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Photo by Andre Kanieri

Audre Keller, owner of The Copy Shop, sees no end to Sacred Heart's expansions and is angered by the hospital's choice of stores in its parking structure.

Hospital's expansion gets mixed reactions

By Hon Walker
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As a new Sacred Heart General Hospital medical complex and its adjoining parking structure near completion, some West University representatives say their relationship with the hospital is better than it has been in years.

At the same time, though, some business owners say they are disappointed with the choice of new shops that have opened near them, and they question the hospital's future agenda.

Audre Keller, owner of The Copy Shop, 539 E. 13th Ave., said she prefers the term "Our Lady of the Bulldozer" to refer to the growing hospital complex. She remembers such former landmarks as the Mayflower Theatre, Poppi's Greek Restaurant, and Lenny's Nosh Bar, lost to hospital development.

"I don't see any end to their expansionist tendencies," she said. "I have watched Sacred Heart come right down the street at me."

The Copy Shop, the adjacent Care'n for Hair salon, 561 E. 13th Ave., and Eugene's Flower Home, 610 E. 13th Ave., could be eyed as sites of future development, Keller fears.

In the parking structure retail space is now a copy shop (Typos), a hair salon (Precision Cuts), and a flower shop (Dandelion's Flowers and Gifts).

A fourth store, Chazpro Family Fun Shop, will open later this month.

Keller said it's too early to tell if her business has been affected by the competition, but she doesn't mind the existence of a nearby competitor anyway,

she said.

However, she said she sees a pattern to the retail tenants that were selected to move into the parking structure space.

"It's not the fact that they're competition that upsets me," she said. "It's the fact that, of all the applications for storefronts, that (Sacred Heart) should pick the same as the next three properties in line."

"I do not believe that this comes under the realm of coincidence," Keller said.

Keller said she has received, and has turned down, offers from doctors to buy her property, as have nearby Max's Tavern and Little's Market, she said.

Other businesspeople in the area near the new parking structure said they are concerned that their space could be bought up for future development.

Ricki DenOuden, manager of Care'n for Hair, said, "The owners of these buildings have been approached by attorneys and realtors for doctors to buy these buildings."

She said offers have been made to buy the Care'n for Hair building, and the building's owner has considered selling it.

The level of business at her shop has not changed, but to put three competitors so close to existing businesses was, she said, "a bad neighbor policy."

She pointed out that none of the new businesses compete with tenants in Sacred Heart's other parking garage down the street.

Pat Brooks, owner of Eugene's Flower

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Chamorro's election puts end to U.S. involvement

By Catherine Hawley
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Nicaraguans did not vote to support opposition party candidate Violeta Chamorro in Sunday's election so much as they voted to end U.S. aggression against their country, said a University law student who observed the elections.

"The people of Nicaragua still share the ideals of the FSLN, but in the privacy of the polling place they gave into weariness," said Nicholas van Aelstyn who traveled to Nicaragua with a National Lawyers Guild delegation to monitor the fairness of the elections.

Chamorro's election means the end of trade embargoes and the U.S.-backed Contra war, which will allow the Nicaraguans to rebuild their country and take care of their war victims, van Aelstyn said.

"UNO was the rational choice," he said. "The Nicaraguan people are only human."

The 19 NLG delegation members were among 2,000 international observers who monitored the fairness of the Feb. 25 elections.

"We found the entire electoral process to be imminently free and fair," van Aelstyn said. "They had 17 safeguards against fraud, including many that we don't have here in the United States."

At a Wednesday press conference in City Council Chambers, Van Aelstyn read a prepared NLG statement affirming the fairness of the elections and condemning the United States' role in Nicaragua in the last 10 years.

"Contrary to the contentions of the Bush administration, the FSLN's defeat does not represent the fall of a totalitarian regime," van Aelstyn read. "Rather, the elections are clear proof of the FSLN's longstanding commitment to democracy."

On the day of the elections, van Aelstyn was assigned to moni-

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First candidates enter ASUO race

By Christopher Blair
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Steve Maples and Diane Cushman became the first candidates to enter the race for 1990-91 ASUO President and Vice President on Wednesday, promising to "bridge the gap" between the student body, the administration and student government.

Maples, a fourth-year double major in philosophy and political science, is a member of the Incidental Fee Committee, the EMU Board of Directors, and is president of the EMU Board of Directors. He also sits on the Associated Student Presidential Advisory Council.

Cushman has participated as a volunteer in three mayoral elections and a city council campaign in the San Diego area, and was an intern for a San Diego city supervisor. She held three offices in her sorority, and was a member on the Greek Endorsement Committee.

Until Wednesday, she had served as a student group financial tag for the ASUO this year, but resigned due to the conflict of interest of partici-



Photo by Andre Kanieri

Diane Cushman and Steve Maples announced their candidacy for ASUO Vice President and President Wednesday, becoming the first candidates to enter the race.

pating in the election.

In an interview to announce their candidacy, Maples and Cushman discussed the ways in which they will attempt to involve the student body in their election process.

Maples said he and Cushman will benefit from the early start they have on the elections to be held in late April.

"Diane and I are very proud of the fact that we're the first to come out publicly to an-

nounce our candidacies," Maples said.

"We hope that it shows the student body an eagerness and a willingness to get out there as soon as possible and let them know we're out there for them to understand us and where we're coming from," he said.

Maples said that during the campaign, the two will ad-

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