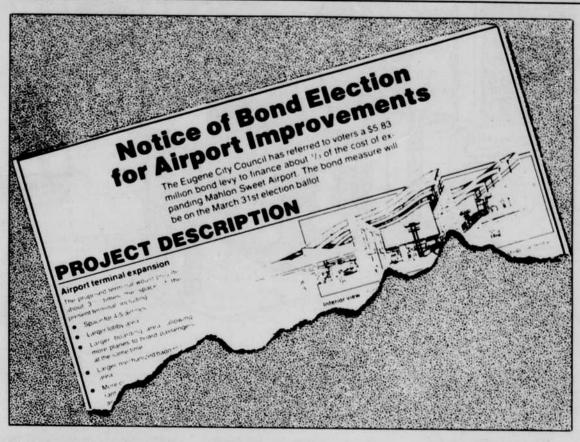
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Two Eugene men have filed a complaint against a newspaper ad paid for by the city of Eugene. They claim the ad, a portion of which appears above, is not balanced.

## Irate citizens protest airport ads, ask for 'balanced' look at issues

By Dennis Fernandes Of the Emerald

Two local residents have requested that the city of Eugene withdraw informative advertisements for the airport improvement bond, alleging that "several issues are not given balanced treatment."

Richard Gold and Fergus McLean, both of Eugene, complained about the ad in a letter to

Barbara Bellamy, the city's director of information. The ad appeared in the Register Guard's Feb. 15 edition and will continue every other Sunday until the March 31 election.

Gold and McLean believe the ad should cease running until "such balanced treatment of these key issues is accomplished.'

The two men leveled their attack on the city's

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### Bill would cancel plans for statewide semester system

By Chris Norred Of the Emerald

The State Board of Higher Education will not continue with plans to adopt the semester system at state colleges and universities if a bill being



drafted in the Oregon House of Representatives passes the state Legislature.

The bill is sponsored by Rep.

Darlene Hooley, D-West Linn, and would require state colleges and universities to maintain the current quarter system, rather than changing to semesters in 1990 as the State Board decided in January.

The bill does not apply to the Oregon Health Sciences University or the University Law School.

Hooley said she is introducing the bill because of concerns about the cost of changing to semesters and because the State Board did not coordinate the change with other segments of

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#### Dix starts search for funds to finance track renovation

By Randy Elliott

Of the Emerald

State Rep. David Dix. D-Eugene, announced Tuesday in Eugene that Wednesday evening will mark the beginning of his attempts to establish financing for a proposed bond measure in the Oregon State Legislature

The measure, if passed, would fund the Hayward Field renovation project.

The proposed bill, sponsored by Dix, would allow the State System of Higher Education to issue \$2 million worth of industrial development bonds as a means of financing the renovation project, but does not specify how the bonds would be financed.

"Before we can issue those bonds we have to prove to the people who are going to buy them that we have a way of paying them off," Dix said.

Last week, Dix proposed increasing ticket prices for athletic events as one possible means of financing the bond measure, but some University administrators are opposed to that idea.

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## Disorder causes victims to act in irrational manner

#### Counselors can treat psychological problem

By Karen Creighton

Lady Macbeth, with her excessive hand washing, may have suffered from an anxiety disorder that still traps some people in obsessive thoughts and com-

ats are familiar with occasional thoughts that won't go away or with the feeling that they need to check and double-check something important, but these aren't the kind of debilitating esions and compulsions that plague ole with obsessive-compulsive

Obsessive-compulsive disorder is one of the rerest of the behavior disorders, occurring in about .05 percent of the population, according to the text, "Abnormal Psychology," by Gerald C. Davison and John M. Neale. It is also one of the hardest disorders to treat,

A person suffering from obsessions experiences irrational, recurring thoughts that feel uncontrollable and interfere with the person's normal func-tioning, the text said.

Obsessions may include doubts,



Graphic by Lorraine Rath

thoughts, impulses, fears or images, all of them uncontrollable. One lawyer suffering from an obsessive impulse had a powerful urge both to drink from an inkpot and to strangle his apparently belov-

ed son, the text said.

A compulsion is an irresistible urge to repeat a ritual act again and again, even though it is excessive or has no apparent purpose. The sufferer fears dire conse-

quences if the act is not performed, as in the case of a woman who washed her hands 500 times a day to alleviate her fear of germs, according to Davison and

Compulsions also may involve magical rituals. One woman chewed each mouthful of food 300 times and had her husband shake a teakettle and frozen vegetables over her head, all to remove germs.

Obsessive-compulsive disorders frequently strain family and social relationships because of bizarre behaviors that are hard to live with, the authors said.

There is a distinction between compulsive disorders and addictions, said Ed Lichtenstein, a University psychology professor. Eating disorders, drug and alcohol addictions, and smoking fall into the category of addictions and excessive appetites, he said.

Self-esteem is frequently a major issue with compulsive eating, smoking and drinking, said Tom Boerman, a Whitebird crisis counselor.

Boerman thinks of these as selfdestructive rather than compulsive behaviors and tries to discover why the person is feeling self-destructive.

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