

Bookstore given tentative lease

By Will Holbert
Of the Emerald

The EMU may have a new occupant — the bookstore.

The space formally occupied by Computer and Software Brokers, beside the Computer Lounge in the EMU basement, has tentatively been leased to the University Bookstore.

Only two members of the 15-member EMU Board of Directors were present during a board meeting Monday. They voted unanimously to award the lease to the bookstore. The bookstore beat out three other competitors for the spot. Owing to the low turnout, the board will wait until most of the members are present to make a final decision.

"I'm not overly surprised, I'm pleased...selecting the bookstore was a prudent thing to do," said James Williams, general manager of the bookstore.

The new bookstore branch will sell computer hardware and software, rent VCRs along with TVs, and provide textbooks to night class students. Other services will include small appliance rentals, elec-

tronics sales, and a possible text buy-back service.

The board considered three other options for filling the vacant space, a bicycle shop, TSI (a computer store), and a Computerland store.

"It'll increase the exposure for what's available...It may increase business," said Matthew Smith, summer chairman of the EMU Board.

According to Smith, the main advantage of having the bookstore move in would be the hours. Instead of closing at 5:30, as the main bookstore does, the new branch would remain open until seven at night.

Another advantage may be the new outlet's ability to take back textbooks at the end of each term. Dormitory residents would not have to haul their books back to the main bookstore, but could exchange them at the new outlet. However, the new outlet may not be able to handle the buy-back rush, and it will be tried only on a test basis, he said.

The board's move also may make life more convenient for dormitory denizens who have time for video movies. The new

outlet will rent TV sets, VCRs, and movies according to the proposal the bookstore submitted to the board.

However, the board's decision may be null and void.

Monday's meeting violated Oregon public meeting laws because notice wasn't given within 24 hours, according to Bob Baldwin, Incidental Fee Committee chairman, and a member of the EMU board.

"It's my contention that the meeting never happened," said Baldwin.

Baldwin is calling for a new meeting, and says he will take his case to the state attorney general if necessary.

No malicious intent was behind the board's lack of notification, according to Baldwin. Many people aren't even aware of the board as a public body capable of giving out public leases, and it's lack of notoriety gave rise to an unintentional violation of state public meeting law, he said.

Baldwin plans to call for another meeting, and "start from scratch."

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Sacred Heart offers education for elderly citizen's health

By Sean Nelson
Of the Emerald

"Senior Class," an education and wellness program for senior citizens, made its official debut this week at Sacred Heart Hospital with a membership drive.

The program is for people 55 and older and helps to reduce health care expenses.

Sacred Heart will accept Medicare with an approved

and high blood pressure. Financial seminars on Medicare and selected discounts on community goods and services are provided and health education classes are offered through the hospital's education department. Pre-registration for scheduled hospital admissions, a quarterly newsletter and a calendar of events also are available for Senior Class members.

Enrollment for health education classes costs \$10 per person or \$15 per couple.

Classes offered through education services include cardiopulmonary resuscitation, smoke stoppers, aerobics, and stress management. Billings said.

"As people join we'll be asking them what types of classes they would like in the future," Billings added.

"I anticipate things like nutrition, maintaining your health, and coping with chronic illness (might be some of the classes offered)," she said.

"This is a brand new program," Billings said. "As time goes on we'll make every effort to respond to the needs of seniors."

The business community supports the program, Billings said. "We've had very good response from our advertisement that was in the Register Guard last Wednesday," Billings said.

"We just want to give them a contact point at the hospital so that they can call and get information and help," Billings explained.

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— Marylynn Billings

supplemental insurance program as payment in full for a Senior Class member's hospital stay.

"This could represent a significant savings for many patients," said Marylynn Billings, a registered nurse and coordinator of the Senior Class program.

Additional benefits include health screenings for vision, hearing, colon cancer, diabetes

"A large part of my job will be serving as an advocate for seniors, helping them find their way through the sometimes complicated health care systems," said Billings.

Billings has 15 years of experience with Sacred Heart's Home Health Services, most recently as home care coordinator. Senior citizens are the primary recipients of Home Health Services.

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INTERVIEWS

The Springfield Advisory Committee for Access is accepting applications to fill one vacancy. Deadline is 5 p.m. August 14. For more information contact Galen Howard at 687-4283.

The Springfield Historical Commission is accepting applications for an at-large position. Deadline is 5 p.m. August 21. Contact Jackie Murdoch at 726-3759 for more information.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Springfield Arts Com-
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mission is accepting proposals for art projects in the Springfield area. For more information call Newhouse at 726-3783.

International Student Exchange is looking for families interested in hosting an exchange student. If interested call 1-800-233-HOST.

The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America Inc. is hosting a regional chorus and quartet competition. Call 687-0800 for more information.

Photographs by Ashley Foster are on display in the lobby of the Public Service Building/Courthouse. The exhibit continues through August and may be seen between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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