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United Insurance Cos. takes student account

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ASUO Insurance Coordinator Shirley Chase said she is calm about the acquisition of the student insurance carrier by another company.

United Insurance Cos., Inc. of Dallas, Texas acquired the 1986-87 ASUO student insurance carrier Keystone Life Insurance Co., also of Dallas, last month. The acquisition, which went into effect Jan. 1, was the result of Keystone's financial difficulties.

"I've gotten an amazing amount of reassurances, and I'm talking to the same people," Chase said. "I've always had excellent service from

Jan. 1 will be affected by the change in ownership, Chase said. Claims filed before Jan. 1 will have to be resubmitted with a proof of claims form, and will be paid by Keystone under the supervision of the state of Texas, she said.

All other claims will be paid by United, but there will be a three-week delay, Chase said. She doesn't see the delay as a major problem.

"They had been so current with claims up until the time this happened — I think they were current to 10 days — I won't be hearing about this three-week delay for a while," she said. "My experience tells me that."

Chase described UICI as "a large, growing public company that concentrates its effort in special markets like student insurance."

UICI's acquisition of Keystone gives its student insurance division the ability to expand and underwrite student premiums in 14 states, said Mary Ann Maher, an account executive formerly with Keystone and now with United. The reaction from the schools holding contracts with Keystone United has been favorable so far, she said.

"The acquisition makes us stronger so it makes them (the schools) happy," she added.

The process of choosing next year's insurance carrier also is underway, said David Shackleton, the ASUO Student Health Insurance Committee chairman. Although a decision will not be made until next term, the committee is looking at a plan connected with Prudential Life Insurance and also the possibility of remaining with United, he said.



Shirley Chase

(Keystone) before, and I don't have any reason to believe that the service that I'm going to get will be any different."

Chase learned of the acquisition Feb. 20 but did not receive full details until a letter arrived earlier this week.

Only those claims filed before



Photo by Michael Wilhelm

Medard Gabel (standing) explains the World Game to participants Wednesday night.

'World Game' attempts to teach new problem-solving techniques

By Sarah Kitchen

Of the Emerald

Allowing people to explore the planet from a new perspective and learning about problems and options for those problems was one goal of the "World Game" held last night in the EMU Ballroom.

The objective of the game is to make the world work for 100 percent of humanity and to design human life-support systems in a way that everyone on Earth is taken care of at higher standards so all can enjoy the planet, said Medard Gabel, executive director of World Game Projects, Inc.

"The goal of the workshop is to allow people to examine their planet from a new perspective and to see it as a whole, and to learn about the problems and the options

available," Gabel said.

At the beginning of the game each participant was given between one and three packets representing different areas of the world. Each packet and person represented 50 million people. Using devices such as flashlights (which stood for energy), balloons (weapons) and bags of rice (food) the organizers of the game showed participants how those products are distributed in the world and who produces what. Participants were then asked to trade their materials to illustrate world distribution, and then based on the literacy level of their particular area, summarize and explain the distribution.

The World Game concept was introduced by Buckminster Fuller as an alternative to

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County to help fund Hayward Field renovation

By Jackie Barry

Of the Emerald

Lane County commissioners voted 4-1 Wednesday to help the University find funds for Hayward Field's renovation.

The commissioners instructed county staff to work with other agencies to identify funds for the renovation of the east grandstand at the track and field complex.

Commissioner Jerry Rust said the University can't afford to take the project on by itself, and "Hayward Field represents the cornerstone of a very significant industry in our community."

University officials decided 18 months ago to modernize the dilapidating, and outdated track facility, said Dan Williams, the University vice-president of administration. He said plans were discussed to move the east grandstand,

widen the track into a spherical shaped, metric configuration, and then to rehabilitate the grandstand.

Williams estimated the cost for the renovation project would be \$1.2 to \$1.5 million.

The "money is in hand" for moving the grandstand and renovating the track, but the \$600,000 slated to renovate the grandstand has yet to be identified, Rust said. He suggested to commissioners that funding come from a self-liquidating bond, which would be paid with money from currently levied county motel-room taxes.

It would be appropriate to use room-tax money to repay the bond because when a track meet is held at Hayward Field it "fills the motels up from Roseburg to Albany," Rust said. He said he expected Eugene and Springfield also would contribute

funds to pay back the bond. "I'm willing to go it alone," he said. "But I don't think it's necessary."

Other commissioners agreed that track meets at Hayward Field can generate income across the county.

An eight-day track meet usually brings visitors into the community three or four days before the event, said Steve Cornacchia, commissioner. The visitors have free time before the meet to patronize county businesses, he said.

Cornacchia suggested Eugene, Springfield, Lane County and the University coordinate efforts to inform visiting track fans about county businesses and tourist attractions.

The National Masters track meet in August would attract 6,000 athletes and their families

and spectators, each of whom might spend \$50 a day, Rust said.

"We're talking immediate revenue," said Cornacchia, and he challenged other commissioners to name another event that would generate as much revenue for the community as a track meet.

Commissioner Bill Rogers voted against the motion, saying a long-range plan that would consider other proposals such as a dome over Autzen Stadium, the needs of the Lane County Fairgrounds and a proposed facility in Portland, would be better. "Let's not focus on this track thing," he said. "We need some kind of grand plan."

But the time frame of the National Masters meet scheduled for August, and competition

with multi-million dollar facilities in Indianapolis and Los Angeles, eliminates the grand plan as an immediate option, Cornacchia said. It would take three or four years for everyone to agree on the plan, he said.

"It's a good idea but it pales under the magnitude of what we could lose," Cornacchia said. The Hayward Field project could mean tens of millions in revenue, he said. "I'm willing to get the tens of millions of dollars now and then look at other options."

Commissioner John Ball said consensus on the Hayward Field project could be the beginning of a master plan.

Renovation of the track would take four to six weeks after the June Prefontaine Classic, Williams said.