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for two more years

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## Parking lot threatens campus garden

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The whole situation reminds Sue Aller of the lyrics to an old Joni Mitchell song: "They paved paradise and put up a parking lot."

The Courtyard on 13th Avenue is an ideal location for Aller's two businesses, The Eye of the Needle and Spinkins, where she designs and manufactures clothing for bicyclists, Aller says.

But Sacred Heart Hospital's plan to convert the courtyard into a parking lot is threatening Aller's businesses and several other establishments.

In May the hospital, which owns much of the block, notified Aller and the owners of Lenny's Nosh Bar, Sahalie Natural Foods and The Eugene Trading Co. that they must vacate by August 31.

Frank Mowreader, owner of The Cycle Works bike shop on 13th Avenue, holds the lease from the hospital and sublets to the other businesses. But Mowreader failed to renew his option in April, so the hospital sent out the notices.

Mowreader did renew the option on his bike shop, and that business will be spared.

Lenny Nathan, whose popular eatery bears his name, is not happy about being forced to move after spending five years building his business there. He estimates he has in-

vested \$60,000 and innumerable hours in the restaurant and says he is just beginning to see a return on that investment.

"I'm looking forward to my best two years," he says. "This is my best shot."

Hospital officials say it is not their intention to destroy the neighborhood, and they will welcome any alternative.

"Everyone agrees that flatland parking is the worst use of space possible," says Alan Yordy, community relations manager for the hospital. "The bottom line is making parking convenient, especially for the elderly who come to the hospital."

Now it is up to the city to come up with an alternative parking plan if the businesses are to be saved, Yordy says.

Meanwhile city representatives are working to come up with a solution they hope can forestall the hospital's plan. Although there is no panacea, city planners hope they can come up with enough parking spaces to satisfy the hospital, says Jim Hanks, Eugene traffic engineer.

"As a city, we don't want to be in the business of taking businesses out," Hanks says.

The hospital's parking problem stems from the West University Neighborhood parking program which went into effect last January, Yordy says. That program limits parking time for commuters who do not purchase monthly permits.

Because they can no longer park on the street, Sacred Heart employees now are competing with patients and visitors for spaces on the hospital's lots, Yordy says.

The experimental program is being financed in part by a \$293,000 grant from the Urban Mass Transit Administration. Stipulations of the federal grant require the city to keep the program for at least two years.

Despite opposition to the program from the hospital, the city



Photo by Michael Clapp

The west-side windows of Sacred Heart Hospital may soon reflect a bare parking lot instead of The Courtyard 'garden' of businesses on 13th Avenue.

has no intention of scrapping it, Hanks says. But he says there are other solutions.

There are about 20 parking spaces within a 2½ block radius that can be made available to the hospital, Hanks says. He also is considering the possibili-

ty of working out an arrangement with nearby apartment complexes whose parking spaces are often empty during the day.

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But the parking problem is aggravated by the hospital's "short stay" program, which brings increased traffic to the area, Hanks says. Also, the failure of the hospital to provide an adequate place for bicycles has discouraged this alternative transportation, he says.

hospital also owns.

But Nathan says much of his investment is in improvements that will be lost if he is forced to move.

"It's in the plumbing, it's in the floors. What do I do, move those boards?" Nathan asks, pointing to the floor of his restaurant.

Nathan and Aller hold subleases from Mowreader that do not run out for another two years. Though hospital officials

have talked about compensating them for moving out, no dollar amounts have been discussed.

Also, Aller says her tailor shop does most of its business with University students, and finding suitable rental space in the area is next to impossible.

Though she says she must consider her situation from a strictly business perspective, Aller believes The Courtyard offers an atmosphere which is missing in other locations.

"It's not stark or sterile," she says. "There are trees here, there are flowers. It's like living in a garden."

Though she is hopeful that some solution can be reached, Aller feels a little helpless in the situation.

"I'm just a little guy between two giants," Aller says. "I don't want to get squashed between the city and the hospital."

Representatives of the city, the hospital and the businesses met Monday morning to discuss the situation, but no decision has been made.



Lenny Nathan

## Battle brews between baseball club, student groups

By Julie Shippen  
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Local baseball fans may be quenching their thirst with a different brew if the influences of the ASUO executive staff and other campus groups prove successful.

On Wednesday, ASUO vice president Marc Spence wrote a letter asking Tom Leip, assistant general manager of the Eugene Emeralds Baseball Club, to stop serving Coors beer at home games because "the Coors company represents beliefs and practices that we do not wish to support with our patronage."

Until April, Coors beer was not allowed in Oregon because it isn't pasteurized and can only be sold in kegs. But the real sparks of controversy lay with the company's labor practices and the alleged

racial views of its chairman.

"The Coors company is extremely anti-union," says Sherri Schultz, ASUO executive assistant. "They require lie-detector tests and forced physical searches (of their employees)."

"Coors himself is extremely right-wing and has made statements regarding blacks as being intellectually inferior," Schultz says.

Since the union's 1977 decertification, which resulted from a company strike, there has been a nationwide boycott of Coors by the AFL-CIO, the Teamsters Union and other civil rights and environmental groups. The ASUO's stand is supported by the Clergy and Laity Concerned and University Democrats.

Schultz says the Em's Club probably is

not the first area seller of Coors beer to receive boycott requests.

"I think that there are other taverns that have stopped serving Coors as a response to the pressure, and I hope there will be more that follow suit," she says.

Because many students attend the local baseball games, the ASUO executive staff hopes Leip will give them "the opportunity to enjoy good baseball without supporting Coors products," according to the letter.

"We feel it's important as Coors is aiming its market at students, because it's a large population and most of them drink beer," Schultz says. "That's why we decided to send the letter to the Em's."

Leip, on the other hand, believes he is serving baseball fans by selling Coors, as it is one of the most popular brands, he says.

"Our position on the matter is that it's the second-largest-selling beer in Lane County, and our fans deserve that kind of consideration," Leip says. "That's why we're serving it at the ball park."

As to whether the club will consider the ASUO's request when purchasing beer for future home games, Leip remains uncertain.

"I really don't know that it will," he says. "We're definitely taking note of that, though. We try to remain open-minded about these things. The people that write these letters are baseball fans, and they deserve consideration as well."