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## Prostitution

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ment can be seen throughout the community on a daily basis.

"My son has been propositioned on his way home from playing baseball," she said. "We get targeted when we walk to the grocery store or park. This ordinance is a chance for the police and the community to come together and do what they say they will do. And the neighbors who know who the prostitutes are will help enforce the ordinance by calling the police."

Other members of the community also feel strongly about the impact this ordinance could have.

"This ordinance criminalizes women before they even can take action," a local prostitute told the council. "These women are doing the best they can to survive. It is hard to find a job in this town."

Concerns were also brought up stating that the ordinance does not create a long term solution for the women.

"Eugene has the seventh highest cost of living in the nation," an advocate against the ordinance reminded council members.

But for the most part, the individuals who spoke were in support of the ordinance.

A Eugene resident who asked to remain anonymous spoke to the council about how people need to believe in the place they live.

"It is not okay to live in an area where johns solicit women guests who come to my home," she said. "It is not OK for my 11-year-old son to come home in tears because he was offered sex for sale."

Other community members are also concerned about the impact the presence of prostitution has on their children.

"I moved here just under two years and I am shocked by the level of prostitution that takes place literally in my front yard," Paul Thompson, a West Eugene resident, said. "I have three daughters and I feel that they are the real victims in all of this."

Council members responded for the most part in support of the ordinance.

"This is a quality of life issue," Councilor Nancy Nathanson said. "While we understand and sympathize with the men and women for whom prostitution is a way of life, tonight we need to focus on managing the quality of life for the residents in this area."

Other members who questioned the ability of the ordinance to solve the entire problem said they still believe that this is a step in the right direction.

"I'm not sure if this is the final or best solution, but I hope that it makes a difference," Councilor Scott Meisner said. "Prostitution remains a crime and it is not a victimless crime — the children in these communities are becoming the victims."

Mayor Jim Torrey summed up the discussion by saying "it is not a clean state or environment for the residents or children, so at this point, looking past social needs, I am prepared to support the ordinance."

## Drinking

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of alcohol related violations is declining is a joke," said Edward Tsui, a Eugene police officer assigned to the campus division.

One reason it may seem like the number of alcohol-related violations on the University campus is going down is because most of the violations take place just outside the area that is considered "on campus."

"When we look at the compiled statistics for the University and the surrounding areas, the results are shocking," Tsui said.

Most of the hardcore crimes such as assault and rape take place right on the outskirts of campus, according to police statistics.

"For example 15th [Avenue] and Hilyard [Street] is not considered on campus, but it is an area where parties take place and an area we find saturated with freshmen and sophomores," Tsui said.

The most common alcohol violations that actually occur on campus take place in residence halls.

"For the most part these are open container and minor in possession violations," director of student judicial affairs Chris Loschiavo said. "All of these on campus issues get referred to student conduct."

An on-campus arrest requires more than just having possession of alcohol. It usually requires a student to be belligerent and unwilling to cooperate with authorities.

"On-campus alcohol-related ar-

rests usually begin with a [resident assistant] who notices the student," Loschiavo said. "If the student gets out of hand they will call the Office of Public Safety, and if the student still does not comply they will then turn them over to a police officer."

After the first time students typically learn from their experience.

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Campus Division

"Sometimes there is no rhyme or reason to their behavior," Loschiavo said. "It depends on their maturity level and where their focus is."

In the last school year, the Eugene Police Department gave out around 1,100 MIP citations in the campus area, which includes campus and a five-mile radius surrounding it.

"Enforcement has gone up, but abuse is still a problem," EPD Sgt. Rick Gilliam said. "The number of binge drinkers is also increasing."

Along with enforcement going up, so is the dollar amount of an MIP citation, which tops off at the \$250 mark.

"A large effort has gone into preventing alcohol abuse," Gilliam said. "We are making sure

that violations are consistent."

Stricter enforcement can be seen by the way the police officers now handle large party situations.

"In the past we would just give verbal warnings," Gilliam said. "But it just wasn't working. The parties would just get louder and louder."

Now, if there is a violation of the law, the perpetrator will more than likely get cited.

"Consistent enforcement is just one piece of the puzzle," Gilliam said.

The Office of Student Life is trying to provide another piece in the puzzle to prevent alcohol abuse.

"Interventions and late night programming with coordinating activities, which serve as an alternative to alcohol, are all options which the Office of Student Life provides," said Sheryl Eyster, Program Coordinator for New View 2000.

A large number of advertising and publicity campaigns targeted at curbing alcohol abuse for first-year students has also surfaced recently. The effort is part of a \$250,000 federal grant that was issued by the U.S. Department of Education to assist in reducing alcohol abuse in first year students.

"We are primarily targeting freshman interest groups and Greek chapters in an effort to reduce the high risks of alcohol on campus," Eyster said.

The impact of the grant's contributions are still unknown at this point.

"We are still compiling data so we haven't received any numbers to know how much this project has impacted alcohol abuse,"

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