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students renting each year ... and if they pay for all three summer months at once, they get a five percent discount," Smith said.

Smith said a 4-by-10 unit costs \$30 per month and a 10-by-10 unit costs \$57 per month. Moreover, the storage facilities are fenced in, and Smith is a resident manager, he said.

"Students seem to be real satisfied with our service, and we get a lot of return students," he said, adding that many students often rent storage units as a group to cut down on costs.

"It's an easy way to cut the rent payments in half, especially when you wouldn't use the whole space," Smith said.

University junior John Bogart, a visual design major, said he shared a storage unit with a friend last summer, and the rent was lowered substantially for each of them.

"Between the two of us, it came out to be like \$12 a month," Bogart said.

Bogart plans to share a storage unit again this year, but he said he has not started looking for one yet.

"I'm not expecting any prob-

lems even though it (enrollment) is up," he said. "I'll probably just go back to the same place again."

Sophomore theater arts major Matt Foster said he also has rented storage facilities for the past two summers, but he has not looked for one yet this year.

"I will have to find one, though, because I live in Hawaii, and I can't exactly fly my whole room home," Foster said. "Students like me should probably line these things up about now, three weeks before the end of the term."

For students who lived in the dormitories during the 1988-89 academic year and plan on returning to the dorms again next year, University Housing also provides limited storage space at a low cost.

The storage space is located in the basement of Hawthorne Hall, and the charge for the entire summer is \$15 for 14 cubic feet and \$1 for each additional cubic foot, University Housing Director Marjory Ramey said.

"Dorm residents will be receiving information (about this storage opportunity) in their mailboxes," Ramey said.

"We just don't have enough



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space to offer storage for all students, but there are other places around town."

For a complete list of the more than 35 storage facilities located in the Eugene area, check the Yellow Pages under "Storage -- Household & Commercial."

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against drugs, between marijuana and hard drugs," Cummings said.

In addition, Cummings said the initiative would raise at least \$15-\$20 million a year to fight drug abuse, "put money back into the economy" and give voters a choice on the matter.

Supporters of the measure posted a cardboard sign that read "Legalize it! Don't criticize it!"

According to a supporter who identified himself simply as Pascal, the effects of marijuana are less hazardous than that of alcohol.

"Pot makes you think; alcohol makes you stupid," he said. "It's not everyday that you hear of a marijuana smoker getting into a car and killing someone."

According to Pat Desmond, Portland's OMI director, HB 2479, which breezed through the House 46-13 May 11, is simply the legislature's "get tough policy" on the state's drug problem.

"They can't come up with a solution to the drug problem so they say they are by making marijuana a scapegoat," Desmond said over the cheers of the more than 50 people remaining on the lawn.

But according to Desmond, HB 2479 is "not an enforceable bill" and is certainly not the answer to the drug problem.

"We need to do something practical about the drug problem, not just send marijuana users to prison," he said.

Desmond said passage of HB 2479, introduced at the request of Gov. Neil Goldschmidt, would make possession of less than one ounce of marijuana a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$1,000 and up to six months in jail.

This is a drastic change from the current law, which states that possession of less than an ounce of marijuana is only punishable by a \$100 fine, he said.

Desmond said OMI's proposed alternative, if passed, would limit marijuana use to adults over the age of 21, to

small amounts (four dried ounces and three plants), private homes in areas not visible from public places and "personal" use.

The DAPFA initiative would also increase the penalty for anyone under 21 attempting to use marijuana, make marijuana possession in a motor vehicle a new traffic crime and allow doctors to prescribe marijuana as a medicine, he said.

According to a report by the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, an organization based in Washington, D.C., the use of marijuana has been found to be effective in the treatment of glaucoma, an eye disease, the side effects of cancer chemotherapy and multiple sclerosis.

"Marijuana, in its natural form, is one of the safest therapeutically active substances known to man," the report stated. "Most of the putative therapeutic effects of cannabis are believed to be mediated by the central nervous system."



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