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Concert preparations have been underway since last Thursday for today's concert.

Traffic: Concert security will be fully staffed

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er for the athletic department, said the concert is being treated as a late night football game in terms of security. Security will be fully staffed and the normal safety implements will be in place.

Couwenhoven said there will also be one additional light on the Autzen side of the footbridge. She added that while a portion of the west parking lot will be unavailable because of the construction of the new athletic facility, most other areas of the Autzen parking will be accessible.

A final option for students will be the Duck Pin bicycle parking. The pin holds a maxi-

mum of 300 bicycles. There will be an attendant there at all times, and the pin will cost bicyclists two dollars per bike to use the service.

Students and citizens not attending the concert should keep in mind that day-time concert traffic is expected to be heavy. Eugene Public Safety has recommended avoiding the streets around Autzen Stadium if possible.

For those who have procrastinated, Couwenhoven said there are still nearly 8,000 tickets available for the concert, which has a maximum capacity of 35,000 seats.

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Tax: The levy will pass with a 50 percent voter approval

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and a cushion while the council works on changing the city's tax scheme. Meisner said he believes reform should contain a personal income tax as well as a business tax, and City Councilwoman Betty Taylor agrees.

Taylor, although supporting the measure to avoid the program cuts, said it is not the best long-term solution.

"If we cut [cultural and recreational] right now, it won't be easy to build up these programs [in the future,]" she said.

City Council President Laurie Swanson-Gribskov called the levy "tax reform in a thoughtful, deliberate manner," but Kevin Hornbuckle, who initiated the group Voters Against Taxation Blackmail in opposition to the measure, has questioned whether the council can be trusted to affect tax reform within three years.

In a debate with Mayor Jim Torrey at the Rubicon Society meeting last Thursday, Hornbuckle said the council's opposition to adding an income-tax proposal along with the property-tax levy on the May ballot, showed the council was not serious about alternative funding.

"From what happened in this March meeting, the council does-

n't even want to know what the electorate thinks in an advisory way of alternative tax methods," Hornbuckle said. "I wouldn't be opposing the measure if it were simply an income tax measure for the general fund."

Swanson-Gribskov said the council hurriedly approved the serial levy in a seven-to-one vote in March because she said members did not believe enough voters would have turned out for a city-tax ballot in a September election.

Due to Measure 47, Oregon cities must attain approval by more than 50 percent of voters before a property-tax increase can occur. Swanson-Gribskov said this is the first time the city was mandated to achieve the 50 percent threshold, and she said she believed the May 20 ballot, with both state and county measures, was the best chance the city had to achieve this number.

Shapiro said he believed voters will check their pocket books before deciding on the measure and is confident the measure won't pass by a two-to-one margin, the same number of residents who voted against Measure 47 in Eugene. "This money is their money right now," Shapiro said.

OSSHE: Women's Studies will receive funds for new books

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Although the major is not yet in place, students can enroll in Ethnic Studies courses for fall term.

"The course work has been approved by the [University] Senate and that course work is not going to change — so I'm advising students now," Ramirez said.

The Women's Studies major is following a similar course.

"If everything goes smoothly we think the program will be in operation in the fall of 1998," Pope said.

The Women's Studies pre-proposal that appeared before the OSSHE Board in April is almost identical to the Women's Studies major being proposed by Port-

land State University. Proponents of the Women's Studies major argued that because the student demographics on the two campuses are different, both campuses will offer varied and unique programs.

"What would be specific about a student coming to U of O is that we have a bigger critical mass of faculty in literature and critical studies than PSU," Pope said.

The pre-proposal for the Women's Studies major included an additional \$12,960 per year for personnel. Money was also requested for library needs, which include a one-time expenditure of \$5,000 to fill gaps for the Women's Studies library collection.

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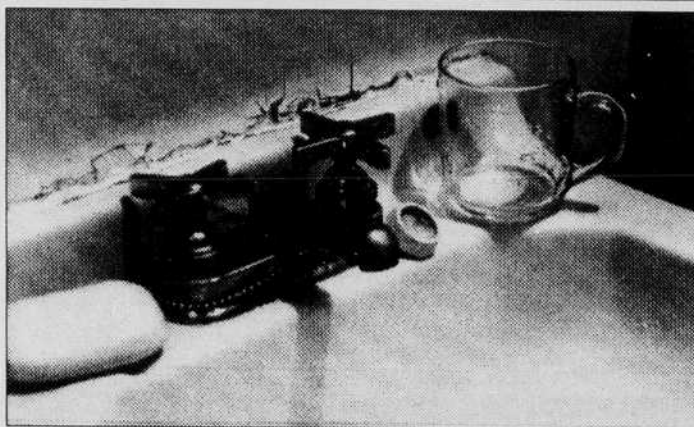
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