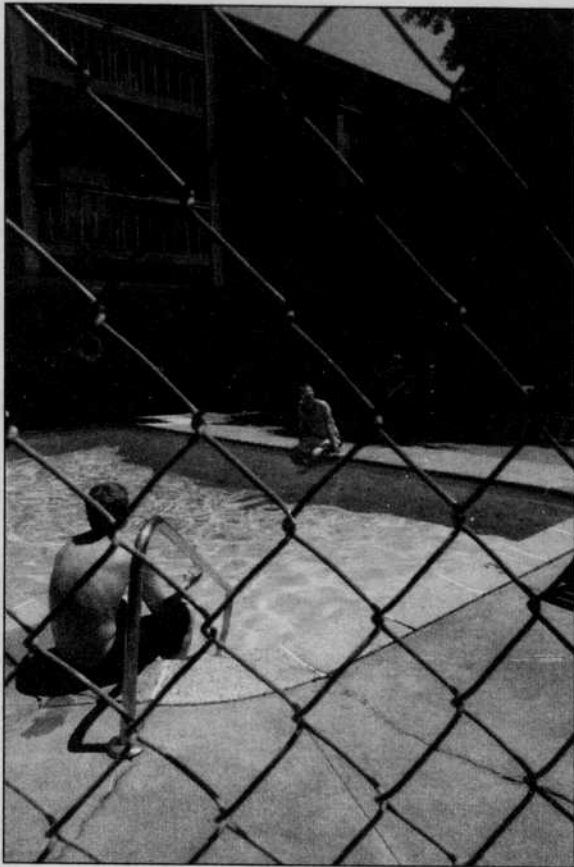


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Tenants and guests enjoy the pool on a sunny Wednesday at Club Mill on 12th Avenue and Mill Street, which is managed by Keystone Real Estate.

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Renters may be required to cover cost of new code

Some landlords may choose to pass the \$10 fee for the new city housing code onto their tenants

BY GABE BRADLEY
NEWS EDITOR

The City of Eugene's new rental housing code will take effect tomorrow, which could mean a slight increase in rental costs.

The code calls for the assessment of an annual \$10 per unit fee on all rentals in the city. The money will go to pay for a staff of city employees that will monitor and ensure rental units meet four basic habitability requirements — structural integrity, adequate plumbing, adequate heating and adequate weatherproofing.

The biggest question facing

local landlords regarding the new code is how to respond to the \$10 per unit fee.

"They can either absorb the money themselves or they can pass it on to the tenant, and I think you're going to see a mix of both," Lane County Rental Owners Association Vice President Jim Straub said.

Straub, a landlord who owns about 50 units, said he is not going to raise the rents on his properties, but other members of the Rental Owner's Association have told him they will.

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Diversity plan sparks controversy with faculty

The University has received letters criticizing the plan from faculty members and the AAUP

BY TYLER GRAF
FREELANCE REPORTER

The controversy surrounding the University's Five Year Diversity Plan shows no signs of dissipating, as professors threaten to leave the University if the current draft is approved, while the American Association of University Professors wrote a letter criticizing the administration for allegedly bypassing the standard set of faculty committees while drafting the plan.

The AAUP letter came at approximately the same time that 25 faculty members drafted their own "Open Letter to President Frohnmayer," in which they called the Diversity Plan "Orwellian" and "frightening."

The AAUP letter, dated May 10 and addressed to former University of Oregon Senate President Andrew Marcus, states that the charter for the University places the governance in the hands of the faculty and that the AAUP principles emphasize faculty involvement for proposals relevant to professors.

Jean Stockard, a Planning, Public Policy Management professor, said she shared the AAUP's concerns and was upset that faculty had "virtually no involvement" in drafting the plan.

"Members of the committee listed at the front of the document were only shown the document after it was printed," said Stockard, referring to the 80 names listed as active participants.

Some professors have threatened to leave if the current draft becomes a reality.

"As for faculty thinking of leaving: I am," said N. Chris Phillips, a math professor and co-signer of the open letter.

Mathematics Associate Professor Alexander Kleshchev said he has heard of other professors who might leave but says it is too

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HELP WANTED

There are opportunities to find a summer job if students aren't picky and know where to look

BY GABE BRADLEY
NEWS EDITOR

Students still looking for summer jobs will find opportunities available for those who are willing to search creatively and aren't too picky, according to local experts and employers.

University economist Tim Duy, author of the University of Oregon Index of Economic Indicators, said there are several factors that affect the availability of summer work.

"I get the sense that (employers) have more trouble finding qualified workers than the unemployment rate would lead you to believe," said Duy. "What it often comes down to is: Are you willing to work in a low-paying job?"

A mismatch between the skills employers are looking for and the skills of the current workforce combined with the reluctance of some workers to take low-paying jobs means there are opportunities for those who are willing to take such jobs.

Duy said the types of jobs students usually seek over the summer make up more than 10 percent of the statewide economy.

Last month, the leisure and hospitality sector represented 161,000 of the roughly 1.6 million non-farm payroll jobs in Oregon.

"It's a relatively significant part of the economy," Duy said.

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Desiree Steeg is working her second summer with Selectemp Employment Services. Here she advertises for the company on the corner of Gateway Loop and Gateway Street near its offices on Wednesday.

TIM BOBOSKY | PHOTO EDITOR

Celebrating a fun, fireless Fourth

From a Butte to Butte run to a Firecracker Bull Ride, there are plenty of things to do this holiday weekend

BY GABE BRADLEY
NEWS EDITOR

Last year, almost 10,000 people across the country were treated for fireworks-related injuries, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission as reported by the National Council on Firework Safety.

Aside from the safety concerns surrounding proper firework usage, there are a number of legal concerns as well.

Possessing fireworks — even sparklers — in national forests or land controlled by the Bureau of Land Management is illegal. Violators can

be penalized with fines up to \$5,000 and imprisonment up to six months.

"Fireworks just don't belong in the woods," said Willamette National Forest spokeswoman Patti Rodgers in a press release.

More information on firework safety is available at the National Council on Fireworks Safety's Web site (www.fireworksafety.com).

Fourth of July Events

Eugene's Active 20/30 Club will host the 59th annual Freedom Festival in Alton Baker Park. Gates open at 11 a.m., and the celebration will feature

the largest fireworks display in Lane County at 4 p.m. Admission is \$5; children under 5 are admitted for free. Bi-Mart members can get \$1 off the admission price.

Also at Alton Baker, Art & the Vineyard will be continuing on July 4. See the complete story on page 7.

The Fourth seems to bring out the biggest stuff in Lane County: The largest rodeo in Lane County and the longest road race in Lane County will also be held on the Fourth.

The Eugene Pro Rodeo and Firecracker Bull Ride will be at the Oregon Horse Center at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 689-9700.

The 32nd annual Butte to Butte 10K run and 4.5 mile walk will take place

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Ryan Hay, right, from Harrisburg and Phillip Bender from Medford train at the City of Eugene's Fire Station 2 on Tuesday in preparation for summer.