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University postpones arena plans indefinitely

The expected cost of the project recently rose to \$180 million, creating financial difficulty

By Jesse Thomas
Sports Reporter

University President Dave Frohnmayer announced Monday that he has placed the new basketball arena project on indefinite hold as University officials face financial complications.

The new cost estimate of \$180 million, announced last month, was too high for the University to break ground by this summer. An initial study conducted for the University estimated costs at \$90 to \$130 million.

"Review of the project — its scope, its

complexity, its financing — make it clear that we cannot move forward at this point," Frohnmayer said. "We thought it would be more important to postpone it until we could make sure all the right elements come together at the same time. We will need to develop an alternative in the near future."

Frohnmayer said private donors for the arena, including major donor Phil Knight, agreed with the University's decision to postpone construction. Frohnmayer could not speculate on whether donor money would still be available when the project is revisited, and he said he would never ask a donor to keep money on hold.

The new arena, originally intended to be funded entirely by private donors, would have contained 15,000 seats along with a separate building to house additional

training and academic facilities. The University raised \$100 million in philanthropy funds but would have needed to finance the rest on its own.

The Athletics Department, which is self-sufficient, was prepared to finance \$30 million with the extra \$50 million coming from bond sales.

"All told, we would've needed \$130 million (from donors), and a lot of people would think that that could build a very nice arena," Athletics Director Bill Moos said. "Indeed it has on some campuses. To get where we wanted to be and everything we wanted to include in this, the price tag got lofty."

Frohnmayer, Moos and Vice President of Administration Dan Williams have been

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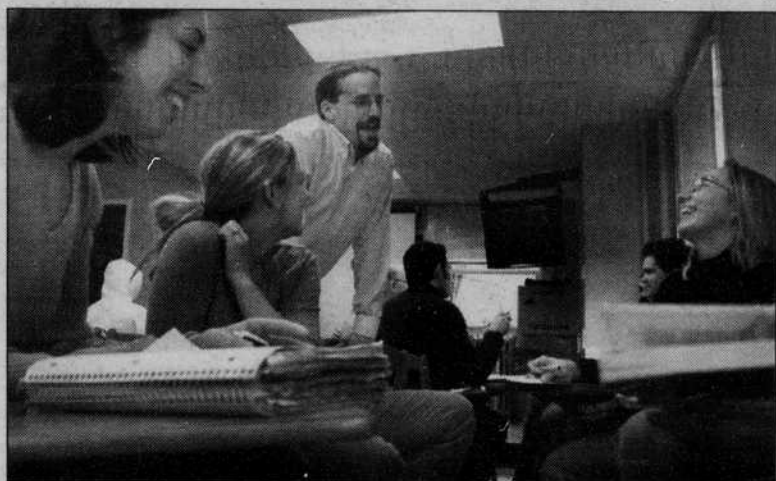
University President Dave Frohnmayer speaks to the media Wednesday about the basketball arena's postponement due to a lack of funds. Vice President for Administration Dan Williams sits to his left.

Planning brings success

A recent study shows that the Planning, Public Policy and Management faculty are a few of the field's best

Planning, Public Policy and Management Assistant Professor Rich Margerum talks with a group of students in his Practice of Leadership and Change class.

Adam Amato
Senior Photographer



By Chelsea Duncan
News Reporter

The University Planning, Public Policy and Management department and its faculty earned nationwide recognition, thanks to a recent study analyzing publication impact.

The department ranks fourth, along with Columbia University, out of 84 universities nationwide in terms of how many publications the department's faculty have produced. The department ranks third in how many times those

publications are cited by others, according to a University press release.

PPPM Department Head Michael Hibbard said cited publications are a measurement of the impact the department is having.

"As a department, we want to have an influence on the field," he said.

A Florida State University professor conducted the study, which examined publications between 1998 and 2002. The information will be published this spring in the Journal of Planning Education and Research, according to the press release.

Hibbard said the study is the first of its kind in the field.

"We had no basis for how well we were doing until this study was done," he said.

In the department, which serves about 120 graduate students and 50 undergraduates, students learn how public policy works and how they can make a difference, Hibbard said. He added that students often end up working for government agencies, nonprofit organizations and advocacy groups.

"Our graduates are in real key positions to try and shape the future," he said.

Graduate student Lorelei Juntunen said she is receiving a well-rounded education in the department.

"The quality of education in this department, I think, is pretty high," she said, adding that the field of study encompasses social, environmental and physical aspects. "One of the good things about planning is that it's so broad-based."

Department faculty were also highly rated in the study, with Professor Judith Hibbard ranking first in the number of publications and third in terms of impact.

"It's very gratifying, because I work in an area of health care policy so I'm very aware of the impact of my work," she said. "But I don't really see (the impact) outside my field or outside my little world."

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DPS considers removable parking permits

Parking-permit holders may see a different kind of vehicle sticker this fall

By Lisa Catto
News Reporter

University students and faculty members may soon be able to use a single parking permit and transfer it between multiple cars.

The Department of Public Safety is looking into replacing permanent adhesive parking stickers with a static-cling or removable adhesive permit that would be placed in the bottom left corner of

the rear window.

According to DPS Parking and Transportation Manager Rand Stamm, new technology and permit designs have enabled the department to examine options outside of the current permanent parking sticker.

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DPS is looking into doing away with permanent stickers in favor of issuing removable permits.

Senate to enter athletics coalition

The Coalition On Intercollegiate Athletics aims to give faculty a say about athletics reform

By Chuck Slothower
News Reporter

The University Senate approved a resolution at its Wednesday meeting to join the Coalition On Intercollegiate Athletics, a national organization seeking to give college faculty a greater voice in the national debate on athletics reform. The Senate also endorsed COIA's "Framework for Comprehensive Athletic Reform."

"There is a national consensus that something has gone wrong in intercollegiate athletics in the past decade," English Professor James Earl said. "We're launching a national dialogue."

The resolution does nothing to change the practices of the University's athletics department, which is self-sufficient, but it voices faculty support for athletic reform. Faculty of athletics powerhouses such as the University of Michigan and Duke University have already joined COIA.

Earl said the resolution was not an attempt to limit college athletics, but rather an expression of "continuing support for the healthy reform of intercollegiate athletics."

The COIA framework urges a stronger focus on academics, limits on athletics budgets and shorter athletics seasons. It also urges colleges to ease off-campus recruiting and to better integrate athletes into campus life.

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