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### Taking a break

Eric Murray and Shelley McDaniel take time out to enjoy a sunny day on top of the gate at 13th and Kincaid. Weathermen are predicting balmy afternoons throughout the weekend.

Photo by Andre Ranieri

## Local Democrats call for no-nukes measure

By Pat Malach  
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The Lane County Democratic Party announced at a press conference Wednesday that it would support a ballot measure making Eugene's original nuclear free zone ordinance an amendment to the city charter.

The press conference was called by the citizen's group, Committee to Keep Eugene Nuclear Free, in order to explain the start of their campaign for the May 15 ballot measure.

The original ordinance that was passed by voters in 1986 was replaced in 1988 after the city council adopted what proponents of the nuclear free zone have called a weaker version of the ordinance.

"There is some feeling that the charter amendment is necessary, because the city council has not acted in good faith when the voters have supported (the original nuclear free zone ordinance) in the past," said Katy Gillette, chairwoman of the Lane County Democratic Party.

Under the charter amendment, the city council would not be able to change the city's nuclear free status without having it voted on by the citizens of Eugene.

"The city council can change ordinances on a whim," Gillette said. "If it is made an amendment to the city charter it will be more binding."

"There is some serious concern that the political structure of the city is doing its best to do away with the mandate of the public after (it) voted for the ordinances in 1986 and 1988," said George Beres, member of the Committee to Keep Eugene Nuclear Free.

"We feel it is a misuse of the democratic system to keep bringing it up until the vote goes their way, when the public has given a clear mandate in support of the original ordinance," Beres said.

City council member Shawn Boles, who supports the charter amendment proposal, said he felt the city council did not honor the vote of the people.

"When the people tell you to act, you act," he said.

Former mayor Brian Obie, who was mayor at the time that the revised version of the ordinance was adopted, said the revisions were made in the nuclear free zone policy after the city council received legal advice that some aspects of the original ordinance were unconstitutional.

"We would have made the same adjustments if the city council itself had passed (the ordinance)," Obie said. "I doubt the people of this city knew that these questions were involved and I doubt they would want the United States or Oregon constitutions violated."

Obie said the ordinance would have given the elected board what the original ordinance called "snooper" powers to look for violations of the nuclear free laws.

"It would have been a very unusual power of government," he said.

The vague terminology of the ordinance would also create a lot of uncertainty in the minds of existing and potential employers, Obie said.

"A company making computer boards that are sold to someone who sells them to someone else who uses them in a nuclear weapons system could be affected," Obie said.

Boles said the nuclear free status of the city has not affected its growth. There has been a net increase of 2,000 jobs in the last two years at a time when the city's nuclear free zone ordinance and an even stronger county ordinance have been in place, he added.

There will be a debate on the topic featuring representatives from both sides of the issue at noon April 19th in the Eugene Hilton conference room.

## Students protest at test site Many arrested for trespassing

By Carrie Dennett  
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Last weekend, 60 to 70 University students joined thousands of protesters from around the world at the American Peace Test.

The nonviolent demonstration took place at the U.S. government nuclear test site near Las Vegas, Nev.

Many University students, calling themselves the Desert Ducks, arrived at the American Peace Test camp last Wednesday, in time for the main demonstration on Saturday. However, some people arrived two or three weeks earlier, said Charles Rindt, who attended his third APT demonstration.

The demonstrators gathered in 90-degree heat to protest nuclear testing, and to show support for the Shoshone Indians' fight to regain their tribal lands, which the government says it owns. The main action on Saturday included speakers

and live music.

"It was a coordination of every state, of every group that was down there," said graduate student Beth Perlman, who attended for the first time. "Everyone was gathered together, from all over the world."

At the end of the main action Saturday, demonstrators built a rockpile, every person placing one rock as a memorial to those killed directly or indirectly by nuclear weapons.

Then demonstrators lined up against a mile-and-a-half stretch of fence marking test site land. Holding hands, the demonstrators crossed the fence onto the test site.

Crossing the fence was symbolic of the demonstrators' belief that the government doesn't legitimately own the test site land. The Shoshones have long been in dispute with the government over the own-

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## OLCC looks at possible alcohol education program for campus

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Two Oregon Liquor Control Commission inspectors could start working full-time on campus to provide alcohol abuse education and prevention services to University students.

Continuing problems with student alcohol abuse prompted the OLCC, in conjunction with the University, local and state governments, and student organizations, to create an on-campus program to strengthen existing alcohol education efforts and reduce incidents of underage drinking and alcohol misuse among students.

Although the number of minors who consume alcohol is down from what it used to be, alcohol is still a major contributor to situations like last Saturday's confrontation between students and police, said Pete O'Rourke, OLCC's regional manager.

The idea to place OLCC officers on campus was developed last fall but has been delayed due to funding problems.

"The state Executive Department offered

to cover 56 percent of the cost if the city, county and University would cover the other half," O'Rourke said. "The problem is the city, county and University coming up with the money. They just don't have it," he said.

The University supports the idea and has offered to provide OLCC officers with an EMU office and telephone service, but has not offered or applied any money to the program, said Shirley Wilson, dean of students.

"So far it has been presented as an interventive and educational role," Wilson said. They will also inform students on how to plan responsible parties and avoid legal problems, she said.

"We told them it would never fly if students see these guys as cops on campus," Wilson said.

"The University is against them being 'OLCC on the beat' or 'On the bust,'" said Tom Oberhue, president of the interfraternity Council, who doesn't view the addition of OLCC officers on campus as a bad thing. "The officers are supposedly educational in nature and the program has been designed to educate

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