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City to mull Sprint PCS cell phone tower plan

Sprint PCS won University approval in February to build a cell phone tower on campus, and now seeks the city's blessing, but critics warn of radiation

By A. Sho Ikeda
Reporter

The city of Eugene will consider plans for a proposed cell phone tower on University property near Hayward Field, with a decision on the proposal expected from the city's Planning and Development Department by Sept. 15.

Last year, the city denied Sprint PCS's proposal to build a cell phone tower at 1400 Villard St., in the East University neighborhood. In a second attempt to build the structure, the wireless provider in February gained approval from the Campus Planning Committee to build a tower on University property.

Sprint PCS is now seeking approval of its request to build the 120-foot tower and an adjoining 23-by-44 building to house communication equipment.

Dave Mellin, spokesman for Sprint PCS, said the tower will be a single galvanized steel pole called a 'monopole.' The monopole would blend in with light poles near the west grandstand at Hayward Field. Unlike other cell phone towers, the proposed tower will have no external antennae.

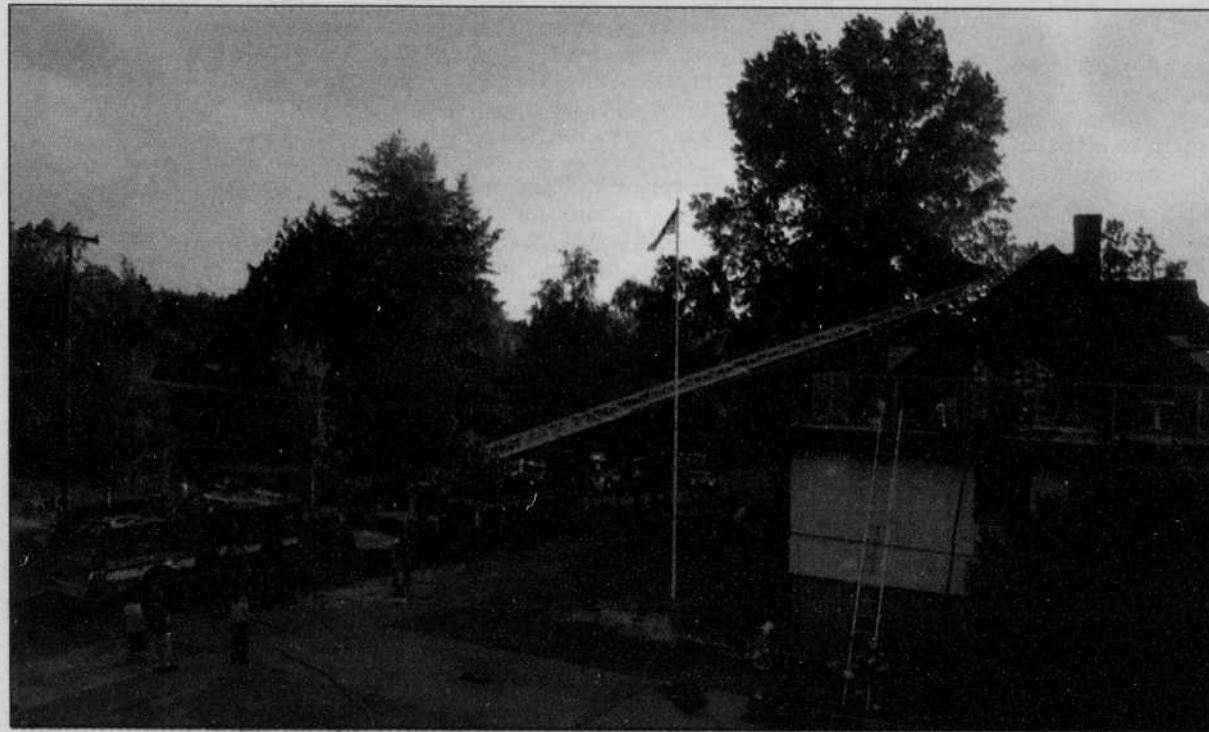
Mellin added that Sprint PCS has cooperated with the University and the city to find an appropriate site for the cell phone tower.

"We have also tried to design the site as pleasingly as possible," Mellin said.

Dave Barta, associate director of business affairs for Telecom Services, said the University required that the cell phone tower blend in with its surrounding environment, adding that he felt the site was

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"WE TRIED TO PUT IT OUT, THEN WE DECIDED TO GET THE HELL OUT OF THERE"



Eugene firefighters initiate an "exterior attack" on a fire that flared up in the Theta Chi fraternity house, sending heavy black smoke pouring from the second and third floors. A second crew tackled the fire from inside. **Jessica Waters Emerald**

Fire singes Theta Chi, no injuries reported

An unoccupied room in the house caught fire about 7 p.m. Monday, drawing 10 emergency vehicles to the fraternity

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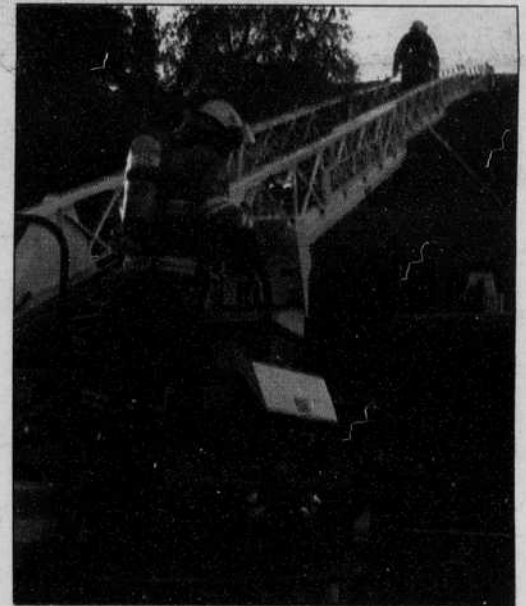
The University's Theta Chi fraternity house suffered extensive damage Monday night after an unexplained blaze rampaged through the second and third floors of the building.

Eugene Fire Department crews responded to the house fire at 1125 E. 19th Ave. about 7 p.m. with two trucks, six engines

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Today: Unexplained fire burns Theta Chi
Thursday: Fraternity house prepares to repair damage, meet University standards and two medical crews, Eugene District Fire Chief Randy DeWitt said. The heavy black smoke inside the house indicated the fire was "charged," or strong, he added.
Nobody was injured in the blaze, and no fraternity members were living in the third floor room where the fire started.

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Bradbury learns about 'Computer Harvest'

Bradbury soaked up details of the University's computer parts recycling program, which he hopes can serve as a model for statewide waste reduction

By Ayisha Yahya
Reporter

Computer waste in landfills is an overwhelming problem nationwide, and people should continue promoting the proper recycling of e-waste, Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury said Monday.

Bradbury visited campus to learn about the University's Computer Harvest program and how it could be implemented more widely.

The two-year-old Computer Harvest program "demanufactures" and recycles old computers on campus. University Environmental Manager Nick Williams said that through the program, the University saved 6.5 tons of cathode-ray tube glass, five tons of metal and miles of wire from landfills.

Now, Bradbury and University staff hope the idea can be expanded to all of Oregon's communities.

"We can learn from what's being done here at a state level," Bradbury said.

In a computer-demanufacturing demonstration arranged for his benefit, Bradbury carefully watched College of Ed-

ucation Instructor Irene Smith pull apart old monitors. As Smith dismantled the monitor's plastic casing, she warned of the possible dangerous buildup of electric charge around the cathode-ray tube.

"It's really strong enough to knock you off your feet," Smith said.

She used simple tools like pliers and a screwdriver to snip away at wires — disassembling a monitor or a computer — in a process that takes about 15 to 35 minutes, depending on the model.

Smith said that, according to 2002 statistics, more than 70 percent of obsolete computers were thrown in landfills. One of the

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NEWS BRIEF

Tuition bill for immigrants, aliens passes House

Oregon's children of illegal immigrants made progress toward broader access to higher education after the Oregon House of Representatives passed a bill allowing them to qualify for in-state tuition.

House Bill 3651, sponsored by Rep. Billy Dalto, R-Salem, passed 42-15.

The bill grants resident status to students who are American-born children of illegal immigrants or legal resident aliens.

Currently, such students must pay out-of-state tuition to attend an Oregon university, which averages \$16,000 per year. Oregon students born in the United States pay the in-state tuition rate of about \$4,000.

The bill is a revised version of Senate Bill 10, which was held up indefinitely in the House Education Committee in April. The most significant change from SB 10 is that the House version does not grant access to in-state tuition to students who are not currently citizens or legal residents of the United States.

— A. Sho Ikeda

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