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nity improvement projects that our community doesn't necessarily have the means to take care of.'

Brokaw said she believes the grant was awarded to Eugene/Springfield because the project proposal fit perfectly

## No-audition choir class is open for everybody

This is the first term that an "anyone can join" choir has found its way on to the University campus and for those who have a song in their heart, this is a chance to speak up, or, more appropriately, sing up.

The music school is now offering a special studies course for anyone interested in joining a vocal ensemble. The no-audition class has a \$5 fee to cover music use and establish a financial base for future sheet music costs. The class meets from 10:30 to 11:20 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 198 of the music school.

Blake Weller, organizer of the ensemble, said, "There has never been a mixed chorus for people who are not talented enough to join the University Singers. This class is open to everyone.

The choir, which is expected to have 20 members, will be conducted by Weller and three or four other student conductors. It also will have a piano accompanist.

Weller hopes to have a concert put together for the end of the term. "We do classical music." he said. "It won't be the pop and jazz you see from high school choirs, but legitimate, serious choral music.

Weller says. " I will work individually to help people and then incorporate them into the whole group.

openings for new voices, especially male voices. Weller says. 'If you're interested, come to rehearsal and we'll welcome you with open arms.

For anyone who is concerned about their vocal abilities,

The class, which is offered for college credit, still has

with the goals of the demonstration project, particularly community cooperation.

"We demonstrated a cooperation in this community that isn't always there. We showed the need, and we have the ability to do it too," Brokaw said. 'Looking Glass has a long history of managing similar projects, and there is support within the community for the project.'

One of the highlights of the program is that it incorporates job opportunities with educational opportunities. Brokaw emphasized the need for such a program in Lane County

"This program provides an opportunity to complete their education, even further it, and get a job as well," Brokaw said

Greg Rikhoff, human rights analyst for the City of Eugene. was involved with the project from its outset.

'Public/Private Ventures originally approached the mayor. Jeff Miller, to see if the city was interested in such a program." Rikhoff said. "Since I work with the commission on the rights of youth, I was asked to go with Linda DeSpain of Looking Glass to Philadelphia to see the program in action, to see if it was appropriate for Eugene.

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