

City Council reviews Eugene's ozone ordinances

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Cost and enforcement of existing ozone ordinances prompted the Eugene City Council to review existing laws and consider new ones in a work session Wednesday.

Council members are not satisfied with ozone regulations implemented Jan. 6 and say they want to revise many of the regulations to make them more cost- and time-effective.

"Can we afford it?" Councilman Pat Farr asked. Eugene has so many other concerns, such as the car camp, that this should not be an issue, he said.

Some members of the council brought up the issue of funding for the regulations, which are expected to cost over \$100,000 to implement.

Some suggested that certain end products be banned after acceptable ozone-safe and cost-comparable substitute products are proved to be available. The modifications would accomplish the same goal but at a lower price, according to a memo to the council.

Other council members said that cost is not the issue. The issue is protecting the ozone from these chemicals.

"Yes, it is expensive," Councilman Shawn Boles said. "The only thing I know that is more expensive is not doing it."

The existing ordinance prohibits ozone-depleting chemicals but allows exemptions for those which have no ozone-safe alternatives. Regulations are scheduled to go into effect July 1.

The proposed revisions delay the prohibition of products until 90 days after a

safe alternative is found. Ozone-safe substitutes must be readily available, cost no more than use of the ozone-depleting product and not pose threats to public health and safety. The public will have a chance to comment on the regulations and can appeal decisions.

One area of debate was a section of the proposed ordinance that says an ozone-safe substitute use will cost no more than the use of ozone-depleting product. Councilman Kevin Hornbuckle said there should be no cost stipulation because it would inhibit the substitution. But when brought to a vote his proposed change failed.

The revisions are based on recommendations from the Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority, the council officers, letters from citizens, business concerns and research of similar types of ordinances

from other cities.

Farr opposed the entire issue of ozone regulations, asking what Eugene can do on a local level. It should be handled at a national level, he said, and not in Eugene.

"If citizens were to say two-to-one that they didn't want an ordinance of this nature, why did this come up?" he said.

But Boles said action should be taken at both the local and national level because this is an important issue.

The council acknowledged that the Clean Air Act did restrict certain ozone-depleting chemicals, but not all. The regulations restricted the sale and use of foam insulation products, pesticides and other products containing ozone-depleting chemicals.

University's 'Druids' honor society inducts 29 new members

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The Ancient Order of the Druids, the University junior class honor society, welcomed its 1995-96 members at an induction ceremony Wednesday evening in Gerlinger Hall.

The Druids' membership changes each year, with its members usually going on to be members of other honor societies such as Mortar Board, said Druid advisor Tracy Lampman, University assistant director of admissions.

With its roots in the ancient Druid society, the University Druids emphasize a "blending of campus and community

activities," Lampman said.

Service in both the Eugene and campus communities is the focal point of the society, she said.

The original Druids were one of the first Anglo-Saxon societies that went beyond being merely a tribe primarily concerned with only food and shelter, according to information from the University Druids.

Ancient Druids worshipped oak trees and used mistletoe growing on the trees in ceremonies.

Although not affiliated with the ancient religion, a new society in England in the 18th century, concerned mainly with philanthropic works, took the name for its groups.

At its inception in 1781, the Druids were a junior men's honorary society with only seven members.

The Druid society was formed on the University campus in 1942, and has been active since 1971.

Today's University Druids include both sexes and have between 25 and 30 members. The 1995-96 school year Druids include 29 University students.

The society often participates in community service activities off campus, so it may not be well known at the University, said Druids President Robert Tatsumi.

"Our focus is on the community outside the University,"

Tatsumi said.

This year, Druids participated in the Supermarket Saturday canned food drive, helped with the Duck Preview, organized the Tree of Joy during the Christmas season and worked in Food For Lane County soup kitchens during winter term.

They also planned and participated in activities with the Jasper Mountain Home for Children, a home for severely abused children.

The children joined the Druids in a Halloween party and other activities throughout the year.

Of the 29 inductees, most said they were interested in working with area children or

teens in organizations such as the Jasper Mountain Home or the Relief Nursery.

Lampman said Druid members are often already involved with other organizations, and members' connections often develop into ideas for service projects.

If you have an idea for community service, "you might as well take a group of your friends with you and really make a difference," she said.

Members of the Druids society must have at least a 3.2 grade point average as well as meet other criteria. The 1995-96 Druids were chosen from more than 70 qualified applicants, Tatsumi said.

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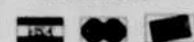
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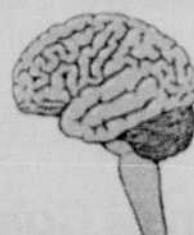
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