



Photo by Michael Shindler

Ruth Anne Paul, who has been with the Ask-A-Nurse program since it began, is one of 12 nurses who answer an average of 450 calls a day.

## 'Ask-A-Nurse' lets telephone callers pop the question

☐ Hotline provides doctor referrals and answers to medical dilemmas .

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Ask Sacred Heart Hospital's Ask-A-Nurse program about community health programs or where to find the right doctor, but take your questions about evaporated milk and hickies somewhere else.

Ask-A-Nurse is a confidential, free telephone information service provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week by Sacred Heart in an attempt to "empower people to make good health care decisions for themselves," Kathleen Nelson, nurse manager of Ask-A-Nurse said.

Except for periodic calls from people who may be lacking common sense ("Is evaporated milk the same as regular milk?") and people lacking any sense ("How long does it take for a hickey to go away?"), Ask-A-Nurse is a success.

More than 500 callers a day dial 686-7000, the Ask-A-Nurse number. Nelson said this figure "reflects the high degree of trust that people have in this hospital."

She said the high number of calls also shows the inability of many people to afford more costly forms of medical advice, such as a visit to a physician.

Nelson estimated that 80 percent of the program's callers request medical information or advice about "how soon, when or if they need to see a doctor."

Many of the calls the program receives from University students come in the aftermath of parties or football games, Nelson said.

"A lot of University students' calls we get are drug and alcohol related," Nelson said. "People don't realize how dangerous consuming a large quantity of alcohol in a short period of time can be. Many times students have passed out and we have to make neurological assessments."

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## OCA to try again next year

☐ OCA believes media coverage was biased but is still determined to prevent "special rights"

By Lisa Kneefel  
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Despite Tuesday's defeat of Ballot Measure 9, the Oregon Citizens Alliance remains determined to prevent what it calls "special rights" for homosexuals and aims to place a revised measure on the ballot by the end of next year.

Measure 9 would have amended the Oregon Constitution by requiring state agencies and insti-

tutions to recognize homosexuality as "unnatural and perverse." The OCA-sponsored measure also would have barred the state from promoting, encouraging or facilitating homosexuality.

Loretta Neet, OCA state membership director, attributed Measure 9's defeat to misperception of the initiative and biased media coverage.

"Everyone felt like we were trying to equate homosexuality with pedophilia," Neet said.

In addition to homosexuality, Measure 9 targeted pedophilia, sadism and masochism as "behaviors" the state must discourage.

The OCA regards all four to be undesirable be-

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## Brand: Measure 9 battle not over

☐ University president opposed Measure 9, couldn't speak out

By Colleen Pohlig  
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While relieved the statewide anti-gay rights initiative was defeated on election night, University President Myles Brand said Wednesday that the campus community must continue to oppose those who seek to impose their "narrow and exclusionary" views on others.

Brand called the press conference to announce his "very deep personal opposition" to Ballot Measure 9.

Along with all other University employees, Brand was unable legally to take a stand for or against any candidate or measure until the elections were over.

Brand stressed that students, faculty and staff must not think this is the end to fighting the battle against discrimination. He said those who impose their narrow views on others will be back.

"They will not give up," he said. "Thus, our task today remains fundamentally unchanged: to ensure that no one ever succeeds in restricting the basic human rights guaranteed to every member of our society."

While there is no breakdown of student voters in this election, Brand said he thinks students contributed greatly to Measure 9's defeat, and he is very happy with the student voting turnout.

"Students get the highest praise," he said. "I can't com-



Photo by Dylan Coulter

University President Myles Brand (left) spoke at a press conference to voice his opinions on Ballot Measure 9 and insist the fight against discrimination continue. Eugene Mayor Jeff Miller (right), Springfield Mayor Bill Morrisette and Commissioner Jack Roberts also attended.

pliment them enough. They empowered themselves and played a very critical role on Measure 9 and other candidates and ballot measures."

Brand praised the voter registration efforts of the ASUO, which registered about 7,000 students by the Oct. 13 deadline.

If enacted, the measure would have restricted the free exchange of ideas that is so

central to the University's mission, Brand said.

"It would have forced us to actively discriminate against one group of persons, with potentially enormous, far-reaching consequences," he said.

Also present at the press conference were re-elected Springfield Mayor Bill Morrisette, current Eugene Mayor Jeff Miller and County Commissioner Jack Roberts.

## WEATHER

Today will bring partly sunny skies after morning fog and low clouds.

### Today in History

In 1872, suffragist Susan B. Anthony was fined \$100 for attempting to vote for Ulysses S. Grant in the presidential election. However, Anthony never paid the fine.

## CIA INTERVIEWS BUMPED

(AP) - The University asked a CIA recruiter to hold his last few interviews off campus Wednesday to avoid any potential confrontations during a post-election student rally.

"Acting on the advice of student leaders, we have decided to make this exception to our normal student interview procedures," said Larry Smith, director of the school's placement service.

He said the University makes its facilities available to all employers who agree to conform to school rules and to state and federal laws for recruiting and hiring.

Smith said the CIA "obviously is pleased with the quality of potential employees it finds here, or they wouldn't keep returning."

## SPORTS

TORONTO (AP) - Phil Esposito, general manager of the Tampa Bay Lightning, walked into a downtown police station Wednesday to answer a charge of assault.

Esposito was charged with assaulting Toronto Star reporter Bob McKenzie after an Oct. 15 game against the Toronto Maple Leafs. McKenzie said Esposito confronted him as he tried to interview players in the Tampa dressing room following the NHL game, which Toronto won 5-3.

Esposito demanded McKenzie leave the dressing room, but he refused, citing league rules, the reporter said. McKenzie says Esposito then shoved him, but he still refused to leave. Then, McKenzie says, Esposito hit him on the neck.