

## Ordinance

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evenly among them, which is something Koleszar said she's not sure is addressed in the ordinance.

Kelly said he believed the fee would be split evenly among those responsible, but he wasn't sure.

The ordinance states that all party hosts will be "jointly and severally responsible" for payment of the fee, which means that everyone responsible must make sure that the whole fee is paid.

But Koleszar said those issues are only the tip of a much larger iceberg: The deteriorating relationship between students and the police.

Students already have issues

with the way they are treated by police officers, Koleszar said, but the ordinance is not going to make that situation any better.

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Several students have approached Koleszar in the past with complaints about the way police handled party break-ups. Allegations have ranged from officers

breaking interior doors to students being trapped inside a house for up to two hours while the police gather the names of everyone at the party.

"We had one person that was sent to detox for refusing to answer questions after he was told he had the right to remain silent," Koleszar said. "I don't know what else to do with that but complain."

Kelly said that he takes complaints about mistreatment seriously, which is why he suggested students file formal complaints with the Eugene Police Department and the Human Rights Commission.

But in Koleszar's experience, grievances filed by students aren't generally answered.

"I don't know anyone who is satisfied with the police grievance process," she said.

Koleszar took Kelly's suggestion a step further, and encouraged students to send a copy of their grievances to each city councilor. That way, she said, the councilors will see how many complaints EPD receives.

"Otherwise, they get swept underneath the carpet," Koleszar said.

City Councilor Bonny Bettman, who represents the downtown and University areas, said she would like to hear from any student who has filed a grievance, and who felt that nothing came of it. She added, however, that complaints must be dealt with through the proper channels.

## Bettman

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try to work with [Bettman]. It would be better to work around her with other councilors. We have a voice on the council, but it's not through our city councilor, ironically."

But Bettman said she is supportive of students and that the ordinance strikes a fair balance between students' right to party and their older neighbors' desire for peaceful neighborhoods.

"Because I support the ordinance, I'm not anti-student — that's quite a leap," she said.

Bettman was elected to the council last May and took office in September to replace councilor Bobby Lee, who spent two terms in office. Student leaders and other city councilors had often praised Lee for representing the

student voice in council, and at his departure, most said that the council would miss his perspective.

"After Bobby Lee left, I don't think the energy around [representing students] is as high as it was," Mayor Jim Torrey said. "But councilor Bettman is new and hasn't had a chance to learn the needs of students."

Members of the Executive said their concerns about Bettman began when she visited the ASUO office for the first time on Oct. 19 to discuss the ordinance.

"I was really frustrated in the meeting because she came into it with an attitude that 'students are a bunch of drunkards and I don't have to represent them,'" Breslow said.

The Executive proposed several amendments to the council that would have made the ordinance more lenient. Bettman supported some of the amendments but op-

posed two key proposals, which the council ultimately shot down.

"Other city councilors were really jazzed up over our proposals, but she wasn't really supportive of them," Breslow said. "To me, it seems like she's not interested in solving anything, but is interested only in punishing students."

Bettman said that she considered the ASUO's input but didn't support all of the proposals because she felt they would have rendered the ordinance ineffectual.

She said she hopes this conflict won't sour relations between her and the ASUO.

"I invited them to stay in touch with me and let me know what their issues are so we can be mutually supportive," she said. "Certainly we didn't agree on some fundamental things, but there may be other issues we agree on."

Shively, however, wasn't so optimistic about future relations between the ASUO and Bettman, and said that the Executive will continue working closely with other councilors, including David Kelly, Gary Papé and Betty Taylor, as well as Mayor Jim Torrey. Taylor was the lone vote against the ordinance, which she said "went far beyond deterrent." Torrey, at the request of the Executive, convinced the council last spring to postpone a vote on the ordinance until this fall, when students returned from summer vacation and were available to address the issue before council.

But Shively pointed out that the passage of the ordinance was fresh and that the Executive was still "peevish."

"I don't know [Bettman] very well, and she doesn't have much of a voting record yet," she said. "We'll see what happens."

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