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ADD A FEE, SAVE A TREE

Students face per-page printing fees this year, as the University's computer labs change their long-standing printing policies

By Leon Tovey
for the Emerald

Returning students will be in for a bit of a shock at campus computer labs this fall. In an effort to recoup costs and conserve paper, the Computing Center has decided to start charging for printing in its computer labs.

Currently, printing is free in the McKenzie, EMU, Klamath and Mill-race labs, but according to Mary Bradley, lab coordinator for the Computing Center, beginning fall term students using the labs can expect to pay between 5 and 10 cents per page. Bradley said a final decision on the amount of the charge has not been reached yet, but that the days of free printing in the labs are over.

The two primary reasons for the decision are cost and waste, Bradley said. The Computing Center spent approximately \$52,000 on paper and toner for the four labs in fiscal 2001-02, up from \$18,000 in 1999-2000 and \$26,000 in 2000-01.

But the bigger worry for conservation-minded officials was the amount of paper used in 2001-02: 467 boxes, at 5,000 sheets per box, for a grand total of 2,335,000 sheets.

"And we see it wasted," Bradley lamented. "Of course we would like to see printing remain free, but our feeling was that the only way to cap the printing was to charge."

Recycling Coordinator Robyn Hathcock echoed that sentiment. Hathcock, who is also a member of the University's Environmental Issues Committee, said the committee has been looking at ways to curb excessive paper use at the labs, but that it hadn't specifically advocated a price increase.

Hathcock said there was concern

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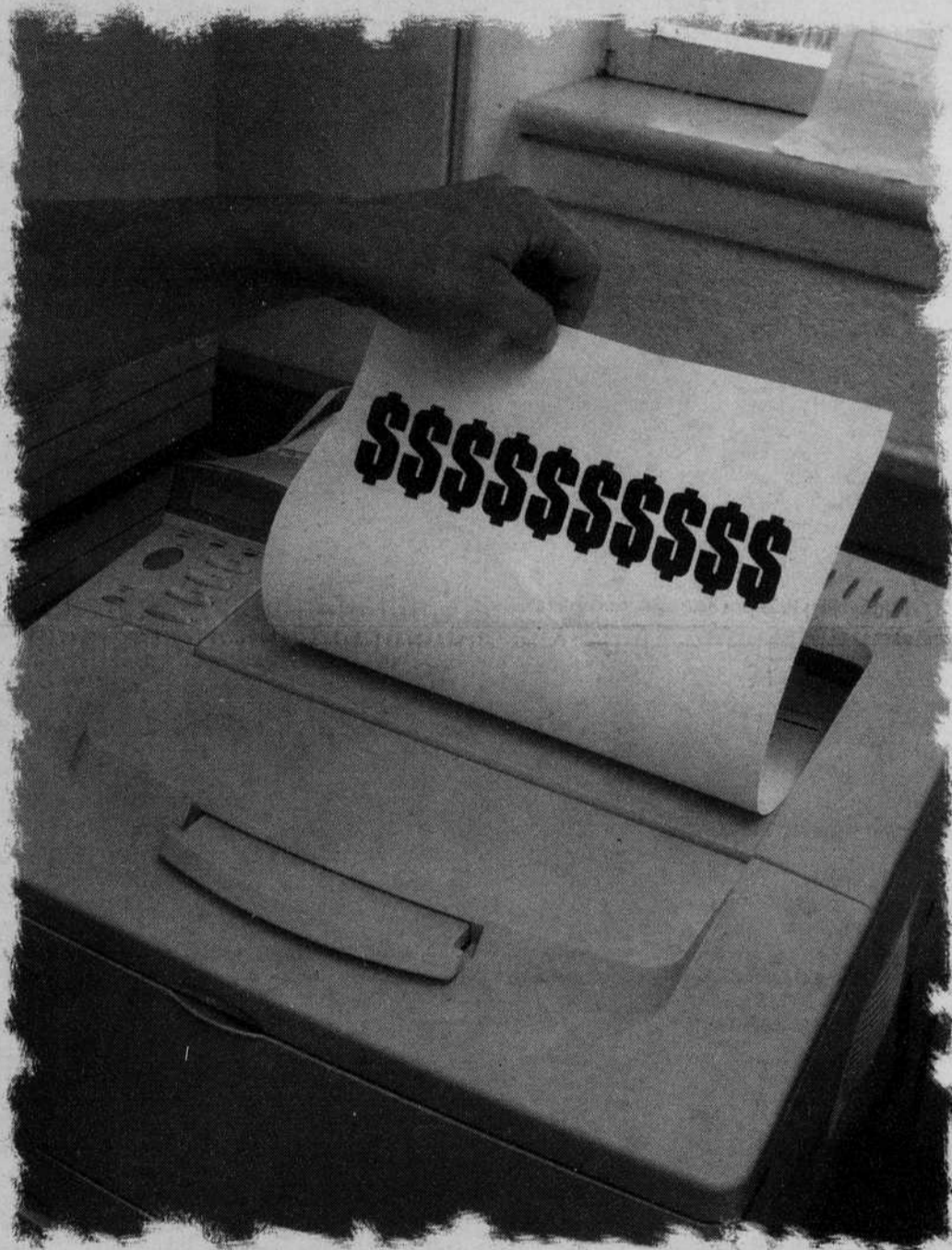


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Advocates propose city code changes

Eugene's Human Rights Commission will hold a hearing today to discuss adopting a domestic partner registry and gender discrimination language

By Jan Montry
Oregon Daily Emerald

The Eugene Human Rights Commission has drafted proposed additions to the city's discrimination and harassment code that will protect transgender people in the workplace and create a domestic partnership registry. The Commission will hear public opinions at a 7 p.m. meeting today at City Hall.

Specifically, the Commission wants to require "reasonable restroom access" to transgender employees who wish to use a certain restroom based on their gender identity, add "gender identity" to the equal employment requirement and provide "reasonable accommodation" of a person's gender identity when implementing dress codes. The proposal will also allow people to sue if they feel they are being discriminated.

Eugene City Councilor David Kelly, Ward 3, said he expects the proposal to be received well in the City Council.

"I think at a fundamental level, one of our city goals ought to be welcoming all

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Emeralds continue to struggle

Eugene looks to refocus after losing the rubber match of a five-game series to the Boise Hawks

By Brad Schmidt
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Mishaps, bobbles and errors, oh my! Mistakes have been story of the Eugene Emeralds' season thus far, and Sunday's 9-5 loss to the Boise Hawks was no different.

With two outs in the top of the sixth inning, umpires ruled that center fielder Kennard Jones dropped a deep fly ball as he bounced off the outfield wall and fell to the ground in what Ems manager Jeff Gardner called the "turning point" of the loss.

Even after the game, Jones believed he made the catch and questioned his coach about the judgment. Gardner, who spent time in the major leagues from 1991 to 1994, taught his young

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Renovated Safeway scheduled to open Wednesday

The updated store will have a pharmacy, placing it in competition with its long-time neighbor, Hiron Drugs

By Ken Paulman
for the Emerald

After being closed nearly three months for renovation, the Safeway supermarket at West 18th Avenue and Oak Street in Eugene is set to reopen Wednesday morning.

But the addition of a pharmacy to the new store is causing tension between two longtime neighbors.

Since 1957, Safeway and Hiron Drug have stood side by side on this block facing West

18th Avenue, and the two stores have never been in direct competition for customers until now.

"We're disappointed that they've chosen to compete with us in pharmacy," manager Steve Hiron said. "It feels like we're David, and they're Goliath."

Prescriptions account for nearly two-thirds of Hiron's business, he said.

The first Safeway opened its doors in Portland in 1926 and the chain now has more than 1,700 stores in the United States and Canada, and is Oregon's fourth-largest employer. Family-owned Hiron Drug started in Eugene in 1939 and has two locations, with a total of about 85 employees.

Safeway spokeswoman Bridget Flanagan said that the decision to add a pharmacy to the new location was in response to customer demand.

"Our goal is to make sure the shopping experience is the same from location to location," she said. "There wasn't a day that went by when the manager (at the Oak Street location) wasn't asked why there wasn't a pharmacy."

Of the eight Safeway stores in the Eugene-Springfield area, Oak Street was the only location without a pharmacy.

Hiron said that he understood the rationale for the decision, and he said it is in the best interest of both businesses to

generate as much traffic on the block as possible.

"We don't want to be enemies with them," he said. "We want them to succeed in the food department."

Hiron said that a small, family owned business has an advantage in that it can provide better, more personal service, and that the store will continue to rely on earning customer loyalty to stay competitive.

"We know our customers by name," he said.

The conversion of the old grocery store into a modern, 24-hour supermarket would presumably be good news for this central Eugene neighborhood.

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