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IN BRIEF

University pursues purchase of vacant car lot

The University of Oregon Foundation is moving forward with plans to purchase a vacant car lot at 2220 Franklin Blvd., foundation Executive Director Karen Kreft said Tuesday.

"We really felt this was a strategic property to bring into the University's inventory," Kreft said.

It is not known what the University

will do with the site, Kreft said. The foundation saw it as a great opportunity to acquire a valuable piece of property in close proximity to campus.

She added that the foundation is looking to help change what University President Dave Frohnmayer has said is the University's status as a "landlocked" campus.

"We're excited about it just to be able to assist the University with their strategic goals," Kreft said.

John Moseley, University senior vice president and provost, announced the foundation's intention to acquire the property during the University Senate's Jan. 12 meeting.

The site was listed on the public market in December, Kreft said, and the foundation made an offer shortly afterward.

The organization has entered into a contract with the Romanias, the

owners of the site, and are currently in the "due diligence phase," Kreft said.

Due diligence refers to the period in which interested buyers examine the potential purchase to see that everything is to their satisfaction and to assure no glitches in the deal could arise after it is made.

The property purchase will be in addition to the University's purchase of the Williams' Bakery site, located near Franklin Boulevard on the corner of 13th Avenue and Moss Street.

The bakery purchase has not been finalized, but the University is in the process of concluding the details of the sales agreement with United States Bakery, the company that owns the bakery, according to a January statement by Allan Price, University vice president for advancement.

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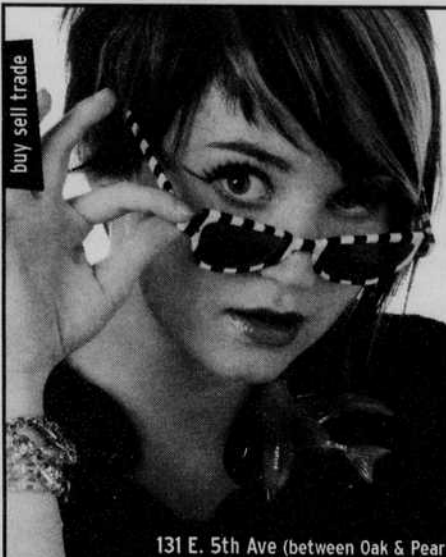
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Oregon legislation proposed to help stop spread of fake IDs

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SALEM — Republican senators proposed legislation Wednesday they said would make it more difficult to falsify driver's licenses by requiring electronic fingerprint and facial feature imaging on the documents.

The new proposal is linked to the GOP Senate package of bills to fight methamphetamine crime, a leading cause of identity theft, said Senate Minority Leader Ted Ferrioli, R-John Day.

"We want to break the triangle of meth addiction, property crime and identity theft," Ferrioli said at a news conference outside headquarters of

the state Driver and Motor Vehicle Services agency.

The measure, to be introduced as Senate Bill 640, is patterned after a similar law enacted in Oklahoma in 2003 requiring finger imaging "scans" to obtain driver's licenses.

The proposed legislation also would require DMV agency employees to use fingerprint recognition technology to log into their computers, to reduce the chances of theft of driver's license data from within the agency or if computers are stolen.

"With a fraudulent driver's license or DMV-issued ID cards, thieves can obtain fraudulent credit cards and even bank accounts," said

Sen. Jason Atkinson, R-Central Point.

The intent of the measure is to ensure "that people are who they represent themselves to be," he said.

The new high-tech moves could add an extra layer of security to the steps taken in the past few years to make it harder to create phony licenses.

For about a year, Oregon has specified that certain documents have to be submitted to prove age, identity and address to get a license. Renewals or license replacements require that a photograph be on file with the DMV.

The senators said Oregon is ranked by a national driver's license security group as having one of the least secure programs.

PFC: Insurgent to use extra funds for printing

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women's advancement," O'Brien said, referring to Brown's choice to go to grad school. "I'd rather have Lori part-time than hire a new person (because of her experience)."

ASUO Vice President Mena Ravasipour asked the PFC to consider having the extra package.

"I think this group is in an interesting situation," she said. "It's up to the PFC to find creative solutions."

In the end the committee voted not to include the extra benefits package.

The center did get money to fund an annual Women of Color retreat, which O'Brien said was held for the first time this year and would be a great resource for women of color.

The Hawaii Club received \$7,567, a 6.5 percent increase, while The Student Insurgent got a final budget of \$17,882, representing a 2.2 percent increase.

Extra funds will go toward printing extra copies of the alternative publication. The Insurgent currently prints about 3,000 copies, but the staff would like to increase that figure to 3,500 to meet demand on campus.

"I've talked to a lot of students who have difficulty finding the paper," Jack Crocifisso, an Insurgent contributor, said.

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Flu: UO health plan covers costs of medicine

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"It's available, it's here and it's useful," Malekzadeh said. "But it is expensive."

She said Tamiflu, the most common of the three drugs, costs about \$70 for a five-day supply. The other two drugs, Relenza and Amantadine,

cost about \$50 and \$10 each for supplies over the same duration. Many insurance plans don't cover these costs, although the plan offered to students through the University does, Malekzadeh said.

So far, the University has only seen one case of the flu, Ryan said,

although other respiratory problems have been common.

"We aren't seeing a lot of it at the University," Ryan said. "It's good news for students, and we're hoping it stays that way."

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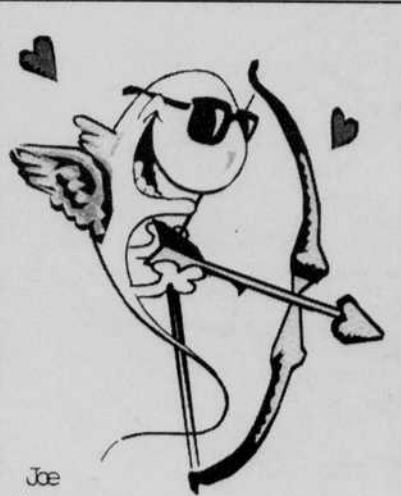


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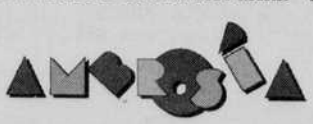
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