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A new beginning

After three straight losses, the Ducks rebounded with a big win and are looking for more. **PAGE 15**

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The University is one of two schools drafting proposals for a branch campus in Eastern Oregon. **PAGE 7**

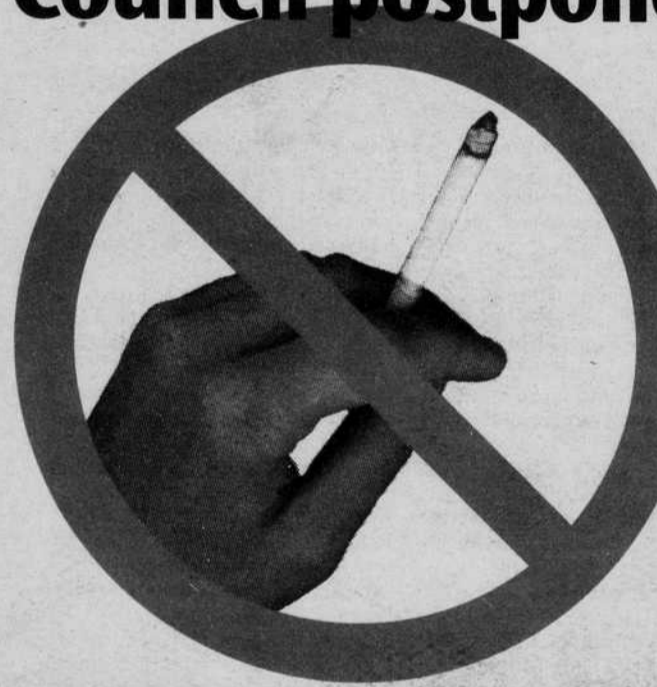
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Council postpones vote on public smoking ban



■ Eugene City Councilors hear more testimony before deciding to postpone a final decision until November

By Rebecca Newell
Oregon Daily Emerald

The Eugene City Council passed two of the three tobacco-related ordinances Monday that will crack down on smoking in public establishments and on sales of tobacco products in Eugene.

"I'm ecstatic," said Ray Hilts, a representative of Tobacco Free Lane County. "This is the type of ordinance we presented to our City Council and they did not act on the ordinance."

Hilts was referring to a similar measure brought before the Albany city government.

Supporters and critics of the smoke-free policy sat for almost three hours before action came. Although a

lengthy public hearing was held earlier this month, 25 people signed up to speak on the issue again prior to Monday's vote.

The first ordinance, which tightens laws pertaining to tobacco sales passed unanimously, though council amended the ordinance parallel to OLCC guidelines which include a Responsible Vendor Program.

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The amendment will allow a "good faith attempt" by clerks and discretionary punishment for violations rather than mandatory penalties for selling tobacco products to minors.

This ordinance will require tobacco-selling establishments to obtain licenses and require vendor-assisted sale of all tobacco products.

The second ordinance dealing with smoking prohibitions in all business

establishments with two or more employees drew more discussion before passing unanimously. Prior to a vote on the second ordinance, the council eliminated the document's language which allowed separate smoking rooms in restaurants. Under the proposed Eugene ordinance, employees weren't allowed in the smoking rooms, which directly violates OLCC regulations.

The third ordinance proved a stumbling block for the council and strong opinions resonated on all sides, including those from new Councilor Bonnie Bettman. This was the first vote Bettman took part in since taking over for former council president Bobby Lee. She now represents Ward 3, which encompasses the University and a portion of the downtown area.

Explicitly banning smoking in bars, taverns and bingo halls, the final ordinance met with more controversy than the prior two combined.

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JSC encourages a more peaceful way of life

■ Recently opened co-op tantalizes students seeking a low cost living arrangement and an environment centered around studying

By Beata Mostafavi
Oregon Daily Emerald

Since its days as a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center on campus, the house at 1790 Alder St. has seen many changes in recent years. Now known as the Janet Smith Cooperative, the home provides a studious atmosphere not typical of most co-ops.

For many students, trying to study at home without distractions is already difficult, but living with almost 30 other roommates in a cooperative environment can make that mission nearly impossible. With its recent opening of a third house, JS Cooperative, the national group Students' Cooperative Association hopes to improve the local scenario by offering a co-op arrangement that provides an appropriate academic environment as well.

The JS Cooperative, which opened in mid-June, has expanded the SCA's membership by 21 new residents, bringing the group to a total of 81 participants this fall. This includes the other two houses on campus, the Lorax and the Campbell Club. All three are entirely student-run and include communal food and supplies in their leases. In contrast to the two other houses at the University, the newest addition aims to provide an atmosphere that re-

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Steve Haskell reads on the couch in the living room of the Janet Smith Cooperative, which offers academically-focused housing. The co-op is located near the university at 1790 Alder St.

Governor speaks to revive student voting vitality

■ Kitzhaber will speak at the EMU Wednesday on issues regarding the upcoming election

By Eric Martin
For the Emerald

When Gov. John Kitzhaber attended the University as a freshman in 1965, he wanted the voting age lowered from 21 to 18. After all, he thought, if students could be drafted to

fight in the jungles of Vietnam at age 18, they should have a say in their country's public policy at the same age, said Jon Coney, a Kitzhaber spokesman.

That ideal became a reality in 1970, when Congress passed legislation that lowered the legal voting age to 18. The Oregon Legislature followed suit on June 4, 1971, according to the Secretary of State's office.

But when Kitzhaber returns to the University on Wednesday for a five- to 10- minute

speech at 9:30 a.m. in the EMU Amphitheater, he will not be pushing for student voters' rights, but encouraging student voters to exercise those rights.

"The governor has always said voting is the heart of democracy," Coney said. "If students aren't using their influence at the ballot box, they're going to be overlooked." Coney said legislators tend to overlook the student vote because students often have low voter

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Every voter counts

What: ASUO voter kickoff

Who: Gov. John Kitzhaber, state Sen. Susan Castillo, state Rep. Vicki Walker and Executive Assistant to the University President Dave Hubin

Where: EMU Amphitheater

When: Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.