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Planning for Patterson House pushes ahead

Von Klein Property Management's newest upscale apartment complex will house 40 people with 27 units

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Campus area real estate giant von Klein Property Management is "moving forward" with plans to build an upscale apartment complex across the street from the University Inn at 979 Patterson St., co-owner Larry von Klein said.

The new building, called the Patterson House, will be similar in design and features to the coveted Hilyard House at 725 East 14th Ave., which von Klein said never has vacancy for more than a few weeks.

"There is a demand for this type of

housing," von Klein said.

In order to move forward with construction, von Klein said the property must qualify for Eugene's Multiple Unit Property Tax Exemption program (MUPTE), the same program the Hilyard House qualified for.

"The Hilyard House could not have been built if not for the tax exemption," Von Klein said.

MUPTE provides a 10-year tax exemption on housing construction within Eugene's downtown area to encourage an increase in housing without affecting the urban growth boundary.

Police officer Randy Ellis, who patrols the West University neighborhood, said the Patterson House would be a nice addition to the neighborhood and could set a precedent for better-maintained housing in the neighborhood.

"It's probably going to force some of the other buildings in the neighborhood to upgrade," Ellis said.

One thing Ellis said he worries about is the possible long-term effect the tax exemption program could have on historic houses in the campus area. If multiple-unit buildings are so strongly encouraged, it could lead to the destruction of the neighborhood's older buildings, which don't necessarily deserve to be decimated.

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DANIELLE HICKEY | PHOTO EDITOR

Von Klein's Patterson House would go up in what is now a parking lot nestled between the Beta Chi fraternity house and another apartment building.

Uniform ordinance might not affect DPS

A proposed city law will require private agency uniforms be distinct from EPD uniforms

BY KARA HANSEN
NEWS REPORTER

The Eugene Police Commission unanimously agreed Thursday that the city should require private security and safety agencies to have uniforms substantially different from those of Eugene police.

The proposed ordinance prohibits anyone from wearing a uniform "substantially similar" to a Eugene police officer's in "colors, design, identifying insignia, badge, standard equipment and other features."

If the recommendation is approved by the City Council, the ordinance would have little to no effect on any existing agencies in Eugene, including the University's Department of Public Safety, which Police Commissioner John Brown said was the impetus for the proposal.

Because DPS is a state agency, it may not have to comply with the city ordinance. Nevertheless, if the rule does apply, it could prevent confusion when DPS and EPD officers respond to situations on and around the University campus, Brown said.

One such situation occurred at Neighbors Bar & Bistro near campus one-and-a-half to two years ago. Brown, who was on a ride-along with police, said about 11 uniformed officers responded to arrest one person, and only two were Eugene police. The other nine were DPS, he said, which gave police a bad rap for what looked like "overkill."

"Right now, you can't tell the police and DPS apart," Brown said. "You need to know who has a gun and who doesn't."

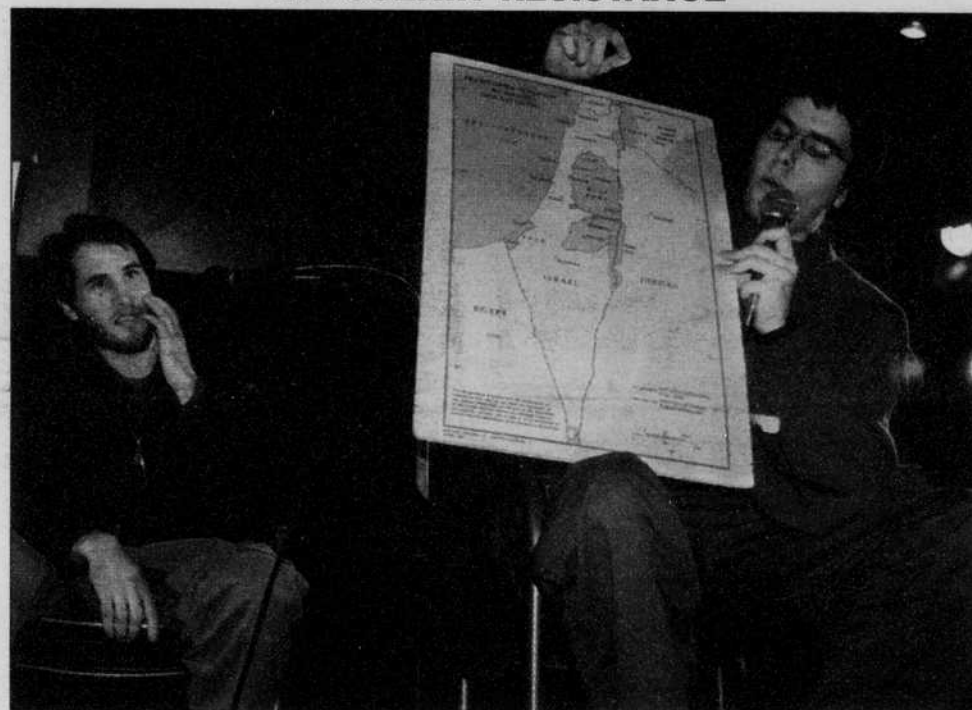
He said unlike EPD, DPS are not sworn officers and are not armed, which could create security risks when a subject with a gun might shoot an officer they think is also armed.

Security agencies also aren't restricted from having the word "police" on their uniforms, although no entities in the Eugene area currently use it, he said.

The recommendation would have no

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'REFUSENIK' RESISTANCE



TIM BOBOSKY | PHOTOGRAPHER

Israeli citizens Shimri Zamaret and Noam Bahat both received jail time when they refused to comply with Israel's mandatory draft. Here they point out occupied territories, shown in gray, on a map of Israel Friday at Cosmic Pizza as part of their national speaking tour.

Dodging the draft

Two Israeli citizens spent two years in prison after refusing the country's conscription laws

BY PARKER HOWELL
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Just over two months ago, Noam Bahat and Shimri Zamaret were released from an Israeli military prison, where they were confined for nearly two years for refusing to serve in the Israel Defense Forces.

Bahat, 21, and Zamaret, 20, were among five Israeli "refuseniks" who declined mandatory conscription into the military at 18, which led them to imprisonment and court martial. The two men shared their story with about 100 people Friday night at Cosmic Pizza, the latest stop on a national tour sponsored by the Refuser Solidarity Network.

Israeli law dictates that men serve three years and women

serve two years in the military, and it does not allow people to claim exemption as conscientious objectors, Bahat said.

Both men said they refused military service because of moral objections to the way Israeli soldiers treat Palestinians in the disputed territories of the West Bank, Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights, and the physical and emotional toll of the war on Israeli soldiers and their families.

Israel captured the disputed areas in the Six-Day War of 1967 against Egypt, Jordan and Syria.

The UO Cultural Forum and the Committee for Countering Military Recruitment presented the Eugene stop to show the implications the men's actions could have

for a possible U.S. draft, according to a press release.

The men said military action was particularly brutal when they refused the draft, describing curfews for Palestinians living in occupied areas that lasted for more than six months. Bahat said Palestinians were not allowed to leave their homes to attend work, school or to socialize during the curfews, except for a few hours once a week to buy food.

But Bahat added that many Palestinians didn't know when the curfew was lifted and either missed opportunities to leave or ventured into the streets when they were not supposed to.

"It means a lot of stress, a lot of anger," he said.

Bahat read the testimony of a Palestinian man who inadvertently went to purchase food during a curfew. One of the man's children died and

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University to partner with OHSU, PeaceHealth

OHSU medical students will receive some instruction at the University, possibly by fall 2006

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University President Dave Frohnmayer signed a letter of intent Friday that would establish a partnership with Oregon Health and Science University and PeaceHealth Oregon Region to train medical students at the University and at the PeaceHealth hospital Sacred Heart Medical Center.

The plan is part of an effort to double the number of physicians OHSU graduates in the next 10 years to address the impending physician shortage in Oregon. OHSU is currently the only institution that trains doctors in the state.

"An estimated 1,225 Oregon doctors will leave the work force by 2006, and by that time only 216 new physicians will have graduated from the OHSU School of Medicine," OHSU School of Medicine Dean Joe Robertson said in a press release.

To compound the matter, medical needs in Oregon are also growing at alarming rates, Frohnmayer added, citing an aging Oregon population and an increasing number of retirees.

"It meets a real need when it comes to the very alarming doctor shortages," he said. "That's a danger for all Oregonians that we need to address now."

The exact details of the plan have yet to be worked out, but Frohnmayer said he hopes to implement the plan by fall term of 2006.

Students would receive the same instruction at the University as they would at OHSU, which is located in Portland, and the curriculum would be identical, Robertson said.

"It should be indistinguishable to the student's academic experience," he said.

Robertson said medical students would have the opportunity to spend the first, third and fourth years at the University; the second year would have to be spent at OHSU "because of the nature of the curriculum."

"The benefit would be at the student level," Robertson added. "There would be some students that prefer to be in Eugene."

Frohnmayer said the medical students

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