

Tavern proposal rears its head again

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The recent establishment of a weekend tavern at Portland State University has once again raised the question of an EMU pub.

The tavern has been discussed at the University since 1972, when ASUO Pres. Bill Wyatt first began the move for its establishment. The debate has popped up again from time to time for the last six years, but unfortunately there "has never been a proposal completed for a tavern in the EMU," says building director Adell McMillan.

ASUO Pres. Ramon Herrera plans a change.

"I think we can do it," says Herrera. "This Tuesday, some of our people will get some projects going, and one of these will be the tavern. If we can complete a proposal it would help us get approval."

But University Pres. William Boyd has long been opposed to the establishment of a tavern in the EMU, and his feelings haven't changed during his three years at the University.

"I'm unfriendly to the idea of a tavern," says Boyd, "and I don't see any evidence of need for one on this campus. I'm fuzzy on the one at PSU, but from what I've heard it doesn't sound very different from our own beer garden."

Boyd has several reasons for opposing the tavern, including student alcoholism and unfair competition with private businesses.

"The problem of alcoholism is a concern to me," he says. "The ready availability of alcohol increases consumption, and we know that alcoholism is an increasing problem in our nation. I wouldn't want to contribute to that."

"The establishment of a tavern would also raise the specter of unfair competition," Boyd continues. "I do not believe that a tax-sheltered, tax-exempt university ought to compete unnecessarily with the businesses around it."

According to Boyd, a tavern would discriminate against those students



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under age 21. He also discounts the importance of making money on a tavern.

"The financial argument is not one that moves me," he says. "I'm not even sure that the University would necessarily make money on it, and to do that we would have to start hustling beer; hustling beer is not an activity a University should get into."

EMU Board chairer Dusty Rhodes takes a different view.

"The EMU will never have a tavern as long as Bill Boyd is here," says Rhodes. "He told me that as long as he is president there will never be a tavern."

"I wanted all along to come out with a proposal, but it's impossible to get people interested when you know well in advance that the University president will just throw it away. I can't see any way to get it off the ground."

"Back in April," Rhodes continues, "I still had the feeling that the board should write out a proposal and send it to him. But nobody wanted to write it, because Boyd's mind is totally closed."

Herrera's attitude is more optimistic than Rhodes'; he feels the tavern can be reality.

"I don't think I'm in favor of a full-time

tavern," says Herrera, "but I think we could sell the idea of a weekend tavern to Pres. Boyd."

"I don't share Dusty's (Rhodes) pessimism," says Herrera. "I think we can get some help from the EMU administration and get his (Boyd's) approval with the help of McMillan and her staff."

However, Herrera has allowed for opposition from the University administration.

"Pres. Boyd certainly has the power to veto any proposal, but if we get to that point I would even try to get support from the Faculty Senate," says Herrera.

Postal officials to rule on endorsements

Should church have asked campaign money?

Postal officials in Seattle will be asked to rule on a letter of endorsement for Congressional challenger Jerry Lausmann that was mailed at the non-profit, second-class postage rate by a Eugene church.

Ken Haley, manager of mail classification for the U.S. Post Office in Eugene, said Friday he will ask regional postal officials to rule on whether a political endorsement of Lausmann by the minister of Eugene's Faith Center church

should have been mailed at a higher rate.

The endorsement was mailed Sept. 22 by Pastor Roy Hicks, Jr., to more than 1,000 members of the church. Hicks wrote that he felt Lausmann was the candidate church members should support in the coming election.

"He is my choice, and I believe

he is the Lord's choice," Hicks said.

The letter also made a plea for financial contributions to the Lausmann campaign. An envelope from Lausmann's Medford headquarters was enclosed in the letter that was mailed at the non-profit, second class postage rate of less than 3 cents.

Haley said the letters should

have been mailed at a higher rate of just about nine cents a letter. A ruling on whether the church will be forced to pay the balance of the postage is due in two or three weeks, he said.

Hicks said Friday he would pay the extra postage if his church violated the regulations.

A leader of the International

Church of the Foursquare Gospel in Los Angeles, the same denomination as Faith Center, said last week a political endorsement by Hicks or any other Foursquare pastor was unusual.

Dr. M.E. Nicholls said such endorsements are against an unwritten church policy.

"It would not be right to persuade them (church members) how to vote," Nicholls said.

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Undergraduate pre-med students get a little on-the-job training through the University's perceptorship program. In the program, students gain valuable experience by observing Sacred Heart hospital doctors perform everything from check-ups to tricky operations. See Page 6.

The race for City Council Ward 6 position between incumbent Eric Haws and Ted Brandt is heating up and Emerald reporter Jack Condliffe takes a look at both candidates and the campaign's largest issue, growth management. See Page 6.

It was a different supporting cast but the final act was the same for the Ducks Saturday, as once again a second-string quarterback came in to wipe out a 13 point Duck lead in the fourth quarter. Coach Rich Brooks and his players react, on Pages 8 and 9.

The Northwest Womens Studies Conference heard coordinator Elaine Reuben tell more than 120 persons that women's studies "are legitimate." See Page 12.