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City Council hears views on exclusion

■ The council heard from community members Monday as it prepared to consider renewing the downtown exclusion ordinances

By **Darren Freeman**
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City Councilors listened to public comment on a proposal to expand the downtown exclusion zone boundaries Monday night at City Hall.

Since 1998, police have barred people arrested for criminal offenses in the downtown mall from returning to the area for 60 days. After receiving an exclusion order, a person can appeal to the city municipal court. Disobeying the order could lead to arrest for second-degree trespassing.

A person given an exclusion order also cannot enter the stretch of Broadway between Willamette and Charnelton streets between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Supporters of the ordinances say they combat the high crime rate in the area, while opponents say the orders violate a person's right to enter public places.

These arguments surfaced Monday night as the council took a step toward considering a renewal of the ordinances, which expire July 31.

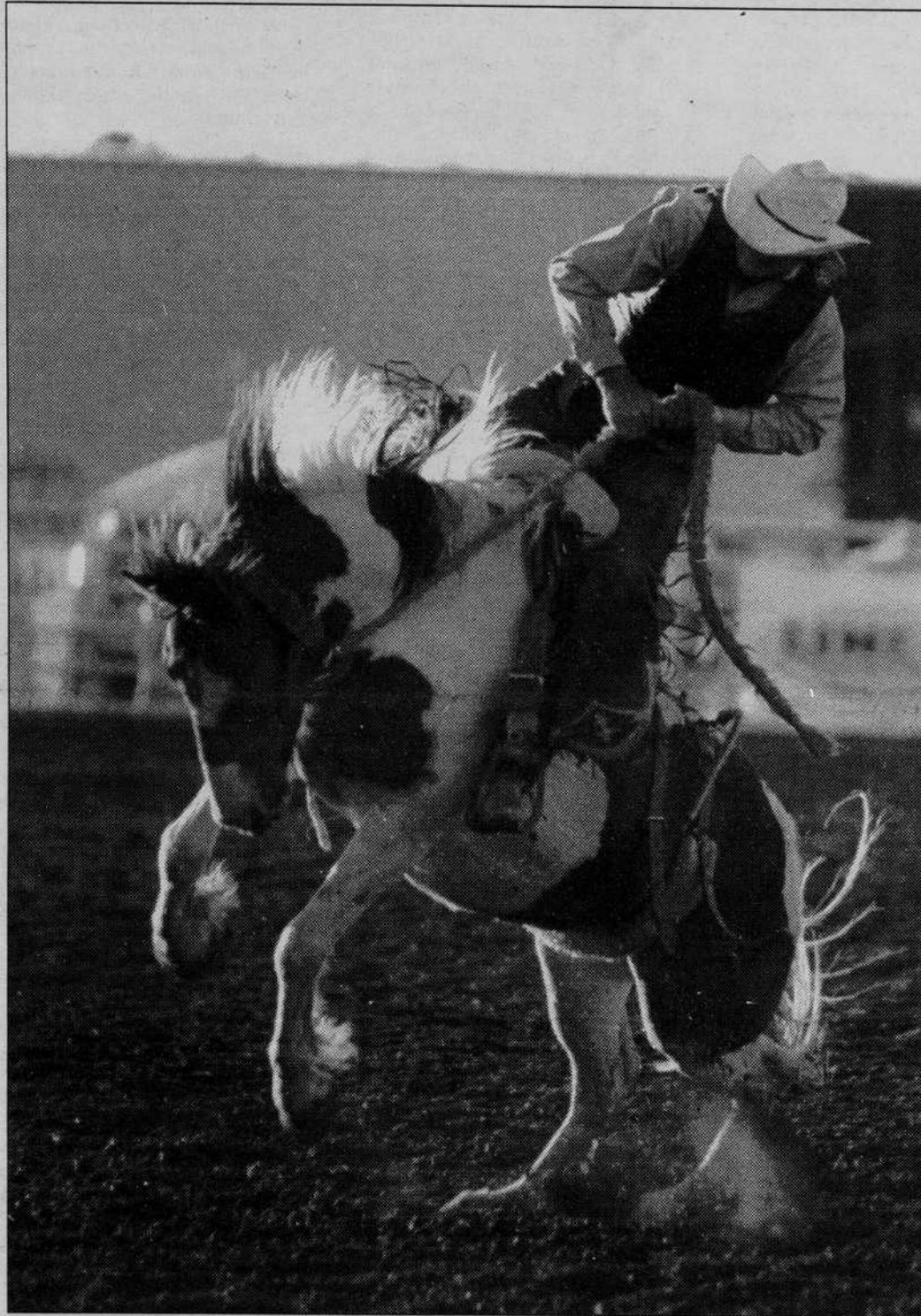
"It's an important tool for the police department to use to keep downtown free from criminals," said Mark Johnson, an operations manager for the Lane Transit District.

Johnson said people excluded from the mall break laws in other areas of downtown. Eugene Police Chief Jim Hill also supported expanding the exclusion area.

Councilor David Kelly disagreed. "This is no longer a mall exclusion," he said. "This is a downtown exclusion. I don't think we should go there ... it could become a Eugene exclusion."

Eugene resident R. Perkins also spoke against the ordinances. "Culture creates poverty and pushes people into it. Punishing people for social diseases and shaming them is not a way to create change."

Ride 'em cowboy!



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Saddle bronco rider Audie Reagan from Benton, La., tries hard to maintain his balance on his bucking horse at the Eugene Pro Rodeo. For additional photos and coverage from the Eugene Pro Rodeo, turn to page 5.

Councilors may revisit smoking ordinance

■ The City Council says it will meet with the city manager's office to discuss making the ban fairer to owners of bars and taverns

By **Darren Freeman**
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After hearing a manager of three newly smoke-free bars say the city's new smoking ban has cost him customers, city councilors said they would revisit the ordinance to make it fairer to business owners.

At Monday night's City Council meeting, councilors said they would discuss the law, which went into effect July 1, with officials from the city manager's office on a date yet to be set.

The city gave many Eugene bars six-month reprieves to allow the businesses to build outdoor smoking areas. Customers at those bars can still puff away over a drink, while taverns unable to build smoking areas were forced last week to go totally smoke free.

This situation gives the bars with reprieves an unfair advantage over those without, said Councilor Pat Farr, who cast the lone vote against the ordinance when the council passed it Nov. 13.

"Also, people will be going to Springfield to smoke," he warned.

Tom Fieland — manager of the Good Times Cafe & Bar, Wetlands Brew Pub & Sports Bar and Highland's Brew Pub — told the council his businesses have taken significant cuts since the bars, which didn't receive exemptions, went smoke free last week.

"A lot of our customers have been Turn to **Smoking ban**, page 4

SUNNY SUMMER SCHOOL DAYS

■ With about 8,000 students enrolled, summer classes at the University of Oregon are in full swing

By **Kara Cogswell**
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Spring term may mark the end of the academic year for some, but for a growing number of students at the University, school isn't out for summer.

Nearly 8,000 students are expected to enroll in University classes this term, said Ron Trebon, director of the University summer session program,

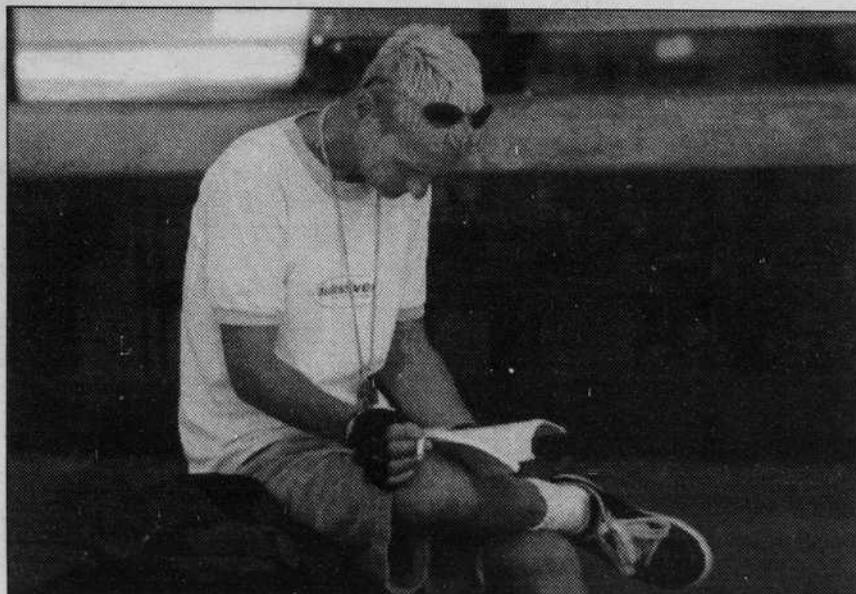
which is nearly 10 percent more than last year's enrollment.

More students are taking classes during the summer nationwide, Trebon said, adding that there is a growing number of 18- to 24-year-olds in the country as well.

Trebon also said many students are eager to graduate early and get out into the workforce while the economy is still strong.

An advantage of summer term is the flexibility of the course offerings, he said. Three sessions of classes are offered: One four-week session, one eight-week session and one 11-week session.

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Pausing outside the bookstore, Christopher Fisk reads his Field Biology book. Fisk is also taking an accounting class at the University.