

Campus closed as arctic storm chills Northwest

by Alice C. Wheeler
TORCH Editor

LCC closed its doors for the first time this year because of an estimated six to eight inches of snow which started falling Tuesday evening, Jan. 31, and didn't taper off till Friday, Feb. 3.

Sub-freezing temperatures and snow caused campus to open two hours late Feb. 1, and then close completely Feb. 2 and 3. The Performing Arts Department postponed its weekend presentations of *Deathtrap* to Feb. 9-11; the Athletics Department rescheduled its men's and women's basketball games against Clackamas Community College; and the TORCH missed a week's issue.

Despite large patches of ice covering campus parking lots no accidents were reported, said Paul Colvin, head of Campus Services.

Colvin said that campus maintenance workers used small tractors with plows to remove most of the snow, but he said a lot of the work "is done by hand."

While LCC was closed the U of O stayed open. Colvin explained that about half the students at the U of O live on or near the campus while "all of our students have to drive to campus." LCC's higher elevation causes roads to stay icy.

Dolores May, head of Disabled Student Services, said she had only one complaint from a student about campus special access needs. She suggests that students who see access problems with ramps and walkways call her so she can have the difficulty cleared up.

LTD continued to run buses to LCC while the school was open. Angie Sifuentez, LTD marketing representative, said there were no serious problems or accidents and buses ran as close to schedule as possible. However, buses were re-routed at times to avoid 30th Avenue's slow or hazardous driving conditions.

Students who have questions about bus schedules should call LTD at 687-5555. Sifuentez asks callers to be patient because the line can be very busy.

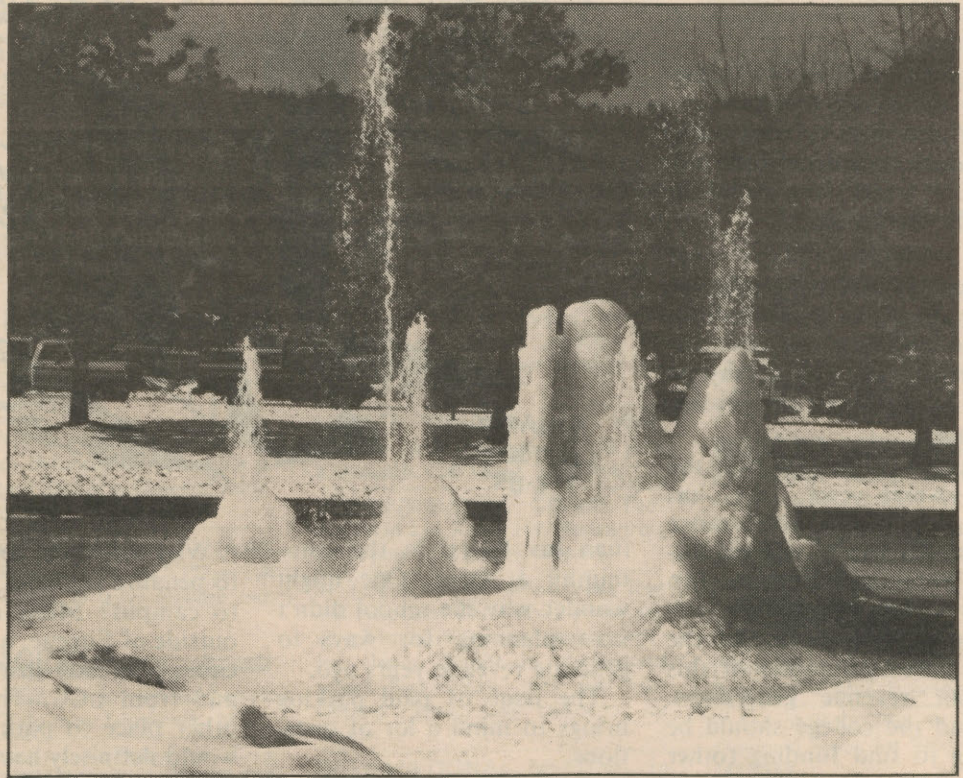


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The fountain at the LCC main entrance froze to form a beautiful ice sculpture during a cold snap that kept temperatures below freezing for almost a week.

Styrofoam debated

by Jessica Schabtach
TORCH Associate Editor

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of three articles on polystyrene foam. Next week's will consider the problems of Styrofoam and its alternatives; the third story will explore solutions and recycling.

Berkeley, Portland, and the state of Florida have banned polystyrene foam -- Styrofoam, as it is commonly called -- and LCC should follow their lead, local environmentalists say.

But the LCC administration is still debating the issue.

Food Services Manager Bob Tegge says LCC had decided to replace the cafeteria's foam cups with paper containers, but reversed the decision upon receiving information from Dart Container Co., which supplies LCC's foam cups. Dart said its cups do not contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) nor does it require CFCs in production.

CFCs have been blamed in part for the disintegration of the ozone layer, which protects the earth from the sun's ultraviolet rays. CFCs were banned in 1978 for use as propellant in aerosol cans, but are still used as refrigerants and cleaning agents and in some



photo by Paul Wall

Coffee is poured into one of the many polystyrene foam cups used daily in the LCC cafeteria.

polystyrene foam production.

However, CFCs are no longer the issue, Tegge says. The problem with polystyrene now is what to do with it.

This is the thrust of a petition which LCC student Bob Parker is currently circulating among the student body (see Forum page 3). Parker's petition claims that landfill space is being used up, and incineration of plastics releases harmful chemicals. Parker says he hopes to put enough pressure

on LCC to switch to paper or china cups.

ASLCC Pres. John Millet supports the proposed ban, and says the ASLCC had planned to encourage the college to stop using Styrofoam but dropped the campaign last fall when it looked like the ban would go into effect anyway. Millet says he sees "paper as the alternative," since china cups would be too expensive.

But Tegge says paper is also

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Unpaid parking tickets can mean trouble

by Jodie Palmer
TORCH Staff Writer

Students at LCC who receive parking tickets on campus and who do not pay them may be prevented from registering for classes or obtaining an official transcript, according to LCC Motor Vehicle Regulations.

Vehicle regulations state that all students and staff must pay parking and moving violations citations within 10 school days, or have their citations sent to Financial Services for billing. In turn, Financial Services charges 75 cents per month on the unpaid balance, and any unpaid balance remaining at the end of the term will prevent a student from receiving any credit on tuition and fees, registering for a new term, or obtaining an official academic transcript.

If, after 90 days, the amount remains unpaid, Financial Services refers the case to collections, in an attempt to rectify the situation.

Campus Vehicle Regulations require that all students register their vehicles with Security. Any vehicle not registered will then be cited if it is involved in "any situation that would require the Security Office to contact the owner or operator of the vehicle."

If a student has not registered his/her car and accumulates more than three unpaid citations, "his or her vehicle may be impounded (booted) by preventing its removal," according to the regulations.

Copies of the Motor Vehicle Regulations, as well as forms to fill out for vehicle registration, are available from the Security Office, in the rear of the Campus Services Building.

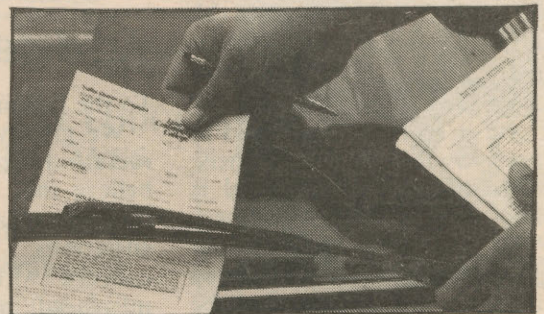


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Paid parking: a tuition hike disguised as a fee

by Alice C. Wheeler
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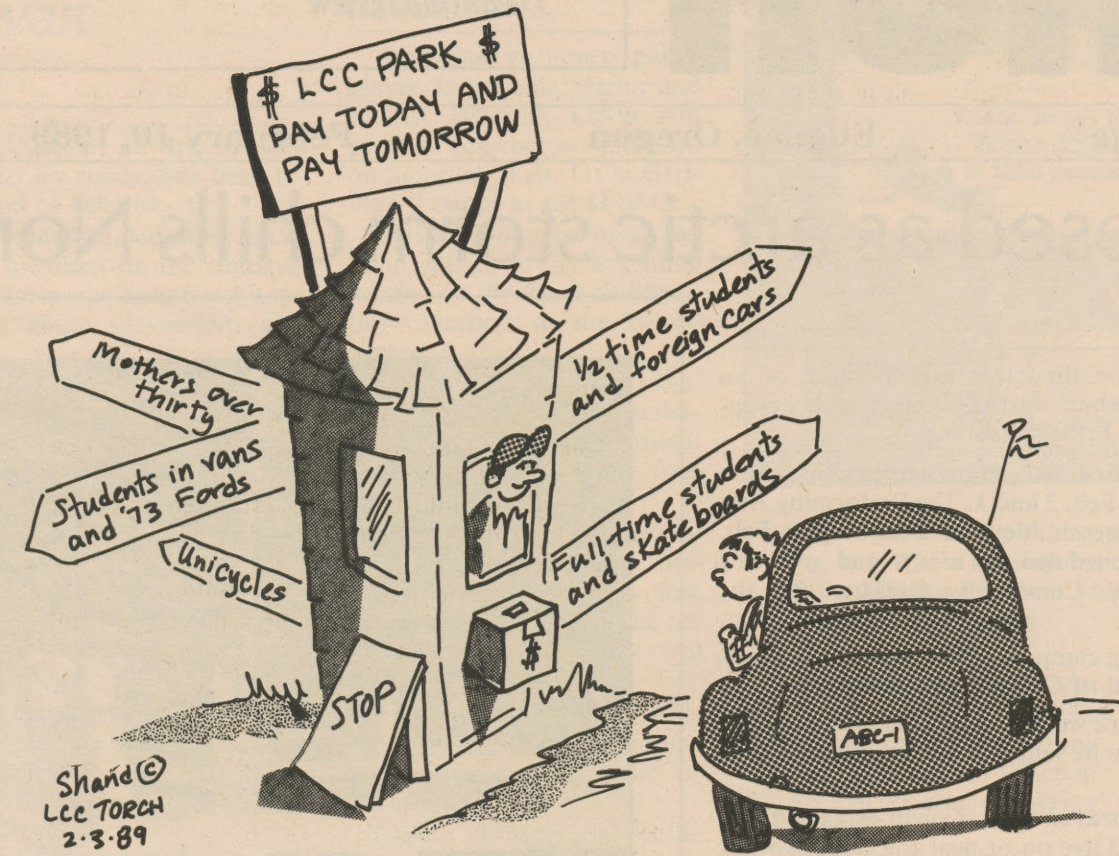
What would LCC be like if students and staff and everyone else were required to pay for parking?

Well, a task force will meet Feb. 8 to discuss the possibility of charging for on-campus parking. It is important that the college community know that the TORCH and the ASLCC are firmly opposed to this idea.

It seems unlikely that someone could reasonably explain how paid campus parking could truly benefit the college -- which really means benefit the students.

It is understandable that because the college is going to implement a \$2.1 million budget cut over the next two or three years that it may be considering ways to increase revenue.

But it's a fact that over the last several years, LCC has charged more and more special use fees to selected student programs within its own community. Creating self-support classes is one of the most recent examples of this interior revenue generation. Instead the college should be trying to find funding (other



than tax bases) in the community at large. One might wonder why the school didn't start planning for ways to generate revenue years ago.

The issue of paid parking brings to mind a lot of questions.

Why would the college want to penalize students who drive to campus? Many of us live outside of Eugene, and it costs enough already just to get to and from LCC. There is no other place to park, so LCC would definitely have a corner

on the market.

How would the college run a paid parking system? Would it once again contract with an off-campus company to run the program (as it has done, for instance, with vending machines)? And if an outside

company were called in -- Diamond Parking, for example -- would the college actually make any significant income? Not likely.

If Campus Security were to be in charge of paid parking, would security employees spend a good share of their time driving around campus trying to track down cars whose owners hadn't paid the parking fees?

How about visitors? Would they have to pay just to come to look at LCC?

If the college wants to increase revenue, a tuition increase all the way across the board would be much more straightforward.

LCC is supposedly the best community college in the state, and I for one am more willing to pay for a good education than to pay for a space to park my car. The money will go to the college either way, so why not make it a direct route?

Of course, the college might increase tuition, fees, and charge for parking all at the same time. Whatever decision is made, it should involve student input. The college was created to serve our needs, and our voices should be heard and respected.

EDITORIAL

Bush anti-Atheist

To the Editor:

The inauguration of Pres. George Bush presents bleak prospects for American democracy if Bush continues to prejudicially cater to the interests of theists by insulting Atheist citizens -- Americans of intellect and courage.

At Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, then Republican presidential candidate Vice Pres. Bush, was asked by Rob Sherman, national reporter for the American Atheist Association, whether he (Bush) would do anything to win votes of Americans who were Atheists, and whether he recognized the equal citizenship and patriotism of Americans who were Atheists.

Bush replied: "I guess I'm pretty weak in the Atheist community. Faith in God is important to me." And, then, "No, I don't know that Atheists should be considered citizens, nor should they be considered patriots. This is one nation under God."

In their efforts to convert the US into a "Christian nation" organized Christian sects have incessantly used every conceivable tactic to sabotage the First Amendment intent of our nation's Founding Fathers guaranteeing separation of church and state, freedom of religion and irreligion.

Atheists know the theist

definition of "God" is contrary to Reason, and the concept, having no empirical proof, must be accepted by honest, intelligent people as fiction. Atheists recognize the nature of theist fraud as no less damaging than the crimes of the Mafia, or human intellectual servitude. They courageously oppose theist sabotage of our democratic society, not because they seek heavenly recompense, which is nonsense, but because they love humanity and champion intellectual, social, and scientific advancement.

Bert P. Tryba
Eugene

Ad defended

To the Editor:

We greatly appreciate your racial awareness, and we believe that you are well informed regarding historical situations. However, your concern with us is entirely misplaced, and we are quite hurt by the suggestion that we are bigots or racists.

Our messages (classified), which were placed in the Jan. 13 issue of the TORCH, were addressed to us, and referred to people and things by their accepted names.

For example, "Harassing the Pink Triangle" refers to placing messages on a computerized bulletin board in the Eugene area. The name of the bulletin board is "The Pink

Triangle." The word "harassed" was slang for the above used to make the most use of a small printed space.

"Blood" is slang for a black person, but it is also the red stuff in our veins and arteries. We're surprised that someone didn't insinuate that we murdered someone. However, "Blood" refers to a computer game called *Captain Blood*, and we were referring to the winning of this game.

Bigotry and racism can be read into any message, especially when it is taken out of context and read by someone who has no idea what the message was referring to, or even whom. Reviewing old issues of the TORCH, we found several messages that, in certain light, could be construed to have racist, discriminatory, or sexually explicit meanings.

We urge all readers of all printed material to take into account the ambiguity of the language we speak, and the way in which we interpret what we read. We DO NOT condone or promote racism or discrimination on any basis. We pride ourselves on our open minds, and our ability to see and relate to differing points of view. Hopefully, in the future, incidents such as this will not happen again, so that we may all be spared the embarrassment.

Phil Cayton (The Rogue)
Delilah Masters

Libya response

To the Editor:

A curious letter from Robert Parker bothered me enough to write a response that will hopefully put some of the controversy about the Libyan incident to rest.

First, however, to Andy Dunn I give a belated "Well Done" for your "Unwrapping Fish" response to my original letter. The very things I was most upset by in your original editorial were rectified by that response; i.e. you named the sources of your information. I still disagreed with some points, but journalistically, you did your job.

I do have to point out one major problem with the "Final Response" in Jan. 20 TORCH, though. In the Mediterranean, it is a little difficult to be much more than 70 miles from somebody, but a Libyan fighter within 70 miles of our coastline would have to cross thousands of miles of ocean and could have no other possible purpose than a hostile one.

Second, in my original letter, I meant to find fault only with the aforementioned lack of backup for your opinions, not wage a personal attack on you or your right to have them, and so I apologize for any demeaning comments or terms inferred upon you and ask your forgiveness for any

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FORUMS

Student bewails Styrofoam use, starts petition

Forum by Bob Parker

LCC Student

Several days ago I had the displeasure of speaking to Bob Tegge, manager of the food service at LCC. The subject of our "conversation" was Styrofoam, specifically whether or not the food service has any plan to stop using food and beverage containers made of this dangerous substance. Mr. Tegge fired out several pre-fab excuses (which I suspect he lifted right out of plastics industry propaganda) and before I could respond to any of his comments he walked away. Perhaps he already knew that all of his assertions could be countered with some very valid arguments. Or maybe he knew that some of the excuses he used contradicted each other. At any rate his apparent lack of concern for this planet made me angry enough to take action.

I have begun a petition drive at LCC to let Mr. Tegge know that there are many of us here who place a higher value on our children's futures than we do on Mr. Tegge's convenience and operating costs.

Here are the excuses Mr. Tegge used and my rebuttals:

I first asked him if it was all right to bring my own cup to the food service. His argument was that he would have a problem with pricing because peo-

ple would bring in all sizes of cups. Well, Mr. Tegge, I have about 10 years' restaurant and food service experience and I know how astronomical the markup is on coffee. You could sell 12 ounce cups of coffee for a quarter and still make a profit. If you argue that this is not true then I would suggest you find a coffee distributor who isn't ripping you off. As for your concern about the size of cups, you could simply charge a flat rate and say no cups above a specific size.

His other argument about personal cups had to do with sanitation. I don't know exactly what the laws are here in Oregon concerning restaurant sanitation but I do find it odd that of all the restaurants I've been in here I have never had any trouble getting my second helping of coffee in the same cup as my first. Besides, I've been bringing back my Styrofoam cup for refills and nobody has seemed terribly concerned about how sanitary that is.

He then went on to tell me that we didn't need to worry about the cups in question because they were being incinerated. However, it should be noted here that incineration of garbage is an unproven technology. The burning of plastics creates PCBs and

dioxin, chemicals for which we have no technology to filter out of smoke. Considering that two cups of dioxin is enough to kill everyone in America, I think most people would agree that Mr. Tegge's operating costs are not important enough to justify such a risk to our already troubled atmosphere.

My next question was concerning the use of paper cups. Here Mr. Tegge contradicted his own argument. He said that paper cups have a chemical that leaks from landfills into ground water. But a few seconds earlier he had told me that the cups from our food service were not going into landfills. Which of these statements is true? Are we incinerating or burying our garbage?

Finally, Mr. Tegge made his most ludicrous defense of all. He said that paper cups would fall apart and people would get burned. I have had as many as six cups of coffee in one paper cup and have never once had one fall apart. To use an obvious pun, this argument doesn't hold water.

I suspect that the real issue is one of cost. To replace the cups being used now would possibly cut into profits and the principle lesson in America for the last eight (and next four?) years has been that cor-

porate profits today are more important than our children's health tomorrow. Well, Mr. Tegge, forgive me if I'm too selfish but I will not let my children foot the bill for corporate America's orgy of convenience. This poor, battered planet is the only home we humans have. If we can't treat the Earth with a little respect then we are unworthy of the gifts it has to offer us.

The plain fact of the matter is that the food service should be using china cups. There is no reasonable argument against this because you are already using reuseable plates and bowls. You obviously have the capacity to wash dishes so what's the big deal about throwing in a few racks of cups as well? And if operating costs are such a big concern you could solve the problem by cutting managerial and executive salaries.

I have been told by some sources that the type of

Styrofoam used by the LCC food service is not the kind that is destroying the ozone layer. Other people tell me it is. I have also heard that there is some evidence that drinking hot beverages out of these cups can have some health risks. I'll have to check into these issues more thoroughly.

But these facts remain: America's landfills will be entirely used up within the next two decades and incineration raises more questions than it answers. We are not setting a very good example for our community by promoting the convenience of use-it-once-and-throw-it-away mentality.

So, if you care about this planet's future and don't want an institution that you support to take part in the corporate rape of the Earth drop by the ASLCC office (4th floor Center Building) and sign the petition. You don't owe Food Services anything but you owe your children a future.

Abortion logic challenged

Forum by Heather Harpham

LCC Student

I read Jessica Schabtach's pro-abortion editorial (TORCH, Jan. 27, 1989) with a sinking feeling in my stomach, knowing that I must respond.

Schabtach focuses her article on "rights," but ironically, one paragraph details what rights a child and mother *don't* have. "... but those children don't have the right to destroy their mothers' lives, and mothers don't have the right to bring children into a life of poverty, hunger, homelessness, desertion, and social rejection."

I have two problems with this statement. The first is that it is hardly likely that the birth of an unwanted child would "destroy" a mother's life. I have met many women who carry personal scars and deep hurt because they aborted a child at some point. However, I have *never* met a woman who, under adverse circumstances, chose to have her baby as opposed to aborting it and then regretted it.

The second problem with her argument is that she is in one breath giving mothers the right to abort, and in the second, she is taking away their right not to -- if their child will be born into less than promising circumstances. I would like Schabtach to be more specific

about her requirements. How much money should a mother have to have before she has a right to bring a child into the world? Is anyone below poverty level excluded?

Schabtach is placing value only on lives which are born into favorable circumstances.

Is she aware that people in adversity often manage to pull themselves out of it? Are we to arbitrarily assume that a child who will live in poverty would not want life?

I became a pregnant, unwed mother at age 17. Fortunately,

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WALT DISNEY WORLD COLLEGE PROGRAM

Walt Disney World representatives will present an information session on the Walt Disney World College Program February 24, 1989 in the Forum Building, Room #308 at 8:30 a.m. Attendance at this presentation is required to interview for the SPRING '89 College Program following the presentation in the Cooperative Work Experience Office. Majors eligible for consideration include Business, Food Technology, and Performing Arts.

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ASLCC CAMPUS CALENDAR

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10th-11th

"Deathtrap" will be performed at 8:00 pm in the Performing Arts Building. Tickets available at the LCC box office, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, weekdays, and at Marketplace Books in the Fifth Street Market. Tickets purchased for the cancelled Feb. 1-4 shows can be exchanged at the LCC Box Office.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13th

Disabled Advisory Club, 2-3 p.m. Center 420

Open to all students.

ASLCC Senate Meeting 4-6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

Noon music in the cafeteria, Chris Sorenson.

Friday Forum general membership meeting, 3 p.m., Center 480.

Brown bag talk on Financial Aid for re-entry women. 12 p.m.-1 p.m. in the Women's Center, Center 213.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16th

International Coffee Hour in the Multicultural Center, 1-2:30 p.m., Center 409.

GALA representatives in cafeteria, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

The Multicultural Center will be showing films as part of Black History Month.

This week is "Mandela", 1:30 p.m., in the Multicultural Center, Center 409.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK:

"Experience is the science of finding out how deep a pond is by wading into it and drowning."

MATT GROENING

Styrofoam from page 1

much more expensive than polystyrene. He could be right: A 1987 Berkeley Solid Waste Commission report showed the cost of paper cups as more than two and a half times that of foam cups. However, Sally Meadow of LCC Student Activities says LCC is investigating other sources in the effort to find a cheap supply of paper cups.

Paul Colvin, director of

LCC Campus Services, says that LCC's garbage goes to Lane County Solid Waste Disposal. LCSWD transports the crushed refuse to landfills. Styrofoam and other plastics cause problems in disposal sites because they are not biodegradable, OSPIRG reports. But biodegradable materials may cause problems in landfills as well, such as groundwater contamination

and gas emissions.

Paper may also not degrade as rapidly as Styrofoam critics would like to believe, according to Bill Rathje, a professor of anthropology at the University of Arizona.

Rathje, who has studied the contents of three landfill disposal sites in Chicago, San Francisco, and Tucson, says that paper is the primary element in landfills, and that if a

dump is too wet or too dry paper does not decompose properly.

Meadow says a committee is being formed at LCC to consider the positive and negative aspects of paper and Styrofoam.

Next week: What does Styrofoam do to the environment, and how much better are its alternatives?

\$50 prize

The ASLCC recently sponsored an essay and speech contest on the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The contest has been extended through February in commemoration of Black History Month.

Essays must be 500 words or less, and have something to do with the life or work of Dr. King. Speeches should be no more than five minutes in length.

Fifty dollars will be given to the first place winners in both categories, \$25 will be given to the second place winners. Submissions should be dropped off in 479 Center by 5 p.m. Feb. 21.

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hurt feelings they may have caused.

Now to Mr. Parker:

I have no doubt that "tickling" goes on -- at least at an unofficial level. The dangers may outweigh the benefits of having good information on a potential enemy force's strengths and weaknesses, but that's not the issue right now. Whether it is right or wrong, almost everybody does it, including the US and USSR (see my original letter in the Jan. 13 TORCH). My source, incidentally, is a good friend who is a captain and B-52 radar navigator in the US Air Force who, while stationed at Loring AFB, Maine, related to me that encounters such as I mentioned were relatively com-

monplace.

As far as name-calling goes, I think *zealot* and *bigot* are pretty strong entrants in that category, and bring to mind a phrase about the pot calling the kettle black.

Furthermore, in no way did I, or will I, intend to deny anyone their right to state an opinion. I spent three years in military service to my country being willing to risk my life to protect such freedoms. In fact, it seems like Mr. Parker, with his name-calling and preconceptions of what I am, is trying to discredit me and my right to state my opinion.

I am, contrary to Mr. Parker's opinion, willing to look at other sides to a story. I was simply given no place to start due to the lack of sources

given in Mr. Dunn's editorial (a point that has been rectified).

Mr. Parker might do well to take his own advice and show his sources so that we might judge their credibility, and see where his preconceptions come from. I would also like to see Mr. Parker and the rest of us (myself included) take action that would remove the root cause for the bigotry that Mr. Parker and I both find inexcusable -- the hate that resides in all men's hearts (mine, too).

Giving it daily up to God in exchange for His perfect peace, which is the only lasting peace, is the only road to peace on earth.

Richard Cook
LCC Student

Abortion from page 3

I chose to keep my child. Pro-choice people often say to me, "But aren't you glad you had that choice?"

"NO!" I cry, "It makes me sick that I had that choice. What if I had been naive enough and desperate enough to do it?! I now have a beautiful, 6 year old boy. His name is Noah. He's the only Noah Harpham that will ever live. He is beautiful, and I love him -- even though it was hard."

Pro-choicers talk constantly about a woman's right to her own body. Yes, she has a right to use birth control and to monitor her sexual activities, but once she is pregnant, nature itself makes it obvious that she is no longer one body, but two. During abortion, it is not her body that is cut up and suctioned out or poisoned, is it?

I am also weary of hearing about how many women would die in back-alley abortions should abortion become illegal. Schabtach says thousands. This is a silly exaggeration. As the surgeon general, C. Everett Koop, recently pointed out, medical technology would not regress -- back alley abortions would

no doubt be performed using much of the same "safer" techniques now being widely used. Furthermore, a woman who seeks a back-alley abortion is doing something illegal and dangerous by her own choice. Sometimes terrible things happen when people

break the law. But that's not a good reason not to have the law.

What is ironic is that so many of the pro-choice people fail to ponder whether they themselves would be here today if abortion had been as protected and rampant in their parent's time as it is today.

One must stop to consider; do I value my life? Am I glad to be me, to pursue goals, to discover life? The answer is probably yes. In fact, most of us would go to extreme lengths to protect the life we have. Innocent unborn children need that same protection.

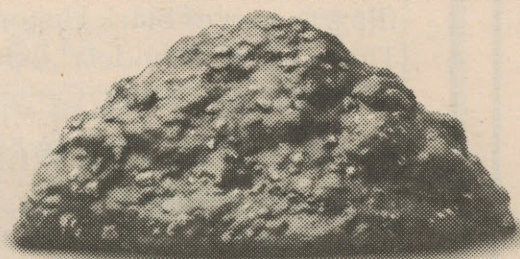
All the social and economic excuses used by Schabtach to justify abortion couldn't help but remind me of the slavery issue I've been studying in US History. Then, as now, rationalization too often won out over morality.

I have no anger, only sorrow, for the confused woman today who panics, buys into pro-choice propaganda and chooses convenience over life. I think it is tragic that her unborn child will never have a chance to prove to her, and the world, that his/her life is worth trouble.

My anger is reserved for those who know better -- doctors making millions of dollars, and others like Schabtach who would promote this evil practice which is harmful not only to women, but to our entire society.



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SPORTS & RECREATION

Little mistakes kill Titan upset bid, 71-70

by Paul Morgan
TORCH Sports Editor

The little things. The Titan men's basketball team couldn't avoid small, nagging mistakes as seventh-ranked Chemeketa CC narrowly escaped a last-second LCC upset bid Saturday, Jan. 28 at LCC.

The 71-70 loss left LCC in fourth place with a 4-4 league record, and kept the Chiefs tied in second place with Mount Hood at 6-2. The Chiefs swept their season series with the Titans, 2-0.

"We had 'em," said freshman post player Marty Huff. "But it just came down to the end . . . We had a few bad passes, and it went the other way."

LCC held a 10 point lead with 5:36 left in the game, but had trouble protecting the ball, and watched as the Chiefs chipped away and tied the game at 68 with 2:27 to go.

During that stretch, the Titans had three costly turnovers.

After a Chemeketa timeout, the Chiefs' Eric Robertson passed the ball underneath to Louis Dunbar in the lane. Dunbar threw up a shot that banked in the hoop as the 45-second shot clock expired.

It appeared as if the clock had run out before the shot was taken. But the officials didn't see the clock or hear the buzzer that should have gone off. After consulting with the coaches and the score keepers, the officials ruled the shot was good.

The basket and accompanying foul shot gave Chemeketa a 71-68 lead with 1:10 to go in the game.

"The call on the 45-second clock was a (expletive) bad call," said freshman Doug Piquette.

With 55 seconds left in the game Piquette brought the ball up the court and called time out for LCC. Titan Head Coach Dale Bates mapped a play that his team executed perfectly.

The result was Piquette passing to high scorer Jerry Kersten for the open jumper at the free throw line to pull LCC within one, 71-70.

As Chemeketa dribbled up the court the Titans swarmed the ball and tried to create a turnover. But with 24 seconds left Todd Harrington was forced to foul Jeff Bair, and had to leave the game with five fouls.

Bair missed the front end of the one-and-one but the ball

glanced off of a Titan's hand and back to Bair. He was immediately fouled by Piquette and sent to the line to try his luck again.

But that free throw bounced off the side of the rim to Dunbar on the baseline. When the Titans rushed to apply pressure to Dunbar he traveled with 8 seconds left.

Time-out Titans: It was their last time-out remaining.

Bates set up the same play that had worked seconds earlier.

Piquette took the ball 20 feet out and dribbled to the top of the key.

"I looked for Kersten and there were three guys around him, and I looked for Dusty (Auxier) and he wasn't there," recalled Piquette. "I had nothing else to do but shoot it."

"I was hoping for a tip."

Piquette was trapped 17 feet out and pivoted around his man and took a shot that skipped off the side of the rim and backboard. Mike Surmeier and Huff were right under the hoop, and Huff got the tip, but missed as time ran out.

The Titans stood on their home court in a daze as the Chiefs hooted the cry of victory. It was a tough loss for LCC, and a hard fought victory for Chemeketa.

Chiefs' Head Coach Rob Chavez explained the defense he used against LCC in the final seconds. "We used man to man," he said. "We wanted to make sure we covered Piquette and Auxier and not give them the easy perimeter shot."

"I told my guys that once

the shot went up, to go right towards the hoop."

LCC's Huff, who scored 14 points and grabbed 4 rebounds, said "The defense was superb and we couldn't get it into Jerry, so Doug put it up. I had a tip but just couldn't get it to rotate in."

"It hurts, but we'll come back."

LCC beat the Chiefs in almost every statistical category except the most important one: the score.

The Titans shot 28 of 54 from the field (51 percent), bettering Chemeketa's miserable 22 for 69 (31 percent).

LCC out-rebounded the Chiefs 40-35 and had 17 assists to Chemeketa's nine.

But the Titans turned the ball over 31 times. That's not a positive statistic, and it led directly to a Titan loss. LCC has been riddled with turnovers all year.

"We just didn't take care of the ball," said Bates. "It was disappointing . . . just a real heartbreaker for us."

Another heartbreaker for the Titans is that their starting postman sophomore Harold Michaud has quit the team. Michaud was the team's leading scorer.

Bates thinks Michaud may have been unhappy with the amount of playing time he was getting.

"He let us down," said Bates. "I don't know what his problem is. He's just coming off pneumonia and he was getting into shape . . . I guess

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NWAACC Southern Division Standings

MEN	W	L
Umpqua	10	1
Mount Hood	8	2
Chemeketa	7	3
LANE	5	6
Clackamas	4	6
SWOCC	4	7
Linn-Benton	4	8
Portland	1	9

Wednesday's results

Umpqua	49	33	- 82
Lane	36	36	- 72

WOMEN	W	L
Umpqua	10	0
Clackamas	7	2
Chemeketa	5	3
Mount Hood	4	5
Linn-Benton	4	5
SWOCC	1	8
LANE	1	9

Wednesday's results

Umpqua	20	37	- 57
LANE	15	26	- 41

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"It hasn't been easy."

Titan women's basketball Head Coach Dave Loos definitely has that right.

His team has dropped eight straight games, including a 61-47 loss to Clackamas CC Monday, Feb. 6 that dropped its record to 1-8 in Southern Division play.

LCC shot a dismal 25 percent from the field, 15 for 61, against the Cougars, who shot 48 percent. Clackamas shot 59 percent in the first half to put the Titans 13 points down at halftime.

The Titans were shut down in the second half and shot only 8 percent (2-23) from the field. LCC could only muster 13 points in that half.

Now that LCC is out of the running for a playoff spot, Loos says that team emotion is split.

"Unfortunately I don't want to say that," he explained, "but I think some of them have let their minds wander."

"Losing doesn't bother me. Lack of effort does."

"We want to go out and play with class, pride, and have some fun," he says.

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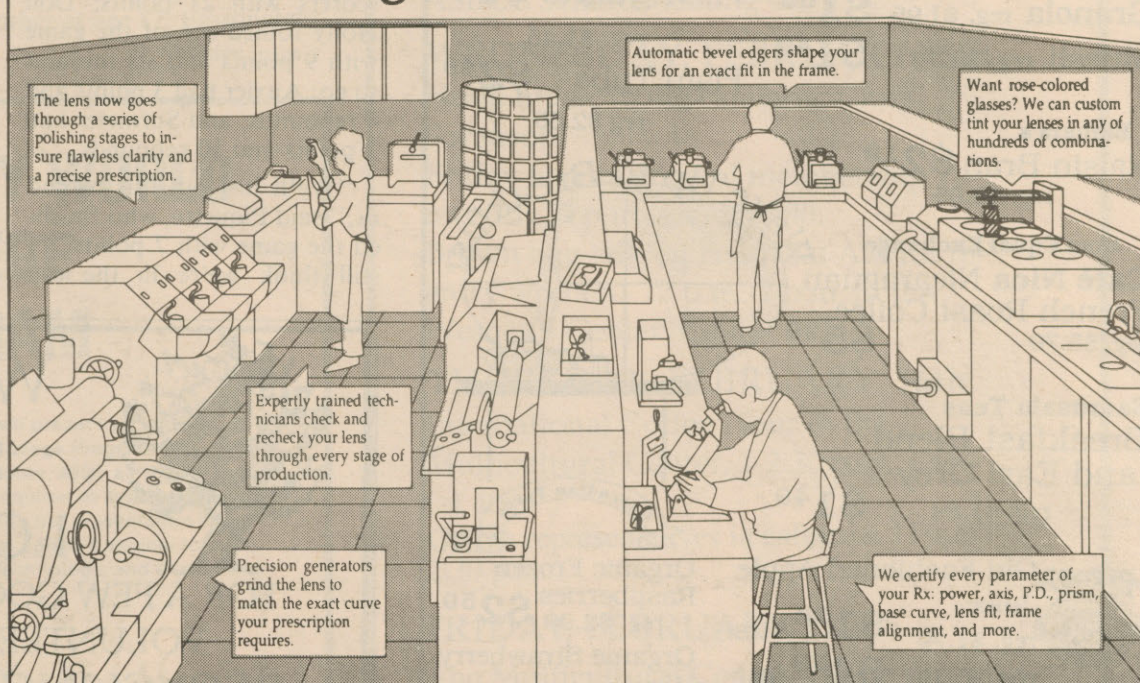
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Future LCC president discussed

Student representatives, including ASLCC Pres. John Millet and Vice Pres. KoLynn Dornan, met with members of the LCC Board of Education and Consultant Pat Fitzwater to discuss qualifications of the next LCC president.



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Enter junior year with AA degree

by Jessica Schabtach
TORCH Associate Editor

Students who graduate from Oregon community colleges with Associate of Arts (AA) degrees will be able to transfer directly into their junior year at any of the Oregon State System's four-year colleges or universities as soon as fall term 1989, says Paul Holbo, vice provost for Student Affairs at the U of O.

LCC Pres. Jack Carter says the effort began several years ago to eliminate confusion in the transfer from Oregon community colleges to universities.

However, Holbo says the new agreement will cause some changes in the AA requirements. He says the requirements are "more prescriptive," with stiffer math and writing requirements, a mandatory

speech course, and defined sequences of courses, rather than random classes in departments such as social science and humanities.

And classes which some universities don't require, such as PE and health, may be cut from LCC requirements, says Vice President for Student Affairs Bob Marshall. A committee of LCC faculty and administration is currently debating the fate of these existing courses and also considering a proposal to add a computer literacy requirement to the AA degree. The committee is expected to report to the school within a month.

Marshall says that if the college drops PE and health requirements from the AA degree the departments may suffer. But he points out that although the U of O doesn't

have a PE requirement it still has a strong athletics department. "Obviously it would have an effect," he says, "but I think PE's a high interest area; I don't think it would make a lot of difference (in enrollment)."

Marshall says the new requirements will give students "far less latitude for electives," particularly because the math and writing courses required in four-year colleges are higher level classes than those many students start in at LCC.

He says courses such as Writing 120, in which Marshall estimates half of LCC's students enroll, do not fulfill block transfer requirements. So he says students may end up with less time for electives if they need to take preparatory classes.

Fast Lane That'll be the day

by John F. Piper
TORCH Staff Writer

It's been seven days now since I became a nonsmoker, and I'm feeling a little guilty.

I gave up nicotine last Tuesday night. It's not the first time I've quit, but I hope I can make it the last.

I think I've got a pretty good shot at it this time, because I have a resource now that I didn't have when I tried to quit before. A resource with the unlikely name of *The Smoker's Book of Health*.

(I realize that I haven't yet explained why I'm feeling guilty. I'll get to that momentarily. Trust me.)

The Smoker's Book of Health, first published in 1987 by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, isn't just for quitters. The subtitle sums it up nicely: *How to Keep Yourself Healthier and Reduce Your Smoking Risks*. I've been using it for that very purpose for several months.

In the first section of the book, the author, Tom Ferguson, M.D., sets forth the physical and psychological effects of nicotine and smoking. In the second part he describes dietary and other methods the smoker may use to minimize the damage he or she is doing to himself or herself.

After having made use of some of these for a while, I began to think that maybe all the remedial efforts I was making just to maintain my habit weren't worth it. That was when I turned to part three of Dr. Ferguson's book.

If you should decide to quit is the title of that section. Note the "if" there. The nonjudgmental, objective atmosphere of that title is consistent throughout the book, and one of the most appealing things about it to me--smokers get enough moral judgement from society-at-large, thanks.

The advice in part three is practical and simple to follow, covering everything from ways to quit to dealing with weight gain afterward to staying a nonsmoker. I expect to have to rely on it heavily in the days to come.

So I quit around 11 p.m. Tuesday, after trying a technique described in section three as "rapid smoking," which I advise you not to try unless you're absolutely certain that you want to quit.

As to why I feel guilty: On Wednesday, the freak Alaskan cold front hit, and I got cooped up in the house for several days, with plenty of time to think.

Sometime Friday it dawned on me that I might be responsible. For the icy roads, for the school closures, for the snow and related phenomena.

I strongly suspect that somewhere, sometime, to someone, I must have said, "Quit smoking? Me? Ha! When hell freezes over . . ."

Titans from page 5

he's not happy."

LCC could have used his help, but the Titans put their best effort out against the Chiefs. Jerry Kersten led all scorers with 21 points; Don Holly fouled out of the game with 9 points and six minutes to go; Auxier had 3 points and 4 rebounds; and Surmeier had 3 points and 10 rebounds.

"We'll just put this behind us," said Piquette, who finished the game with 7 points. "I still think we're in the top

three. Everybody played hard tonight . . . you can't knock us for playing hard."

That's probably one of the worst losses I've ever had," said Harrington, who scored 11 points.

As of Feb. 6 the Titan's record stands at 5-5 with a vic-

tory over Southwestern Oregon CC Feb. 1 and a 62-55 loss to Clackamas Feb. 6. The game against Clackamas was postponed three days because of weather.

If the Titans hope to make the play-offs they must come back and win their last two games against Portland CC and Linn Benton.

LCC's next -- and last -- home game is Wednesday, Feb. 15 against Linn-Benton CC.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Deathtrap' delayed But worth the wait

by Kim Malisch
for the TORCH

LCC's Main Stage Theatre production of Ira Levin's *Deathtrap*, cancelled last week due to icy roads, has been rescheduled to finish its run the weekend of Feb. 10 - 11.

Deathtrap is an exciting thriller - comedy filled with unexpected twists that keep the audience members on the edges of their seats. One surprise after another forms the basis for this intricate and constantly evolving plot about playwrights and murder conspiracies.

Bill Douglas provides an exceptional performance as Sidney Bruhl, a frustrated, formerly successful playwright. Sally Anne Cox plays Myra Bruhl, his nervous, heart-diseased wife. Sidney's lack of recent success has placed the couple in a financial bind.

Then Clifford Anderson (played by Reginald Jackson) enters the scene as a young playwright seeking advice on his new thriller. Anderson's play is so good that it turns Sidney to thoughts of theft -- and murder.

Thus begins the opening scene that quickly evolves into a complicated plot with suspense, shocks, and laughs.

Deathtrap has a colorful group of characters. Sidney, Myra, and Clifford appear alongside Sidney's lawyer (David Harper), and a psychic by the name of Helga Tendorp (Carol Louise Kimball). Helga adds to the suspense and to the humor of the story with her predictions and comic character.

The play also features polished scenic and lighting design by Jim McCarty, technical work by Skip Hubbard, and masterful direction by Patrick Torrelle.

This production is sure to keep the audience laughing or gasping in surprise.

Deathtrap is playing Feb. 10 - 11 on the Main Stage in LCC's Performing Arts Building at 8 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased in the LCC Box Office, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays, or at Marketplace Books in the Fifth Street Public Market. Tickets purchased for the cancelled Feb. 1 - 4 shows can be exchanged for the rescheduled shows at the LCC Box Office.

Argentine musicians will perform

by Andy Dunn
TORCH Entertainment Editor

Argentine virtuoso guitar player Jose Louis Merlin and flautist Deborah Lewin will perform together at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11, in Gerlinger Lounge at the U of O.

Partial proceeds from the event will go to the Argentine *Madres of the Plaza de Mayo*, the "Mothers of the Disappeared."

Trained as a classical musician, Merlin enjoys international fame for his classical and Latin American folk music.

Lewin, who is married to Merlin, has previously performed with him in a folk ensemble which toured the US and played in Eugene several years ago.

Saturday's instrumental-only concert will feature primarily the folk music of Latin America.

Merlin will play solo on the guitar for the first half of the show. Lewin will join him for guitar-flute duets for the second half.

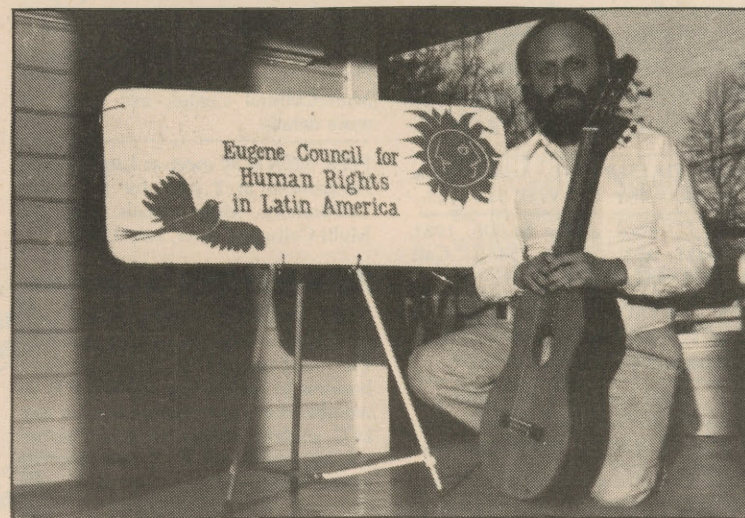


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Jose Louis Merlin will play guitar at the U of O on Saturday, Feb. 11, in a concert sponsored by the Eugene Council for Human Rights in Latin America and the U of O's EMU Cultural Forum.

The performance is co-sponsored by the U of O's EMU Cultural Forum and the Eugene Council for Human Rights in Latin America (CHRLA).

Tickets for the Feb. 11 concert cost \$4 for seniors and students, and \$5 for the general public. They can be

purchased at the EMU Main Desk, at the CHRLA office at 511 12th Ave., and at Balladeer Music in the Fifth Street Public Market.

Merlin will also teach an all-day guitar master class on Feb. 12 at the CHRLA office. For more information on the class or the show, call 484-5867.

Effron to conduct symphony

preview by Barbara Rottenborg
for the TORCH

The Eugene Symphony will perform a combination of Classical, Romantic, and Contemporary repertoire on Feb. 16. Guest conductor David Effron, from the prestigious Eastman School of Music Philharmonia, will lead the symphony for this concert.

As part of this year's *Catch a Rising Star* series, clarinet soloist Daniel McKelway will perform Mozart's "Concerto for Clarinet in A Major, K622." McKelway is a 1984 winner of the Young Concert Artists International auditions.

According to Eugene Symphony Conductor and Musical Director Adrian Gnam, it is unusual for the Eugene Symphony to play Mozart because that repertoire is so capably brought to Eugene audiences by the Mozart Players.

Gnam says his goal while working here in Eugene has been "to get new people to go to a concert and say 'Gosh, this is good. I'm going again!'" He says that audiences have grown in the past few years.

In this year's Symphonic Series, *Catch a Rising Star*, Eugene audiences have been exposed to several young and talented soloists. Gnam says this program makes the best use of increasingly scarce arts dollars, while not jeopardizing quality.

In addition to the Mozart piece, the Feb. 16 concert will include Bedrich Smetana's exquisite "Moldau." Part of a larger work entitled "Ma Vlast" (My Homeland), the Moldau depicts the river of that name which runs through Czechoslovakia. The music, as the river, grows from a trickling spring to a crashing torrent.

The final work on the program will be Charles Ives' "Symphony No. 2," one of his better known pieces. Gnam states that it is "filled with American folk tunes and recognizable melodies."

The performance will begin at 8 p.m. Feb. 16 in the Hult Center Silva Hall. Students and seniors can get half-price tickets 30 minutes before the show. For further information, call 687-5000.

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