

Mobile home residents work to stabilize rents

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A group of determined mobile home owners are battling to stop mobile home park owners from indiscriminately raising rents.

In October, residents of several mobile home parks began gathering signatures for a country-wide rent stabilization initiative for the May primary ballot.

The initiative seeks to prohibit rent increases until Dec. 1982.

Beginning in January, 1983, it would roll back rent to the amount charged in September, 1980. In addition, the initiative would allow an annual increase not to exceed the consumer price index for that year.

By Jan. 5, the initiative sponsors must submit 8,300 signatures from Eugene, 6,514 from

Lane County and 2,310 from Springfield to place the initiative on the ballot.

"We've got just about half enough," says Jewell Walls, a mobile home park resident and one of the initiative's authors.

The initiative is in response to rent increases that some renters say are arbitrary and out of line. For example, within the last year renters in three mobile home parks have received increases that total more than \$30, Walls says. Those renters now pay about \$150 for mobile home lots, she says.

"Can you imagine paying \$150 to park your mobile home on a little lot? This is what we are fighting against," she says.

Lane County has 125 parks (53 in Eugene), for a total of more than 6,000 mobile home spaces.

Walls says the increases are

"working hardships" on the renters, most of whom are retired and live on fixed incomes.

"It hurts people. It's taking food out of their mouths," she says. "The landlords could care less whether you have anything left over to eat."

Walls says mobile home owners invest anywhere from \$20,000 to \$70,000 in their homes.

"They have more invested in their homes than the landlords have invested in the land. You're more or less a prisoner of the landlord because you can't move out like you can in an apartment," says Byron Littlefield, a Briarwood Mobile Home Park resident. "They can raise rent on 30-days notice."

And moving costs for mobile homes run from \$2,400 to \$3,000, Littlefield says. "Some people can't afford to move."

Littlefield adds that the initiative is fair to the landlords because it allows for an annual increase.

"If I was a park owner, I'd be satisfied."

Olum offers funds; PNRC stays awhile

Case closed. University Pres. Paul Olum slammed the door Wednesday on the controversy about when the Pacific Northwest Resource Center will move off-campus. It won't happen until after this academic year.

Releasing previously "frozen" money, Olum announced the law school will be able to maintain the PNRC branch of the Environmental Law Clinic through this year. The money will be used to hire an additional law professor and secretary and to pay operational costs.

"In response to a unanimous request from the faculty of the law school, who are concerned about the educational programs of the students already enrolled in

environmental law this spring we have agreed that the PNRC will continue in its present location through spring and will be discontinued at the end of the semester on June 1," Olum said.

The PNRC became the object of controversy when questions of the University's neutrality were raised almost a year ago.

Recently, the National Wildlife Federation, which granted funds for the PNRC operation, decided to relocate in Portland at a "regional office."

Several students expressed concern that the environmental law clinic would collapse if the funding of the PNRC was removed.

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