

## Free speech



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**FROM THE PAST:** The Free Speech Platform was erected in 1963 by the Class of 1963 as a place to give speeches outside the EMU Fishbowl. The platform proved popular until it was moved a few feet in 1975 when the walk under the EMU was dug. The move left the Free Speech Platform facing a brick wall of the EMU and its popularity died.

## Group to celebrate year

By Rebecca Merritt  
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For many communities, a cornucopia symbolizes a harvest period, a time when neighbors celebrate victories of the past year.

Following in this tradition, Clergy and Laity will use the cornucopia, a horn-shaped basket overflowing with fruits and flowers, to remember the year's successes and thank its 100 volunteers at a multicultural music festival and silent auction Saturday at the First Congregational Church, 1050 E. 23rd Ave.

"It combines fun and fund raising in the spirit of social justice," said Brian Hoop, event coordinator.

Clergy and Laity Concerned is a religious group that focuses on anti-racism, gay rights and economic-equality issues.

"A lot of our volunteers are progressive students who are concerned about racism and homophobic issues in this area," Hoop said. "CALC has played a major role in organizing efforts to raise awareness of the agenda of the Oregon Citizens Alliance."

During the past year, CALC has worked to educate the community with programs such as Youth For Justice, which offers workshops for social justice issues and develops relationships with youth of color and Communities Against Hate, a program that monitors white supremacist groups.

Hoop said CALC has important ties to the University as three staff members are former students, and the group has scheduled many campus rallies in the past.

CALC is inviting the public to attend its eighth annual Cornu-



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**Brian Hoop, events coordinator for Clergy and Laity Concerned, believes the group's event will combine fun and fund raising.**

cupia Saturday. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with a silent auction. Auction items were donated by local businesses and include Eugene YMCA and gift certificates for local restaurants.

A multicultural program of music, dance and storytelling begins at 7 p.m. Pyramid Breakfast, a Eugene-based jazz, rhythm and blues group, is scheduled to perform, as well as The Feather Dancers, a Native American dance troupe. The Roosevelt Troupe of Tellers, students from Roosevelt Middle School, will tell folk tales from Asia, Africa and South America.

"Each year we try to present at least three ethnic acts from different cultures," Hoop said.

Guests at Cornucopia are served all of the Prince Puckler's ice cream they can eat and are asked to pay a sliding scale donation between \$3 and \$6. Child care will be provided.

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Survival Center members are hoping to start a new group that focuses on wildlife conservation issues. The group will educate the public about endangered species, as well as build an endangered species library, said Bob Beisser, group organizer.

Beisser said the club may

work with video production and cable access to produce educational programs.

The informational meeting begins at 3 p.m. at the Survival Center in Suite 1 of the EMU. For more information, call 346-4356.

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