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Decision on Internet kiosk in EMU still up in the air

■ Campus Link would provide student access to the Internet, but critics fear excessive advertising

By Lisa Toth Oregon Daily Emerald

The EMU Board made no final decision at its Wednesday meeting on a proposed kiosk in the EMU, and board members said the issue will likely be unresolved until next school year.

Campus Link, a national company that installs information centers in student unions, previously pitched its product to the board on March 29. The business specializes in installing booths that provide free services such as computer terminals offering students access to the Internet, email accounts and telephones. The service is paid for by local and national advertising.

Although the board put the decision on hold, a volunteer committee of board members presented their research on Campus Link.

Student Senate President and EMU Board member Jessica Timpany addressed her concerns with the Campus Link project. Timpany said a specification she wants to see in the terminal is the display of advertising from local Eugene businesses only, instead of mixed with national businesses.

Timpany also said the contract with Campus Link should be limited to two years to test the kiosk's effectiveness. Campus Link has initiated contracts for periods of seven- or 10-years on other university campuses.

Campus Link President Matthew Dinnerman said the University's project is different than other campuses because there has been "more sensitivity to commercialism."

"The board would decide what they want even after it was built," Dinnerman said. "It is our job to provide a service that the board, students and visitors of the student union are satisfied with."

Dinnerman added that because the project is still in preliminary stages, flexibility would be required to address everyone's concerns.

"We need to push forward and see what Campus Link can do for us," EMU board member Bryan Myss said. Myss said the volunteer committee's duties will be to work on the specifics of what the structure would look like and include.

Timpany said she has taken into consideration some issues of controversy around kiosks, including the idea of "prostituting the EMU with advertising in a student-centered space." Also, she said people are afraid the kiosk would be ugly in appearance.

Timpany pointed out during the board meeting that the information center at San Francisco State University was "badly vandalized."

In response, Dinnerman said Campus Link has an insurance policy and that the California school's information center was in the process of being taken down and reinstalled when the construction site was vandalized.

Myss said the board can decide what they want.

"We want them to work with us," said Myss, who said he will be on the EMU Board next year. "If we don't like it, we don't have to accept it. ... Until we actually sit down with them, it doesn't mean [Campus Link] is coming."

Giuliani, wife to separate

By Timothy Williams
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A downcast Mayor Rudolph Giuliani disclosed Wednesday that he and wife Donna Hanover are moving toward legal separation.

It was the second personal announcement in the last two weeks for the often stern Republican Senate candidate who guards his privacy zealously. Giuliani announced on April 27 that he is fighting prostate cancer and said he may rethink his Senate candidacy, depending on his treatment.

"For quite some time, it's probably been apparent that Donna and I lead in most ways independent and separate lives," Giuliani said at a news conference. "It's been a very painful road and I hope we'll be able to formalize that in an agreement that protects our children, that gives them all the security and protection that they deserve."

Giuliani, 55, and Hanover, 50, a TV personality who has also appeared in movies and soap operas, have been married for 16 years and have two children. They have not appeared in public together in years, although she made the point of issuing a statement of support after Giuliani's cancer diagnosis last month.

After Giuliani's comments Wednesday, Hanover summoned reporters to Gracie Mansion, the mayoral residence, and said the marriage had been strained for years. She referred to a relationship the mayor had with a staff member whom she did not name.

"Today's turn of events brings me great sadness," she said, her eyes welling with tears. "I had hoped that we could keep this marriage together. For several years, it was difficult to participate in Rudy's public life because of his relationship with one staff member."

In 1997, Vanity Fair magazine reported there was a romantic link between the mayor and his communications director, Cristyne Lategano, Giuliani and Lategano denied the report, and it was never confirmed. Lategano has since left City Hall and gotten married.

Earlier this year, a reporter asked Giuliani why he had stopped wearing his wedding ring. He responded, "I respectfully suggest that that's none of your business," emphasizing the last four words.

Recently, newspaper photographs have shown Giuliani about town with a 45-year-old divorced woman, Judith Nathan. The New York Post called her the mayor's "mystery brunch pal."

The mayor said Wednesday he had "tremendous respect" for Hanover, whom he called "a wonderful woman (and) wonderful mother." He went on to describe Nathan as "a very, very kind person."

"She's been a very good friend to me," Giuliani said. "I rely on her and she's helped me a great deal. And I'm going to need her more now than maybe I did before."

Giuliani said his disclosure of the separation has nothing to do with politics and he does not expect his announcement to harm him in his Senate race against Hillary Rodham Clinton. When asked her reaction to the mayor's announcement, Clinton replied, "I don't have anything to say." "I don't really care about politics right now," Giuliani said.
"I'm thinking about my family, the people that I love and what can be done that's honest and truthful and that protects them the best."

He added: "It will all work itself out some way politically."

Later, campaign aides said Giuliani is staying in the race and planned to attend a fund-raiser Wednesday night in suburban Westchester County, a key area in the Senate battle.

Giuliani revealed a side that he has never shown before publicly — and that contrasted sharply to the upbeat manner in which he announced that he had cancer. Looking wan and weighing each word with caution, Giuliani spoke of the pain his troubled marriage has created and in part, blamed the media.

"I'm motivated by all the tremendous invasion of privacy that's taken place," he said. "My family's, Judith Nathan's family. This is something that had developed over some period of time and it is something between Donna and me, not anyone else."

Republican political consultant Jay Severin said the mayor's announcement doesn't automatically translate into a political loss, but it can only help Clinton.

"Remember, we have a president serving out his second term who was literally caught with his pants down in the Oval Office, so the mayor's announcement needn't be a disqualifying event," Severin said. "But politics is a zerosum game. Nothing bad happens to one candidate that doesn't benefit another."



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