

New director at LRAC

Douglas Beauchamp assumed responsibility as Executive Director of the Lane Regional Arts Council Sept. 15. He succeeds Linda Devine who, with her husband Joe Janda, is on an extended vacation in Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.

Beauchamp, 42, comes to LRAC from Roseburg, where, for four years, he was Executive Director of the Umpqua Valley Arts Association, managing its Arts Center and coordinating the Artists-in-Education program for Douglas County.

Devine had been Arts Council Executive Director since July, 1983. She had previously worked in Denver, Colorado, for a federal

agency on aging. During her tenure at LRAC, the Arts Council tripled its membership, began publication of the Arts Calendar, initiated the Professional Development workshop series for artists and Arts After Hours gatherings for the arts community, and ran two successful Artists Studio Tours. The Arts Council's Artists-in-Education and Technical Services programs continued as well.

Devine will return to the Eugene area in early 1986 to pursue a part-time career in either social services or the arts.

Beauchamp will reside in Eugene with his wife Molly, a dancer, and their two young sons. A reception is set for the new director, as part of LRAC's "Arts After Hours" series, on Thurs., Oct. 17, 5:30-7:30 pm at New Zone Gallery, 411 High Street, Eugene.

Arts Aloft

Keep your eyes on the skies during the Eugene Celebration. The winds may bring you good fortune!

Lane Regional Arts Council is celebrating its tenth anniversary with an "Arts Aloft Balloon Send-off" float in the Eugene Celebration Parade on Saturday, Sept. 28. Sixty dark blue helium balloons, distinctively marked with the anniversary number "10," will be released from the float as it passes through downtown Eugene. Ten of these will carry premium tags entitling the finders to claim LRAC 10th Anniversary Prizes, and finders of all 60 balloons will be eligible to enter the "Arts at a Distance" competition for the balloon which floats the farthest from the parade route.

Prizes include five 1985-86 Community Calendars, five Maurice Sendak Imagination Celebration posters, and a Lane Regional Arts Council membership.

Balloon-finders may claim their prizes and enter the "Arts at a Distance" competition by filling out and returning each balloon's premium tag to the Arts Council, 411 High Street, Eugene.

Lane Regional Arts Council is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to coordinating the Artists-in-Education Program, organizing and dispersing community arts information, and offering technical services to artists and organizations. For more information contact Cheryl Reed, 485-2278.

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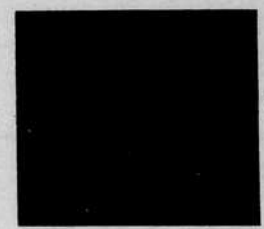
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