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Bill Carter of Wildish Construction installs shelves in the new Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Alliance office on the EMU ground floor.

EMU: Easier navigation was one of the five major goals

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like, he said.

"We wanted something comfortable, but funky," Racette said. "Somewhat Eugene — you know, flowy."

The group slowly found out that its dreams were a bit expensive to stay within the budget, Miller said. Parts were cut out of the plan, such as the controlled climate atrium and the group decided to remodel usable furniture and accents, he said.

"We began thinking 'How much do dreams cost?'" Miller said. "Are they possible?"

When the board could cut no more, they decided go to the state for a \$1 million loan. This authorization allowed the plan the group created to be completed.

Wildish Construction Company was hired in 1997, and the next year was spent tearing apart and remodeling the EMU food services and recreational facilities. The construction closed down large parts of the building and the food services were un-

available, Racette said.

"I think people will be pretty happy there is no more heavy construction," Racette said.

The plan had five stated goals, Miller said. These goals included renovating the food service, taking care of the 50-year-old utility problems and safety issues, modernizing the recreation center, creating destination places for students who wish to congregate and making the EMU easier to navigate, he said.

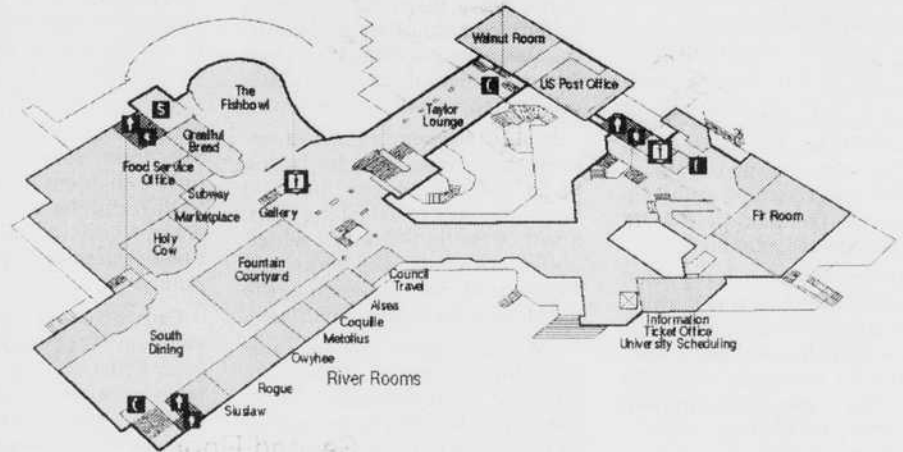
"I think we've made very substantial progress on all five of those goals," Miller said. "We did not make our dream on any of them, but on some we came close."

The renovation has turned out to be what the survey said the campus needed, Racette said. This renovation should put the EMU on a more stable financial footing, she said.

"I am overjoyed. This has been needed for a long time," Racette said. "Judging from people's reactions, it seems to be very popular so far."

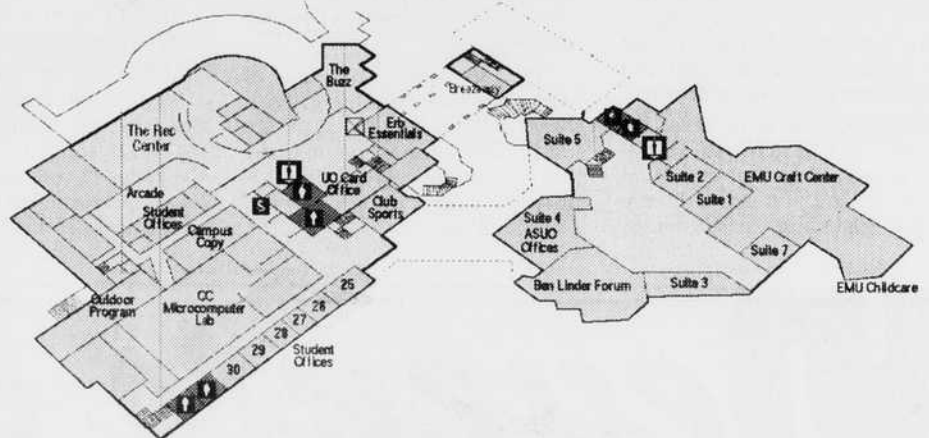
Floor plans of the

Main Floor



Ground Floor West

Ground Floor East



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