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County identifies funds to improve local areas

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Lane County commissioners tentatively identified improvements to Autzen Stadium and the Centennial Boulevard intersection for county funds last week, pending approval from their legal staff, according to Jerry Rust, Lane County commissioner.

County road funds would pay for improvements to the Autzen parking lot and traffic pattern improvements on Centennial Boulevard if deemed legal by the commission's staff who now are giving extensive review to the proposal.

Rust said use of road funds is highly restricted and that the county must prove that Autzen Stadium and Centennial Boulevard improvements constitute "direct aid to the traveling public."

Paving the Autzen Stadium parking lot or making road improvements to aid in traffic patterns were two ideas suggested by Rust, who considers the "economic spin-offs" of intercollegiate athletics to be important to the community.

"It's something we would very much look forward to," said Chris Voelz, associate athletic director.

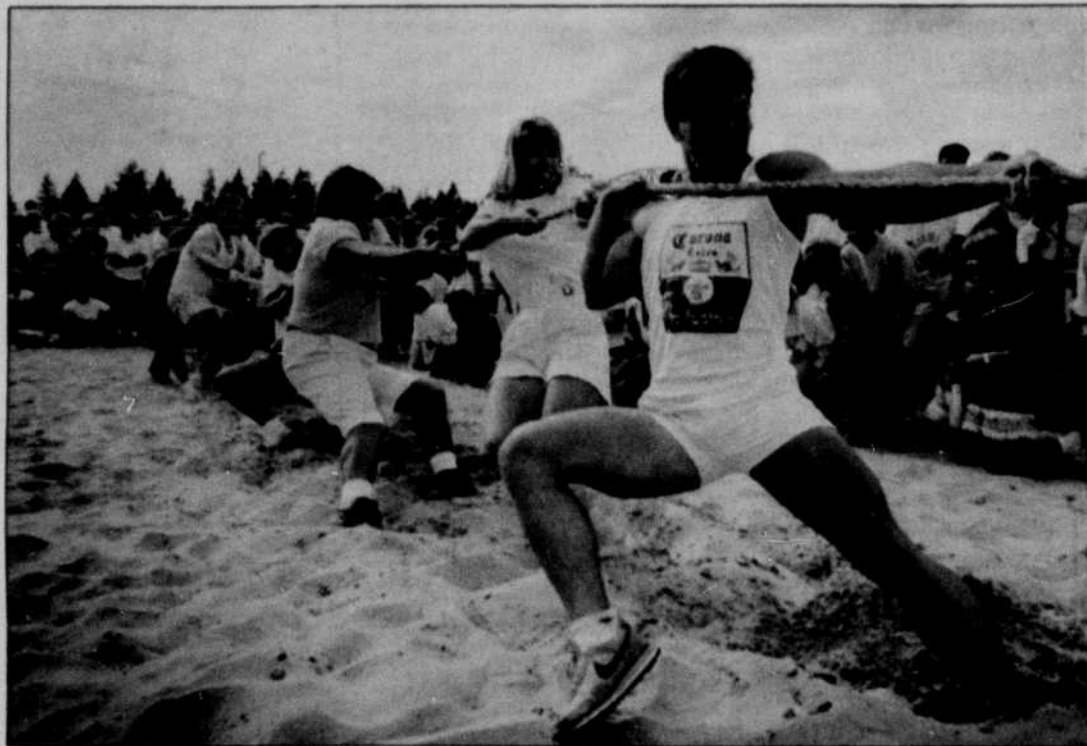
Wear and tear on surrounding neighborhoods as well as cutting down on pollens, weeds and dust from the unpaved parking lot would be helpful, Voelz said.

Paving the parking lot would increase community use by making it a more flexible site for events and activities which are not feasible now, according to Voelz.

However, he said that the proposal is so tentative at this point that the Athletic Department is holding off on any wishful thinking or comment.

"There are very few direct ways the county can assist the University financially," Rust said. Recently, county funds have

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Get a grip

Darin Housley, a Kappa Sigma leads his team in the tug-of-war contest as part of the Greek Week activities at the University. The week will culminate tonight with a variety show performance at the Hult Center. All fraternities and sororities will participate.

Photo by Jim Marks

Signs mark Eugene 'nuclear free zone'

By Janet Paulson
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Mayor Brian Obie hammered up the first sign designating Eugene as a nuclear free zone in a ceremony Thursday afternoon at the city limits near 52nd Avenue and Willamette Street.

"Today the community makes a statement about world peace and the values we all hold...there was disagreement in the community as the ordinance was passed, but there really can be no disagreement on the importance of world peace," Obie said.

Eugene voters approved an ordinance making the city of Eugene a nuclear free zone in the November 1986 general elections. The measure was approved by a 59 percent "yes" vote, making Eugene one of 132 nuclear free zones in the United States.

After voter approval of the ordinance, city attorneys analyzed the ordinance and identified some areas of concern. Certain sections of the ordinance were seen as possibly being unconstitutional, or as being preempted by existing laws at the federal, state or local levels.

In order to examine these issues, the Eugene City Council created a Nuclear Free Zone Task Force. The 13-member task force, which includes representatives from several organizations, was charged with the task of reviewing the ordinance and making appropriate recommendations to the City Council.

David Zupan, task force member representing the Citizens Action for Lasting Security, said he anticipates the group will complete its recommendations and "fine-tuning of the ordinance" by August.

Zupan said some of the major issues the task force must address involve language and definitions.

"Because this is going to be defended on the legal front, the wording becomes extremely important," he said. "A lot of this is new territory. It's a new law, essentially."

The task force is studying what other communities have done, as well as considering the suggestions of the city's legal counsel to develop an enforceable model law, he said.

"It's going to be a model for the rest of the country, and that's why we're proceeding carefully to work out that wording, so that it will be legally defensible, and at the same time as comprehensible as possible," he said.

"Nuclear Free Zone" signs will be posted at city limit signposts. The task force has also began planning for an observance on August 6, the anniversary of the atom bomb drop on Hiroshima, to commemorate Eugene's status as a nuclear-free zone.

The task force has held one public hearing and will hold two more before issuing its final recommendations to the City Council.

Fall registration conflicts with Jewish new year

By Kim Gnau
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Jewish students and University officials are trying to figure out how to make next fall's registration fair.

The Jewish holiday Rosh Hashanah and the first day of next year's fall registration are scheduled to occur on the same day, Sept. 24.

That creates a problem for the University Jewish population, because Jews must spend the holiday at a synagogue for a full day of worshiping.

Rosh Hashana is the Jewish New Year. It and Yom Kippur are the two High Holy Days of Judaism.

The Jewish holidays occur on a lunar or Julian calendar, so every year the holidays come on a different date.

"About once every four years, Rosh Hashana falls on the days we are scheduled to register," said Debbie Sokol, director of the Jewish Student Union.

On Rosh Hashanah Jews are in the synagogue worshiping all day until sundown and would not be able to register, Sokol said.

University Registrar Herbert Chereck said this problem was brought to his attention four or five weeks ago by Rabbi Hannan Sills, director of the Hillel Center, a Jewish religious organization.

Since that time, several administrators have been working to solve the problem, Chereck said.

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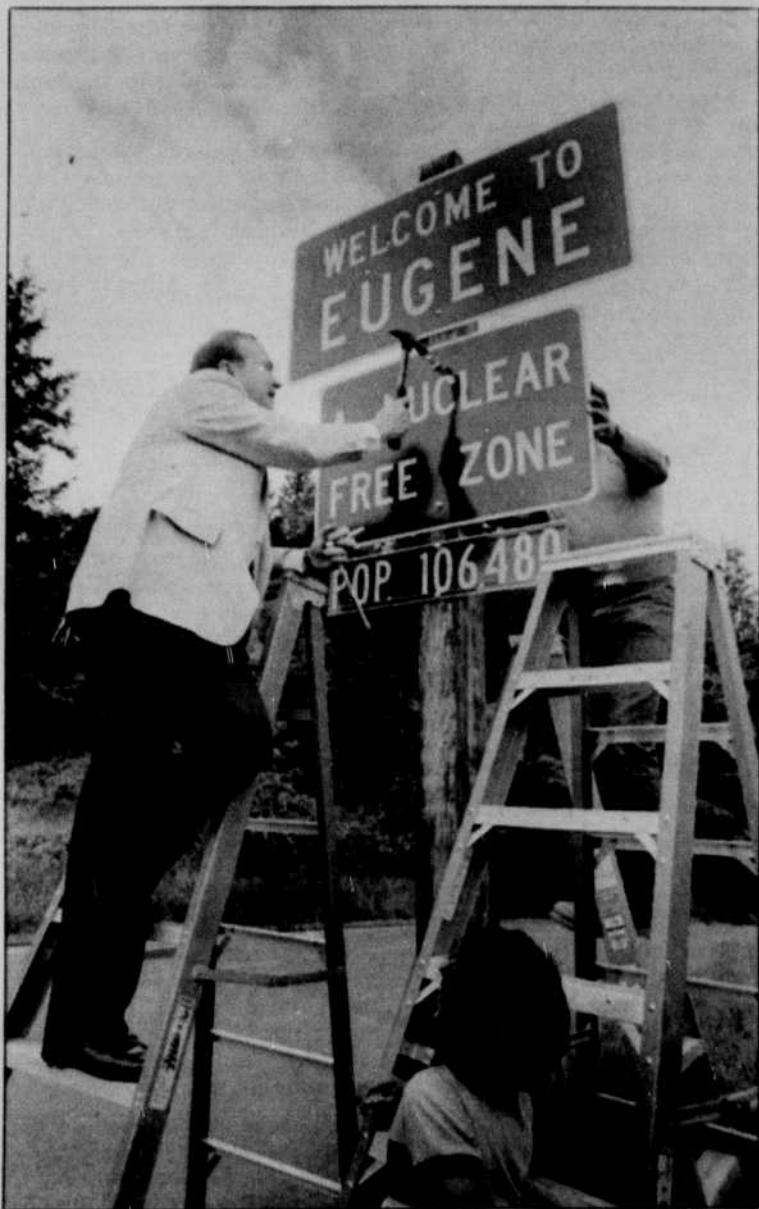


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Joey Drum, age 7, looks on as Mayor Brian Obie posts a sign designating Eugene a nuclear free zone. Signs will be posted at city limit signposts.