

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

5 percent of our food is grown locally. Continuing the Extension Service will help reverse this dangerous trend.

By extending education and assistance to our community, the Extension Service offers programs to train hundreds of volunteers each year who then work with people eager to learn agricultural skills. Staff is there for answering questions, teaching safe food preservation and inspiring youth and adults to be involved with growing their own food.

Lane County voters approved serial levies for the Extension Service in several past elections. Then in 2008, budget cuts eliminated almost all local financial support needed to match federal and state funds for the service.

For a small fee of \$6 to \$10 per year for the average homeowner, we will continue to support this vital service.

Please vote yes on Measure 20-158.

*Cary D. Thompson  
Eugene*

### PICK KUTCHER

A pragmatic leader, a man of rare insight and deep conviction, Gary Kutcher earns my hearty endorsement for East Lane County commissioner. Having known him for several years, I'm impressed with and can personally testify to his honesty, integrity, intelligence and dedication.

In his many affiliations as a longtime community activist, he has worked tirelessly and displayed a deep understanding and knowledge of the critical challenges facing Lane County today. With his long-standing record of environmental stewardship, there's not a more qualified candidate. He's personally dedicated to environmental sustainability and is a living example of a true green visionary. He is fiscally conservative and a smart, innovative thinker and will work for creative win-win solutions to the social, economic and ecological challenges we now face.

Faye Stewart may have the incumbent advantage and very deep pockets, but Gary comes to the table equipped with a fresh viewpoint and sound, workable solutions.

Gary Kutcher would be a positive addition to the board and will represent east Lane County with great strength and solid fortitude. We *can* breathe life into our sagging economy without sacrificing environmental safeguards or our remarkable quality of life. Help restore confidence in government again. A vote for Kutcher will ensure that.

*Betsy Blume  
Eugene*

### TWO GOOD ONES

We are so lucky! We have some experienced and community-involved candidates that will make an effort to fund our county schools, health and human services and safety efforts. Jerry Rust and Pat Riggs-Henson are dedicated public servants willing to work hard as county commissioners for the many citizen benefits we have been losing the last few years. They understand from years of experience how to make the changes necessary. Do give them your vote!

*Ruth Duemler  
Eugene*

### RIDICULOUS BUDGET

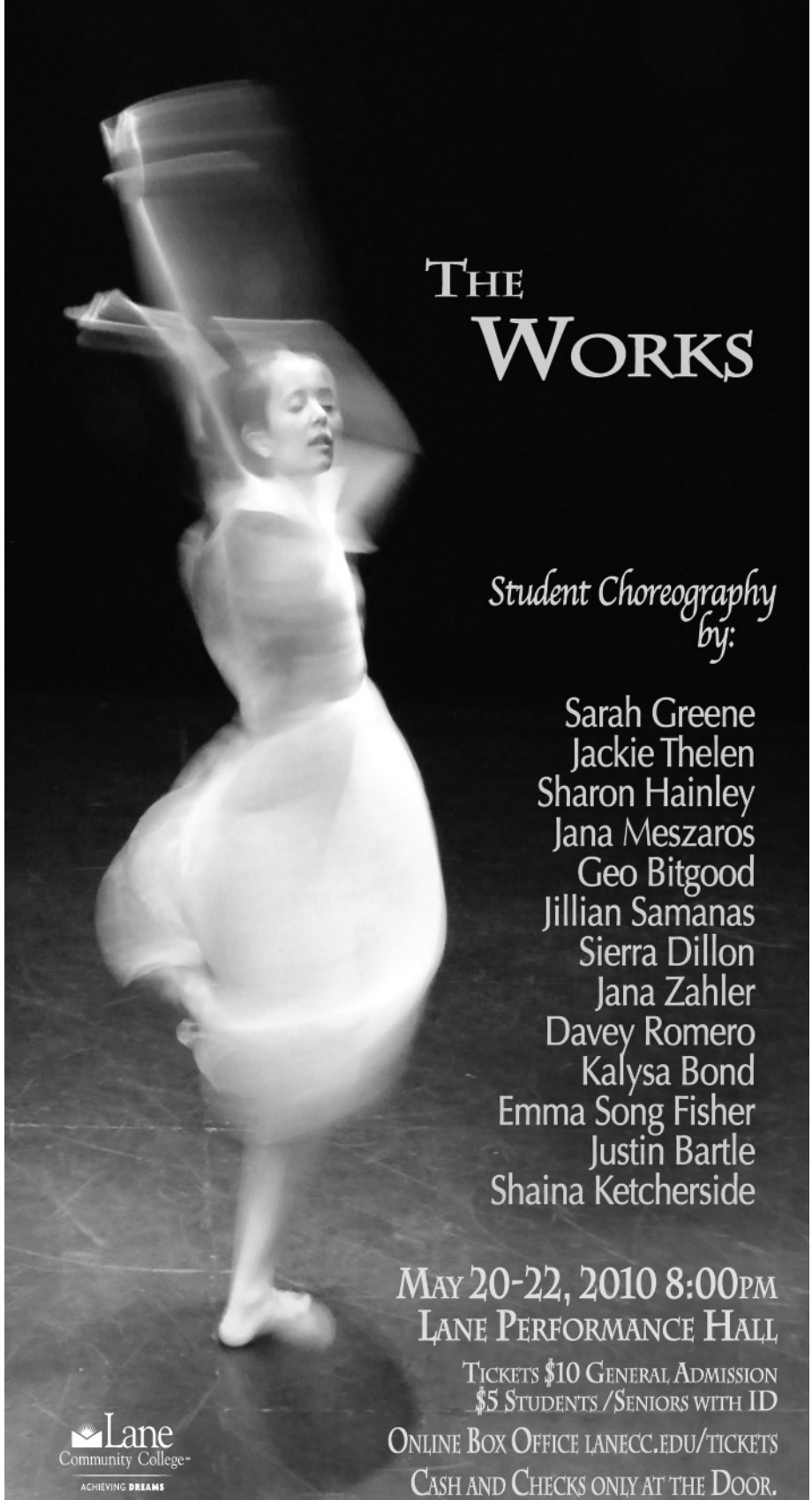
City Manager Jon Ruiz's budget cuts and changes are all so ridiculous, self-serving and quirky that what needs to be cut is either Ruiz himself or the entire city manager position.

*Bob Saxton  
Eugene*

### EXCEPTIONAL PROF

In the last several weeks, interest in the issue of professor Ken Debevoise's employment has generated articles in *The Daily Emerald*, *Oregon Commentator*, *Ethos* and even *The Oregonian* (<http://wkly.ws/jk>).

This coverage has focused primarily on Debevoise's talent for teaching and his unusual popularity among undergraduate political science students. The tougher issue is less personal and more institutional: whether or not the university administration has a responsibility to respond to student and alumni concerns about the quality



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