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IN BRIEF

New federal grant aims to create suicide awareness

The University has received a \$75,000 federal grant intended to support and expand suicide prevention resources on campus as part of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's nationwide effort to raise awareness of youth suicide.

The University received a Campus Suicide Prevention Grant, which will help college students suffering from mental and behavioral health illnesses. The University will receive \$75,000 per year for three years.

"Every dollar that helps heal those battling life-threatening depression brings us closer to saving our children and families," Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., said in a recent press release.

Smith's son, Garrett, committed suicide in September 2003.

Grants were made possible by the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act, which was signed by President Bush last October. The program will offer \$9.7 million to support national suicide prevention efforts.

Suicide prevention will continue to be one of the University's highest priorities, University President Dave Frohnmayer stated in a letter to the Counseling and Testing Center director Robin Holmes.

Holmes could not be reached for comment before deadline Wednesday.

"Oregon's youth suicide rate is higher than the national average," Frohnmayer wrote. "This is one of the reasons our campus community makes significant efforts to educate students, faculty and staff that suicide is a public health problem that can be prevented."

—Katy Gagnon

Land swap may relocate West University park

A new park in the West University Neighborhood is one step closer to reality after the Eugene City Council approved a motion Wednesday directing the city manager to execute a property swap between the city and Bob and Leslie Quinney.

The Quinneys own property adjacent to the current West University Park and want to trade it for the park property. The current location on East 14th Avenue puts it in the middle of the block, making it difficult for police to see activity from the streets.

The land swap would enable the park to extend to the corner of East 14th Avenue and Hilyard Street, thus improving visibility.

The council approved the motion 6-2, with councilors Bonny Bettman, Ward 1; and Betty Taylor, Ward 2; dissenting because of concerns about a clause in the motion that gives the Quinneys priority to purchase the property should it be put up for sale.

"I think that is totally out of line," said Taylor, who represents the South Eugene area.

Ward 3 City Councilor David Kelly, who represents the University area, said after the meeting that the Quinneys want first pick of the property because they will be tailoring an apartment complex they plan to build to align with the park.

If the park is sold to another developer, tenants in the new complex could be faced with a high-density apartment building, Kelly said.

Kelly emphasized during the meeting that he is very hopeful the park will thrive at its new location and not need to be sold.

Before passing the motion, the council voted to include a clause that allowed for an open bidding process, meaning the Quinneys still have first bid, but if a higher bid is submitted they must match that dollar amount.

Kelly said after the meeting that the Quinneys are hoping to complete the land swap and have a new apartment complex operating by fall 2006.

—Meghann M. Cuniff

UO reaches out to Katrina victims

As displaced students enroll in new schools, universities and donors across the country help to cover their financial needs

BY JOE BAILEY
NEWS REPORTER

After Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans, Tulane University freshman Nina Pavlich began looking for a new college to attend. She inquired about attending the University and said she has "been really amazed" by the school's willingness to assist her.

As of Sept. 27, 32 displaced students from the New Orleans area are registered for University classes, and eight additional students have ex-

pressed interest in attending, but have not yet registered.

The additional costs to the University of assisting these students will be paid partly by donors, some of whom have already offered donations. The rest will be covered by University funds.

By allowing schools in the New Orleans area to retain tuition already paid, money will be available to help them pay faculty salaries and reconstruction costs, said Liane Richardson, assistant dean for student affairs at the

School of Law.

"All schools that are making these offers are absorbing it," Richardson said. "The reasoning behind it is to leave some money for the schools that have been hard-hit to rebuild."

Most of the 32 displaced students came from Tulane University, with others from the University of New Orleans and Loyola University New Orleans.

The Association of American Universities, an organization of which the University is a member, reached an agreement after Hurricane Katrina to offer admission on a provisional basis to students whose universities had been

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OLD BIKES GET NEW LIFE



TIM BOBOSKY | PHOTO EDITOR

Hillary Martin, a third-year Spanish and general science major, gets her vintage Peugeot repaired in front of the Lillis Business Complex by David Hansen, a history senior who offers his free service the last Wednesday of every month as part of Sprocket. Hansen and David Kurushima, an art history major, came up with the idea for Sprocket last winter, and they have hosted three events in which they repair bicycles for free. The group is part of the Survival Center and has enlisted the aid of local bike-shop owner Shane Ayrsman of Revolution Cycles, who specializes in rebuilt bikes. Most of the bikes serviced by the group have been vintage and custom makes, and the most common problems were loose or squeaky brakes. Hansen and Kurushima plan to continue working on bikes the last Wednesday of every month that they are in school.



TOM BIVINS
UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

Journalism teacher returns from lecturing in Jamaica

Professor Tom Bivins spent the summer in Kingston, Jamaica giving lessons on journalism ethics to schools and media outlets

BY BRITNI MCCLENAHAN
NEWS REPORTER

University journalism professor Tom Bivins was given an intimate look at Jamaican life this summer after visiting Kingston to give lectures at universities and media outlets about ethics in journalism.

His three-day visit was sponsored by the U.S. Department of State through the U.S. Embassy Office of Public Affairs.

"I have no idea how I was chosen for this," Bivins said. "I just received a call from the

Department of State asking if I was interested in participating and I said, 'Sure, why not?'"

In Kingston, Bivins spoke with students and faculty at the Department of Communication at Northern Caribbean University in Mandeville and the Caribbean Institute of Media and Communication at the University of the West Indies, where conversation topics ranged from politics to Hurricane Katrina and American media versus the BBC.

"Jamaicans are very politically active and very globally focused," Bivins said. "They

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