

Pizza chain negotiates spot in EMU

Board: Vote opens talks for Little Caesar's restaurant franchise

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Pizza pizza may be on its way to the EMU, after the EMU Board of Directors voted Wednesday night to enter contract negotiations with Little Caesar's pizza restaurant chain.

Little Caesar's pizzas and bread will be available in the EMU during winter term, according to EMU business manager Susan Racette.

"Last year's [EMU] board was very enthusiastic with this proposal," Racette explained. "They felt that brand-name pizza would do very well here."

The board decided last spring to accept bids for a licensing agreement from "quick-serve" pizza vendors in an effort to improve EMU Food Service's financial health.

The EMU advertised their interest to 23 local and national pizza vendors, although only Little Caesars and Pizza Hut submitted bids. Two local vendors dropped out early in the process.

"I think [the local vendors] thought they were a small business and this would make them larger than they wanted to be," Racette said.

Little Caesars topped Pizza Hut's offer with lower royalty fees and assistance with advertising and the grand-opening promotion.

The pizza-service proposal represents the EMU's second venture into name-brand food sales, a direction pioneered last year by the Fishbowl's Taco Time counter.

A January, 1993 marketing survey pinpointed brand-name vendors of Chinese and Mexican food, followed by pizza, as most likely to attract students' lunchtime dollars. The EMU currently serves Chinese food in its Skylight Cafe.

The EMU administration, Racette said, would like to locate the new pizza service in the "underutilized" cafeteria that adjoins the Fountain Court Cafe, where the EMU Food Service currently sells Pizzano's pizza.

Little Caesars, however, has its eye on space in the Fishbowl. "They want to be near where all the action is," Racette explained.

Racette estimates that the project will cost between \$25,000 and \$50,000 and generate between \$225,000

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Loan program causes controversy

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Recent criticism that the University's new Federal Student Loan Direct Lending program will end up costing students more money in the end is completely unfounded, according to University Director of Financial Aid Edmond Vignoul.

"I think there's a lot of people crying wolf and there's a lot of critics out there criticizing for wrong reasons," said Vignoul during an interview Wednesday. "I'm comfortable with the success of the new program and the only drawback is that it wasn't implemented 30 years ago."

Vignoul said the information being released to the public from the media recently has led many people to believe the new program is a bad option for students, despite the fact that the repayment plan has been clearly stated and available to students from the start.

In an Associated Press article last Monday, Laura McClintock, legislative director for the United States Students Association, said because students are required to pay back only what they can afford, making the income-contingency loan available to students who can afford the standard repayment plan is wrong.

"A lot of students are going to jump on the option because lower monthly payments are

so attractive without even thinking about how expensive it is going to be 20 years down the road," McClintock said.

In a recent press release from the Oregon Student Lobby, Executive Director Robert Nosse said some students may never manage to eliminate their debts from this new loan, citing "capitalization of interest" as the reason.

"This is robbery, and it is completely sanctioned by the President and the Department of Education," Nosse said. "This isn't making college more affordable, this is the financial enslavement of low-income college

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Career shopping



Senior Laurie Chung inquires about a career opportunity with John Gray from Symantec, a computer software company, at the Career Fair, Wednesday afternoon in the EMU.

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Council won't act against destruction of Amazon

Options: The city says it will discuss issues related to low-income housing

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Eugene's city council decided they will not take action to try to prevent the destruction of Amazon housing, but will discuss low-income housing issues in general. The decision was made in a work session.

More than 45 members of the Save Amazon Coalition and the Homeless Action Coalition held a rally before the council meeting and crowded into the McNutt Room at City Hall to hear the council's decisions. Audio speakers were set up outside the room so everyone could hear the discussion.

Councilor Kevin Hornbuckle called the discussion a smoke-screen and political "pony show."

"I think what is happening here, is the council is trying to appear to be doing something, without doing anything," Hornbuckle said.

Hornbuckle said the council

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■ GOOD MORNING

► **ENTERPRISE (AP)** — In an isolated corner of northeastern Oregon, the economy is getting a boost from the O.J. Simpson case.

Parks Bronze of Enterprise has been awarded a contract to produce up to 25,000 bronze statues of O.J. Simpson.

"The timber industry has been closed down to a certain degree in this area, so it's helping the economy greatly," said Stephen Parks, president of Parks Bronze and the statue's designer.

The statue, known as "The Juice," is 21 inches tall and bears Simpson's signature. The initial creation was brought into the Los Angeles jail and was presented to Simpson for his approval, Parks said. Each statue will sell for

\$3,395.

"People have been skeptical of whether this is just exploitation and people aren't going to buy this anyway," Parks said. "But I've already received calls from people wanting to reserve numbers and buy these things. So it's going crazy already."

"It's one of those things that whatever way the case goes, people are going to want to remember it by."

The picture depicts Simpson in a football uniform with his right foot on a helmet and a football cradled in his left hand.

"He's in kind of a proud state," Parks said. "It depicts his glory days as a football player."

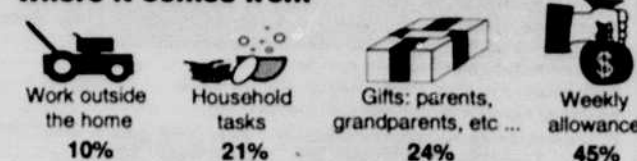
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