

Vote: Ballot will be in EMU

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the 1997-1998 tax year and a limitation on the percentage amount that the maximum assessed value of property may increase each tax year. The measure also directs the Legislative Assembly to generally reduce property tax levies by an average of 17 percent.

Ballots that have not been mailed to the elections office already must be dropped off at the Lane County Elections Office by tonight. The office, located at 135 E. 6th St., will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. today.

There are 10 other drop boxes throughout Lane County, including one located at the EMU on the lower level of the east wing. Ballots can be dropped off at any time up until 8 p.m.

No ballots, including ballots postmarked with today's date, will be accepted after the 8 p.m. deadline

Measure: Initiative would restore natural state

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The initiative tentatively calls for reducing the Riverfront Parkway to bicycle size, reducing the underpass in size, requiring voter approval for any new road construction within the Riverfront Renewal District and abolishing the city property-tax financing that the riverfront district currently uses for road and bike path construction.

Robertson said the property-tax money that no longer would subsidize riverfront district construction could be used to restore the pieces of the underpass and road to their natural states. This way, he said, citizens would not have to pay more for the initiative's provisions.

Although Davies said she would tailor the initiative to respond to the city attorney's de-

cision, if the revised initiative still failed to gain a ballot title, she said the committee planned to challenge it in court.

Diane Wiley, project manager for the Riverfront Research Park, said she was frustrated with measures such as Robertson's because she said she believed people don't fully understand that the University never acquired the land adjacent to the Willamette River to be a public park.

In 1988, a city charter amendment would have created a natural resource zone over the area north of the tracks, which Wiley said would have eliminated development in that area.

"Fortunately, at that time, it was defeated by more than a two-to-one vote," Wiley said. "But these kinds of things are just, you know, time

consuming and cumbersome and certainly divert our energy."

Wiley said she was frustrated because many people view the area as part of Alton Baker Park, even though she said the University acquired the land for development purposes.

But Robertson said he believed the research park is not supported by the community or the campus, citing a 1989 ASUO poll in which about 80 percent of voters rejected developing land on the north side of the train tracks.

Citizens should have a chance to send their own message about developing the Willamette Scenic Corridor, Robertson said.

"We want a clear mandate from the people," Robertson said. "I clearly expect 60 percent of the [Eugene voters] to vote in favor of the initiative."

Speaker: Hu-DeHart will talk today in Multicultural Center

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historic "area studies," which divide non-Western studies into solely Asian, African and Latin American categories. This division is a "direct outgrowth of U.S. imperialism in the Third world."

"We are not recreating the Ethnic Studies of the '60s," Hu-DeHart explained. She said although the Ethnic Studies discipline was inspired and fueled by both the civil rights and anti-war movements, at that time minorities were referred to as "Third world students" — suggesting an inherent inferiority in non-whites. Also at that time, terms such as diver-

sity and multiculturalism were not yet invented, so all historically marginalized groups were not represented.

But as many people of color became college-aged in the late 1980s and early 90s, Ethnic Studies became "revitalized," Hu-DeHart said. At that time, particularly in schools such as UC Berkeley and San Francisco State University, students "startled administrators by demanding Ethnic Studies in curriculums," she said. Ethnic Studies programs then became based on historical, sociological and cultural groundwork.

Currently there are an estimated 700 Ethnic Studies programs

in the United States, Hu-DeHart said, and they share common dilemmas. She gave the advice of avoiding "some of the ongoing controversies that have placed Ethnic Studies in the eye of a storm."

She suggested that at the University of Oregon, there should be support "of the program moving into a department. Don't fall into the trap of separate programs. Departments get resources, curriculum, funding and full-time professors."

In addition, she said "an Ethnic Studies program cannot be built primarily on cross-listed classes."

Hu-DeHart also commended the progress and support of the Ethnic Studies program at the University. "To have faculty commitment to Ethnic Studies like the University of Oregon and Oregon State is unique."

Hu-DeHart will give a lecture in the Introduction to Ethnic Studies class today from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in 180 PLC, and she will host an open forum with students today in the MCC from 1:30 to 3 p.m., and an open forum with faculty, staff and administrators in 109 Friendly Hall from 3:30 to 5 p.m. All events are open to the student body, faculty and staff.

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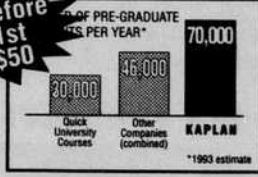


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