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Discussion continues about sale of complex

The ASUO and the University Family Housing Board will hold meetings about Westmoreland

BY MEGHANN M. CUNIFF
NEWS EDITOR

As discussion continues about the University's plans to sell Westmoreland Apartments, two upcoming meetings provide opportunities for students and other community members to learn about the possible sale and to voice their opinions.

The ASUO will be hosting a meeting today at 6 p.m. in 112 Esslinger to update students about the University's intent to sell Westmoreland and to form a plan of action to fight the sale. The University Family Housing Board will meet Friday at 11 a.m. in the Bean West Conference Room to discuss the sale and make a recommendation to University Housing.

State law requires that the housing board discuss any possible changes to the University's long-range family housing plan before any action can be taken.

Opponents of the sale say the University violated this law by seeking permission from the State Board of Higher Education to put the 404-unit, 37-building apartment complex up for sale without first consulting the Family Housing Board. University officials say they are complying with the law by holding a meeting before the property is sold.

The state board granted the University permission during its Nov. 4 meeting to proceed with the sale on the condition that University officials update the board on their efforts to aid the 592 tenants in their search for housing.

The property has been valued at \$15 million to \$18 million.

It's possible that the apartments could continue to operate under new owners, as the Metropolitan Affordable Housing Corp. and the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County have both shown interest in acquiring the property.

St. Vincent de Paul representatives toured the property Nov. 8, University Vice President for Finance and Administration Frances Dyke said, and representatives from the Metropolitan Affordable Housing Corp. will tour it today.

Two task groups have formed to address the possible financial needs of students if they must move and to address ways to find different child-care options for students whose children attend Westmoreland Child Care Center, and Dyke said the groups will be meeting soon to form a plan for the coming months.

ASUO Vice President Kyla Coy said tonight's meeting is a way of bringing together several groups who are all opposed to the sale but have not been working as a cohesive unit.

"I feel like people are individually having their own meetings about it, but people haven't really come together," Coy said.

Several lawmakers have written letters opposing the way the University has proposed the sale, and some interviewed say their feelings haven't changed.

"I'd say my views are pretty much the same," Sen. Floyd Prozanski, D-Eugene, said in a telephone interview.

Prozanski said he wants to see the University produce a comprehensive plan for what housing options will look like well into the future.

Affordable housing is crucial to a student's ability to obtain a degree, and "I don't think

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Journalism school adds diversity plan

The new guidelines call for the formation of a committee as well as the addition of a position, the 'diversity source' for students

BY KELLY BROWN
NEWS REPORTER

The School of Journalism and Communication has finalized a diversity plan to encourage "social, political, cultural, economic and intellectual diversity," according to the policy adopted Oct. 21.

Drawing from the University's Five Year Diversity Plan, the document examines what steps for diversity are already in place as well as what can be improved or added.

Tim Gleason, dean of the journalism school, said that although he felt the school

"had done OK" on diversity, he knew there was room for improvement.

The committee attempted to make a plan that would be useful and capitalize on areas where the school's diversity efforts were already successful, Gleason said.

"That would also force us to kind of stretch and think of new ways to do things," he said.

Gleason appointed a four-member committee last year to replace the school's previous plan from 1993. He said the school decided to draft a new plan because diversity is understood and construed in different ways today.

Additionally, the Accrediting Council for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC), the school's accrediting body, mandates an effective diversity plan.

The journalism school is now moving through the re-accreditation process.

The diversity plan contains mostly guidelines, such as "The school will gather and analyze relevant data to determine benchmarks for our diversity efforts," but generally it does not have action mechanisms.

The plan does suggest the formation of a diversity committee and the addition of a person to be designated the "diversity source" for students. Contact information will be printed on all class syllabi. This person will be the

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COMPARING COMPENSATION

University administrator and faculty salaries are below the nationwide mean for public universities

BY MEGHANN M. CUNIFF
NEWS EDITOR

University President Dave Frohnmayer's salary increased by nearly 80 percent during the last 10 years, as did the salaries of three other top University administrators.

That may seem like a hefty pay raise, but according to information released this week by The Chronicle of Higher Education, Frohnmayer's total compensation package is slightly lower than the average of \$360,000 for presidents of public universities.

This is no surprise to many in the administration.

Some administrators say their

salaries are similar to the salaries of University professors and other faculty members in that all are much less than those at the institutions the University considers its comparators.

An examination of salaries and compensation packages shows Frohnmayer's salary to be more in sync with the University's comparator institutions than faculty salaries are.

Frohnmayer's salary this academic year is \$278,729, a 77 percent increase from the 1994-95 academic year. The UO Foundation, a private organization dedicated to fund raising for the University,

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Dave Frohnmayer
University President
Current salary:
\$278,729



John Moseley
Senior VP and Provost
2003-04 salary:
\$210,884



Allan Price
VP for Advancement
Current salary:
\$199,120



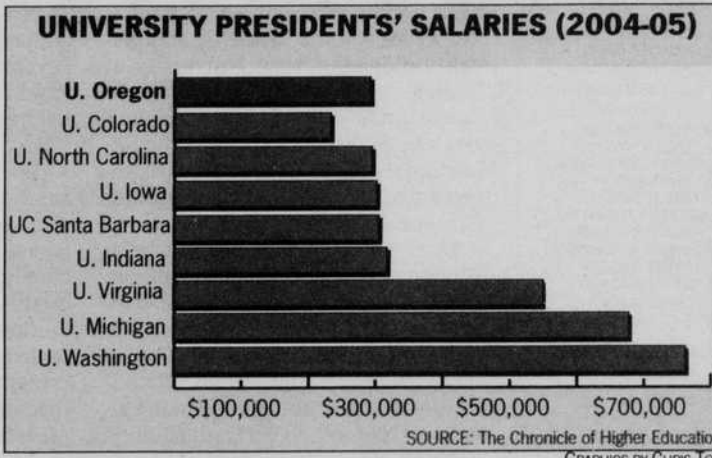
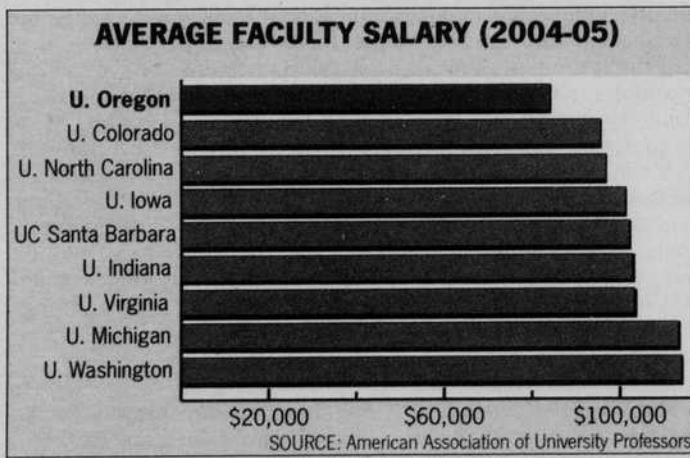
Lorraine Davis
VP for Academic Affairs
2003-04 salary:
\$167,120



Frances Dyke
VP for Finance and Administration
Current salary:
\$162,500



Dan Williams
Former VP for Administration
2003-04 salary:
\$162,800



Task force hosts remembrance day

Keynote speaker Lisa Mottet focussed on harassment and discussed ways to prevent violence toward transgendered people

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Every person who entered the EMU Ballroom on Monday night was asked to grab a balloon that represented his or her gender: blue for males and pink for females. Before the audience knew the event had started, Curtis Friedline scoured the crowd and reprimanded people he said chose the wrong balloon.

"We are trying to set a standard here," Friedline shouted to one participant in the skit, before

separating her from the rest of the crowd.

"The key thing of the performance piece was to humanize transgender people," said former University student Toby Hill-Meyer, who coordinated the piece. "A lot of people see transgenderers as plot twists. When a person next to you is verbally assaulted, it brings it home."

The performance art piece was one segment of the Transgender Day of Remembrance, an event put on by the Lane Gender Task Force that commemorated the 27 reported murders of

transgender people internationally in the last year. The night also featured a guest speaker and an open forum.

Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality, was scheduled as the event's keynote speaker, but she couldn't make the trip. Instead, Lisa Mottet, the Transgender Civil Rights Project Legislative Lawyer for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, addressed the crowd.

Her speech started on a somber note when she talked about violence toward transgender people, especially those of color. She then lightened the mood.

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