## Area offers smorgasbord of political groups, activities

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With the 1980 election lurching toward its final stages, political activism is running rampant both locally and nationally.

Lane County offers a wide smorgasbord of political offerings to the connoisseur of politics, ranging from the conventional to the more esoteric. Liberals, conservatives, moderates, social democrats, Marxists of every shade, anarchists of every shade, anarchists of every stripe, old-time Wobblies, unrepentant refugees from SDS, class of 1969 – all usually can find a spiritual home somewhere. Even the most resolutely apathetic can find an issue, candidate or ideology that will get the juices a-stirrin'.

Headquarters of the Lane County Democratic Party are located at 857 Willamette, with daily office hours. Under the leadership of county party chairer Bill Morrisette, the Democrats work to elect Democratic candidates and promote the principles of the party platform. Also active are the Young Democrats, a campus-oriented group.

On Oct. 4, the Democrats' will hold their second annual "Donkey Trot" in Alton Baker Park. The event features three-mile and six-mile runs, with trophies awarded in all categories and T-shirts given to all participants. Entry blanks are available at all Eugene running stores with a \$5 entry fee required.

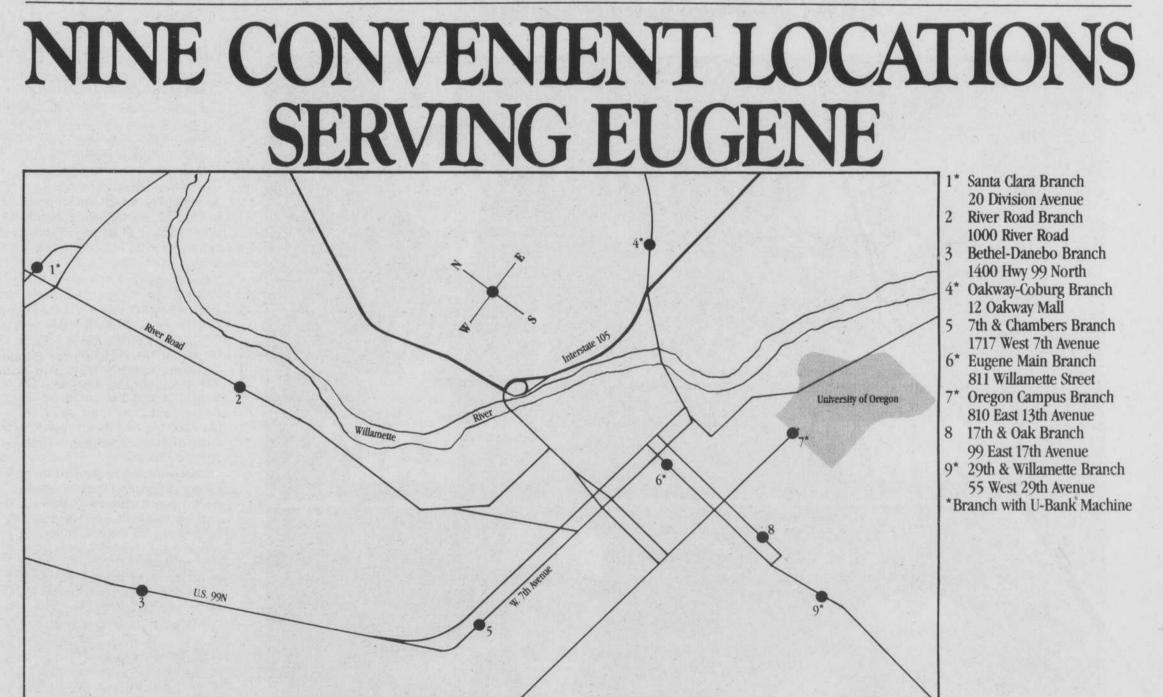
Information about both the county organization and Young Democrats can be obtained at party headquarters or by calling 484-5099.

Republican headquarters are located several blocks away from the Democrats at 47 E. 10th. Party chairer John Hanks says that the GOP hopes to reestablish a presence on the University through College Republicans, a branch of the Young Republicans.

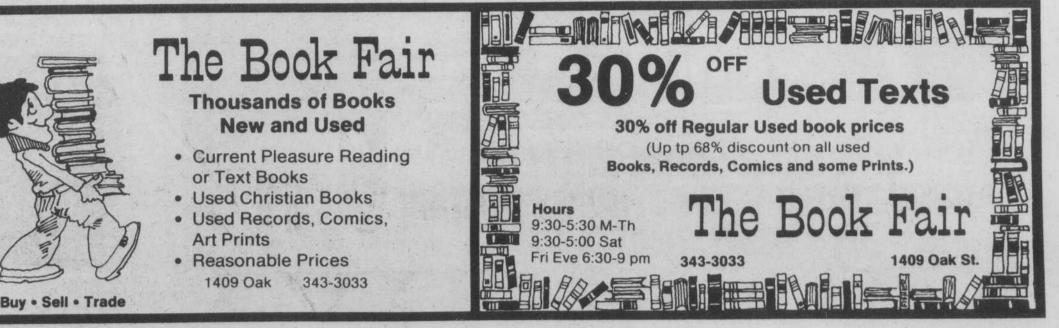
Information about the Republican party can be obtained at headquarters or by calling 484-1872.

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