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## AIDS

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groups, which usually include people who engage in risky behavior.

Risky behavior includes having unprotected sex with multiple partners and sharing needles through intravenous drug use. For some, it is too embarrassing to admit they are putting themselves in danger of contracting the virus, and therefore, they don't get tested.

HIV Alliance executive director Diane Lang Brissenden, who has been with the alliance for five months, said free, confidential testing is one of the most important services provided. Sometimes, however, convincing those who fall into the "high risk" category to get tested can be difficult.

"Providing HIV education is easier because you can directly talk to a group of people," Brissenden said. "Prevention and testing, however, require being out there with the population and trying to make them aware of their risky behavior."

That's why HIV Alliance offers a location where the Lane County Public Health Department can conduct confidential testing. "To go to a family doctor and say you're engaging in risky behavior is just too hard for some," Brissenden said.

Marc Miller, an HIV prevention specialist for Lane County Public Health, said the department provides HIV testing at its own agency as well as at the HIV Alliance.

Miller said Lane County Public

Health also provides treatment and community outreach programs for HIV and AIDS patients. Other agencies that provide HIV testing include the White Bird Clinic, Planned Parenthood, and the organization New Roads, which tests through its Looking Glass program. Looking Glass deals specifically with high-risk adolescents.

Other prevention services the HIV Alliance provides include a needle exchange, where intravenous drug users can exchange their used needles for clean ones. The exchange is an effort to get infected needles off the street and lower the number of pediatric AIDS cases, which include babies born with the virus. There is also a Latino Outreach project, which is the first program offered in Spanish. Past World AIDS Day events in Eugene were intended solely for HIV victims and their friends and relatives, but this year's event will be open to the public, Habetler said. The HIV Alliance's event will be held in the Hult Center Lobby from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will include several speakers, including Brissenden and Cascade AIDS Project Volunteer Coordinator Rose Colborn.

Colborn will be focusing on the global AIDS problem and referring to her outreach experience in Russia. Brissenden will be focusing on the local AIDS problem. A statement made by U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Eugene, will also be read.

After the speakers, the ceremony will move outside for a candle lighting and a reading of the names of

## Events for World AIDS Day

• The HIV Alliance will be hosting a free event at the Hult Center, located at Seventh Street and Willamette Street, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event will include speakers and a reading of names of those who have died of AIDS and HIV. Refreshments will be provided.

• The HIV Alliance will be wrapping gifts at Barnes & Noble, located at 1163 Valley River Drive, on Friday, Dec. 1. Wrapping is free, with monetary donations accepted.

• The Lane County Public Health Department has set up a display featuring past World AIDS Day posters. The display is located in the Public Service Building, 125 E. 8th Ave. in Eugene, and is open for public viewing Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., through December.

those who have died of the AIDS virus. Students from Roosevelt Middle School will be ringing bells before the names are read.

The HIV Alliance doesn't get a list of names to read, but rather takes names that are sent to them from the community.

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## Election

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fronts to slow the process, knowing that electors must be named to the Electoral College by Dec. 12.

Judge Sauls gave officials of Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties until 5 p.m. Friday to complete the ballot transfer, rejecting Gore's request to have the disputed ballots that the vice president wants recounted shipped earlier to save time. Palm Beach said it could ship all its ballots on Thursday.

Behind closed doors in Washington, both sides' lawyers worked to prepare for arguments Friday before the U.S. Supreme Court.

After hours of debate by advisers Tuesday night and Wednesday, Gore authorized the appeal to the Florida Supreme Court that would ask the justices to order the immediate recounting of disputed ballots.

Democratic officials said their appeal would ask the high court to either supervise and direct the counting of ballots itself or order Sauls to begin doing so immediately.

The Democrats hope there will be enough additional Gore votes to overcome Bush's slim lead.

In appealing directly to the Florida high court, Gore returns to the venue that gave him one of his biggest victories in his uphill battle to win the presidency through the courts. Earlier this month, the officially nonpartisan seven state justices, all selected by Democrats, overruled Florida's Republican secretary of state and allowed manual recounting in a few counties to continue for 12 days beyond the original deadline. That extra tallying brought Gore to within 537 votes of his Republican rival.

Democrats also maneuvered in two other Florida counties that lean Republican where election officials have acknowledged they allowed absentee ballots to be amended.

In Martin County, election supervisor Peggy Robbins said she had given permission for a Republican Party official to remove from her office "several hundred" incomplete absentee ballot applications sent by GOP voters. The official returned

them filled out with corrected voter identification numbers and other information, said Robbins, a Republican.

In a similar case in Seminole County, a Democratic supporter has sued over the GOP handling of absentee ballot applications.

Terry Young, the attorney for the Seminole County election supervisor, suggested he might want to question Gore as part of the litigation and asked why Democrats were trying to throw out some 15,000 ballots after arguing every ballot in the state needed to be counted.

"Isn't that contrary to what Al Gore said the other night about every vote should count? In this case, they're trying to silence democracy," Young said.

Gore replied on CNN: "If the ballots for one party were illegally changed and fixed, and the ballots from the other party that didn't have that information were rejected and thrown away, that doesn't seem fair to me."

## Senate

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Sen. Serene Khader moved to approve the request by saying the Senate had already set a precedent by approving the other two benchmarks.

"Of the three [committees], programming is the most important to me," she said.

The ADFC's request of a 5 per-

cent increase passed unanimously by the senators, but the ADFC and the athletic department have not completely agreed on that number.

The athletic department was asking for an additional \$131,000 this year — a 12 percent increase. With a 5 percent increase in the ADFC's budget, it will get about \$52,000 more, which leaves about \$80,000 the Senate must supply in order to meet their demands.

To keep the money from coming

out of the incidental fee, Greenough said, the Senate is searching for other resources to offset the cost. Options discussed have been setting aside a number of season tickets in the front rows that students can purchase, or making students pay for pre-season games.

In other business, Sen. Lindsey McLean resigned from her position because she is leaving the University.

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