

Ward 1 candidate Laue backed by mayor, councilors

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Tim Laue, a 21-year resident of Eugene, is backed by Mayor Ruth Bascom and six City Council members in his race for the Ward 1 council seat.

Laue — who didn't consider entering the election until he was approached by Councilor Randy MacDonald and about 40 of his constituents — said he is surprised by this breadth of support. But he is serious about the May 17 election and believes he would work to increase public trust if elected to the council, he said.

Ward 1 includes areas of Southwest Eugene between 22nd and 40th Avenue. MacDonald, the current Ward 1 councilor, is not running for reelection.

A business consultant, Laue said he believes the council can reach many of its goals through well-planned public policy. He identified public safety, the environment and homeless issues as his priorities.

"There's a belief that through public policy we can reach our longer range concerns," Laue said.

Laue supports both measures Eugene residents face in May — including the controversial ban on ozone-depleting products.

"Everyone acknowledged that depletion of the ozone is a problem," Laue said. "Some of the press the measure has gotten from the opposition has been unreasonable."

Despite the opposition's concerns that the measure would be too expensive to implement, Laue said the benefits of the measure outweigh costs. The ozone problem needs to be solved locally, he said.

"It's a viable measure," he said. "Most of the provisions in the measure are already provisions passed on the federal level."

Laue said he strongly favors the second city measure, which would provide funds for a new library, building maintenance and community policy. If the general oblig-

ation bond fails, he said, the council would have to make unwelcome budget decisions.

"The G.O. Bond is a creative way of dealing with facility maintenance," he said.

The city also needs to address homeless and low-income housing needs, Laue said. He favors the Centennial Car Camp but said the camp should rotate locations and he believes the city should be doing more to help the homeless.

"It seems unfortunate that all we can do is fund a car camp that can help the homeless," he said.

Laue said he is in favor of keeping the Amazon housing complex open. The city needs to work with businesses to build more affordable housing, he said.

Laue supports community policing and said he would work to secure a four-minute fire and ambulance response time.

University professors work with American Cancer Society for a cure

By Laurie Bossi
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When thinking of recent discoveries made in cancer research, one might naturally assume that any and all scientific breakthroughs would come from those who had dedicated their life's work to the fight against cancer.

Not so, says University biology professor Dr. Frank Stahl. Apparently, this notion is as mythical as the idea that cancer is contagious.

Then where and from whom do all the advances come from? The American Cancer Society believes the best investment in cancer research is in scientists who conduct basic biological research such as cell reproduction and genetic recombination. In other words, it puts its money into people like Stahl.

Stahl said most of the major breakthroughs in the fight against cancer have

come "very directly, out of the most basic research by people who had no interest in cancer."

Currently, the American Cancer Society sponsors only 30 or 40 scientists around the country through the professorship program. Two of them are at the University. Both Stahl and chemistry professor Dr. Peter Von Hippel hold active professorships with the ACS; thus, they are paid to give up a significant amount of teaching time in order to conduct extensive research in their respective areas.

Indeed, no two professor/researchers with the ACS study exactly the same thing. Stahl, for example, is the only professor in the group who studies genetic recombination.

In addition, every current researcher must reapply for the professorship every five years so that the ACS can evaluate

each person's progress and, in Stahl's words, "make sure that you haven't hopped on a plane to Bermuda."

Such incidences have never happened, however, as the ACS carefully considers each person's experience and quality of research before even inviting them to apply to the program. Nor has Stahl ever heard of anyone who failed to be reinstated, although members who become deans or take other administration-type jobs at their colleges or universities must relinquish their active title.

Becoming part of the ACS professorship program is not easy. Dr. Stahl received his bachelor's degree from Harvard, his doctoral degree from the University of Rochester and did his post-doctoral work at CalTech before coming to the University's Institute of Molecular Biology in 1959. Even so, Stahl had to apply twice before he was finally accept-

ed.

The application process seems so stringent, in fact, that it almost guarantees that those who do succeed in gaining professorships are a very bright and promising group of scientists. The fact that the University has two such individuals on staff (which is more than a few medical schools in the country) furthers the reputation of the pre-med program. It greatly benefits students as well, since it affords special opportunities for research not available to the average pre-med student at another school.

As for Stahl, the reason he chose to come to the University was a simple one. He thought Eugene was the perfect place to raise his children and believed that there was "no better time to go to a place that is taking off and has promise."

Tiny nonprofit publisher for blind readers takes on U.S. Postal Service



SALEM (AP) — Carol McCarl might call it blind justice.

McCarl is editor and publisher of Brindskills Inc., a small nonprofit company that issues magazines in braille, audio and large-size type for blind and vision-impaired readers.

Her company battled the U.S. Postal Service and won over a special rate for such publications.

McCarl said her victory over the Goliath government agency sets the course for any group that mails books, magazines or other free literature to blind people.

Brindskills publishes the quarterly magazines *Dialogue* and *Lifeprints*. McCarl, who is blind herself, said the magazines, which have 1,439 subscribers, "take away just a bit of dependency on sighted people."

Under postal regulations, companies such as Brindskills may mail certain materials for free. The mailings are autho-

rized by Congress and subsidized directly by U.S. taxpayers — not postal rates.

Brindskills, which employs just a few part-time workers and volunteers, would have to shut down without the free mailing privilege, McCarl said.

The trouble began when she included a subscription form with one of the issues, she said.

The Postal Service considered the form advertising and declared that Brindskills was ineligible for free-mailing privileges. It also issued a bill for postage due —

\$42,636 for the past three years, or \$14,212 a year.

Postal officials finally ruled in Brindskills' favor, according to a letter dated March 4 and signed by Linda Deaktor, manager of the Postal Service Rates and Classification Service Center in San Bruno, Calif.

"Up until this particular case, a subscription request could be considered as advertising," Deaktor said. "It wasn't that this was considered advertising. It's just that there was no ruling on it."

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