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the economy to flourish there," Brink said. "People like to drive their cars by the places they want to shop or eat; they want to feel like they can park nearby — it's the culture," Brink said.

Many business owners were in favor of the plan, which is similar to one enacted to reopen Olive Street in September 1992.

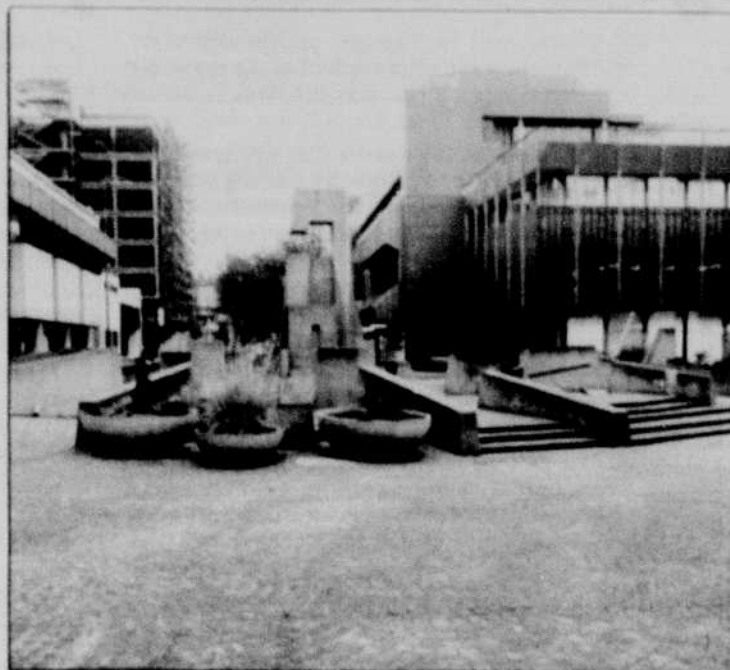
Plans to only open Olive Street were made after the city's \$3.2 million plan to jointly reopen Willamette Street, Olive Street and East Broadway was defeated by the voters in 1991.

Reopening Olive Street cost \$700,000 and was the joint effort of the Lane County roads fund and the urban renewal fund.

According to Bob Hibschan, urban service section manager, reopening Willamette Street would be more expensive due to the mall fountain, the balcony on East Broadway and the sunken terrace.

Since reopening Olive Street in September 1992, many new businesses, including four restaurants, have opened and existing businesses have experienced an increase in activity.

"There is a more alive and inviting feeling on Olive Street since they reopened," he said. "People seem to have a sense of safety and vitality."



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The Eugene City Council may demolish the giant concrete fountain and reopen the vacant streets of the downtown mall to cars again.

Karen West, manager of Bookmark, said that her business noticeably increased since Olive Street reopened.

"There has definitely been a rise in customers since they reopened [Olive Street]," West said. "People have commented that it is much easier to get to the store now and it's easier to get around."

The success of Olive Street shows what will happen if they reopen Willamette Street, Brink said.

James West, co-owner of West Bros. Barbecue and Mona Lizza Pasta, Pool and Pizza, also supports the plan to reopen Willamette Street.

"You don't have to be a rocket scientist to know that in retail, traffic and visibility are crucial [for business]," James West said.

Ed Aster, owner of the Aster and the Woolworth buildings and one of the main contributors blocking the reopening of Willamette Street in 1991, also supports the plan.

## Council discusses panhandling law

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The Eugene City Council and the Human Rights Commission held a joint public hearing last night to discuss the aggressive panhandling ordinance, which addresses offensive physical contact and blocking pedestrian traffic.

The council plans to vote on the ordinance after a work session Wednesday.

The ordinance was drafted in response to several complaints from business owners and citizens who said they were feeling threatened by intimidating panhandlers.

James Antonini, owner of Atiyeh's Dry-Cleaning on East 13th Street emphasized the need for the ordinance.

"There is an aggressive spirit [on 13th Street] from a small group of people who are aggressive, threatening and intimidating," he said.

Bob Lee, owner of Face the Music also supported the ordinance.

"A panhandler has the right to ask for money," Lee said. "But I have the right to say no and continue walking down the street without feeling

threatened."

Richard Green, owner of the Rainbow Optics on East 13th Street, said panhandling is the worst he has seen it in five years.

"I see people harassing others outside my business all the time," he said.

Green also said there is open selling of drugs on the streets by his business.

"I know people who have been approached seven times in the space of one block by others offering drugs," he said.

Sgt. T.W. McCarthy said that the ordinance was targeted to the West University business district, but would not be limited to that area.

Many citizens said the ordinance's language is vague.

"Aggressive panhandling is open to interpretation," said Peggy Thomas in her public testimony. "Would asking for money twice be considered aggressive?"

Thomas and others were also concerned about guidelines on police enforcement of the ordinance.

"[The ordinance] leaves an open door for more police harassment," Thomas said. "It's aimed directly at poor people."

## CHANGES

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state legislature.

"The efficiency act says we'll relieve higher education of the administrative process that the state requires and allow them to do it in a more effective way," said Weldon Ihrig, vice chancellor for finance and administration for OSSHE.

The bill is the result of a request by the state legislature to propose a more cost effective way of running Oregon's system of higher education.

But the legislation has evolved from its original form.

Previously, OSSHE took the idea to state legislators but received opposition because it wanted to change its name to that of a public corporation.

"The word public corporation just misleads legislators to believe we would be a private sector, state board," said Bobbie Lee, state board member and University student.

The public corporation idea has since undergone a name change and been separated into two separate bills. Under Senate Bill 275, Oregon Health and Sciences University would no longer operate as a state agency.

"The hospital felt that they needed more to be further away from the state than we were proposing," Ihrig said.

The new two bill proposal has been endorsed by Governor John Kitzhaber and has received support from legislators. The state

board's goal is to see the bills passed during this session of the legislature.

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The proposed legislation comes in the wake of Measure 5, Oregon's property tax limitation of 1990. Ihrig said OSSHE is looking for ways to streamline the process and not have to cut from academic programs.

In the 1993-95 biennium, OSSHE cut \$40 million out of their annual budget. Since the passage of Measure 5 the state board has increased in-state tuition by 66 percent and out-of-state tuition by 88 percent. In the same time period 81 programs have been cut.

"For the past four years, we've been streamlining our process so we didn't have to cut academic programs as a part of Measure 5," Ihrig said.



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