

LETTERS

**Festive clarification**

After reading Maureen Lynch's letter (ODE, May 16), we feel that a few things need to be explained.

The Willamette Valley Folk Festival is a free concert supported primarily by student fees. The rest of the funding comes from money raised through both craft and food booths as well as donations from the community. It provides an entertaining weekend of diverse music for University students and others from all over the region.

As with all festivals I have attended and worked at, there is a charge for booth space and vending passes. These prices are reasonable at \$25 a day for a booth and \$10 a day for a strolling vendor pass.

Out of respect for those who paid for a booth space and our patrons watching the show, people with strolling vendor passes are asked to keep moving.

Lynch's claim that only "established companies" will be

able to participate is simply not true. Most of the vendors participating in this year's festival make and sell their own crafts. They are the Saturday market type vendors who rely on this event and others to put food on the table.

While there are more local vendors than student vendors, the application process was open and several students will be selling at the festival.

We are sorry that Lynch decided not to participate. We hope she went to the festival anyway and helped us celebrate the 26th year of this great event.

**Melissa Stevens**  
Pre-journalism  
**Dondi Tondro**  
Undeclared  
WVFF Craft Fair coordinators

**Needed a clone**

Please accept my apology for not attending last week's Mayoral Debate in the EMU. I had been looking forward to participating in the debate.

Late Monday evening, May 13, the decision was made to submit final recommendations to the City Budget Committee for adjustments in the city manager proposed FY-97 City Budget.

Of major concern to me at that budget committee meeting were the funding issues relating to the permanent funding of the Rapid Deployment Unit (street crimes unit) and the Safer Schools Program in various Eugene high schools.


I recognize the importance of the mayor's debate. However, my first responsibility as an elected City Council member is to participate in City Budget Committee deliberations.

In the event that anyone wishes to contact me with a question, please call me at 683-6063, and I will return your call within 24 hours. Thank you for being concerned enough to hold a debate for mayoral candidates.

**Jim Torrey**  
candidate for Eugene mayor

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