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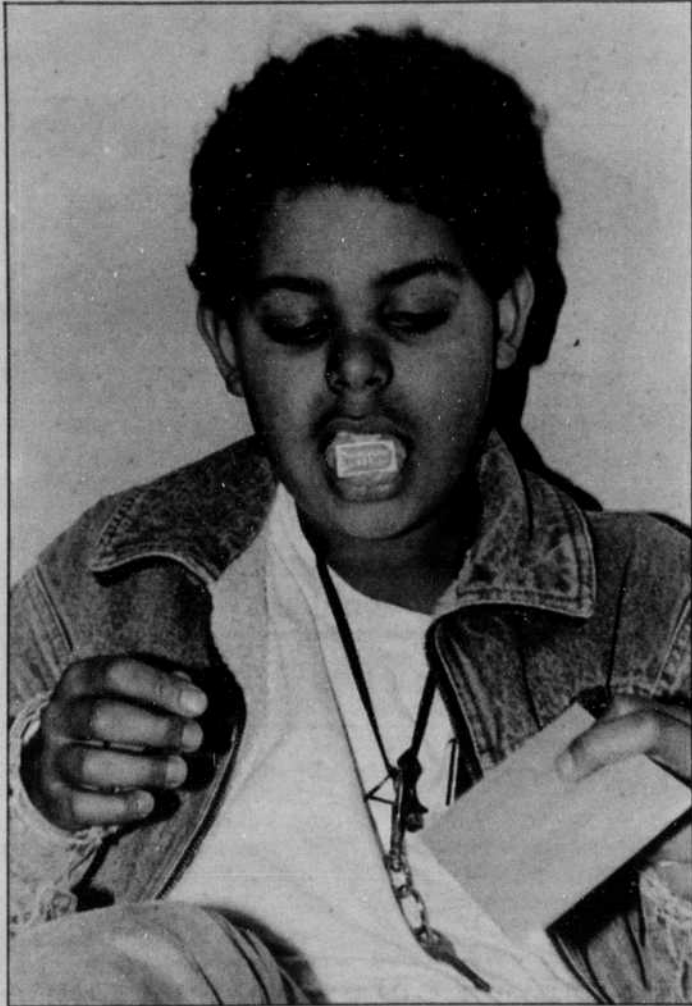
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Sticking with it

Roosevelt Middle School student Hubert Schwartz, 13, spent several hours in the lobby of the EMU's University post office station Wednesday afternoon placing postage and air mail stamps on a stack of business mail. Schwartz's father, who works with an Eugene computer security and software company, hired him at \$6 an hour to stamp company mailers to be sent all over the world.

Photo by Scott Maben

University Senate hears semester conversion ideas

By Paula Green
Emerald Reporter

Members of the University Senate debated two of four proposals recommended for the upcoming semester conversion by the General Education subcommittee at its meeting Wednesday.

The subcommittee has considered changing the University's writing requirements, as well as deleting the current B.A. and B.S. field requirements and health requirement. The subcommittee is a faction of the Special Semester Curriculum Committee.

University Chairwoman and history professor Mavis Mate asked the Senate to repeal the current English composition requirement of Writing 121, to be followed by either 122 or 123, and replace it with six semester credits of English composition and three semester credits of an upper division course containing a significant writing

component.

Mate said that committee members also believe writing should continue beyond the basic courses, and it should be refined in "upper-division writing-intensive courses."

Mate argued the University, as "the flagship institution in the state," should join the growing trend in education for implementing stronger writing programs.

The proposal, which passed the Senate with a 26-2 vote, with four abstentions, soon will include a section of exemptions for students with either exceptional test scores, or who wish to challenge the required courses.

Mate's second proposal, that of abolishing the University's health requirement, met heated opposition by Senate members who argued a liberal education includes knowledge of the human person and development and performance.

While the subcommittee

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State Board to determine future of proposed mandatory student fee

By Ingrid Petersen
Emerald Reporter

Students may be paying an additional \$10 in tuition a term next September if the State Board of Higher Education approves the implementation of a mandatory computer resource fee.

The issue of requiring students to pay computing fees goes back many years, "mainly because we have never been provided any funding through the legislature for computing," said Dave Quenzer, associate vice chancellor for budget and fiscal policy.

The board will formally hear the proposal March 18.

During the last four years the state's eight colleges and

universities have been forced to "reallocate resources internally...to finance instructional computing," Quenzer said.

The resource fee, however, would only generate about \$500,000 for the University, which doesn't meet the University's \$1 million need, said Larry Fincher, vice provost for academic admissions.

Currently the University obtains its funding for instructional computing from "patchwork" sources such as indirect cost recovery revenues, which the University receives because of research it performs for the federal government, Fincher said.

"We have to fix those things first to have a stable infrastructure," Fincher said, referring to the need to establish a specific

budget for instructional computing.

Although the tuition increase would be used to finance instructional computing, "There has been no decision in the administration on how the money would be budgeted," he said.

In the past the state board has rejected the idea of charging special course fees to generate revenue for instructional computing, Quenzer said.

A course fee "becomes a hidden tuition that the board does not allow in its fee policy," he said. "It would have been an additional fee to just a few students."

This is the first time that the board is looking at a computing resource fee, Quenzer said.

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Home healthcare offers alternative

By Angela Muniz
Emerald Associate Editor

With hospital costs on the rise, many are looking for an alternative to hospital care. Although little is known about it, home health care is becoming a popular option, according to healthcare experts.

The benefits of being in one's own surroundings and the lower costs make it a practical alternative to hospital care, said Barbara Suter, a Sacred Heart Home Health Services nurse. With a home attendant, "You're a guest in (the patient's) home," Suter said. "They feel more comfortable because they are in charge of the wellness."

Home health care services are

similar to hospice programs for the terminally ill. They provide nurses and attendants to care for patients in the comfort of their homes. "When you're in a hospital, you're at the mercy of everything — doctors and nurses," Suter said. "You're not in control."

Suter explained this is especially beneficial to elderly people who sometimes get confused and scared in a hospital. With home health care, "they are on their own turf," she said. Options Community Care manager Rebecca Lambert agreed. "Their independence is maintained for a longer time," she said. "It offers them more stability."

The University's Center for Gerontology Director Jeanne

Bader noted one reason for increased popularity in home health care is because families of patients prefer the home atmosphere. Seventy percent of the elderly are cared for by the family, she said. "If you consider the other 30 percent are what we're talking about, it's pretty profound," she added.

But home health care is not limited to the care of the elderly. Both Suter and Lambert cited examples of working parents hiring a nurse to care for their sick children.

Several of these organizations operate in the Eugene area, but the level and type of care varies at each one. Sacred Heart Home Health Services, for example, is

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Bils under psychiatric care

By Carolyn Lamberson
and wire reports

A University law student found guilty but insane in connection to three criminal charges last year was placed under Oregon Psychiatric Review Board supervision last week.

Willy Bernard Bils, 32, was found guilty of two counts of criminal simulation, one count of trespassing and one count of tampering with a witness on Dec. 9, 1987. However, it was determined that Bils suffered from bipolar manic-depression and he was "granted conditional release subject to review by the psychiatric review board," according to Lane County Asst. District Attorney Daryl Larson.

Bils was then placed under the temporary supervision of his psychiatrist, pending final disposition. Last week, Lane County Circuit Court Judge Maurice Merten signed an order placing Bils under the official supervision of Carmel, Calif., psychiatrist Dr. Robert Doyle. Bils' care will still be supervised by the review board.

Bils, who is on medical leave from the University School of Law, now resides in Monterey, Calif. The conditions of Bils' release include his continuing to take lithium carbonate and be treated for manic depression syndrome, Larson added. Bils will be under review board supervision for up to 6 years and 30 days — a length of time equivalent to the maximum prison time Bils could have



Willy Bils

been sentenced to if not found guilty but insane.

The simulation charges stemmed from allegations that Bils hired Eugene freelance legal writer Janice Skillings-Goff to write a paper for him.

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