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Excelsior transformed into ornate inn

■ **BUSINESS:** Inn's facelift makes it hot property — it is already booked for June graduation

By Leighann Franson
 Freelance Reporter

The Excelsior Cafe, a Eugene landmark on East 13th Avenue since the early 1970s, has completed its transformation to the Excelsior Inn Restaurant and Lounge.

The renovations, which began in June of last year, included the construction of a 14-suite European style inn from what once was student housing and the expansion of the dining area.

"It was a major project," owner Maurizio Paparo said, "and a few things are still left to be done."

Each room is designed with an early 19th century decor including marble or tile bathrooms, hardwood or carpeted floors and mahogany furniture. In addition to a king or queen size bed and private bath, the rooms are equipped with a television, VCR, air conditioning and modem line.

Paparo gave the suites an added flair by designing them with a different musical theme. Guests can relax in the whirlpool tub of the Tchaikovsky room or



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 The Frédéric Chopin room is one of 14 new suites in the newly remodeled Excelsior Inn, located on 13th Avenue across from Sacred Heart.

enjoy a complimentary breakfast in the Bach room.

"It is the comfort of home," Paparo said.

With a handcrafted ornate gate and an 18-foot spiraling floral chandelier to mark its entrance, the new additions have already received strong reviews from its customers, Paparo said.

"We are already booked for graduation," he said.

The cost of the rooms range

from \$69 to \$160 a night and include breakfast for two.

A person can also enjoy authentic French, Italian and Japanese cuisine by the fire in the dining area or on the terrace.

A few more changes are in store for the Excelsior, Paparo said. He plans to add outdoor seating to the garden area and to feature live music later this spring.

Student Senate decrees budget for 1996-97

By Doug Irving
 Student Activities Reporter

The 1996-97 programs budget was set Wednesday night after the Student Senate debated for almost three hours.

The final budget stands at \$1,722,417. This represents a 7.27 percent increase over last year's budget without OSPIRG's budget included. OSPIRG was removed from the budget last year.

Susan Anderson, chairwoman of the Programs Finance Committee, and PFC members Sean Martin, Shamus Lynsky and Brian Schamp, presented the PFC's recommendation for the budget to the Senate.

"I'm very proud to report to

you today that we came in \$33,290 below our benchmark," Anderson said.

The Senate ultimately made two changes to the recommended budget, vetoing \$710 out of individual line-items.

The Asian/Pacific-American Student Union had received \$800, although \$500 of this was to be used for food. Senate rules prohibit using funds for food.

"It's directly contradictory to our rules as Senate," Martin said.

The Athletic Department Finance Committee had requested stipends for non-Senate members over nine months. The Senate argued that these positions would work only four months

and funded two positions for \$25 each month for four months.

"It seems like this is just a bureaucratic waste of student fees," Martin said.

The Senate also raised questions about the Jewish Student Union, which has received budget increases close to 50 percent each of the past two years. However, the Senate decided these increases were warranted and let them stand, although senators warned that the JSU probably shouldn't expect a similar increase next year.

"When is this trend going to stop," Anderson said. "We haven't really had a chance to see how they're spending their money."

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MISCELLANEOUS

New York Life will have an information table in the EMU from noon to 4 p.m. today. For more information, call 346-6001.

Career Center will offer a services orientation today from 3:30 to 4 p.m. and a Campus Interview Program orientation from 4 to 5 p.m. in Room 12 Hendricks. For more information, call 346-6001.

Jewish Student Union will sponsor a performance by the Mazel Tov Orchestra of Eastern European Klezmer dance music in the EMU Ballroom tonight at 7:30. Admission is \$1 for students and \$2 for community members. For more information, call 346-4366.

Outdoor Program will sponsor a Raft Trip Initiator's Clinic tonight at 7:30 in Room 37 EMU. For more information, call 346-4365.

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