

Food for Lane County settles into new location

■ A new warehouse expands the capabilities of Oregon's second-largest food bank, here in Eugene

By Sara Lieberth
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Less than a week after Oregon State University released "A Portrait of Poverty in Oregon," which highlighted hunger and poverty as blossoming statewide problems, the state's second-largest regional food bank held an open house for its new, expanded facility in Eugene — helping to prove the point.

Food for Lane County, which annually distributes over 3 million pounds of food to nearly 200,000 people, had outgrown its previous location in the Whiteaker district and is now settled in a gigantic warehouse at 770 Bailey Hill Rd.

Saturday's dedication ceremony marked the end of FFLC's two-year building finance campaign, No Room For Hunger, which successfully collected donations from both individuals and local organizations.

"This is a wonderful, giving community," FFLC Founder and Executive Director Caroline Frengle said. "Things aren't as

they should be, but now we have the facility and commitment from the community to do something really big about it."

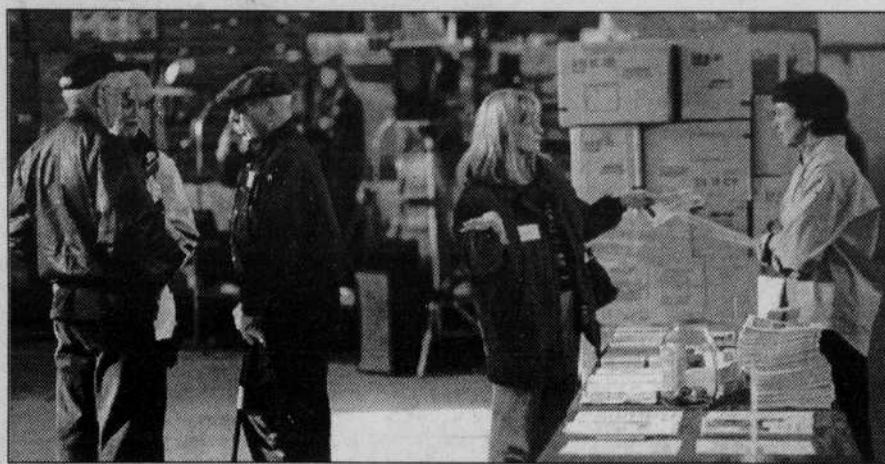
Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-Eug.) addressed the crowd of several hundred and congratulated the broad community effort that helped make the new building possible.

"I don't believe the solutions are going to come down to us from Washington, or Salem or even city hall," he said. "The people at the grassroots will do more than all the grand speeches and all the great promises that come from politicians."

Citing an "unfair distribution of resources," DeFazio detailed a number of statistics, including the fact that 20 percent of children in the United States live in poverty and that 25 percent go hungry. He noted that last year alone Lane County received 161,000 requests for emergency food assistance, and some 500,000 meals were served to school-aged children.

OSU's Extension Service report indicated that the need for food and emergency assistance in Oregon is steadily increasing in recent years.

"It's at least partially because there's



Mae and Neil Quigly speak with Henry Stackhouse (left) during the open house for Food for Lane County.

been so much pressure on public agencies to get people off welfare and because of cutbacks in food stamps for illegal aliens and single people," said Jerry Tippens, chair of the Oregon Food Bank's board of directors.

Food for Lane County is a member of the larger statewide food bank network and

also works with 65 local social service agencies running food-box distribution sites, soup kitchens, shelters, foster-care programs and halfway houses.

To find out about volunteer opportunities that address hunger in the county, call 343-2822.

Oregon Alumni Association gives \$95,000 for improvements

■ The association gives the funds to improve computers in Agate Hall

By Serena Markstrom
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The Oregon Alumni Association passed two motions at its winter Board of Directors meeting Saturday in the mock courtroom of the William W. Knight Law Center.

The first motion was to approve a draft version of the Alumni Association's sponsorship philosophy. The philosophy states that sponsorship dollars will not compromise program objectives. It also mandates that language used

in advertising or promoting sponsored events will be preapproved by the Alumni Association.

With the second motion the Alumni Association allocated \$95,000 for improving its facilities in Agate Hall. Half of the money will go to buying new computer equipment.

Duncan McDonald, vice president for public affairs and development, presented a strategic plan that outlines the association's goals and objectives for the years 2000-2004.

"This is a time for reflection, but it is also a time to look ahead," McDonald said.

McDonald addressed faculty

compensation issues discussed in The Oregonian's three-part series titled "Majoring in Mediocrity," which has offended some administrators.

The University is mediocre in funding, not performance, he said.

After the association president and executive director gave reports, each of the committee chairs gave reports.

The Advocacy Committee will be launching efforts to oppose Bill Sizemore's anticipated initiative.

"Friends don't let friends sign destructive initiatives," said Mary Jubitz, committee chair.

During the Budget and Finance Committee report the board toast-

ed, with empty commemorative Sun Bowl champagne glasses, to a recent victory in a lawsuit against the Internal Revenue Service.

Ernie Kent, University alumnus and men's basketball coach, made a visit before committee reports were completed. Kent spoke of his coaching philosophy and of team-building and bonding activities the team does before and during the season.

One board member, who is a psychologist, praised Kent's holistic approach to coaching and his role as a parent and a teacher, saying it is what our youth need today.

"Our success this year has to do with everything we do behind the

scenes," Kent said.

The board gave Kent a standing ovation and then continued with the committee reports.

University Senate President Peter Gilkey said in his report, "the Alumni Association is one of the more pleasant things that has happened to me this year," in reference to recent challenges the senate has faced in increasing faculty compensation.

Though the faculty compensation issue has been challenging, Gilkey remains positive. "If it sounds like I'm being optimistic and upbeat about the University, it's because I am," he said.

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