

Bronet: Dean hopes to bring together faculty and students

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has done a lot of work with performance spaces and dance facilities.

"I have great interest in the arts," Bronet said.

Bronet said the University has opportunities "unique and specific to this place."

The A&AA school is already working on interdisciplinary approaches to sustainability, landscape architecture and learning how to work with the overlap of various portions of the built world. Also, A&AA has a budding product design program.

Bronet said she never would have believed that one institution existed that would be able to cater to her many and varied interests.

While there will be many aspects of her new position with which Bronet will already be familiar, she anticipates several new aspects as well.

Specifically, Bronet anticipates significant differences in the cultures of a technical school such as RTI and a liberal arts school such as the University.

"It's a very interesting shift," Bronet said. "A sort of culture shift."

Still, Bronet plans to bring her cutting-edge philosophy to the University. Her work is primarily concerned with the dynamic nature of space that can change and adapt as it's

used for different functions.

Bronet uses a door as an example of dynamic space — a closed door means one thing, an opened door means another, a partially-open door means yet another, and so on.

Bronet said she sees her role as dean to attract resources to support and expand existing programs and opportunities.

"If these programs have enough resources then I think they will actually have more benefits for the students," Bronet said. "These things take time; they take money; they take space."

Bronet said she also hopes to build links between faculty and students by offering undergraduates more opportunities for research in conjunction with faculty.

Bronet said her family is currently in the process of buying a house in Eugene. She says the progressive values and the quality schools in the area are also appealing to her.

Bronet said her two children — ages 7 and 11 — are also excited about the move.

"We don't have any preconceptions, really, because we are so new," Bronet said.

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Senate: Summer meetings deemed 'ridiculous'

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Crum told him they would be unable to attend.

Individual senators are required to attend two-thirds of the summer meetings, according to the Green Tape Notebook, the rules and regulations guide for the ASUO. Not making quorum counts as an absence for all senators.

The notebook states, "All questions relating to non-fulfillment of duties, except as provided in Section 10.12," which states that the president has the power to remove Constitution Court members, "shall be decided by the Constitution Court."

The notebook also states, "the summer Committee shall abide by the Senate Rules unless otherwise specified." It also states under "Discipline" that "any member of the ASUO may bring a complaint before the Constitution Court against any Senator for non-fulfillment of duties."

Non-fulfillment of duties includes not attending two-thirds of the senate meetings and not holding office hours, stated in Section 5(a.) of the Senate Rules. Currently, none of the Summer Committee senators have held office hours.

Hamilton currently has two absences and Crum has three. With only two meetings remaining, one in August and one in September, Crum will not be able to make it to the required two-thirds of the meetings, even if he attends the next two.

Walsh expressed concern with the Summer Committee's lack of organization, but questioned why Hamilton called on him to address the issue.

"This problem is something that should have been taken up a while ago. I don't know why she's calling on me. I have nothing to do with where or when summer senate meets," Walsh

said. "This needs to be dealt with by the senators."

Walsh noted the biggest problem with what Hamilton called a "lack of coherent organization" is that the senators agreed to be on Summer Committee and now are not fulfilling their duties.

"It could be nothing if no one files a grievance, but as far as the Green Tape Notebook is concerned, (Hamilton) and (Crum) could lose their senate spots. All of this is precedent setting," Walsh said. "The senators may not know that they're not following their job descriptions."

"I won't say yet if we'll file a grievance," Walsh said, "but I don't know if I'm opposed to it, either. To be kicked off the whole year's senate because you missed Summer Senate seems like an extreme punishment, but at the same time it is precedent setting. I'm hoping to talk to (Heyden), but until he calls me back I don't know what is going on."

Hamilton was unavailable for comment, but Crum said in an e-mail that he is in Portland, and had he known it would be this difficult to attend the meetings he "definitely wouldn't be doing this." He said later on that he wants to serve but that finding someone to work for him in Portland and getting down to Eugene with only a two days notice, "makes it almost impossible." Heyden said he sent an e-mail about the meeting five days in advance.

Monica Irvin, chairwoman of Summer Committee and seat 13 of the Academic Senators, said that she did not think Hamilton's e-mail was necessary. However, she added that Hamilton's point that senators should about use telephone was valid, because "we were doing everything through e-mail," Irvin said.

"Everything is a learning experience for us," Irvin said. "We're just trying to work with everybody's schedules. It just doesn't work quite enough because people seem to be more available in the evenings and the EMU closes at 7 p.m., plus a lot of other factors."

A senator not on Summer Committee, law school student Robert Craig, replied to Hamilton's e-mail with the following comments:

"Since my e-mail account has been deluged with ridiculous and frantic messages all summer I feel it is now my duty to impart a dose of realism to those involved in the Student Senate. First, its(sic) student senate. In college, period."

Later on in the e-mail Craig wrote, "why bother having Student Senate in the summer anyway? It may be the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard of. There is nothing in school so important that it needs to intrude upon your personal enjoyment of summer. Period."

He continued on, telling senators to relax. "A recent e-mail threatened censure or some ridiculous nonsense for students who did not attend summer senate meetings. When I got over my initial shock after realizing that it may have been intended to be a serious threat I nearly died laughing. Can't you folks just relax and enjoy your summer?"

In response to Craig's e-mail, Walsh said, "there's money to be allocated and there's an absolute need to have a summer senate, that is why they're given \$5,000 to distribute. If there is absolutely no reason for senators to be here then that is okay, but there is business to be taken care of."

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Potter: Sir ReadAlot performs to bring books to life

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The turnout was mostly children and parents, but there were some University students there as well. For the younger visitors, there was a variety of Potter-themed activities, including wand making, Wizard Chess and guessing the number of Bertie Botts Every Flavor Beans in a jar.

"The activities just sort of came from the book," Carroll said.

While the turnout was higher than anticipated, the store had more than enough copies of the book to meet demand.

"This year we wanted to make it so we didn't sell out. So we're going to have a lot of books, which is going to be great," Carroll said. "A lot of it has to do with what the publishers want to give us."

In previous years, publishers have not printed enough books to meet demand.

"I think they've sort of learned from those negative experiences," Carroll said.

The bookstore pre-sold copies to get a basic idea of how many copies the store would need.

"People are so devoted to getting their book," Carroll said. "They just want to make sure they're on the list."

In addition to the pre-sold copies, the bookstore ordered roughly 500 additional copies of the book.

The bookstore was bound by strict confidentiality agreements not to release the book prior to midnight.

"We didn't get them until (the day before), which made me very nervous," Carroll said.

Once they arrived, the books were kept in the warehouse until the party.

"I'm sure that a lot of bookstores open the book and look at it," Carroll said. However, bookstore employees did not even open the boxes until midnight, according to Carroll.

In order to make the unveiling even more special, the bookstore staff had the first child who arrived in costume be the first person in line to receive a

book at midnight.

Even the staff was dressed up in Potter-themed garb.

"Pretty much all the departments had staff members — people that were so excited about the books they volunteered to work tonight," Carroll said. "The staff is very excited about the book coming out."

Carroll said the party was an opportunity for children to get interested in other books besides Harry Potter. In order to help spur literary interest, Carroll said, all general books in the bookstore were on sale for 20 percent off.

"I'm just excited about people getting excited about a book," Carroll said.

Carroll said that although the bookstore had never done a Harry Potter party before, it would most likely have another party to celebrate the release of the seventh and final book.

"This is the sixth book, and there's only going to be one more," Carroll said. "A lot of people are thinking, 'What's next after that?'"

Physics graduate student Shannon O'Leary said she was at the party for the food and festive atmosphere.

"I wanted to see the kids' costumes," O'Leary said.

O'Leary said she has only read the first, third and fifth books in the Harry Potter series.

"It's the opposite of Star Trek, where the even ones were good," O'Leary said.

O'Leary said she did not plan to buy the sixth book.

"We're going to wait until it's in the used bookstore," she said. "We're graduate students. We don't have \$25 to spend on a book."

Halfway through the evening, local performance artist Rickie Birran performed as Sir ReadAlot. The show, ReadAlot Theater, consisted of a variety of literary excerpts recited from memory.

"When I first met him it was at a Harry Potter event," Carroll said.

"I've been using theater arts in one form or another for the last 30 years," Birran said. "I was a missionary in the

Watts district of Los Angeles, and I used drama a lot."

When he returned from Los Angeles, Birran spent a lot of time reading classic literature.

"I wanted to do something with drama full time, so I went to the U of O theater arts program for a couple years."

In 1996, he combined his love of literature and theater in to the persona of Sir ReadAlot. He began a series of marathon readings to try to break the Guinness World Record for continuous reading aloud by an individual.

"I started with eight hours, and each month I added eight hours," Birran said. "There was kind of a limited audience for marathon readings."

In December 2002, Birran reached the 96 hour mark — four straight days of reading aloud. The current record is 110:46 hours.

"It is an endurance contest. It's really pushing the boundaries of what a person can do," Birran said. "The reason I sidelined going after the Guinness World Record is the documentation requirements are about as difficult as the event itself."

Guinness requires that four people, including one medical personnel, be on hand during the event. Birran said he will not pursue the record until he can find a sponsor to provide a facility and the personnel to document the attempt.

More recently, Birran's theatrical exploits have been focused on a show consisting of literary excerpts that he performs at school assemblies for the Lane Arts Council's Youth Arts Program.

The excerpts include Huckleberry Finn, Hamlet, Alice in Wonderland, the Hobbit, Jabberwocky and others, as well as some original poems.

"I usually do material that's in the public domain so I don't have to get permission," Birran said.

In the show, ReadAlot says he is on a "quest to free the printed word from the page."

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