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TODAY

Today is the second day of the Pac-10 men's golf championships at the Eugene Country Club. Admission is open to the public.



INSIDE

Oregon softball will host No. 6 Washington for a doubleheader today at 3 p.m. at Howe Field

Two fifth-graders vow they will never, ever, ever speak to each other again after marriage fails

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WEATHER

Partly cloudy.
High 65. Low 45.

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Citizens to decide on property tax

TAX: Opponents of the levy are concerned that homeowners are the focus of the tax rather than consumers and the wealthy

By Eric Collins
Community Reporter

Citizens have followed the cuts. The cultural and recreational programs are set to be eliminated. Now, proponents of Ballot Measure 20-83, the \$32.7 million property-tax levy, say they are giving citizens the choice

on May 20 to fund those city services or say goodbye.

Opponents of the measure, however, profess that the levy issue comes down to choices, and citizens are not being given enough of them.

The measure would provide financing to cover almost all of Eugene's \$36 million reduction in the city budget over the next

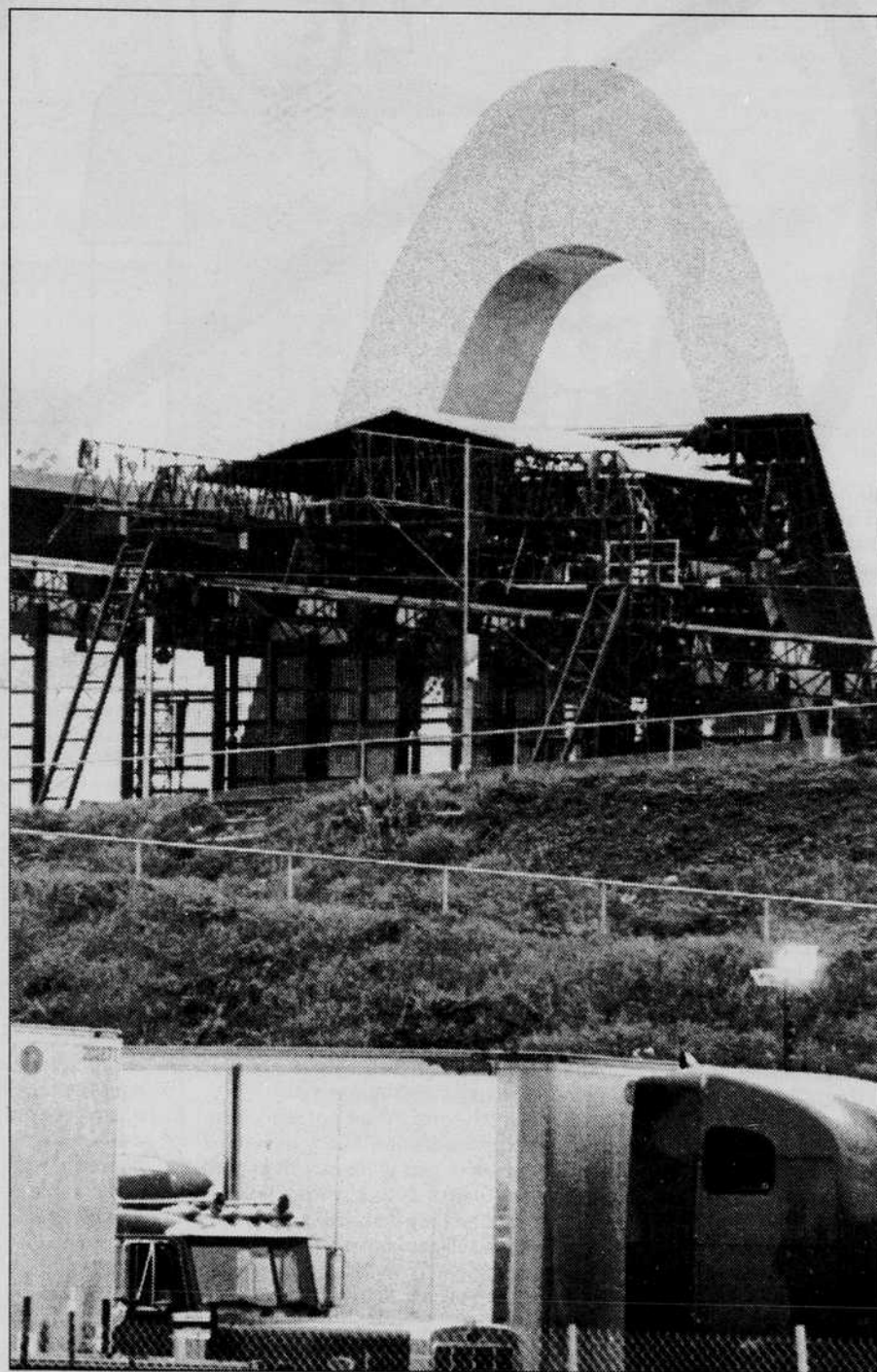
three years, retaining the community center, aquatics program, Hult Center and library hour funding that many citizens have told the city it should keep.

Arthur Shapiro, an anti-tax activist who has led previous fights against city-bond measures, said he disagrees with the measure because it continues to put a tax on homeowners instead of on consumers or the wealthy. Shapiro said he believes the council continues to show an unwillingness, "a lack of balls," in supporting a business tax, income tax or sales tax. He said he believed the Council took the easy way out in producing this measure instead of creating alternative taxes.

City Councilman Scott Meisner, a supporter of the measure, said he sympathized with opponents of the levy in the belief that it is not permanent tax reform, but he said the three years will be used as both a bridge

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Eugene buckles down for U2 event



A 100-foot tall golden arch for U2's stage is visible at Autzen Stadium. Preparation and construction have been happening since the concert was announced.

TRAFFIC: The elaborate stage has been set, but Eugene residents still need to prepare for crowding and congestion in the Autzen area

By Matt Garton

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With the U2 concert only a day away, the changes to Autzen Stadium could be seen clearly Monday afternoon.

The 12-foot by 12-foot stuffed olive was speared atop its 100-foot tall toothpick and the 100-foot high golden arch was raised, announcing the near arrival of the multi-platinum Irish rock band U2.

"It's fresh; it's not over-worked. It's our most dynamic album ever. It doesn't tie you down to one style or idea," said U2 drummer Larry Mullen of their new album *Pop* in a post-album release interview. Besides the collection of favorite U2 songs, the band has promised to play most of the songs that appear on their new album.

Those University concert-goers who will be braving the crowds, traffic and congested bike paths should keep in mind a few safety and transportation issues.

The concert will start between 7:30 and 8 p.m., pending the arrival of the opening band, Rage Against the Machine, and will probably end slightly before midnight. With the last bus leaving downtown at 11:30 p.m., any student planning on bus transportation for the concert will need to be prepared to possibly leave early or find a safe, alternative way home.

One alternative would be for groups of students to car pool. The parking lot will open at 4 p.m. today for concert-goers. While this is an alternative to walking the bike path, car-poolers and other motorists can expect a parking fee of \$10 per car and \$20 per motor home.

For students coming from the dorms and close-to-campus locations, director of public safety Stan Reeves said students should travel in groups on the path to and from Autzen and be aware of their surroundings.

Laurie Couwenhoven, events manager

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Ethnic, Women's Studies will be implemented as University majors

OSSHE: The future looks good for both majors, which will become effective in the next two years

By Dana Williams
Multicultural Issues Reporter

The Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies majors have passed their pre-proposal stages and are scheduled to become majors in 1997 and 1998, respectively.

The Oregon State System of Higher Education (OSSHE) passed the pre-proposal for the Ethnic Studies major in mid-April, and Ethnic Studies director Elizabeth Ramirez said she expects the new major to be effective in the fall of 1997.

The Ethnic Studies department has submitted the full proposal to the provost's office for approval. The next step will be for the full ethnic studies proposal to appear before the OSSHE Board to be passed and implemented.

The OSSHE Board plans to review the proposal in May or June of 1997, according to Lorraine Davis, vice

provost for academic affairs. The Ethnic Studies department spokesperson said she is confident about the major's future.

"Pending state approval [the Ethnic Studies major] will begin in 1997," Ramirez said. "Every step of the way it has been overwhelmingly approved, so we don't expect any setbacks."

OSSHE Board members discussed similar concerns about the Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies majors during their last meeting. The OSSHE Board addressed concern over the employability of graduates within either major.

"One member of the [OSSHE] Board members asked if this was a serious course of study," said Barbara Pope, acting director of the Women's Studies department. "The provost convinced them that it was."

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