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University music composition students will have their new music performed at 8 p.m. in the Beall Concert Hall



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Phase One of EMU renovations hammered away at the courtyard in the EMU last week

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WEATHER

Increasing clouds. High 70. Low 45.

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GROWTH MANAGEMENT

"But these kinds of things are just, you know, time consuming and cumbersome and certainly divert our energy."

Diane Wiley
Riverfront Research Park project manager

The footbridge leading from the North side of the river offers a view of the buildings in the research park.



MICHAEL CRISP/Emerald

Initiative would halt research park growth

■ MEASURE:

The original initiative was rejected by the city attorney, so proponents rewrote it

By Eric Collins
Community Reporter

Recent Riverfront Research Park development on the north side of the Southern Pacific railroad tracks is sending the wrong message to the public, several citizens have decided, and a revised ballot initiative to counteract those constructions is once again in the works.

Junior Robertson, co-chief petitioner for the We Want it Back Committee, said he believes the construction of the two-lane railroad underpass and the extension of the Riverfront Parkway onto the north side of the train tracks sends the message that future development in that area is approved by the citizens of Eugene.

"This is not acceptable to us," Robertson said.

Based on this notion, Robertson, in con-

junction with Julia Fox, a University sociology instructor, and Ann Hagemann, a post-doctorate in molecular biology, launched a March initiative that would have eliminated the underpass and road construction, required voter approval for any future road construction and abolished a city property tax used for funding urban renewal projects, a category the riverfront park falls into.

A city attorney, however, rejected the initiative based on the single-subject clause in the Oregon constitution.

Yet, with the consultation of land use and real estate attorney Anne Davies, a revised version of the initiative will once again be sent in for city approval within the next two to three weeks, Robertson said.

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The second in a three-part series

■ **TODAY:** Citizen initiative to halt riverfront development

■ **WEDNESDAY:** The changing future of the riverfront urban renewal district

Proposed levies may not pass

■ **VOTE:** Ballots are due today, and each measure requires at least a 50 percent turnout from Lane County voters in order to pass

By Jennifer Schmitt
Community Editor

Time is short, and with far less than 50 percent of the ballots returned, the fates of most of the proposed levies are hanging precariously in the balance.

In order for the levies to pass, 50 percent of the registered voters in Lane County must turn in their ballots by today.

As of Monday afternoon, only 35 percent of the ballots from Lane County voters had been returned, according to the Elections Office.

The city levy (Measure 20-83), which would raise money to fund the services cut under Measure 47, still needs at least 120,000 ballots from Lane County voters to be turned in even to be considered. In order to pass, the measure must then receive at least 50 percent of the votes turned in.

Another levy relying on 50 percent of registered voters returning their ballots is Measure 20-84. This county levy would add 48 beds to the Lane County jail as well as maintain county services that would otherwise be reduced or cut due to the estimated \$3.8 million shortfall mandated by Measure 47.

The double-majority voting method will also decide the fate of Measure 50, which is a re-write of Measure 47. Measure 50 would replace the percentage of tax limitations in Measure 47 with a reduction in the maximum assessed value of property for

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Oregon has unique opportunity to start Ethnic Studies, speaker says

■ **SPEAKER:**

Professor Hu-Dehart from the University of Colorado, Boulder, shares ideas for avoiding pitfalls Ethnic studies can face

By Angie Suchy
Student Activities Editor

Ethnic Studies is a discipline "that is a critical point of educational reform in America's universities and colleges," said professor and scholar Evelyn Hu-DeHart at a lecture on Monday.

Hu-DeHart, a professor of history and director of the Center for Studies of Ethnicity and Race in America at the University of Colorado at Boulder, is spending two days lecturing and hosting open forums at the University in order to aid in the development of the Ethnic Studies program.

Hu-DeHart began her speech by addressing a question she is often asked: Why does she choose to teach Ethnic Studies on a predominantly white campus? Similar to her standard reply, Hu-DeHart said, "You here in Oregon have a golden opportunity. . . to

establish an Ethnic Studies program not caught up in intense race and identity politics. Ethnic Studies need to be a curricula reform for all Americans for the next millennium."

She cited the statistic that by the next century, Latinos and Asians will comprise one-third of the United States population. Thus, the need for a recognition and understanding of multiplicity — particularly in higher education — by teaching Ethnic Studies serves to "establish alternative values and visions," Hu-DeHart explained. "Because you are in this [white] majority environment here in Oregon, you have the opportunity to make a strong statement in support of Ethnic Studies."

She emphasized that an Ethnic Studies Program should not be confused with the

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Colorado professor and scholar Evelyn Hu-DeHart lectures about development of the University's Ethnic Studies program.