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Politicking takes a break

For a moment, it was not "politics as usual" in the EMU Thursday night as Eugene's Mithrandir band entertained the crowd attending a benefit dance for Jerry Rust, Independent candidate for County Commissioner, Position No. 3. During the band's intermission, however, the familiar election-year scene returned when Rust addressed a few brief comments on nuclear energy and land-use planning to the audience.

Democrat Archie Weinstein, one of Rust's opponents in the race, attended the event, saying he is "a good friend of Jerry's. He comes to my parties and I go to his."

Policy decision responsibility of EMU Board

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The new EMU governance document received verbal approval Wednesday from Gerald Bogan, vice-president of student affairs. The document formally gives the EMU Board responsibility for making general policy decisions and long-range plans for the union. It also specifies that the board will advise union staff on day-to-day management and administration.

Board members discussed the governance document when they met Thursday afternoon.

Adell McMillan, EMU director, announced that James Covington, the recently hired EMU food service manager, will start work Oct. 11. McMillan said Covington has had extensive training in all areas of food service management. Covington previously brought the food service at Tarleton State University in Texas out of a deficit, McMillan noted.

The EMU Board had previously planned to use the EMU building reserve fund for redecorating several areas of the union. But McMillan told the board that a recent State Board of Higher Education ruling prevents use of reserve funds for renovation or repair of revenue-producing areas.

Now, the food service must not only break even, but channel profits into a reserve for the food service, she said. McMillan reported that revenue-producing areas of the food service broke even during the last half of the 1975-76 year. "We have every intent of breaking even this year," she added.

The board gave approval for member Doug Benson to negotiate with the YMCA to move its office from the present location near the Outdoor Resource Center to Suite 5. Board members hope to relocate ASUO Legal Services in the YMCA's old office. Legal Services has out-grown their office on the third floor of the EMU.

YMCA is the only organization in the EMU which does not receive incidental fee funding. The University is obligated to provide office space to the "Y" under a 1949 agreement. Under that agreement, the YMCA traded land where the Computer Center is located in return for office space at the University.

McMillan told the board that EMU Beer Gardens will be scheduled every Friday unless there is a conflict.

Remodeling in "The Tilt" will be completed Monday when carpet is installed in the EMU basement pinball arcade. A foosball table and several pinball machines will complete the newly-remodeled area.

The board plans to ask ASUO Pres. Jan Oliver to approve three constitutional amendments for inclusion on the fall election ballot. The current constitution must be amended to coincide with articles of the newly-approved governance document.

Last chance for lottery

Today's the last chance for students with lottery numbers above 4,474. Mac Court ticket windows open at 8 a.m. to disburse the remaining 150 athletic passes.

Check Monday's Emerald or go to the ASUO office, EMU Suite 4, for information on how any remaining passes will be sold.

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Task force recommends shift to tenant-run Amazon plan

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Amazon (married students) Housing is one step closer to tenant-run cooperative management.

A task force has submitted recommendations to University Pres. William Boyd this week that would allow a shift of power from the University to tenants.

Boyd was not available for comment on any decisions or feelings regarding the recommendations, but previously he had encouraged the idea of cooperative management in letters to Amazon residents last spring.

Tenants initially introduced the idea of the cooperative management during a rental increase hearing last spring, yet were told by a state board of Higher Education hearing officer that it was "not relevant" to the meeting, according to Vern Palmer, task force member and Amazon resident.

Under the recommendation of Boyd, the task force consisting of community people, students, faculty and Amazon residents was established to look into the matter.

"We've proposed a lease agreement between tenants and the University," says Palmer. The agreement will permit tenants to oversee the problems of the housing complex rather than the University housing staff and if initiated, would be reviewed in 18 months. "We have a closer finger on the day-to-day things at Amazon," Palmer says.

Amazon was originally set up in 1946 as temporary housing. It is designed to provide married students with comfortable, yet inexpensive housing. Monthly rent for a two-bedroom at Amazon is \$70.

"We have really low rent," says Palmer, "yet as low as it is it doesn't need to be that high." He points out that all the money goes to the management for pay and maintenance. Palmer says that students have been displeased with the management in the past because it was not responsive to housing needs.

Clarence Schminke, education professor, director of summer session and task force member says he knows of no one on the committee who opposes this.

He said members of the task force had been in touch with other successful cooperative managements across the nation and he feels "students did their homework." Not only did the task force present a formal recommendation, but by-laws, residents policies and lease agreements as well.

"From a planning perspective, I've been very well impressed," remarks David Povey, director and urban planning task force member.

"I think the students have given a lot of thought to this and the documents that they have set up are encouraging residents to take pride in Amazon. I was delighted that the University would let students pursue this," he adds.

Palmer believes the entire task force as well as Pres. Boyd are positive about the recommendation.

"In the beginning we thought we wouldn't have a ghost of a chance," Palmer reflects, but given a chance, he now believes the cooperative would work.

"Right now, we're just waiting for a reply."

FHA contemplates bike bridge project

Crossing the Willamette River in Northwest Eugene by bicycle can be quite a task. The busy Washington-Jefferson freeway, the only bridge in the area, is legal for bikers to cross, county official George Capell says, but is "highly unadvisable and dangerous."

A project now under consideration of the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) may change this situation.

If the FHA in Washington approves the project, bikers will be able to peddle across a new Valley River bicycle and pedestrian bridge which would be located at the end of Polk Street near the Railroad Boulevard intersection. Presently, the only foot bridge across the river is near the University Physical Plant leading to Autzen Stadium.

Ten projects from the Northwest are being considered now by the FHA in Washington, along with some 500 other projects nationwide. This month the FHA chooses projects to receive funds from the \$6 million Bikeway Demonstration Act passed last year.

Due to the efforts of Sen. Bob Packwood (R-Ore.) and other concerned citizens, the Valley River Bridge last October became the top priority project from the Northwest, ahead of three other Oregon projects.

The proposed bridge has a demonstration grant request of \$288,000 and would probably cost about \$350,000 to build. The FHA will render its decisions this month. If the bridge is approved, construction would begin next summer.

The Eugene Bicycle Committee met Sept. 30 in the city hall annex to discuss the Valley River Bridge and plans for a Highway 99 bike path. They suggested citizens write their congressmen in support of the bridge proposal.