

UO offers new HIV services

Two University students are leading the HIV Alliance programs, which will reach out to Lane County residents

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University students Jonathan Livingston and Renee Yandel have been selected to help run two new HIV Alliance programs that will reach out to more Lane County residents who are considered at-risk for contracting HIV.

Yandel, who is coordinating a pilot project called HIV Prevention Case Management, said she and six other volunteers will be providing counseling services to people they meet during the HIV Alliance needle exchanges, various outreach programs and testing services.

"Right now, we only get to talk to people for about three minutes when they take part in one of our programs," Yandel said. "This is a great opportunity for us to spend more time with our at-risk clients."

Those who fall in an at-risk category for HIV include everyone from injection drug users to youth and people of color, said HIV Alliance spokeswoman Leslie Habetler.



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Lane County is one of three counties throughout Oregon to receive a portion of a \$50,000 grant to conduct the HIV Prevention Case Management, Habetler said.

Livingston, who also works for Gay-Bi Outreach, will be helping with the HIV Counseling and Testing Services. This program will allow for anonymous or confidential youth testing in various locations throughout Lane County.

"It's very difficult to get tested when there is so much stigma surrounding HIV," Livingston said. "We're providing a comfort-

able place for at-risk youth to be tested."

Kelly Moore, who will be coordinating the counseling program, said people who were previously tested are not among those who fall into the at-risk category. Those who do fall into the category have a lack of trust, she said.

"We decided to go to them," Moore said. "We have to go to where we can reach



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people."

Similar to the Prevention Case Management, the Counseling and Testing Services will only be for people who are referred through the other HIV Alliance programs.

"This is not just a way to get results on who has HIV," Moore said. "It's also so we can do prevention."

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Antique stores often carry older versions of new styles, such as Fire-King dinnerware, she said. When Martha Stewart brought out Jadeite and Fiesta, two brightly colored styles of dishes and glassware, Paladijczuk said it boosted the prices of the classic originals.

Paladijczuk said finding the right item can be a hit-and-miss process, but visiting a variety of shops can give a buyer a large selection.

"You can have fun things and have it not cost you an arm and a leg," she said.

Paladijczuk said she enjoys her line of work, especially when she can supply customers with what they are looking for.

"The people are fun," she said. "They come in, and when they buy something, they usually love it."

As Cindy Beane, originally from Huntington Beach, Calif., admired a patriotic birdhouse at Glory Day's Antique Mall on Saturday, she said she was actually searching only for ashtrays. Beane said she wants to display her ashtray collection once she and her husband move from their trailer to a house and once she stops smoking.

"I'm going to quit here any day," she said.

The sound of waterfalls and the smell of orange rinds, scented-candles, spices and potpourri greet visitors to Ruthie B's Antiques, an antique store and tea house at 100 Main St. in Springfield, which was a bordello in the 1930s.

"It reminds me of walking into my grandmother's home, and it smells ... like home," said Brandy Brown, of Springfield, as she browsed through the upstairs attic of the house, which is loaded with children's toys, suitcases and relics of the past.


Complementary lattes and the opportunity to dress up in brightly-colored boas and hats are also part of the experience.

Ruth Ballenger, who has owned and operated Ruthie B's with the help of Jessica French and 12 other employees for 10 years, said visitors should "be ready for a party."

"I love the fact that people come in and we make them happy," French said.

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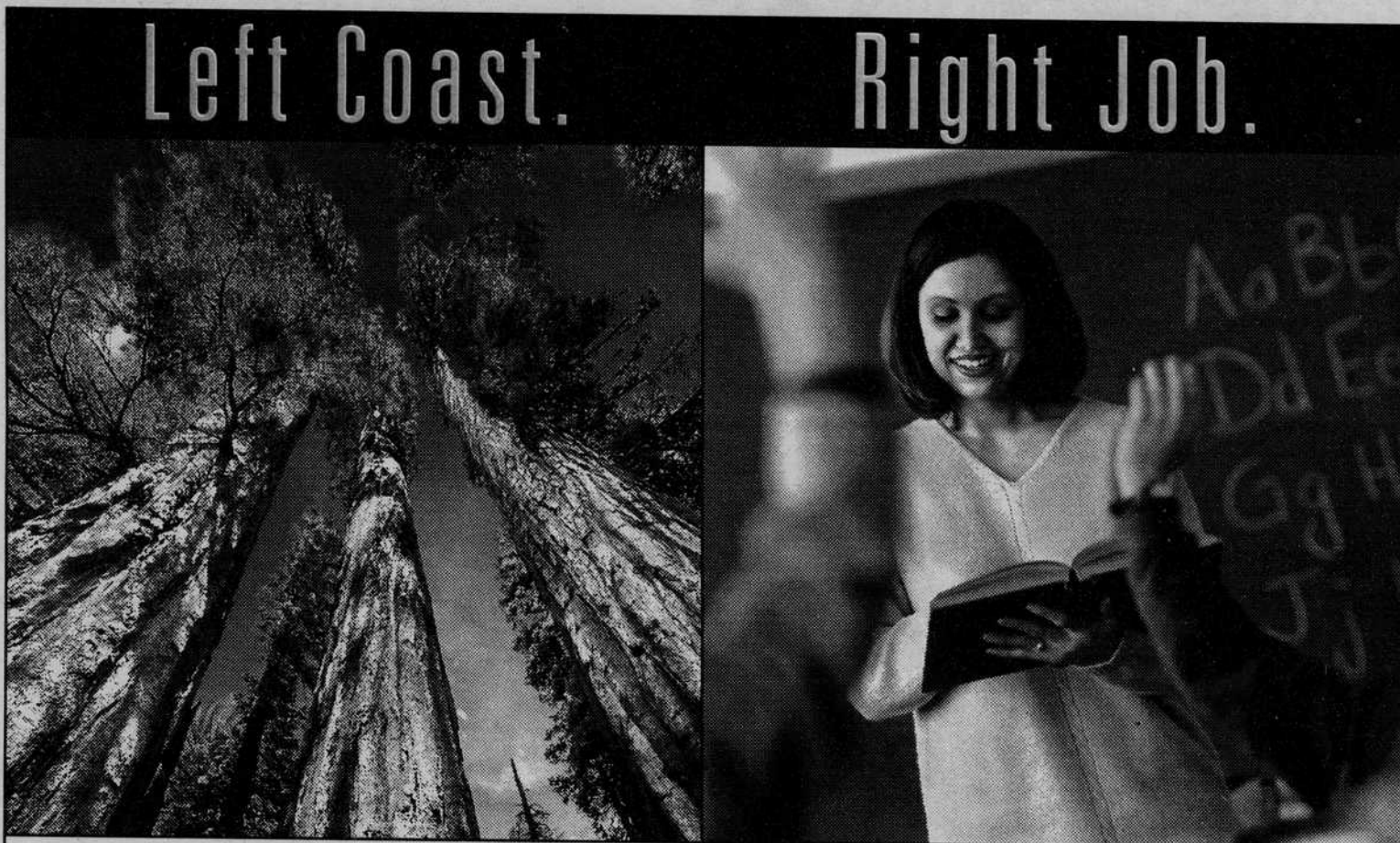
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