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The 1989 Spring Street Faire will likely bring out as many revellers as last year's event.

Assortment of food, music spices up spring street fair

A host of food and craft booths and an assortment of musical entertainment will be featured on 13th Street this Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday as part of the Spring Street Faire sponsored by the ASUO.

The fair is an annual event that has been attracting a diverse group of vendors and crafts people for more than 10 years, said Brenda Hansen, ASUO events coordinator.

"The Street Faire is some-

thing different to add a little spice to campus," Hansen said.

This year about 70 information, craft, and food booths are expected to line 13th, Hansen said. The musical entertainment offered from 11:30 to 5:30 p.m. includes reggae, folk and classical groups.

Hansen said the ASUO expects to earn approximately \$2000 from the fair. That money will be put into other ASUO events, she said.

Bag Ladies of the World unite to form rich, life-long intimacy

By Lisa Svanevik
Emerald Contributor

Bag Ladies of the World. They're not what you think.

Part extended family, part support group and part social experiment, this eclectic group of Eugene women "is around not being bag ladies," said BLOW representative Margo Schaefer at an informal seminar Tuesday afternoon.

BLOW was founded in 1985 by Martha Snyder and Ellen Weaver along with 11 other original "BLOW sisters," Schaefer said. In the course of a conversation about the spectre of being old, poor and alone at the end of their lives, Snyder and Weaver joked that "we could always be bag ladies together," and the seeds of the organization were sown.

The purpose of BLOW, which has grown into four small groups in Eugene, is to provide a safe place to "build lifelong intimacy" between members, Schaefer said. Each group holds a monthly potluck, as well as occasional "BLOW-outs," which are larger gatherings.

"The purpose is not to be small talk and surface oriented," Schaefer said, but rather to build strong and lasting relationships in which "regardless of what happens, we're still going to be there for each other in some capacity," some-

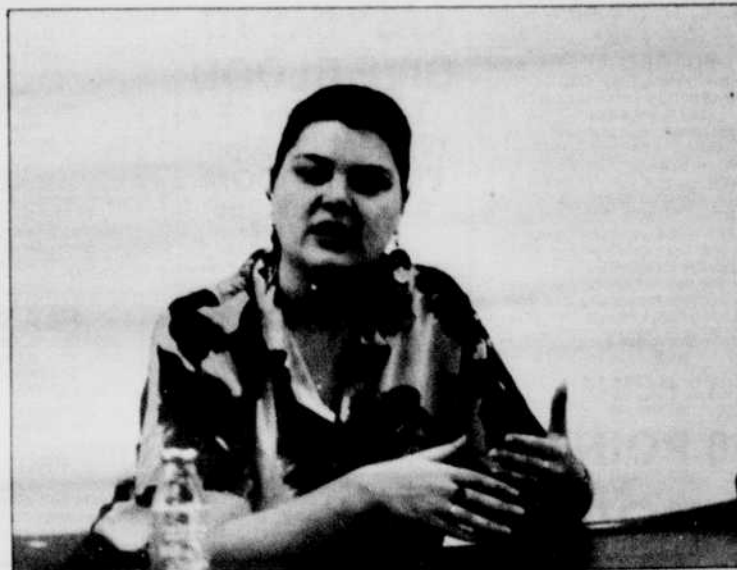


Photo by Mia Bertelsen

Margo Schaefer spoke Tuesday about how Bag Ladies of the World promotes lifelong intimacy among women.

what like an extended family.

Because one of the group's purposes is to create a safe place for women to be emotionally intimate with and to trust one another, the group size must be kept small, Schaefer said. The four BLOW groups range in size from eight to 18 members.

Schaefer calls BLOW "an incredibly eclectic group" of women who together comprise "a great piece of women's culture." She lamented the absence of any women of color in the group, however, because "I

think we'd be a lot stronger with more diversity."

Schaefer encouraged other Eugene women to form BLOW groups of their own.

The foundation of such a group, she said, is simply "an agreement that we're going to have something real going on with each other," and everything else beyond that is for the members to decide.

Schaefer has faith that the movement will spread through Eugene and beyond. "We're going to be quite an army, I'm sure," she said.

Panel will consider pay for mayor, councilors

By Greg Hough
Emerald Reporter

An ad hoc citizen committee is being established to look at the issue of compensation for Eugene's mayor and city councilors.

A University faculty representative will serve on the nine-member committee, which will include members of the business community, as well as former Eugene mayors and councilors. In addition, three of the group's nine members will represent the community at large.

Eugene Mayor Jeff Miller will nominate committee members for council approval. He will consider a recommendation from University President Paul Olum on who will fill the University position.

Miller, elected to his first term as mayor last year, said he got a lot of feedback on the issue of pay for mayors and councilors during the mayoral campaign.

"I kept hearing that more

people would run for city council if we offer them a salary," Miller said. "My initial reaction had been that things were fine the way they are. But since I've been mayor, I've seen the tremendous time drain of this job — on the mayor even more than the councilors. I think I've become pretty neutral on the issue, and that's why I want there to be a people's committee."

City Financial Planning Analyst Tony Mounts will work with the committee, helping it research aspects of the issue.

"Nothing's been set yet, but we'll probably wind up doing a survey of comparable cities," Mounts said. "We'll find out the size and structure of the different government organizations, and how much the mayors and councilors work."

Mounts said the city council office did a phone survey of city governments two years ago that found that the compensation for mayors and councilors "ranges from salary to health care benefits to nothing." The surveyed mayors who did get

paid made an average of \$10,000 a year, he added.

"I would anticipate that if the committee does recommend compensation, then the issue probably will go to a public hearing, and we'll get some sense of how the public truly thinks about it," Mounts said.

"One of the difficulties of the whole equation is that any recommendation would have to go to a vote of the people," Mounts said. He explained that compensation would require an amendment of the Eugene City Charter, and would have to win voter approval to be enacted.

Olum is "considering a variety of names" for the University slot on the committee, said Alison Baker, his executive as-

sistant. He will probably decide on a recommendation to Miller by next week, she added.

"President Olum has a weekly meeting with his executive staff, and some names were brought forward during last week's meeting," Baker said. "These are primarily people who have interest in political issues; they come from areas like political science, economics, and 3PM (Planning, Public Policy and Management)."

Friday is the deadline for applications to fill the at-large seats on the committee, City Public Information Specialist Kelli Osborn said. She estimated that the committee will form by June, and work for 2-6 months on the issue.



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out of the safety net by giving them adequate tax bases. The third and final phase of the plan would have been to come up with ways for the state government to take a larger share of the school finance burden.

In addition to the tax bases, Measure 1 would have provided \$112 million in school aid and property tax relief programs. Included in the bill was \$35 million for handicapped programs, \$35 million in credits for districts with high prop-

erty tax rates, \$20 million in homeowner tax relief, and an additional \$22 million allocation to the state's school Basic Fund.

Supporters of Measure 1 raised nearly \$500,000 for the campaign, mostly collected from corporate donations. Goldschmidt and other political leaders went on a statewide barnstorming tour, visiting schools and talking with people, to lobby support for the measure.

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