

Measure 20-23 opponent disputes funding

Ballot: Neale Hyatt says proposed bridge project carries high price

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An increase in property taxes can be expected if Ballot Measure 20-23 passes in November. No on 20-23 chairman Neale Hyatt said Thursday.

To meet the shortfall of funds, local taxpayers could face an increase of \$1.51 per \$1,000 assessed value for a home.

The charter amendment only authorizes the Ferry Street Bridge construction project. According to Eugene's city charter, all major road projects or removal of historic trees need voter approval.

The projected cost of the project is \$73 million, which includes design and engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction, according to a city fact sheet. The No on 20-23 campaign claims that the cost is in 1994 dollars and that the actual amount could be closer to \$100

million.

"There is no way to fund that unless you believe their promises to get it from the state government," Hyatt said.

The supporters of the measure say that \$24 million will come from the federal government. However, Hyatt said that the Federal Congressional Act says that government will pay for 80 percent of the cost and that funding can be used only for the bridge itself. It cannot be trans-

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BRIDGING THE GAP: Cost and funding of Measure 20-23:

- Proposed improvements to Ferry Street Bridge include six auto lanes, two fixed rail lanes, two pedestrian lanes and a new pedestrian bridge.
- The estimated cost is \$73 million.
- \$24 million in federal, \$14 million in state and \$3 million in Lane County transportation funds are allocated for the project.

- Bridge construction is expected to get under way no earlier than 1997 or 1998.
- The project elements would be constructed in phases over a period of five to ten years or longer.
- At least four lanes of traffic in the corridor will be open most of the time during construction.

SOURCE: City of Eugene

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Bashing Trash



Six-year-old Carly Rodgers learns the process of toxic collection through an exhibit at WISTEC called 'lining for landfills', a plastic model that illustrates how garbage and other toxic wastes are dumped into landfills.

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Smith stresses education, timber

Timber: Smith tries to allay fears that plague timber workers in his speech

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Republican candidate for governor Denny Smith provided anguished members of Forests Today and Forever with food and emotional nourishment Thursday during a luncheon at the Eugene Hilton.

Though much of the discussion centered on the decline of the timber industry, Smith also addressed his proposed state budget and its allotment for higher education. He emphasized education as a means to an end.

"If we provide a strong educational system, business will invest here because our people will be well trained and employable. My budget gives \$50 million more to higher education than (Democratic opponent John Kitzhaber's budget) and \$60 million to education in general."

In addition, Smith said he supports the Oregon State System of Higher Education proposal to become a public corporation. Such a design would put the eight universities and colleges in the higher education system in a state-owned corporation. It would be operated like a business by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education and would remove many of the legislative regulations in the current system.



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Tenants get full funding from Senate

Money: Amazon council's funding for this year is narrowly approved

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In the form of a special request for full-funding, the Amazon Community Tenants Council secured money for the current year at Thursday evening's Student Senate meeting.

Michelle Summers-Thompson, chairwoman of the low-income family housing council, lobbied to receive student incidental fees in the amount of \$2,070 for the council's 1994-95 budget. Last year the group was zero-funded because it failed to appear for scheduled budget meetings to secure funding for the current year.

Summers-Thompson said Amazon experienced a lot of turmoil last year because of University's plans to demolish Amazon. "Our council was disrupted at a very crucial period of time." Senate member Joey Lyons said the reason the group did not receive funds for this year was because it missed four major budget meetings. "It was sort of frustrating that (budget meetings) were not a priority," Lyons said. Lyons also sat on the fee allocating body last year.

The funding was granted by a narrow 9-8 Sen-

ate vote.

The council's budget includes stipend positions for students working to represent the 100 tenants currently living in Amazon. Students receiving stipends produce a newsletter to inform residents of the latest Amazon information.

The Black Student Union also came before the Senate to request student funds to purchase an IBM computer for office use. "We've been established on campus for 15 years," Kenya Luvert, member of BSU, said. "We're conducting business, to do that effectively and efficiently we need a computer." Another objective of the BSU is to provide students IBM access which Luvert better prepare students for the business world than Macintosh computers.

Senator Suh-Shyun Yeoh said he was not comfortable granting a special request for a high speed IBM computer with a CD Rom, more than one disk drives, a modem and a laser printer. "I'm saying that I don't think you need a computer as sophisticated as this."

The Senate debated at length on the issue, postponing the \$2,195 motion until the Senate has time to set guidelines for the allocation of student fees for computers. Senator Dave Black raised the issue of setting policy and hearing BSU again during the Oct. 20 meeting.

GOOD MORNING

► CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour's powerful radar detected an intentional spill of oil and algae from 135 miles up Thursday, discerning black streaks that looked like an armada off the coast of Denmark.

German scientists dumped more than 100 gallons of diesel oil and algae products into the sea just before Endeavour soared overhead to see if the radar could distinguish between the two substances.

The early results indicated that it could.

Researchers applauded when they saw the radar images beamed down to Earth. They thought they could discern the two oil slicks from the five patches of algae, but wanted to analyze the images further to make sure, said Franz-Peter Spaunhorst, a spokesman for the German space agency, which helped coordinate the experi-

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There was tension on both sides of the Atlantic — and in space — until the radar pictures started streaming down.

Endeavour's six tiny steering jets shut down Wednesday because of a failed temperature sensor, preventing the radar instruments from being aimed properly and forcing some targets to be scrapped.