

## Brand vetoes EMU's military recruiter ban

### Board to discuss override at Tuesday meeting

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The EMU Board of Directors house committee will meet Tuesday to discuss its strategy after University President Myles Brand's Friday veto of the board's decision to ban military recruiters from the EMU.

Brand said board members overstepped their bounds and violated fundamental principles of free speech and access to public buildings by attempt-

ing to ban the recruiters from the EMU.

The board unanimously voted last week to prohibit military recruiters from using the building because Department of Defense policy does not allow gays and lesbians in the military, conflicting with University rules on discrimination.

In doing so, Brand said the EMU board broke the "inviolable principle" that the Univer-

sity should be a place for free expression of ideas.

"The underlying principle here is that as a university, we must be tolerant — individually and collectively — of views and opinions that are not our own," Brand said.

"Universities should not be instruments for political transformation. In its decision, the EMU board has attempted to take the opposite approach."

"I, too, personally object to this senseless and hurtful policy," Brand said. "And as president of this university, I am committed to pursuing aggressively, with others, every reasonable and effective avenue to reversing discrimination."

However, Brand said the board's decision was not only unreasonable, but counterproductive, "needlessly confrontational" and an "anomaly."

When questioned about the rights of students to control the student union, Brand said: "This university and all of its buildings, including the EMU, belong to the people of Oregon."

Brand said the rights of University students who want to meet with military recruiters need to be protected.

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## Therapy tries to tap oils' power

### Aromatherapists extol treatment's virtues, benefits

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Aromatherapy. It sounds like the newest fashion among Hollywood stardom, or a new brand of deodorant. But in fact aromatherapy is designed to alter people, not aromas.

Practitioner Rachael Merker said it is "using essential oils to affect healing."

Aromatherapists attribute a variety of powers to oils that are extracted from plants by distillation. The oils are inhaled or massaged into a person's skin after they are blended with regular vegetable oils.

Merker said she blends canola and almond oils to make a good mix.

Another effective ointment is lavender oil, Merker said.

"(It) is very relaxing, it's very anti-stress," but it can also be "uplifting," she said.

Moreover, she asserts, it is good for muscle pain because

it has an anesthetic effect.

"I was doing some plumbing at my house and the wrench slipped," she said. "I grabbed the lavender oil and I put it on."

Merker said the pain quickly disappeared.

Juniper or rosemary oils, Merker claims, can help purge

an antiviral effect, which is why it is often used in cold medicines.

When rubbed onto the body during a massage, Merker said, the oils will go to the part of the body where they are needed.

"They're very wise oils," she said. "They know what to do."

However, Merker uses the oils primarily as a means of emotional healing. When she is unhappy, she says, aromatherapy makes her feel much better. After having new clients fill out a questionnaire outlining their physical and psychological histories, she suggests certain oils that can be used and what smells the client likes.

"I inevitably find that people like whatever they need," she said.

Merker explains the oils' effects partly in terms of chem-



wastes from the circulatory system. A really good one to use with kids, she said.

Birch oil contains salicylic acid, which is used in aspirin, and is useful as a pain reliever. Geranium oil is good for the kidneys. Eucalyptus has



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(Left) No, it's not the latest board game. It's Aromatherapy, a way of healing the body with oils. Lisa Luke (above) blends water with oils, which are then heated and rubbed on a patient.

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## Panelists: Ending racism a long-term process

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People cannot allow themselves to be complacent in their attitudes toward racism, a panel of human rights advocates told a crowd of about 50 at the University on Saturday.

"People say, 'I've done it' or 'I attended one of those meetings once,' but they need to realize that it's a ongoing process," said Greg Rikhoff, a Human Rights Analyst for the City of Eugene. "I'm not there yet. I don't know if I ever will be. But I always need to keep going."

Rikhoff was one of three panelists at the Assembly of the Baha'i-sponsored conference on racism. Other panelists were Bridget Jackson-Fahnbulle'h, who served various Baha'i race unity committees, and Emilio Hernandez, director of the University's High School Equivalency Program.

"We really need to work on our-

selves," Jackson-Fahnbulle'h said. "It starts with us and works outward."

Rikhoff estimated that at least three hate crimes are reported in Eugene and Springfield every week, with many more going unmentioned. He noted that with 90 percent of the local population of European descent, it's often hard to comprehend the racial strife that others incur.

Panel members agreed that people can be more responsible by attending meetings and conferences against racism. Jackson recounted an acquaintance of hers who admitted a hatred for Latinos.

Jackson said the person joined an organization that involved working with Latinos so she could get over her animosity. By talking and relating to her fellow workers, she was able to better understand their perspective, she said.

The problem is that too few people make an effort to understand, Hernandez said.

"We're not whining," he said. "We

just haven't talked. The those people who communicate are those who already participate in our meetings."

There are people who do make the effort, Rikhoff said. He singled out local Republican Lane County Commissioner Jack Roberts as someone who is single-handedly making a difference as a champion of human rights.

The 4-J School District has started "racism-free zones" in many of their elementary programs. Whitaker school has gone farther, starting a project called "Culture Club," which asks the question of its students, "Wouldn't it be boring if we were all the same?"

But more effort is needed not only from those already involved, but those who avoid the issue as well, the panelists said.

Also present at the conference were Ed Coleman, co-director of Folklore and

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