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Housing option emerges for students

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A new source of student housing was given the go ahead Wednesday by the Eugene City Council when it granted a multi-unit property tax exemption of approximately \$500,000 to Diversified Development for the construction of four apartment complexes.

The 107 units, to be located at 8th Avenue and Broadway Street, Lawrence and Washington Streets, will "undoubtedly be occupied by some students," a Housing and Community Conservation (HCC) representative said.

The complexes should be completed this summer.

The "Broadway Center" apartment complex qualified for the multi-unit tax exemption by including certain "public benefits in its design." State legislation enabling this exemption was created to "allow cities to take action

to revitalize central business districts by encouraging development of multi-unit rental housing," according to a memo sent to the council by Charles Kupper, HCC director.

Russ Landrus, president of Diversified Development, which built the controversial Skinner's Butte complex, said the unit would contain the following public benefits: three pocket parks to be used by anyone, open space, five units specifically designed for handicapped persons and a public laundrymat. He said most of the open space would be for parking. Landrus listed the total cost of these benefits at an estimated \$91,000.

There was considerable discussion before the council approved the development, with council members Scott Lieuallen, Tom Williams and Ray Bradley voting no.

"It's not enough to say we're going to provide housing downtown," Lieuallen said. "The place has got to be worth living in." He said the apartments could become a

burden to the city in how they look and how long they will last.

The project was approved after it was agreed by council members to review the building codes, which must be complied with to grant the property tax exemption.

The council also approved an election ordinance that states persons running for council seats receiving a clear majority in the May primary will be placed uncontested on the November ballot. If there is no clear majority then the two candidates receiving the most votes will be placed on the November ballot and the one receiving the majority of votes will win.

The deadling for candidate filing is March 13 at 5 p.m. Four city council seats will be up for grabs this year. Council member Tom Williams and Ray Bradley have both announced their intention not to run. Councilmembers Bill Hamel and Eric Haws have not announced whether they will run.



Photo by John Ludwig

Apparently trying to join the ranks of the Mill Race wildlife, a diesel truck from U-R Trucking of Roseburg slowly settled into

the muddy banks Wednesday morning. While it's cargo of sawdust was being unloaded at the Physical Plant the truck

couldn't resist the slippery slopes. The rig was later fished out of the water with the aid of two tow trucks.

ROTC lieutenant says cadets 'stereotyped'

By MELODY WARD
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"Flights! Fall in!"

Three groups of men and women freeze at the command issued by a trim-haired female cadet. Three flight commanders report back the attendance with traditional military form: "B-Flight all present and accounted for, ma'am."

It wasn't a scene one would expect to find

at a university: 38 uniformed Air Force cadets filing for their weekly briefing. But the ROTC program has been a part of this University since 1947.

Lt. Gary Luebbers says the Corps is sensitive to anti-ROTC sentiments from some students on the campus. "They tend to stereotype military people," he says. "But what's more intellectual about physical education or business? Just because someone has a doctorate in philosophy

doesn't mean he can function in the real world."

All cadets have a regular academic program in addition to their classes and duties for ROTC. "Anybody can take the classes," says Luebbers. "It's not like we're not open to other ideas. We try to give the cadets every perspective we can."

Special courses offered through the ROTC program include American Defense Policy, Leadership and Management, His-

tory of Air Power and The Air Force Today.

Luebbers says the American Defense Policy course isn't offered by a regular University department. Readings from a thick, somewhat ponderous text of articles by policy experts like Henry Kissinger are an integral part of the course. "They're not all pro-government articles," Luebbers remarks. "They stimulate a lot of discussion."

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