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## Sparks a-flyin'

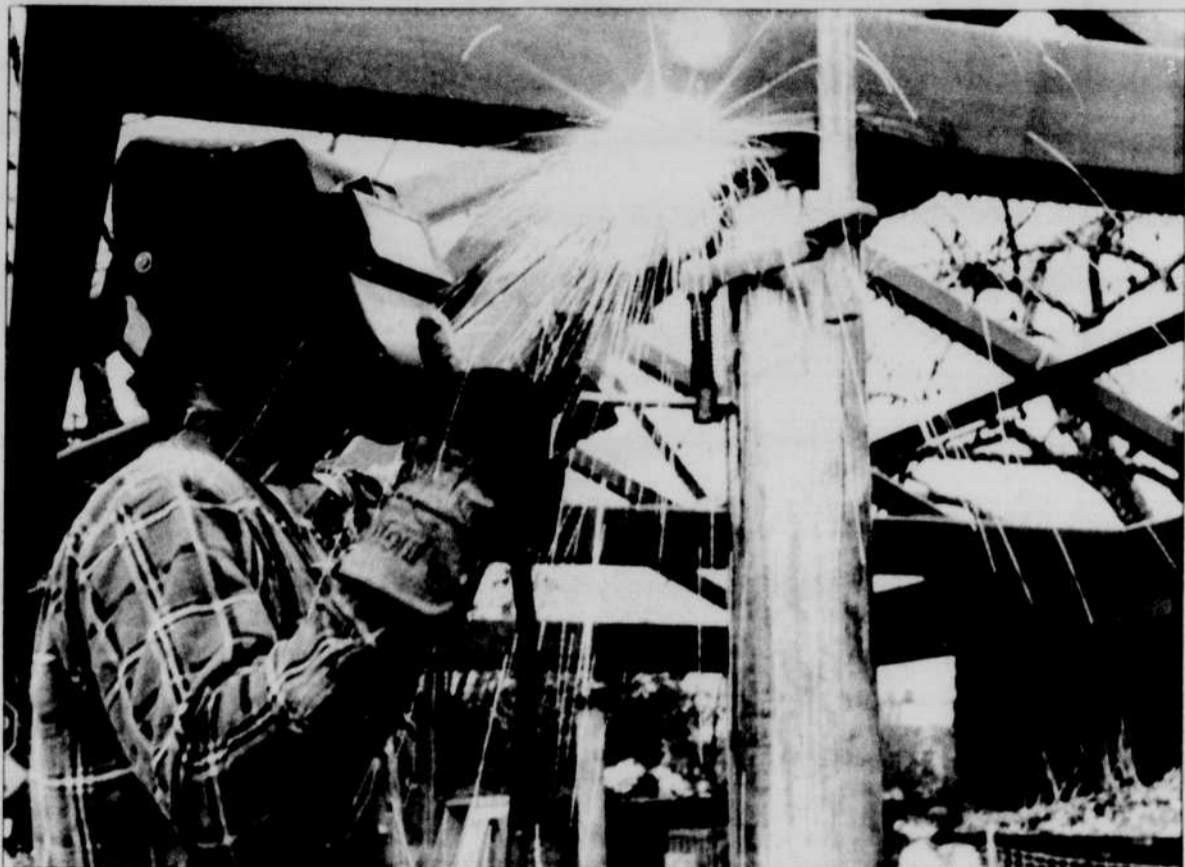


Photo by David Natt

Ross Ege works on the new covered bike racks in front of the EMU. The new racks, which will be completed by Dec. 28 and cost more than \$95,000, are expected to last for 50 to 100 years.

## Head of history department has plans for future

□ Jim Mohr says University history program offers what others do not

By Colleen Pohlig  
Emerald Associate Editor

The new head of the University's history department said he plans to incorporate his expertise in abortion and 19th-century history with fresh ideas for the department.

Jim Mohr, who came to the University this fall from the University of Maryland at Baltimore, said, "That's what historians do" — they incorporate their expertise and research into their everyday work.

In this case, Mohr's everyday work will include sharing some of his expertise on such issues as abortion and legal and medical policy with his graduate seminar students next term.

"I like to look at how our social roles have evolved in terms of various policies," Mohr said. "I'm overwhelmingly a historian of the 19th century."

But Mohr has done more than just look at how policy affects social roles.

To date, he has published six books, written a dozen articles and presented countless lectures and presentations on topics ranging from race and reform during the Reconstruction period, to the old federalism, to doctors' roles in abortion.

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## New era provides hope for pro-choice advocates

□ Clinton administration may stir emotions in abortion battle

By J.A. Sparlin  
Emerald Contributor

Whether you are pro-choice or anti-abortion, both groups agree the next four years promise drastic political changes.

Both the National Abortion Rights Action League and Oregon Right to Life anticipate the removal of anti-abortion rules and further legal protection of women's reproductive choices once Bill Clinton takes office as president.

Oregon NARAL president Kitty Piercy met with national NARAL leaders, who expect Clinton's first 100 days to include enactment of the Freedom of Choice Act. The Act will turn the 1972 Supreme Court decision *Roe vs. Wade* into law.

Oregon Right to Life execu-

## Group escorts women to clinics

□ Students for Choice offers safe passage through blockades

By J.A. Sparlin  
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Some University students are taking women's reproductive rights into their own hands.

Students for Choice, a University pro-choice group, provides most of the 30 volunteer escorts for Eugene abortion clinics.

Anti-abortion activists have been relatively inactive in Eugene, but are used extensively in Portland, averaging about once a week.

Jude Hanzo, executive director of the Feminist Women's Health Clinic, said the escorts are indispensable.

"Unfortunately, we need them, because in reality, the protesters have no respect for life," Hanzo said.

Court orders prohibiting trespassing, loud noises or blockades protect the clinics from violent protesters.

However, the clinics are obligated to prove any violations of those orders.

Therefore both sides bring cameras.

Leann O'Rourke, the director of Students for Choice said anti-abortion activists often try to get escorts in legal trouble.

tive director Lynda Harrington said the act is particularly damaging to her group's agenda.

Because it disallows a mandatory 24-hour waiting period or parental notification, Harrington said she believes it goes beyond *Roe vs. Wade*.

The switch from the Reagan-

Bush era to the Clinton administration will also enable pro-choice groups to expand their agenda from legalizing abortion to addressing women's medical needs.

"Now we can focus on more female reproductive health care issues," said Leann O'Rourke,

director of Students for Choice, a University pro-choice group.

Those issues include lifting the rules banning the discussion of abortion in clinics receiving federal funds, researching fetal tissue, prohibiting abortion services for women in the military, and removing the

import alert on RU 486, the French "abortion pill," said O'Rourke.

Anti-abortion activists are expecting to have an easier time on the state level than the federal level.

"The Oregon legislature will be a friendlier place for us now," Harrington said, adding that seven of the nine candidates her group endorsed won in the November general election.

Harrington expects to see legislation introduced to restrict how a woman in Oregon may receive an abortion.

However, Students for Choice see the majority of Oregon legislators actively supporting women's reproductive choices.

O'Rourke said legislators such as Rep. Ron Wyden, Cynthia Wooten, and Carl Hosticka will continue Oregon's tradition of protecting women's reproductive rights.

## WEATHER

It's going to be wet.

### Today in History

In 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus to a white man. Parks was arrested, sparking a year-long boycott of the buses by blacks.

## LIBRARY EXTENDS HOURS

The University Knight Library will extend hours of service for nine days during Dead and Finals Weeks, Wednesday, Dec. 9 through Thursday, Dec. 17. Circulation service, study space and access to the collections will be available; no reference service will be provided after early evening hours.

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 8 a.m.-1 a.m.; Thursday, Dec. 10, 8 a.m.-1 a.m.; Friday, Dec. 11, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 13, 10 a.m.-1 a.m., and Monday, Dec. 14 through Thursday, Dec. 17, 8 a.m.-1 a.m.

For more information, call the University Office of the Librarian, 346-3056.

## SPORTS

Former Oregon men's basketball coach Don Monson agreed to a one-year contract with the professional West End 36ers of Australia.

The Coeur d'Alene Press reported Saturday that Monson signed the contract last week to coach the Australian team, which has a 26-game season starting in April.