



Photo by John Stogoe

Stoney Burke speaks to a crowd of students on the lawn in front of Condon Hall Wednesday afternoon. The students encircled Burke to keep OPS and EPD officers from serving him with a letter of trespass.

Students protect 'free-speecher'

□ A crowd of 30 keeps EPD, OPS at bay

By Matt Bender
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A group of about 30 students protected a self-proclaimed "fundamentalist free-speecher" from police and campus security officers who were attempting to move

him from the lawn in front of Condon Hall Wednesday afternoon.

Stoney Burke, who says he has been traveling the nation's campuses for 20 years, said he came to the University to talk about free speech. Burke was entertaining a crowd of about 300 people with a verbal attack on modern society when officers from the Eugene police department and the Office of Public Safety showed up at about

1 p.m.

OPS Director Carey Drayton said campus security had received complaints from professors who said Burke's show was disrupting their classes.

After twice asking Burke to move, Drayton, two OPS officers and two EPD officers tried to ap-

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Senate votes to strengthen requirement

□ Myles Brand will create a committee to help set new race, gender requirements for 1993-94

By Carrie Dennett
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The University Senate voted unanimously Wednesday to put more "bite" into the race, gender and non-European class requirement.

The motion calls for University President Myles Brand to create a committee to develop course criteria. These courses would be included in a new U.S. race relations requirement.

In other business, University Professor Paul Holbo decided not to submit his motion to form a committee to investigate the character of Student Senator Brian Hoop.

The motion was written based on Hoop's involvement in the April 30 protest at the Federal Building.

Under the current race, gender and non-European requirement, students are required to take one of 160 classes, covering a wide variety of topics. The motion, sponsored by Hoop and Student Senator Jon Motohiro, charges that the classes cover "everything and anything ... and mean nothing."

When a senate member suggested tabling the motion, Brand voiced his opposition.

"I think it's time for the University to come to grips with this," he said. "We need to think seriously about this. Now."

The new committee will be composed of the Ethnic Studies director; the Ethnic Studies committee chair; the Center for the Study of Women in Society's director; the Women's Studies Program director; the special assistant to the president for affirmative action and equal opportunity; and the director of the Office of

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Protesters converge on Springfield

□ Residents express shock and anger over passage of the OCA's anti-gay rights measure

By Tammy Batey
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SPRINGFIELD - Angered Eugene and Springfield residents gathered Wednesday outside of Springfield City Hall to protest Tuesday's passage of the Oregon Citizens Alliance anti-gay rights measure.

The all-day protest was interrupted for an hour when the Springfield police and fire departments evacuated City Hall because of a bomb threat.

Ballot Measure 20-08 will prohibit Springfield's city government from "promoting homosexuality." The OCA, a conservative political action group, sponsored the measure.

Sandy Shirley, Springfield Together Opposing Prejudice member, said she was shocked voters passed the measure. Shirley said the possibility of voters passing the OCA's state-wide, anti-gay

rights measure is now a very real threat.

"I'm very worried," Shirley said. "Two days ago I wouldn't have thought this was a possibility."

Springfield resident Jean Chapin said the worst part about the OCA's measure is its vagueness concerning the effects it will have on Springfield gays and lesbians.

"The worst part is not knowing," Chapin said. "At the worst, people could lose their jobs to not being able to buy any materials that show homosexuality in a positive light. I won't be afforded the protection I was before."

The Religious Response Network, made up of ministers from about 20 local churches, sponsored Wednesday's protest. Sally Bryan, an RRN member and Unitarian minister, said the protest was a peaceful way for people to express anger about passage of the OCA measure.

"We don't want to meet hate with hate, but we realize the OCA is based on hate," Bryan said. "The OCA's beliefs are based on fear and hatred."

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City council candidate Barba commits suicide

By Daralyn Trappe
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A candidate for Eugene City Council committed suicide Wednesday, the morning after losing his election bid and the day his partner was due in court to face criminal charges.

Mike Barba, 41, appears to have died of carbon monoxide poisoning. He was discovered by his domestic partner, Nejl Freeman, at about 7:45 a.m. in a garage Barba and Freeman owned across the street from their home.

Tim Birr, Eugene police department's public information officer, said the doors to the garage were shut and the two cars inside had their motors running. Police and ambulance were called to the scene, but attempts by paramedics and Freeman to revive Barba were unsuccessful.

At 8:50 a.m., Barba was pronounced dead. Birr said a medical examiner will determine the level of carbon monoxide in Barba's system to confirm the cause of death.

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LETTERMAN ON QUAYLE

Here's what David Letterman had to say about the Dan Quayle-Murphy Brown furor. 'Earlier today ... Candice Bergen announced that yes, the riots in South Central L A had in fact been her fault.'

CLOSER TO THE DEAD

The Lane County Commission decided Wednesday night to approve plans for a two-day Grateful Dead concert near Veneta this summer. The concerts are expected to attract 40,000 people per day.

RIGHT ON TRACK

The Pacific-10 Conference Track and Field Championships will begin Friday and continue through Saturday at Hayward Field.

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