

member of Lane Community College, I was pleased to hear him voice support for education, even if it was largely support for K-12 in the 4J School District and not much support for LCC.

I have known Sen. Vicki Walker since she ran for the House seat where I live. I support her then and I support her now. As a board member of LCC, I, along with my fellow board members, made regular trips to Salem to lobby our Lane County senators and representatives. I always found Walker and her staff to be supportive of LCC and to be very knowledgeable of LCC's programs and fiscal needs.

Another reason I am closely watching the District #7 Senate race is that I serve as a member of an advocacy committee for seniors and the disabled in our community. I was informed by the woman who lobbies on behalf of my fellow seniors that Walker is a strong supporter of programs for seniors and the disabled in our community and that her opponent has no record in this area.

While I respect both of these candidates and know them both, I think the interest of higher education and the interests of seniors and the disabled in Oregon would be better served by re-electing Sen. Vicki Walker.

G. Dennis Shine
Springfield

IT'S A MORAL ISSUE

Did you see *The Register-Guard* editorial alleging a lack of ideological "balance"

in the Eugene Celebration Parade? More interest from a wider spectrum of participants would be welcome, and it is worthwhile to talk about how to achieve this. But the *R-G* had to turn its gaze away in order to bolster its point because our winning Peace Train entry was making a moral statement, not a political one.



Vicki Walker

The Peace Train was composed of 13 separate groups who worked together to create our procession of rail cars. Several of these groups were made up of Republicans, Greens and independents, as well as Democrats. The only rules for participating in the Peace Train were to keep

messages positive and not to include politics.

We all wanted to present peace as a practice of thinking and acting — here in Lane County as well as overseas. What has the use of violence ever really solved? To create peace in our community and in the world we need to model it in every aspect of our daily lives: In the home, at work and in school.

My thanks to all 80 people who walked with us and to everyone who helped construct and decorate our train. We have started a journey and need help from everyone to reach our destination. All aboard the Peace Train.

Betsy Steffensen
Eugene



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