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DEBATE

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College Republicans said Measure 30, which supporters often describe as a temporary tax increase, carries five permanent taxes. The group also predicted the Legislature may eventually make permanent two temporary taxes contained in the measure.

"It's a sneaky bill," Republican Chris Looney said. "It's being sold as temporary when it's not temporary." The Republicans also attacked President George W. Bush's immigration proposal, saying it rewards illegal entry into the United States.

"We believe Bush is wrong," Chairman Jarrett White said. "We should not give amnesty or worker permits for people who broke the law."

"We should shore up our border and get these people out." White said illegal immigrants are treated badly by their employers.

"It is new-age slavery," he said. "They're supporting our economy with slave labor."

College Republican Dean Scrutton

challenged illegal immigrants' loyalty to the United States.

"Most (illegal immigrants) don't want to be assimilated," Scrutton said. "Most don't want our culture and our language. Most hold allegiances for other countries that they shouldn't."

College Democrat Brady Miller advocated U.S. Senate Bill 2010 as an alternative to Bush's plan. The proposed legislation would allow illegal immigrants the chance to stay temporarily in the United States in exchange for paying taxes.

"It is a good bill and a good start and, I think we're moving in the right direction," Miller said.

The debate, which lasted a little more than an hour, remained civil. Even the contentious issue of gay marriage failed to ruffle the debaters.

College Democrat Ethan Firpo took issue with the national leaders of his party, arguing that civil unions — a term Democrats have employed to avoid the controversial question of marriage — are inadequate. He said it was "not long ago" that the legal principle of "separate but equal"

was used to justify segregating blacks and whites.

"Historically, legally, genetically, it doesn't make sense not to legalize this," he said. "We must not leave behind a lot of people just for the sake of cultural comfort."

Scott Austin, a 2000 University graduate debating for the College Republicans, said gay marriage is incompatible with American values.

"This country was based primarily on Judeo-Christian values," Austin said, adding that his position is "based on religion, it's based on an understanding of Christian doctrine. You can reject that, but you can't reject the history behind it."

Audience members said they were satisfied with the debate.

"I just wanted to see what students had to say about these topics," South Eugene High School teacher Suzie Gaffney said. "I was also surprised that this didn't pull in more people."

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TAYLOR'S

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Taylor's is not what the department considers a problem spot.

"We have no establishment in the community that we would consider a problem establishment," she said. Taylor's has "a very different call volume (compared to Rennie's Landing), and my assumption would be there's a larger number of people going in. Clearly, whenever you have an establishment that is attractive to large numbers of people and alcohol is being served, your risk factors increase."

Hare said doormen form lines outside to keep the occupancy less than the 250-person capacity to prevent conflicts between patrons.

Olshanski said many of the calls from Taylor's to EPD are for incidents occurring outside on the street or sidewalk, some of which had nothing to do with the bar.

Taylor's manager Justin Walker said doormen will often go out on the street to help contain the situation or assist police in breaking up fights.

Because the bar is located in a central location, on the corner of East 13th Avenue and Kincaid Street, more people tend to congregate there, resulting in more conflicts, he said.

Dan Geyer, who has managed Rennie's Landing for the past 10 years, said Rennie's avoids the "tension" of East 13th Avenue, resulting in fewer incidents.

Also, Rennie's tries to have enough employees working to intervene in fights before they escalate, he said, adding that the bar has enough space to spread people out and prevent overcrowding. Fights often start over "silly things," like when people bump into each other or spill their drinks, Geyer said.

Chris Grow, a business student at the University, said he has never personally witnessed any altercations at Taylor's, but he has heard stories about them in the past.

Alex Nevarez, a senior Spanish major, said he stopped going to Taylor's for a variety of reasons, but not because of fighting. Nevarez said he has seen verbal arguments between drunk

people with "big egos," but he has never seen a physical fight there. Olshanski said Taylor's has a cooperative relationship with EPD. Employees of the bar frequently check identification cards to ensure patrons are 21 and older, and bartenders have been known to refuse serving alcohol to individuals who have had too much to drink, she said. Many of the calls to EPD came from employees at the bar, Olshanski added.

Geyer said since Hare took over at Taylor's, the establishment has improved dramatically.

"It's gotten a lot better than it used to be. The prior ownership didn't take nearly the steps that (Hare's) taken ...," Geyer said.

Hare agreed, saying there is no longer a problem with his bar.

"There's not a problem," said Hare, who has owned Taylor's for about five years. "It's frustrating that I even have to adjudicate my name when there's not a problem."

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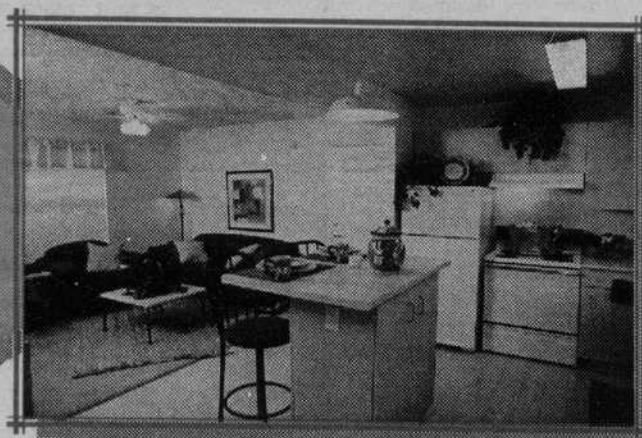
CORRECTION

In "PFC hearings get smoother" (ODE, Jan. 28), ASUO Finance Controller Mike Martell was misidentified as ASUO Controller Mike Green. Also, the story stated that two stipend positions were created for the International Career Networking Committee. In fact, four positions were created. The Emerald regrets the errors.

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