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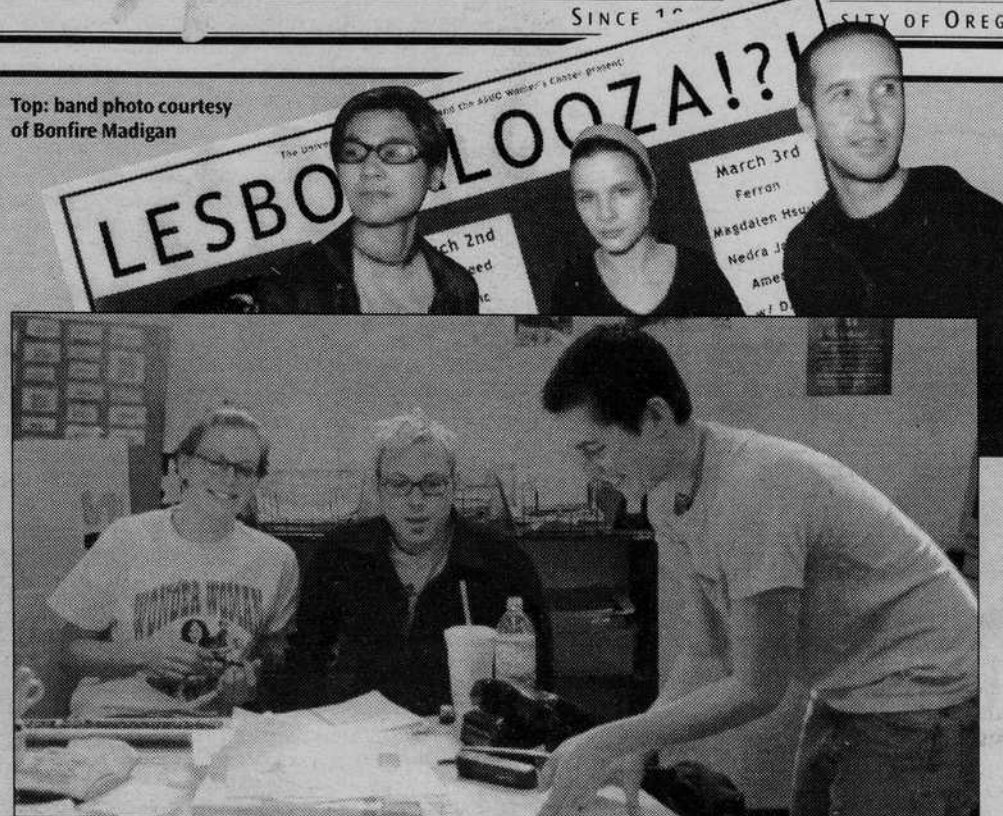
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Top: band photo courtesy of Bonfire Madigan



Gabbie Hendel, Brice Terrible and Hedi Frieders take care of office business as they prepare for Lesbopalooza. **Chrystal McConnell Emerald**

## LGBTQA to host Lesbopalooza

■ This year's two-day Lesbopalooza will include band performances, fire dancing and a Tupperware party

By Lisa Toth  
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Gabbie Hendel, the current co-director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Alliance, has given extensive time and energy to plan Lesbopalooza, the group's main event for the term. But this will be the last event Hendel plans before she graduates.

Hendel said she hopes to leave her position in capable hands — someone who is motivated and creative, and willing to sacrifice his or her time to benefit the most organized queer program in Eugene.

"We are looking for someone willing to continue working on making this an open space where anyone feels welcome," Hendel said. "I think that

our staff is very homogenous, and I'd like to see more diversity on our staff."

Hedi Frieders, Hendel's girlfriend, said the staff, including the new co-director, needs to work to put on enough events for the whole community, not just lesbian events.

The LGBTQA provides services to the University, including referrals, social, political and educational events, and runs a lending library that keeps the staff up-to-date on various events and issues.

But for now, Hendel said she is putting in more than 45 hours a week planning Lesbopalooza for Friday and Saturday. This year, instead of a day-long event, Hendel said performances will be broken into two nights to accommodate the more than 600 people expected to attend.

"The purpose of [Lesbopalooza] is to bring the University of Oregon, the Northwest and Eugene an unprecedented cultural event," Hendel said.

Hendel said the "two dazzling nights of cultural  
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## Guild solicits action from R-G subscribers

■ The Eugene Newspaper Guild urged The Register-Guard's subscribers to cancel their subscriptions as a show of support

By Aaron K. Breniman  
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Escalating its long-running contract dispute with management of The Register-Guard, the Eugene Newspaper Guild has issued a call to action for the paper's subscribers: Cancel subscriptions.

Foreshadowing the contract negotiations that will resume this week, the guild asked subscribers to call the paper and cancel subscriptions Tuesday to show community support for the guild. And to prevent permanent damage to the paper's circulation base, the guild requested those canceling subscriptions to call back Friday to restart delivery, a guild release stated.

Eugene Newspaper Guild President Suzi Prozanski, who is also a copy editor at The Register-Guard, said that as of Tuesday afternoon about 300 people had contacted the guild to cancel subscriptions for the week.

Newspaper management doesn't "want to know how much community support we have," Prozanski said. "And believe me, we have a lot."

Publisher Tony Baker failed to return numerous calls from the Emerald, and Cynthia Walden, director of human resources at The Register-Guard, declined to discuss contract issues.

"I'm not prepared to answer any questions regarding this at this time," she said.

"We're going to handle this at the bargaining table, not in the media."

The Register-Guard's circulation department failed to return calls by the Emerald requesting statistical information on cancelled subscriptions for the day.

The guild is made up of about 150 employees at The Register-Guard, including reporters, retail and classified advertising personnel, and workers in the circulation department, among others. Many members of the guild passed out fliers to friends and supporters asking them to cancel subscriptions.

Tuesday's newspapers in The Register-Guard news boxes throughout Eugene were wrapped in a dummy front page criticizing the newspaper's management in several satirical headlines and articles. "Contract Now" was typed in thick black letters over the Register-Guard masthead, and "Local Newspaper Gets Greedy" was the lead story of the dummy page.

While Prozanski said this was not a direct action of the guild, she assumed that the dummy covers were placed on the newspapers by a group supporting the guild's efforts.

Much of the guild's frustration has resulted from the dramatic changes in contract wording that have occurred in recent years. The Register-Guard hired Zinser

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## OSPIRG stays on ballot despite illegal postering

■ But campaign publicity issues still face the Elections Board as it investigates a grievance against Executive candidate Bret Jacobson

By Jeremy Lang  
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The ASUO Elections Board reprimanded the OSPIRG campaign Tuesday for improper postering, but the group's budget measure will remain on the general election ballot.

The board is still investigating a grievance filed late Tuesday by vice presidential candidate Jeff Oliver against presidential candidate Bret Jacobson, however, and the board hopes to have a decision late today.

Bill Beutler, a member of the Honesty campaign, filed the OSPIRG grievance, a move that is the latest in a string of accusations of improper postering or posters being torn down by rival campaigns.

In the grievance, Beutler asked the board to remove OSPIRG from the ballot for the March 5-8 general election.

Instead, the board created a new "three strikes" policy for groups found breaking elections rules with their poster use. First offenders such as OSPIRG will receive a verbal warning, and a second offense will require campaigners to remove all posters and give them to the board, but allow them to then place new posters.

Elections Coordinator Shantell Rice

said the consequences of a third offense would be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Allegations of improper poster use "come up every year," Rice said. "Someone has a grievance about it."

In his grievance, Beutler said identical OSPIRG posters appeared on the bulletin board outside Chapman Hall, a popular spot on campus for campaign posters and advertisements.

Elections rules limit each campaign to one visible poster per bulletin board.

Rice said the violation required action but wasn't severe enough to remove OSPIRG completely from the ballot.

Beutler called the decision a partial victory because the board agreed that OSPIRG broke elections rules, but he's not sure whether he will pursue his effort to remove the group from the ballot.

"I'll be interested to see if OSPIRG will clean up its behavior," he said.

Voters will decide in the general election whether to approve OSPIRG's budget for next year at a total of \$144,426, or about \$2.88 per student per term.

OSPIRG opponents disapprove of how the group sends a portion of its student funds off campus and also uses student

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## City Council affords WISTEC new hope of staying open

■ The Eugene city manager will assist the museum with negotiations to acquire its land and building leases

By Lindsay Buchele  
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The Willamette Science and Technology Center determined Monday it will likely be able to remain open, despite initial fears that the museum would be forced to close.

City Manager Jim Johnson gained unanimous approval Monday night from the Eugene City Council to help WISTEC work toward acquiring its land and building leases, which are both owned by the city.

Johnson said the council's decision acknowledges the work WISTEC and the city manager are doing and gives the organization the blessing to continue.

"They've given me the authority to negotiate the transfer of the building lease and the land lease and to do it in the best public interest," Johnson said.

This is imperative to the museum, said Meg Trender, WISTEC executive director.

"Acquiring our lease would give us a form of collateral," Trender said. "Before businesses will invest in us and support our programs, we have to prove that we're going to be around."

Trender said by acquiring both leases, the non-profit museum can prove to investors that it has every intention of putting donations to good use.

WISTEC's existence was threatened after the council voted in January to let the University use the parking lot adjacent to Autzen Stadium, from which WISTEC created parking revenues, for a bus transit center. The transit center is part of the expansion plan for Autzen, which would otherwise re-

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