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Fewer patrons doesn't turn the summer bar scene into a dreadful bore. **PAGE 7**

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The Lane County Public Health office will also offer anonymous counseling. **PAGE 3**



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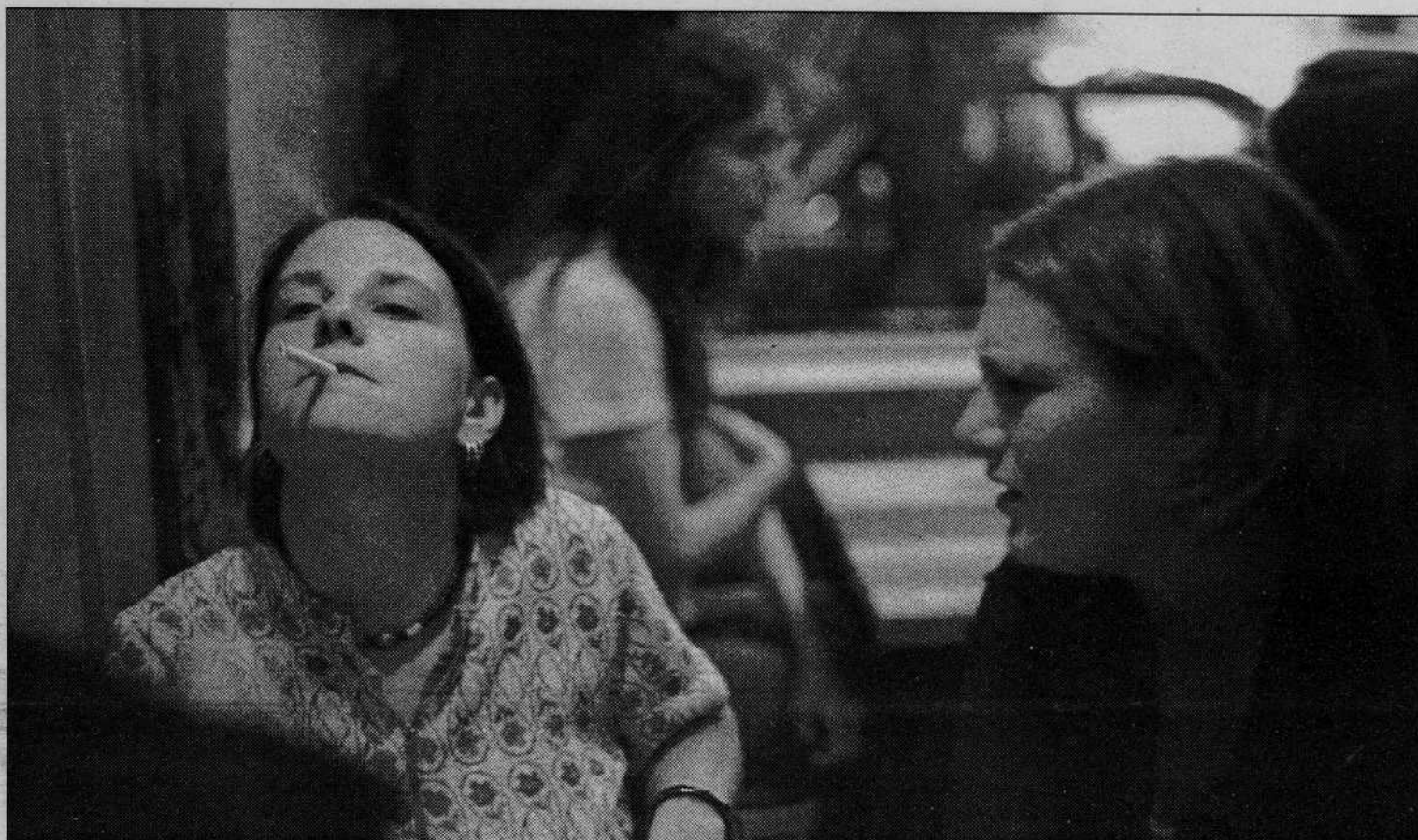
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FROM SMOKE-FRIENDLY...



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Sitting in the Soriah Bar and Cafe, Meghan Besonen puffs her cigarette while Mara Ingerham wrinkles her nose. Starting Sunday, bar patrons will have to step outside to light up.

TO SMOKE-FREE

■ With Eugene's smoking ban set to take effect Sunday, bartenders and bar patrons have varied feelings about the soon-to-be smoke-free scene

By **Jeremy Lang**
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If you've ever lit someone's cigarette as an excuse to talk to him or her in a bar, you have three days left to think of some new pick-up lines.

Eugene's smoking ban will go into effect Sunday, as the Eugene City Council passed the ordinance barring smoking in public places by a 7-1 vote on Nov. 14.

City officials, working with the Lane County

Public Health Department, have spent the past month informing the public about the particulars of the ban and its first day on the books with posters, stickers and a Web site.

Jan Bohman, an analyst for the city who has been working on the information campaign, said the city will enforce the smoking ban mostly through a complaint phone line, where people can leave messages detailing violations.

"It's confidential but not anonymous," Bohman said.

A violation will cost a business between \$50 and \$100, and fines will increase with repeat offenses.

Although Bohman has no doubt that Eugene's ban will go into effect Sunday, a smoke-

free night life could be a short-lived phenomenon. The Oregon Legislature is currently considering House Bill 3953, which would keep city governments from enacting smoking bans that are stricter than current state law, including Eugene's.

The bill is currently being debated in the Senate Subcommittee on Human Services.

Although the ban is citywide, bars and taverns are handling the change in different ways. Some are simply waiting to see what, if any, financial burden the ban will create.

"When people sit to smoke, they tend to stay longer," said Tom Kamis, a bartender at Sor-

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Officials, residents discuss Sacred Heart expansion

■ Community members aired their concerns about the removal and relocation of trees and buildings

By **Andrea Larsen**
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City and PeaceHealth officials met with concerned community members Tuesday night at Central Presbyterian Church to discuss issues surrounding the possible expansion of Sacred Heart Hospital's downtown campus.

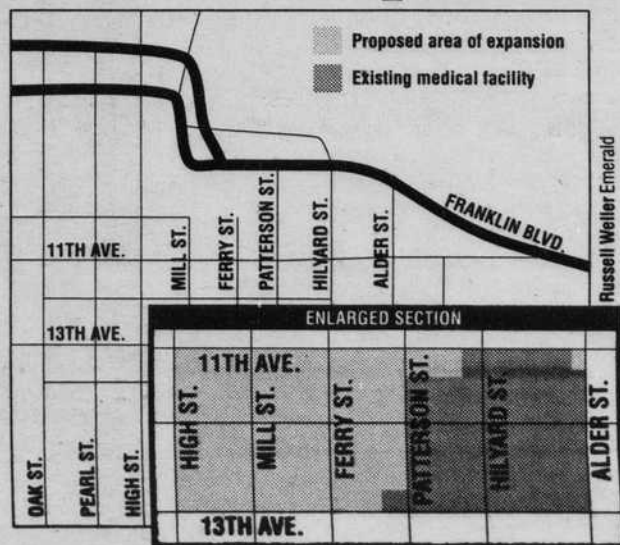
The meeting comes less than two weeks before the July 9 deadline to include a bond measure on the Sept. 18 special election ballot. The proposed bond measure would ask taxpayers to cover a majority of the city's costs in keeping Sacred Heart Medical Center downtown.

"What we're trying to do is we're trying to work in good faith with the city of Eugene on a process that looks at the alternatives of keeping us downtown," PeaceHealth spokesman Brian Terrett said. "Our first choice, which we announced on March 9, is the north campus, but if the city wants to propose a solution to keep us downtown that's acceptable to the community, then we'll look at that agreement."

City officials, PeaceHealth and community members alike agree that Sacred Heart is in desperate need of an update to prepare for the next 100 years of health care.

PeaceHealth, a Washington-based organization that owns Sacred Heart, pro-

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Cell tower may arise in UO area

■ Sprint PCS has proposed building a cellular-phone tower in the Villard Street neighborhood, and some residents dislike the idea

By **Kara Cogswell**
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A proposed cellular-phone tower in the University area has residents in the area divided over whether they want such an addition to the neighborhood.

For the past few weeks, Zach Vishanoff, who calls himself the "Moss Street Defender," has plastered campus-area telephone poles and billboards with fliers warning students of plans to build a cellular-phone tower on a lot near University housing.

Vishanoff said he put up the fliers after learning a site adjacent to graduate school housing currently under construction at 14th Avenue and Villard Street is the location of a proposed Sprint PCS cellular-phone tower.

The lot, owned by Williams Bakery, is currently the site of a house being rented by a contracting company the University hired to build the new housing complex. Vishanoff said the University has known about the project all along but has failed to notify students about the development.

"It's been kind of secret meetings about this for months," he said.

And he contends that the cellular-phone tower proposal is yet another indication of the housing department's willingness to industrialize the area.

"It's really a broad issue," he said. "It's just about transforming a neighborhood and barring students from the planning process."

Vishanoff added that if the University wants the tower it would help to keep its plans quiet.

"There's a huge incentive to keep students in the dark," he said. "Because if they don't, there's a chance they won't get to implement their plans."

This is not the first time that Vishanoff, a longtime Eugene resident, has gone up against the University Housing Department. Over the past several months, he has sparred with department officials over the removal of University-owned homes from the Villard and Moss Street neighborhoods.

But University Housing Director Michael Eyster said his department only learned about the possible cellular-phone tower site a few weeks ago. And even then, he said, it was only through a member of the news media — not a representative of Williams Bakery, as Vishanoff claims.

At this point, he said, the information that they have can only be considered rumors, and it is not something that the department will act on.

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