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## Park: Land swap would make this 'pocket park' safer

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anyone else," Taylor said.

Quinney has also put a time limit on negotiations. Quinney said he wants to start construction soon in order to have the apartments completed by next fall.

"We are running tight now as it is," Quinney said. "I feel pretty strongly that you have to get it up in the fall or

wait another year." Quinney said that he would need to start construction by December to be finished in time.

Quinney is currently in negotiations with the city on specifics of the deal and is expected to decide whether to accept within the next few weeks.

He said that if the land swap doesn't work out, he will simply rebuild on his current property.

The land swap has gotten support from West University residents, who want a park back in their neighborhood.

"I would very much like to have a park in West University — the most densely populated neighborhood in Eugene and the only one, to my

knowledge, without a park," West University Neighbors board member Deborah Healey said in a letter to the city. "This proposal seems like a good way to get there."

There are concerns that illicit behavior at the park could resurface.

"There was a lot of drug dealing," Eugene Police Officer Dale Dawson said of the previous park. "A lot of partying, breaking of park rules."

Dawson thinks the park could work in its new configuration, but it will take a big effort from the community to keep it safe, one students may not be willing to make.

"It depends on the level of activity of the people around it," Dawson

said. "You're trying to encourage people who are part-time residents to work on a permanent problem."

Quinney would pay the city \$30,000 for the approximately 2,600 square feet he will gain in the swap. The city plans on using the money to install irrigated turf in the park but has no plans for beyond that.

"We don't have funding for anything at that site," Robin Hostick of the City of Eugene Parks Department said. The city hopes to have the park opened within two years of the completion of Quinney's project.

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## Street Faire: Booths help student groups

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purchase 50-cent tickets and use them to play carnival-like games at participating club booths outside the EMU.

To pay for expenses, many groups ask the Student Senate for incidental fees, but the Senate always asks the groups whether they have done fundraising on their own, Watson said. This will show whether they have made an effort to raise money on their own, he said.

Dirty Ducks Rugby Club Coordinator Kara Winek said her club will have a kissing booth that sells kisses for one ticket. The women's rugby club hopes to raise money for new uniforms and traveling expenses.

The UO Fencing Club will have an area set up for bouts where visitors can use sabers to pop balloons attached to their opponents. Club Coordinator Joseph Leary said his club has many new members and it needs money to cover the cost of equipment, traveling and tournament entry fees.

The United States Student Association, which advocates nationally for University students and other college students in the country, will be raising money towards lobbying in Washington, D.C. by letting students throw darts at balloons for prizes, ASUO Legislative Associate and elected USSA Director Ashley Rees said.

Watson said he hopes this year's event will yield the ASUO a profit of more than \$10,000 from vendor space rentals. The money it earns will go to club programs and grants throughout the year. Non-profit organizations only reimburse the ASUO for the booth costs, and vendors pay the ASUO \$75 to rent the space and booth for all three days.

Vendors have complained about bicyclists in the past, and The Department of Public Safety will issue a \$20 fine to anyone riding his or her bike inside the barricades this year. There have already been several serious accidents involving bikes on campus during the last few months, Watson said.

There will be eight composting stations and vendors have been instructed to limit their disposable supplies to materials that can be recycled or composted.

"We want to make it a zero-waste production," Watson — who in addition to being ASUO marketing director is an environmental studies major — said.

The ASUO is still looking for volunteers to provide security and to watch the composting sites to make sure fair-goers use them properly, Watson said.

This year, there will be 41 more vendors than in the Spring Street Fair, some of them offering handmade products from all over the country and world.

"One lady goes to Peru and buys homemade wares from her tribe," Watson said. There will be imports from Thailand, a metal sculptor from Cortez, Colorado, fairy wings from Washington and lots of food as well.

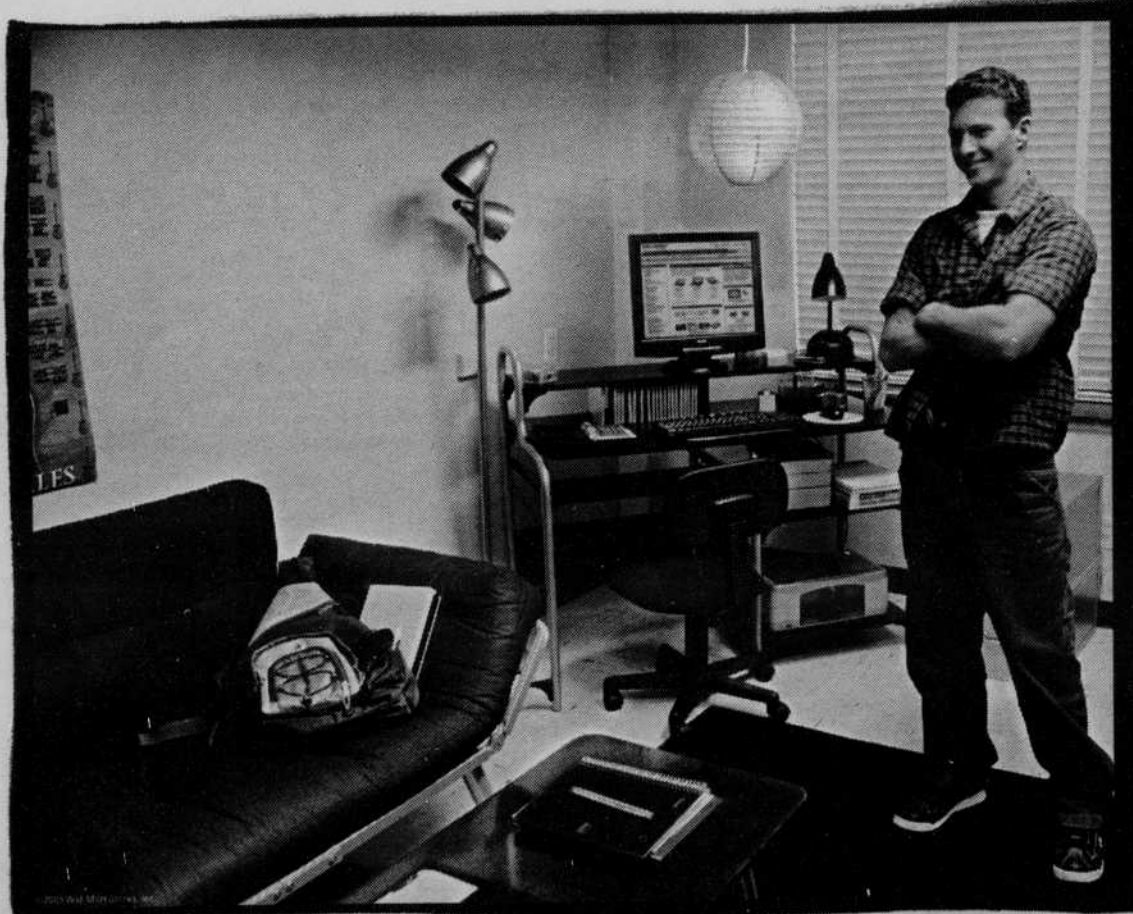
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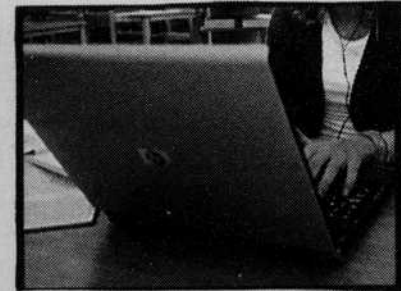
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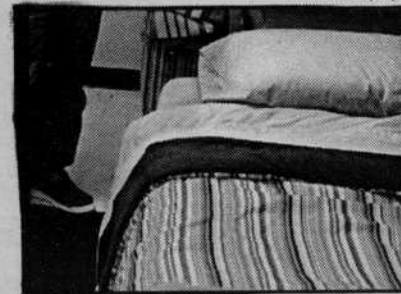
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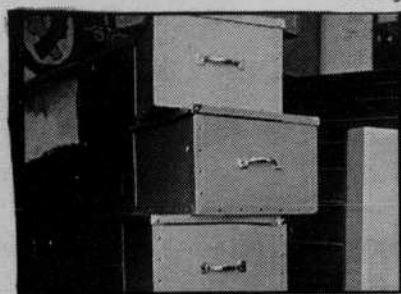
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