

# Local bands to play benefit for MOM series

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The second of three benefits designed to help fund Eugene's summer Music on the Mall concerts takes place Friday when local bands The Daddies, Now William and Unshakable Race perform downtown.

Concerts in the downtown mall, which run from May to September each year, feature local musicians and singers who perform outside various eateries.

This is the first year benefit concerts, co-sponsored by Downtown Eugene, Inc. and Jensen Bros. Productions, have been organized. The first one, in June, drew 300 people despite a downpour.

Bob Jensen, of Jensen Bros. Productions, said he is anticipating 1,000 people this time around.

The proceeds from the event, which takes place at 7:30 Friday in the southeast corner of

the Fountain area, will be put back into Music on the Mall.

The third concert is set for Aug. 21. Jensen said he expects the benefits to become regular summer events.

"We're trying to develop a fund that would help support music and local bands," he said. In addition to providing a forum for up and coming musicians, the concerts are designed to help bring vitality to the Downtown Mall.

The three bands will offer the audience very different kinds of music. The Daddies, probably the best-known band in the area, feature a powerful rhythm and horn section and is billed as "Cab Calloway meets David Lynch."

Now William is a quartet that draws inspiration from rock, Celtic music, fusion and even hoedown but emphasizes "danceability" in all their



The Daddies are one of three local bands playing a benefit on the mall this Friday.

songs.

Unshakable Race is a "spiritual/funk/reggae/rock" band.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Food and drinks will be available.

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## BRAND

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"The situation we're in budgetarily is very volatile," he said. "Today's guesses may be no good tomorrow."

He said it will be nearly a year before higher education knows what its new budget will be.

But as part of the preparation plan, Brand said those who would be terminated first are administrative workers, followed by those instructors with one-year contracts, such as adjunct faculty and GTFs.

After those workers, then non tenured faculty would be next in line to go.

When people asked polite questions about who specifically would be let go, Brand gave reassuring answers.

He said he has no way of knowing who will be let go, but would ask the deans of different departments to help him in the process.

He said several times that he expects a small percentage of the 218 people notified will actually lose their jobs, and he emphasized unity.

"We'll find a way to look toward the future," he said.

But not everyone was focusing on the bright

side.

Dianna Kale, an administration officer, holding copies of employment applications for other jobs, said she's nervous about the future.

She said she's been told the layoffs won't be based upon job performance, so that means the decision will come down to management's personal opinions and possible personal grudges.

"Now it's going to be based upon their needs," she said. "Who's going to decide who is needed?"

She also disagreed with how the layoff warnings were handled.

Kale said the notices shouldn't have been sent until the administration knew exactly who to send them to and should have narrowed down the list to be more fair with employees.

"I think it's almost immoral to have (faculty) not be aware of what they're going to do," she said.

Brand defended the way the notices were handled, saying mailing an excessive amount was a "conservative" and necessary step to stay within the law to give fair warning about termination.

But Kale wasn't satisfied with that answer.

"I don't think it's a conservative approach," she said. "It's a radical approach from a faculty's point of view."

## BIKES

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suspended.

This summer, the bikes are back to patrolling 12-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week. Plans call for continuing the patrols as long as weather permits.

Gone are the used mountain bikes purchased for the patrols last summer at an auction. The department has purchased five Raleigh Police Special bikes at a cost of \$750 each.

Officer Derel Schulz, who patrols on a mountain bike, said response from the community has been very positive.

"Every contact we've had has been positive," Schulz said. "It's intimidating to flag an officer down in a police car, but people are flagging us down and coming right up to talk to us."

Fellow bike patrol officer

Tony Veach agreed.

"We've been well-received and we're a lot more approachable," Veach said. "We're hoping to bring people aboard and have them find out that we're normal people."

Schulz said it has also been a morale boost for the officers.

"It's encouraging for us to hear that people are glad that we're around," he said.

Although the focus of the program is on maintaining contact with citizens, the bike patrol has done its share of crime busting. Thus far, the officers have chased and apprehended suspects in a burglary, a purse snatching and a bank robbery.

The purse snatching incident, which occurred at the Albertson's on Coburg Road, underscores the ability of the mountain bikes to go where no police cruiser has gone before.

After taking the purse out of

a shopping cart, the male suspect pedaled his bike from the Albertson's parking lot, across the Ferry Street bridge and onto a bike path, eluding a police cruiser in the process. Police agent Jim Fields, riding a mountain bike, picked up pursuit on the path to the Autzen footbridge. He apprehended the individual after following him into a briar patch.

"They can access areas that are impossible to get a car into" Birr said.

The bikes have also proved particularly useful for getting places in heavy traffic.

"We usually can't get to and fro as fast as cars," Schulz said. "But during peak rush hour we can get to calls as fast or faster than cars."

Birr said the Eugene program is based on successful bike patrols currently up and running in Seattle and Portland.

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