

ASUO eyeing student program computers

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ASUO President Leslie Warren assured the ASUO Programs Finance Committee Thursday night that a memo sent by student senators alleging she had made a decision to move the Student Resource Center computers and equipment to the EMU Computing Center is not true.

Warren is, however, exploring options for the future of the resource center, which is not being funded by the ASUO Executive.

One of the options may be moving the resource center equipment, which includes two Macintosh computers, a scanner and a light table, to the computing center, said ASUO Executive Coordinator Cheryl Hunter.

The computing center would then be responsible for the maintenance of the equipment, and while ASUO-funded groups would have priority in its use, the equipment would fall under the auspices of the computing center and its computer support staff.

Warren said that her first priority is to cut down on the student funds being used to run the resource center,

which is used mainly by student publications, such as *The Student Insurgent* and *The Oregon Commentator*.

Warren had not gathered enough information about the possibilities to warrant informing the groups that use the resource center, she said.

"I don't have anything to tell them (the groups using the center)," Warren said. "I don't have anything to bring them. I don't have any facts."

Sen. Chris Kantowitz, one of the committee members whose memo prompted the meeting with the ASUO Executive, said that he was concerned that the groups be consulted before any decisions were made regarding the future of the resource center.

"At least it's being discussed," he said, responding to Warren's statement that no facts had been gathered yet.

"No decision would be made without getting a solid decision from the programs," Warren said.

Representatives of student groups who use the resource center voiced their concern that a move to the computing center would mean that they no longer had 24-hour access to the equipment.

Election will decide street's fate

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Willamette Street needs to be reopened to encourage private companies to invest in the development and renovation of the downtown mall area, said Eugene Urban Services Manager Bob Hibschan.

Hibschan said the buildings in the mall have not changed appearance in 20 years and that the street needs a face lift.

Measure 20-43 asks voters to reopen Willamette Street between 8th and 10th Avenues to cars.

One of the most important reasons the street should be opened is that it would allow the businesses to have street-front access, Hibschan said.

"Street vehicular access is important for investors and business owners," he said.

People will visit a place more often if they can see it as they drive by, he said.

Olive Street, which opened in 1992, has been the model for the measure. Four restaurants and many new businesses have opened on Olive Street since then.

The Olive Street renovation cost about \$700,000.

The cost of the Willamette Street project is \$1.3 million. The fountain removal, use of bricks for the sidewalk and increases in costs account for the difference between the prices of the two streets. The Urban Renewal Fund would pay \$450,000 and the Lane County Road Fund would pay \$750,000.

Downtown property owners would contribute \$100,000 to the project from funds raised by the Downtown Eugene Inc. board of directors.

Opponents say that taxpayers should not have to



pay for a project that increases profits for businesses. The plan will do more harm than good, said Neale Hyatt, from the committee for downtown planning. The added pollution and traffic problems would harm

the city, he said.

Hyatt said other ways of addressing the problem need to be considered. A new U.S. Bank building, which would employ several hundred people "will make the mall work," he said.

Hyatt said it would be better to wait a few years to see what happens to the mall.

Hyatt suggested taking out the fountain and replacing it with a bandstand that could hold concerts.

"They should take the fountain out and do things in that area to bring people downtown," he said.

If the measure is approved, construction will begin in the fall and would be completed before the 1996 Eugene Celebration.

The measure would add a two-lane street through the mall for autos, buses and bicycles; a six-foot by six-foot brick pattern in the sidewalk areas; raised crosswalks outlined with brick pavers at the intersections of Broadway and the alleys; sidewalks for pedestrians; 17 short-term parallel parking bays; and about 40 short-term bicycle parking spaces.

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