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Photo by Derrel Hewitt

Presidential candidates made their pitches at a campus forum Thursday.

Presidential candidates address campaign issues at campus forum

By Chris Norred
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Student body presidential office-seekers sat side by side and emphasized the space between them, Thursday night in Bean dormitory's conference room.

Five candidates are in the primary election race for the top student elective office at the University. The primary election is April 15 and 16 and all registered students can vote with a certificate of paid tuition and photo identification.

Campus parking, childcare, substance abuse education, and an "overly political" current student government, were the issues dominating the two-hour

question-and-answer session.

Dark-horse candidate, Thomas Stansfield, made one of his first public appearances at the meeting.

Stansfield, a sophomore political science major, said he is "probably the least experienced person" running for ASUO president. "Everybody else has got party organizations or money behind them. I don't," Stansfield said.

Stansfield's campaign has been virtually non-existent to date. He has not posted any visible campaign posters, advertised in campus media, or announced any political endorsements. "I don't like campaigns, I never have," he said.

The other four candidates are campaigning heavily on campus and took time out to discuss specific issues and answer questions.

At times, the question-and-answer session turned to a debate between candidates Sarah Lachkar and Kasey Brooks. Lachkar and Brooks are from the same sorority. Lachkar is endorsed by the Students for a Progressive Agenda political organization and Brooks is endorsed by the Concerned Students for Responsive Leadership.

The two differed on the Sister University Project, an ASUO

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Republican committee president distributes anti-gay pamphlet

By Sarah Kitchen
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Floyd W. Beam, the president of the Lane County Republican Central Committee, has been identified as one of the three men passing out anti-homosexual paraphernalia at the University Wednesday afternoon.

The pamphlets, titled "The Gay Plague," listed statistics about what it called the "truth about homosexuality and public health." The men debated with several passersby, some of whom were homosexuals, about the contents and the validity of the literature; however, they refused to identify themselves and left as soon as a KEZI-TV crew arrived.

Beam's identity was traced through the license plate number of the car in which he departed.

Beam said his actions Wednesday were as a concerned citizen and not as a representative of the Republican party and that he will probably continue to hand out the brochures.

"Getting the press involved with this would not stop me," Beam said.

The reason he would not identify himself on Wednesday is because he fears an attack by members of the homosexual community, Beam said.

"I don't want a lot of hassles as a result of having my name known. Part of the problem with having my name known to the gay community is that those people are brutal and I don't want them to come after me because I would get hurt, and if I get hurt I would have to come after you," he said. "I don't want to fight."

Beam was asked his identity several times on Wednesday and each time he refused to say who he was. However, this does not mean he will not stand behind his beliefs.

"I sure will stand behind what I said, but I'm still anonymous, and you had damn well better remember that," he said.

Beam believes the homosexual community is a threat to the general population.

"I do believe the gay community have forced their lives on the rest of the community. For instance, when they get AIDS and end up not being able to pay for the hospital bills, citizens have to pay for them through taxes," he said.

"And look at all that money that is being put into AIDS research by the government. If people were responsible in their sexual activities, that money would not have to spent," Beam said.

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As 4-J teachers strike, parents and care centers adjust to students' free time

By Will Holbert
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The Eugene teacher's strike presented Jane McCoy with a dilemma. McCoy, a computer specialist at SAIF Corporation, is also the single mother of a 9-year-old son who attends Willakenzie Elementary. When the strike shut down the school, McCoy decided she didn't want to leave her son alone in the house while she worked, so she sent him up to Corvallis to stay with relatives.

"It means I don't get to see him all week...that's no fun," said McCoy.

As for the strike itself, neither side has reported any developments. "The tension of the last two days has eased off," said Dean Baker, in charge of community relations for District 4-J. Baker also noted that there were fewer teachers picketing outside the district's main office.

Striking teachers handed out leaflets today that claimed school board negotiator Steve Goldschmidt was the only person that will profit from the strike. The leaflet claimed, among other things, that Goldschmidt earns more in one hour, \$75, than a teacher earns in a half day. The leaflet urged people to call School Superintendent Margaret Nichols and "ask why you're not getting your money's worth!"

Nichols was unavailable to answer the leaflet. "It's (Goldschmidt's salary) not out of line with what other lawyers in Eugene earn," said Baker.

Forum discusses 'safety net' bill, calls school closure a state problem

By Kara Story
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SALEM — About 60 high school students participated in a forum discussion about the proposed school safety net bill (SB 278) with Governor Neil Goldschmidt, Senate President John Kitzhaber and House Speaker Vera Katz at the capitol on Thursday.

"At first we felt the citizens in our community didn't care about us, but we realized that was a selfish attitude. It is a state problem, not a local one," said Brent Schlosser, a senior and class vice president at Estacada High School.

He noted students lost a lot of educational experience when the school closed temporarily due to budget problems earlier this school year.

Schlosser said the students decided to form their group to get their own school re-opened and to do something on a state

level.

Schlosser and fellow classmate John Meighan, a junior and next year's student body president, both said it was difficult to get the community together on the issue. "It's depressing to see a community of adults so divided on an issue. And the kids get stuck in the middle," said Meighan. He added that he thinks the kids have a "more mature outlook on these things than (the adults) do."

Katz told the group that she was in the Legislature when 18-year-olds were given the right to vote and remembers students asking her why they should take an interest in voting and what goes on in the Legislature. "One of the reasons is the reason you're here today," she told the group.

She told the students their futures are very important. "Do not allow them (the community)

or us to play with it (their future)."

The measure, if passed, will preclude school closures for any reason other than collective



bargaining. It will not create an automatic increase in taxes, however, Katz said.

"The most often heard argument about this ballot measure is that it doesn't do enough," Goldschmidt said. "What we've got to show for 25 years of overhauling of school financing is — zero. The measure is really as small as it looks...nothing is more fundamental than not

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