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the separation between church and state" and said it would create "Constitutional discrimination."

College Republicans Chairman Jarrett White said his group is "100 percent behind the idea that marriage is between a man and a woman," and the group supports a Constitutional amendment. White said marriage is a sacred union created by God and the issue of same-sex marriage should be a federal issue and not left to the states.

"You can take it from the biggest states'-rights guy on this campus," he said. "It should be a federal issue. It should all be the same."

Father Reginald Martin, a Roman Catholic priest at the St. Thomas More Newman Center near campus, agreed with White that marriage is a permanent, exclusive union between a man and a woman, but said he doesn't see the need for a Constitutional amendment.

"I think that individuals should be allowed to make whatever sort of economic unions they want," Martin said. "I believe the state must honor those arrangements. I think the president, whom I admire a great deal, is simply making himself look silly."

Dan Bryant, a senior minister for

the First Christian Church in Eugene who has performed marriage ceremonies for 20 years, said he respects the president but sees the issue in terms of basic human rights.

"I don't support the president's position," Bryant said. "I have no difficulty with the issue of same-sex marriage. To me, it's an issue of loving partnerships and supporting relationships that are loving and healthy."

Garrett Epps, a Constitutional law professor at the University School of Law, explained that passage of any such amendment would be very unusual because no amendment currently exists that limits rights. He said decisions surrounding family law and marriage have "been more or less the law of the states."

Dominick Vetri, a law professor who teaches gay and lesbian rights at the law school, pointed out that Bush said the nation should consider an amendment only if courts continue to rule in favor of same-sex marriages; however, he thinks it is "virtually inevitable" that courts will continue to do so.

Vetri also said he disapproved of the president's attempt to appease gay and lesbian populations when Bush said, "The same moral tradition that defines marriage also teaches that each individual has dignity and value in God's sight."

"I thought it was such a snide way of putting it," Vetri said. "It certainly

wouldn't make gay people feel more comfortable with Bush and his attitude. He's not a guy that's a balanced guy. It's just a political game for him."

Vetri said if the push for an anti-gay marriage amendment is successful, supporters of gay marriage would respond with a push for domestic partnership amendments similar to those in Vermont and California.

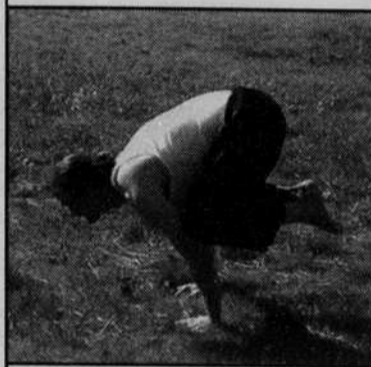
"It actually can push the gay-rights cause more rapidly than otherwise would have happened," Vetri said.

Martin agreed, saying Tuesday's speech may actually rally more people to get involved in the debate.

"I think a lot of LGBT people are trying to get behind more progressive candidates," she said. "This may inspire more queer people to get involved."

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of their powers and cease infringing on the rights of students, faculty and staff," he said.

He said this is an important issue concerning the rights of citizens.

"This lawsuit is about restoring rights to citizens and making the board of higher education and the Oregon University System obey the law," Stubbs said.

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been violating the law," Starrett said. "It is a case with statewide implications."

Stubbs sued for an injunction from the court prohibiting OUS from constricting licensed gun holders. He sued for no monetary damages but asked for a reimbursement for attorney fees.

"It is important that the board and university system respect the limitation

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