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Behind the special response fee

Timeline of events leading to the passage of the special response fee ordinance

The EPD proposes a special response fee that would hold renters and landlords responsible for the cost of repeated police visits to disorderly parties.

Students, including several ASUO members, voice their concerns about the ordinance to police commission.

The ASUO presents its own draft of the special response fee ordinance to the council.

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The Eugene Police Commission debates over the response fee and its details.

Original date scheduled for the council to discuss and/or vote on the ordinance. The decision is postponed, at the request of the ASUO, until fall when students return so they can offer input. Provision holding landlords responsible is dropped.

The council passes the ordinance with four of five amendments proposed by the ASUO.

- ◆ Applies to houses, apartments and taverns where disorderly parties take place.
- ◆ If police are called to a gathering of 25 people or more -- and at least two people are cited or arrested -- twice within 90 days, those responsible must pay a "special response fee," which is the total cost incurred by the city for the response.
 - ◆ The fee cannot be more than \$1,500 for the first violation.
- ◆ Those held responsible have 15 days to contest the fee with the Eugene Municipal Court.
- ◆ If they can show they took steps to break up the party, and called the police themselves, there's a chance they may not have to pay.

Fuzzy details surround ordinance

■ The manner in which the city's party response fee will be enforced remains unclear

By Emily Gust
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After the Eugene City Council approved a special response fee that holds party hosts financially responsible for multiple police visits to their houses, apartments or taverns, concerns remain about how the fee will be enforced.

ASUO Legal Services Division Attorney Ilona Koleszar said first response notices and bills for the responses lurk just around the corner — followed closely by questions about

the legalities surrounding enforcement of the fee.

"I just want people to brace," Koleszar said. "It's bad and it's about to get worse."

The special response fee will charge those deemed responsible for disorderly gatherings for the total cost incurred by the city when police are called to the scene.

One issue is whether the fee on the bill is an accurate reflection of the costs incurred by the city. Costs, as stated by the ordinance calling for the fee, include things such as equipment damage, medical costs and wages the city must pay to the police who respond. For example, the number of police who respond to a call may not

be necessary to get the job done.

"There's an easy part to that and a hard part," City Councilor David Kelly said, who represents the area east of the University.

Kelly said if the number of police who were actually present is different from what the notice or the bill claims, students can contest the fee.

The harder part is what happens if the party hosts disagree with the amount of police officers who respond. If that happens, Kelly said, they can file a formal complaint with the Eugene Municipal Court.

Another question is whether the fee will be issued in full to each owner of the house or if it will be divided

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ASUO feels alienated by Bettman

■ Some students think Bonny Bettman fails to represent the needs of students in the University community

By Darren Freeman
Oregon Daily Emerald

The relationship between the ASUO Executive and the University area's new city councilor has gotten off to a less-than-cordial start.

The Eugene City Council approved an ordinance two weeks ago that will hold home owners and tenants financially responsible for police response to parties, and councilor Bonny Bettman, whose ward encompasses the University and downtown, sided with five other councilors and voted for the ordinance.

Since the Eugene Police Department drafted the ordinance last November, members of the Executive have said the proposal unfairly targets students, who will likely make up the bulk of those slapped with the fine, which can be as high as \$1,500.

The Executive's disappointment over the passage of the ordinance has broadened into a larger concern that Bettman isn't representing her younger constituents and that the student voice isn't being adequately considered in city hall.

"Is she representing students? No, she's not," ASUO President Jay Breslow said.

Christa Shively, the ASUO community outreach director, said Bettman seems to have "strong negative feelings about students."

"She thinks we're disruptive in the community, that we don't care what goes on in the greater community and that we don't do enough outreach," Shively said. "And what's worse, she thinks student government is defending students' disruptive behavior."

"I'm not sure it would be a good use of our energy to

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Bush certified, Gore to contest

■ With a margin of 537 votes, Gov. George W. Bush is awarded Florida's electoral votes, but Democrats say they have no choice but to challenge the result

By Walter R. Mears
AP Special Correspondent

Florida's secretary of state certified George W. Bush the winner over Al Gore Sunday night in the state's near-deadlocked presidential vote — but court contests left in doubt which man will be the ultimate victor and 43rd president of the United States. Bush said he had won the White House and asked Gore to reconsider his challenges.

"Now that the votes are counted, it is time for the votes to count," Gov. Bush said from the state capitol in Austin, Texas, after Secretary of State Katherine Harris, a campaign supporter, announced that he had captured Florida by an infinitesimal 537-vote margin.

Bush announced that running mate Dick Cheney will direct his transition operations in Washington, and that former Secretary of Transportation Andrew Card will be his White House chief of staff.

So saying, Bush tried to preempt Gore with a campaign to persuade Americans that the election is over with, and that the outcome announced in Florida should be the last word.

Sen. Joe Lieberman, the Democratic vice presidential nominee, already had declared that it won't be, declaring that he and Gore had no choice but to challenge the Florida certification.

"The election was close," Bush said, "but tonight, after a count, a recount and yet another manual recount, Secretary Cheney and I are honored to have won the state of Florida, which gives us the needed electoral votes to win the election."

Moments after Republican Harris declared Bush the winner of Florida's 25 electoral votes at a ceremony in Tallahassee,

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Vaccines trickle in as flu season nears

■ While most of Lane County's flu vaccinations have yet to arrive, some people who fall into the "high risk" category can receive their shots now

By Lindsay Buchele
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Preparing for this year's flu season, Lane County Public Health Services ordered 4,000 influenza vaccinations, a shipment that should have been received in August. Instead, only 800 vaccinations have come in, and flu season is rapidly approaching.

Audrey Ashby, spokeswoman for leading vaccine manufacturer Wyeth-Ayerst, said that the nation's health services will receive full shipments of vaccinations by late December, but some health officials worry this may be too late.

The shipments were seriously delayed by the vaccine manufacturers' struggles to develop the A/Panama flu strain, which will be used to create a vaccine, she said.

Each year, vaccine-manufacturing companies are given three strains of the flu virus from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and asked to use them to develop a flu vaccine. The three strains used to create a vaccine change every year, with this year's strains being the A/Panama, B/Yamanashi and A/New Caledonia.

Ashby said the company's developers have no idea why the A/Panama strain has been so difficult to develop.

Pat Dotson of Lane County Public Health Services said the delay has caused the re-scheduling or cancellation of many flu shot clinics.

"We will get the vaccines out as often as possible," Dotson said. "If the clinics get too delayed, however, we have to cancel them and go with the others we have scheduled."

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