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the assistant child care coordinator.

In between studies and other responsibilities, these student parents may have difficulty finding the time to read to their children at home, especially if they are single parents, she said.

Because of this, reading to children is already emphasized in the CCDC, she said. But she welcomes the extra resources and volunteers the new program will bring to the center.

"Teachers are really excited about the students coming in," she said. Student volunteers will read to children ranging in age from 1 to 7 years old at the CCDC sites, she said. And on the weekends, students will visit the Starbucks store on 18th Street to read to customers' children there.

Steve Ogo, the manager for the 18th Street Starbucks, worked with Farrington to obtain the grant for the University. He said the reading program is part of Starbucks' corporate philosophy of encouraging individual stores to become part of the local community.

The Storyteller Program also reflects a company and its desire to promote children's literacy, he said.

"Kids and literacy are really big to us," he said. "It really fit in well with what we want to do."

With many students in the greek system out of town for the summer, student volunteers won't be lined up until the program begins in the fall, greek adviser Shelley Sutherland said.

One student who already plans to participate, Jackie Reed, said she anticipates that many fraternity and sorority members will get involved with the program.

Reed, who is the treasurer for the Kappa Delta sorority, said she is looking forward to helping children learn to read.

"This will be a first for me, and it's kind of exciting," she said.

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ward schools that can attract and keep students.

His work has increased enrollment statewide.

He said the budget battles and finding the balance between quality schooling and a higher education budget that has been squeezed nationally were the most challenging and rewarding parts of his career in the OUS.

Bob Bruce, an assistant to the vice chancellor, said Cox achieved his success with an unmatched power to listen critically, especially in difficult deliberations.

"He worked for win-win situations with people," Bruce said.

University Vice President Dan Williams said he thinks Cox will leave a legacy for his work with the state's budget and creating performance-based governance at universities.

"He added incentive to the way we do our work," Williams said.

He said Cox made his and other administrators' jobs better by strengthening the ties between higher education and the business and legislative communities. During his term, Williams said, the two had an increased respect for what universities in Oregon do.

Bruce said no specific date has

been set for hiring a replacement, but the process will be through a combination of a nationwide hiring process and nominations.

Cox said he will spend his last months in office helping ease the new chancellor's transition until he or she is ready to take the reins alone.

Involved with higher education throughout the nation since 1969, Cox first served as the president of Southern Oregon University in Ashland before becoming chancellor. Although a return to teaching might be on the horizon, he wouldn't say for sure and will keep his options open.

"I'm not interested in retiring," he said. "I don't think I'll ever retire."

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