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Military's role in research funding questioned

Research park brings new complications

By Joe Kidd
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From monkeys to missiles to minds, the world of scientific research is loaded with controversy. And the University is often at the heart of it.

Debate over the military's role in funding research became the focal point of last term's protests that disrupted the dedication ceremony of the new science buildings.

However, this debate — and the wrestling match over what types of research should be allowed at the University — are not new. The arguments can be found in decades-old University Senate minutes. But the confrontation recently has taken on new meaning, and with the plans for a Riverfront Research Park crawling closer to reality, the battles will be fought on new fronts.

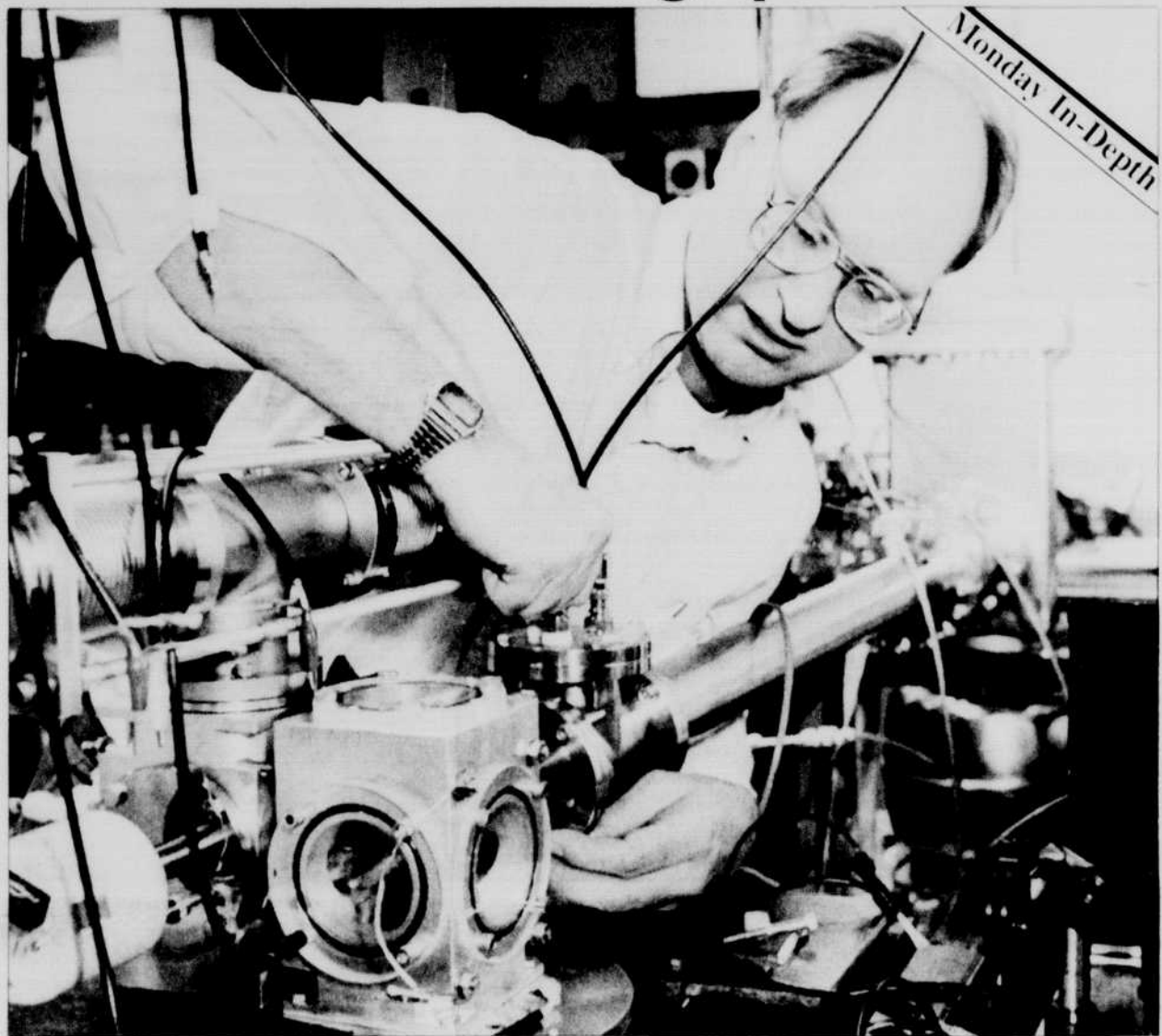
The fact that the Army Navy and the Air Force fund some University research projects has prompted protests from students. Shannon Oliver, co-director of the Student Campaign for Disarmament, claimed that the military is gaining unnecessary control over areas of research in a commentary published in the *Oregon Daily Emerald* last term.

Oliver maintained in a recent interview that the University should not accept military funding in order to protest shifts in the national budget toward the military over the last ten years. "I would like the University to refuse to take money from the military," she said, claiming that military involvement in research also limits the types of research being done.

Although the military grants the University receives are only a fraction of the federal dollars granted each year, Oliver believes a "strong stance" should be taken to assert "the need to reallocate the national budget." Oliver also complained that funds for science abound while other academic areas are being overlooked.

Indeed, military funds granted to the University have increased over the last ten years. But Department of Defense funds are still a small percentage of all the federal funds given to the University each year.

Throughout the 1980-81 school year federal agencies gave the University more than \$17.5 million in grants. Military contributions amounted to less than 1



Paul Engelking, associate chemistry professor, has to rely partially on Department of Defense funding for his research.

percent of this total. Last school year the University received more than \$32.5 million in federal grants. Army, Air Force and Navy contributions made up just more than 7 percent of that total.

Academic freedom

Despite the different attitudes about the national budget, however, some University administrators and

faculty members believe the University should not limit researchers from seeking funds from military sources.

Norman Wessells, University provost and vice-president for academic affairs, wrote a response to Oli-

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Environmentalists speak on future

By Peter Cogswell
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The president of the National Wildlife Foundation and the coordinator of Research Foundation for Science and Ecology, India, presented dinner speeches Saturday as part of the Eighth Annual Public Interest Law Conference.

Jay Hair and Vandana Shiva spoke on topics ranging from where the world is headed in terms of the environment to population problems.

Hair called the stabilization of global human population the most important issue facing environmentalists today.

"How can the world sustain a (future) population of 10 billion people when today 100,000 people a day starve to death, 40,000 of them children," Hair said.

The second most important issue facing environmentalists in the future has to do with energy, Hair said.

Hair called the next 15 years the most dangerous time in terms of the environment for humans. But though it is the most dangerous time it is also the most exciting, he said.

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Photo by Sean Poston

Jay Hair, president of the National Wildlife Foundation, said the next few years are going to be dangerous ones for the environment.

Second measles case detected on campus

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A second University student was diagnosed as having measles Thursday, which prompted Student Health Center officials to extend clinic hours Saturday to handle the demand for free measles injections.

Dr. James Jackson, health center director, said the second case was clinically diagnosed in a 20-year-old student who lived in off-campus apartments.

Health center officials arranged for the student's roommates to be immunized and recommended to the student's classmates that they get measles shots.

The student attended classes through Wednesday, which means the student was in class while highly contagious, Jackson said.

"Of the two cases we've had on campus, their history is they

did have measles shots as a child," Jackson said. "I really think that students need to take this seriously."

The first measles case was reported last Tuesday in a 19-year-old female student who also lived off campus. Jackson said a preliminary investigation showed no connection between the two cases.

Lane County health officials were notified of the second measles case, but they could not be reached for comment Friday.

The student who contracted the first measles case at the University in at least 11 years had to be hospitalized, which demonstrates the seriousness of the disease, Jackson said.

To combat a possible measles problem, the health center extended hours that students could receive free measles im-

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