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## Blood bank seeks campus donors



Photo by Shu-Shing Chen

The Lane Memorial Blood Bank's campus blood drive continues through 4 p.m. today, in Room 167 of the EMU.

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People are out for blood on campus — 150 units of it.

That's the goal for the Lane Memorial Blood Bank during its last day on campus today, trying to recruit new donors.

Blood donations are in Room 167 of the EMU today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on either an appointment or drop-in basis, according to Linda King, chair of the University Blood Donor Club.

Donors must be between the ages of 17 and 70 and in good health. It is important to eat a low-fat meal two hours prior to donating, King says.

Drawing the blood takes less than 10 minutes, but donors should allow close to an hour for registration, medical screening and relaxing after the donation.

"We've been really pleased with the wonderful cooperation from student groups (Student University Relations Council and Panhellenic) who have helped us and also with the people who are taking time to donate their blood," King says.

The University blood drive is a 2-year-old program of the Lane Memorial Blood Bank. The drive is conducted each term in an effort to supply Lane County's five hospitals with blood.

The Blood Bank is the only source of blood for the hospitals, as other plasma centers ship their blood to other states or overseas, says Jane Mink, Blood Bank donor recruiter.

The donated blood is stored at the Blood Bank, where it goes

out almost immediately to serve community needs.

Current prices for blood range between \$15 for certain components to approximately \$45 for whole blood, Mink says.

University donors have the option of giving blood to the University Donor Club for use in emergencies for faculty, staff or students.

A recent example involved meeting the blood needs of injured University wrestling team members.

And last year, 10 patients received 43 credits from the University Blood Donor Club that resulted in a savings of \$645 for these patients.

The 20-year-old club has never refused a request from a University student, employee, family member, survivor or retiree for blood donations.

Another choice is the Blood Assurance Plan, where the donor and immediate family members are covered for all blood needs for one year after the donations.

"It's been a little hard because of the amount of illness. The numbers are down in terms of potential donors, but I guess it's just a matter of keeping new ones coming in," Mink says.

"We're trying to get donors to concentrate on the patient need, no on, 'Oh, it hurts!'" Mink says.

"We're thankful for the response of Lane County residents. It's meant that at no time in our 24-year history have we had to delay anyone's surgery — and that's something we can all be proud of," Mink says.

## Fourth tax relief measure in six years awaits decision by Oregon taxpayers

By Stasia Scarborough

Of the Emerald

Tax relief. As a ballot measure, it's an issue that just won't go away.

When Oregonians vote on Ballot Measure 2 in November, it will be the fourth time since 1978 they have been asked to reform their tax system with a constitutional amendment rolling back property tax assessments.

Though property tax measures have failed three times, they were defeated by narrow margins. The call for tax reform has obviously struck a sympathetic nerve with a significant number of Oregon voters.

The Oregon Taxpayers Union, with 12,000 dues-paying members throughout the state, has sponsored the last three property tax measures, which they say were designed to cut government

waste and make the local governments more responsive to citizens.

One dissatisfaction indicated by voters is the way government does business, and the fact that some school districts have held as many as six elections in order to come up with a levy acceptable to voters, says Rick Bornemann, a spokesperson for the union.

"They treat us like customers in a used car lot," Bornemann says. "It's a very expensive dickering process. All we're asking is for them to be honest with us in the first place."

But the heart of the measure is property tax relief. The initiative measure provides the reduction of levied property taxes to 1.5 percent of the 1981 assessed property values, or to the amount

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## Hosticka predicts Measure Two holocaust

By Paul Ertelt

Of the Emerald

Ballot Measure 2 will have an apocalyptic effect on Oregon politics, as people struggle for a share of the reduced government revenues, state Rep. Carl Hosticka said Monday.

Hosticka, a University professor of public affairs, is running for re-election from south Eugene's District 40. He is challenged by Republican Mitch Hammerstad.

"Think of the atmosphere of the Legislature if 2 passes," Hosticka said at a meeting of the Lane Demo Forum at the Bavarian Restaurant. Measure 2 will reduce local government revenue by approximately \$1.3 billion, about one-third, he said.

Though many will look to the Legislature to act quickly to solve the revenue problem, Hosticka believes the spirit of cooperation will evaporate as legislators concentrate on helping their own districts.

Hosticka said the prospect reminds him of the television

movie "The Day After," which portrayed the after effects of a nuclear attack.

"We will see roving bands picking among the rubble trying to eke out what meager existence they can find," he said.

Even if legislators do decide to work together, they will be faced with the problem of deciding how and when to respond to the crisis, he said.

"There are respected people in the Legislature who feel that it may be necessary to let voters experience the aftermath of Measure 2 before a substitute is offered to them," he said.

But last years proposed solutions for tax reform don't apply this year. The proposed sales tax would have provided property tax relief, but Measure 2 already accomplishes this, he said.

Hosticka supports a sales tax to fund schools, while reserving property tax revenues for funding services such as sewers, police and fire protection.

If the measure doesn't pass, the Legislature will still be fac-

ed with the problem of balancing the budget, while still finding the money to fund higher education, comparable worth, and other programs, he said. The Oregon Constitution requires a balanced budget.

Hosticka criticized some members of the Legislature for "hypocrisy," saying they were willing to vote for programs, but not to vote for tax increases to fund those programs.

For Hosticka, the priorities for the 1985 Legislature are obvious. "They are money, money and money, in that order," he said.

But there are still other issues that need attention, he said.

Hosticka said he favored a moratorium on building hydroelectric power plants on Oregon rivers. There is a glut of electricity in the state, he said, and the plants interfere with the breeding of salmon.

"Fishing is a multi-million dollar industry and it's in trouble," he said. He recommended zoning of rivers to insure breeding areas for fish.



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Carl Hosticka