



Russian teacher to speak at Lane



photo by Deborah Pickett

Rima Burjukovich

by Michael Omogrosso

Torch Editor

One of ten Russian exchange teachers in the US, Rima Burjukovich, department chair of foreign languages at the Saratov Teachers' Training College in Saratov, Russia, will talk at Lane about women and their lives in the Soviet Union. She will be on Dec. 6, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in PE 205.

Burjukovich says many Soviet women hold high positions throughout the Soviet system. As many women as men are acquiring a higher education, as well. She also says the field of education is dominated by women.

Education in the States, she says, does not pay as much attention to foreign cultures and languages as it should, especially nations as powerful as Russia.

Speaking to US-Soviet relations from a people perspective Burjukovich says, "We don't want war and you don't want war."

She is teaching Russian at South Eugene High School until her return home at the end of this term as part of a teacher exchange program sponsored by the American Field Service.

Candidates visited:

Presidential search continues

by Devan Wilson

Torch News Editor

Members of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee and the LCC Board of Education are currently conducting visits to the campuses of the three finalists for the position of LCC president.

On Nov. 17, the board announced it will continue to interview Gerard Berger, vice president of Chemeketa Community College; Jerry Moskus, executive vice president of educational services, Des Moines Area Community College, Des Moines, Iowa; and A. LeRoy Strausner, vice president for support services and dean of students, Casper College, Casper, Wyo.

The presidency was vacated when Richard Turner III resigned from the post during the summer of 1988. Turner left to become president of Nashville State Technical Institute, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Members of the visiting party include ASLCC Treasurer Ivan Frishberg, representing students; Pat Dickover of Computer Services, representing classified staff; Linda Riepe of Health Occupations, representing faculty; and Jim Ellison, dean of Weekend College, representing management. Also attending are board members Martin Lewis, Jim Pitney, and Board Chair Larry Perry.

According to Sue Colvin, director of Personnel Services, the visitation team visited Casper College on Nov. 29, and will visit Des Moines Area CC today, Dec. 1, before returning to LCC on Dec. 3. The group will then visit Chemeketa CC on Dec. 7.

The visiting party is scheduled to meet with student leaders, student activity directors, and faculty representatives. The party may also meet

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Women skin WOSC Wolves, 72-69 Jepson's last second shot seals Titan victory

by Jeremi Shipley

Torch Sports Writer

What a way for the Titan women's basketball team to start the season.

LCC sophomore Stacy Jepson capped a 26 point performance with an amazing three-point shot with one second remaining to lift the Titans past the Western Oregon State College JV's, 72-69, Nov. 29 at LCC.

"I knew it was going in as soon as I let it go," said a jubilant Jepson.

Fifth-year Head Coach Dave Loos called the play on LCC's final time-out after WOSC guard Lisa Barendse tied the game on a three-pointer with 10 seconds left.

Loos had Jepson stand in

the back of the stack on the in-bounds play at midcourt to let her break through the line as it split apart.

Assistant Coach Ron Richards made a minor adjustment in the Titan offense by moving center Kristi Potter to the right side of the key from the left side, forcing the back-up defender to the weak side and giving Jepson a one-on-one situation.

She received the ball on the left side, dribbled down to the three-point line and put up an off-balanced jumper that swished through the net as the buzzer rang.

The Titans ran onto the court and created a giant pile as they celebrated.

The victory raised the Titan's record to 2-1 in non-

league play, including a last second loss to Blue Mountain Community College and an 88-57 pounding of Southwestern Oregon CC in the Lane Invitational over Thanksgiving weekend.

After a down year last season it seems that the Titans may have found a leader in Jepson.

"Stacy executed the offense and wanted to take charge," said Loos. "She is valuable to the team and I wouldn't expect any less."

Besides scoring a game high 26 points, Jepson added 10 assists and two steals.

WOSC Head Coach Ken Battles lamented his loss after the game. There was some question whether Jepson had

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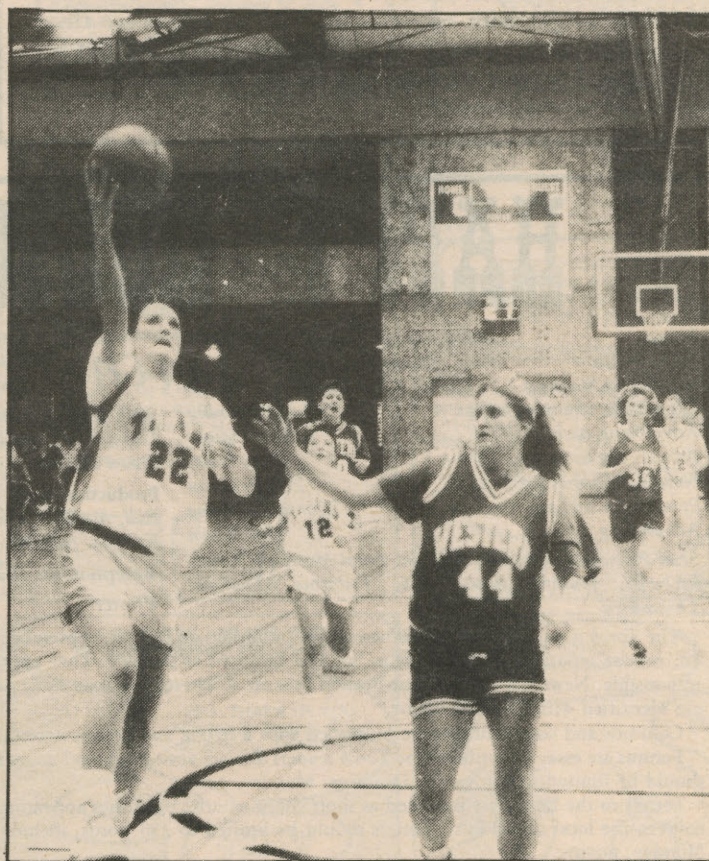


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Stacy Jepson adds another two of her 26 points after a steal in LCC's 72-69 victory.

More effort needed to solve the homeless and hunger problems

by Michael Omogrosso

Torch Editor

As the Thanksgiving holiday passes on by, a fog of psychotic deja vu begins to descend and thicken. From radios, loud speakers, and acquaintances comes strands of "Deck the halls with . . . all ye faithful . . . red nosed reindeer," with increased frequency the closer Christmas Day approaches. People begin to crowd the retail stores in pursuit of someone's seasonal happiness. Hails of "Merry Christmas," spring from even the most scrooge-like individuals as they pass one another.

But, in this time of economic prosperity, this time of good cheer and sweet meats, this time of celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace, there are no rooms at the inn and hunger stalks the land of opportunity.

Hunger not only in Ethiopia, El Salvador, and Eastern Europe, but in Eugene as well. The federal government has reduced spending from a budget fat in military priorities, in part, by reducing funding and surplus food shipments to agencies like Food for Lane County, and by stiffening eligibility requirements for welfare to decrease the numbers on the public dole. Hunger welcomes the results of these actions (people with little or no resources) with open, starving arms.

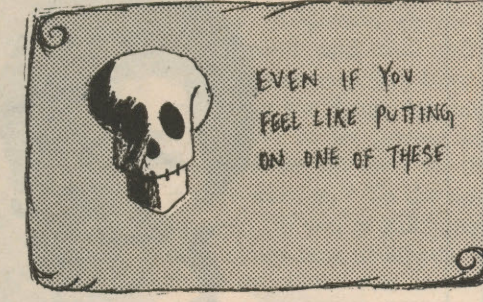
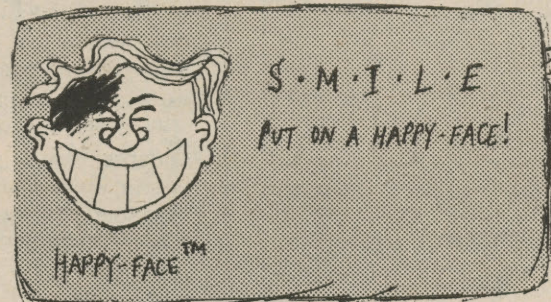
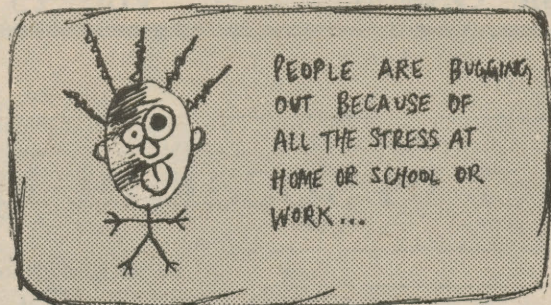
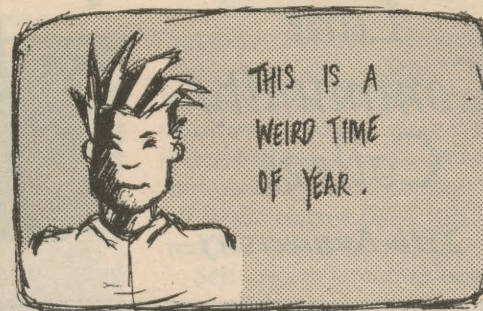
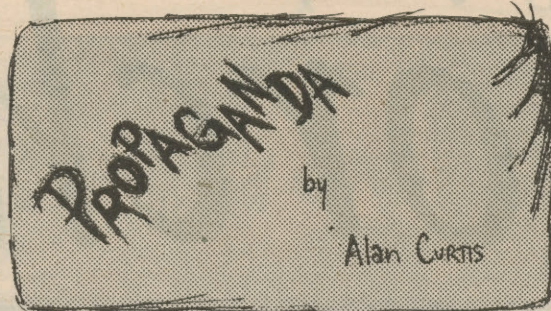
And people in this very area are starving for more than just bread; homes, or even just a dry place to huddle, are not available. A single room with a kitchenette rents in a not-so-desirable neighborhood for \$175 a month, and there are no vacancies.

The community is responding to these often intertwined crises. Food drop barrels are in stores, offices, and schools. That's good. Food stores will add a special one percent "tax" to customer purchases if requested. The "tax" will go to help the less fortunate. And that is good as well. The Opportunity House will be funded for another year. The county is looking at a proposal to build up to 250 apartments targeted for low-income families.

These approaches, too, are good. But the song, "I'll be home for Christmas," gives no reassurance to more people this year than last, and God only knows how many children live in hunger.

While addressing the symptoms of homelessness, and hunger is to be applauded, it is not enough. We must ask ourselves as a society, what it is we are doing that allows so many people to "slip through the cracks" and become, in essence, disenfranchised from our system.

For my family, the holidays promise to be festive and the new year bright with opportunity. But we will place these times of relative opulence for us in perspective to the inn being full and hunger waiting, just outside the door.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GOD: Alive & well

To the Editor:

Re: Bert Tryba's frequent editorials condemning religion.

Despite Mr. Tryba's claim of reliance on reason, his views are full of as many emotionally inspired opinions and are just as open to criticism as belief in the God he dismisses.

Belief in God is indeed a matter of opinion, but it is a belief that demands social action, condemning apathy. Atheism, conversely, being essentially a "refutation of theist ideas" quoting Mr. Tryba, has not substance or foundation for creating a better world. Atheism is a lot of pseudo-intellectual masturbation festering in its own relativist ghetto, refuting everything, and promising nothing. Atheism is a social neuter capable of making only the motions of social change but incapable of actually producing

anything of value.

Throughout history, it has been the Church which was the stronghold of literature, art, and history itself. Evil has been done in the name of God, but it has been done by individuals acting in spite of religious assertions rather than in accordance with them.

But such aberrations are irrelevant. Consider only what is happening today, right now, in that corner church. That church is a good place full of good people doing good things.

Argue and theorize all you wish, Mr. Tryba, however doing so will not erect soup kitchens, missions, schools, and the other necessities we can thank our churches for.

Church membership is up. We stray, then return, just as you told me you do, Mr. Tryba, to sing your Polish carols on Christmas. "Mere tradition," you call it, but it is more. Religion is alive. Alive not only because we want it, but because we need it. And God who graces us with it is ever more alive for God has allowed us to stray, welcoming our return to discover this truth on our own.

Jason Maas

example of the type of thinking that created the garbage problem.

Most recyclers and solid waste managers advocate reducing the amount of nonrecyclable material we bring home, reusing items before we pass them on, and recycling rather than disposing of things we don't need.

We can make a difference in the garbage crisis by moving beyond a "thrown away" mentality, by refusing those items that are used only once before disposal, and by choosing items and containers that will be used again and recycled.

Mike Hamblen
Education Coordinator
BRING Recycling

Writing on the wall

To the Editor:

There are racial slurs on the restroom walls. Since LCC is an institute of enlightenment, one expects that the students have outgrown such juvenile antics; the evidence on the lavatory walls proves that this is not so.

It is hard to repudiate engrained habits; it is far easier to amend them.

Therefore, a modest proposal: If you write, use the paper provided in the stalls. Then, just before you flush, you'll be pleased that your prose has reached its proper purity.

James M. Jones

Hats Off to SHC!

To the Editor:

I would like to express my appreciation to the Student Health Center for their kind and very helpful service.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to Geri, a super nurse.

p.s. Sharon; Thank you to!

John "Brian" Stevenson
LCC student

Recycle: to re-use

To the Editor:

We at BRING Recycling have noticed recently that the plastics industry is marketing "degradable" plastic items and implying that their use is environmentally sound. We believe that this is not the case.

While evidence suggests that this generation of "degradable" plastic may not truly break down into "harmless elements," this is only of secondary importance to solid waste management. Any item -- no matter what it is made of or how it decomposes -- that is designed to be used one-time-and-thrown-away is an

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Bush's educational program falls short of campaign promise

forum by Andy Harris
ASLCC President

A little over a year ago, we elected George Bush as our nation's forty-first president. As most of us remember, Bush claimed to be, "the education president." Unfortunately, it is apparent that the current administration's commitment towards education leaves quite a lot to be desired.

During the 1988 presidential campaign, Bush made promises to the American people that he would be, "the education president." In his first budget, education received only half of the increase necessary just to keep up with inflation. Our "education president" has even advocated the termination of eleven programs totalling over \$300 million! These programs include State Student Incentive Grants, Perkins Loans, and many others. It seems that there has been very little actual improvement over the Reagan Administration

where education is concerned.

The share of the federal budget for education shrank consistently during the term of Ronald Reagan. In the last years of the Carter Administration, education was 2.5 percent of the federal budget, but in fiscal year 1989, it was only 1.7 percent. We spend sixteen times that on defense. We spend seven times that in interest on the national debt.

Most of us work at least a part-time or summer job to help pay for our college education and many of these jobs pay minimum wage salaries or slightly higher. Our tuition, books, and basic living expenses cost more now than they did when the current minimum wage (\$3.35 per hour) was established. If the minimum wage had kept pace with inflation, it would be \$4.57 in 1989. Our "education president" has vetoed legislation that would modestly increase the minimum wage to \$4.55 over the next three years (while at the same time,

including pay increases for himself and congress in his budget proposal). This is a severe obstacle towards economic access to education, especially towards minorities and those who do not come from wealthy families.

Recently, there was a proposal by Senators Nunn and McCurdy that would have mandated military or civilian service before any student could receive financial aid for college. While this bill was tabled, there is still plenty of reason to be concerned.

The idea of linking financial aid to military service is still very popular and has the support of many members in Congress. Linking aid to service is a way of manipulating low and middle income people. There is nothing wrong with service itself, whether it is in the military or not. I am currently serving as a combat engineer in the Marine Corps Reserve and applaud those involved in community services (such as working in

homeless shelters and AIDS hospices) and other worthwhile programs. The point is that education should not be used as a carrot on a stick to lure young people into service, especially when it only affects the lower and middle (income) classes.

When will our elected officials learn that education is a right and not merely a privilege to those who can afford it? Is it really any wonder that the Japanese and Europeans are surpassing us economically?

In less than three years, our "education president" will come before us, asking to be re-elected. It will be our responsibility to determine if his promises were merely campaign rhetoric or if he is truly a friend of education. If the former is to be true, he had better start changing his policies. If our "education president" fails us, we owe it to ourselves and future generations to support a more progressive candidate.

Self-indulgence checked by criticism and new insight

by Bob Parker
Torch Staff Writer

A few days ago I picked up my first copy of *The Student Insurgent*, a new self-described "journal of the Left" published at the U of O. As I sat reading articles about ancient forests and El Salvador, I began to ask some questions about how people on the Left sometimes express themselves. Ultimately, I ended up questioning myself as a writer.

To begin with, let me say that I think the *Insurgent* publication has a valid place in the local activist community. While not much new ground is covered in many of the stories, the writing is generally good. And in these days of me-first social attitudes, it's refreshing to see that there is still some spirit of activism among college students.

At the same time, the way in which some of the writers made their points raises some question as to the effectiveness of the paper: Just who are these people trying to reach?

For example, there was Mookie Bifferton's article on the Hatfield Rider which would take away citizens' rights to battle timber sales in court. Here was a writer expressing sentiments which I totally agreed with. Yet, I found the article somewhat annoying. Aside from some name calling and a very impassioned statement of Bifferton's beliefs, the article had nothing new to say. No new light is shed on the old growth controversy.

Even more disturbing was a piece entitled "Flag Etiquette" which described the procedures for raising and lowering the American flag. After giving directions that could have come from a Scout manual, the piece ends with the phrase, "...then torch the motha."

Again I ask: Who are these people trying to reach? If they see their readership as Left wing then articles such as this can only be seen as inside jokes. Does the publication of inside jokes warrant the killing of the trees which went into making the paper?

If, on the other hand, the publishers are trying to reach people on the opposite end of the political spectrum, then this piece can only be seen as

one of my columns. However, in his letter, he proceeded to make many of the same points that I had in the article in question.



Taking a Stand

by Bob Parker

counter-productive. The funny thing about flag-burning is that the very mention of desecrating our national symbol causes many people to throw up emotional blinders. Once this happens, you have lost these people. No matter how well you state your case, they will not hear you.

In short, inciting people to thoughtless anger is not a very effective way of convincing them of your views.

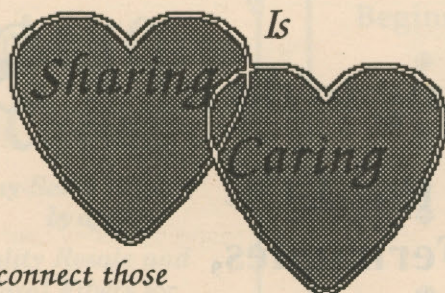
As I read, *The Student Insurgent*, I kept asking myself, "Am I doing this? Am I letting my ranting and sarcasm get in the way of my message?"

The next day, a letter came to the *Torch* concerning one of my columns. The writer of this letter seemed to take exception to

It would seem that in my zeal to provoke those who disagree with me I had lost the focus of what I was trying to say. The result was criticism from someone whose ideology I agree with and he seemed to totally miss my point.

When one is engaged in working toward a better world, there is a danger of the righteousness of the cause degenerating into self-righteousness. This can lead to self-indulgence, an undesirable trait in a journalist.

I apologize for nothing. I stand by everything that I write. But, I must confess, by not guarding against self-indulgence I may have inadvertently erected barriers to understanding.



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ext 2814 Marna or Chris

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
MASS will be held in P.E. 214 on December 8th at noon.

Of Note

• Attention undergraduate students: Don't just settle for a summer job -- seek an adventure!

Academic credit can be earned by assisting refugees in Thailand, working for a Turkish newspaper, a Japanese travel bureau, an agency in China, or a bank in West Germany.

Sixty diverse positions are available across Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, through the International Cooperative Education (ICE) program. Each position lasts eight to ten weeks.

ICE, offered by LCC through the Northwest International Education Association, offers students the opportunity to increase their cultural awareness by working in a foreign country and living with a host family.

Applications for the summer of 1990 are due soon. For more information contact Peggy Marston, the ICE coordinator, in the Cooperative Work Experience office, 726-2203, or ext. 2509, on campus.

• The Women's Center has scholarships available. Soroptimist Scholarship applications are available in the center, located in Center 213. The application is due Dec. 15. The local award is \$500, and the winner will compete for a regional award of \$1,500. Women over 21 who are the head of their household, and have a financial need are eligible to apply. For more information call Jill Bradley, 747-4501, ext. 2352.

• Christmas trees are being sold to help raise money for the LCC women's track and field program. Prices are as follows: Noble firs: 4-5 feet, \$16; 5-6 feet, \$20; 6-7 feet, \$25. Douglas firs: 4-5 feet, \$13; 5-6 feet, \$16, 7-8 feet, \$20.

For more information contact Larry Calloway in Health-P.E./Athletics, 747-4501, ext. 2215.

• The deadline for entering the American Poetry Association's poetry contest is fast approaching -- December 31. Entry is free and everyone is welcome to enter.

Grand prize is \$1,000, first prize \$500. In total 152 poets will win cash and publication prizes worth \$11,000.

Poets may enter the contest by sending up to six poems -- each no more than 20 lines, name and address on each page -- to American Poetry Association, Dept CT-90, 250-A Portero St., P.O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, Calif, 95061. Entries should be mailed by Dec. 31.

• Michael Samano topped the list of winners in the Multi-Cultural Center/ASLCC Cultural Heritage Poster Contest. Samano won a full tuition waiver for the winter term.

• An Intrumural Ski Adventure will be held Dec. 7 at Willamette Pass Ski Area. A free bus ride will leave at 10 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. Sign up in the intrumural office, PE 204, by noon Dec. 6.

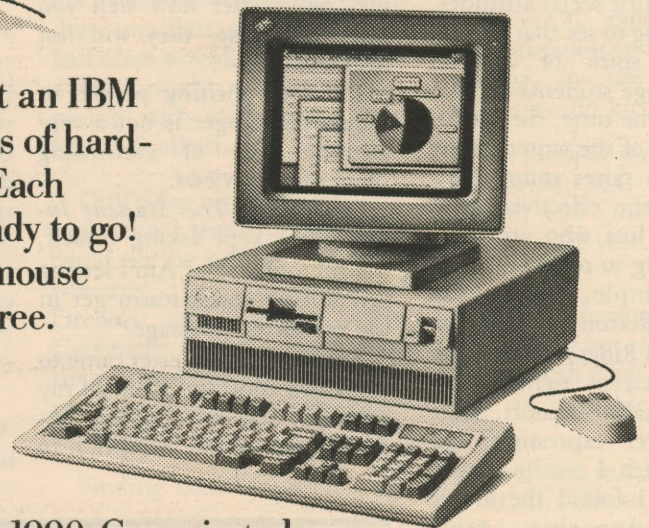
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Recovering addict serves as new counselor

Assists others to find drug-free life

by Terry E. Asher

for the Torch

"I'm a recovering alcoholic and drug addict," said the slight, soft-spoken man.

"I use those words because they have a hard edge to them that I like," acknowledged Harvey Bond to a group of 20 LCC journalism students Oct. 27 in a session on LCC's two efforts to prevent substance abuse among the staff and students, and aid those who are addictive.

"The hard edge reminds me that recovery is much more than simply not drinking or using," said Bond.

In September the college hired Bond as a half-time substance abuse prevention coordinator, and in late October the student union hired him to be the half-time ASLCC health educator.

In explaining his training and background for the two positions, Bond spoke about his own chemical dependencies, how he began his downward spiral into addiction, and his subsequent recovery.

He described himself as a classic product of the late sixties. He reviewed rock concerts (including Woodstock) for several magazines. Smoking marijuana in his early college years was "normal behavior." After about four years of daily uses "... alcohol and pot just didn't do it anymore." After graduating from college, he began what he called his "10-year dance with amphetamine addiction."

He says that as he completed his bachelor's degree in experimental psychology he experienced "career confusion," and used speed for a sense of certainty. He continued his speed use while earning a master's degree in counseling

from the University of Vermont. And he continued to abuse speed, alcohol, and tranquilizers while employed as an educational program developer with public schools in Arizona.

He was, he said, a "functional alcoholic." He never missed work. But he was always high.

"The only trouble I had functioning was when I could not obtain my drugs of choice."

This constant abuse eventually landed Bond in a hospital bed where he still vehemently denied his addiction: He just wasn't using his drugs correctly, he was telling himself.

His self-delusion abruptly ended when his attending physician, himself a four-year recovering heroin addict, told him, "It isn't a question of using 'wrong.' You're an addict."

Bond told the listening students that once confronted with the ultimate truth, he knew he couldn't go back to drugs, but neither could he conceive of a life without chemicals.

"That's part of the lie of drugs," he explained. "They make you believe that you need them."

When Bond finally agreed to be "clean" for one year, he began his long, painful road to recovery. He suffered two relapses, the second sending him into a rehabilitation and detoxification center.

But when he recovered, he had determined that he would specialize in counseling for chemical addiction.

After two-years of post-master's training, five years as a chemical-dependency therapist in Los Angeles, and with the experience of his own addictive past, he now works to assist others to find the drug-free life he now embraces, and enjoys.



photo by Deborah Pickett

Harvey Bond

'Normal' addictions unrecognized as dangerous abuses

by Jesse Voris

for the Torch

In many ways, "addiction is normal" in this country. Conservatively, 50 percent of the population in the United States is addicted to some thing, some one, or some process, according to Harvey Bond, the college's substance abuse prevention coordinator.

Although chemical dependency seems to be running rampant and deserves a high priority, other addictions go unrecognized or receive little attention -- overeating disorders, gambling, religious fanaticism, sexual and relationship addictions, and workaholism, for examples.

Addictive people are usually self-centered, manipulative, isolative, and fearful. They buy into an addictive belief system which tells them things like "Image is everything," and "Life should be pain free and easy." Someone who is addicted often denies that he or she has a problem.

Bond defined an addict as a person who will continue to be involved in the person, substance, or process despite negative consequences. He said it took a combination of events to make him realize he had "a problem" -- his girlfriend leaving him, having his car repossessed, and having his job put at risk. Even then, he still denied he was addicted, until he was in a hospital bed and his doctor confronted him.

Having recently moved from Los Angeles, Bond notes that people in Lane

County treat the subject of addiction differently than people in Southern California. Addiction is less openly discussed here, he said, and there seems to be more of a stigma for the recovering person than in Los Angeles.

Bond says there are five signs that predict addictions in most people:

Inadequate coping skills and an addictive personality orientation (being self-dishonest, self-centered, etc); an addictive belief system (the expectation that happiness is found "out there," and not within oneself); un-met emotional, spiritual, and social needs; poor social support; and in some instances, a neurological predisposition. "A person with these traits is almost certain to become addicted," said Bond.

While he said that alcohol is probably the most dangerously abused drug in the United States, the most unrecognized category of addicts in society is workaholics. Workaholics are people using work -- instead of a socially unacceptable habit -- to cover up inadequacies in their personal lives.

He noted that many people are unable to receive drug rehabilitation because of inadequate sources of low cost and no cost treatment.

According to Bond, society needs more free or low cost treatment centers for the growing number of people seeking help, as well as recognize that there is indeed a problem.

He said that the money spent on controlling drugs shipped into the US would be better spent on education and treatment.

ASLCC funds prevention and awareness programs

by Barbara Littman

for the Torch

Harvey Bond doesn't think this country can win the war on drugs.

That may sound strange coming from the person hired to set up substance abuse and AIDS awareness programs for the ASLCC and implement programs for the college as mandated by the federal and state governments.

But Bond thinks education, not war, is the key to success for his new programs.

As a society, he said, "we need to find new ways to fulfill our needs." That requires becoming educated about addiction, and changing the "quick-fix mentality" that approves of fast, easy ways to feel good and avoid necessary pain.

In a separate interview, Bond said

"Extrapolating from 1988 college data, we can conservatively estimate that 20 percent of the LCC student body is currently experiencing a substance abuse problem."

As ASLCC Health Educator

To help these students address their problems, Bond has developed classes, ongoing groups, and individual counseling as the foundation for the ASLCC's educational approach.

- A Drug and Alcohol Class meets each week to discuss the recovery process, relapse, co-dependence, and other issues. The class is educational, and open to everyone.

- Three Recovery Groups are also available:

- *Ongoing Recovery* is for individuals who have already begun to accept their addiction and need support.

Affected Others is for individuals whose lives have been affected by abusers.

Introduction to Recovery is for individuals interested in learning about addiction issues, determining if a personal problem exists, and getting support for making a decision to stop using.

Bond said open alcohol and drug information classes with more specialized support groups are also planned for January.

- Short-Term Personal Counseling is offered through the program, as well, helping people get started in a recovery process.

- The AIDS Awareness Program will begin in January with a series of panel discussions, workshops, and presentations.

This fall, Bond is "talking with people in the know" in Lane County about

the disease, attempting to learn if AIDS is being transmitted primarily through IV drug use, or through forms of sexual contact. He hopes the ASLCC program will prevent statistics like those recently released by the University of Virginia, where more than 20 people have died from AIDS.

As Staff Member

His other half-time employment is with the college itself, developing and implementing substance abuse prevention training activities for the school.

He will monitor current and pending state and federal mandates regarding substance abuse; develop, recommend, and implement appropriate college responses; and serve as a resource person for students and staff.

He can be contacted by telephone at extension 2178, and says he will maintain the confidentiality of conversations.

College Council meeting focuses on college inservice

by Coleen Ebert

Torch Staff Writer

Approximately 25 employees from across the campus shared their ideas about LCC employee inservice sessions at the Nov. 21 meeting of the College Council.

And at its Nov. 28 meeting, the council heard reports on a possible 1990-91 tuition increase, and the formation of a task force on childcare.

Employee inservice takes place in September before classes begin. During the designated eight-day period, staff members attend workshops to learn about new policies, teaching methods and student services.

Before the session, the council had advertised for candid remarks from LCC staff members. The resulting Nov. 21 meeting provided the council with a diverse range of opinions, but discussion focused on inservice effectiveness, content, and calendar scheduling.

• Effectiveness

Several employees voiced the opinion that some inservice offerings are not valuable or suitable for their specific college assignments.

English Department Instructor Mike Rose stated, "(the college) tries too frequently to serve all the needs and interests, and this dilutes effectiveness."

But some staff also cautioned against too much compartmentalizing.

"The learning environment involves everyone," said Julie Aspinwall-Lamberts of Institutional Research, Planning and Evaluation. "We need a central focus."

Interim President Jack Carter stated that the inservice

must benefit the staff. "Don't be passive; we want your ideas and energies to make this worthwhile," he urged. "Let's figure ways to make it worthwhile and fun."

• Content

Inservice which address the issues of cooperative learning, quality learning, and team building were of particular interest to several staff members in attendance.

Social activities were deemed important as well, to orient new staff members and provide "connectedness" for returning staff members.

• Schedule

Employees pinpointed two main concerns about the scheduling of inservice activities: That job-related conflicts often prevent some staff members from participating; and that inservice activities might be a process taking place throughout the year.

Counselor John Winquist stated that conflicts affect the attendance of the Counseling Department staff. Winquist said that last year at a group counselor meeting, the counselors decided not to participate in fall inservice because it conflicted with their priority to serve students at a critical time when students were in a process of choosing classes.

Jessica Overturf of Customized Training Department said, "If the inservice is for all staff members, then arrangements must be made for all staff on campus to be able to attend."

"Downtown Center folks as well as Florence and Cottage Grove must be included," she added.

• Next step

In response to the council's question of future plans, Counselor Betty Vail, who has worked on the inservice committee for the past two years, proposed this plan:

- Create a focus group which would enable grass roots interaction

- Integrate student services staff with department staff for program orientation

- Create continuity with inservice activities throughout the year.

In response to employee input, the College Council has organized the Sept. 10, 1990 college-wide inservice day to include an all-staff meeting from 8 to 10 a.m., a problem-solving activity from 3 to 5 p.m., and a social event at 5 p.m.

At its Nov. 28 meeting, the council again discussed inservice training, but also heard proposals on tuition and childcare.

Robert Marshall, vice president for Student Services, distributed a preliminary 1990-91 tuition draft proposal. The draft included one computation based on an increase cost per credit hour to all students and an alternate computation which affects full-time students only. The next step, said Marshall, is to present the draft to the Tuition Committee. He said he would like to have a recommendation to the Board of Education in January.

Interim Pres. Jack Carter reported that Jacquelyn Belcher, vice president for instruction, will help organize a task force to work on providing more accessible and affordable childcare.

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student services staff, student paper staff, and the general student body, according to Colvin.

"The group as a whole is going to see a large selection of people from on and off the campus," she says, including

area Chamber of Commerce members, and members of the general student body.

Colvin says no date for a future meeting to discuss the finalists has been set.

"That's one of the things

that Larry Perry will have to make a decision on after the group returns," Colvin says.

She also says that the board is "seriously considering a second interview (on campus)."

However, after visiting the three finalists campuses, the board may decide to not invite all three candidates back to LCC.

Interviews conducted by the Torch with student represen-

tatives from the campuses of the three finalists have yielded positive responses. All three candidates were praised for their accessibility to students and their willingness to deal with individual student problems.

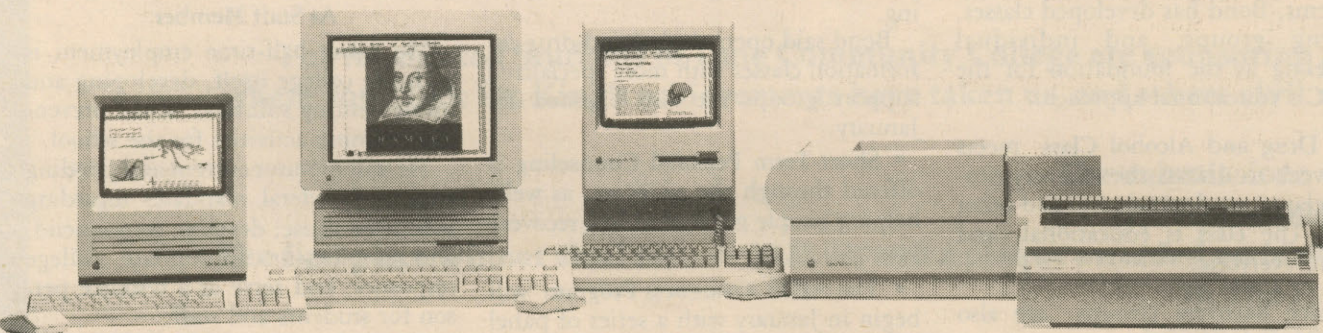
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A mix of opposing views surround Le Petit Adret

by Michael Omogrosso

Torch Editor

Editor's Note: In the Nov. 6 issue of the Torch, three LCC students related a few of the complaints which compelled them to leave the Le Petit Adret school in Villard de Lans, France. The director of Le Petit responded to those complaints as well. This is the second installment of a story that becomes increasingly complex the further the Torch investigates. Torch coverage will continue next term.

Dialogue

"Our whole philosophy is we're at (the students) disposal," says Jackie Victor, director of Le Petit in response to complaints by the three students including that there was difficulty in dealing with Victor.

Victor says the first she knew of a problem was when LCC's College High Coordinator Judith Gabriel, who at the same time also coordinated the stateside business of Le Petit from Eugene, but independent from Lane, called Victor in France about the complaints received at LCC.

"I was really shocked, I mean I was hurt by it," says Victor. "I went downstairs to find (the three women) and say, 'Hey is there something we need to do (to work things out)?'" She says she met them as they were enroute to call the college about their rights. They were very rude to her, she claims, pushing her out of the way.

The students, Pat Brown, Lynda Wade, and Robelyn Laverty, have a different perspective, claiming to have tried to engage in dialogue from day one.

"(The staff) said we never discussed anything with them," says Wade. "We had discussed things with them. That was the problem: They just shined us on."

Laverty does recall a time when she, Brown and Wade were listened to. The three told Victor and instructor Bob Hauk of their decision to leave and, according to Laverty, Victor and Hauk begged the students not to leave; that returning to Lane would cause problems for the program, and everything (Victor and Hauk) had tried to accomplish would be ruined.

"That's when they were both crying and telling us to please not go back to Lane," says Laverty.

Victor still appears to be struggling with the mixed emotions of confusion and frustration over the departure of the three women from the school, at times on the verge of tears.

"I think it's too bad that if (Le Petit Adret) doesn't continue, it will be because of some students that didn't really give it a chance or give us a chance to work with them."

From two students still attending

The Torch talked to two students, Charlotte Saxton and Elizabeth Cushman, who remain in France to give it a chance.

Saxton says she is enjoying the opportunity. "I found things better than I expected from reading the literature. We have rooms to ourselves, the cook is great, the food is great -- much better than the cafeteria food. We have three meals a day and you can have all you want."

"I enjoy the small classes we have. It gives you an opportunity for one-on-one with the teacher if you want it," she adds.

Cushman agrees, "I'm taking French and it's a very small class. If you need help you just raise your hand and you've got attention right away."

She says she is contemplating attending the school for the whole year.

But, over the years others have stayed to give the Le Petit program a chance, and for various reasons have come away with experiences similar to those of Laverty, Brown, and Wade.

Trail of Dissatisfaction

LCC student Brett Berg acknowledges if not for last year's (1988-89) Le Petit program, he might never have gone to Europe. Although he thought the school did an excellent job scholastically, he says what the students were told about Le Petit Adret while still

management inadequate.

"There were lots of small things that sound insignificant by themselves," say Berg, "like lights not being fixed, toilet paper unavailable and under lock and key, and unclear sheets for two or three weeks -- to argue over one of these things seems really stupid, but when (the problems) all come together in a big confrontation, everybody would blow up. Because (the problems) were so small, if you brought them up as they came up, they would get

from experience with Le Petit Adret four years ago.

He says that four years ago Victor recruited him and four other instructors with 4-J certification to teach at Le Petit. According to Leslie, Victor said the five would serve as a council running the school. But once in Villard, Victor did the controlling.

Although they tried for a month to resolve the conflict, they eventually concurred, "Life's too short."

Leslie, who volunteered his services in exchange for airfare to France and room and board for himself and his wife, says, "I left because I had a dispute with (Victor) and I couldn't get any straight answers."

Carolyn Fredricks, mother of Howard Fredricks, a student during Leslie's stint at Le Petit, says communication from management was low in quality.

"(Le Petit) was portrayed as having four students to a room, but when I got there in the winter term, my son was in a former classroom with eight others."

Her son says in his opinion, although Victor was a good French instructor, "as an administrator, hire someone else."

The Fredrickses agree with everyone else that the concept of Le Petit is good and should be pursued.

'We had discussed things with them. They just shined us on.'

in the US was not necessarily how it was.

"We weren't told there would be other groups staying there," say Berg. "Groups of anywhere from 50 to 100 kids would stay there (during the winter months) to ski." He is quick to say it was fun to meet them, but since it was their vacation, they stayed up late making it hard to study and get sleep.

While he did sign a work-study contract to work 15 hours a week, Berg claims that orally he was told there would only be eight to 10 hours of work per week. Once there, though, there was a minimum of 15 hours per week, sometimes more.

Berg says students with a work-study contract mostly did chores using the work-study grant money to pay part of their tuition.

Beyond inconsistencies between the presentation of the Le Petit experience and the reality, Berg found communication between students, staff and

blown off."

He says there was a feeling of "us-versus-them" between the administration and the students.

Berg would be supportive of a program like Le Petit if LCC took an active role in it, with a representative at the school and with different management.

"If you've got a great manager who knows how to manage," says part-time LCC math instructor and retired 4-J teacher Don Leslie, "it would be a great thing."

Leslie qualifies his praise



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Career Exploration class provides direction for career choice

by Dawn Hoffner

Torch Staff Writer

"Have you narrowed your career interests to 3 or 4 areas? Need motivation to choose a career? Lack 'real world' information about your career interest? Then Career Exploration is for you," explains the flyer from the Cooperative Work Experience department at LCC.

Tricia Hahn teaches Career Exploration and is a Cooperative Work Experience coordinator. "I taught Career Planning for many years," says Hahn. "I found that a 10 week course didn't offer enough time or experience out of class, to narrow students' career interests." She went on to create the Career Exploration class for students who have narrowed their choices of occupations to three or four.

The course information sheet explains that the purpose of the course is to provide students with structure, support and encouragement in the process of gaining the information needed to make a career decision.

To help set up this structure, Hahn requires her students to turn in career plans and logs of time spent researching their career interests. She also directs the students to interview people in the

workplace and talk with LCC counselors. She further requires two summary papers per term that discuss what students have learned and decided career-wise.

This winter Career Exploration class will be offered Jan. 9, 11, 18, Feb. 15 and Mar. 8, from 11:30-1:00. Credit is variable for this course but, Hahn suggests 3 credits -- 1 for class attendance and 2 for out of class work.

"I like to see students succeed and find out what career would really work for them," says Hahn. "Students that tend to succeed are self-starters. Procrastinators will also succeed if they are ready to leave their procrastination behind."

Sean Utt, a student of Hahn's, found Career Exploration to be very helpful. "I've gotten a lot of leads from Tricia. She has many referrals for everyone. This class basically gives me credit for things I would normally do. It also provides ways for me to find information that I hadn't thought of."

Both Hahn and Utt suggest that students who do not have their career interests narrowed to three or four areas not take Career Exploration.

If students have any questions, Tricia Hahn invites them to contact her at Math 219 or 747-4501 ext. 2395.

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Holiday World



Magdalene Ang, Singapore

On the eve of the Chinese New Year -- Feb. 6, 7 -- family relationships are remembered with a special Thirtieth of Night reunion dinner, says Magdalene Ang of Singapore.

Over the two days of the new year celebration family members visit their relatives, the children receiving red packets (hong bao) of "lucky money" and enjoying all kinds of tidbits and cakes. Ang says mandarin oranges are given as gifts at each visit, and are always given in even numbers for good fortune.

Mothers cook their children's favorite foods, like chicken, prawns, fish, crab, and the rice pot must always be full on this day. Buddhists leave home and go to the temple for prayers.

In conjunction with the lunar celebration of New Year, Ang says an annual procession is held. The Chingay parade adds festive atmosphere with stilt walkers, lion and dragon dancers, acrobats and dozens of decorated floats taking to the streets amid the clashing of cymbals of gongs and drums.

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Joan Bayliff Temple Beth Israel, Eugene

Hanukah is the Jewish celebration of the "rededication" of the Second Temple by Judah the Maccabee in 165 B.C., explains Joan Bayliff, the Public Relations Representative of the Temple Beth Israel.

"Jews rejoice at Hanukah over a tiny band of guerrillas that achieved victory over the armies of Antiochus IV," continues Bayliff. "The priests went to cleanse the Temple and found only one small cruse of oil. By a miracle, it burned for eight days and nights."

"The Hahkiah, which is the Hanukah candelabra, has nine candles. Eight shamas -- the Jewish word for candles -- represent the miracle of the oil that burned for eight days and nights," says Bayliff. "The ninth candle is the helper, which lights the eight other candles. The helper candle represents the ritual of caring and nurturing the light at the time of winter solstice."

"During the Hanukah celebration," says Bayliff, "Jews celebrate with dances, parties, stories, oil rich foods, and small gifts for children. The oil is a very important part of celebrating and remembering our humble origins."



Tsige Bikila of Ethiopia dons a handmade cross into the design. Such calendar lists Christmas in the first week with friends and family with good

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Customs Worldwide

Tomoko Kurada of Gifu, Japan celebrates a traditional Japanese New Year, which begins on the first of January, by visiting her grandparents' homes, and saying prayers at the Shinto or Buddhist Shrine for "yearly hope." Japanese high school students pray to pass difficult college entrance exams that they must take in the spring.

The traditional New Year dinner is prepared many days in advance. Rice cakes and soup (Zoni) are served first. After, the main feast (Osechi) begins. Festive and colorful beans, fish seasoned with soy sauce and sugar, mashed walnuts, egg of fish, and seaweed is served in a traditional multi-layered reed box. Elegant and colorful kimonos are worn and festive paper folders containing gifts of money are given to the children.

Another student from Japan, Ryusi Yamashita describes New Year's Eve: "At midnight on Japanese New Year, the temple bells are all rung 108 times to take away the peoples' 108 sins. Traffic jams are quite common as the people all visit the temples to pray." Ryusi also enjoys special foods at New Year's; long noodles are served -- a symbol of an extended life. The Japanese New Year holiday lasts 3-5 days.



Tomoko Kurada, Japan

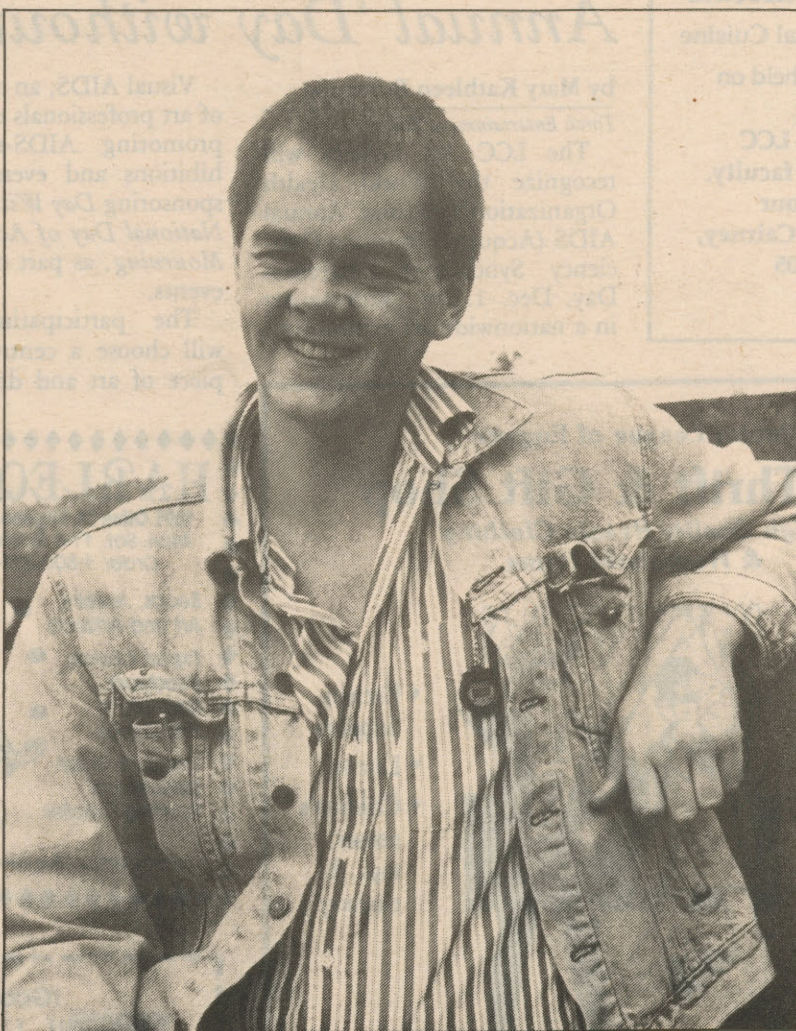


Tsige Bikila, Ethiopia

She wears a handmade decorated costume which she says incorporates the traditional symbol of the design. Such designs are very popular in Ethiopia. According to Bikila, the Ethiopian New Year is in the first week of January. At Christmas there is an emphasis on sharing a good time with family with good food and drink, and, some of the more modern city people also enjoy exchanging gifts. Christmas trees are a rarity in Ethiopia.

According to Helgi Rafnsson of Iceland, Christmas in his homeland is celebrated much the same way as it is in the United States. Most celebrations begin on Dec. 24 with a visit to church and a family feast. Some of Helgi's favorite holiday foods include Hangikjot (smoked lamb), served with potatoes, gravy, green beans, and Laufabraut; a thin, hard bread that is fried prior to baking.

In late November, many Icelanders hunt Rjupur, a fowl, to serve at the holiday feast. Generally only northern Iceland enjoys a white Christmas. However, all over Iceland people get several days off from work for Christmas as families gather together for the festivities.



Helgi Rafnsson, Iceland

Writer shows 'different way of looking at things'

by Megan Guske

Torch Staff Writer

"Oh! you poor thing, part of you is missing. You've got a hitch in your git-along."

"I'm not a 'poor little thing,'" said the bear indignantly, "and my name is Marlina."

"Well I'm going to call you Hitch-In-Your-Git-Along, 'cause that's what you are."

"No I'm not!" said Marlina. "I'm a bear named Marlina and I catch fish good. I just get from one place to another a little slower than most."

This is an excerpt from a children's story by former LCC Counselor Bjo Ashwill.

The story of Marlina and McGee -- two bear cubs who meet on a sunny day -- is about dealing with disabilities. McGee will not be friends with Marlina because she is without one of her paws. In the end, however, Marlina saves McGee from the dreaded Forest Goblin -- because of her disability.

In her writing, Ashwill draws from her personal experiences dealing with a disability. Since the age of 19, she has had rheumatoid arthritis, a chronic disease that affects the joints, and causes weakness and defor-

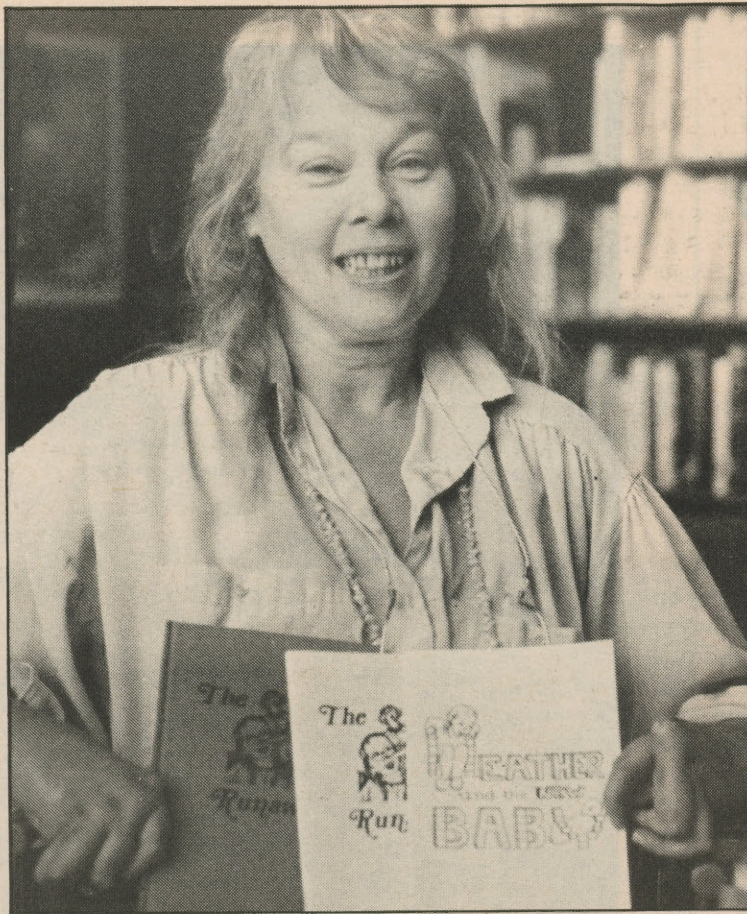


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Writer/Counselor Bjo Ashwill has just published her third children's book.

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As a young woman, Ashwill began taking birth control pills, and she believes that the effects of the pill may have triggered the disease, possibly lying dormant in her body.

Ashwill faces a continuing

battle with the disease every day as it works its way through her entire body, affecting one area at a time. She now uses a wheelchair.

She has been forced to take a leave of absence from her counseling at LCC, due to the

effects of the disease, but hopes to resume a part-time position at a later date.

Aside from the physical affects of the disease, Ashwill must also deal with the many social problems associated with a physical disability.

"I was never in a wheelchair until three days before I started work at LCC. That meant that I was a 'walkie.' As you're walking -- even with a limp or a cane or a brace -- people give you eye-contact, nodding. It's human-to-human (communication)," explains Ashwill.

"I was in a chair (on the) first day of work, and going into the cafeteria, people wouldn't look at me. They would look across the room, at the ceiling -- anything but look at me."

In a class she was teaching, she asked the students why people avoid eye contact with someone in a wheelchair. She says the class sat silently, and then one brave woman raised her hand and said, "Because I don't want to remind you of your disability."

Ashwill says she responded with another question: "Why on earth would human-to-human contact remind me of my disability?" She decided to try to increase the awareness of disability, and chose her writing as the medium.

Ashwill's writing is not limited to children's stories, though. She has written other

books, short stories, poems and plays.

She is a member of an acting group called Birds of a Feather, which attempts to give disabled people an opportunity to act.

In her plays Ashwill writes to cast disabled and able-bodied people together. She also tries to breakdown some of the stereotypes people have of the disabled, such as "Poor, Pathetic Thing" and "Super Hero."

Her latest play, *Home, Sweet Home*, is about several disabled people who buy a house together, and invite friends and acquaintances to a housewarming party to celebrate. A few able-bodied people are invited to the party.

"I've got this poor character, Ms. Seymour. She's a real estate agent who just hadn't had experience with disability," explains Ashwill. "So she comes to the party out of 'niceness.' And she does and says all the stupid things that people who don't understand disability do and say."

She hopes to depict these actions in her plays to demonstrate to able-bodied people how ridiculous their actions can be.

Aside from her children's book *Marlina and McGee*, Ashwill has written *The Runaways*, about a young girl in a wheelchair who runs away to gain independence.

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Annual 'Day without art' remembers AIDS victims

by Mary Kathleen Browning

Torch Entertainment Editor

The LCC Art Gallery will recognize the World Health Organization's Second Annual AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) Awareness Day, Dec. 1., by participating in a nationwide art exhibition.

Visual AIDS, an organization of art professionals dedicated to promoting AIDS-related exhibitions and events, will be sponsoring *Day Without Art: A National Day of Action and Mourning*, as part of the Day's events.

The participating galleries will choose a centrally located piece of art and drape it with

black fabric, as well as post notices about *Day Without Art*.

The goals of *Day Without Art*, are to honor and recognize friends and colleagues who have died or are dying from AIDS, and to seek greater support and understanding from the general

public.

As well as LCC, several local galleries will be participating in the event. Among these galleries are: the ERB Memorial Union Gallery, the Maud Kerns Art Center, the New Zone Gallery, the Photo Zone Gallery, and Opus 5.

Tune into 'Radio Hour'

by Mary Kathleen Browning

Torch Entertainment Editor

LCC's *The 1940's Radio Hour: Christmas Broadcast* opened Thursday night to a nearly packed house, and the performers treated their audience to an entertaining evening of music and comedy.

The show gives theater-goers a feel for the typical 1940's audience with their lively banter and interaction with the audience.

The musical is set on the stage of a 1940's radio show,

and chronicles the Christmas broadcast of the performers. It gives the audience a behind-the-scenes view of the shenanigans and tomfoolery of the cast and crew, and a chance to participate as they obeyed cues for applause.

The show is fast-paced and witty from the opening line through to the final bow, keeping viewers entertained.

The cast and musicians delivered the 40's big band tunes wonderfully, certainly a highlight of the program.

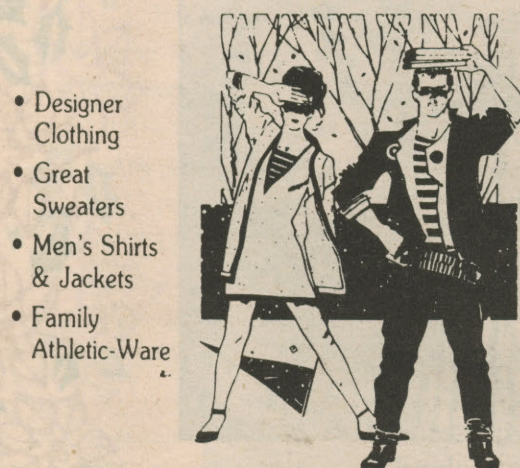
An interesting element was hearing the broadcast of 40's-style radio commercials, from an 80's viewpoint.

The dancing, however, did not live up to the caliber of the rest of the production. Despite dynamic choreography, the cast was not in step with the professionalism otherwise shown in the play.

Nevertheless, the play is a prime holiday entertainment event.

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Music for kids both young, old

by Mary Kathleen Browning

Torch Entertainment Editor

"Teddy Bear's Picnic," "House at Pooh Corner," and "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star": These children's folksongs are definitely old favorites, but what about "Beulah Merryweather Moo," "My Best Friend Lars," and "Billy Bop Cat"?

They are just part of the delightful collection of folksongs on the soon-to-be-released tape *Beasties, Bumber-shoots and Lullabies*, produced and performed by local artists Mike and Carleen McCornack.

This tape is the latest accomplishment in a musical career that has spanned nearly two decades. Since their partnership began in 1971, these former LCC students have produced three recordings, started a record company, owned a music store, married (each other), and had two children.

This is their first tape geared entirely towards a younger audience. Children's songs from their previous tapes brought a number of positive responses and requests for a tape for children.

The artists considered the project, but it wasn't until after their own children, Megan and Andrew, were born that they began to make serious plans for the recording.

Says Mike, "We ended up listening to a lot of music that was for kids. There's some real good stuff out there and some real lousy stuff out there . . . and we decided that we would like to go ahead and take a shot at it, and do the best we could."

But this tape isn't only for children. "We hope that parents will put their children to bed and then listen to the tape for themselves," says Carleen. "It's for all ages," adds Mike.

Beasties, Bumber-shoots, and Lullabies combines the McCornacks' vocals with the sounds of guitar, electric bass, keyboards,

bassoon, cello, and English concertina. "About 2/3 of this tape is original music," says Carleen. The rest are the more traditional children's folksongs.

The McCornacks had planned

The couple had been performing pop songs for most of their professional career, when they decided to give up the "top 40" tunes and "go with the idea that we were going to



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Folk musicians Mike and Carleen McCornack pose with "friends" to promote their first children's recording.

to perform music as a sideline when they first became partners in 1971. Both Mike and Carleen were students at LCC studying Performing Arts and Respiratory Therapy respectively when they received an offer to perform for the Thunderbird-Red Lion Corporation and their plans changed. "We were both kind of lured away from our studies (at LCC)," says Carleen. Their education was put on hold while they pursued their career in music.

"When performing is going well there's nothing to beat it. You just don't want to quit," says Mike.

They formed their own record company, Garden Variety, in 1974 when they were producing their first record, *Possibilities* in order to maintain artistic control of their recording.

play what we wanted to play," says Carleen. "If people didn't like it, then they didn't."

As it turned out, people liked it so much that another recording, *Live On Earth*, was produced in 1983.

Though the McCornacks are still involved with the distribution of *Beasties, Bumber-shoots, and Lullabies*, but they say that they are already thinking of ideas for another tape.

Copies of *Beasties, Bumber-shoots, and Lullabies* can be purchased from Balladeer Music, Kids' Edition, and Just Imagine, all in Eugene. The official release date for the tape is Dec. 2.

A children's concert, tape, and signing party will be held at Kids' Edition from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to celebrate the release of the tape.

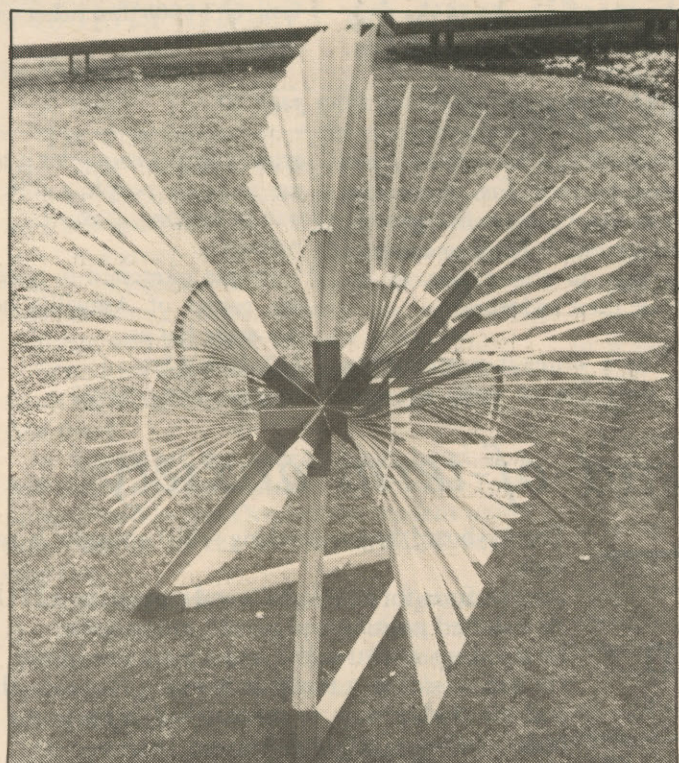


photo by Deborah Pickett

Sculptor Rick True's piece *Gooneybird Landing* touches down at LCC.

'Gooneybird Landing'

by Teri Van Blaricom

for the Torch

Portland Community College (PCC) instructor Rick True is exhibiting his sculptures in the featured exhibit at the LCC Art Department Gallery.

The exhibit, which will run through Dec. 8, includes examples of sculpture that reflects True's feelings on ecology and the environment, and wall sculptures based on graphic symbols.

A sculpture and basic design instructor at PCC, True received a bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico, and a master's of fine arts degree from Portland State University.

The floor sculptures in the show are very large, and consist of imitation rocks held within structures made of wood, metal, and plastic wood.

In his more recent works, True has used two new materials: plastic lumber; and primus, a permanent exterior wall coating.

"The idea is to take common materials that are clogging our land fills and recreate those materials to look as if they were raw elements, like boulders and logs," says True.

True's concern for the decline of old growth timber drove him to explore the possibility of different materials for his art. The plastic lumber he uses is produced from recycled plastic products.

The LCC Art Gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays. It is located on the bottom floor of the Math and Arts Building.

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Highlights

by Mary Kathleen Browning

Torch Entertainment Editor

• The LCC production of the Walton Jones musical *The 1940's Radio Hour: Christmas Broadcast* will run Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Call 726-2202 for ticket information.

• The only Oregon performance of the musical version of *A Christmas Carol*, adapted from the Charles Dickens' novel, will be performed at the Hult Center for the Performing

Arts on Monday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. Call 687-5000 for ticket information.

• Portland poets Laura Winter and Doug Spangle will present a *Poetry Reading and Discussion* at LCC Tuesday, Dec. 5, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in APR 218.

• The LCC Performing Arts Department will present a free student ensemble concert, Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. in the LCC Mainstage Theatre.

• The LCC Choir, Chamber Choir, and Baroque Orchestra

will present a free Christmas concert Thursday, Dec. 7 in the LCC Mainstage Theatre.

• The LCC Dance Department classes will perform in an open show Friday, Dec. 8, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Aux. Gym, P.E. 101. No admission fee will be charged.

• The U of O Beall Concert Hall presents *Amahl and the Night Visitors* on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. in the Beall Hall and at 8 p.m. at Springfield High School. Call 686-5678 for ticket information.

tion.

• The Eugene Ballet will present *The Nutcracker* in the Hult Center Silva Concert Hall Dec.

21, 22, and 23 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 23 and 24 at 2:30 p.m. Call 687-5000 for ticket information.

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Ashwill says her writing serves a dual purpose, first, it provides an outlet for personal growth, and second, it helps to convey a message to the public to increase their awareness.

"As a writer it is something to assist me to open up and

grow, and as a counselor it helps me to teach people a different way of looking at things," says Ashwill.

People interested in purchasing copies of Ashwill's books can write her at:

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Eugene, Ore. 97402

Holiday cheer best medicine for curing end-of-term anxiety

Dear Dr. Decorum:

I'm having a difficult time concentrating on finals with Christmas coming up soon. Is there a answer to this problem?

Virginia Adams

Dear Virginia:

Yes there is an answer, and hopefully it is relevant to your question. Read the following with my apologies to Clemont C. Moore.

Dr. D

'Twas the night before finals and all cross the college, there were students up late trying to cram in some knowledge.

The books were open and highlighted with care, in hopes that the test answers would be found there. The notes in their binders were in a neat pile, and the copies of old tests had their own file.

My study group had just put on some coffee to boil, as we readied ourselves to burn the night oil.

When over at the library there arouse such a clatter, I sprang from my desk to see what was the matter. I ran to an entrance -- the closest I reckon -- jumped over the turnstyle and landed near check-in.



Ask Dr. Decorum by Carl Mottle

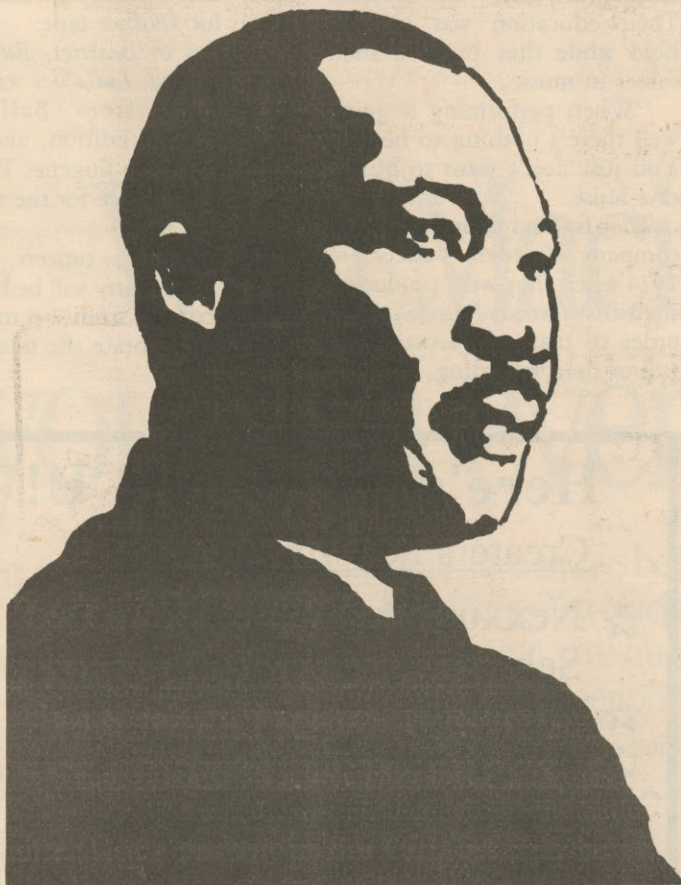
The moonlight on the shelves of the new metal racks added sparkle and shine to the books in the stacks. I stopped in my tracks and started to stare at a lap top computer and some special software, and a little old operator who looked kind of crackers; I knew in a second he was King of the Hackers. More rapid than eagles his comments came out, and he whistled and giggled and read with a shout, "Yes its Basic, and Cobol, Ada, and C, it's Pascal, and Fortran, Assembler, RPG. First you compile, then you branch and you link then you will all run, the first time I think." As a person on piecwork, he wasted no motion, and keyed in his program without further commotion. His fingers were blurred as the keys they did seek, and he typed in a minute what would take me a week.

The keyboard began smoking 'till I thought it would burn.

then he froze for an instant -- and tapped the RETURN. As I shifted position and peered over a book, he stood up and stretched and I got a good look. He was dressed in a turtle neck with a Hawaiian shirt, and his clothes were so mismatched it made my eyes hurt.

His sweat pants were frayed and tie-dyed as well, and wrinkled as if he had worn them a spell. His feet sported hightops over argyle socks, and a cap lettered "JAZZ" crowned his black curly locks.

His eyes seemed backlighted, his smile was graphic like a madman in a 'vette streaking through traffic. His beard and moustache fit a fourth Musketeer, but I saw through it all to a man of good cheer. He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, and uploaded his programs, all the while with a smirk. Then gathering his disks, and all his software, he turned and looked at me and then just wasn't there. But somehow I knew that soon I would see a computer message meant for students like me, and I'd recall it, and this night, for always- "Study hard for finals, and Happy Holidays!"



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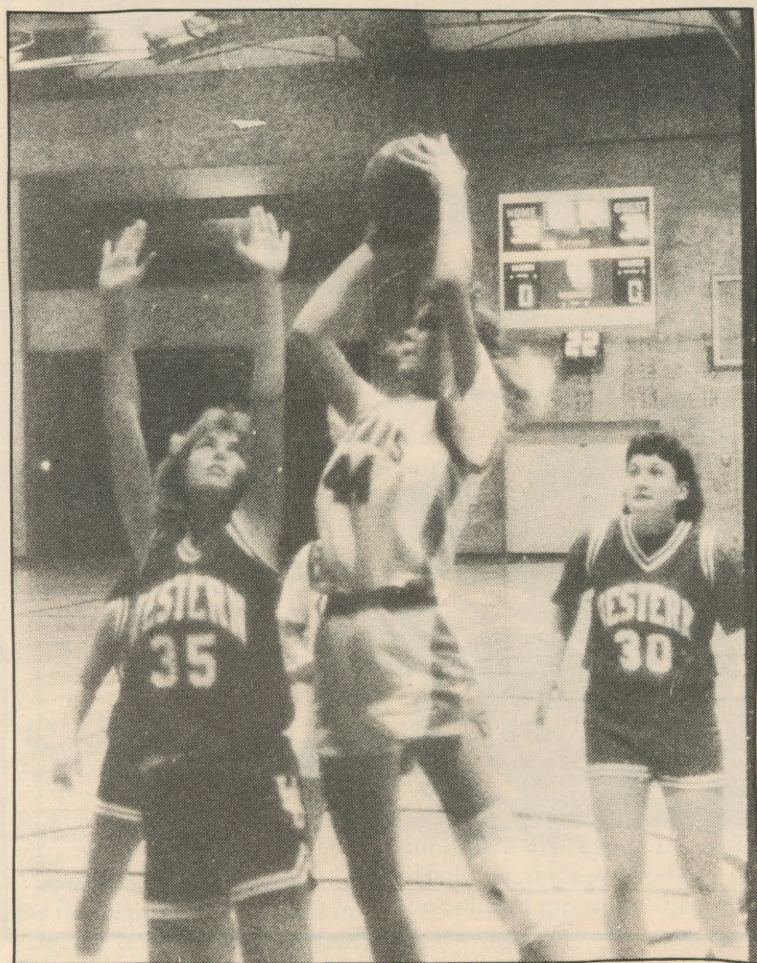
The submissions will be judged by LCC instructors.

Entries should be no more than 1,000 words.

The first place winner shall receive \$125.00, and a plaque awarded on Martin Luther King Day, January 15th,
in The Hult Center for the Performing Arts.

Second place will receive a plaque, and \$75.00.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS 5:00 PM IN THE ASLCC OFFICES, CEN. 479, ON DEC. 15th.



Kristi Potter banks in two of her 12 points in the Titan victory Nov. 29.

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traveled on the play from Battles and his team, but he didn't dispute the non-call for long.

"This is the best team at Lane I have seen in three years since I've been at Western," he explained. "Jepson did a good job running the offense and Potter did a nice job under the boards."

Potter had 12 points, nine rebounds and four blocked shots.

Other key players for the Titans were freshman Carrie Redifer, nine points and four assists; freshman Nova Hammer, seven points and two assists; Sophomore Jennifer Baldwin, eight points; and Kelli Stonelake, eight points, one assist and six steals.

The game was close the whole way, and the Titans showed great maturity in not letting the game get away from them.

The Titans avoided a mental breakdown in the final minutes against WOSC, something they couldn't do against Blue Mountain.

Bits and pieces

Experienced Skiers Needed

Experience Skiers are needed to volunteer to assist physically disabled individuals in the Alpine Adventure Ski Program offered January through March by the Eugene Parks and Recreation Department. An orientation session will be held for all volunteers. For more information, please contact Sue Harnly at 687-5322.

LCC jumped out to a commanding 14-2 lead against Blue Mountain and held it until there was 10 minutes left in the game. But the Timberwolves came from behind against the Titans Nov. 24 by scoring 12 unanswered points to tie the game with 4:30 to play.

With the game tied with 11 seconds left in the game, Blue Mountain forward Renae Griggs rebounded a missed free throw and made a six foot baseline jumper to break the deadlock.

The Titans moved the ball up court and Loos called a timeout, but Carrie Redifer's shot hit the backboard and just missed as the buzzer rang.

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Men sweep through season openers

by Paul Morgan

Torch Sports Editor

The LCC men's basketball team tipped off the 1989 basketball season by sweeping through the Tip-off Tournament in Roseburg Nov. 24 and 25 to take the tournament championship.

The Titans crushed Southwestern Oregon Community College 95-74 in the first game of the tournament, and then held off host-team Umpqua CC 68-67 the next night to complete the two game sweep.

"We're real pleased," said Head Coach Dale Bates. "The defense is ahead of the offense

at this point in the season.

"We've got to get into shape," he explained. "We got really tired in the first game."

If the Titans were tired in the first game against SWOCC, it didn't show. LCC jumped out to a 39-28 halftime lead and cruised to a 21 victory.

"Everybody came together as a team," explained Titan forward Eric Obee. "There was no criticism, we never got down on each other."

But against Umpqua the Titans had their problems.

The Titans opened up a five point lead by halftime, 37-32. Then they out-scored the Timbermen 23-10 to take an 18

point lead with seven minutes to go in the game.

That was when the Titans began to slow down.

Umpqua went on a 17-8 run, closing the gap to nine points with 3:14 to play. LCC never scored again.

Umpqua pulled within three with 20 seconds left, but failed to call a timeout to set up a play. As a result the Timbermen had to settle for two points and the loss.

Titan guard and co-captain Doug Piquette was named Most Valuable Player for the tournament. He shot 13-20 for the tournament with 19 assists.

Ski season arrives



photo by Thatcher Trombley

Mt. Bachelor Ski Area opened Nov. 25 with just over two feet of snow. Many other ski areas hope to open this weekend weather permitting.

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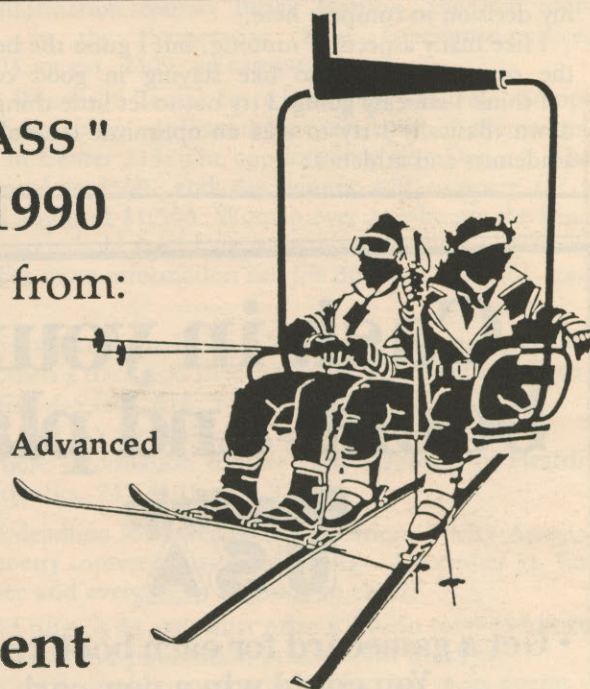
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Wheelin' and dealin'

Just for the sake of it, the score ended 10-4 in favor of the Eugene Lowriders.

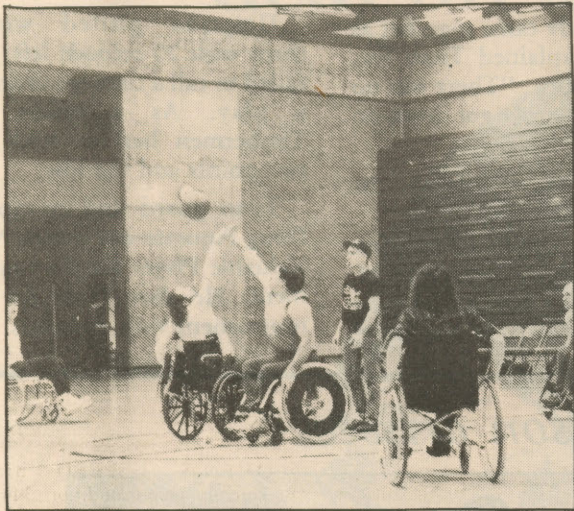
Although the score was not the focus of the first (and probably last) exhibition game between the Lowriders and the ASLCC Young Boys Club, both teams took the game quite seriously.

ASLCC President Andy Harris ex-

plains. "Even though this defeat was a temporary setback in the ASLCC Young Boys quest for world domination, we still had a good time."

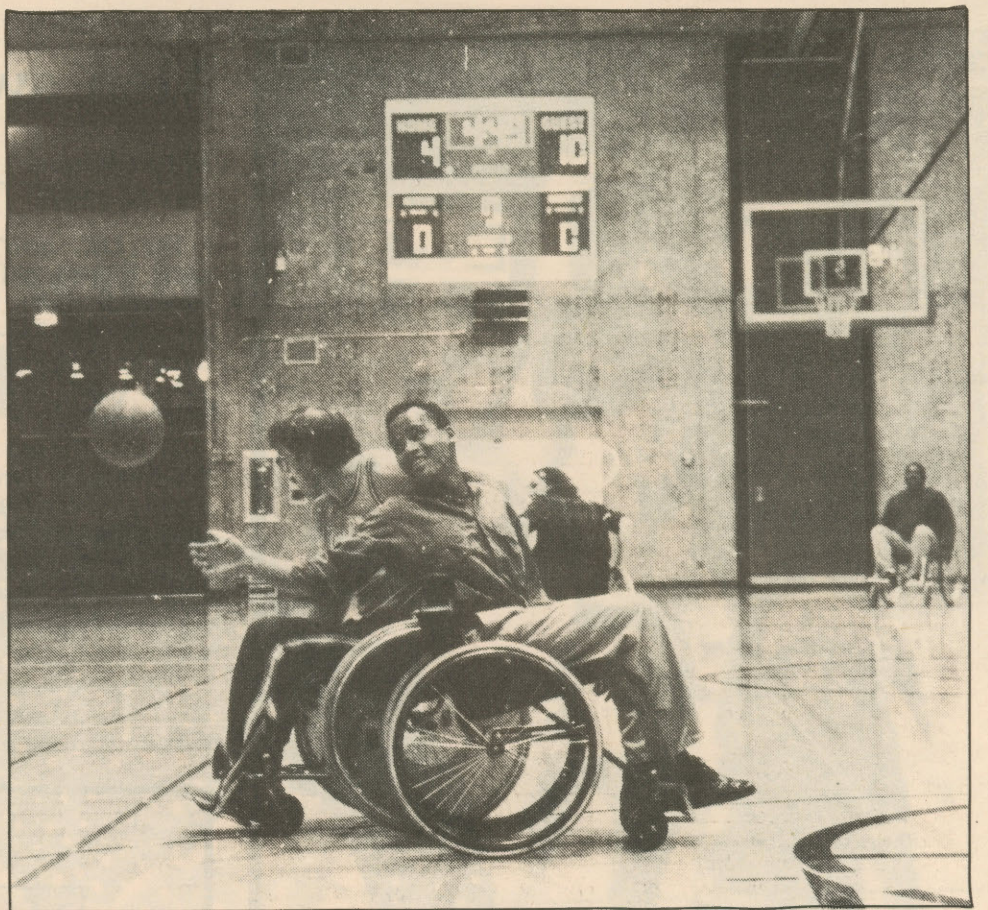
Lowriders captain Lauren Cushing agreed. "It's hard to turn it off," he says of his team's intensity.

Harris adds, "Watch out Chicago Bulls."

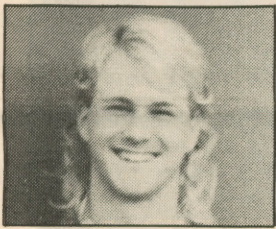


RIGHT: Nigel Hunter reaches to recover the ball after a steal by one of the Lowriders. LEFT: Tip-off of the halftime wheelchair basketball exhibition between the Eugene Lowriders and the ASLCC Young Boys Club.

Photos by
Thatcher Trombley



Meet the Titans Chris Johnson



Sport: Cross country and track.

Chris has competed for the last two years at LCC, and is looking forward to running track in the spring.

Age: 19

*Hometown: St. Helens
Major: Journalism*

I was looking for a small school atmosphere with a reputable cross country and track program. I like the academics at Lane, but Eugene's atmosphere finally swayed my decision to compete here.

I like many aspects of running, but I guess the best part is the competition. I also like staying in good condition.

I think I am easy going. I try not to let little things get me down. Basically I try to take an optimistic outlook at both academics and athletics.

NWAACC football team at LCC?

Athletic Director says football too costly

Column by Drew Carter
Torch Sports Writer

Even casual LCC sports fans probably have noticed that LCC doesn't have a football team. Why doesn't the school have a football team? This question has been puzzling me, so here's the answer for you yearning football buffs.

I talked to Athletic Director Bob Foster, and he said, "the reason why LCC does not have a team is there is just not enough money to start a program." It would cost around \$50,000 to put in a football program, he explained, and all that money would just go for the basic needs like equipment, coaches, lights, grandstands, ect.

The cost to keep a Titan football team going per year would be around \$20 - 30,000.

If a football team were at Lane, big turnouts for the games would, in all probability, be rare. With small crowds, little revenue could be generated to help fund the program.

The reality is the Eugene area has enough football already. To draw any fans, the Titan football team would have to play on a week night to avoid competing with high school and Pac-10 football.

On Friday nights all the local high school teams play. Games could not be held on Saturdays because the University of Oregon and Oregon State University football teams play then -- and usually one of the two is in the region on any given weekend.

Finding other teams to play

would also be a problem for a fledging Titan football team. No other community college in Oregon has a football program.

While there are four community colleges in Washington who have programs, would they let us play in their league, or could LCC even afford the transportation and lodging costs playing in the Washington league would incur?

If a football program were to be started, LCC would receive about 100 more full-time students per year. But would it be worth it?

"We are having enough trouble keeping our eight sports as it is now with what little funding that is available," explained Foster.

Foster was in the class of 1964 at LCC. "There has not ever been a team here since the school opened," he said. "I think a lot of people would like to see a football team here, but without the funding it's not in the foreseeable future."

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Callaway named new track coach

Larry Callaway was named Women's Track and Field Head Coach Nov. 22, filling the position left vacant by Lyndell Wilken last May.

Callaway had been an assistant track coach for Wilken for four years, and has had connections with the program since 1984.

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DENALI CONTRIBUTORS: Submissions can be picked up at CEN 479D. Thanks for sharing your talent.

RODNEY J. "I won't disappear until I've made things clear." Get the point?!

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CAN I DROP IT THIS TIME?

SURE.

New reality slow process after 'speeding' through life

by Coleen Ebert

Torch Staff Writer

"The Nicolai strike was a God-send for me," reveals 38 year-old Stephen Griffin, a former Morgan-Nicolai mill worker. "The strike turned my life around."

While many employees of Morgan-Nicolai have been devastated by the effects of the ongoing strike which began on July 11, 1988, in the Springfield door manufacturing plant, Griffin maintains the strike has given him a second chance at life.

Griffin is a recovering drug addict who celebrated the first anniversary of his drug-free life on Nov. 20.

Currently attending classes at LCC, Griffin's goal is to become a certified counselor for drug and alcohol addiction.

Looking back, Griffin views the strike as the last of a series of tragedies which left him with nothing more to lose. His addiction had already resulted in the loss of his home, and more importantly, his wife and children.

Griffin worked as a stiler, rebuilding damaged doors for Nicolai at \$13 an hour. The strike eliminated the income which fed Griffin's drug habit. "More than half of the \$27,000 I made in a year was spent on drugs," admits Griffin. "The money was good and the drugs flowed."

After the strike began, Griffin asked himself, "What do I do with my life, now?" He says his options were to go back and work in a mill, stay with drugs and be dead one year down the road, or find another kind of job, like working on a cruise ship.

One other option was to return to school. Griffin says he

had wanted to attend LCC for the past 15 years, but getting married, raising a family and supporting his drug addiction had created setbacks for him.

Griffin states he rejected self-pity. Encouraged by a relationship he developed with a woman attending LCC, he made the choice to leave his old life behind. "I'm back at square one -- learning how to live again," says Griffin.

His message is simple, "There's life after Nicolai, there's life after \$27,000 a year," and he emphasizes, "There's definitely life after drugs!"

Griffin's road to addiction began during the summer of 1969 when he was between jobs. He experimented with pills, pot, and alcohol. He progressed into hard-core methamphetamines and for the past 10 years, his drug of choice has been speed (crank). In 1988, while on the job, he was shooting crank into his veins three to four times a day.

Griffin says, "My job was set up for drugs. This type of work is physically demanding and the level of boredom due to repetition is high; it lends itself to drug use."

While working a swing-shift, during his lunch break he bought drugs at work, or left work and went to a supplier for a purchase. "A half-hour was plenty of time to get what you wanted," says Griffin.

But when the pattern was interrupted and the money was gone, Griffin was forced to taper down his habit. "The straighter I got, the more I could comprehend the value of money and what it could do for me besides buying drugs. It was a real lesson for me. The Nicolai

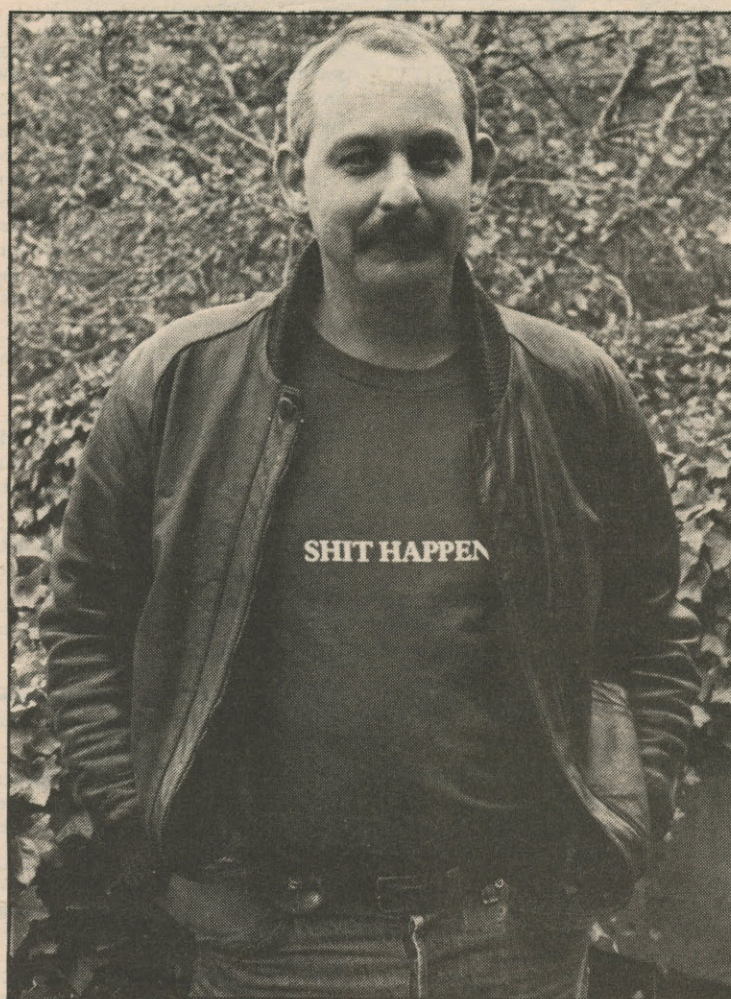


photo by Michael Omogrosso

Steve Griffin looks forward to a "clean" future as a substance abuse counselor.

strike did that for me."

Now Griffin looks back and says, "I've had to overcome what I was." He used to look down at his arms and there were needle marks everywhere. Griffin remembers, "I tried one time for 45 minutes to hit a vein in my arm in the bathroom and I couldn't do it. It is mind-boggling to me that I sat there and tried to do that. I had to throw (the needle) away because there was too much blood in the syringe to see if I'd hit a vein."

Griffin recalls the nights when he rode his 10-speed from half past midnight until dawn to burn off the energy left over from a night of speed. Then he was able to sleep for a few hours before getting up to repeat the cycle.

But Griffin has broken that cycle. "For the first time, I have a future. School is one step closer to that reality."

Griffin plans to arrange his schedule next term to take advantage of the college's new and

ongoing recovery programs. LCC and the ASLCC have recently hired Harvey Bond as substance abuse prevention coordinator and health educator (see related stories on page 5). "I figure Harvey Bond will be a real asset for me," he says.

Self-esteem, commitment, patience and a structured schedule are all a part of Griffin's new life. Yet he is quick to clarify, "It's a fight, a real fight. I still get twinges. When you use that kind of drug, there's a thrill there you never forget. It's something I have to deal with on a day-to-day basis."

Griffin says he has wanted to tell his story for some time now. He sees it as part of his healing process. Addiction claims the body, mind, and soul, and addicts are unaware they have lost control to the drugs, he states.

"I have to let people know there's a life out there for them if they want it," To the addict he says, "If you're still hanging onto drugs here at school, give them up. Once you are clean, that's (real) life."

When asked what he would do if the Morgan-Nicolai strike ends and he receives a phone call to report to work, Griffin responded without hesitation, "I won't go."

Griffin compares two photographs of himself which tell his story. The Griffin of 18 months ago is the reflection of what he calls "the walking wounded," a pale shadow of a man with hollow cheeks and wary eyes. The recent Griffin reflects a rounder face (he's now 30 pounds heavier) with clear eyes and a confident smile, giving one the sense that here is a man ready to re-engage with life.

Final Exam Schedule: Dec 11-15

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1000 or 1030	your exam day and time will be on M, 1000-1150	U, 1000-1150
1100 or 1130	your exam day and time will be on W, 1000-1150	H, 1000-1150
1200 or 1230	your exam day and time will be on M, 1200-1350	U, 1200-1350
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1600 or 1630	your exam day and time will be on M, 1600-1750	U, 1600-1750
1700 or 1730	your exam day and time will be on W, 1600-1750	H, 1600-1750
1800 or LATER	Evening classes, those that meet at 1800 or later, will have final exams during FINAL EXAM WEEK at the regularly scheduled class time.	