeast side of the stadium.

WISTEC currently sells season passes to football fans for parking privileges at the center, which is located southwest from Autzen,

across Leo Harris Parkway. McBride said that he and other administrators have to work through the complexities of overlapping agreements between the University, WISTEC and the city, which owns the parking area, before they can sit down and hash out a re-structured arrangement with WISTEC.

"We would prefer to see the staging area built on University property because that makes the most sense to WISTEC," said Meg Trendler, executive director for WISTEC. Trendler added that her

organization is not opposed to the Autzen Stadium expansion nor the passage of the parking code amendment.

City Manager Jim Johnson spoke briefly at Monday's meeting and addressed the bus staging issue. He said that he has had "good meetings" with both WISTEC and University officials, but the discussions are on-going. No date has been set for resolution, although McBride said he would like something in place before next month's season-opener.

According to Planning Commis-

sion President Peter Bartel, he has concerns in regard to how the loss of that parking lot income would impact WISTEC.

"The success of the athletic program at the University has caused that site to develop rather intensively with extremely large buildings and drawing large numbers of people," he said. "Those two things — WISTEC and its constituency and the Athletic Department and its constituency — appear to be on sort of a collision course.

"In this [potential] agreement, I think it behooves everyone to think very seriously [and] to have a plan about where WISTEC will be and what will happen to them, because these dollars that they get are very important to them."

Other opposition to the code amendment is expected to come from the East Alton Baker Park Citizen Planning Committee, which is an city-appointed group of 15 Eugene and Springfield citizens in charge of maintaining the park.

"My main concern is ... how the infusion of several thousand more

fans walking to and from Autzen Stadium will affect [the park]," said David Sonnichsen, vice chair of the EABPCPC. "I'm not convinced that the University's increased attention to the park at this time really addressed the future continuing health of the park."

Bartel said that he believes everyone involved in the process has been sensitive to the environmental and logistical concerns brought up during the plethora of meetings and work sessions.

"It will be doing a good thing for a broad cross-section of the community to have this be successful and success is defined by how gentle a footprint they're going to put on the landscape," he said. "It's [also] going to be defined by how cooperative people are and being sensitive to problems that will exist just because it's a new thing that we're doing.

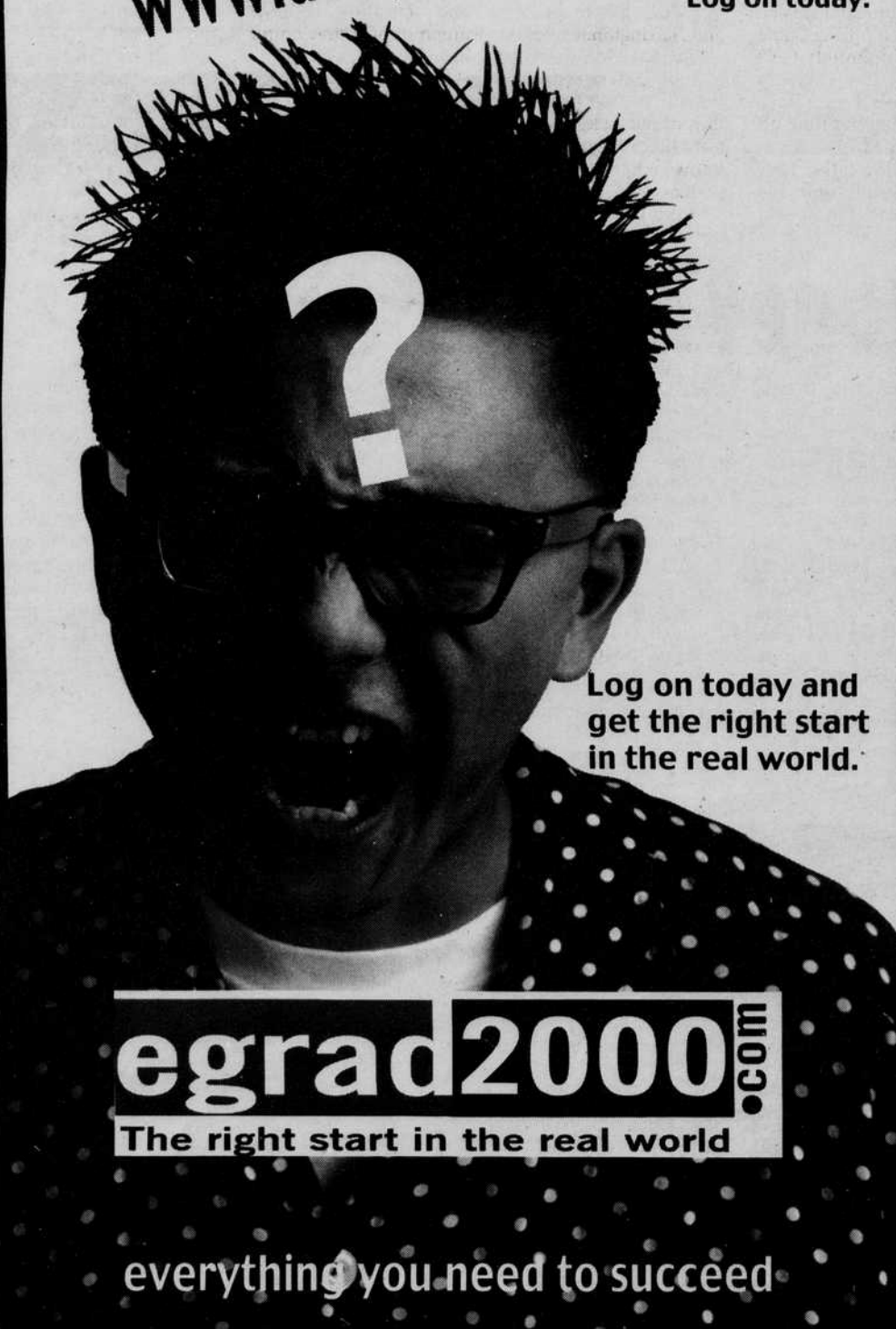
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