

# Morrisette seeks gambling repeal

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Emerald Reporter

Mayor Bill Morrisette used his State of the City address Monday night to ask the Springfield City Council to repeal a gambling ordinance it passed in 1991.

After reviewing the accomplishments of 1992 and thanking the council and staff for their hard work, Morrisette spoke of his concern about the possible harm continued gambling could cause the city.

Morrisette said the \$3 and \$4 betting he envisioned taking place under the Social Games Ordinance has allowed thousands of dollars to change hands. When the ordinance was adopted in June of 1991, two establishments had licenses for four gambling tables. Currently, 37 total tables are licensed for 16 taverns.

The ordinance does not control who may deal the games or what type of games are played. He said games not covered by Springfield's card table license, such as craps and roulette, are allegedly being played locally.

In Nevada dealers are licensed and watched through one way mirrors to ensure honesty. Springfield has no watch mechanism.

Returning council member Bruce Berg said he believes it is time to ban social games. The council voted three to three last year, with Morrisette splitting the tie in favor of maintaining the ordinance. He said two of the council members that voted against the ordinance last year are still on

the council.

"From what I know now, I would probably ban gambling," Morrisette said. He said he hoped to review the issue in the next two or three months.

Three other issues Morrisette focused on were capping wages and benefits for public employees, promoting economic growth and the controversial Ballot Measure 20-08, involving the rights of homosexuals.

Morrisette asked Springfield to allow the issue to be transferred from the political arena to the courts because of its questionable constitutionality.

Berg said a Springfield resident is currently trying to challenge the constitutionality of the ordinance by claiming that the Springfield Utility Board is cutting his electricity because he is gay.

"I assume most of us on the council would like to see the issue go away," Berg said.

Morrisette said his tactics in reducing wages would involve some roundabout methods.

Morrisette said he would use his influence as president of the Oregon Mayor's Association and chairman of the Lane Council of Governments to persuade other jurisdictions to reduce the salaries they pay their employees. This would allow Springfield to reduce its already below-median salaries without risking the loss of good employees to other jurisdictions.

Morrisette said he would focus his economic plan on the secondary wood products industry. "Operation Bootstraps" is based on an idea brought to him by a Springfield resident. The idea is to sponsor a contest for local residents on

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**Ad Club** will meet today at 5 p.m. in Room 215 Allen. For more information, call 686-4571.

**Student Senate** will meet today at 6 p.m. in EMU Century Room A. For more information, call 346-0630.

**Unwanted Sexual Behavior** will meet today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room F. For more information, call 346-1091.

**Students' International Meditation Society** will meet on the subject of Transcendental Meditation tonight at 7 in EMU Cedar Room D. For more information, call 687-5994.

**EMU House Committee** will meet today at 4 p.m. in the EMU Board Room. For more information, call 346-3720.

**Returning Students Association** will meet today at 5 p.m. in EMU Room 27. **Oregon Voice Magazine** will meet with old and new staff tomorrow from 7 to 9 p.m. in EMU Room 21, across from the Computing Center.

### RELIGION

**Catholic Newman Center** will feature Fr. Kent Burtner in a lecture titled "Protecting Yourself from the Cults that Want You" tonight at 7:30 p.m. at 1850 Emerald St. For more information, call 343-7021.

**Campus Crusade for Christ** will meet tonight at 7:30 in Room 110 Fenton. For more information, call 346-9757.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**The School of Architecture and Allied Arts** will present a faculty lecture by Art History Professor Esther

Jacobson titled "Fieldwork in the Altay Mountains of South Siberia" tonight at 7 in 115 Lawrence Hall.

**The Center for Asian and Pacific Studies** will present a lecture today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. titled "Archaeology, Language Families and Colonization in Southeast Asia and Elsewhere" by Dr. Peter Bellwood, specialist in Southeast Asia and Pacific pre-history, in the EMU Gumwood Room. For more information, call 346-1521.

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*Guest Artist Recital* 4 p.m. Beall Hall  
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*Guest Ensemble* 8 p.m. Beall Hall  
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