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Recycling technology



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Environmental health specialist Nick Williams sorts through a load of used computer equipment Monday at the Klamath Hall loading dock. The University Environmental Health and Safety program has spearheaded the recycling drive to help reduce lead seepage in local landfills.

Dumpster diving for computers

■ The University's Environmental Health and Safety program is leading the charge in properly disposing high-tech equipment

By Lisa Toth
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Computer monitors were being left anonymously on the University's loading docks, and electronic equipment was being found in trash bins. But thanks to the University's Environmental Health and Safety program, those monitors — which often contain hazardous materials that can leak out — are now being disposed of properly.

Karyn Kaplan, Campus Recycling's

program manager, said a recent survey by the Environmental Protection Agency found that 1.5 million computers have entered the waste stream as of today. By 2004, 315 million obsolete computers may be disposed of in landfills.

But the University's program has already diverted more than 1,000 pounds of lead according to Nick Williams, an environmental health specialist with the University's Facilities Services department.

University Property Control Specialist Susie Endow said Williams has been "the driving force" behind the program, which will either properly dispose of or reuse the University's state-owned computer and electronic equipment. Work-

ers collected the equipment Monday at the Streisinger and Klamath loading docks.

"This harvest gathers both the living and dead equipment," Williams said. "My concern is that the dead equipment be disposed of properly."

Williams also said the program will be able to reuse about 50 computer systems and 30 computer accessories, such as printers, that have been collected already. Those items will be donated back to the community through the state's surplus property program.

The collected computer equipment had been piling up in the closets, hallways and storage areas of campus build-

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Fee meetings hold no secrets

■ Panelists say Clark Document meetings are closed to the public because they're perfunctory

By Beata Mostafavi
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Some people at the University are concerned about closed meetings regarding recommended changes to the Clark Document. But those involved said the meetings are closed for a good reason — and that they have nothing to hide. For several weeks, a panel of five students and four administration members have discussed possible changes to the Clark Document, which governs use of the student incidental fee. The discussions stemmed from the ASUO Student Senate's proposal to remove two programs from the Erb Memorial Union budget and place them into the Programs Finance Committee's jurisdiction, but senators and EMU board members found rules governing such a change are unclear in the document.

Another issue under review is how the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Southworth v. the University of Wisconsin* will affect the University's ballot measure process. The Court's decision stated that incidental fees must be distributed on a viewpoint-neutral basis, meaning groups cannot be denied funds based on their views.

After the decision, the University president's legal counsel ruled that the ballot measure system is not viewpoint neutral, according to Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Anne Leavitt. While the budgetary process run by the senate involves "back and forth" discussions incorporating many perspectives, she said, the ballot measure process does not.

The nine-member panel's recommendations will be submitted to University President Dave Frohnmayer sometime next week, Leavitt said, and the same information will be disclosed to the public.

She added that the meetings are closed because more can be accomplished by a small group. Leavitt said the people at the table — including the ASUO president, the senate president and administration representatives — have the most experience with the fee process.

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News brief

Plan to pay to play in parks

Beginning this weekend and continuing through Labor Day weekend, parks throughout Eugene will charge a daily user fee to cover operating costs associated with the parks.

Lane County Parks will charge a \$3-per-car user fee at the following locations: Richardson Park, Orchard Point Park, Perkins Peninsula Park, Baker Bay Park, Hendricks Bridge Park and Armitage Park.

However, Lane County Parks offers a simple way to avoid paying the fee each time a person wants to venture out to one of the parks: Users can purchase a Lane County Parks season pass for \$30.

"If people plan on visiting more than 10 times a year, the pass is really the way to go," said Susan Schweitzer, a Lane County Parks office employee.

Since the parks don't receive any tax revenue, the user fee provides the necessary money for maintenance and operating expenses, she said.

She said that the fee has been charged during peak-use seasons since the 1970s.

Fees are necessary when operating some of the larger parks, such as Baker Bay, according to Lane County Park employee Robert Henderson.

Located eight miles east of Cottage Grove on Dorena Lake, Baker Bay Campground and Marina offers a full-service campground, group picnic sites, a boat ramp with plenty of parking and a demarcated swimming area.

"Right now, the lake is full — it's one of the only full ones around," he said, adding that although the lake's water comes straight from the mountains, its temperature is great for swimming.

Passes can be purchased at the Lane County Parks office located inside Armitage Park, at each park's fee booth and at G.I. Joe's.