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# The Siskiyou

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## Zine builds community through art

By Jake Williky  
The Siskiyou

"Orientation," is the fifth Queer Resource Center Zine compiled last week as a way to bring the campus community together through art. The magazine is assembled of various works from students and community members addressing the theme, "Fear and Inspiration."

QRC staff and members chosen the theme because they felt it is an important aspect of the queer community that affects them daily.

Janelle Wilson, QRC coordinator said, "The purpose of this zine is to create a place where students and community members can have their voice heard." The zine is open to everyone, not just the queer community. There is no limit to the style and amount of work that can be entered for the zine. She said the process of creating the magazine is what the QRC is all about. The energy, the work and the dedication showcase the ethics the center pushes to achieve.

"Every contributor cohesively works together to create change and provide support for the queer community," Wilson said. Zine facilitator Levi Ross overlooked the process of collecting pieces, putting up flyers to promote the zine, and helped with the final adjustments.

Ross got involved last year after submitting pieces of art. He expressed that after contributing his pieces, he wanted to enhance his experience with the zine and other QRC projects. He savors the chance to talk with students and community members about the zine and what the QRC is about.

"The confidence in my work really boosted my self-esteem, and I would like to see many others have that same experience I did," Ross said.

Sophomore Shawn Newman enters pieces into the zine every term. He enjoys writing about eclectic topics the QRC decides on. Newman expressed how low-key and relaxed the zine is every term.

"It's a great opportunity for me and other students to express their feelings," Newman said. "Students shouldn't be scared to enter pieces because the QRC accepts all works from anyone."

Newman said the zine opens a lens you cannot normally see from the QRC and puts a different angle on the purpose the

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## Homecoming monarchs crowned



Jamie Lusch/The Siskiyou

Freshmen Nikki Beverly and Shay Potter were presented as Southern Oregon University's Homecoming queens by President Mary Cullinan at the game last Saturday. Read more about homecoming on page 11.

## Students ask governor to fill their prescription



Lahela A. Nishigaya Rice/The Siskiyou

Karl Ayers lies sick in bed to represent the "ailing" Oregon University System last Tuesday in the SU.

By Emily Higham  
The Siskiyou

Southern Oregon University students petitioned for signatures for ailing universities using a faux doctors prescription to drive the point.

Students petitioned in hopes to pressure the governor to increase state funding for postsecondary education.

Associated Students of SOU President Brian Grieg, clad in a

lab coat and doctor's mask last Tuesday, said students will present this prescription to the "doctor," Oregon's next governor, on Nov. 18 with other Oregon University System schools.

"Basically, tuition has increased significantly since 1995," Grieg said. "We're asking the governor, whatever governor it is, to fund the full \$188 million for postsecondary education."

For this day of action, held in the Stevenson Union foyer, ASSOU also had a "dying col-

lege student," a model that laid in a hospital bed, covered in fake blood and two black eyes to represent the state of Oregon's university system.

"Students are paying more, getting less and gaining more debt," Grieg said. "An average SOU student has a \$19,375 debt. This is the only way to revive our dying system."

At the demonstration, students were educated in some of the facts about postsecondary education in

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## Music collection donated to university

Press Release

One of the world's largest and most unique private collections of musical instruments just found a new home. Last week, Southern Oregon University President Mary Cullinan announced the donation to the university of the Schuman Collection of Musical Instruments, a comprehensive collection of historical and ethnic instruments.

Through the generosity of Jack Schuman of Phoenix, Ore. and Dorinda Schuman of Sun City West, Ariz., visitors to the region, students and faculty at SOU will have access to the instruments, which will be housed in the Music building on the SOU campus.

The Schuman Collection encompasses European, Islamic, African, Asian and American musical traditions. Schuman's collection includes everything from an Indian elephant bell and an English cog rattle to a vielle à roue and Spanish harp. Much of the collection was assembled when Jack and Dorinda Schuman were living in London in the 1960s and traveling throughout Europe.

After exhibiting part of his collection at the Schneider Museum of Art, Jack Schuman was convinced that the instruments belonged in southern Oregon and the Music Department at SOU.

"This prestigious collection will add value to our University and our region," Cullinan said. "It will be an educational draw for school tours and public viewing. It will support the teaching and scholarship of music history. It will allow us to grow programs in Elizabethan and Renaissance music while becoming a unique resource for scholars from around the world."

Among the many educational opportunities the collection presents, it will support collaborative grant-funded projects to develop teaching materials based on the collection and to create digital sound files.

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## OREGON GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

Compiled by Erik Hidle, The Siskiyou

Democrat

### TED KULONGOSKI

Governor Kulongoski is running for re-election on a platform focusing on improving social programs. Kulongoski wants to spend another term in office and focus on improving funding to education, lowering prescription drug costs, continuing efforts in the war on methamphetamine and creating economic growth within Oregon.

Kulongoski is opposing most of the bills in the upcoming election and has stuck with Democratic Party positions. The one measure Kulongoski is endorsing is measure 44. In his term as governor, he has implemented the current Oregon Prescription Drug Program. He supports the removal of age and income restrictions on the program in order to offer all Oregonians access.

Republican

### RON SAXTON

Saxton is campaigning to reform several aspects of current system within Oregon. Saxton believes the public education system needs to be financially restructured. Furthermore, he wants to base teacher salaries on performance rather than tenure. Saxton is also focusing his campaign toward responsible fiscal leadership within state government and has promised to cut the cost of bureaucracy by 10 percent within four years.

On the issues, Saxton has endorsed measures 39, 40, 41, 43 and 44. The only separation from party lines is his opposition to measure 48, a measure the Republican Party of Oregon is endorsing.

Constitution

### MARY STARRETT

Starrett is running a campaign to reduce government control of citizen lives. Starrett plans to achieve this goal by focusing on ending any legislation which puts a financial burden upon taxpayers. Among these issues are illegal immigration, use of Oregon Health Plan funding for providing abortions, the deployment of the National Guard for reasons deemed unconstitutional, and legislation compromising the right to bear arms.

The Constitution Party of Oregon is endorsing measures 39, 40, 41 and 48. The party is opposing measures 42, 43, 44, 46 and 47. A neutral stance is being taken on measure 45.

Libertarian

### RICHARD MORLEY

Morley is running to bring a state emphasis to funding for education and public safety, the protecting of civil liberties, and the creation of a revenue-central sales tax in exchange for the current income tax. Morley also wants to bring a statewide focus to the need for public health care and encouragement for environmental protection.

The Libertarian Party is endorsing measures 39, 41, 45, 46 and 48. They are in opposition to measures 42, 44 and 47. They are taking a neutral stance on measures 40 and 43.

Green

### JOE KEATING

Keating is running on the idea that he will help represent the working families of Oregon. Keating is focusing on the improvement of public education and creation of a free, public health care by increasing corporate tax. Keating is focusing on preserving Oregon's natural resources as well as creating a network of alternative energy resources. Keating also wants to bring the National Guard back from the Iraq War.

The Green Party has released no official stance on the current ballot measures. However, they focus on a platform of social rights and programs. The Pacific Green Party is for campaign finance and election reform, the creation of free health care and the improvement of public education.

## RCC and SOU combine forces

By Catalina Myers  
The Siskiyou

Southern Oregon University and Rogue Community College are combining forces to create a partnership providing seamless transitions for students in postsecondary education.

The project started 10 years ago with an agreement between the two institutions to create an alliance that would allow both traditional and non-traditional students of the Rogue Valley to have a place where they could have more choices and opportunities for their education.

"I think this is unique academically," said Barbara Porter, director of Marketing and Public Relations at SOU. "We're bringing academics to the regions hub. It's going to be state of the art."

Porter said there were many reasons for building the new facility, but one of the main goals was to cater not just to Ashland and Medford students but, to all of Southern Oregon.

The partnership will offer students joint programs they can enroll in at RCC and SOU, allowing them to earn their degree more quickly. An example is the Early Childhood Education program where students who graduate from RCC with an associate degree can continue to receive their bachelor's degree at SOU without dealing with the hassle of transferring credits.

Enrollment, another factor for building the new facility, has grown considerably over the years. Sixty percent of RCC students study in



Photo Courtesy of SOU Public Relations

Design for new Rogue Community College and Southern Oregon University campus in downtown Medford.

Medford and approximately 20 percent of SOU students take a one-credit course in Medford, and about 300 SOU students only take courses in Medford. Since 1997, transfer students from RCC to SOU have tripled, and dual enrollment is also up.

"We're creating a new academic environment," said Porter. This new joint partnership is unique to any other university and partner community college because of the joint programs being offered and the smooth transition from college to university. Other student services such as joint financial aid agreement, shared resources such as the library, and linked web pages

will be offered at both institutions to make it easier for students. All of these services will help students achieve their ultimate goal, whether it be an associate or bachelor's degree.

Porter said there is still much work to be done and that many of the joint curriculums that will be offered are still being worked out. Students will be able to sign up for classes Fall term of 2008.

Currently RCC is a pile of rubble, but according to Porter, groundbreaking will begin in Fall 2007 on the 69,000 square foot lot that will be become the joint RCC/SOU campus in downtown Medford.

## SOU safety advisory wins award

Press Release

The Southern Oregon University Occupational Safety Advisory Committee (OSAC) received an award from the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) earlier this month at the Smullin Center in Medford. The award to the safety committee was the first for SOU and is given to workplaces where the accident and injury rates have been reduced.

"The committee has worked very hard to establish a 'safety culture' or awareness on campus by addressing issues of concern via employee suggestions and working with

the Office of Environmental Health & Safety for trying to achieve and maintain compliance," said Byron Patton, SOU Director of Environmental Health and Safety. The committee is comprised of SOU employees who are dedicated to creating a safer workplace for faculty, staff and students at SOU and establishing a culture of safety.

The award was due in part to the work of OSAC Chair Chris Stanek and Wes Brain of Environmental Health & Safety.

For more information about this award and other safety programs at SOU, contact Byron Patton, at (541) 552-6881.

## Funds ...

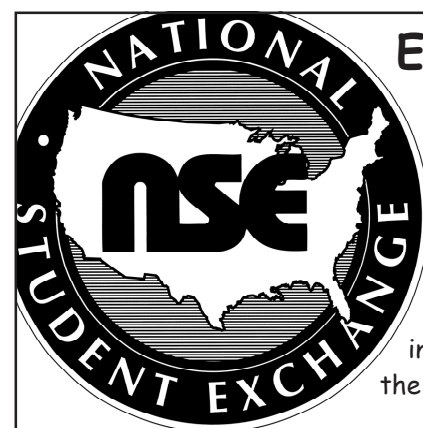
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Oregon. According to the Oregon Student Association, tuition in Oregon rose by 102.6 percent since 1991.

"Oregon is 46th in the nation in funding per student," Grieg said. "Since 1991, Oregon has had the largest funding decrease."

Tamara Henderson, OSA field organizer, said Tuesday's day of action was part of the tuition and funding campaign for OSA.

"The OSA board decided that this issue was top priority," Henderson said. "We're using fun tactics to pressure the governor to fully fund the system."



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### INFORMATION SESSIONS

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in the Stevenson Union  
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and Tuesday, Nov. 14

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In SU 315  
4 p.m.  
every  
Monday

## OREGON REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES

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Republican

### GREG WALDEN

Walden's platform for re-election includes pledges to increase protection of forests, to improve access to health care, and to continue his work in developing alternative fuel sources. Walden is currently a member of the U.S. House Committee on Resources and the Energy Commerce Committee. His goal in these committees is to make America more energy independent by supporting new technology and research.

Democrat

### CAROL VOISIN

Voisin is running on a campaign for reform in the 2nd District. Her main goals are to change the votes from this district to a platform she believes represents Oregon's best interests. Voisin's major issues in this campaign are creating of a free public health care system, focusing on alternative fuels, increasing funding for public schools, helping to end the War in Iraq, and helping to balance the budget by cutting waste in administration spending.

Constitution

### JACK ALAN BROWN, JR.

Brown is running as a self-proclaimed "God-fearing, Constitution honoring, traditional-family man" who has no prior experience in government. He supports the right to bear arms, the pro-life agenda, free enterprise and a policy of non-involvement in foreign affairs. His goals are to repeal unconstitutional laws and work to guarantee state sovereignty.

## Zine ...

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center strives for. He looks forward to the zine every term because of the new people entering their work and the chance he gets to showcase his words to everyone.

After all the works are gathered, Levi and QRC members put all the pieces together, creating a unified expression of art. They intertwine pictures

and writing to create more thoughts about the works. Upon completion, Janelle Wilson enjoys the rejoicing with her fellow QRC members. She acknowledged all the help and hard work with smiles and gratitude.

The zine is published every term and is non-exclusive. The center wants to see new and returning people enter work for the zine every term.

"It's not just a queer thing, it's a project for everyone," Newman said.

## GRADUATION News Flash

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## RVTV gears up for election night

Press Release

On Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 6 p.m. until midnight, Rogue Valley Community Television, the region's public, education and government access channels operated by Southern Oregon University, will present live election night coverage on cable RVTV Channel 9 in Jackson County and RVTV Government Channel 14 in Josephine County.

For 2006, RVTV will provide live election results and interviews from three locations, including the RVTV studio in Ashland, the Jackson County Courthouse Auditorium in Medford, and the Anne Basker Auditorium in Grants Pass.

In Ashland, Pete Belcastro of RVTV and Barbara Porter, SOU associate vice president of marketing and public relations, will moderate election coverage. In Medford, Joe Brett of RVTV will be host and interviewer. All three

are former television and radio journalists who are volunteering their time for this event. SOU Media Arts students Ian Ousley, Erick Bengel and John Bartell will direct election coverage from the RVTV studio, while Mark Butterfield, RVTV government producer, directs from Medford.

In Grants Pass, SOU Media Arts student and Student Body President, Brian Greig will serve as moderator and interviewer for Josephine County election results. Warner Bradley, RVTV technician will direct the event from Grants Pass.

RVTV staff, volunteers and SOU students have presented election night coverage since the 1998 general election. Election coverage on RVTV is presented as a public service. Election coverage is also available on the internet at [www.roguetv.org](http://www.roguetv.org).

For more information, contact Pete Belcastro, Director of RVTV, at [belcastro@sou.edu](mailto:belcastro@sou.edu) or 552-6395.

### RVTV Schedule for Nov. 7

**6 p.m.** "Election from a Youth Perspective", moderated by Barbara Porter.

**7 p.m.** "Running and Winning Campaigns", moderated by Pete Belcastro featuring guests Kathy Shaw, Bill Maentz, Perry Atkinson, Gail Beason and Matt Rowe.

**8 p.m.** Election results and interviews from Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass.

**11 p.m.** Election wrap and viewer call in show.

**11:30 p.m.** Ashland Daily Tidings Editorial Board featuring Scot Bolsinger, Michael Green, Myles Murphy.

## Grant writers honored at reception

By Bryan Messmer  
*The Siskiyou*

Dedicated professors of Southern Oregon University, who write grants and proposals giving students opportunities of a real world experience and a better understanding of their majors, were honored at a reception in the Schneider Art Museum.

Deborah d'Este Hofer, a Grants and Institutional Review Board administrator, hosted the event Friday, Oct. 28 to pay tribute to the individuals whose grants were successful.

The museum was filled with grant writers from a variety of departments, from novice grant writers to some who are experienced in the skill. There were nine first-time proposal submissions, four of which were successful. Since approximately 21,000 SOU students are affected by grants, the benefit also recognized the hard work of students that have benefitted from the grant money that has accumulated.

Erim Gomez, student and co-chair of Ecology Center Of the Siskiyou, spoke highly of his mentor, Dr. Michael Parker, a biology professor honored at the event. Parker employed 41 students in the last 13 years due to money brought in through grants.

"I never had to post help wanted signs or ask if students

wanted to work," Parker said. "Students would come to my office asking about research projects and wanting to know if they could help. They were interested in participating from the learning they did in class."

Grant money allows students to focus on learning and working in fields that will enhance their educations. Parker wrote a

The program accepts applications twice a year and will be announcing this year's scholars before Thanksgiving. There are 22 active scholars and the program is for highly motivated students pursuing a Ph.D.

"It's really rewarding and I'm really enjoying it," Southard said, who specializes in education, poverty and inequality.

**"I never had to post help wanted signs or ask if students wanted to work."  
Dr. Michael Parker**

grant with a title which d'Ester Hofer called the cutest and most colorful: "The Pupfish recovery efforts at Ash Meadow National Wildlife Refuge."

Before Gomez worked with Parker, he worked at a grocery store and said he was never the best student. Now, being able to work within his field of study his grades have improved.

"It's great," Gomez said. "Now when people ask me what I do, I tell them that I collect macro invertebrates and fight crawdads."

Paul Davis, a psychology major and McNair scholar, thanked Dr. Dee Southard, director of the Post Baccalaureate Program and experienced grant writer, for all her hard work and guidance.

Southard emphasized the importance of accessing the program online at [www.sou.edu/mcnair](http://www.sou.edu/mcnair).

The longest running grant program on campus is the Oregon Writing Project, that is now in its 16th year.

The Native American Studies department submitted the most grant proposals with a total of eight last year with the hard work of David West, Brent Florendo and Nicole Norris. Since many departments depend on grants for additional funds, students and faculty continue to use grant writing as a resource.

According to SOU President Mary Cullinan, the university is "winning money from all sorts of entities."

## No pun left behind...

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## Music ...

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"The Schuman Collection rivals many musical instrument collections at major museums, and will bring long-term benefits to our students and university," said Dan Morris, Interim Dean of Arts and Letters. "The collection contains rare and valuable instruments that are known internationally by museums, collectors and scholars.

The historical instruments in the collection complement the region's renown for Shakespeare and the university's own Shakespeare studies program, and will draw both musicians and scholars to the university."

If you would like more information about or to view the Schuman Collection, contact the Dan Morris, at, 552-6520 or visit the music department website at <http://www.sou.edu/music/>.