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Queen. "My answer was I would endorse glamour — of course — because I'm the most glamorous thing I know," he said.

Queen Bagonda offered some advice for wannabe queens. "Pull out all the stops. Go over the top. If you think something is too outrageous, then you should probably do it for the competition," he said. "The glory never ends when you are a SLUG Queen."

Once crowned, the queen of slime then trails over the Eugene Celebration, Sept. 20 to 22. The queen also participates in the Mayor's Art Show, the Eugene Celebration parade, the parade awards ceremony, press interviews, local events throughout the year and next year's coronation. Also, the queen receives a decadent five-pound slug-shaped chocolate truffle from Fenton & Lee Confections, a sash, crown and flowers.

The reigning SLUG Queen, Queen Darcy, thinks the best thing about being queen is reigning over the Eugene Celebration.

"The SLUG Queen adds regalness and glamour to the celebration," she said. "The queen makes it an unique Eugene event."

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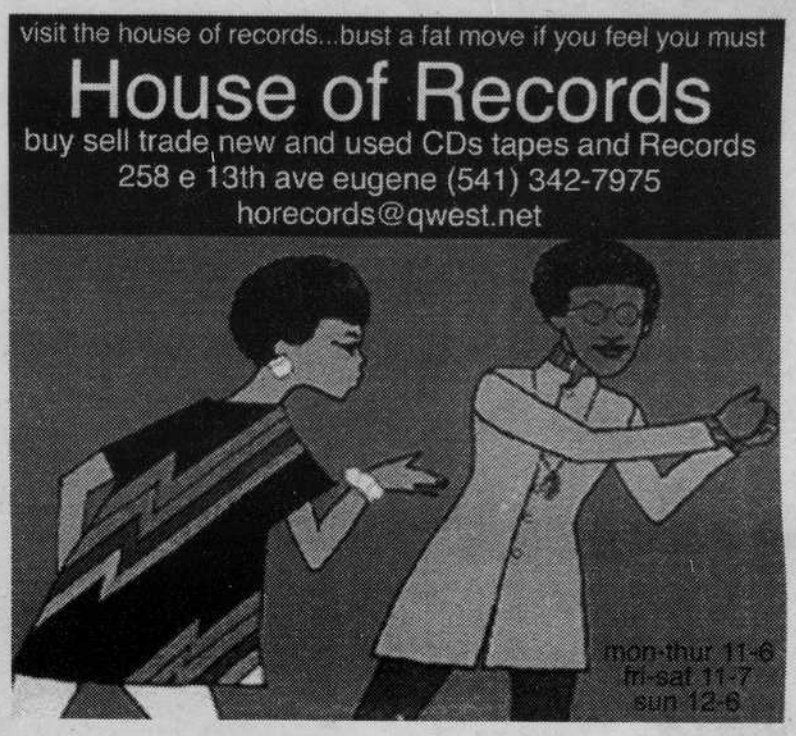
Queen Bagonda, Eugene's 1997 SLUG Queen.



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In order to get approval, the building has to meet certain criteria and building standards.

The Fairmount neighborhood is a medium-density area, so the University's plans for the building must blend in with the overall small-building size.

The proposed center is a design concept that is intended to be residential, EMU Child Care Coordinator Dennis Reynolds said.

Some contend that the current plans for the building would not allow the structure to blend in successfully with the neighborhood when it is built.

"I think it's institutional, and it doesn't fit the character (of the neighborhood) very well," Osanka said.

However, others say that the building does blend in. Those in support of the current proposed design for the site say that, because it is a one-story structure, it doesn't compete with the surrounding buildings, Lobisser said.

The ECCC will consist of classrooms, administrative offices, conference rooms and a kitchen, Lobisser said.

Lobisser added that the proposed building will be energy efficient because of the solar heating, ground source heat pump (which pulls energy from the earth) and dense walls.

The University has also determined specific materials that will be used for construction.

"We're trying to make this building as sustainable as possible by using natural and sustaining materials wherever possible," Lobisser said.

Supporters say the materials that will be used for the building help it blend in with the neighborhood as well as with the University.

"It has brick trim that reflects the brick campus," Reynolds said. "A very similar building is the fire station, which is located on the corner of 17th and Agate, which is just two blocks from where our site is.

"It feels a lot like a small school building — because that's what it is," he said. "A school is considered compatible with most neighborhoods."

Those who are opposed to the structure say that it is not the type of building that is under debate, but how it will be constructed in comparison to the other housing.

"Schools are allowed in residential neighborhoods, as are churches, but (the schools) have to be harmonious," Fairmount Neighborhood Association member Mary Ann Holser said.

"This is a historic neighborhood with a lot of character," Holser said. "(The proposed ECCC) doesn't have to fit in exactly, just not stick out like a sore thumb."

The center must also be up to University standards, and supporters say the University's standards are fairly high.

The University's current rules for construction state that any new building must exceed in quality the required building code specifications by 20 percent, so new construction must be above average, Reynolds said.

The building's structure and appearance are being analyzed according to many different standards, and by various individuals and groups.

"The reality in terms of aesthetics is, it's a judgment call," Reynolds said.

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Continuation of hearing to be held Aug. 21

A new public hearing on the University's conditional use and site review permits for the proposed East Campus Children's Center will be held on Aug. 21, continuing the July 24 hearing.

Associate city planner Kent Kullby said that in the public notice, the city had not made clear which issues would have bearing on the permit application. He added that lawyers present at the meeting said there was not enough public representation. Also, those opposing the permit, such as the Fairmount Neighborhood Association, wanted more time to gather information on the subject.

According to Sartre Associates planning manager Terri Harding, the city also left off the Fairmount Neighborhood's name on the public notice.

"The city erred in meeting their procedural requirements for the public notice, so in order for the city to correct that, they have to send a new public notice," Harding said.

Sartre Associates represented the University at the July 24 hearing and will again represent the University on Aug. 21.

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