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EMU lab print fee reduces paper use

Paper use is down 72 percent since the EMU Computer Lab began to charge for printing

By Caron Alarab
News Reporter

Junior Bethany Mason has frequented the CC-EMU Computer Lab since her first year at the University.

"I come here quite a lot," she said while typing an e-mail at the lab.

As a freshman, she said the most frustrating part about using the lab was the line of people waiting at the printer.

"I used to know people who would print out entire chapters of books when all I wanted to print was one page," she said.

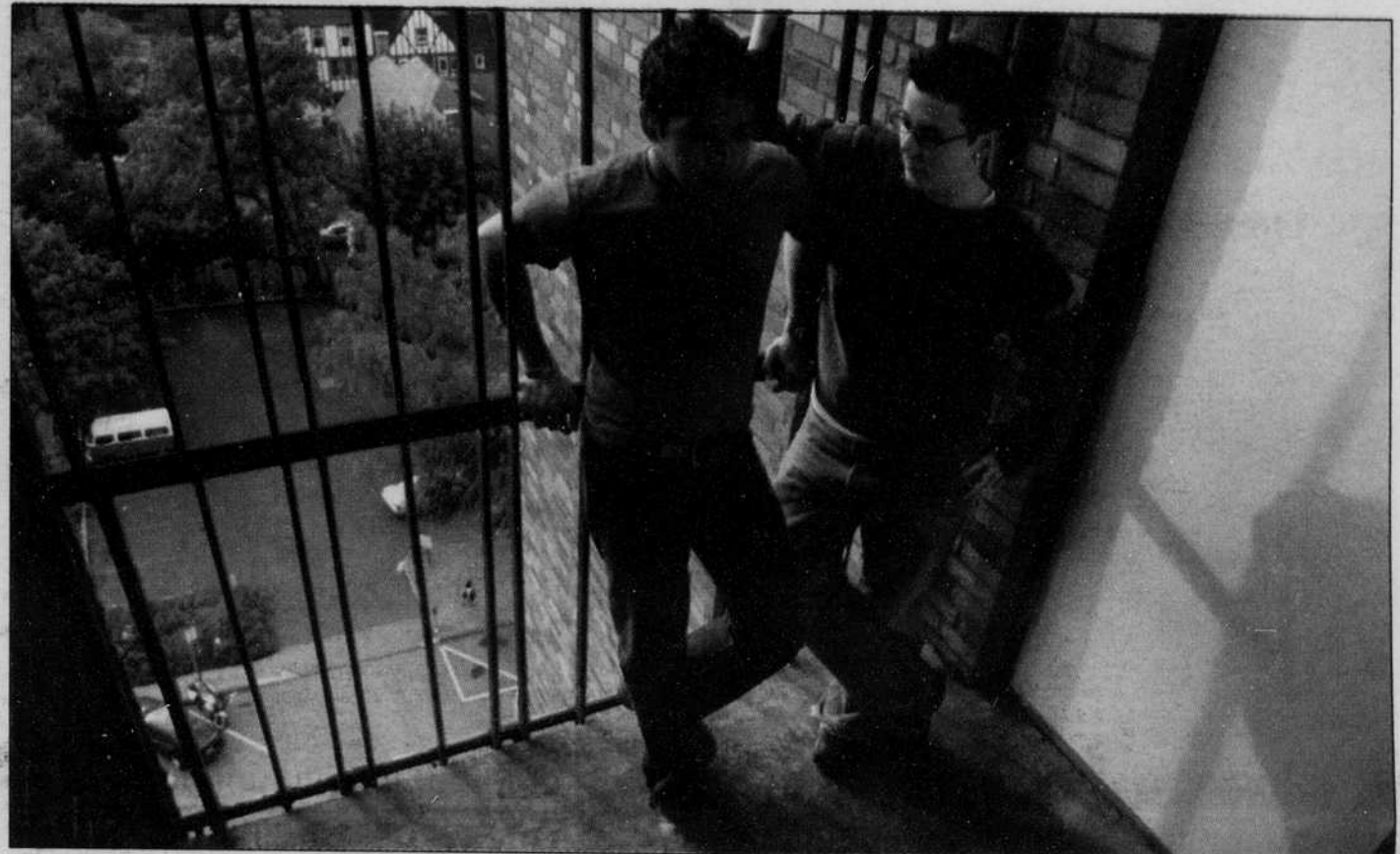
The students who abused the free printing option at most campus labs were the reason the University introduced a five-cents-per-sheet charge for printing last fall. One year later, the labs have seen a significant decrease in the number of printed pages.

In the EMU lab alone, paper use has dropped 72 percent from an average of 265,249 sheets per month in 2001-2002, to only 73,000 sheets per month over the past six months. On a larger scale, the EMU lab alone printed an annual total of 1,402,369 sheets before the charge was implemented, compared to 1,441,256 sheets that all campus labs printed after the charge was implemented — meaning all campus computer labs are now printing about as many sheets in total as one lab did a year before the printing fee.

After realizing the paper and toner waste problem two years ago, CC-EMU Computer Lab Manager Amy McCoy went to the University Technology Fee Committee to ask for more money. She said she made the request to avoid the

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A VIEW FROM THE TOP



Lauren Wimer Photographer

ASUO Vice President Eddy Morales (left) and President Maddy Melton (right) have already created additional positions to represent nontraditional and international students. The team also aims to change the University Housing contract this year.

Governing Change

The ASUO Executive says giving students a stronger voice is a top priority on their agenda

Chuck Slothower
News Reporter

Maddy Melton is kicking her administration into gear, hiring new staff and shaking up the structure of the ASUO Executive office. The ASUO president said

she is looking forward to the challenges presented by the school year, including expanding shared governance, advocating for non-traditional students and changing the University Housing contract.

"We're right in the process of getting our students collected," Melton said.

Ensuring a stronger decision-making voice for students is one of the ASUO's priorities this year, Melton said.

"Students are consulted at the

beginning of a subject but not at the end," she said. "That's not sharing in governance to me, that's tokenizing a student voice."

Melton — a sociology and women and gender studies major — complained that in the past, student leaders have been notified too late in the decision-making process to speak with an educated opinion.

"It's just not possible to go through all that material and know what's what," Melton said.

To address what she perceives as a lack of student involvement in University decisions, Melton has changed the University affairs position, hiring Tim Johnson to focus on shared governance.

Melton has also hired Takenori Momiyama to advocate for international students.

"I've been working with international student groups to seek out what international students need

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New steps: Life as a freshman

A few hours after arrival, Jennifer French, an 18-year-old freshman from Beaverton, stares out her window while her mother, Mary French, remains uncomfortable in the tiny room.

Lauren Wimer
Photographer



As freshmen finish their first week at the University, two McClain Hall residents detail their first days

By Jared Paben
News Reporter

The sound of a nearby band filters through the open fourth-story window of McClain Hall. An Audiovox stereo system is balanced on the window sill, but it is silent. Instead, a stereo blares pop music from another open window.

The room is sweltering and stuffy; late-summer sunshine floods

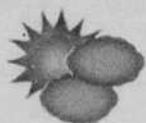
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ONGOING SERIES

The Emerald recognizes the significance of freshman year and, more importantly, the adjustments that are made in such a short period of time. Emerald writers and photographers will chronicle the activities of two freshmen this term, reporting only what they see and hear. If Emerald staff are not present, the scene will be re-created through the recollection of those who were present at the time.

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