

# Measure 10

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and receive stock from research they help develop, I know there will be an impulse for the school to turn away from pure research and go after profits," said McIntire, president of the Taxpayer Association of Oregon. "Also, I don't like government in business."

But Don Krahmer, co-chairman for the political action committee supporting the measure, argued that the measure is narrowly written to prevent excessive government intervention in business and that so-called pure research won't suffer. Nearly

half the nation's universities own stock in companies using scholarly research, and noncommercial research has not declined, he said.

Though not directly, the University has for years owned stock in companies using its research.

The University Foundation, an independent corporation that raises funds for the University, receives, manages and controls the stock in a "blind trust" relationship with the school, said Don Gerhart, director of the University's technology transfer office, which brokers agreements between researchers and businesses.

The foundation has complete

control over the stock, and the University administration is unable to make recommendations.

Though this arrangement allows the University to profit from the success of businesses using its research, Measure 10 would help universities attract more businesses and "would make it much more straight forward for us," Gerhart said.

"Because we can't take equity payments directly, at some point we have to negotiate transfer of equity to a third party," he said. "Understandably, that confuses things."

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## News briefs

### Fate of candidates to be determined

A Lane County Circuit Court judge is expected to decide today the fate of Eugene's ballot for City Council candidates.

Candidates Jim Hale and Kurt Thelen filed a lawsuit Monday challenging the candidacy of three prospective councilors who, according to the plaintiffs, filed election documents with the city in an improper order. Hale is running for the Council's Ward 5 seat, and Thelen is running for Ward 6.

Defendants are Ward 5 candidate Gary Papé, Ward 6 candidates Jennifer Solomon and Frank Wiley, city recorder Kathleen Fieland and Annette Newingham, a Lane County elections official.

Hale and Thelen say Papé, Solomon and Wiley turned in the 25 signatures of registered voters, required of all candidates, before gaining city approval of their signature forms. City rules require the forms to be approved before they are signed.

Stating that the candidates received bad advice from Fieland about when to turn in the signatures, Newingham placed them on the May 21 primary election ballot.

Plaintiffs will argue that the candidates should be removed from the ballot because they broke rules that other candidates followed.

"We believe that people have been treated inequitably—the rules were applied unevenly," Hale said.

Though not named in the suit, incumbent Ward 3 Councilor David Kelly, who represents the University area, could potentially be affected by the judge's decision. Kelly, like the

candidates being sued, turned in his signatures before gaining approval of his signature form, but Hale and Thelen did not challenge his candidacy because the plaintiffs are not competing with Kelly in the election.

In Friday's hearing, the city will likely counter that no law was broken, that candidates should not be removed from the ballot for following bad advice from a city official and that the plaintiffs were not injured by Newingham's decision to place the three contested candidates on the ballot, said Jerry Lidz, the city attorney representing the defendants.

"We expect a decision promptly, because obviously there are tight deadlines for election officials to get ballots out to voters," Lidz said. "But it's up to the judge."

The county is scheduled to mail ballots to voters May 3.

—Darren Freeman

### Lecture to focus on Mideast women's rights

The University and the Justice not War Coalition will co-sponsor a discussion Saturday on the rights of women living in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The goal of the event is to discuss women's rights in the Middle East, and specifically the efforts of the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan, a women's rights group formed in Afghanistan in 1977.

The lecture includes seasoned journalist and Middle East reporter Larry Everest, as well as Neesha Mirchandani and James Ingalls, both members of the Afghan Women's Mission board of directors. The lecture begins at 7 p.m. in 100 Willamette Hall.

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