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income schools, promising students money for college, which is sometimes yanked within the fine print. She compared this practice to an "economic draft" for students with fewer options after high school.



Aloha High School students Lauren Smith and Bryant Kryck march to the military recruiting office on Northeast Broadway.

The organization prepared a draft resolution, asking that recruiters' presence be limited to scheduled, supervised visits; that recruiters be forbidden from bringing weapons, Humvees or other military equipment into schools; and that recruiters steer clear of grade schools and middle schools.

Portland Public Schools had fought the military's presence in schools because of its practice of excluding gays and lesbians, Neary explained. That stance was squelched when federal No Child Left Behind standards threatened funding cuts for schools that restricted the presence of military recruiters.

Recruiter Watch PDX, which was formed in August 2005, visited some classrooms and held a meeting to inform students and parents about how to keep schools from giving their contact information to the military.

For more information e-mail pamrcoalition@yahoo.com.

New Life for LifeLine

LifeLine AIDS Project, a nonprofit organization in Salem, provides dignified and unprejudiced support to those infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. LifeLine began providing assistance to men, women and children living in Marion, Polk and Linn counties in the form of holiday food baskets in 1996. In addition to a food bank, thrift store and secure client services office, the organization now provides education and prevention information and community outreach.

Interim treasurer Don Mathews is proud to work for LifeLine, which is 100 percent volunteer-

organized. "With the passing of Patricia Jackson, LifeLine's executive director, in March 2006, a group of folks came together with the intent of ensuring LifeLine AIDS Project continues to succeed and prosper."

During the past month, volunteers and board members worked extremely hard to revamp the thrift store. "Our new landlord also opened an additional room to give us more space," says Mathews. "As part of the remodel, we were able to set up room to properly house a food bank for folks needing the assistance. Our hope is for a better shopping experience of our customers, with the hope of generating additional revenue. Our thrift store has been found by the Salem community, and \$100 a day in sales is certainly a blessing."

The store promises great deals, low prices, monthly sales and lots of cool stuff. Portlanders are encouraged to make a day of it; visit LifeLine AIDS Project thrift store and stop by their neighbors, Dark Star Tattoo, Jori Zan's Body Piercing, Sybil's Omelettes and Moy's Kitchen.

The thrift store is located at 2350 State St. and is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information visit www.lifelineproject.org.

Convention Will Outline Youth Rights

The Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center was among the sponsors of a unique bill drafted by Portland youth.

One year ago, Portland Mayor Tom Potter and

Multnomah County Chair Diane Linn met with more than 100 local children to find out what basic rights youth are entitled to. They asked those same kids to direct the production of a document that would list the rights of youth to guide the development of city and county policies.

On June 1, participants of the Convention of the Rights of Children and Youth will help ratify the bill, which will then be presented to the Portland City Council to be accepted as a resolution.

By posing a simple question—What are the rights of children and youth?—to thousands of peers, the group identified key themes and crucial points for inclusion in the bill. The convention will provide youth the opportunity to weigh in on this work and ratify a document that will guide policies and decision making for years to come.

The current draft does not refer to sexuality in any way, but the document is a work in progress.

The convention will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Portland Expo Center, 2060 N. Marine Drive. To register call 503-823-4277 or visit www.portlandonline.com/mayor.

SHARE Raises Funds

"Sharing an Evening for SHARE," a fund-raiser for Senior Housing And Retirement Enterprises offered hours of fun and dancing May 6 at Ambridge Event Center.

Seniors and board members danced to the big-band sounds of Rose City Swing, and many took

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Are You Depressed?

Answer the following questions based on the last 2 weeks or more.

- | YES | NO | |
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| ☐ | ☐ | 1. I feel sad, unhappy, self critical |
| ☐ | ☐ | 2. I feel tired and have little energy |
| ☐ | ☐ | 3. I have trouble sleeping or eating (either too much or too little) |
| ☐ | ☐ | 4. I don't enjoy activities that I used to |
| ☐ | ☐ | 5. I feel uneasy, restless, irritable or guilty |
| ☐ | ☐ | 6. I have trouble concentrating, remembering things or making decisions |

If you answered "yes" to 3 or more statements, you may be suffering from depression, a serious condition affecting millions of Americans. Summit Research Network is currently looking for individuals experiencing the above symptoms to participate in a research study of investigational medication for depression. If you are selected, all research related care and study medication are provided at no cost. Get answers and information about depression.

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