

Affirmative action: close vote *Initiative doesn't pass*

by Dorothy Wilmes-Corkery
TORCH Staff Writer

Affirmative Action Initiative 004 fell two votes short of passing in the Monday, Feb. 13 ASLCC meeting.

The initiative proposed that for every 10 persons appointed or hired by the ASLCC (including workstudy students), five positions would be filled from a target group which would include women, women of color, disabled, veterans, lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and non-traditional students (any student under 18 or over 24). In addition, Initiative 004 stated that one of the five positions must be filled by a woman of color.

Passage required a vote of two-thirds of the 15-member Senate, or a unanimous vote of at least 10 members. Monday marked the third time the action was introduced in the senate. In two prior meetings the issue was tabled for research and later discussion.

At the Feb. 13 meeting, ASLCC Pres. John Millet said that he backs the initiative 100 percent, seeing it as a way of creating "active" rather than "passive" hiring and appointment procedures.

ASLCC members critical of the initiative said that the senate has shown no discrimination in hiring practices in the past, and that "red tape" might accompany passage of the action.

Millet responded by stating, "Opting out of or away from progress because you're afraid of what might happen is looking in the wrong direction." He urged the ASLCC to look at what "pro-active affirmative action could do for ASLCC and LCC."

Millet said that the initiative is "a guideline for assuring that we encompass as many of the students (at LCC) as possible." Women represent 56.7 percent of the campus population and they should be represented accordingly, he said.

Another question raised at Monday's meeting was how the ASLCC would go about finding out if a person fits one of the targeted groups without invading a individual's right to privacy, especially regarding sexual preferences.

Millet stated that the initiative would simply ensure the rights of these people to be included in the hiring process.

Senate member Bette Dorris was one of the two senators who voted against the motion. However, she said, "I am not opposed to Affirmative Action, I'm opposed to the way the motion was presented to the senate. I want to be more informed and to hear all legalities involved."

Dorris said she wanted to hear from the target groups themselves at the Feb. 22 meeting.

Senator Randy Rawson also voted against the policy, but had no comment.

Paid parking: facts & figures

by Alice C. Wheeler
TORCH Editor

The issue of paid parking on campus is not over yet.

A group of college representatives met Feb. 8 to address the possible impacts of requiring students to pay for parking at LCC.

Richard Hillier, vice president of Administrative Services, says that no decision has been reached, and none will be reached until further discussion and investigation have taken place.

An analysis of costs and revenue was researched by Bob Vogel, chairman of Electronic Services. He estimated the expense of having Diamond Parking run LCC's 1,400-stall parking lot at \$100,099. Net revenue generated for the entire year was estimated at \$349,901.

These estimates are based on parking fees of \$50 a year, \$20 a term and a \$1 hourly rate if paid on a daily basis.

Vogel's report also stated that the Diamond crew would be responsible for picking up trash and "keeping the facility looking sharp." Diamond would need two booths with gate arms, which would be set up on Eldon Schafer Drive and Gonyea Road near the Ride Share Center. These booths would be set up to collect fees when people left the campus, and permit holders would have a special lane to expedite exit.

ASLCC Pres. John Millet says, "I am 100 percent



photo by Michael Saker

Signs like this may appear on campus next fall if a paid parking proposal passes.

against the idea; it's unfair to the students."

He cites specific reasons that he is against paid parking. "It is a poor way to raise revenue. There would be too many expenses taken out of the revenue earned from this project." And he says that because there is no alternative place to park students would be forced to pay the fee. He is concerned that this would "limit students' ability to gain access to education, especially at a commuter college like LCC."

Diane Dann, associate

director of Institutional Advancement says, "The meeting raised a lot more questions than it answered." She also expresses concern that paid parking would send out the wrong message to the community and make it harder to attract people to LCC.

"It's a hard way to raise that money," she comments.

Hillier says that the information gathered at this meeting was sent to Interim Pres. Jack Carter.

Carter had not reviewed the information and could not comment at press time.

Alternatives to Styrofoam ban may be available

Feature by Jessica Schabtach
TORCH Associate Editor

Editor's Note: This is the third and final article in a series studying LCC's proposed polystyrene foam ban, the problems with polystyrene foam, and solutions and alternatives.

LCC is considering banning Styrofoam, and has appointed a committee to consider its problems as well as the cost and other problems of paper. This article will investigate solutions which are being used in other areas.

Recycling

Recycling polystyrene foam has generally been considered an impossibility, but several companies across the country are working to make it a reality. In Massachusetts, *Time Magazine* reports, Mobil Chemical and Genpak are preparing to open a foam recycling plant which will recycle about eight percent of the state's Styrofoam, reforming the plastic into "such new items as flowerpots, wall insulation and coat hangers."

Closer to home, the John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center at Clackamas Community College is currently working on a renovation pro-

ject using lumber made from recycled plastics, including Styrofoam. Nan Hage, assistant director of the center, says the lumber will be used to build a new bridge over a wetlands; she says it is particularly suited for such use because the plastic lumber doesn't contain the hazardous chemicals found in pressure-treated timber. However, she says the company which is manufacturing the lumber "hasn't perfected the system to be cost-effective," and is extremely slow in delivering it. She says, too, that the lumber is very heavy, but believes that for certain purposes, such as in boat-building, its strength and durability may outweigh its other problems.

Prior to the Portland banning of Styrofoam this year, *The Oregonian* urged the city to reconsider recycling, saying "A ban leaves no room for the industry and the public to adopt practices and technology that would allow the benefits of plastics without the hazards." The editorial suggested "constructive thinking" like that which pioneered the bottle bill in Oregon years ago.

However, OSPIRG representative Betsy Matsch

says that although recycling Styrofoam is technically possible, "in reality it's ridiculous . . . It's just practically and economically nonfeasible. Nobody's going to take their little Styrofoam cup from the restaurant and wash it out and put it in a recycling bin. And no restaurant manager is going to set that up because it's just not financially good for him to do."

Degradable Plastics

Biodegradable and photodegradable plastics -- plastics which disintegrate when exposed to light for an extended period of time -- have been developed recently and are in use in certain regions of the country. Jim Lammers of Dart Container Corp. says that foodservice products made from such plastics may be developed in the near future, but that degradability may detract from the benefits of plastics, such as insulation and sturdiness.

Degradable plastics may also cause other problems, such as defeating recycling efforts -- the Connecticut Environment Committee reports that

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EDITORIAL

ASLCC: Put your money where your mouth is

by Alice C. Wheeler
TORCH Editor

Affirmative action was created in the 1960s to ensure equal opportunity in admissions and employment for minority groups and women.

Members of the ASLCC recently voted down an affirmative action policy which, if it had passed, would have required it to fulfill specific hiring practices.

Policy number 004 stated:

For every 10 persons appointed by ASLCC (this includes appointed Executive Cabinet positions, workstudy positions, and or any new paid positions to be created by ASLCC in the future) of that 10, five shall be from one of the following groups: students of color, women, disabled, veteran, non-traditional, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and of that five at least one will be a woman of color.

Any vacant Senate seat that is filled by other than the election process, during the academic year, shall be filled by the ASLCC's Affirmative Action Guidelines, unless the Senate already meets those guidelines.

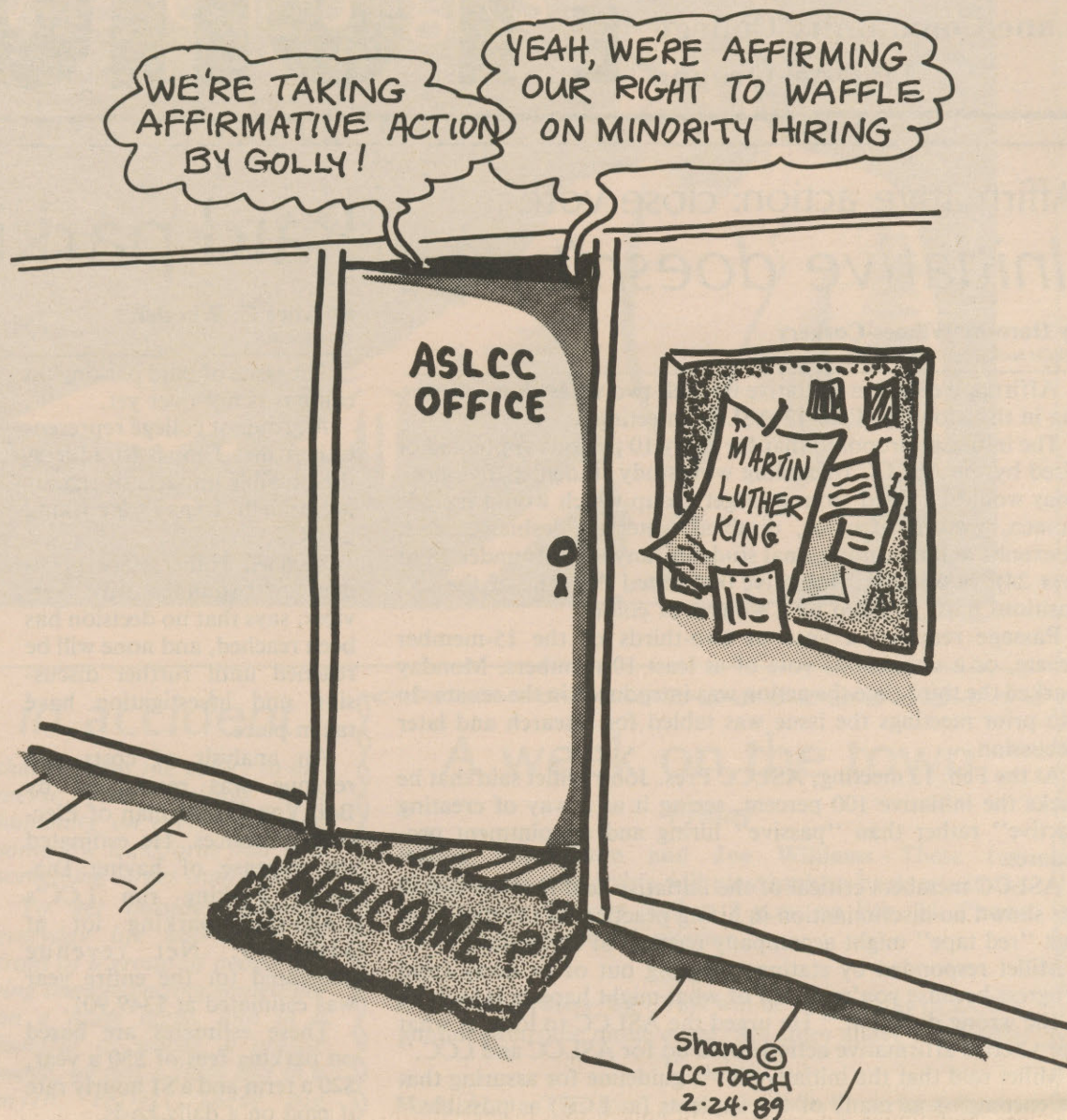
No person shall be used to fill more than one target group qualification.

During discussion of this policy members of the senate said that they had already made their "statement about racism" and that this policy was unnecessary. They said that they did not discriminate when appointing ASLCC positions. Other members said that the policy would create a lot of "red tape," and that they were worried that they might have to hire someone who was "unqualified for the job."

The ASLCC has set itself up as a progressive, open-minded representative body for the students at LCC by sponsoring many multicultural events.

Too many reasons were brought up for *not* accepting the policy. To the average listener it would have sounded like some members of the ASLCC don't want to put their money where their mouth is. These listeners would have been correct.

Although this policy contained stiff requirements, if accepted it would have set a precedent for other community colleges in Oregon. Many senators wondered how they would find one woman of color for every nine people on the Senate. Only about 5.6 percent of the students at LCC are women of color. Maybe the ASLCC should enlarge the ratio in a new affirmative action policy to one out of 15 or 20 ASLCC employees. This might be a more realistic approach.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Still wondering

To the Editor:

I was born in 1967, fully five years before the *Roe vs. Wade* decision made abortion legal. This fact meant nothing to me until relatively recently, when I found out that I was a serendipitous child.

That is to say: I was the most obvious reason that my parents married less than nine months before I was born.

I am not enough of an anti-quarian to be able to guess at my parents' reactions to the news that I had been conceived, but I can see that they had only a few options concerning it.

They chose to bear and raise me, obviously, but what else could they have done?

If they had chosen to put me up for adoption, my mother would still have had to endure the physical ordeal of pregnancy and childbirth and would have received nothing whatsoever in return for her time, energy, and expense.

Their other option was to have an illegal abortion. I'm understandably grateful that this wasn't the route they chose. That procedure was, by all reports, extremely risky for the woman involved. And I don't like to imagine the zygote which later became

myself being indirectly responsible for the mutilation or death of its host.

The question whose answer I will never be sure of is nothing so abstract as whether fetuses have souls, or whether they should be given legal protection as entities discrete from the woman in whose body they reside, or even whether abortion should or should not be legal.

No, I will simply always wonder whether I would have been born if abortions had been safe and legal in 1967.

Although my mother has assured me that she and my father would've gone ahead with the pregnancy in any case, I can't help but suspect otherwise. After all, she is my mother, and it's more than 20 years now since my parents were faced with the decision, and it's only human to pretend that the choice one has made is the best one, whether it really is or not.

But the fact of the matter is, abortion was not safe or legal in 1967. My parents didn't really have the option.

I look back on my childhood, their divorce, my mother's struggle to survive as a single parent, my father's slow recovery from alcoholism, and wonder

whether things might've been different if they had.

We'll never really know. And I'll never really know whether my parents got married because they wanted to or because they were compelled to by an accidental pregnancy.

If abortion had been made legal just a little bit sooner, I wouldn't have to wonder.

Name withheld by author's request

Great weekend

To the Students of LCC:

Thank you for your participation in and support of the LCC/Valley River Center Open House. It was a most successful weekend for Lane Community College. It is thrilling to see students and staff working side by side to present LCC to the community at large. Valley River Center owners were pleased to have us there and sent words of praise. The students were a part of that success. Together we can make a difference!

Joyce Kofford
Secretary to Vice President for Student Services

Styrofoam stays

To the Editor:

I recently picked up an issue of the TORCH while riding

LTD. I read the article pertaining to the Styrofoam cups at LCC. This is a very important issue for all institutions, not just LCC.

Billions of Styrofoam cups are being thrown away each day in colleges across the nation. Styrofoam is not biodegradable and it doesn't go away. I realize that cost and available space are important to some. Others know that the

care of our planet and our resources are much more important.

In 1985, I transferred to LCC from Portland Community College. PCC encouraged students and faculty to use their own cup for coffee. They gave us five cents off (the price of) our coffee, no matter the size of our cup. When I approached LCC with

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Worrying about GPA can hinder learning

by Jodie Palmer
TORCH Staff Writer

Instructors at a recent Faculty Forum on Grades and Standards said that students often drop classes because they might earn no better than a C grade.

"Cultivation" of GPAs interferes with actual mastery of the necessary information, said several of the faculty.

According to statistics compiled from the Student Records Office for the 1985-87 school years, more than 50 percent of student grades are As and Bs, with C grades totalling less than 14 percent of all grades earned.

Many of the 30 faculty members present at the Jan. 31 session expressed concern that students were able to do less to earn an A. Math instructor Jill McKenney said, "I have many students who don't bother to try harder because they would get the same A by putting out less of an effort."

Some suggested that grade inflation would deter students' desires to experiment in other subjects in which they might not earn straight As.

"It's like students aren't allowed to be human any more," said McKenney.

She added that these higher grades, both at the community college and university levels, cause the GPA requirements for key university programs to rise, thus eliminating students who have the adequate skills, but not the above average GPAs.

Instructors at the session agreed, complaining that the pressure on students to keep high GPAs carried over to instructors who want to see their students qualify for such programs.

The faculty present suggested that plus and minus grades may be a way to inspire students to try harder in classes where it seems easy to earn As and Bs. Though the extra marks are dropped when figuring GPAs at the university level, the instructors present said that the issue should be examined further during fall faculty meetings.

The Audit Option

However, most of the meeting was devoted to discussion of the Audit Option.

Some instructors want the right to give audit students a "Y" grade (no basis for grade) if they fail to attend classes.

Several faculty claimed that students who change from graded to audit credit sometimes stop attending class. The audit mark is recorded on the transcript by a "U."

Instructors also discovered that many employers give raises to employees who audit a certain number of classes. Until now, a student would

receive a grade of U regardless of attendance.

In order to answer questions about the transfer of grades, Ken Carpenter, a U of O academic adviser, and Charlene Blinn, an LCC counselor, sat in on the forum. Carpenter said that although non-passing grades are averaged into a student's grade point average, only A, B, C, D, and P grades appear on an official grade transcript when a student transfers credit to the university.

McKenney said, "Because so many instructors were busy with midterms and students, we did not have a majority of the faculty present. . . We are hoping to have an inservice day this fall so that all faculty members can have the benefit of research materials on these issues."

After the session McKenney urged students to be aware of the conclusions of the forum and offer suggestions about the possible policy changes.

The meeting was sponsored by the Faculty Forum and organized by Donna Morgan, communications-data specialist for Student Services. The purpose of these forums is to generate open discussion on relevant topics of interest to instructors, and to act upon the conclusions reached during debate.

Campaign against toxic use

by Andy Dunn
TORCH Entertainment Editor

Acting on their beliefs about environmental issues, several LCC students are organizing meetings, table displays, and letter-writing campaigns.

Following an environmental issue forum held at LCC earlier in the month, these students have been meeting weekly to organize a campaign in favor of Oregon's proposed Toxics Use Reduction (TUR) Act.

The TUR bill and LCC's Feb. 8 forum were both sponsored by the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG), but the group of LCC students is not officially affiliated with any organization.

"It's a group of LCC students who attended the meeting and want to help," says Ivan Frishberg, an LCC student and OSPIRG volunteer who has been helping to organize the effort.

"The students here want to do something -- make a difference -- and they see that they can."

The TUR bill, which seeks to mandate the reduction of toxic substances used by industries, will be introduced in an open hearing in Salem on March 1.

The LCC group hopes to get 50 students to write letters to their state representatives in favor of the bill. The group gathered more than a dozen

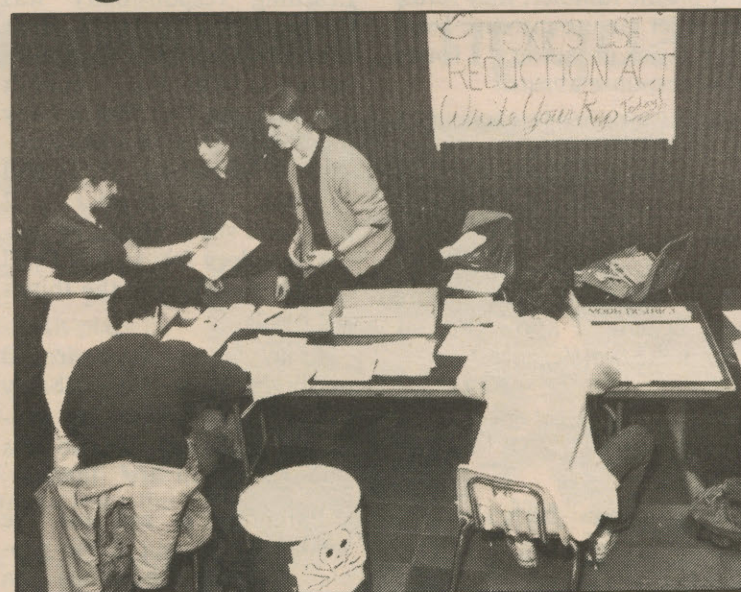


photo by Michael Saker

LCC students campaigning for toxics use reduction staff a table in the cafeteria on Feb. 22.

letters by Feb. 22.

Additionally, at least five members of the group plan to go to Salem on March 1 in support of the bill.

The group meets at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays in Center 410 and plans on continuing its environmental efforts

throughout the school year.

For more information on the group, the TUR bill, or the planned trip to Salem, you can leave a message for Ivan Frishberg at the Student Resource Center on the second floor of the Center Building, ext. 2342.

ASLCC CAMPUS CALENDAR

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24

*Friday Forum, BRING Recycling, 10 am-2 pm, in the cafeteria.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 27

*ASLCC Senate meeting, 3-6 pm, in the Boardroom, Administration Building.
*Disabled Advisory Club, 2-3 pm, Cen. 420.
Open to all students.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1

*TAX HELP!!! EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY, 2nd FLOOR, CENTER BUILDING.
*Friday Forum General Meeting, 3 pm, Cen. 480.
*Free coffee and tea all day at the Student Resource Center, 2nd floor, Center Building.
*Brown Bag Talk in the Women's Center, 1-2 pm, Cen. 213.

THURSDAY MARCH 2

*International Coffee Hour in the Multicultural Center, 1-2:30 pm, Cen. 409.

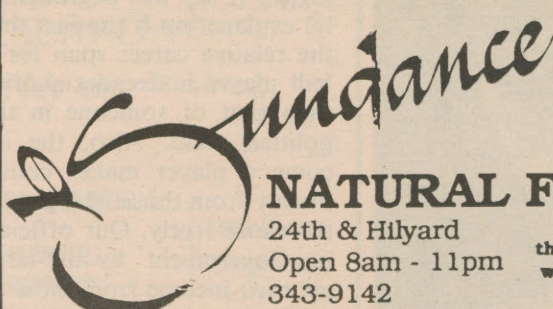
FRIDAY MARCH 3

*The Multicultural Center, as part of Black History Month, will be showing films, 1:30 pm, in the Multicultural Center, Cen. 409.

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my plastic tumbler, they refused to let me use my cup. I was told it was unsanitary! I found that response absurd!

I discontinued buying coffee in the cafeteria. I found the coffee in the Women's Center of better quality and they let me use my own cup! I am choosing to do something about Styrofoam use in my life, because I know that "I can make a difference!"

Leigh Corkum
U of O

Examine effects

To the Editor:

I just read Heather Harpham's forum concerning abortion. When I read Jessica Schabtach's article I, too, had a sick feeling in my stomach. I feel that the majority of pro-choice advocates are the people who have never had to make the difficult decision.

I was 17 when I became pregnant, and I considered an abortion. But fortunately, my mother came to me with actual photos of aborted babies. I considered adoption, but I made the decision to keep my daughter.

I feel that I have benefitted from keeping this child.

Learning responsibility was the best thing for me. I admit that sometimes it is hard, and money is tight, but I couldn't live with the fact that a baby might have lived to make a difference somehow if I had aborted. My daughter is 2 now, and she is what I am going to college for; so that I will be able to give her the things she needs.

In no way has she destroyed my life. I think it is probably just a good excuse for pro-choice advocates to use this "destruction of life" farce.

Parenting is not for the weak-hearted, but if the people pushing abortions on others would stop and really examine the actual meaning and effect of what takes place when the procedure happens, I would hope that they would change their minds. To me, killing a baby while in the womb is the same as killing it while it is out of the womb.

Jayne S. Cowan
LCC student

A private matter

To the Editor:

I am pro-choice. Unlike Heather Harpham, I have not met any women who suffered

physically or emotionally from having an abortion, and I have met a sad few who did suffer in both ways from having an unwanted child. They returned their suffering tenfold on their offspring. This is the kind of abuse Jessica Schabtach seems to be referring to in her editorial -- emotional poverty. Monetary poverty is not the issue.

Ms. Harpham states in her rebuttal to Ms. Schabtach's editorial that a pregnant woman is not one body, but two. If this is to be accepted as fact, it would seem to me that asking a woman to be totally responsible for a second body is unfair if she wishes otherwise, and to be wholly and absolutely legally responsible for an unloved, parasitic body is absurd.

I take exception to Ms. Harpham's suggestion that "back-alley" abortions will be exponentially safer due to improved medical technology. Are street drugs any safer now because of improved pharmaceutical technology?

Abortion is admittedly a controversial, emotional, and complicated issue. I have reached a viewpoint I feel comfortable with; but I believe

that, no matter what one's personal views, abortion is a decision that should be up to a woman and her own beliefs. Neither prohibitive legislation nor wanton destruction -- such as the bombing of clinics -- have any part in this very private matter.

Elisabeth P. Blum
LCC student

Pay raise absurd

To the Editor:

I feel compelled to bring up a few points about the proposed 50 percent pay increase for our government officials. I was outraged that such a proposal was made in the first place, and insulted by the remarks made by the proponents when it was not approved.

Supposedly one of the main features in the package was that with the increase in wages, our public officials would not be able to collect fees for speaking engagements. Why on earth should the general public be burdened with paying for the appearance of an official for a select group that attends these functions?

One of the defeated members interviewed on national television expressed his disgust that a ball player gets such an outrageous income. I am disgusted at this also; but my disgust at a yearly income of under \$8000 and his disgust at well over \$50,000 seem a bit out of balance. The only logical (I say this begrudgingly) explanation is the fact that the relative career span for a ball player is decades shorter than that of someone in the political field. Also, the income a player makes comes mainly from those who give to the cause freely. Our officials in Government by-and-large get their income from those of us that cannot afford the lux-

uries they seem to think is owed to them.

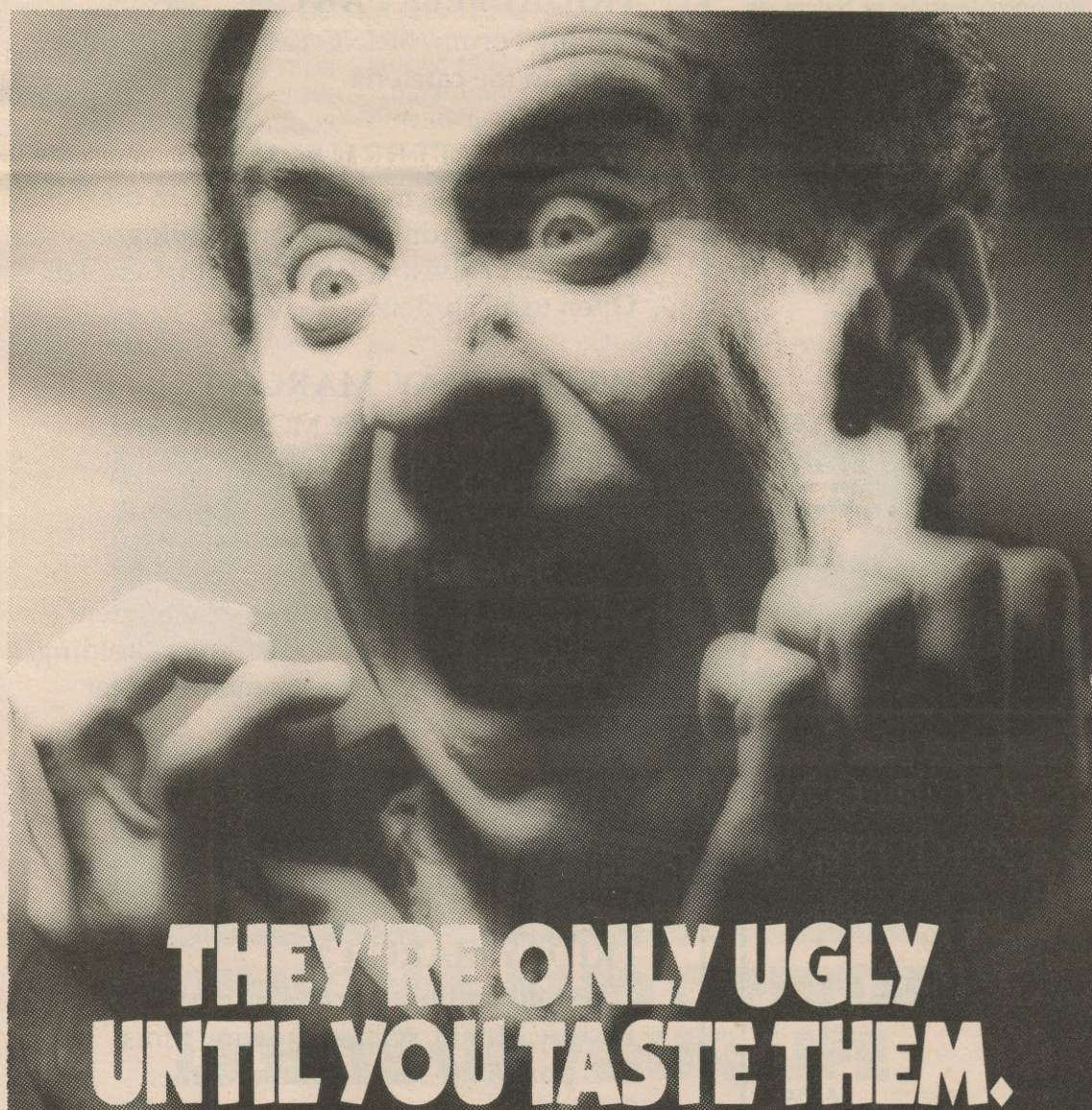
Both of these professions are chosen. Are we to feel sorry for either of them for getting a more than substantial salary, public recognition, and a secured future income? Even the "bad seed" in the public realm becomes a financial success by putting pen to paper and "telling it all."

In this time of national financial disgrace, I find it inconceivable that this was discussed behind closed doors let alone expected to meet with approval. So it's been two years since the last pay increase. Are we, the taxpayers, supposed to feel badly about this? When I struggle to pay my bills, live in fear of being sick or hurt because I don't have insurance for me or my child, and feel a twinge of shame when I pay for groceries with food stamps, it's pretty hard to have any compassion for these already overpaid professionals.

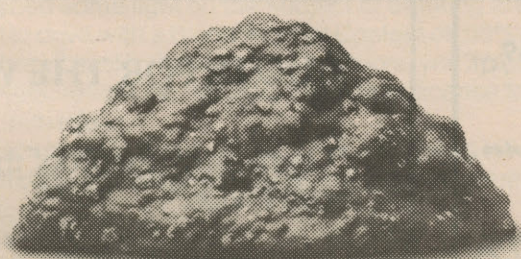
Our concern is supposed to be that the honest, good, etc. officials are tempted to abandon ship to go to private industry where they can make "up to six times more" than they make working for us. I say let them go. If they're so concerned with financial gain, they have no business working for "the people."

I am proud of the Nation's population for fighting this issue and hope it's a glimmer of a new trend. This is *OUR* Country and ultimately it is our responsibility to challenge and control what goes on. These people are our employees, so why do we let them take over? Would we continue to do business with anyone else who displayed such blatant disregard for our well being? I think not!

Teresa E. Brown
LCC student



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SPORTS & RECREATION

LCC athletes move to four-year schools

by Jeff Gunderson
TORCH Sports Writer

Recent LCC graduates have used the athletics department as a springboard into competition at four-year colleges in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana.

Eighteen former LCC students, 14 men and four women, have risen from community college sports to compete at four-year colleges. But the experience they gained at LCC has not been forgotten.

"It was easier for me to adjust to the four-year school's competition because playing for Lane for two years prepared me for it," says Aaron Helfish, who competed for LCC's baseball team before going to Western Oregon University. "There was a bigger turnout of players at Western Oregon, which made it harder to get a position on the team because other people had been there longer."

Taunya Pierat says that competing at a four-year college makes an athlete work harder.

"Since the competition at the four-year level is more serious, people put more into practicing," says the Southern Oregon track team member. "Knowing the competition is higher makes you work harder."

Eric Laakso made the transfer to Western Oregon and is now starting point guard for its basketball team. "The players at four-year schools are bigger, more experienced, and more physical," explains the former LCC basketball player.

"The competition is also a lot higher. Playing at LCC prepared me for the transition," he comments.

Other LCC graduates who have recently made the transition to four-year schools are baseball players Jeff Ordway, Oregon Institute of Technology; Kyle Tucker, Western Oregon; Ed Howarth, Portland State University; Leo Francis, Eastern Washington University; and Bill Townsend, Western Oregon.

Basketball players who transferred over are Laasko; Todd Doll, O.I.T.; Ron Schaffeld, Eastern Oregon State; and Jerome Johnson, Eastern Montana University.

The track program has been most successful in placing its athletes in four year colleges. The seven are Pierat; Tammy Courtney, Oregon; Jill Cochran, Washington State University; Diana Nicholas, Western Oregon; Nick Anastasiades, Oregon; Brad Cook, George Mason; and Bob Koreski, Idaho.

Titans roll toward Umpqua

by Paul Morgan
TORCH Sports Editor

A sure sign of a tough basketball team is the ability to pull together when times get rough.

The Titan men's basketball team did just that when it drubbed the Clackamas Community College Cougars 84-68 Tuesday, Feb. 21. The game was scheduled to break a fourth-place tie and earned LCC a spot in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges.

The victory was the third in a row for LCC, including an 80-58 win over second place Mount Hood C.C. Feb. 18 in Gresham. That victory was essential for the Titans to force the tiebreaking game.

"The guys are playing more as a team," says Head Coach Dale Bates.

The Titans had three players in double figures against Clackamas. Sophomore guard Don Holly had a game-high 30 points for LCC. Freshman forward Todd Harrington had 19 points and sophomore postman Mike Surmeier added 13 for the Titans.

This is a good time for the Titans to peak; they will roll into top ranked Umpqua C.C. Feb. 25 in the first round of the Southern Division play-offs.

The South Regionals are being held in Roseburg, which is the Timbermen's neck of the woods; and they usually draw big crowds.

But, Bates says, his team won't be effected by a large crowd. "My guys are tough," he explains. "They've seen it before . . . I think they can handle it."

Umpqua carries a 13-1 league, and 22-6 overall record into the contest. Game time is 9 p.m., and follows the 4 p.m. game between Mount Hood and Chemeketa, who are tied for second place. The winners will meet for the Southern Region championship Feb. 26 at 4 p.m. The losers will be sent home.

The Timbermen have beaten the Titans three times this season: once in the Southwestern Oregon pre-season tournament, and again in Roseburg.

The Titans lost to Umpqua 82-72 in their last meeting Feb. 8 at LCC. Several times the Titans crawled back from deficits of as much as 14 points but could never pull closer than five.

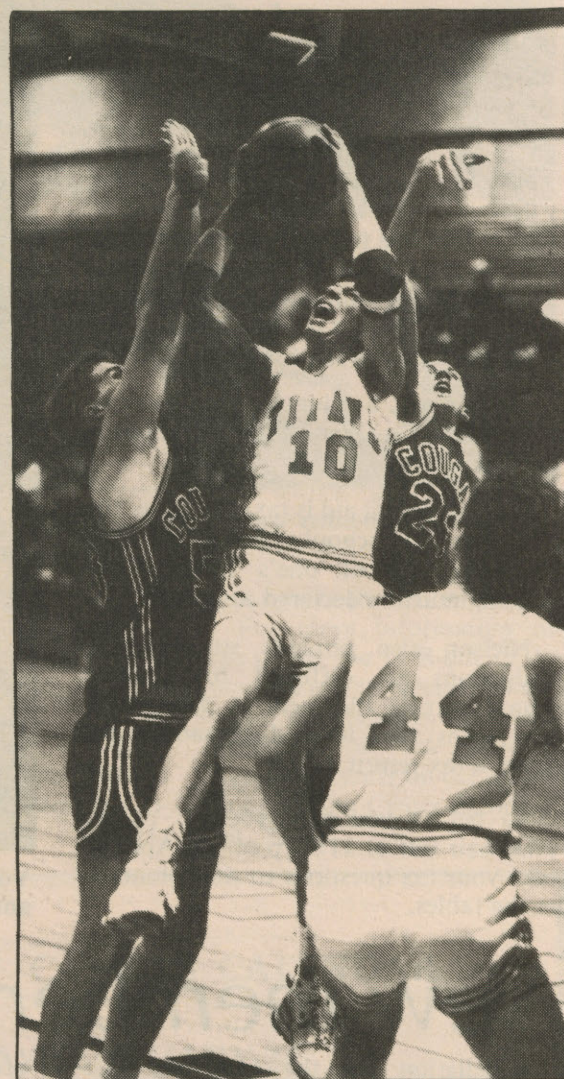


photo by Sean D. Elliot

Sophomore guard Don Holly scored 30 points against the Cougars. The Titans defeated Clackamas 84-68.

The only way the Titans can advance to the NWAACC tournament is to win both games this weekend.

The Timbermen are assured of a spot in the NWAACC tournament, so if they win the Southern Regionals, the second place team is awarded the second seed from the Southern Division.

NWAACC Southern Division Basketball Play-off Roseburg

Mt. Hood (23-4)	Feb. 25	26
Game 1 4 p.m.	Winner game 1	
Chemeketa (23-4)	Southern Regionals	Southern Regionals
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by Bob Parker
TORCH Staff Writer

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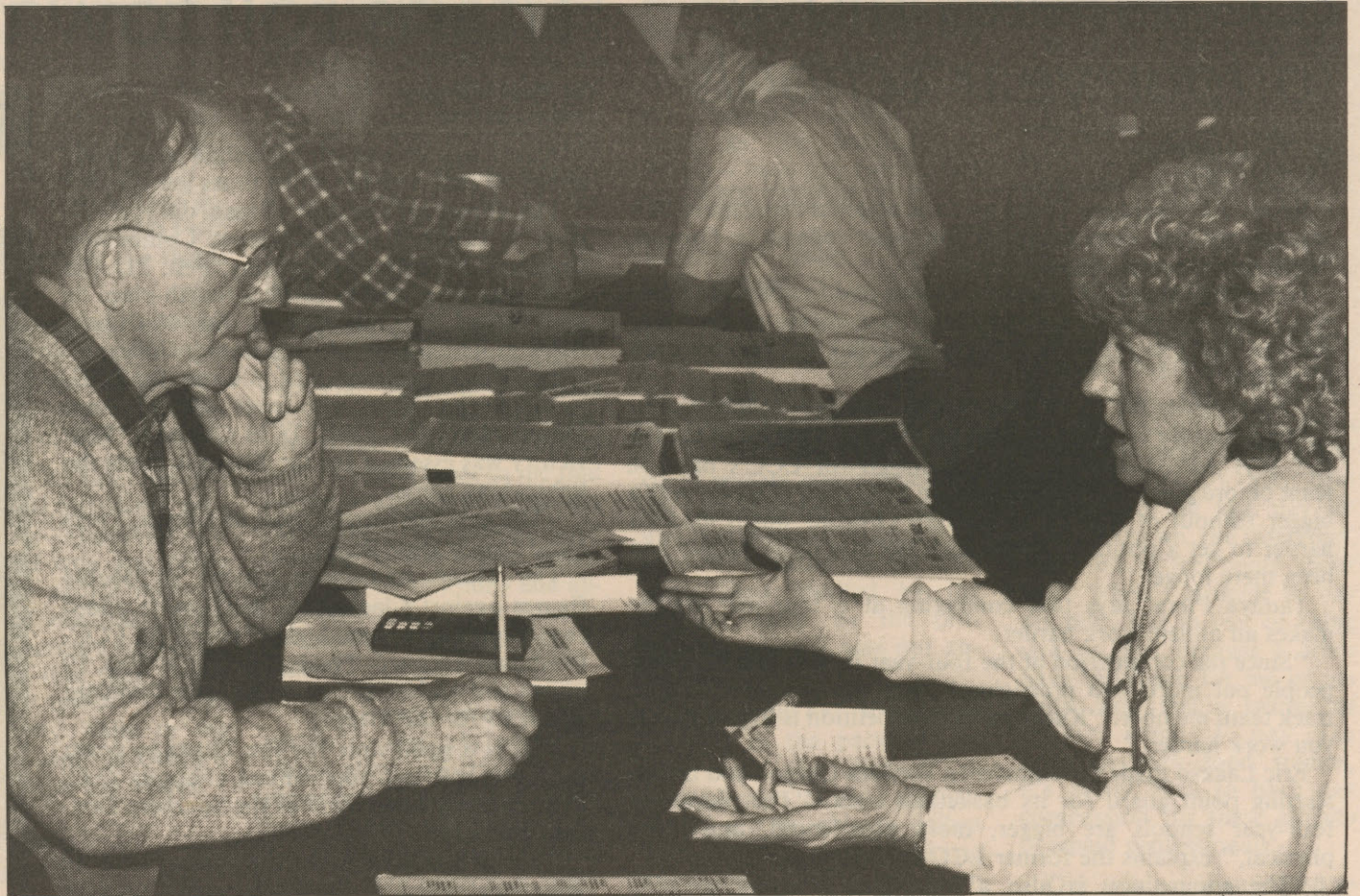
But LCC students have a place they can go to get help with their tax problems. Volunteers who are informed on tax laws will staff a table on the second floor of the Center Building (next to the Financial Aid Office) until April 15. The table will be staffed every Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. to answer questions and provide tax forms.

Vic Nielson, a volunteer, says there are some tax issues that students should be aware of.

First, financial aid is taxable. After tuition, fees, and school expenses are paid, the remainder of one's financial aid benefits must be declared as income.

Nielson also reminds students that deductions are different for students whose parents file them as dependents. He warns that little discrepancies can delay a tax return.

So before you find yourself pulling your hair out at 11:30 p.m. on April 17 take your tax questions to the volunteers at the tables.



Volunteer Vic Nielsen guides Mary Deckard through the annual maze called income tax forms at a table in the se-

cond floor lobby of the Center Building. Income taxes are due on April 17 at midnight.

photo by Paul Wall

New members installed in LCC Phi Theta Kappa

Installation for the LCC academic honor society Sigma Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) was held in the Boardroom of the Administration Building on Jan. 26, 1989, at 7 p.m.

To become a member of the honor fraternity students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above. Full-time students must have completed

at least 12 credit hours and part-time students must have at least 18 credit hours.

Jack Carter, interim president of LCC, welcomed new members. Jay Jones, director of Student Activities and Auxiliary Services, was the main speaker.

The initiation ceremony was performed by Bette Dorris, president of Sigma Zeta; Donna Whitfield, vice president of

Finances; Emily Leupold, vice president of Records; and Juanita Griffith, vice president of Membership.

Officers for Alpha of Oregon, the community-based alumni organization of PTK, were installed by the adviser of Sigma Zeta, Dolores May. Tony Hernandez was installed as president, Mike McKibben, vice president, and Jeff Moisan, secretary-treasurer.

The following new members were installed into the Sigma Zeta Chapter:

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Rachel Barton-Russell
Cynthia Bean
James Bonebrake
John Borchardt
Linda Brittain
Tanya Clark
Margare Collingwood
Christy Colonnese
Natalie Conley
Sheryl Conn
Mitchell Cotter
Frances Denson
Janet Dorsey
Coleen Ebert
Stacie Gates
Jennifer Goselin
Tanya Graves
Lynda Harris
Marti Hron-Studstrup
Jeanne Kowalewski
Jon Ann Lawrence
Kristine Linn
Zetta McDaniel

Tim McGill
Angela Miller
Belinda Misterek
Julie Nelson-Thiele
Jim Newton
Rosemary Nixon
Rose Norris
David Porter
Jeffrey Prophet
Marcia Rabenberg
Kathleen Reedy
Cheryl Rollins
Kenneth Schroeder
Terrianne Sewell
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Styrofoam

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Conclusion

Styrofoam has been consistently maligned in the last few years, but its substitutes and replacements, including paper, may not be much better for the environment. China and reusable plastic cups seem to be the only environmentally sound solution, but LCC is apparently not willing to spend the extra cost for them. If LCC does choose to replace polystyrene foam with paper on campus, it should do so as a symbolic gesture aimed toward encouraging Americans to re-evaluate their throwaway society, not in the belief that eliminating Styrofoam will eliminate all environmental problems caused by disposables.

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Sponsored by the Performing Arts Department, *Electronic Artistry '89* will feature two 8 p.m. concerts Feb. 24 & 25 and four electronic music workshops during the day on Feb. 24.

The evening performances will consist of LCC and area musicians followed by Muro and Los Angeles performance artist and soundtrack musician Jill Fraser.

Tickets for each concert cost \$8 and are available at the LCC Box Office, 726-2202, or at Marketplace Books in the Fifth Street Public Market.

The Friday, Feb. 24, workshops will cost \$5 for one or \$10 for two to four. Admission to the workshops and the concert combined is available at a reduced rate of \$15. For more information call or visit LCC Box Office.



photo by Suzan Carson

'Deathtrap' star Douglas dies in accident

by Andy Dunn
and David Harper
for the TORCH

Eugene's Bill Douglas -- a successful actor, director, mime, playwright, teacher, and (at the request of LCC instructor Patrick Torrelle) star performer in *Deathtrap*, last month's Main Stage Theatre Production -- died in an accident at his home on Feb. 16.

A review of Douglas's life reads like an adventure novel.

He grew up in the inner circles of national government as the son of Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, served two years in counterintelligence during the Korean War, obtained a graduate degree from the Sorbonne in Paris, and studied mime under Marcel Marceau.

Douglas came back to the U.S. and began building towards a successful acting career that eventually landed him numerous film and television roles including his own TV series called *The Weapons Man*.

He maintained his love affair with theatre throughout

his life, co-founding the northwest touring company *The Summer Circle, Inc.* and writing, directing, and starring in off-Broadway's *The Circus*.

Following such diverse activities as running a restaurant and then a horse ranch in Northern California, and even studying the communication of wolves in the Canadian Rockies for two years, he moved to Eugene in 1983.

LCC student David Harper, who worked with Douglas in last month's production of *Deathtrap*, has the following tribute:

I only worked in one play with Bill Douglas, but in the process I met a deep and wonderful actor, someone I liked.

Bill had a seriousness, an ongoing devotion to the work, that went beyond just being professional. He put us all on a higher level. When you get someone with Bill's kind of respect for theatrecraft it's just contagious. It makes you pay attention.

And all through the seriousness and intensity of working within this craft, Bill was so easygoing. He observed all the courtesies and respected everyone involved in the production.

An actor's life is a disciplined, wholehearted enterprise

that requires the ability to immerse your feelings with humanity on every level and somehow transform that into something larger than life.

To get outside personal, everyday life and stand in front of a group of people sitting there expecting something on a rainy night, and in a handful of words, a precise move, or just a flash like in a myth, reflect these big meanings -- Bill could do that every time.

Of course he also had some impressive credentials, but he was extraordinarily modest.

A few weeks ago after one of our shows he came over to the house, drank a little wine, shyly played a little tune on the blues harp from the next room, and the thing I remember is he never mentioned theatre the whole time.

Oregon theatre has lost an exceptional player and a true gentleman of the arts. My heart goes out to Gretchen and the family.

Douglas is survived by his wife, Gretchen, of Eugene, and three grown children living in Oregon and Washington State.

The family will hold a wake from 2 - 4 p.m. on March 4 at the Unitarian Church, 477 E. 40th in Eugene.

A week on the town

Friday

Bobby Hutcherson and Joe Williams - These two phenomenal jazz artists will play back-to-back sets in the Hult's Silva Concert Hall at 8 p.m. on Feb. 24. Phone 687-5000 for more information.

Saturday

Electronic Artistry '89 - This will be the last day of LCC's annual electronic music event. See story above for details.

Sunday

Mark Alan - This local jazz guitarist will perform in the upscale Bohemian atmosphere of Jo Federigo's nightclub at 9 p.m. 21 and over only. No cover charge.

Monday

Faculty Artist Series - U of O Professors of Music J. Robert Moore and Wayne Bennett on oboe and clarinet will perform various pieces in Beall Concert Hall at 8 p.m. on Feb. 27. Phone 686-3761 or 686-5678 for more information.

Tuesday

Christine Lakeland - This California blues artist and her band will play at the blues and reggae club Taylor's Tavern at 9:45 p.m. on Feb. 28. 21 and over only.

Wednesday

Fred Small - The WOW Hall and KLCC welcome to Eugene this veteran folk singer of the Woodie Guthrie tradition, who has been hailed by Pete Seeger as "one of America's best songwriters." He will play in the WOW Hall at 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 29. Phone 687-2746 for more information.

Thursday

Crazy 8's - This high energy pop band, veteran of numerous tours in this region, plays in the U of O's EMU Ballroom at 8 p.m. on March 2. Tickets cost \$7 in advance and \$8 on the day of the show. Phone 686-4373 for more info.

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