

City council rejects tax for funding program

Priorities: Other issues including a possible gas tax and a transportation utility fund must be considered first

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A 2.7 cent per gallon motor vehicle fuel tax that would finance Eugene's storm water program was rejected by the Eugene City Council Wednesday.

The council reviewed the draft ordinance and decided against referring the ordinance to voters in March or May 1995, citing a need to focus on other issues for the upcoming ballot as one of the key reasons.

"I still feel the gas tax is the way to go, but I think we should concentrate on a limited number of items on the ballot right now," said Councilor Barbara Keller.

The tax would have reduced the storm water residential rates to \$1.45/1,000 square feet and kept the commercial rate at \$2.40/1,000 square feet.

The Council approved a request by Councilor Tim Laue last December to expand their work session to discuss how the proposed ordinance would affect potential increases or changes in gas tax distribution statewide by the legislature.

Laue openly expressed his discontent Wednesday after the outcome of the ordinance and the final vote.

"I know there is a concern among the public with taxes, but we do provide them with services that aren't free and need to be funded somehow," Laue said.

The draft ordinance paralleled the state statutes on gas taxes. If approved by voters, it would have resulted in the collection of an additional 2.7 cent per gallon tax at the time the state gas tax is collected.

According to Les Lyle, city engineer, several key events that will occur over the next several months may have influ-

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Natalie Whitson, VISTA volunteer, shows her paintings at the Amazon Co-op.

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A PLACE TO GO

Support: New program creates a network of interaction between teens and the University

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Putting roots down can be complicated for a teen living in the University's family housing system, but Natalie Whitson is heading a program she hopes will change that.

As the head of the new University of Oregon Family Housing Teen Project aiding youth aged 10-to 19-years-old, Whitson hopes to create a network of interaction between the 126 teen-agers in University family housing and the local community.

"There is nothing for youths over 11," said Whitson of the University's family housing system. "I want to show kids

that there are people out there who are willing to help."

The program will offer internship and mentorship opportunities and outlets for teen involvement throughout the community. Whitson will also establish a University family housing teen center where kids can go to hang out and share a sense of belonging.

"Teens here are in transition," Whitson said. "Parents will only be here for a few years. This program hopes to provide some consistency in their lives."

The project started in mid-December, and is having its first official event this Saturday. Whitson calls it a "pizza party slash needs assessment." She

hopes to find out from the teens what their needs and interests are, and help them pursue them.

Parents in the University's family housing system are eager for Whitson to get the project rolling. Kristy Huff, a single parent and graduate student living in East Campus Housing, believes that avenues for teens like her 14-year-old son to meet other kids in the University family housing community are too few.

"Teens are real shy," Huff said. "The greatest need is a place for kids to hang out—an informal way to get to know each other."

Money can be tight with a parent

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■ GOOD MORNING

► **ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)** — An agitated moose, taunted and harassed for hours by students as it roamed the University of Alaska campus with its calf, trampled a 71-year-old man to death.

The moose charged Myong Chin Ra as he tried to slip inside the gymnasium, said campus police Officer Jim Milne. Ra fell as he tried to run away.

"She'd get on her front legs and kick with her back legs," said student Shane Harvey. "He probably got stomped about a dozen times."

People had been throwing snowballs, yelling, whistling and shouting at the moose and calf for hours, and the animals were agitated when Ra arrived Monday and tried to walk past them, witnesses said.

Police stayed with the moose

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and calf until they left campus several hours later.

The university is in a heavily wooded area favored by moose, but attacks are rare.

In the last fatal moose attack in Anchorage, a woman was trampled in her yard.

University Senate endorses statement to request state support for salary cuts

Measure 8: OSU Senate President's proposal focuses on faculty concerns

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The University Senate endorsed a statement on Wednesday that asks the state to address state-wide faculty concerns about salary cuts since the November passage of Ballot Measure 8.

The statement, written by Oregon State University Senate President Anthony Wilcox, asks the state to grant cost of living adjustments for the last two years because Ballot Measure 8 invalidates the agreement to hold salaries constant for the next biennium.

The statement focuses on the "lack of appreciation shown (the faculty) by the citizens of Oregon," and on the "injury to (faculty) earnings."

The idea behind the statement is the concerns of the faculty should be the concerns of the state.

The faculty concerns discussed by the statement

emphasizes Ballot Measure 8's widening of the gap between Oregon State System of Higher Education salaries and salaries nation-wide. The endorsement was approved after debating the language of the statement itself.

The statement has already been approved by the senate at Portland State University. The statement has not been endorsed by the senate at Oregon State.

Senate President Paul Simonds, an anthropology professor at the University called for senate endorsement as a display of a state-wide "united front" for the concerns discussed in the statement.

Discussion on approving the statement included several objections from student senate members.

Student Senate President pro tempore Martin Fisher said the statement was poorly written.

"It just sort of rambles," Fisher said. "I have a hard time believing that there isn't anyone on this campus who can't write a better statement than

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