



Research supports wider use of RU-486

Women's Health researchers will deliver a report to the public, urging national policy makers to reconsider their view on RU-486

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University researchers are joining a growing crowd urging national policy makers and legislators to rethink their stance on RU-486, also called medical abortion, in the coming months.

The FDA approved RU-486 in September 2000. However, doctors have been reluctant to back the procedure. Women's Health researchers at the University's Center for the Study of Women in Society have completed their report titled *Understanding Medical Abortion: Policy, Politics, and Women's Health* and plan to

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University hears fears about plan for growth

Many students living in the East Campus area voiced concerns Friday about the University's long-term development plan

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Moving day will come sometime this year for many residents east of the University. The only question is when.

The University Advisory Planning Committee met in a public hearing in the EMU Fir Room on Friday morning to determine revisions to the University's long-term development plan for the East Campus area.

Concerned by the lack of notification many of her neighbors received before

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Forum looks at Iraq, UO stance

Tuesday night's discussion examined issues on Iraq, addressed UO position on a potential war in the area

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Faculty members spoke about the University and the potential for war in Iraq at a mediated forum Tuesday night that fostered open discussion but also briefly touched

on the issue of whether the University will adopt a formal position advocating or opposing war.

History Professor Daniel Pope, one of five speakers during the two-hour forum, openly stated his beliefs that the University should decry the imminent Middle Eastern war, but University President Dave Frohnmayer said such a response is not within the jurisdiction of the Faculty Senate or the University itself.

"The question is whether or not in an organized commission or forum speaking for and on behalf of the people of the state of Oregon — because we are a state agency — (does) the University (have) that authority?" Frohnmayer said. "I say it does not. The counsel that advises me says it does not."

Earlier this month, Oregon State University's Faculty Senate chose to adopt an anti-war stance, and some in the audience attended the

forum with the hope of a similar University response.

"Now that OSU passed it, it looks more possible that it will happen here," senior Terra Cloyes said.

Pope later responded to Frohnmayer's comments, stating a need to form a stance on the issue because of the significance a war could have on the University community.

"While there may not be many Turn to **Iraq**, page 8

A road fit for King

Centennial Boulevard may soon take the name of celebrated civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr.

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Civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. may soon have a home among Eugene's streets and boulevards.

Efforts by the county and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to rename Centennial Boulevard to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard recently advanced to the city level after a motion passed Jan. 13.

The motion, which the Eugene City Council unanimously approved, allowed the proposed name change to move forward.

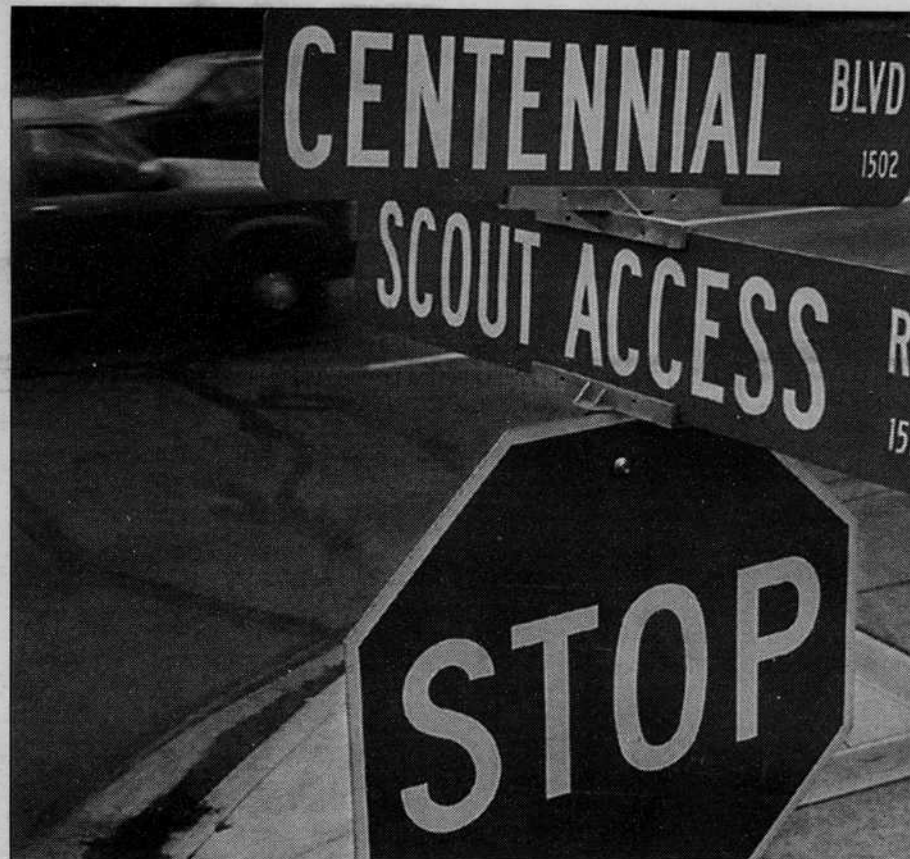
The process may be lengthy, however, because changing street names involves work by the city's Planning Commission, feedback from private property owners and compliance with city and state laws.

"I'm assuming it is going to happen, given the unanimous support of (the City) Council in going forward," said Ward 1 City Councilor Bonny Bettman.

Bettman added that the county, city and University — all of whom own much of the property along Centennial — support the plan.

"We have, I think, support of the key players," Bettman said. "I don't foresee any obstacles that would get in the way."

If passed, the new proposal would change Centennial's name



in Eugene. The street would keep its current name in Springfield.

But County Commissioner Bobby Green said Springfield was welcome to join the effort.

"If the Springfield City Council is interested in being a part of it they just need to let us know," he said.

Green added that the plan has been discussed at the policy level in both city and county governments.

"Right now we're in the stage of making sure the city is going through the appropriate procedures," he said.

City and county officials also plan to concentrate their efforts and rename the street before the NAACP convenes its national conference in March.

City Councilor David Kelly, Ward 3, said place names can

remind us of our past.

"Martin Luther King was an inspirational, powerful and positive leader in our history," he said. "So if the (City) Council action can, in a very small way, remind people of that history, then we've done a very good thing."

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Eugene City Council members and the NAACP are working to rename Centennial Boulevard to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard with support from the Eugene community. **Jeremy Forrest**
Emerald

Polls show increase in Measure 28 support

Two recent polls show nearly half of surveyed voters are in support of Measure 28, an increase that may be the result of media coverage

Oregon votes 2003

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Support for Measure 28 is at an all-time high and, according to polls, the three-year temporary tax increase could pass come Jan. 28.

When Oregon's Legislature referred the \$724 million bill to voters after the fifth special session of 2002, many speculated it would not garner support and most political analysts questioned whether

Oregon voters would bear an income tax increase during a statewide recession.

But according to a poll conducted by the University for The Register-Guard, 46

percent of the 409 surveyed voters said they would support the measure. Thirty-five percent said they would not support the tax increase, and 19 percent of voters remained undecided.

Portland news station KATU conducted a similar survey, which showed an even split on Measure 28. Forty-eight percent of the 402 voters polled indicated they would vote yes, 48 percent said they would vote no, and four percent were undecided.

Each poll has a margin of error of plus or minus

Measure 28

A 10-part series examining the budget implications of the Jan. 28 special election.

4.8 percentage points.

Proponents of the measure are enthused by the upswing in support, while opponents of the tax increase nervously look toward election day. Nonetheless, people on both sides of the issue point to the media as a focal point for increased support.

"It's really been a full-court press," said Joel Bloom, a research assistant at the Oregon Survey Research Laboratory, where The Register-Guard study was conducted. "I don't think the media (are) biased, I think it just makes for a good story."

Jason D. Williams, executive director of the Taxpayer Association of Oregon, is a bit more critical of the media, however.

"For us, it's a perfect storm of three components

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WEATHER

Today: High 53, Low 40, occasional rain, slight wind
Thursday: High 52, Low 42, cloudy, chance of showers

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday
As the Oscars approach, a look at 2002's movies

Friday
Campus crime statistics and trends really will be revealed