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Car camp receives \$15,000

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The Centennial Car Camp received \$15,000 from the Eugene Contingency Fund to support its 1994-95 operations.

The City Council allocated an additional \$38,700 to support emergency homeless assistance and related longer range options.

Both allocations are aimed at reducing the impact on homeless people.

Keller and Nathanson proposed the plan to give \$38,700 to support the homeless, which included \$15,000 of staff time to prepare recommendations for Planning Commission and Council action related to zoning and building code amendments for low income housing.

An additional \$10,000 was allocated to assist car campers with finding permanent or alternate housing and assisting campers to leave the camp on May 31.

This money would help care providers to pay staff and to have payments for first and last months rent fees to help people move out of the car camp, said Barbara Keller, a council member.

One objective of the council should be to make sure they are dealing with people who are in the camp by chance, said Tim Laue, a council member.

"I am concerned about it becoming a destination," he said.

This year there will be a 90-day limit to stay in the car camp.

One concern discussed was the shortage of low-income housing in the Eugene area. When one person is taken out of the car camp another person is displaced. There is no way to deal with the growing population.

Councilors approved \$10,000 to support finding a permanent car camp site for future years. This is supposed to be the last year the Centennial site is used for the car camp and another site needs to be selected to continue this project.

The car camp site received \$3,700 for restoration, which was not in the original budget for the car camp. Although this money would be implemented after the site opens, some councilors said minimal landscaping such as putting rock on the road to prevent mud should take place soon.

The council also wanted the IGR Committee to consider ways to work with other agencies to provide emergency and transitional housing for the homeless. The committee will also consider action on building code modification to be able to build additional low-cost housing units.

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"We need more lines," Smith said, adding that the present modem capability is insufficient to process all the callers. The University did not have enough time to compile enough modems together to meet the demand for the number of new Internet users, he said.

The difficulty in accessing the University network has swayed a number of students to call the University's computer center to find out why they were not able to be connected.

Smith said that "some students have contacted me directly about the problem. I really feel bad. My organization takes an enormous amount of pride in providing the utmost of service and we're not."

Students are not only frustrated with the waiting involved in accessing the Internet, but the

technical problems as well, according to freshman Jeff Wong.

"A lot of times the system is down when you try to log on," Wong said. "It just doesn't seem like we're important to them."

"There are problems with the number of people that are on it. Because we did pay the \$50 fee, there just should be more access. I do feel that it is worth it that the University does switch over and try to get better online services," Wong said.

Smith said that the technology is still relatively new and there are certain flaws that need to be corrected.

"It takes time to build these things," he said, "but I know from a student's perspective that you demand a certain level of service. It's bad timing all the way around but we're working real hard to rectify the problem."

In addition to the extra

modems, Smith said there will be several new Internet services available to home and residence hall computer users similar to those found on campus computers.

Smith said this will give students the ability to take full advantage of all the services available on the Internet for free since the cost for these services have already been included in the technology fee.

He was optimistic that the available technology fund was sufficient in order to effectively run and upgrade the present Internet system, but was cautious about future developments in technology.

"The funds are certainly adequate to move us forward in a lot of ways, but are the funds adequate to give students everything they needed for technology? The answer is no," Smith said.

EFFECTS

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and Bisexual Alliance. This student organization could no longer receive funds from the ASUO pool, said Patty Duncan, Oregon Citizens Alliance spokesperson. The money given to the ASUO is considered state money and under the guidelines for Measure 13, state money cannot be given to a group that promotes homosexuality.

To Susan Anderson, co-director of the LGBA, this change would mean a loss of a place to come feel safe and a loss of a support network. The LGBA would also have to stop planning activities for students on campus.

If the measure passes, the group would have no money to fund activities. If the LGBA did have activities, they would have to take place off campus.

"If (the measure) is passed it will deliver a severe blow to the community," Anderson said. "It's going to push people who are border line back into the closet."

Jane DeJudio agreed that the measure will take an "emotional toll" on the students. But it's the University's intention to take care of the students in the wake of Measure 13.

"I believe the University would fight the application of Measure 13," Vetri said. "But that doesn't mean that we won't be in the middle of a court battle."

All AIDS education at the health center that depicts homosexuals in a neutral light would have to be changed, said Marlene Drecher from the Office of Student Advocacy. Homosexuals would have to be depicted in a negative, unhealthy light. The measure requires all education to promote abstinence as birth control.

But, Duncan said the measure would require the health center to show both sides including the health dangers associated with homosexuality. Any type of literature that deals with homosexual health issues in a positive light would be

banned from distribution.

Censorship would become a major problem within the University and in the community, Vetri said.

"Books that promote homosexuality could not be bought," he said. "Books that discuss homosexuality could be bought but would have to be put on an adult shelf."

The measure does not say what age is considered "adult," Vetri said that would be up to the courts to decide, but it could be either 18 or 21 years old.

Duncan said that the information being circulated by the media concerning censorship is incorrect. Things like Michelangelo paintings would not be banned.

But, Vetri said the mere passage of the measure will have implications because everyone will be careful about what they do.

Books like *Philadelphia* or *The Color Purple* would be on the list of things public libraries could not purchase, according to an American Civil Liberties Union brief.

"Self censorship would be going on, which is bad for the University," Vetri said.

The awareness of homosexual rights that has evolved on college campuses would be endangered. Gay and Lesbian studies, which are growing all across the country, would come to a screeching halt in this state.

The measure would forbid any public policies or laws that would protect gays and lesbians from discrimination, according to an American Civil Liberties Union brief. It would repeal the local anti-discrimination laws that were implemented last spring by the Eugene City Council.

There could be no laws or city ordinances that could prohibit discrimination, said Drecher.

The final decisions on what would actually happen if the measure passes would be determined in courts, according to the ACLU.