

EMU tavern issue dormant, not dead asserts Rhodes

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Months ago the ASUO opened discussion with University Pres. William Boyd about a tavern in the EMU. The EMU Board claimed this was in its jurisdiction and promised action, says ASUO Pres. Feldman. But 10 months later, the board has done nothing.

The idea of an EMU tavern may be dormant, but is not dead, says Dusty Rhodes, EMU Board chairer. The EMU Board sets long-range plans for renovation, repainting and office equipment procurement for the EMU. The board is closely concerned with the expenses and revenue connected with affairs of the building.

The EMU tavern would be a revenue-producing enterprise, and would decrease EMU reliance on large monies allocated by the student-funded Incidental Fee Committee (IFC), says Rhodes. The tavern could take in "as much as \$18,000 a year," he says. "However, Boyd said 'this will not occur as long as I'm president,'" Rhodes says.

At the time the tavern was proposed, Boyd expressed approval for the idea, Rhodes says, adding the approval was purely public relations.

The administration claims a tavern would foster student alcoholism, Rhodes says. He says he feels this is ironic because of his notion of the general level of drinking among the administration.

Another program being considered by the board is to enclose the murals area by Suite 4 in the EMU basement with glass, convert it and rent it out, Rhodes says. Anything from a plant or record store to a bike shop could operate there, he says. The space would pay for itself in five years, and everything after that would be profit, according to Rhodes.

The board has a new Space Allocation Subcommittee, which directs the assignment of offices for student organizations in the EMU, Rhodes says. The board even directs the arrangement of student offices, he says.

"Traditionally we leave Suite 4 alone; we don't tell Gary where to put his desks," says Rhodes, whose desk is in Suite 4.

Wood stove corruption?

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Claims by seven area wood stove manufacturers that two Springfield wood stove firms may have "bought off" a city mechanical inspector are totally untrue, Chuck Schrader and Bud Bitler said Wednesday.

Schrader, owner of Schrader Stoves, Inc., a manufacturing firm located in Springfield and Bitler, a representative of Fisher Stoves, Inc., a distributing firm for Fisher International also in Springfield, said charges that their firms escaped trouble with a city mechanical inspector because they had "paid him off" were idle speculation by dealers who failed to meet the required standards.

Those charges were made during a Tuesday morning press conference held by Mike Duval of J&J Enterprises, Ken Hussey and Doug Johnson of Mannan Building Supplies, Thomas Lichty of the Oregon Woodstove Company, John Orlando of Oregon Steel Fabricating, Fred Wingham of Radke Stove distributing and G.M. McCormack of McCormack Consulting Engineers.

They held the press conference to release findings that their businesses had been subjected to inconsistencies and irregularities in the wood stove permit process by the mechanical inspection division of the Eugene Public Works Department.

According to McCormack, the group's spokesman, one city inspector has been making misleading statements about stoves

Manufacturers charge officials were bought off

manufactured by their individual companies. Those statements and other inconsistencies in the inspector's handling of wood stove permit procedures may have injured the wood stove industry in the area, he said.

While all wood stoves sold in the area must be tested and approved by the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO), several untested and unapproved stoves have been sold.

The group also said Lyle Lamont, a mechanical inspector has been attempting to "force local businessmen out of business by threats and malicious statements" about insurance coverage for homes with wood stoves.

Among their complaints, the group charged several other wood stove manufacturers and distributors had "paid off" Lamont in order to have their stoves approved.

Schrader and Bitler, however, disagree. Those stove manufacturers are having difficulty because they haven't been testing their stoves as long as the Fisher and Schrader Stove company.

"These people — and I don't know who they are — just haven't done their testing like we have," Schrader said. "If you have your units tested, then you're okay."

Those manufacturers who are complaining about unfair treat-

ment haven't done their homework, Schrader said.

"We began testing our stoves about two years ago," he said. "That was long before they needed to be listed with the ICBO. But we had to have them approved because when we tried to market them none of the stores we approached (Sears, J.C. Penney and Montgomery Wards) would take them without the approval."

To receive a favorable rating and approval by the ICBO, wood stove manufacturers must submit all of their models to nearly eight hours of testing by the Gas and Mechanical Laboratory in Los Angeles. Any Changes in stove models must be approved by the ICBO before the stove can receive proper installation permit.

Complaints about Lamont may not be justified, Bitler said. Lamont wanted stoves approved and listed with the ICBO for some time, according to Bitler.

"I don't feel that what Mr. Lamont has done (in his inspections) isn't within his rights as an inspector," Bitler said.

Charges that Fisher Stoves, Inc., had paid off Lamont for favorable treatment are not true, he said.

Paying Lamont for favorable treatment wouldn't do any good, Schrader said. "There are a lot of inspectors, so buying one of them off just doesn't help."

Lamont did, however, do some work for Schrader a couple years ago, for which he wasn't paid, Schrader said. Lamont's wife also did some typing for Schrader and was paid \$25.

City council directs questions to local agencies on T-2000 plan

Eugene City Council members posed questions to other local agencies involved with the T-2000 Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan regarding inter-agency cooperation, mass transit modal split levels, particulate pollution levels and further public input during the council's T-2000 work session Wednesday.

Representatives of the Lane Council of Governments (L-COG), the Eugene Planning Commission and the city's public works department attended the work session.

Council members expressed their desire to know the answers to specific questions and they decided to meet again in two weeks in order to let those persons best qualified prepare answers to their questions.

The T-2000 plan is a revision of the Eugene-Springfield Area Transportation Study (ESATS). The plan was developed by L-COG and the L-COG board is responsible for final adoption of the plan. The estimated cost of the plan is \$161 million, but this figure is expected to increase. Several governmental agencies, including the city council, will make recommendations to the L-COG board.

Eugene Mayor Gus Keller said he wants to know

how local agencies will implement the T-2000 plan when the agencies have differing transit recommendations and goals.

Council member Scott Lieuallen said he wants to know if a 15 percent mass transit level compared to total transportation trips is attainable in Eugene. If the goal is within reach, he said he wants to know if the traffic capacity of cars and buses would require new road construction.

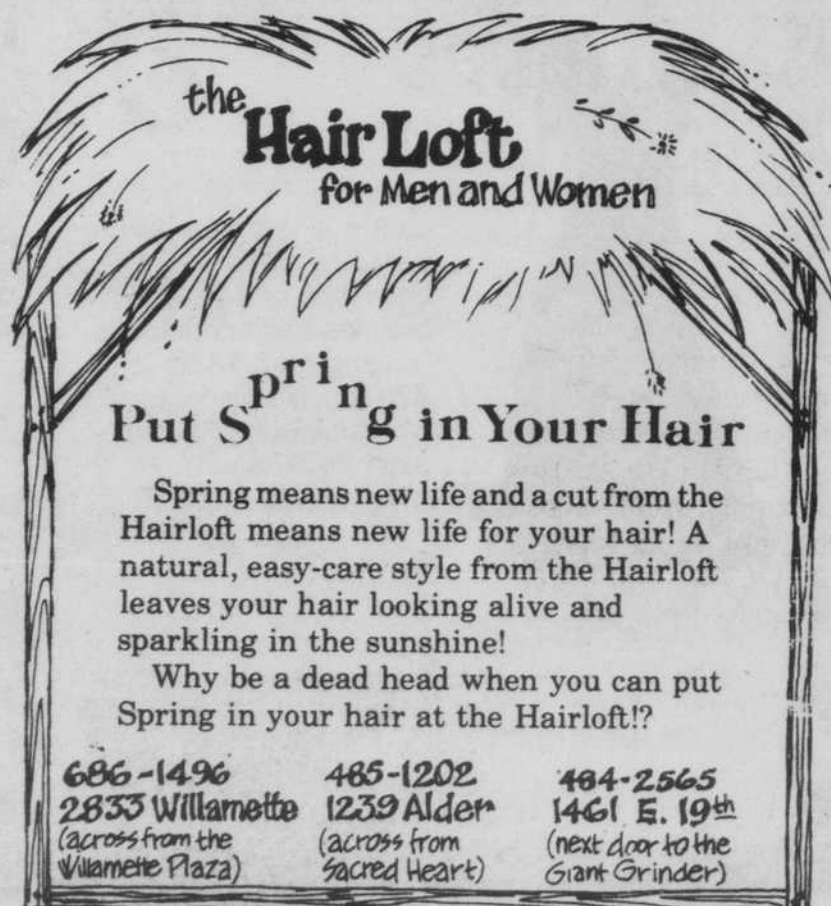
"Is it necessary to build a freeway of eight lanes to carry the traffic that's going to be required if we achieve the modal split level we're talking about?" he asked.

Since the T-2000 plan does accommodate the status quo method of car transportation, council member Jack Delay said he'd like to find out about projected levels of particulate air pollution.

Numerous T-2000 public hearings have already taken place and no more are scheduled, but council member Betty Smith said the public might want to voice their opinions about any modifications or amendments to the plan. The council agreed with her and said that future public hearings could be held at the council's discretion.



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