

Tax base defeated again, budget axe to fall

All Campus Conference informative

by Paul Morgan
TORCH Staff Writer

Post-election questions were raised -- and answered -- about LCC's future at the All Campus Conference on Nov. 9.

Due to the failure of a new tax base increase, the college must now make a total of \$2.1 million in cuts over the next three years. The decision to be made is where the cutbacks will fall.

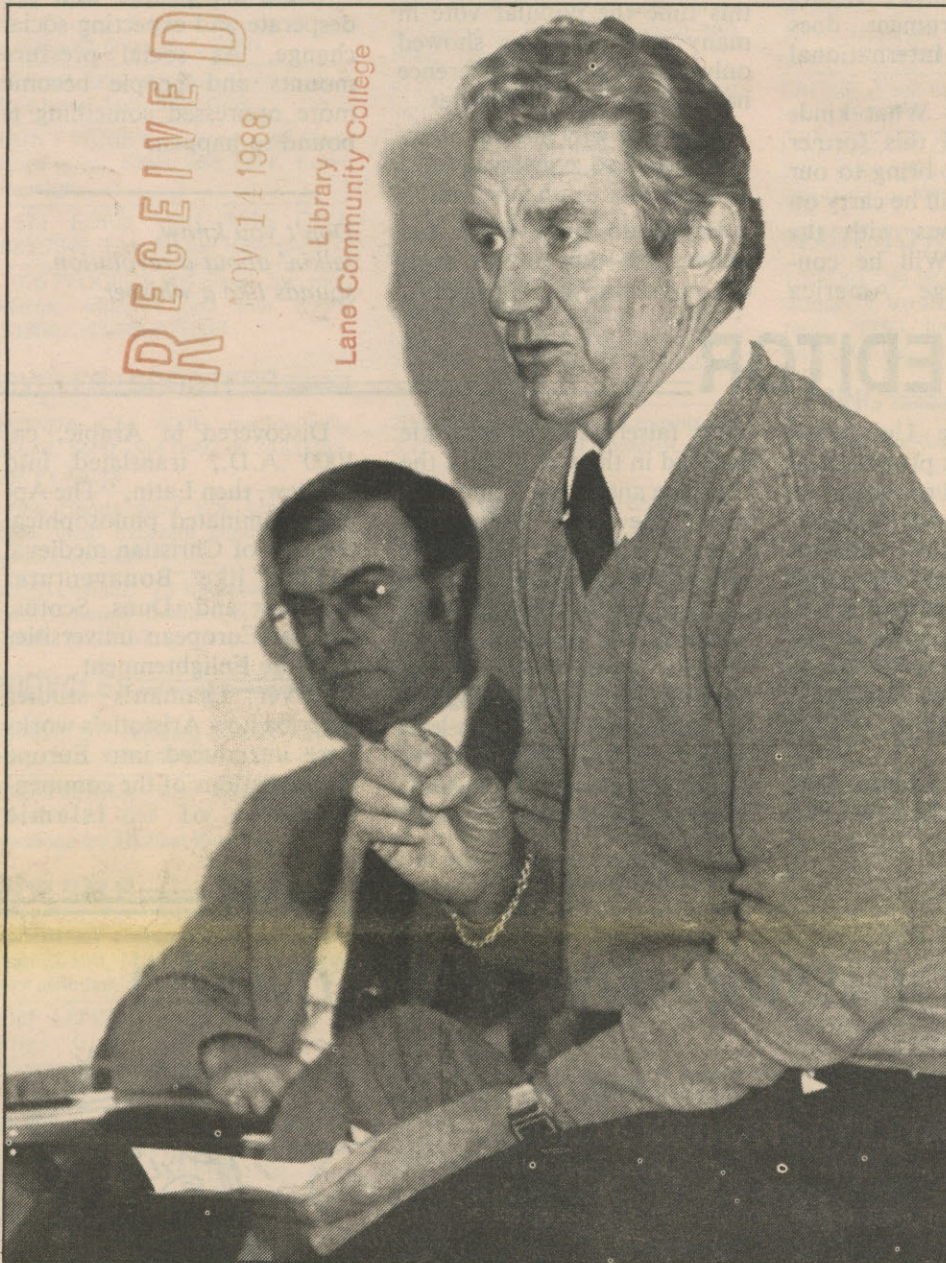
LCC Interim President Jack Carter told the group of 120 staff members and students. "There is not likely to be horizontal cuts," in which all departments trim percentages from their budgets. "We will more likely make vertical cuts."

"One of our first goals is to look at the administration and see if we can find any inefficiencies," he said.

Carter mentioned different areas -- faculty, staff, and classes -- that would have to be examined during the budget cutting process.

Social Science Instructor Milt Madden suggested that LCC "mothball" the Siuslaw and Cottage Grove branches of the college. "What can they (angered residents) do ... not vote for us?" he asked, referring to the tax base increase.

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Interim President Jack Carter answers questions regarding the failed tax base increase and the presidential search committee.

photo by Russ Sherrell

Increase resisted

by Alice C. Wheeler
TORCH Editor

Although the margin is smaller, once again Lane County voters rejected an increase in LCC's current tax base.

Ballot measure 20-08 would have increased the present tax base by \$1.3 million. It failed 58,164 against, to 54,547 in favor - a 3,617 vote difference.

Interim President Jack Carter says the failure of the tax base increase is not because of an anti-LCC feeling among voters, but anti-tax increases in general.

Last May, during the primary election, the voters rejected a tax base increase by over 5,000 votes.

In July, 1988, at the LCC Board of Education meeting, Dick Hillier presented board members with the college's current financial situation. Without an updated tax base LCC would have to cut \$2.1 million from the budget over the next three years.

During the All-Campus Conference on Nov. 9, Hillier stated that these budget cuts would now have to be made.

Board of Education members expressed their dismay at the failure of the tax base increase at a board meeting the night after the elections.

Larry Perry, chair of the board said, "This is too good a place (LCC) to let go. We will provide the best programs with what we have. Budget cuts will be done fairly and logically."

Board member Martin Lewis suggested that the "Oregon state legislature should be picking up more of the tab."

Chairman of the LCC Advocates and board member Jim Pitney expressed his appreciation of the Advocates. "They really worked hard....they didn't quit." The Advocates raised over \$5,500 to promote passage of the measure.

The board hopes to make the necessary budget cuts over the next three years without affecting the quality of education available at LCC.

Panel to discuss Ed-Net

by Diana Feldman
TORCH Associate Editor

Ed-Net, the proposed statewide telecommunications network, will be the first topic to be examined by LCC's Faculty Forum on Thursday, Nov. 17.

The session is scheduled from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room 308 of the Forum Building.

Ed-Net is a proposed statewide telecommunication network designed to transmit video, computer data, and voice communications.

Those who promote it say, if implemented, it would be a cost-effective way to broaden access to higher education, improve the delivery of instructional materials to schools, strengthen library services, and make governmental agencies and social service organizations better able to conduct their important training, education and information functions.

Supporters describe it as a network that would serve public and independent universities, colleges, community colleges, as well as public and private K-12 schools, business and industry, government agencies, nonprofit community service organizations, and public, academic, and business libraries.

The Ed-Net Committee recommends the state provide an \$8 million initial investment to establish Ed-Net. The governor has placed \$8 million in the State budget to be presented to the 1989 Legislature. The committee's financial analysis indicates that with such an investment, Ed-Net can be self-supporting in its

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Biloxi Blues begins Nov. 11



Phil Levinson stars in *Biloxi Blues*, which opened Friday Nov. 11, in LCC's main theatre. The play will run Nov. 16 - 19. Tickets are \$6 and can be reserved by phoning the LCC Box Office at 726-2202.

photo by Mike Saker

Anger and disappointment at presidential results

by Alice C. Wheeler
TORCH Editor

I am irritated. Angry. Most of all, I am disappointed!

Another four years of a conservative presidency is **not** my idea of a good time!

The Democrats were promising to increase social services -- student aid, relief for the homeless, and subsidized child care were on the list. If the government were to subsidize child care, then the care would be safer, better planned, and much more accessible to the thousands of us who can't afford or find this kind of quality care now.

Democrats promised to eliminate or reduce many cost-

ly military programs -- like the "Star Wars" defense research. And Dukakis pledged to make fighting the illegal drug trade a top priority.

Are Americans willing to give up a better standard of living for a larger, deadlier and even costlier military complex? Aren't people concerned about our weakening educational system? Don't they care that our government does business with international drug dealers?

George Bush? What kinds of conflicts will this former head of the CIA bring to our country? How will he carry on peace negotiations with the Soviet Union? Will he continue to plunge America

deeper into debt? If he continues at Reagan's pace, this nation will soon sink.

But don't lose faith yet. The voters have once again elected a Democratic majority to congress. Somewhere along the line a balance may be created.

After all, unlike Reagan's landslide victories over Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale, this time the popular vote in many state elections showed only a one percent difference between the two candidates.

How and why has our country turned so conservative? I am at a loss to understand.

But I do have faith that underneath the current layer of conservative Americans,

there is another group. A group of Americans who are realizing that "our" government often operates on standards that are immoral and often illegal.

This underlayer will eventually make its voice heard, and hopefully we will see a complete turnaround of American politics.

There are people who are desperate and expecting social change. As social pressure mounts and people become more oppressed something is bound to happen.

*Don't you know,
talkin' about a revolution,
sounds like a whisper.*

*While they're standing in the welfare lines,
crying at the doorsteps
of those armies of salvation.
Wasting time in the unemployment lines.*

Sitting around waitin' for a promotion

*Poor people gonna rise up,
and get their share.*

*Poor people gonna rise up,
and take what's theirs.*

*'Cause finally the tables
are starting to turn.
Talkin' about a revolution.
Talkin' about a revolution.*

Lyrics from Tracy Chapman's song "Talkin' about a Revolution."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Religion false

To the Editor:

Theologians have always used fraud, lies and subterfuge to advance their interest. The "Shroud of Turin" is but one of many such examples.

Even the intelligentsia was duped by a book, "The Apple or the Death of Aristotle," falsely attributed to Aristotle.

Mary Rousseau in "The Ap-

ple" (Marquette University) explains the book purported to describe the final conversation of Aristotle with his students. It closely parallels Plato's "Phaedo" which portrayed the last hours of Socrates.

Advised to conserve his energy, Aristotle asks for an apple, the fragrance of which, folk medicine believed, would prolong life.

Aristotle praises philosophy as the noblest occupation. The

book falsely asserts Aristotle believed in the Creation of the Universe and in the immortality of the soul. Unlike his teacher, Plato, Aristotle believed in the eternity of the universe and in the expiration of the "soul" at death.

"The Apple" was an attempt by medieval theologians to "document" Aristotelean support for theological views fundamental to Christian, Moslem and Jewish religions.

Discovered in Arabic, ca. 1000 A.D., translated into Hebrew, then Latin, "The Apple" dominated philosophical thought of Christian medieval writers like Bonaventure, Aquinas and Duns Scotus, etc., at European universities until the Enlightenment.

Oliver Leaman's studies describe how Aristotle's works were introduced into Europe in translations of the commentaries of Islamic

philosophers: al Farabi, Avicenna, abu Bacer ibn Tufail and, especially, the great Averroes whose inadequately recognized writings were the key to enlightenment because they challenged the claims of theologians that kept mankind in ignorance and misery.

Bert P. Tryba

FORUMS

Scanty coverage of issues by news media

by Andy Dunn
TORCH Entertainment Editor

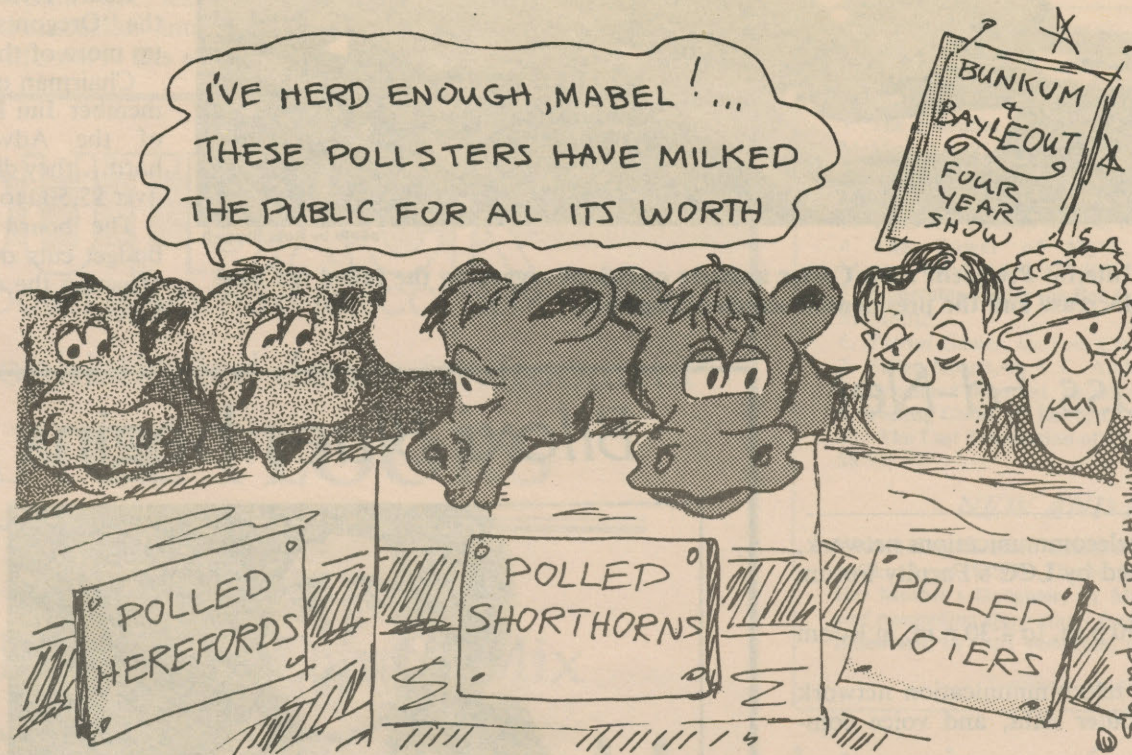
However loosely I am associated with it, I am still ashamed to be considered a part of the U.S. news media.

Our free press, at least the most popular forms of it, has done little to keep U.S. citizens aware of current events and issues. Thus, the presidential candidates have been able to bask in the public eye with little of the grilling on hard issues that they deserve and the public should expect. I fear Tuesday saw the election of a giant question mark instead of a President.

In last week's TORCH Forum, John Millet argued that the greatest part of the blame for the condition of American political process lay with the voter-you and me. I disagree.

I, personally, did not get close enough to ask the candidates the specifics of how they could possibly hope to achieve the balanced budget needed to ensure a viable economic future for our country.

I could not look Bush in the eye, and ask him about the violent covert military action he has supervised and how he could possibly justify it. Nor could I stand up and query of him, "How are tax credits for parents supposed to help those



below the poverty level receive child care?"

Likewise, I could not ask of Dukakis, "Do you plan on continuing the covert military policies of the past 30 years that have made our country rightfully despised in much of the world?" Certainly, I never had a chance to ask the 'Duke' what specific things he would do to ease the malaise of our public school system that spews forth vast numbers of graduates who don't even know which two oceans sur-

round this continent.

Issues. I wanted things explained to me. I wanted specifics, I wanted a little recent history and some proposals of what was to be done. I wanted these things on T.V. and in the newspapers and magazines where they would be accessible. I wanted in vain.

What did I receive from these media instead? Day after day, the election coverage dwelled on the most trivial aspects imaginable. Polls, polls, and more polls -- this

was 90 per cent of the news. Who was winning where, what were the strategies of the campaign, what slanderous remark uttered during the day could fit into the 30 second news slot that evening -- and again how would these things affect the all important poll.

My disillusionment with U.S. media did not begin abruptly this year. Repeatedly, I have seen President Reagan blatantly lie on national television without any kind of

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third full year of operation based on fees from member organizations.

The committee recommends a fee structure that will encourage organizations to become Ed-Net members; a \$1000 annual fee is suggested (\$5000 for large corporations).

In order to encourage member organizations to offer education and training over the network, the committee recommends that Ed-Net charge low rates for video instruction. The suggested rate to be paid by organizations that provide programming over the network is \$40 per hour plus 10 percent of tuition and fees.

For meetings and teleconferences that do not charge an admission fee, the committee recommends Ed-Net charge the sponsoring organization \$150 per hour: an additional fee of 40 percent of the gross income should be charged for teleconferences that require admission fees.

The seven-member panel of experts will consist of Dave Tilton, the planning coor-

dinator of the Oregon Office of Education Policy and Planning; Bob Burns, associate superintendent, Oregon Department of Education; Ray Lewis, a paid staff person for the Ed-Net Committee; and Ben Hamblen, director, Simplot-Micro Technology Center of Boise State University.

The other members are Ray Prikl, director, Instructional Support Services, Portland Community College; Russell Sadler, radio and television news commentator; and Moderator Pat John, department head of the LCC Study Skills Department.

Last July Sadler's commentary on KVAL-TV spoke of Ed-Net in less than glowing terms. He called it "the biggest boondoggle" to come along since the educational television fad of 25 years ago.

He says, "The planned network has the backing of high technology officials in private business who see the system as a way of training some of their employees."

And "The network appeals

to Oregon legislators who find it a tempting way to do things on the cheap, hoping television will reduce the need for real, live teachers.

"Your school district or local government is now being asked to sign up for Ed-Net. You will pay for it with your taxes. You might ask specific questions about just what you will be getting for your money. I suspect you will get either an embarrassed silence or effusive pie-in-the sky."

He concludes, "Ed-Net promises to be a technocrat's toy."

The Faculty Forum has invited all LCC staff members and students of LCC to attend, and has extended a similar invitation to the U of O, Educational Service District, local school districts, local governmental agencies, and staff members of Oregon's other community colleges.

After the explanation about the issues and concerns being raised about the Ed-Net project, the panel will answer questions from the audience.

Tax base proposal omitted from Voter's Pamphlet

forum by Alice C. Wheeler
TORCH Editor

Out of all the election results, what saddens the TORCH staff the most is the loss of LCC's proposed tax base increase. We thought voters were going to pass it this time. But 58,164 voters disagreed.

As we ask ourselves how the college community could have assured voter approval, we need to ask one basic question. *Why was the tax base not listed in the Voter's Pamphlet?*

Of all the items on my ballot, the LCC tax base proposal was the only one not listed in the Voter's Pamphlet.

It was a foolish mistake. After all the effort to inform the public about the impor-

tance of LCC to this area, the college undermined itself by omitting vital information, and persuasive arguments, from the voters. I hope in future elections the college will remedy this mistake.

Certainly, I am proud of the LCC Advocates. They worked hard to create awareness of LCC's importance to Lane County's economic growth.

And LCC should continue its efforts to gain funding from the community. We encourage a three-year serial levy request this spring.

This college needs to grow ... not shrink! If the Board of Education decides to try again at the polls this spring, the students on this campus will be behind the effort.

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ing to the traditional negative votes to LCC budget increase requests from those districts. The room filled with laughter.

Carter replied that although that option had been looked at in the past and rejected, he is not opposed to the college examining it once again. But he said, "In my view, that is not a solution."

Answering a question from the meeting agenda, Vice President of Administrative Services Richard Hillier said that over the next three fiscal years LCC can expect cuts of \$800,000, \$550,000, and \$750,000. He said the college may be forced to cut approximately 55 positions.

He said LCC should look at new resources, and reminded the audience that serial levies

are still an option. The failed Nov. 8 ballot measure was a request for a change in the tax base.

Carter said charging tuition for classes over the 12-credit ceiling was also a possibility. "We're trying to decide whether it is better to take programs away, or to charge the students more," he said.

Also answering a prepared question, Jackie Belcher, vice president of Instruction, explained the impact of Saturday College and self-support classes.

"We are doing well," she said. "Enrollment is up, which means we will have significantly more self-support students."

"In terms of our weekend college, we have 296 students enrolled and supported by

general funds, and 311 students enrolled and supported by self-support. Thirteen of the 22 weekend classes were self-support," Belcher commented.

She added that weekend college will most likely expand during winter, spring, and summer terms.

Besides questions about the budget, Carter also explained the selection process for a new president next year.

"Most of the search committee members have been identified," he said. "And the Board of Education is setting up a calendar."

He added that staff and community members will have a chance to offer opinions to the board about the selection process.

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follow up or intrusion of fact by the media.

Some examples of issues ignored by the U.S. media even when the facts lie open before them follow.

- For too long Reagan got away with saying that we had not and will not deal with terrorists holding hostages. Why are U.S. citizens the last people in the world to learn that hostages held in the embassy in Iran were traded for money and possibly arms in 1980? Or that the hostages of TWA 847 were traded for prisoners

released by Israel in 1985?

- Reagan still goes unchallenged in the lie he directed at the Soviet Union when he claimed that while we made a mistake in shooting down an Iranian airliner, the Soviets purposely shot down a Korean airliner after identifying it. According to every report published on the Soviet incident, Reagan's statement is a lie.

- Reagan stated that our re-flagging operations in the Persian Gulf were neutral with regard to the Iran-Iraq war.

This is easily provable as a lie, yet the U.S. news media chose to ignore the issue.

Ignoring the issues -- that is what the news media does on a consistent basis. That has brought us a presidential campaign of no substance and a disinterested American public. Had the public -- us -- been more exposed to the issues and seen the candidates forced to grapple with these issues, then we may have been more interested and less disillusioned with this election. Our free press has let us down once again.



CAMPUS CALENDAR

Monday Nov. 14th -

Disabled Advisory Club meeting
Cen 420 2:00

Friday Forum general meeting, Cen 480 3:00


ASLCC Senate meeting, 4:00 Boardroom
All students invited to attend!

Tuesday Nov. 15th -

In recognizing the needs and difficulties of the disabled, ASLCC is inviting students, staff and faculty to spend a "day in the chair".
Contact ASLCC Office, Cen 479, to sign up.

Wednesday Nov. 16th -

Noon music in Cafeteria 11 - 1:00
Featuring Chris and Gus

Free coffee in the SRC!  Have a cup on us!

Thursday Nov. 17th -

Free lunch at the Baptist Student Union.
12 - 1:00

International Coffee Hour,
Multicultural Center. Cen. 409 1:30 - 4:00

Friday Nov. 18th -

Quote for the week:

"A room without books is like
a body without soul".

Cicero

Computer phobic turns fanatic in a matter of weeks

by Diana Feldman
TORCH Associate Editor

"If I could have avoided it," says LCC student Linda Wade, "I wouldn't be here now . . . addicted to it."

Wade sits in the LCC computer lab. She's talking about her computer addiction.

It's Tuesday and she doesn't have classes but she drove up from Cottage Grove to work on her computer.

In five short weeks, Wade went from being "the resident computer phobic to the resident hacker," laughs Ann Bacon, Center lab coordinator.

"My very first day of school," admits Wade, "my sociology teacher said, 'We're going to do everything on computers this year because you people are the computer generation.' I raised my little hand and said, 'S'cuse me, I'm going on 37. You must have me confused with somebody else. It's not my generation, you see.'"

His reply was: "Well, if you don't want to work with computers, you should have gone to college 18 years ago. You're going to college now. So this is your generation."

Her class went to a one-hour workshop at the computer lab which, instead of alleviating her fears, intensified them.

"The first time that computer made a noise, I jumped up out of my seat, and my chair went flying." She says she feared that any mistake she made would cause smoke to come rolling out or something to explode.

Wade says she "crawled home."

"I would no more sit down at a computer than I would get into the cockpit of a 747 and try to take that sucker off the runway. This is high technology stuff."

She considered hiring someone to do her work for her, "But it just didn't work out."

So she went back to the computer lab and asked Bacon for additional help.



photo by Russ Sherrell

The Center Building's computer lab is where you'll find Linda Wade doing her homework or enjoying her free time.

Bacon told Wade, "By the end of the day you'll be helping someone." And Bacon was right -- and Wade has been helping others since then.

"It was really simple. It's very user-friendly," Wade says now, thinking back. She'd like to see more students take advantage of the lab.

"This gets to be kind of like a family in here. People get together and visit and share in-

formation.

She sees new computer students who were like her. "They're either too angry to ask for assistance or they're so resentful of being here that they don't care to ask for assistance. They cuss and sweat and look totally miserable. And it doesn't have to be that way. I try to help them out if I can. And I say, 'why don't you just ask?'"

Wade's first tip to anybody wanting to use the computer lab is to "buy and bring your own disc." She says it saves material, confidence, time and frustration.

It's obvious Wade is proud of her newfound skills. "This is like a self-discovery thing. Something I didn't know I could do, that I found out that I could do. And that makes me feel good."

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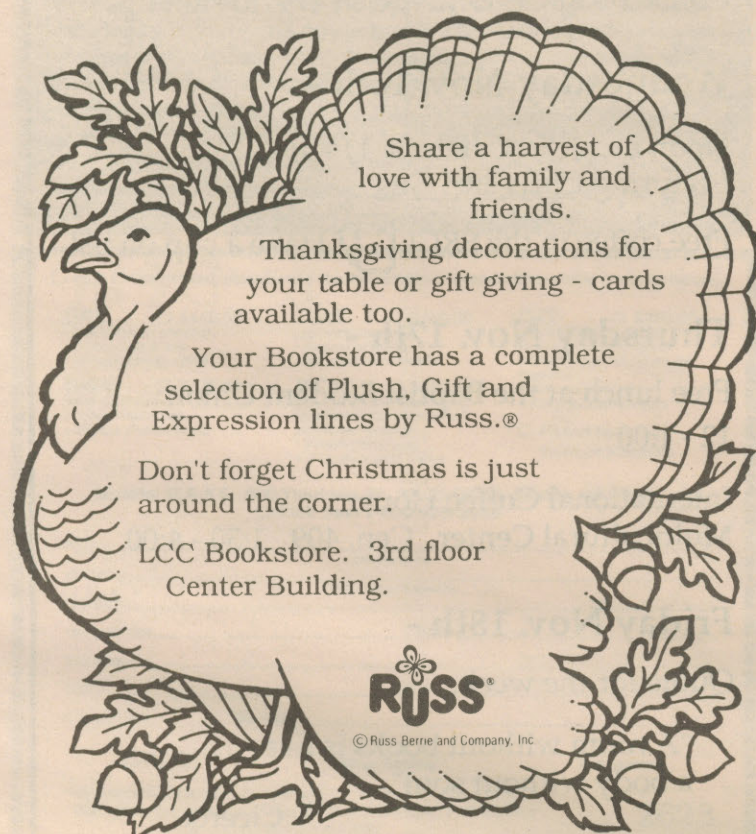
The 13 Jamaican women who attended LCC this past year arrived home just in time for Hurricane Gilbert. The hurricane caused damage to all of their homes. Several women lost the roofs to their houses and all of their homes, bedding, and furniture suffered water damage. The buildings

and some of the equipment belonging to the Construction Collective the women worked for were damaged, and the Collective is no longer assisting the women with finding jobs. The women are unable to repair their homes or find work because building supplies are scarce and expen-

sive.

Food is a major problem. Most of the island's crops and livestock, especially the chicken farms, were destroyed. The grain silo blew up one week after the storm and there is a shortage of flour. The women, who are single parents, and their children are living on canned goods which are scarce and extremely expensive.

People wishing to contribute money to help the women through these hard times may send a check or give money to Linda Myers, who coordinated the women's attendance at LCC. Any contributions will be helpful. The goal is to raise enough money to send each a certified check for \$100. Money may be sent to Myers care of Industrial Technology, or call ext. 2883.



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SPORTS & RECREATION

LCC Titans basketball team tips-off season scrimmages

by Tracy Thaxton
TORCH Sports Editor

The rain has definitely begun to fall with serious intent, and this is synonymous with the beginning of the LCC basketball season.

The LCC Titans men's basketball team began practice Oct. 17.

"Right now we're very pleased with what we've got," reveals Monty Alderson, LCC men's basketball assistant coach.

Rain or shine, two hours a day, five days a week, the team can be seen in the LCC main gym preparing for this year's pre-season opener in Coos Bay on Nov. 25.

As part of that preparation, the Titans have a series of pre-season scrimmages, two of which have already been played.

These scrimmages are played with official rules and regulations, but in accordance with league judgement, no scores are allowed to be kept.

The first, against Western

Baptist, was played at LCC in early November, and according to Alderson, resulted in a good showing for the Titan team.

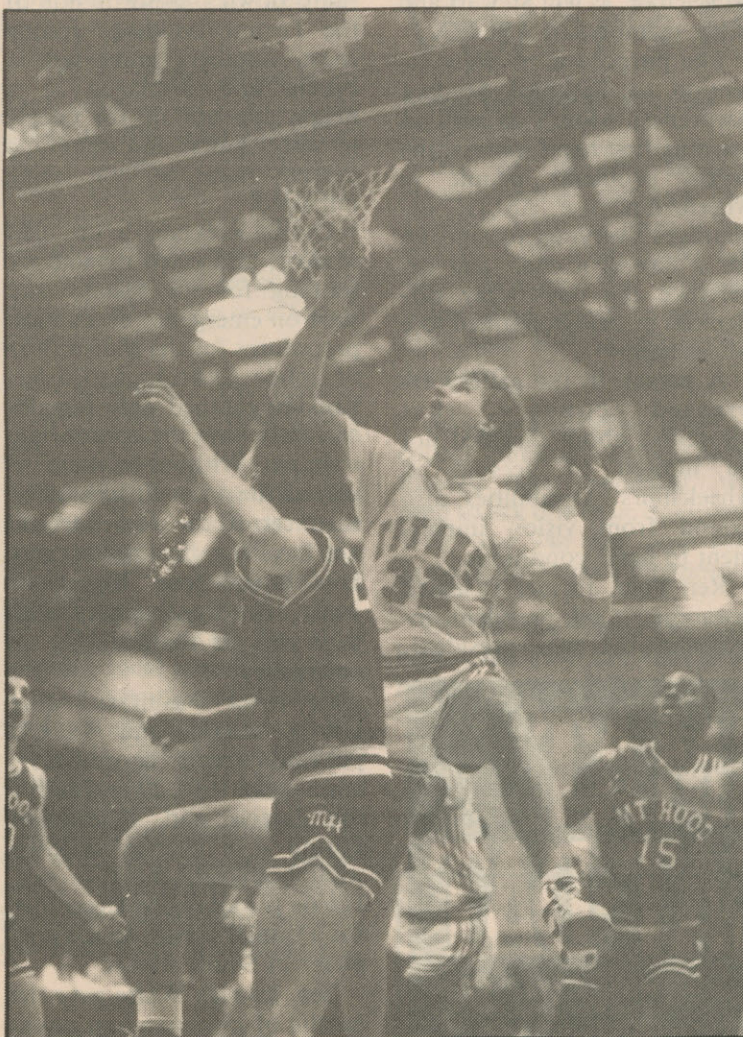
"We were very pleased with our effort," he says, "and we were able to compete with their (W. Baptist) top team. But we still have some weaknesses we need to work with on defense. That is something we are going to work very hard on this year."

By the time the first scrimmage was played, only 13 of the original 17 players who "went out" for the team remained on the squad.

Four players -- Harold Michaud, Mike Surmeir, Dusty Auxier, and Don Holly -- are returning sophomores.

After suffering through last year's losing season record of 12-14, these sophomores, as well as the incoming freshmen, will be needing to establish talent and team play in order to gain the support of the campus and the community.

Scrimmages and pre-season games are designed to serve



Harold Michaud, one of the four returning sophomores, soars skyward displaying talent and skill that the Titan team hopes to develop in the upcoming season.

this purpose, and Alderson has displayed confidence in the results they have provided thus far.

"We have a very agile team," he says. "We've been particularly pleased with the quickness of our guards."

Alderson says the team's primary strength in the upcoming season will lie in its diversity; the abilities of the individual athletes to perform with all-around skill in every position and aspect of the game.

"This year we have more depth on the bench," says Alderson, "We are happy with our big men and with our speed. We will be able to put a lot more pressure on the other team's offense."

So, at least for basketball fans, there just might be something of the rainy season to look forward to.

Students interested in seeing the Titans perform, may attend the next scrimmage, which will be against George Fox University. It is scheduled to be played at 3 p.m. next Wednesday, Nov. 16, at LCC.

Southwestern Oregon beats Lane in home finale 15-13, 14-16, 15-12, 15-7



photo by Sean D. Elliot

The Titans receive 'good luck' balloons before final home game.

by Robert Ward
TORCH Staff Writer

The Titans battled Southwestern Oregon Community College for three close sets Nov. 9, but lost the war in the fourth and succumbed to the Lakers 13-15, 16-14, 12-15 and 7-15.

Lane, playing its final home match of the season, was led by Sam Trimmell's 15 kills and 10 blocks, and Sheila Otradovskiy's nine aces.

After losing a close first set, the Titans fell behind in the second game 14-7. But great

team play, and numerous saves at match point, enabled Lane to score nine straight points and capture the second set 16-14.

Game three looked a lot like game two except for the final score. The Titans fell behind 14-9, but Lane scored two points on Robin Matney's serve to pull within 14-11.

Following an Otradovskiy tap to save match point, Jennifer Page served an ace to close the gap to 14-12. But that was as close as the Titans were to get the rest of the night.

The fourth set started evenly, but six straight points in the middle of the set by SWOCC put it out of reach for the Titans, 15-7.

The Titans are 10-5 overall, 6-4 in league as of Nov. 10. Their final two league games were played Nov. 11 and 12, after this paper went to press.

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by Michael Omogrosso
TORCH Staff Writer

Business at the Nov. 8 ASLCC Student Senate meeting ranged from requesting Atheistic books in the library to aid for the Earth Stewards' exchange program. But it was Disabled Student Awareness Month that created the most discussion.

The senate officially declared November as *Disabled Student Awareness Month*.

And it approved a \$1000 purchase of two new wheelchairs. The chairs will be used by ASLCC during Disabled Student Awareness Month and then donated to the Student Health Center.

According to Cultural Director Michael Stewart, LCC President Jack Carter has agreed to "take to the

chair." At some point during the month Carter will travel about the campus via wheelchair, as will Stewart and other members of ASLCC.

The purpose is to draw attention to Disabled Student Awareness Month as well as learning first hand some of the access problems people in wheelchairs face. ASLCC encourages everyone to sign up for a day in a chair and experience the day-to-day difficulties of being confined to a wheelchair.

A person in the gallery expressed concern that awareness about disabled not be limited to persons in wheelchairs. Disabilities also extend from vision impairment to heart conditions.

Ren Palo, former Disabled Awareness Club president, introduced the new president,

Fred Thorp, who outlined the goals of the club. Thorp listed as priorities installation of a ramp down the north side of the Forum Building, getting room numbers embossed in braille and displayed at a height appropriate for people in wheelchairs, and obtaining campus maps for the seeing impaired.

Curtis Kreklau, a disabled student, addressed mandatory training for the faculty and staff on emergency evacuation procedures for the fourth floor of the Center Building. Kreklau claimed only females currently have the appropriate training. Without wishing to offend the women, he said he is concerned the women would not have the strength to carry him down four flights of stairs, let alone others who may also be there during an emergency.

In other business, Andy Harris, senator and ASLCC political events coordinator, announced Nov. 29 and 30 for the Israeli and Palestinian Forum -- a chance to learn what both sides have to say. Harris is looking to December for a similar forum on the problems in South Africa.

Sen. Patrick White gave the results of his survey on possible college divestiture of funds from businesses associated with apartheid.

According to White, the students responded with 55 percent in favor of divestiture, 26 percent needing more information, and 10 percent

Earth Stewards' exchange program was granted \$200. Steward Simone White said one student from LCC (herself), one from the U of O, and two from South Eugene High School will join 11 other US citizens and 15 Soviets in Southern India the last two weeks of December for their Peace Trees project. She said the project will help reforest this tree-poor part of India. A similar group will go to Costa Rica in February to do the same.

Earth Stewards will have a benefit at the Kestral Cafe, Nov. 20 from 5-9 p.m. featuring Indian curry chicken tofu.

The ASLCC appropriated \$620 for the ASLCC-Multicultural Open House Nov. 23.

The senate approved a motion to purchase a \$375 dictaphone machine, two microphones and a mike adapter bay to facilitate accurate recording of the minutes of the senate meetings.

Two clubs were ratified: the College Republicans Club and the International Club.

ASLCC officially transferred control of the on-campus recycling program to the Campus Ministry.

And Bert Tryba requested ASLCC investigate why there is a lack of books of Agnostic and Atheistic orientation in the LCC Library. He said it is tantamount to censorship for this kind of information to not be available.

Oxfam fast scheduled

On Thursday, Nov. 17, the ASLCC in cooperation with OSPRIG (Oregon Students Public Interest Research Group) will be urging the campus community to participate in this year's "Fast For A World Harvest" event at LCC.

Members of the student government will have a table in the cafeteria Nov. 14 - 17 to sign up participants to fast for all or part of a day (Nov. 17) and donate the money they would have spent on food to Oxfam America.

Oxfam America is a non-profit, international agency that funds self-help development and disaster relief in poor nations such as Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

There will be a broth available in the cafeteria for participants of the fast.

The day of fasting will end with a Break-the-Fast dinner at the Central Presbyterian Church, in Eugene at 6 p.m., Thurs., Nov. 17.

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Activist soils timber management

by Linda Milligan
TORCH Staff Writer

In a visit to LCC Nov. 2, environmental activist Lou Gold said the Siskiyou National Forest district's current timber management plan operates on the "toilet principal. Nobody seems to care . . . until the toilet backs up."

Gold was in Eugene to educate people about the importance of preserving the old-growth of the Siskiyou National Forest. He spoke over KLCC radio, at the U of O, and with the TORCH.

Applying the toilet metaphor, he told the newspaper that the emergency will occur when the country faces the greenhouse effect and there is no forest left.

He explained that forest policy allows land parcels to be offered at public auction, requiring the bidder to build all necessary roads required in harvesting the timber. He said 25 percent of the timber receipts gained from clear-cutting returns to the contracting district to a revolving management fund, providing incentive for districts to lease out acreage.

It's financially beneficial to clearcut, he said, although environmentally it's detrimental.

The Siskiyou National Forest's 1400 plant species provide an insurance policy against disease and drought. But he warned that

because the forest has especially thin soil, the growing conditions are harsh. The US Forest Service simply should not clearcut and then "attempt to replant it with a narrow monocrop." He said the new crop won't be as resistant as the natural forest is, to threatening diseases and hazards.

Gold said that it would be disastrous to allow the old growth of the Siskiyou to be clearcut. Not only would Oregonians and Californians lose the scenic beauty of the region, but could lose the woodlands altogether if the new monocrop planted by the Forest Service were not resistant to natural hazards.

Gold stressed that the thin soil and harsh growing conditions of the region make it necessary to leave the many natural plant varieties intact.

"It requires a mix of land-use policies," he concluded, which can best be accomplished by developing a national park in the area. If well-managed, the park could provide revenue from tourism while preserving the beauty and ecosystem of the area.

It's a difficult fight for Gold, who compared it to explaining a long-term illness to a teenager.

"If you're 16 and full of vitality, it's hard to think that it's not going to last forever." He maintained that the same logic can be used when explaining the ecological needs of the Siskiyou to someone intimately familiar with wildlife.

"When you're sitting in the middle of what appears to be so much bounty, so much abundance, it's hard to believe that it's not infinite."

He urged the LCC community to voice opinions regarding the future of the Siskiyou National Forest through their political spokespersons -- through district representatives, and Gov. Neil Goldschmidt.

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by Sean McDonald
for the TORCH

Biloxi Blues opens at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, in the LCC main theatre. The cast has been rehearsing since Oct. 3 and expects to open with a hot show and a good turnout.

Neil Simon's semi-autobiographical, Tony Award winning comedy will play Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11, 12 and also Nov. 16 - 19. Tickets are \$6, but the show on Veteran's Day, Friday Nov. 11, will be free to all veterans.

Performing Arts instructor Jerry Seifert is directing the play.

"Never have I had a cast (in which) each actor was so uniquely correct for their specific parts," says Seifert.

U.O. student Phil Levinson plays the lead role of Eugene. Levinson has a background in stand-up comedy, acting, and debate.

"Acting is competitive," says Levinson, "but in our show everyone has contributed to the show and just because I have more

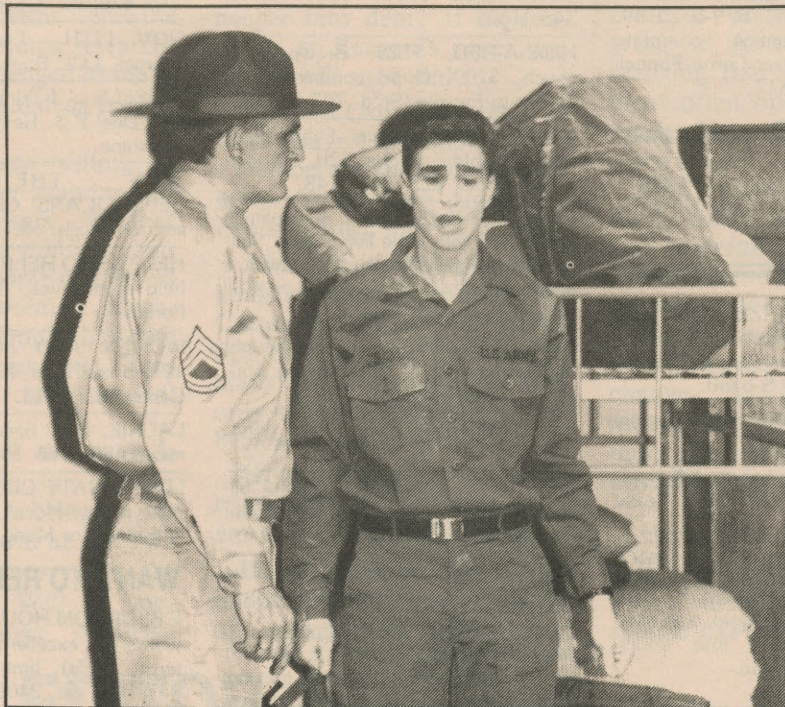


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Don Nau gives Phil Levinson the bootcamp blues.

lines and am on stage more often -- that means little."

He adds that everyone has been wonderful to work with and the experience has been "overall, very rewarding."

Mainstage Productions is a community theatre and features actors from the surrounding area as well as from LCC. Seifert says the emphasis at Mainstage is on professionalism.

Other cast members include LCC theatre scholarship students Lori Galbraith as Daisy, and Michael Sorenson and Scott Hampton as recruits. The tough drill sergeant character, Merwin Toomey, will be played by Don Nau, a Eugene businessman.

Tickets can be purchased at the LCC Box office in the Performing Arts building from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays or at Marketplace Books in the Fifth Street Public Market.

Look for a review of *Biloxi Blues* in next week's *Torch*.

Vonnegut's 'Bluebeard' worthwhile

by Andy Dunn
TORCH Entertainment Editor

Kurt Vonnegut, master of bizarre prose and bitter irony, is back. His latest novel *Bluebeard* is one of his most cohesive, introspective books to date.

Gone, however, is much of

the trapped desperation of his characters. Tamed is the black humor one sensed as the guiding force of his previous fictional worlds. Tamed, but not abandoned.

In *Bluebeard*, Rabo Karabekian returns from his minor appearance in *Breakfast of Champions*. Rabo is a 71-year-old artist who no longer paints. He, in fact, does very little except hang around his house and contemplate his eventful life. Circe Berman -- the proverbial houseguest that would not leave -- cajoles Karabekian into writing his life story. His autobiography,

which is the form of this novel, doubles as a diary of his daily conflict with Ms. Berman and the rest of the world.

The tameness I described earlier is, in fact, merely the result of Karabekian's mild acceptance of his lot in life and his sense of personal triumph in surviving.

However, much of the rebelliousness of Vonnegut's earlier writing does surface as Karabekian relives his earlier days as an Abstract Expressionist artist. Most of his friends self-destruct under the pressures of the art movement

and Karabekian himself is discredited.

In the Author's Note, Vonnegut explains some of the inspiration for *Bluebeard*. "Grotesque prices" paid for recent artworks have endowed "certain sorts of human playfulness with inappropriate and hence distressing seriousness." Vonnegut, and finally his creation Karabekian, seem to rebel against this inappropriate seriousness.

Playfulness, even in the midst of a failed life, has been a consistent Vonnegut theme. However, in *Bluebeard*, the characters are not playing quite so recklessly with the toys of self-destruction as in his past novels. Vonnegut also adds warmth and empathy for his characters here, which will make this one of his most widely accessible novels.

Bluebeard has recently been released in paperback and sells for \$4.95.

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10. *The Last Temptation of Christ*, by Nikos Kazantzakis. (Touchstone, \$8.95).

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What I Should Have Learned at Yale Law School, by Mark McCormack. (Avon, \$4.95). *The businessman's guide to outstanding lawyers. Her Mother's Daughter*, by Marilyn French. (Ballantine, \$5.95). *Rich and compelling story about four generations of women. Bluebeard*, by Kurt Vonnegut. (Dell, \$4.95). See review this page.

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Interviews for new cast

by Andy Dunn
TORCH Entertainment Editor

Up With People, an international entertainment and educational organization, will be in Eugene Nov. 17 - 19.

The group will perform on Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m., in the Hult Center. Interviews for new cast members will be held Nov. 18 from 1 - 4 p.m. in the E.M.U. Maple Room at the U.O. and also at the Hult Center after the show on Nov. 19.

Up With People is non-profit, and not affiliated with any particular religious organization. It consists of five touring entertainment groups trying to "build peace through understanding."

They will hold an information meeting for young people interested in joining in the E.M.U. Fir Room at the U.O. Nov. 14 at 7:30. Tickets for the Nov. 19 show cost \$8.50 - \$12.50.