## EMU Board to firm up plans for Food Court

By Brian Bloch **Emerald Reporter** 

The EMU Board of Directors on Thursday will firm up its plans to introduce a food consortium into the Skylight Refectory by early next year.

This month's meeting of current and recently elected board members in the EMU has been scheduled for the purpose of re-affirming the board's request for proposal (RFP) prior to asking potential contractors to bid on the Food Court project.



The RFP, drawn up by the board in early April, and which has been forwarded to the State Department of General Services for review, calls for a "... prime contractor who will recruit a minimum of five vendors to occupy the Skylight Cafe, vendors who will provide a diverse array of food choices at a reasonable price.'

Specifically, the RFP requires that "the contractor shall provide a food court, with a diversity of vendors, and will ensure a wide variety of menu selection, including vegetarian alternatives, ethnic alternatives, and natural food alternatives.'

The original RFP drawn up by last year's EMU board drew fire from some current members who said the request limited bidding on the project to only fast food corporations and made it virtually impossible for small, more diverse businesses to participate.

The board received a bid from Carl's Jr. earlier this year to build a fast food restaurant in the Skylight, although members rejected it in favor of a food consortium.

According to EMU Director Adell McMillan, the State Purchasing Division is now in litigation with Carl's Jr. over the factors surrounding the rejection of the bid.

After the rejection, a special Skylight Food Alternatives Committee drew up a new list of requirements to better attract the consortium style court and incorporated those requirements into the existing RFP.

McMillan said the RFP had been sent to the State Depart-ment of General Services near the end of April for review and probably won't get back to us before the end of the quarter.

At that point, the board will review the request once again and make any changes it feels are necessary before the bids open in late September, McMillan said. Each bid proposal will then be evaluated and an award

recommendation will be made by the board to the Department of General Services for the final selection of the contractor.

According to the RFP, "The successful contractor will be selected on the basis of the most competitive offer considering the services to be rendered, the quality of the proposal, and the revenue sharing program.

The contract will require the selected bidder to manage the facilities until June 14, 1992.

In addition to general management and construction of the food court, the prime contractor is required by the RFP to provide all required insurance and to cover garbage, utility and other incidental costs of

The contractor must also adhere to more stringent University affirmative action policies that are designed to restrict bias based on sexual orientation. Contracted vendors also will not be allowed to use any polystyrene products.

## Students recognized for service

By Polly Campbell **Emerald Reporter** 

Johnna Harms, Mary Bacon, and Kimberly Albers are the winners of the first annual General Motors Spirit Award given to university students who have displayed outstanding volunteer service in their com-

'This award is designed for hardworking people who do not always get recognition, or the big shot academic awards." said recipient Mary Bacon, a math major who has volunteered as a peer adviser for the University math department. Bacon was also a member of the Student University Resource

For award winner Johnna Harms, community seems to play a large role in her life.

She has worked with the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation in activities, from answering telephones to organizing telethons. Harms was also a volunteer for the March of Dimes telethon, raised money for the Lane Community College Foundation and volunteered for Special Olympics.

"I volunteer for things be-cause I enjoy it," said Harms, a junior pre-journalism major.

The GM Spirit Award, a program implemented in various colleges and universities

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throughout the nation, is an acknowledgement of outstanding volunteer service and is given out at the end of each term, said Gobi Nair, physical education peer adviser and member of the Spirit Awards selection committee.

Because the award was just developed this year, the selection process started slowly and the awards were not given until this term, Nair said.

He said that candidates for the award filled out extensive applications that asked them to list volunteer services they had done and how many hours were put into each activity.

Nair said the participants were judged according to the amount they contributed and the areas in which they had volunteered.

The award winners will each receive three shares of General Motors stock and a certificate of recognition at an awards ceremony and reception to be held Thursday, 4:00 p.m., in the Gerlinger Alumni Lounge.

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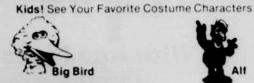
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