



Editor's Note: It's not that the Emerald doesn't have a sense of humor, but, like everyone else, it is occasionally subject to forgetting newly adopted policies. Such was the case Monday with its new comic strip. To make up for its absence, "Les Bêtes Noires" will run today instead.

Station requests voice

By BILL LUTZ
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KLCC-FM listeners will have an opportunity to voice their opinions on the future of Lane Community College's (LCC) radio station at a public hearing scheduled by the LCC Board of Directors for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the LCC Administration Building's board room.

The meeting follows a shakeup in KLCC personnel, in which five staff people were fired, and new criteria for those staff positions were set down.

According to Rick Worthington, spokesperson for the Listener Support Network (LSN), Wednesday's meeting will not focus on the firings but on the future direction and administration of the station.

The LSN is a group of KLCC listeners who are trying to organize other concerned KLCC listeners to voice their opinions about the future of the station.

Worthington says his group is concerned with "who will control the station and for what purpose."

The network wants more community involvement in selecting new staff members and determining station policies.

"Community service is a priority in the station's responsibilities, as defined on its FCC license," says

Worthington.

Mike Hopkinson, acting chair of the LCC mass communications department, says the purpose of restructuring the station staff is to better use LCC general fund money allocated to the station.

"That is, to use the general fund money in a more flexible way in order to contribute to the instructional efforts of the mass communications department," he said.

Hopkinson explains that the new criteria for station staff will help towards this goal. New staff members must now hold teaching positions as well, which he says will make better use of funds.

LCC Board member Jim Martin says he does not favor station staff having teaching responsibilities and believes fired staff members were treated unfairly.

Martin supports the idea of an advisory committee with community people serving on it. The committee, he says, would report and make recommendations to the LCC Board as other LCC advisory committees do.

Worthington says he hopes to see a large turnout of KLCC listeners Wednesday night. Repeating the promotional announcement aired on the station, he says, "One hundred people can be ignored, a thousand will make the front page of the Register Guard."

Legislators describe goals

Editor's Note—This is the second in a two-part series dealing with the legislative priorities of the six Eugene-area legislators the Emerald will cover. Today's story details the legislative priorities of Reps. Grattan Kerans, Dave Frohnmayer and Sen. Ed Fadeley.

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SALEM—Every day more and more bills are being tossed into the legislative hopper. Here is a rundown of some of those your legislators are introducing.

Rep. Grattan Kerans, D-Eugene, chair of the Elections Committee, and a member of the committees on Legislative Operations and Procedures, and Business and Consumer Affairs, is introducing a bill to ban the use of plastic beverage containers in Oregon.

"They're not much of a problem now, because they can't meet Oregon's returnable requirement," said Kerans. "But back East they're working on a non-returnable, collapsible, plastic soda bottle. Coca Cola is really pushing it. And it won't be long before they come up with one that is returnable. I want to stop them before they get there."

Another Kerans proposal will require readable insurance policies, with a disclosure statement on the front page. Kerans says the statement would "explain in plain English" the terms of the policy, and what it does and does not offer.

Kerans is also introducing a bill requiring the state to publish a bi-annual citizens' information pamphlet, to be distributed to every Oregon household. It would provide a summary of each bill passed during the prior session, indexed alphabetically by subject area and bill number.

The pamphlet would also contain all state office numbers and a listing of all toll-free numbers to Salem.

Another Kerans proposal would return the taxpayer's property tax rebate to him before he pays his property tax. Currently, it's the other way around.

Kerans is also proposing a change in the 1975 Generic Drug Law, to stop "the royal screwing

said Kerans, "and pocketing the profit."

Kerans is proposing that the price of generic drugs sold by pharmacists reflect the actual cost.

Rep. Dave Frohnmayer, R-Eugene, a member of the Legislative Operations and Procedures, Judiciary, and Social Services Committees, says he is introducing a major legislative reform package. It would abolish the Legislative Emergency Board, which controls the state's purse-strings when the Legislature is not in session, and create a full-time Senate. The senate would take over the responsibilities of the Emergency Board, and also supervise state agencies.

"Some people in state agencies breathe a sigh of relief when the session ends," said Frohnmayer, "because then they can do their own thing for the next 18 months."

Frohnmayer says his proposal would allow the Senate to work more intensively on legislation, but preserve the House as a part-time citizen body. He added that the House wouldn't lose power, "because the vote of both houses is still required for legislative passage."

In the area of tuition, Frohnmayer said that tuition increases have a "demoralizing effect" on lower and middle income students, but added that he had no answers to the problem.

Frohnmayer is also introducing a package of proposals drafted by the Association for Non-smokers' Rights (ANSR) that would prohibit smoking in hospitals and other public places.

Sen. Ed Fadeley, D-Eugene, chair of the Senate Environment and Energy Committee, says he will introduce a bill he co-sponsored last session to create state funding for research and development of non-nuclear energy generation facilities.

He is also suggesting a constitutional amendment that would "improve the open meetings law" by removing the power of any public body to have secret meetings.

Fadeley, a member of the Joint Ways and Means Committee, and chair of its subcommittee of education, says he doesn't favor a tuition increase, but recognizes that the cost of higher education and faculty salaries is on the upswing.



some pharmacists have been giving the public."

Under the 1975 law, a pharmacist may substitute a generic drug (one sold in bulk under its chemical name) for a brand name drug if the generic drug costs less and is equally potent and bioequivalent. Generic drugs are generally less expensive, and the law's intent was that pharmacists would pass the savings on to consumers. But Kerans says some pharmacists have taken advantage of the law. "The pharmacists are pricing the generic drugs pennies below what the brand name drugs go for,"

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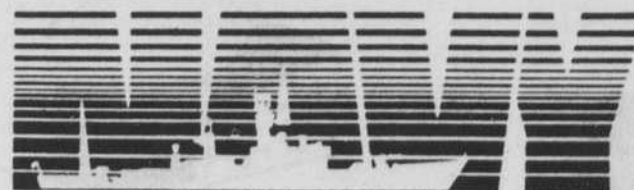
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