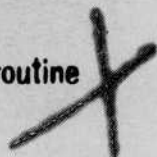




Dan Brunell Emerald
The University of Oregon School of Journalism dedicated the newly-constructed First Amendment Plaza to Ted M. Natt on Saturday. A prominent newspaper publisher in southwest Washington, Natt died in a helicopter crash on Sept. 23, 1999. A graduate of the University in 1963, Natt worked tirelessly for freedom of the press and the rights of professional journalists.



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I don't think anyone should be, but I think the ban on smoking should be a personal choice."

Stafford also singled out an issue several other bar owners addressed — the cost already sunk into maintaining a smoking environment geared towards both smokers and non-smokers.

"I have equipment that purifies the air," Stafford said. "It's not fair to us who have spent the money on the equipment to force us to lock out our smoking customers."

However, recent research presented at the forum contradicted the fears of bar owners regarding a smoking ban's negative effect on business.

One study of a similar smoke-free ordinance in Corvallis found the economic fall out was negligible, though video poker revenues were significantly cut.

"As a whole, Corvallis didn't show a decrease in alcohol sales as compared to Albany" (where there is no smoking ban), the study's author, Jack Dresser said. "I didn't see any evidence of economic effect other than video poker."

Despite the research, smoking establishment owners believe that a smoking ban for all work places would cripple business for bars, taverns, and Bingo parlors, which claim smoking is part of their culture.

"Our business is going to close if this law passes and we're not exempted," said Carolyn Dorchak, an employee of Bingomania.

Bar representatives emphasize the idea of choice — that patrons

can choose to frequent bars with non-smoking areas.

Also, both opponents and supporters of the smoking ban have expressed concern that it would drive customers out of Eugene and into Springfield bars and restaurants.

"I'm a non-smoker and I work here because I choose to work here," said Michael Drury, an employee of the Black Forest Tavern. "If they pass [the ordinance] here, we've got Springfield right across

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the river and they'll get rich."

Mentioning efforts in Springfield to enact a smoking ban, Kelly said, "I think we need to give Lane County something to level the playing field."

Supporters of a smoking ban, however, maintain that the hazards of second-hand smoke warrant action.

"Second-hand smoke is a public health hazard," said Munir Katul, a retired physician. "There are occupational health and safety regulations regarding other hazards. This is no different than any other safety measures employers are forced to abide by. Imagine a place advertising unhealthy working environment standards. Society wouldn't accept this. Second-hand smoke is no different."

The vote is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. in city council chambers.

Reaction

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role on campus. A group of students who were involved in last May's WRC protest and members of the Human Rights Alliance now have positions in student government, including Breslow, Magner, Legislative Organizer Melissa Unger and University Affairs Coordinator Chad Sullivan. Breslow and Unger were two of 14 students arrested during the 10-day protest.

Sullivan said he and the rest of the Executive staff have briefly discussed their overlapping, and possibly contradicting, roles. He definitely won't quell his opinions on

issues being tacked in the Survival Center, but he and others are still considering how partisan they should be as members of student government.

For now, he said his focus will be to educate the University about the WRC, the FLA and labor conditions and he'll leave his personal beliefs in the Survival Center. He said he was frustrated many times by the misinformation some students had about the WRC, FLA and the worker's rights issue.

"I want to bring the issue out of the Survival Center and update students on what's happened," he said. "We need to create a dialogue and stop pointing fingers."