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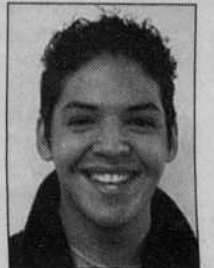
Protestors hold a mock funeral procession Monday morning in front of the Federal Building to protest new old-growth regulations. Praxis (right) delivers a speech as another protester stands in silence. The rally was one in a series of nine held in West Coast cities to protest the changes. **Tim Bobosky** Photographer

## ASUO VP Morales' case goes to court

If attorneys do not reach a plea agreement today, Morales will face a jury trial

**Jared Paben**  
Senior News reporter

ASUO Vice President Eduardo Morales will be in Eugene Municipal Court today on assault and criminal mischief charges stemming from a Sept. 12 incident. Morales pleaded innocent Oct. 22 to both charges.



**Eddy Morales**  
ASUO Vice President

Today's proceedings are an opportunity for attorneys to reach a plea agreement; however, a jury trial will follow

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## Rally protests pending policy change

The demonstration at Eugene's Federal Building was held to protest slackened old-growth restrictions

**By Aaron Shakra**  
Pulse Editor

Protesters gathered in front of the Federal Building at 211 E. Seventh Ave. on Monday morning to protest a decision that would eliminate restrictions on timber sales in the Pacific Northwest's remaining old-growth forests.

The planned protest was part of a series of

rallies organized by the Cascadia Rising Eco-Defense Network and Back to the WALL activist groups. A total of nine rallies were coordinated in cities across three states — including Portland, Olympia, Wash., and Eureka, Calif. — to protest the USDA Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management's pending joint decision.

### Aftermath of the decision

On Jan. 23, the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management released a final environmental impact statement with a preferred alternative to remove Survey and Manage Mitigation Standards and Guidelines from the Northwest Forest Plan.

Oregon Natural Resources Council field representative Doug Heiken said a record of decision from the agencies is expected by the end of February. He added that he is all but certain the alternative will be finalized.

Survey and Manage was established as part of the Northwest Forest Plan in 1994 to protect old-growth forests across western Washington, western Oregon and northwest California. The plan required the agencies to survey for certain species prior to logging and engaging in other ground-disturbing activities, and to provide

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## KWVA renovates despite funding issues

The campus radio station's \$150,000 digital conversion is already over budget and is threatened by a funding veto

**By Chuck Slothower**  
News Reporter

Campus radio station KWVA is in the midst of an extensive renovation that is expected to cost more than \$150,000 and will switch out old analog radio technology for new digital equipment.

But the renovation is overdue and over budget.

The renovation process began May 2003

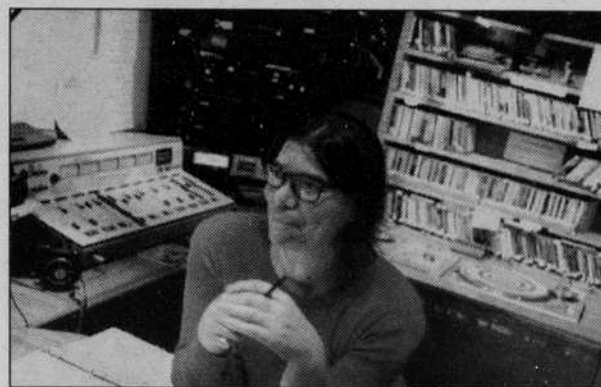
after the ASUO Student Senate approved \$118,438 for new equipment and labor. Since then, the project has faced numerous setbacks, including wiring problems and equipment failures.

"We were hoping to have this done by December," KWVA General Manager Charlotte Nisser said, adding that she expects the upgrade will not be finished until May.

The excess cost of the project forced Nisser to go to senate for an additional \$31,794, which the senate approved on Feb. 18.

However, an ASUO Executive veto of the allocation might be in the works.

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**Erik R. Bishoff** Photographer

Disc jockey and record collector Paul Westberg says he enjoys working at KWVA because he gets to play vintage blues. The station is switching to digital technology to keep up with equipment at corporate stations.

### NEWS BRIEF

#### University student accused of stabbing childhood friend

University senior Daniel Vahan Marker, 22, was arraigned Monday on felony attempted murder charges for allegedly stabbing his childhood friend Zachary Mahiohao Payne, 23, multiple times Sunday morning.

At about 10:30 a.m., the Central Lane 9-1-1 Center received several reports of a stabbing at 1505 Orchard St. Eugene Police Department officers arrived at the scene, arrested Marker and took him to the Lane County Jail.

Payne was transported to Sacred Heart Medical Center for treatment. According to an EPD press release, Payne is expected to survive his numerous injuries.

The two men were former roommates and childhood friends from Corvallis, and Payne was visiting Marker at the time of the incident.

Marker is a Spanish major; Payne was admitted to the University but never took classes, according to the Registrar's office.

Payne's parents would not comment on the incident, and Marker's parents could not be reached for comment.

Release Officer Clarence Woods with the Oregon State Circuit Court said Marker was "not cooperative" in his interview Monday morning, so bail has not been set. He added that a release officer will attempt another interview Monday evening and bail will be set at \$250,000.

EPD is still unsure of the motive for the alleged attack.

— Lisa Catto

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