



Ken Lee, a junior in Psychology, tests out his luck on the video poker machines located inside of Guido's bar. A bill is pending in the state Legislature that would prevent the taxing of video poker proceeds.

Some tavern owners oppose new tax

Election: Owners say negative attitudes about gambling influenced vote

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Not all Eugene residents cheer the city's new video poker tax.

Some of Eugene's tavern owners said they felt a small portion of the public voted for the video poker tax in the March 28 election because of misconceptions about profits and negative attitudes on gambling in general.

Official results show that 12,747 residents voted for the tax and 5,780 voted against it. Only 23 percent of

Eugene's registered voters cast ballots.

Bob Graef, owner of Southtowne Pub, located at 2841 Willamette St., said reports that the state takes 65 percent of video poker proceeds and owners get 35 percent are misleading.

"What is seldom pointed out in the media is that we get 35 percent after we pay back the winnings," Graef said. "Winnings account for 85 to 90 percent of the play. Most of the money goes back to the customer."

Tony Sustare, owner of Taylor's College Side Inn, located at 894 E. 13th Ave., agreed the public has been misled to think video poker machines generate sub-

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Student Senate seats may be uncontested in spring election

Politics: A lack of willing candidates may leave six of 12 positions vacant

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The deadline to file for several University student government seats is today at 5 p.m., and as of Tuesday no ASUO positions are contested, including the race for ASUO Executive.

The only students to announce their candidacy for the ASUO Executive office are Jennifer Williamson for president, and Zachary Kelton for vice president. If no other students enter the race, Williamson and Kelton will run unopposed.

"It worries me," said Jennifer Dziekan, ASUO elections coordinator. "I've heard rumors about two other [presidential] tickets, but nothing has surfaced yet."

"Anyone, as long as they're a registered student," can run for a student government office, Dziekan said. "We need some committed people who will concentrate on the future of this school."

Of the 12 available seats on the Student Senate, only six have candidates. Several other student government positions remain vacant, including two seats on the EMU Board and two seats on the Associated Students Presidential Advisory Council.

The EMU Board determines the policies and long-range plans for the EMU. Board members vote on the EMU's multimillion-dollar budget, and work with organizations that operate in the EMU.

Presidential advisory council members advise the University president on student concerns. The council, which consists of members of the ASUO Executive, the Student Senate, the EMU Board and two elected student, meets with the president monthly.

Dziekan said she hopes more candidates file for office so students head to the polls in greater numbers

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Amazon demolition hits further delay

Decision: Board wants to hear appeal before demolition

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The long-awaited, much-debated decision on whether Amazon Family Housing will remain standing or fall to the bulldozers is once again at a standstill.

The state Land Use Board of Appeals announced Tuesday that until it hears the Save Amazon Coalition's appeal to the University's demolition permit on April 27, the stay forbidding all demolition at the site remains in effect.

The board also decided Tuesday to grant the coalition's motion filed last Friday to exclude four Amazon buildings from the stay—clearing the way for the buildings to be moved to another site immediately.

"This was our reason all along for doing this," said Wayne Ford, a member of the coalition and co-chairman of the Eugene-Springfield Homeless Action Coalition. "We've been in this fight to preserve low-income housing and we wouldn't be wasting time if we didn't think we had a good chance of winning this."

The four buildings exempted from the stay Tuesday will be moved by Terry McDonald, executive director of St. Vincent de Paul, to a city-owned site at 200 E. 19th Ave.

The four buildings will then be renovated and used as low-income housing at the new site. Under the agreement reached by McDonald, city of Eugene and University officials, McDonald will have until May 15 to move the buildings.

Ford said Tuesday that

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GOOD MORNING

Just a Reminder

Today is the last day to:

- add a class
- process initial registration
- change from audit to credit or credit to audit

The number for Duck Call is 346-1600.

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► Residents of Hamilton complex were evacuated at 9:13 p.m. Tuesday after a fire broke out in a trash room of Cloran Hall.

Three fire units from the Eugene fire department responded at 9:15 and contained the fire, said Matt Shuler of the Eugene fire department. A dorm sprinkler system also helped extinguish the blaze.

A dumpster was destroyed and Shuler said there appeared to be some smoke damage. No injuries were reported.

Frohnmayr promotes University to community

Awareness: The college is an important corporate entity in our state, president says

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As part of the University's attempt to broaden community awareness of its worth in the face of more budget cuts, University President Dave Frohnmayr appealed to 20/30 Club members Tuesday to support higher education.

"It strikes me that we haven't talked to our hometown enough about the secrets we've kept in higher education and about the significance of our colleges and universities to this community, to the state and to our future," Frohnmayr said.

Stressing the importance of research to the community and the state, Frohnmayr shared some of the University's contributions including the Riverfront Research Park, which

houses several research firms. One new attendant is the CD-ROM design firm called Dynamix.

Another research venture is The Innovation Center, where the University offers low-cost space for initial set-up of research businesses.

Besides being a "high-tech center," the University is also an entrepreneurial institution, Frohnmayr said.

"We are the potential seed-back of the entrepreneurial future, but that future isn't going to happen unless we nurture this major research university in our midst," he said.

Frohnmayr likened the University to a city, stating that there are 17,000 students and more than 4,000 employees, which would qualify it as one of Oregon's top 20 cities in terms of population.

Moreover, if the University was stacked against any corporate entity in the state, the Uni-

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