

Co-Op

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duces the common distractions of living in a co-op. While the Lorax and the Campbell Club have nearly 30 residents each, the new building will hold close to 20.

"It's a smaller house," said membership recruitment coordinator Be 1 Cutler. "This means less people, less traffic and less noise. It's much more study-oriented."

The JS Cooperative also enforces quiet hours between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m., features a study room and prohibits pets and parties. Cutler said these kinds of changes are designed to cater more toward graduate students and other students

who are looking for not only a low cost living arrangement, but one that provides a studious atmosphere.

Adam Harter, a senior fine arts major and current resident of the JS Cooperative, said he moved from the Campbell Club because of the calmer environment.

"I really liked the whole idea of a co-op," he said. "But the other co-op was a lot more of a heavy party atmosphere and this house has a lot less of that."

The building has always belonged to the SCA, but was closed down in 1997 due to low membership and resident conflicts. It was leased in 1997 to Passages, a state-funded organization that served as a drug and alcohol rehabilitation

center for men — the establishment served as a transition house helping them get back on their feet. After suffering a lack of funds, Passages closed down the residence and the SCA leased it back, naming the home Janet Smith Cooperative, in memory of a University secretary in the 1940's.

"It's kind of a sad thing that we got it back only because it means that Passages doesn't exist anymore," said Robin Brandt, chairperson of the SCA board of directors. "But I think it's also really exciting to add a house and get more people involved."

For more information regarding open space in the Janet Smith Cooperation, contact the SCA at 683-1112.



Kevin Calame Emerald

The Janet Smith Cooperative opened earlier this summer and houses 20 students.

No Smoking

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The debate thickened when Papé suggested the council postpone the motion until Nov. 13th to allow further consideration on part of the council. Among council members taking into account both business interests and the health considerations of non-smokers.

Councilor Pat Farr expressed the mixed feelings that appeared apparent among council members.

"I'm strongly against smoking period. Smoking killed my parents," Farr, of Ward 6 said. "I don't take it lightly. However, I have to take into consideration the effects on consumption and travel habits."

Mayor Jim Torrey stepped in after Councilor Nancy Nathanson's suggestion of putting the issue to voters.

"I don't want to pass this on to the voters of Eugene first," Torrey

said. "I want the council to decide this issue."

With an apparent mix of opinions, the council disputed whether to postpone the motion, resulting in a four-to-four tie. Torrey stepped in again, casting the tie-breaking vote in postponing the issue until Nov. 13th.

"I think it will give a couple of councilors who truly do want to give adults an opportunity to smoke in an adult-only facility the chance to work on a system that would limit exposure for the employees of the bar," he said.

"At least one councilor was asking us to pass this onto the voters and I'm hoping that this council will make the decision. This is such a big issue."

Sentiments among supporters and critics of the ordinances also ran high. Representatives of local businesses including Bingomania feel the postponement will allow them the time needed to accom-

plish their main goal — putting the issue before voters.

"It's pretty emotional for me," said Jackie Driscoll, a Bingomania player and supporter. "We're going to have enough signatures by [Nov. 13] to cause it to go to vote."

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Tobacco Free Lane County representative

Bingomania is part of the initiative movement to collect 7,000 votes over the next three weeks.

"We're well on our way," Driscoll said.

But other representatives from the bar community continue to worry about the possibility of a to-

tal smoking ban.

"We're very concerned in the eventuality that the third ordinance passes," said Sarah Chylek, concessions co-manager at the WOW Hall in Eugene. "Most of our customers are regulars and many of our customers smoke. Our beer garden is located in the basement and we would have to devise a way to allow our customers easy access to go outside to smoke. On the other hand, we recognize that some of our customers would greatly value a non-smoking environment."

Supporters of the ban felt the night was a success, despite the City Council's postponement.

"I'm happy City Council made a wise decision," Hilts said. "I feel they will pass a no-smoking ordinance. I think it will impact Albany because Eugene is one of the largest cities in Oregon. It will have a domino effect."

Rennie's Landing staff manager Dan Geyer said he agreed the issue

was a complicated one.

"I can see why they would postpone it," he said. "It would have been better if it was a Lane County issue."

At the conclusion of the night, Torrey again had the final word.

"We're taking a big step in doing this," he said. "I think on Nov. 13th this council will make a decision and I don't think that it will be a four-to-four tie."

Though the mayor confirmed he was ready to vote in the situation of a tie during the Nov. 13th meeting, he felt his deciding decision would not be utilized.

"I don't see four votes in opposition to this ordinance [in its entirety]," Torrey said. "I think there will be amendments that will be placed before the council [but] I believe this motion will pass unless there is a high quality amendment presented."

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