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## Homeless camping ordinance

Eugene's overnight car camping laws will change Oct. 1, sparking debate at a neighborhood council / PAGE 6A

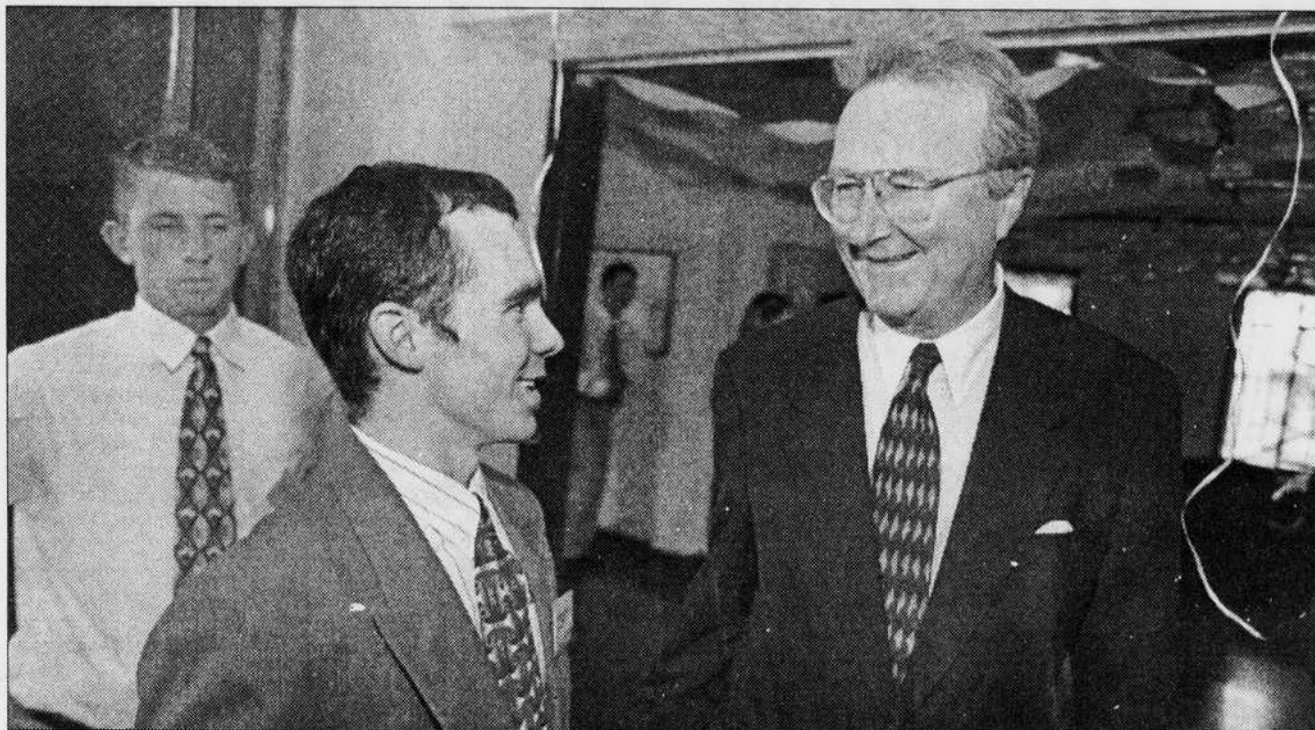
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Delta Sigma Epsilon President Steve Lyons chats with University President Dave Frohnmayer at the fraternity's open house Tuesday, which recognized its going dry.

## Delta Sigma Phi nixes drinks

The fraternity decides to set an example by eliminating alcohol from its chapter house

By Kristina Rudinskas  
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The Delta Sigma Phi fraternity moved into its new house two weeks ago and toward a new future by offering the first substance-free chapter house at the University.

The chapter, located on the corner of 14th Avenue and Alder Street, dedicated its house Monday afternoon as University President Dave Frohnmayer offered his support.

"You know what it is to set an example

to other students on campus and on campuses in this country," Frohnmayer told the fraternity.

He commended Delta Sigma Phi for setting high goals and developing a firm sense of community with good habits.

"If you fail, you will punish yourself harder than anyone will censure you, but that is the nature of high aspirations," he said. "I hope you are an example for others."

Delta Sigma Phi wants to return to the traditional values of brotherhood and community service, separating its chapter from others where alcohol use has become commonplace.

"People think alcohol is part of our culture, and traditionally it is not," said El-

liott Dale, Interfraternity Council vice president and Delta Sigma Phi member.

The Theta Chi, Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Theta fraternities have also pledged to become substance-free houses within the next five years.

"From our perspective, it's heading in that direction, and it's only a matter of time," said Scott Rich, Delta Sigma Phi's live-in advisor.

The 36 Delta Sigma Phi members decided to set an example for new members instead of waiting until the national chapter's deadline in 2000, Chapter President Steve Lyons said. Six other chapters nationwide have already gone substance-

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## Hillel, JSU prepare for holidays

The Jewish organizations on campus get set for Yom Kippur, the day of atonement, which begins tonight at sundown

By Peter Breaden  
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A double task is a double pleasure for the campus Jewish community.

Hillel and the Jewish Student Union have been preparing to unshoulder spiritual burdens, becoming pure for a new religious year. Adding to the excitement will be the challenges of new classes.

JSU and Hillel, a foundation for Jewish life on campus, are welcoming new students to college classes and a different environment. They are also celebrating the New Year.

"It's a weird place to be because school and High Holidays begin at the same time," JSU co-director David Poplack said.

The High Holidays are directed toward Yom Kippur, which begins tonight. Yom Kippur focuses on mending broken relations with God and one's community, said Rabbi Karen Landy, Hillel director. It can be intense to telephone a distant family member to apologize, she added.

Hillel's Kol Nidre ceremony begins at 7 tonight in the Gerlinger Lounge. Dressing in white or with a white prayer shawl is common, said Landy, who will be leading Yom Kippur services.

"We ask for an annulment of all vows that were made during the last year and went unfulfilled," she said.

Kol Nidre begins at the start of a 25-hour holiday fast.

Unlike most fasts, Yom Kippur's is not done mournfully, Landy said.

"All other fast days are the commemoration of the death of someone," she said. "But [this] is a fast that alleviates one from worrying about everyday necessities."

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## Universities optimistic about future with new funding system

Portland State will be a big winner as Oregon colleges gain control over their money

By Eric Collins  
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The University stands to gain almost \$18 million with a new funding system for Oregon's seven public universities.

As a result, many programs could be brought back from the cutting room floor.

That could mean more professors and smaller class sizes for University students crammed together under budget cutbacks.

Yet the University's predicted wind-fall could mean another Oregon university's decline. While the University of Oregon and Portland State University will prosper, Oregon's smaller regional institutions could just get by — with inequalities potentially growing

over time.

And the system won't work as planned without \$120 million for the next two years from the Legislature.

Regardless, officials at each school are enthusiastic about the new system, which allows each university to keep its own tuition dollars, rewards schools for enrollment and gives each more control over initiating programs.

In July, the state Board of Higher Education approved reforms that changed how the annual \$500 million pool of state and tuition money is distributed among the seven Oregon University System schools.

Instead of each university sharing its surpluses and deficits with the others, now each university will keep its own tuition money and receive funds from the state based on its enrollment numbers and other incentives.

### The universities

In a system where universities are

rewarded on how many students they bring in, Portland State University is ahead of the game.

Portland State — with about 14,800 full-time students — is set to bring in its largest freshman class in history this fall in addition to more freshman and sophomore transfer students than ever before. It will bring about 400 new students to its enrollment, said George Pernsteiner, Portland State's vice president for finance and administration.

In addition, the new system rewards summer enrollment and extended studies programs. Because Portland State, known for its night classes, adult learners and part-time students, has the largest enrollment for these two programs, — about 25,000 — it stands to profit further.

Using last year's budget and enrollment figures from 1996-97, OUS calculated that Portland State would increase its budget by \$16 million —

about a 17 percent increase.

Other universities realize Portland State's good fortune but don't feel as prosperous.

At Eastern Oregon University, for example, the situation isn't quite as rosy.

Figures published by OUS last January predicted Eastern would lose one-third of its operating budget in a system where each university kept its own tuition and shared \$200 million in state money.

Under the new OUS system, Eastern's budget would slightly grow, depending on whether it gets full legislative funding, said Mary Voves, vice president for finance and administration. OUS figures show about a \$1 million increase.

On the surface, its gains don't make sense. Eastern would obviously lose money in a system based solely on en-

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## OUS

Second in a four-part series on the Oregon University System

**Monday:** OUS changes its funding system to be more student centered  
**TODAY:** How the OUS changes will affect other state campuses

**Wednesday:** The OUS changes make universities more accountable

**Thursday:** The OUS changes are contingent on the legislature passing the system's budget