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University faces hearing for child care center

Officials will review permit applications for the site and hear from concerned neighbors at a July 24 hearing at City Hall

By Jillian Daley
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The University is looking to move forward plans for the East Campus

Children's Center, even as neighbors seek to revamp the proposed building specifications and move the site.

The University's applications for conditional use and site review permits for the project will be reviewed at a City Hall hearing 5 p.m. July 24. Eugene hearings official Virginia Gustafson will preside.

The permits would allow the

University to develop a new child care center in the Fairmount Neighborhood, where it owns housing property. The proposed site is located on the northeast corner of East 17th Avenue and Moss Street, west of Villard Street and east of Columbia Street.

The hearing is an opportunity for the public to speak on issues

about the plan.

People living near the area are worried about building specifications, particularly its large size and proposed location.

The Fairmount residents are concerned that the University has not honored a previous agreement.

"The neighborhood has an agreement with the University and

the city — the Fairmount-University of Oregon Special Area Study — about how to place things in the city," Fairmount Neighborhood Association member and former president Jeff Osanka said.

Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Jan Oliver said it is not

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CAUTION: DUCKLINGS AT PLAY

The 2002 University of Oregon Mad Duckling Summer Theatre, which opens today, will feature two plays this summer

By Jillian Daley
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Beaming children will soon sit on the crisp summer grass, laughing and breathing the pollen-laden air, which will be pierced by the occasional howling of a man standing center stage wearing a duster of a tail. This summer is the season of the wolf.

The 2002 University of Oregon Mad Duckling Summer Theatre opens this morning with "Who's Afraid of the Big, Bad Wolf?" The season continues with the late-July opening of "Pinocchio Commedia."

Children and families can catch the shows at the makeshift outdoor amphitheater on the south side of Robinson Theatre when the nearby Lillis Business Complex construction site is quiet. On loud construction days the play will be moved to the Robinson Theatre main stage inside Villard Hall.

Performances of "Wolf" run today to July 20, and "Pinocchio" runs from July 30 to August 10. The curtain goes up for both plays at 11 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and the running time is 50 minutes.

The casts of "Wolf" and "Pinocchio" are composed of seven University undergraduates. The directors of

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Kellen Terrett, left, portraying Cornelius B.B. Wolf, stalks around the house of his would-be prey, from left to right, Sarah Turnquist as Oink, L. Maximillian McCal as Porky, and Jana Schmieding as Bacon Bits.

Students help lobby for grants, tuition caps

Students around the state successfully join forces to fight budget measures that could have potentially hurt higher education

By Jan Montry
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University students have what it takes to influence their education, and the latest Legislative budget bill proves it.

Throughout the recent budget battle between the Oregon House and Senate, University students joined the fray and fought measures that could potentially increase tuition and hurt opportunity grants. After the Legislature passed a budget last week that cut the higher education budget substantially less than earlier plans, student efforts seem to have paid off.

ASUO President Rachel Pilliod, together with five other students, led the fight to lobby on behalf of college students statewide. The group conducted phone banking, e-mail blitzes and strategic calls thanking senators for their work. The group also traveled to Salem to meet with legislators.

"Our main goal was to try to limit
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Intel awards \$25,000 to CIS department

The company, along with the Oregon University System, is funding the development of new 'enhanced reality' technology

By Jenni Schultz
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Forgetting someone's name during a meeting on the street can be an embarrassing situation. But soon, it may be possible to get that name "whispered" in your ear just in the nick of time.

Intel Corporation and the Oregon University System have awarded \$25,000 to the University for the development of "Wearable/Mobile Laboratory and Wearable/Mobile Computing Curriculum," which will enable peo-

ple to conveniently access information from "a wearable device that projects what is equivalent to a 17-inch screen onto your eye in what is called enhanced reality, in that you still see your physical environment but can also see information imposed upon it," CIS Professor Steve Fickas said.

Fickas and Zary Segall have been working on this project for eight years and have been pitching it to grant foundations since 1994. Fickas credits Segall with the original formation of the idea.

The grant will allow them to devote their energy to research and development of the product. The recent award is one in a series of grants that began with an award totaling \$500,000 in 1995.

Fickas said the \$25,000 is a "down payment" for the project and that the "CIS department has generously chipped in some more."

Currently, the project is used for those with cognitive impairments as "travel assistants" that would help get a person to a destination, Fickas said.

"I believe we are currently the leaders in this type of research," he said. "It is possible that commercial devices might come out of this, although we only have research prototypes at present."

Fickas and Segall work closely with Carnegie Mellon University, which had started to look at the idea prior to 1994.

Intel granted the awards in order to improve technology training of new
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News brief

Explosive device detonates at Starbucks

An explosive device was detonated at 3:30 a.m. Saturday morning in front of Starbucks Coffee at 801 E. 13th Ave. The loud explosion set off business alarms and slightly damaged the front doors.

According to Eugene Arson Detective Bob Holland, there are currently no leads as to the perpetrator or motive. Holland said Starbucks has been a victim of vandalism in the past because of its politics.

"Starbucks continues to be a target of anti-globalism

sentiment," he said.

The Eugene Police Department classified the device used in the incident as an "improvised explosive device." The possibility of a manipulated firework was ruled out, Holland said.

Starbucks manager Eric Smith said the explosion only scratched paint on the doors and wasn't powerful enough to break glass.

"It was just a small little deal," he said.

Police said Saturday that several people heard the explosion but nobody was seen fleeing the scene. No one was injured in the explosion.

— Jan Montry