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ASUO committee neglects duties

Senator Sara Hamilton wrote about her concern regarding the summer Senate's lack of organization in a recent e-mail

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NEWS REPORTER

The Summer Committee senators received an e-mail on Friday regarding their "lack of coherent organization." Senator Sara Hamilton, seat six of the EMU Board Finance, wrote to express her disappointment and to request cooperation with picking an official date for the August meeting.

Setting a date in advance "leaves no excuse for missing senators, as it is ample time to make travel and work arrangements," Hamilton wrote in her e-mail. Hamilton did not place blame any individual of the committee, as she herself was unable to attend last week's meeting, but said that "it is an issue that should be addressed quickly by President (Adam) Walsh and Chair (Reinier) Heyden."

Heyden said he thought Hamilton was being "a little argumentative," but that the problem of making quorum — having two-thirds of all senators in attendance at meetings — is just something they are going to have to work on.

"It was just hard. I didn't really take into account that so many people would be out of town," Heyden said. "But we're doing our best."

Heyden said that he sent out an announcement of the last meeting five days before it was scheduled, but that neither Hamilton nor Spencer

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Architecture & Allied Arts hires new dean

Frances Bronet will bring her interdisciplinary focus to the University's A&AA School

BY GABE BRADLEY
NEWS EDITOR

The new dean of the School of Architecture and Allied Arts will soon be arriving at the University from New York.

Architecture professor Frances Bronet from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has been selected to fill the top spot at the A&AA school.

At RTI, Bronet served as associate dean of architecture for several years, as well as acting dean of architecture in 1995.

She left her administrative focus to serve as president of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture from 2001-02.

Since then, she's been primarily involved in teaching and research.

"I had moved into some pretty seriously splendid research," she said.

Bronet said the environment at the A&AA school is part of the reason she is getting back into administration.

"My focus is really interdisciplinary," Bronet said. Her career has focused on the intersections between architecture, engineering, humanities and social science — both in her academic work and in her private architecture practice.

In her academic work at RTI, she has helped develop a cross-disciplinary product design and innovation program. In her private practice, she

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FRANCES BRONET
ARCHITECTURE PROFESSOR



The sixth book in the Harry Potter series has been on display at the University Bookstore since its release Saturday.

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Harry Hoopla

A herd of fans gathered at the University Bookstore to celebrate the release of book six, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince"

BY GABE BRADLEY
NEWS EDITOR

A host of costumed witch and wizard wannabes filled the University Bookstore Friday night in anticipation of the midnight release of the sixth Harry Potter book, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince."

The release party, which lasted from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., included live entertainment, myriad

activities and a sale on general books.

"We just got to talking and decided to go ahead and have a party," said Laura Carroll, book events coordinator for the bookstore.

Because there are fewer students on campus and in town during the summer, Carroll said she was surprised by the high turnout for the event.

"The response has been huge," Carroll said.

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COURTESY

West University neighbors meet Saturday to discuss ideas for reopening West University Neighborhood Park on 14th Avenue. About 25 community members gathered for the three-hour picnic and meeting.

Neighbors explore park possibilities

The West University Neighbors and community members discussed reopening West University Neighborhood Park

BY NICHOLAS WILBUR
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About 30 years ago, the City of Eugene bought the property between Hilyard and Patterson streets on 14th Avenue and replaced abandoned homes with a neighborhood park. West University Neighborhood Park, which is often called a "pocket park" because it cannot

be seen, except from 14th Avenue, soon attracted drug users and transients because of its secluded location. About 10 years ago, the play structures were removed and relocated, and the park became off-limits to neighbors and community members. Anyone caught in the park will currently receive a \$500 fine.

The West University Neighbors held a party

on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to encourage neighbors and community members concerned with the current and future use of the park to contribute their ideas for reclaiming the property. People brought food, music and various items to trade or sell. Approximately 25 people attended the gathering to share ideas for opening and rebuilding the park. A committee or group that would oversee the operations, gather support from neighbors and spread the news to all those concerned or willing to participate in

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IN BRIEF

Former UO President Clark's memorial to be held Wednesday

A memorial service for former University President Robert Clark will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday in the Beall Concert Hall at the School of Music.

Current University President Dave Frohn-mayer will be among the speakers, as well as some of Clark's family members.

Clark, who was president of the University from 1969 to 1975, died last month of natural causes.

— Gabe Bradley

Classified workers' union to hold rally for better contracts

The Service Employees International Union is holding another rally Tuesday at noon at the Pioneer Mother behind Johnson Hall to voice requests for salary and benefit contracts for the Oregon University System's classified workers. Classified workers make up the custodians, administrative assistants and other service positions behind the scenes at the University. The OUS management and SEIU bargaining team will hold a mediation session on Friday in Portland. The last meeting, July 12, was stalled without resolution on key issues.

— Nicholas Wilbur