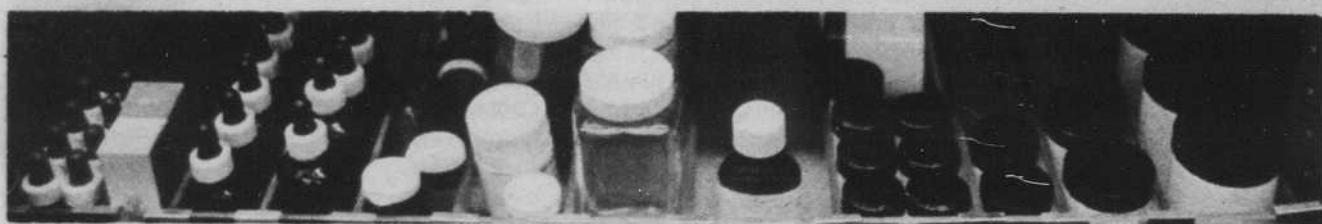


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Campus pharmacy remedies feverish prescription prices



Students save one-third off retail values

By Tamy Riggs
Of the Emerald

A pharmacy in the Student Health Center has been offering students low rates on everything from birth control to acne aides since it opened almost two decades ago.

But many students don't take advantage of the cheap medications because they don't even know the pharmacy exists, says pharmacy manager Heather Loomis.

"Every few weeks, someone comes in and says, 'I've been here three years, and I didn't even know you were here,'" she says.

Available only to students, the pharmacy is partially funded by student fees. But that's not the main reason the pharmacy offers prescriptions at low prices. Group buying power and smart shopping are the biggest factors.

The pharmacy, combined with other University pharmacies and hospitals in Oregon, buys drugs through a state contract with pharmaceutical companies. The combined forces of many state facilities enables each one to buy

at lower prices.

"We only stock our best buys," Loomis says. "Students don't have to come here, but we are here, and we save money, which is what everyone wants to do."

Loomis, a graduate of the Oregon State School of Pharmacy, has been working at the pharmacy for nine years, the last two as manager. She, along with two other registered pharmacists, make up the pharmacy staff.

The pharmacy is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each weekday, with someone on hand Saturday mornings.

Although few over-the-counter drugs are sold, the pharmacy stocks a great variety of prescription medicines as found in retail drug stores. Shelves are filled in accordance with student demand.

Birth control products are in highest demand at the pharmacy, and sell for about a third of the regular retail cost. Other big sellers include acne preparations and Erythromycin, a drug used to treat upper respiratory illnesses.

Loomis says students don't seem to realize that prescriptions from outside sources also are filled, not just those prescribed by doctors at the health center. Of the average 150 prescriptions dispensed each day, only five to 10 are prescribed by doctors

outside the health center, Loomis says.

The pharmacy also dispenses pamphlets with information about medications and diseases.

While many University facilities are in danger due to budget cuts, Loomis says she isn't worried about losing the pharmacy.

"We're a source of revenue, and we cover our staff salaries," she says. "We'll be the last dog to die."



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Error may oust IFC candidate

By Dane Claussen
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It took one candidate only two votes to get elected to the Student University Affairs Board, results of last week's ASUO elections show — and at least one Incidental Fee Committee candidate is only one vote away from being disqualified from this week's general election.

Last week's election filled all but three SUAB posts, and write-in candidates were elected to the student-at-large position on the *Emerald* board of directors and the sixth position on the OSPIRG board of directors.

The ASUO elections board Sunday tentatively decided to disqualify Mike Cross, a political science and international studies senior and member of the "Gang of Four" coalition. Cross failed to file a campaign finance form before the deadline, said Gus Palmitessa, ASUO executive vice president and elections director.

According to Palmitessa, Cross said he didn't think it needed to be filed until after the general election.

Ordinarily, the candidate with the next highest number of votes would move into the fourteenth spot on the general election ballot, but the next two candidates — "Gang of Four" members Eric Stillwell and David Ridenour — also failed to meet the filing deadline, Palmitessa said. If the three are disqualified, Mark Spence will be on the general election ballot. Spence is a junior in political science and international studies.

A final decision from the elections board is expected sometime today.

The general election will serve as a run-off for SUAB posts 2, 3 and 12. The results of all other SUAB races are final. Votes for SUAB positions were: 1. Law: write-in candidate Roy Yackulic, 24; several others received one or two votes; 2. Journalism/Speech: David Bauer, 62; Cathryn Curran, 42; Randelle Thompson, 39; David Schmidt, 38; Brent Paz, 10; 3. Business/Economics: Pat Widmer, 141; Erin-Michelle Willis, 82; Brad Bosomworth, 78; David Balk, 62.

Votes for Office 5. CSPA/Education: write-in candidate Dennis Bailey, 3; several others received one or two votes; 6. CSPA/Education: write-in candidate Kevin McKey, 2; several others received one vote; 7. HPER/Dance/Gerontology: Lynn Beth Falkow, 26; 8. Biology/Chemistry/Pre-health: Rebecca Ricoy, 71; Jim Brazil, 50.

Votes for Office 9. Computer and Information Science/Mathematics/Geology/Physics: Jo Zell Johnson, 60; Michael Tang, 37; 10. Architecture and Allied Arts: Mark Lakeman, 80; Gilbert Recla, 23; 11. Architecture and Allied Arts: Mike Prothe, 80; 12. Psychology/Anthropology/Sociology: Scott Herbers, 59; Mike Rivers, 55.

Votes for Office 13. Political Science: Ed Allen, 67; 14. Music/Humanities/Language/Religion: Dan Allen, 60; Thomas Ford, 30; 15. Music/Humanities/Language/Religion: Lori Kleinsmith, 84; 16. Undeclared: Lori Lieberman, 66; Scott Nelson, 43; and 17. Undeclared: Mike Annis, 54; Gay Butler, 35.

Mike Rust, a junior in political science and journalism, won the write-in election for the student at-large position on the *Emerald* board. Rust, a former *Emerald* associate editor, won by a substantial margin over several other candidates.

Bruno Bersani, an unidentified write-in candidate, won the sixth position on the OSPIRG Board.

Bailey, McKey, Rust, and Bersani should submit retroactive filing and campaign expenses forms at the ASUO office on Monday, Palmitessa said.

Shuttle parking prosposed to relieve campus traffic jam

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Reducing dependence on the automobile is necessary to alleviate campus parking problems, University Planner David Rowe told the Student University Affairs Board Thursday.

People in surrounding neighborhoods, especially West University Neighborhood, have complained about students and staff parking on neighborhood streets, Rowe said. Restrictive parking programs, in which neighbors have identification tags on their cars, have sprung up in the South University Neighborhood and are expanding into other neighborhoods, he added.

In the past few years, general parking for students has been cut in favor of more reserved parking spaces for faculty and staff, Rowe said.

Building a parking structure either on the Kincaid parking lot, the area near the covered tennis courts and Education building, or Silver Orchard on North Franklin Boulevard were suggested solutions, he said.

The Kincaid lot and the Education building area were rejected because of costs and traffic flow problems, Rowe said. The Silver Orchard area was eliminated because it is fairly removed from campus, is of historical significance to the community and would

require a conditional use permit, he said.

The solution is to not drive to school, Rowe said.

Utilization of the Bean Hall parking lot has dropped during the past few years, he said. At peak hours, more than 200 spaces are still available for general parking, Rowe said.

Parking in the Bean Hall lot is open to any student who has purchased a University parking sticker.

Changing spaces on University Street from five-hour parking to a two-hour limit might change the incentive, SUAB member Dan Allen said.

"Most people cruise University first," he said.

Another solution is to utilize the 10,000 parking space capacity at Autzen Stadium, Rowe said. A lightweight shuttle could run routes over the current paths and footbridge, he said.

Community-owned bicycles, located in double lockers at Autzen Stadium, might be worth a light investment, Rowe said. Improved carpooling would also ease the situation, he added.

"We should go to these methods before committing ourselves to solid structures," Rowe said.

Part of the problem has been that the University administration has been focusing on more important and pressing problems, he added.

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