

Grant boosts research

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The University's Institute of Neuroscience received a \$413,000 grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust to be used for further research on the nervous system, according to Michael Menaker, institute director.

The Murdock Trust, a private foundation based in the Northwest, has supported the campus before, especially the Molecular Biology department, Menaker says.

"They're interested in supporting programs that they feel are good," Menaker says.

The grant will allow creation of a Center for Image Analysis incorporating the latest technology in computers with other related devices such as a light microscope and video output.

The computer, the major purchase for the institute, will reconstruct in three dimensions the complicated structure of nerve and brain cells with the use of computer-generated graphics, Menaker says.

But the utility of the computer system is not limited to only the Institute.

"The computer will analyze any complicated images and turn out three-dimensional computer graphics," Menaker says.

Examples include the analysis of satellite pictures of timber resources to evaluate any changes, and the analysis of metal alloys, Menaker says.

"It's not just for the Neuroscience department, but for geologists, chemists, and it's important for students. They'll have the same access to it as anyone else," Menaker says.

The computer is expected to arrive before January, and Menaker estimates it will be set up and available for use by next fall.

The internationally known institute, now in its third year, is made up of departments in biology, chemistry, psychology and physical education.

Measure yields criticism

By Dave Berns
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Ballot Measure 2 would destroy the continuity of quality services that businesses seek. That was the conclusion of the speakers at a Brown Bag forum in the EMU Ballroom Thursday.

The measure is "not fair, not equitable, not flexible, and not easy to administer," Norma Jean Germond, former president of the League of Women Voters' Oregon chapter said.

James Reinmuth, dean of the University's College of Business Administration, and Dennis West, deputy director of the Port of Portland also spoke against the measure at the forum, which was co-sponsored by the ASUO.

Under the provisions of the measure, the maximum tax on any real property would be 1.5 percent of assessed value or \$15 on every \$1,000 assessed value.

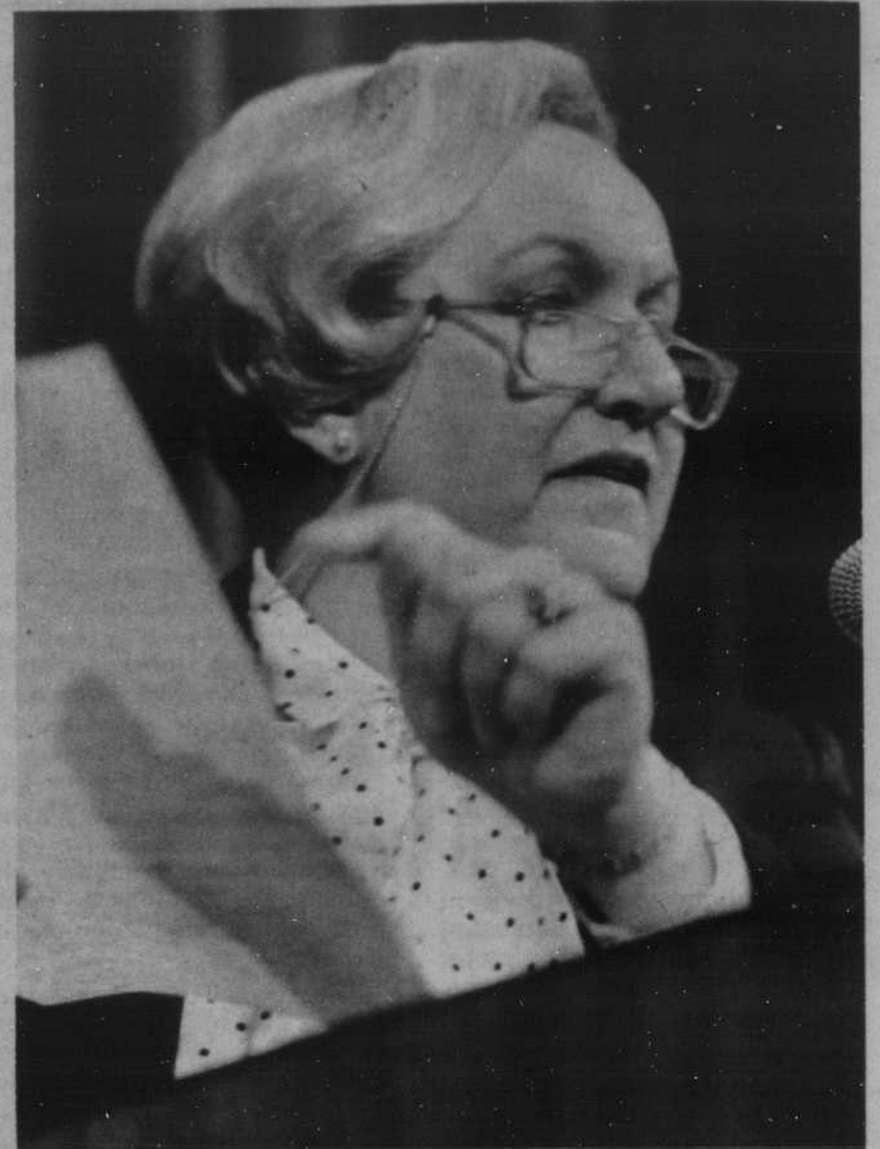
All three speakers said that if the measure passes, government services at the state, local, and county levels would all be severely cut back. Germond estimated that localities would experience a 36 percent reduction in services throughout the state.

West says passage of Measure 2 would mean an increase of \$300 in terms of his own annual income. Yet he believes the income boost would not offset the overall loss of services to his community.

Such a loss would impair Oregon's ability to attract new businesses, West said.

Furthermore, Reinmuth says many supporters of the measure aren't fully aware of the initiative's effects.

Reinmuth said the wording of the measure prevents the 1.5 percent limitation from being applied to the bonded indebtedness of any given entity of government. In other words, the debt incurred by government for the development of sewers, roads, street lights and related services would not be affected by this limitation.



Norma Jean Germond

Reinmuth claims this would mean the average Eugene resident would continue to pay a base of approximately \$6 on every \$1,000 over and above the

mean a decrease of \$5 on every \$1,000 and not \$11, as local supporters contend, he said.

Other sponsors of the event were the Oregon Public

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1.5 percent limitation.

With the current average tax bill for a Eugene home owner of \$26 on every \$1,000, passage of Ballot Measure 2 would only

Employees' Union, the American Federation of Teachers and the American Association of University Professors.

New federal laws boost welfare aid

Low-income families in Oregon who have not qualified for welfare or medical help in the past may benefit from new laws that took effect Monday. New federal laws will change some services provided to low-income families under Aid to Dependent Children and Medicaid programs, which are funded jointly by federal and state governments.

The Oregon Adult and Family Services Division expects about 2,400 more people to qualify this year for medical assistance, cash or both. In addition, some current welfare recipients will have increased benefits or will get help with day-care payments and medical coverage when they go off welfare.

Eligibility for the ADC program and grant amounts are based on family size and income, with a maximum grant for each family. Families with "earned income" from wages or salaries are allowed certain deductions in figuring net income.

Working families may qualify for both the medical coverage and for state help in paying for child care. AFS pays up to \$160 a month per child for day care, limited to two children, for low-income families that need help in order to avoid being on ADC.

Information about programs changes is available at local AFS offices, listed in local telephone directories under "state government."



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