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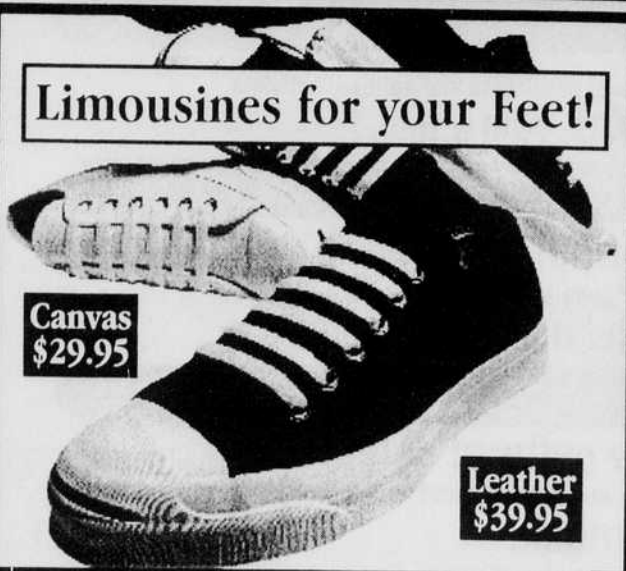
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dealing with pending and recent legislation. The Defense of Marriage Act has certainly sparked an interest," she said of recent legislation that allows states to refuse to recognize same-sex marriages. "This isn't just an issue for LGBT. If the rights of one group are threatened, so are the rights of others."

A speech by political strategist and organizer David Mixner helps open the symposium tonight in Gerlinger Lounge at 7 p.m.

Mixner, who has advised each sitting president since Lyndon Johnson, will discuss the relationship between political processes and individual rights.

"As much of a political junkie that I am, I really didn't know who he was," Symposium Co-Chairman Brain Moore said.

However, after seeing Mixner on various news programs and hearing of his recent bestseller, "Stranger Among Friends," Moore said he became interested in such an influential voice in American politics.

"I became fascinated by him," he said. "I saw him speak in Portland, and he was so inspirational. For days and days afterwards, I was thinking about the things he had talked about."

A panel of local candidates and political activists will discuss the political debate about family and marriage on Thursday. Carnahan said it is no mistake the symposium is taking place so close to election time.

"The scheduling was somewhat intentional," she said. "We knew people would be going to the polls. We didn't want [the conference] too far or too close to elections not to make a difference."

Rubberneck, a Portland band, will help cap off the symposium Friday in the EMU Dining Room. Moore said the evening's celebration will carry a two fold purpose.

"It's definitely a celebration of the diversity of family and its broadening definition," he said. "But it's also an opportunity for students and the community to network. It's a chance for students to get plugged in and involved."

INTERSEXIONS

■ **WEDNESDAY, 7 P.M.:**

Keynote address by political activist David Mixner, Gerlinger Lounge

■ **THURSDAY, 7 P.M.:**

A panel of local candidates will address what they see as the benefits and dangers of the current definitions of family and marriage, EMU Fir Room

■ **FRIDAY, 3 P.M.:** A panel of "alternative" families will meet, EMU Ben Linder Forum

■ **FRIDAY, 4:30-7 P.M.:** The Queer Family Celebration, featuring the Portland band, Rubberneck, EMU Dining Room

College: LCC works closely with UO transfers

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that transfer students don't get... A lot of transfer students feel isolated and lonely," said Shigeoka, director of the ASUO Women's Center.

Transfer students expressed their concerns Monday at an informal gathering sponsored by the Women's Center in the EMU's Ben Linder Forum. The most pronounced problem was the difficulty they found in connecting with people on campus, many said.

The Women's Center will hold another gathering today at 3 p.m. in the Ben Linder Forum, Shigeoka said. Representatives from various departments will be present.

The purpose of this event is twofold, she said.

"It provides a safe environment for transfer students to address their concerns [to various college representatives], and it helps transfer students get to know each other so they can give each other support and help each other succeed," Shigeoka said.

One of the many participants at the event, the Office of Orientation, has just added two new programs. One is an e-mail account for answering questions. The other is "FallOU," a program where students call new students to ask

HOW TO MAKE CONNECTIONS

- Read the *Emerald* regularly.
- Work on the University campus.
- Read bulletin boards.
- Make small talk whenever possible.
- Take classes with discussion sessions.
- Attend campus events.
- Join a club or group.
- Visit professors during office hours.
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- Visit department peer advisors.

how they are doing academically, emotionally, socially and economically, she said.

One way that the University and Lane Community College, the University's greatest source of transfers, are assisting transfer students is by offering a class called the UO Transfer Class, said Donna Wong from Academic Learning Services in Prince Lucien Campbell.

"We prepare students for the differences between the two campuses and provide some tools and information which will help them cope and be successful once

they get to the university," said David Croft, University instructor and co-instructor for the transfer class.

"The UO is the largest of LCC's transition partners, so it makes sense that we would work jointly to offer students a bridge between the two learning communities," said Linda Fossen, LCC's vice president for student services. "The bottom line is that we are promoting success for our students."

"Our overarching plan is that everybody improve every aspect of articulation," Christensen said. "This will create a barrier-free solution to transition."

Improvements include three programs Pitts said have successfully increased the number of transfer students. They are the Oregon associate of arts transfer degree created in 1990, the University transfer equivalencies being shown on the World Wide Web and the automated transfer articulation system for evaluating a student course work and progress.

Educators say their end goal is to create a system where transfer students can transfer more easily, complete their degrees more quickly and develop strong leadership skills.

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The Office of Academic Advising and Student Services is sponsoring Medical and Dental School Interview Workshops today at 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. These workshops will take place at 164 Oregon Hall. For more information, call 346-3211.

There will be a Reform Party Information/Organization Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Century A in the EMU. For more information, call 344-3168 and ask for Matthew or Jim.

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