

## L-A-W sponsors poster contest

A T-shirt and poster design contest offers a \$100 cash prize, two T-shirts, two posters and a free conference registration to the annual Land Air Water International Public Interest Environmental Law (L-A-W) Conference to the winning design. The winning design will be chosen by L-A-W members.

All entries can be submitted to Beth Englander at the L-A-W office in the University Law Annex along with a separate sheet of paper including name, address and phone number. The artwork itself should not be signed. The deadline for en-

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tries is Jan. 24. If questions, call 346-3828.

### Women's Center to hold student chat

The ASUO Women's Center is sponsoring a chat session for students new to the University at 5:00 p.m. today in the EMU Ben Linder Room. The purpose of the group is to aid students by answering questions and comments as well as facilitating a discussion relating to University life.

# EMU: Footnotes may have to relocate

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Committee member Karen Logvin replied, "I don't think it should be the role of the house committee to decide the quality of day care, it is our role to determine the most effective use of a limited and crowded space." The committee decided to let the EMU board judge the quality of the day care.

Footnotes was also asked to assess its organizations importance to the campus community. Students are being asked to sign a petition in the Footnotes office so that the organization can show

the board how many students use Footnotes services, said Footnotes employee Kristin King.

Although Footnotes would like to keep its current office space, there have been talks about moving the office to the University of Oregon Bookstore or separating Footnotes into 2 offices. Moving Footnotes to the bookstore wouldn't work, said King. "Our schedules don't jive; they are busy when we are busy and there just isn't enough room."

"We have been in the EMU for over twenty years. We feel like we belong in the EMU, and I'm

more than disappointed that we are being asked to explain ourselves," King said. Footnotes would have to raise its prices and possibly close down if it cannot be assured a space in August when the Footnotes office lease expires, said King.

EMU Assistant Director Frank Geltner said that the EMU House Committee was still in its "fact finding stage" and nothing has been decided about Footnotes at all. "Things move at a snail's pace around here," Geltner said. EMU Director Dusty Miller was unavailable for comment.

# Budget: Public health to be high priority

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budgets. The short-term strategy provides time for the Council to make long-term decisions.

Measure 47 reduces property taxes to whichever is lower between 1994 levels or 1995 levels minus 10 percent, along with limiting future tax increases to 3 percent.

Inherent to Council's long-term plans is the use of community discussion in the defining of core services to be provided. Discussions could range from community forums to sample surveys.

"If you strip everything away and you get down to the point where you are providing services that are almost solely dedicated to the public health and safety, services that cannot be provided by the private sector or the community," Laue said, "what are those? What do they look like? And if we were to add up what they cost currently, how much would that come to?"

The council will be using a ranked system on a four-to-one ratio, with four being of the highest priority and one being a convenience. Laue said items such as public health and safety would receive a four while items such as the Eugene Celebration would receive a one.

"I'd like to make it clear that a lot of the services that are amenities that we provide to this community are directly related to what we value in this community and the quality of life," Laue said. "I think it's unavoidable to say that the quality of life will not diminish in the community."

The first short-term action the council took, was to join a coalition of Oregon cities Dec. 3 in challenging the validity of Ballot Measure 47.

"We felt that because the measure failed 2-1 in the city of Eugene, we had a reasonable jurisdiction to express the concern of the community," Laue said.

Laue explained the three themes in the city's argument: that Measure 47 violates the single-subject rule of constitutional amendments; that the measure is a revision to the Oregon constitution instead of an amendment (revisions can only be initiated by the legislature); and it eliminates the home rule of the constitution, a clause that allows counties to run government as they wish as long as they don't violate the Oregon constitution.

"I want to know that somebody can tell this city and its citizens what services they can have and how they can pay for them," Torrey said. "If we just give up the home-rule argument, then we have done a disservice to our community."

Along with the wait from the court decision, the council must also wait for the Oregon Legislature's confirmation on definitions of what "public safety and education" services mean as well as how lost tax revenue will be budgeted among cities, counties and schools.

"We are being asked by law to have a balanced budget by the first of July," Torrey said. "I will be surprised that the legislature has completed their work on this measure by the first of July."

# Discussion: Student survey could lead to solution

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closer look reveals that Asian-Americans make up the largest group of minorities on campuses, Clark said. African-Americans, American Indians and Hispanic/Latinos together make up six percent of all seven universities enrollment, and are thus considered underrepresented minorities, Clark said.

Lewis said the lack of African-Americans in state universities is often overlooked and needs to be addressed in terms of fostering an environment where students of any color feel welcome. He gave the example of Governor John Kitzhaber personally holding himself accountable for improving the quality of life for minorities, an action Lewis said needs to happen more due to the inconsistent numbers of minorities enrolled in state universities.

"Open your eyes — look at any

campus in the state — we're not there, and it's not because we lack the qualifications," Lewis said.

Most African-American youths said they wanted to leave Oregon to further their education when asked about college plans in a 1993 study, Lewis said.

The chancellor's office awarded funds to Oregon campuses to be used for attracting minorities to the University. The University created incentives like the Laurel scholarship and Underrepresented Minority Achievement Scholarship (UMAS) with the allocated money.

The chancellor's office recently passed the Faculty Diversity Initiative, which allows \$500,000 annual incentive for hiring minority faculty members and graduate teaching fellows. Clark said the University has made considerable progress in creating a more diverse campus. However, she is frustrat-

ed because she considers the rate of progress too slow.

One step toward a solution discussed at the forum was a survey in which 5000 students will comment on the climate of the campus. The panel agreed that the University needs to ask minority students why they leave. "A lot of students come here with great ideas, and I don't think we ask them questions," said Lewis.

Another point referred to in brief by one panelist was the apparent lack of involvement in commemorating Dr. King's birthday — approximately 75 people were at the celebration yesterday in the Ballroom.

"Look at all these chairs, and how empty they are," Lewis said after the presentation. "If the University wants students to foster diversity on campus, then why have an event like this during class times?" Lewis asked.

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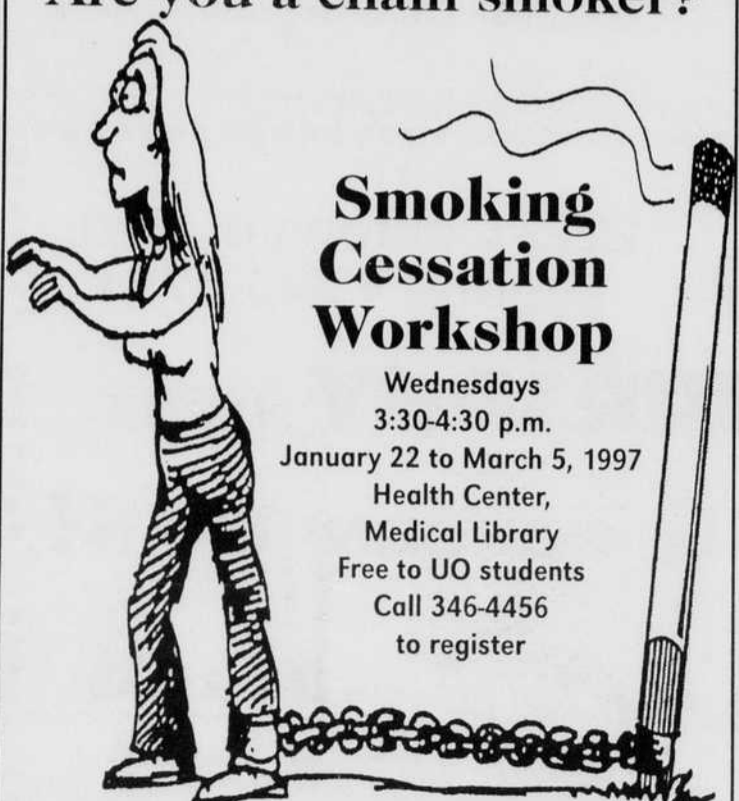
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