

## Recycling program shifts hands at LCC

*Father Dieringer hands in his keys*

by JOE HARWOOD and  
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Torch Editorial Staff

Students may have noticed mounting piles of paper and the absence of the familiar wooden recycling bins normally situated around the campus.

They are gone forever, shoved aside in the progressive paper shuffle.

Last December, Father Jim Dieringer announced he would no longer coordinate the college's paper recycling program. He told LCC administrators he was unable to maintain the program started here three years ago due to a lack of support and that "the job just got too large for me."

"I was working on the recycling at least 35 hours per week on top of everything else," says Dieringer. In addition to running the Campus Ministry, Dieringer also teaches woodworking classes each term.

Due to cuts in work study monies, Dieringer for the first time had to rely strictly upon volunteers rather than paid work study students to get the recycling job done. Last year, Dieringer collected approximately \$1,300 through recycling which was then used to provide food baskets for the needy.

In response to Dieringer's resignation, the LCC Board of Education began an open bidding process to find someone to fill his shoes. The contract was awarded at the Dec. 11 board meeting to Weyerhaeuser, the lone bidder out

of eight businesses contacted.

Weyerhaeuser will receive \$7,100 for the remainder of 1992 to recycle and shred LCC's paper. The contract includes 18 collection points on the main campus, plus one location at the Downtown Center, one at the Senior Companion Center in downtown Eugene, and one at LCC's Flight Technology shop at the Eugene Airport.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1993, the college will budget \$14,180 for recycling, which includes provisions to expand the program to include tin, plastic, various paper cartons, glass, and batched office paper known as "office mix," all of which are currently thrown away.

In addition, Weyerhaeuser will receive all monies collected from the sale of the recycled material.

The company will bring over 20 years of experience in recycling to LCC, and with it, an entirely new system.

Dieringer says it's disheartening to "see the program I created be destroyed." He says in 42 months he administered the program, it grew and became "tailor made to fit LCC."

In 1988 when he took over the program, 12,380 pounds of paper was recycled. Last year over 45,000 pounds was recycled.

Dieringer is disappointed that the board decided to hire a company to recycle the paper instead of looking into resources already existing on campus, but concedes the solution is the "easiest" way to

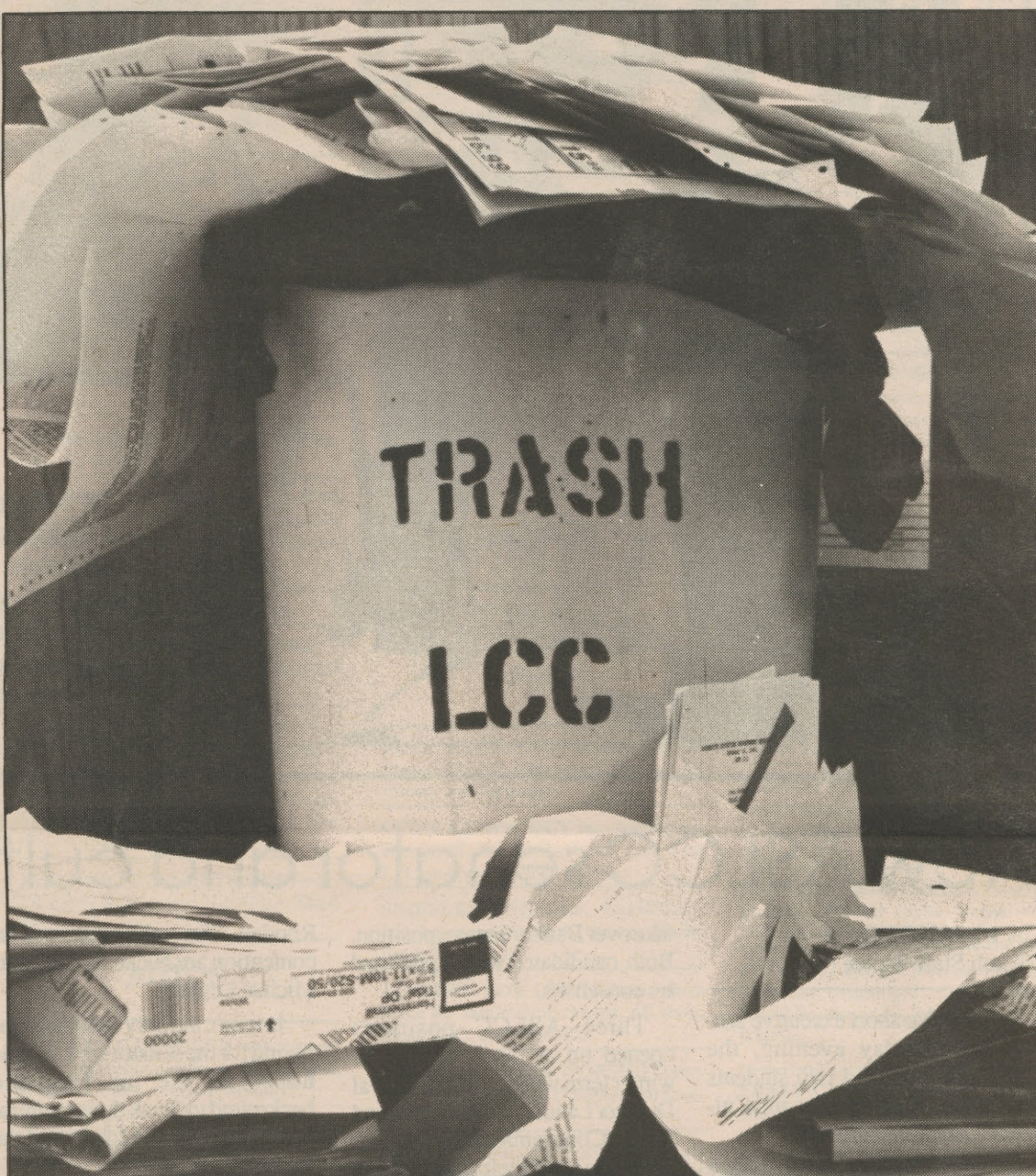


Photo by Dana Krizan

A majority of the paper products at LCC have been thrown away since Jan. 14, the day Fr. Jim Dieringer officially stopped the Ministry recycling program. Weyerhaeuser will take over next week.

go.

"If the school would take this over, there are a number of grants (federal and state) for recycling — some of them very good." LCC should take the initiative to start an in-house program, he says.

Dieringer turned in his keys on Jan. 14 and quit the program for

good. Since that time, a majority of paper has been thrown away. Director of Campus Services Paul Colvin said the new program would be in place Monday, Feb. 3.

But Weyerhaeuser will not begin training sessions until Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. Pamela Sommerville, in

charge of the program, did not respond to numerous *Torch* attempts to contact her.

"The community college should be an example to the community. We can impact a big chunk of the community, as far as recycling . . . or anything else for that matter," says Dieringer.

## Lack of insurance could force family out of home

by LYNN REA  
Torch Lead writer

Pam and Donn Merrick might be forced to sell their home to pay for their daughter's \$25,000 medical bill.

It all started four months ago when Merrick's 15-year-old daughter began having seizures. A neurosurgeon diagnosed a brain tumor and recommended immediate surgery.

The Merricks, who are both self-employed and have no medical insurance, signed piles of paperwork and legal agreements in a rush to get their daughter the attention she so desperately needed.

After a five hour surgery Sarah's tumor was removed and proved to be benign, much to the joy of the Merrick family.

Pam Merrick, an LCC student, says six weeks after her daughter's surgery, "the realities began." They couldn't pay the bills.

On Christmas Eve a collection agency representing The Eugene Clinic, served the Merricks with a summons to small claims court.

Merrick says she planned to pay \$50 per month, which is all the family could afford, but was told by the collection agency that the amount was unacceptable.

The collection agency gave the Merricks few options, two of which were to sign over the trust deed to their house, or pay the \$25,000 in full.

"We've consulted Consumer Credit Counseling and cannot even meet their basic requirements. We simply cannot earn enough money to pay the \$25,000 in medical bills," says Pam Merrick.

Donn Merrick, a self-employed plumbing contractor, must be bonded to maintain his license. But if the couple declares bankruptcy, or the collections judgment is upheld in small claims court, his bond will no longer be applicable, and the Merricks major source of income will be gone.

"We don't have a fancy lifestyle now, but being among the unemployed would be difficult."

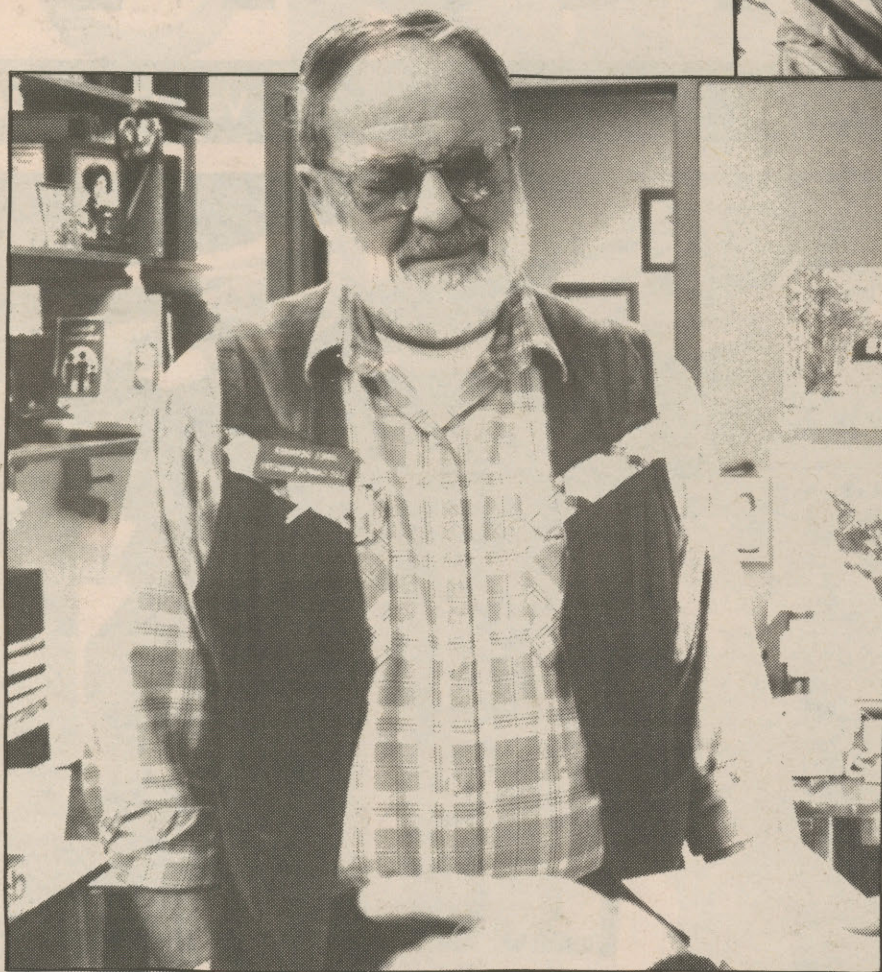
So selling their home appears to be the only solution to an impossible situation.

Pam Merrick says she worries about her daughter's ability to obtain health insurance in the future due to her pre-existing condition.

"No other family should have to go through what our family has and will continue to go through."



## Student loan program gets needed "Titan" boost from Athletics



Photos by Dana Krizan

LCC Athletic Director Harlan Yriarte (upper left) hands Father Dieringer of Campus Ministry a check for \$1020. The money, donated from admissions proceeds of the Jan. 11 basketball home-opener, will be used to supplement the dwindling Emergency Loan/Grant program provided by the Ministry to LCC students. Dieringer says the money goes to people in need on an "honor basis." The program's funds have become depleted due to an increase demand and lack of repayment by students.

## New ASLCC senator and cultural director named

by **BRIAN BLOCH**  
Torch Staff Writer

After two short executive sessions Thursday evening, the ASLCC appointed two students to fill the vacant senator and Cultural Director positions.

Former Senator Steve Bauers was appointed to the Cultural Director spot, while general studies student Adan Losano will

take over Bauers' senator position. Both candidates were appointed by consensus.

Three ASLCC positions opened up at the beginning of winter term when former Cultural Director Laura Lane Ruckman and former Communications Director Seth Craig left their positions.

Three students are vying for the still-vacant Cultural Director position, including Senator Shane

Rhodes. The other students in contention are Nicke L. King and Michael Legault.

Losano, the only candidate applying for the senator spot, said he hopes to use his Hispanic background to break down cultural barriers between students and the student government.

"I really enjoy cultural events and cultural education," he says. "My whole idea is (to) get involved

with the ASLCC as much as I can."

Bauers enjoyed strong support from the ASLCC, which took little time discussing his appointment.

"I think he's already shown the commitment to this position," Rhodes said.

During a public meeting following the executive session, the ASLCC tabled a motion to boycott the LCC Open House, taking

place Feb. 8 & 9 at Valley River Center. The motion stemmed from the student government's support of the classified workers union, which is in its seventh month of unsuccessful contract negotiations with the administration.

"We are student government and this is an open house for LCC . . . and since we are student government we should participate," said Senator Joann Wilson.

"If they go out on strike, we won't have a school to go to," Bauers retorted. "They're the ones who take care of this school. I think a show of solidarity from student government is important."

The ASLCC will consider whether or not to operate a booth at the Open House until next week, when a Monday vote is expected.

In other news, Human Rights Commission representative Rico Perez requested \$500 from the ASLCC to help fund a community homeless project. The project would provide a once-a-month soup table for homeless people in Lane County.

"What it would look like is ASLCC out there, getting involved -- another piece of the network," Perez said.

The ASLCC will consider the request for one week before making a decision.

The committee also announced an LCC Child Care Co-op open house on Feb. 4, featuring a rib-

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# Karate builds confidence with moderation

by **ROBERT NYDAM**  
Torch Staff Writer

Most people, at one time or another, have considered taking a martial arts self-defense course. For whatever reason, we never seem to find the time to do so.

Images of a Chuck Norris spinning backhand punch or a Bruce Lee roundhouse kick should be quickly dismissed as Hollywood myth.

Instead, try a taste of reality. Come check out the LCC Karate Club, or one of instructor Wes Chamberlain's karate classes.

Merging physical and spiritual fitness with a confident attitude, Chamberlain trains his charges through a series of what he calls "character-building" drills.

Stressing the importance of temperent character-building, Chamberlain says of his courses, "it helps transform an aggressive person into a moderate person, or a very meek one into a more confident person."

Chamberlain says studies show the individuals most likely to be attacked are the overly bold, or the permissively withdrawn.

"The ability to defend yourself is one that I think everyone should have, everybody should train with some form of self-defense -- just in case of an attack," he says.

Chamberlain and some inter-

ested students began looking into the possibility of a college-sanctioned Karate Club in 1980. An impromptu club existed as far back as 1973, he says, but never anything "official." Currently, the club is in association with the ASLCC.

The club meets every Friday evening from 7-9 p.m., and "it is not a structured class as much as it is a supervised free-time." Members study a range of different defensive techniques, along with intermittent sparring and a study of street tactics.

After the club meetings, members often go out for pizza and sodas. Chamberlain says, "The club is a social gathering, and so it helps bring people together on a more relaxed basis, rather than in a classroom," where tension and stress can lead to a detriment in performance.

Chamberlain likes to stress that the martial arts are a good way to relieve the pressure and stresses of the outside world. "It enables you to exert yourself very physically in a controlled manner, to where you are not going to hurt anyone."

Safety is an issue constantly on Chamberlain's mind, whether he is in the classroom or at a club meeting. He tries to make sure that nobody performs an action beyond their ability.

Discovering one's own limitations, and then building on those



Photo by Michael Acord

**LCC Karate Club President Jeff Brown blocks a high roundhouse kick from Steve Stone. The club meets every Friday from 7-9 p.m. Members stress that it is not a structured class so anyone is welcome to come in and give it a try.**

limitations to become stronger, faster, more flexible and reflexive are all goals of a lifestyle involving the martial arts. Chamberlain hopes that feeling better is also one of the effects that the martial arts has on anyone who sticks with it.

To get involved visit P.E. 125 any Friday from 7-9 p.m. or call 746-0940.



Photo by Michael Acord

**Brownbelt Steve Stone delivers a devastating blow to LCC Karate Club President Jeff Brown. Mark Stoffelbach and Jeff Orondorff stand off to the side in hopes of learning a few new moves.**

## U.S. West refunds \$56 million to ratepayers

by **TRACY BROOKS**  
Torch Associate Editor

U.S. West Communications customers who received local phone service between Jan. 1, 1990 and Jan. 1, 1992 can expect to find a monetary credit on their next phone bill.

Ratepayers were overcharged for two years, says Citizen's Utility Board Director Bob Jenks. U.S. West "took revenue out of the local telephone system," he says, when it situated all of its printing at one major publishing company, instead of in different locations around the U.S.

This move increased profits, but ratepayers still paid \$24 million yearly to maintain phone service, he says. This money should not have been paid.

The amount to be refunded currently totals \$56 million, with interest, which will show up on phone bills as a one-time credit. Jenks estimates that it will work out to be about \$1 per month, for each month in the two-year period that a customer received phone service. The highest refund will be about \$24.

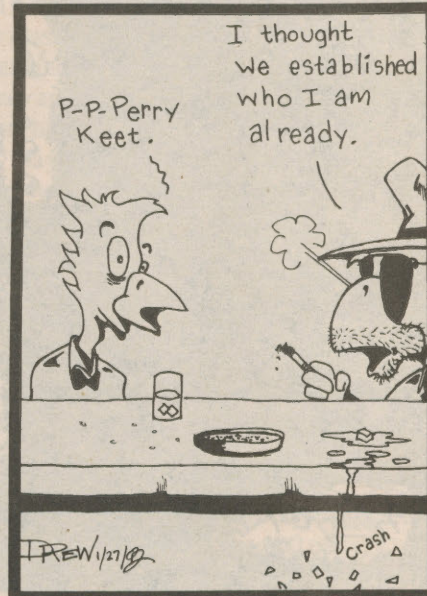
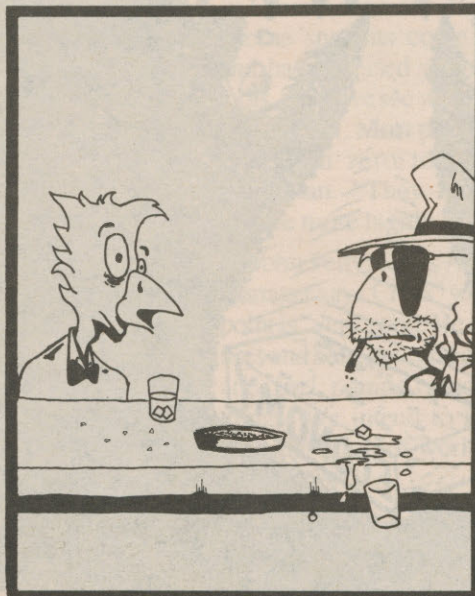
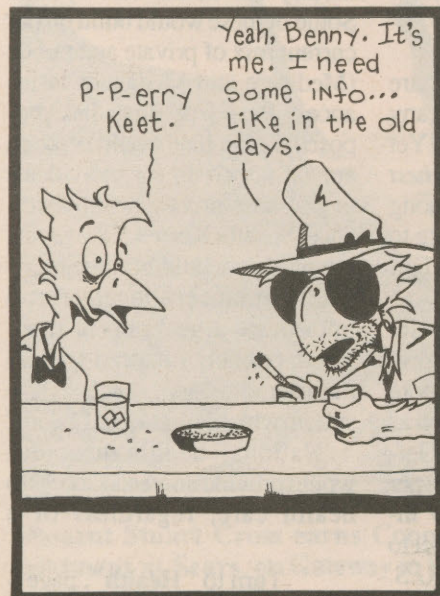
Jenks says that persons who used U.S. West during that time period, but do not have service now, should contact U.S. West about receiving their refund. He says that students, in particular, are in danger of not receiving their refunds.

"Students are the people most likely to be owed money," he says, being a more "transient" group.

U.S. West will send notices to the last known address of ratepayers qualifying for the refund, and plans to establish a toll free number for people to call for more information. In the meantime, people should call (1) 484-7770 to collect their refunds.

## Perry Keet, P.I.

by **Drew Johnson**





# Racist remarks in classroom show LCC's true colors

A recent letter to the editor appearing in The Register-Guard admonished LCC for wasting money to hire an Affirmative Action Director in light of statewide education cuts.

Well, if we want to continue with white America's denial of racism, then it was not a good decision. Maybe we have no racist problems here.

Nonetheless, last week, the word "diversity" received favored status among the politically correct crowd as we all paid an annual tribute to the ideals set in motion by the insightful and revered Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Speakers from all over the nation gathered in Eugene/Springfield to remind us racial, ethnic, and sexual equality continues to elude even the best-intentioned among us.

LCC even sponsored a staff in-service day to promote the ideal of honoring cultural diversity. Speaking on Jan. 20, an author and philosophy instructor, Dr. Luke Barber, spoke of the urgent need to honor diversity in everyday life.

But respecting diversity is easier said than done.

Here's an interesting example.

During the King Week celebrations, an LCC student tape-recorded racist and prejudicial remarks by a tenured LCC instructor during a class. This is after Barber talked to the faculty and staff about the importance of accepting minorities. Here are a few examples chosen from classroom discussion:

**On immigrants:** "They are completely different... (they) make you feel like a minority when you're a

*Caucasian. You live in America folks, so you better learn to speak English."*

**On cultural differences:** "Their hair is different than yours and mine... they look up to our culture, they want to emulate our culture."

"... Count the oriental restaurants in this town... we've never had those kind of people come in before."

**On welfare recipients:** "She'd probably sell her food stamps to get cash... those people... give 'em an inch, they want a mile."

The student says the instructor has repeatedly categorized minority cultures and ethnic groups as "they" or "those people." And by inference, he means inferior, uppity outsiders.

When the student confronted the instructor this week, showing him a transcript of the tape, the instructor was surprised and visibly embarrassed, and asked what he could do to make amends.

Officially, we say we are open to minorities of all colors and cultures. But it is a shallow statement, a reflex, a way of simply going through the motions.

Paying tribute to these lofty ideals is not enough.

How does this white hypocrisy affect minority people at LCC? Here's one example, also from last week's Martin Luther King Jr. "Celebration" co-sponsored by the ASLCC.

LCC English Instructor Bill Powell was presented with the annual Martin Luther King award for achievement. Powell then proceeded to tell an astonished audience that Lane is a racist institution.

The Register-Guard reported that Powell received

the award, but said nothing about the significance of his 30-second "acceptance" speech.

After contacting two student government officials, the Torch was unable to uncover the reason the ASLCC honored Powell. One individual said it was for "achievement," but couldn't elaborate.

Powell may not be sure himself why he got the award. Maybe because he's the only black on the faculty.

If one didn't know better, the circumstance of the award could be called a token. Possibly, a small nick-knack to make LCC feel less guilty about the racism Powell speaks of so bluntly.

Contrary to the letter in the R-G, in our opinion the appearance of an Affirmative Action Director is a step in the right direction. Donna Albro has a monumental task ahead of her -- not just in adding minorities to the classrooms and work force, but destroying the deep roots of prejudice already ingrained at LCC.

But we all have to be affirmative. Presumably, in 20 year's time, only one student has ever told an instructor that his comments are racist, or at the very least racially insensitive. Students on this campus must confront racism wherever and whenever it exists. We can teach our instructors. We can lead each other by our actions.

Imagine the day when Americans won't say *them* or *they*, but *we* and *us*.

Many would like to see "honoring" diversity have meaning other than just being the hip phrase among the politically correct junkies for a few weeks every year.

Think about it.



## Insufficient health care costs money as well as lives

What's the most important issue of the upcoming Presidential campaign? Abortion? The economy? The welfare mess?

If you and I speak out now, we could push health care reform to the top of the list.

Just in case you still believe this is not an issue which affects you today, think again.

Providing health care for our uninsured, usually in the

local emergency room, costs us about \$10 billion a year.

We all pay through increased taxes and higher prices for medical insurance and providers' costs when a teenage mother, lacking prenatal care, gives birth to an underweight baby; when a homeless diabetic goes into a coma; or when an uninsured bicycle rider becomes a paraplegic.

### The Costs:

The U.S. spends a larger share of its GNP on health care than any other industrialized nation. Yet this country has the third highest rate of infant mortality among First World nations, according to statistics gathered by Oregon Fair Share (OFS).

In 1989, our nation's health care costs totaled \$2,354 for every man, woman and child, more than twice as much per person as is spent annually in Japan or Germany. But in spite of this huge per capita expense, citizens of 17 industrialized nations can expect to live longer than the average U.S.

citizen, says OFS. Does this seem like an effective use of our health care dollars?

### The Uninsured and Underinsured

Are you one of the 37 million Americans who has no medical

insurance, or who has limited or incomplete coverage? Or perhaps your policy, if you are lucky enough to have coverage, lists exclusions. For

example, if your family shows a history of stroke or colon cancer, these conditions may be excluded from your coverage, even if you have not shown any evidence of illness.

### Which Solution?

Congress is currently considering a number of proposals to modify our health care system. Some of these would build on our current mix of private and public (Medicare and Medicaid) insurance. President Bush has proposed a plan that would offer an annual tax credit for individuals to purchase private health insurance. Senator Kerrey (D-) favors a plan that would eliminate private insurance altogether and implement a government-sponsored, publicly financed and administered system, such as the system which is in place in Canada.

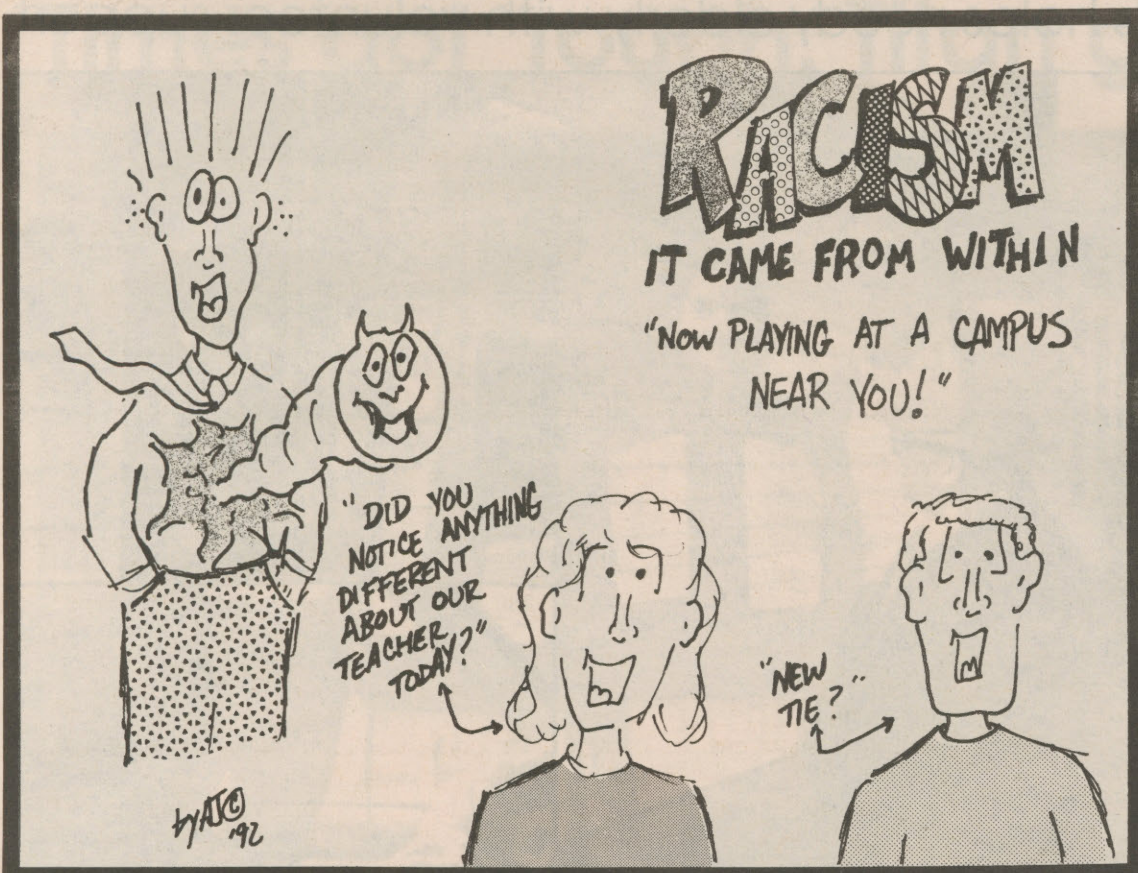
National health insurance would provide universal access to health care, regardless of a

## Commentary

by ROBIN ROBBINS

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## Tax credits a drop in the bucket

In the early 1800s, U.S. Congressman Henry Clay said he would "rather be right than president." It's too bad George Bush won't say the same words 150 years later.

During the Republican primary race back in 1980, Bush characterized opponent Ronald Reagan's fiscal plan for America as "voodoo economics." Bush believed that simultaneously cutting taxes and increasing military spending would lead the U.S. economy into chaos.

Bush also opposed deregulating the amount of cash-on-hand and real property which Savings & Loans were required to have in order to protect their clients' savings.

However, rather than stand on those principles, Bush changed his tone from "voodoo" to "can-do", and rode Reagan's coattails into the presidency.

The problem is, even after Bush has been in office long enough to be his "own man", and though time has proven the 1980s "trickle-down" theories to be flawed, he continues to both hold onto and further these policies. His Jan. 28 "State of the Union" address is the proof.

For example, consumer confidence in the economy is lower than it has been since the Great Depression. Bush's answer: Cut capital gains taxes and withholding deductions to spur consumers into buying more goods. Even if middle class taxes are cut, say \$300-400 per year, the odds are most people are going to use this money to pay off the debts already incurred. It's possible some new yachts will be built and the rich will take more profits out their businesses, but it's hard to believe these tax cuts will significantly reduce unemployment or increase middle-class spending.

Because spending will not increase to any large degree, a tax cut will only provide less income for the government.

Less income means fewer federal government services, and fewer federal dollars will transfer more of the burden for basic services to the

shoulders of individual states. These states will need to get the money from somewhere to make up for the federal dollars they no longer receive. Where do the states turn for more money? Where else? The consumer who just got a federal tax cut.

Although Bush didn't mention it in his speech, his policy-makers want to deregulate the banking industry to increase competition and promote investment opportunities. If the administration follows the 1980s Savings & Loan deregulation scenario, the only increase in competition will be to see which banks will fail in the shortest period of time. And the only proven investment will be another taxpayer bailout of a failed government policy.

Many economists, both liberals and fiscal conservatives, decry deregulating the banking industry and say tax cuts are not appropriate at this time. They fear another financial disaster for American savers if the banks are deregulated, and some believe a tax cut will increase an already spiraling federal deficit.

However, the American consumer, especially in an election year wants presidential candidates to whisper "sweet nothing" answers in his/her ear to the question "what do you have to offer me?" Bush has answered them with stylish promises, but little substance.

In the midst of the Great Depression, Franklin Roosevelt created some bold new initiatives. Some worked and some didn't. But he inspired confidence in the American people by telling them not to be afraid, and then proceeded to create new jobs, repair and improve public works, and stress the importance of education as a way to improve the future of Americans.

Why isn't George Bush making hard choices and creating bold new answers to the country's economic problems in the Roosevelt tradition?

Why is he pandering tax cuts to the rich, cosmetic tax changes to the middle class, and deregulation to business interests?

He'd rather be president, than be right.

### Another side of the truth

by ROBERT CATALANO

## Health

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person's income. All necessary physician and hospital services would be provided.

Cost savings would be achieved by eliminating the existing overhead of claims processings. It is estimated that 24 percent of our health care dollars are spent on claims processing, a staggering amount of money. Where do we want to spend our precious health care

dollars — on paper-pushing or providing services?

In this election year, you will see and hear many proposals to reform our health care system. We owe it to ourselves and our children to take the time and energy to arrive at an informed opinion. Decisions we make this decade will determine the health of our health care system into the 21st Century.

## ASLCC Campus Calendar

### Friday, January 31th

Blood Mobile  
Noon-3:00 outside the cafeteria

### Monday, February 3rd

Alcohol and Drug Education Program  
Science 111 1-1:50

### Tuesday, February 4th

Good Life Club Meeting  
N.W. corner of Cafeteria 2:00

Ongoing Recovery Group meeting  
Science 111 1-1:50 p.m.

### Wednesday, February 5th

Native American Student Association meeting  
2:00-3:00 Math and Art 240

Everyone come out for Basketball!!!!!!  
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Women play at 6:00, Men at 8:00

### Thursday, February 6th

ASLCC Senate Meeting  
3:00-5:00 P.E. 205

Multi-cultural center Social Hour  
Free Food! All Welcome!!  
1:30-3:00 Cen 409

Alcohol and Drug Awareness Group  
Science 111, 1-1:50 p.m.

### Friday, February 7th

Karate Club Meeting  
P.E. 125 7:00 p.m.

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# Quality program offers more than a hot meal

by **KELLEY EGRE**  
Torch Managing Editor

## Meals on Wheels helps needy elderly with volunteer support

"I get some mighty good feelings in myself just through making these people smile."

That's Bill Stewart's reason for working one day a week for the Red Cross Meals on Wheels Program in Eugene.

Stewart, at age 75, has been a volunteer for about five years and refers to the elderly men and women he serves as "beautiful people."

"After I retired, I thought I should give something back (to the community) for all the good luck I've had over the years," he says.

So every Tuesday, he arrives at the Meals on Wheels' headquarters a little after 11 a.m. to collect his route information.

"It's all what they (elderly clients) want that particular day and what they can or can't have according to their health," say Stewart.

Stewart is responsible for 21 of the average 365 dinners Meals on Wheels' volunteers distribute each day.

According to Program Director Linn Crooks, the job is difficult.

"You get a real reality check when you go out there," she says. "The first time you go out, you feel like you want to help them all ... but for most of them it's a way of life, they want it this way."

The Lane County Meals on Wheels began in 1972 with 10 patrons. Last year, the organization assisted over 900 elderly individuals who are unable to prepare adequate meals for themselves.

Five days each week, the pro-

gram and its 90 volunteers deliver nutritious dinners to frail men and women.

"We take them a meal, we say hello, we offer them our friendship," she says.

Crooks says sometimes the volunteers are the only contact many of the clients have with the outside world.

"That's why the volunteers are so important," she says. "Without them I don't know what would happen to these people."

Stewart says he thinks the program has done as much for him as it has the people he helps.

"If you have made someone feel truly good through what you have done, well, that's the greatest feeling there is," he says.

According to Stewart, all the clients on his route have physical problems which hinder their mobility, but they all deal with their handicaps exceptionally well.

"I don't think I have ever met a grumpy person on this route," he says. "That's one of the reasons I enjoy this."

Seventy-year-old Bea, one of the first people Stewart visits, lives by herself.

"I get a meal from them and add a little of my own rice to it," she says. "It makes a great meal for me that I couldn't make for myself."

Bea says once she was very active, but now that she has emphysema and needs fresh oxygen to aid her in breathing, even the smallest tasks tire her.

"Emphysema is bad stuff," says Stewart. "But it doesn't stop her from being a good person. She's always so jolly. She, like a lot of these folks, makes me feel good



Photos by Kelley Egge

Meals on Wheels volunteer Bill Sterrard drives a 21 person route to bring meals to needy elderly.

every time I come."

At 11:45, Stewart pulls the yellow Nissan he drives up to Mr. and Mrs. Page's bright green house. Both of them have arthritis and have been on Stewart's route for about two years.

"Bill and Meals on Wheels bring in a little bit of sunshine every time they visit," says Mrs. Page.

She says she and her husband try to wait on each other as much as possible but can't cook every meal.

Frank and Donna, who wish to keep their last names anonymous, have lived in their small house in

the Madison neighborhood for 20 years.

Stewart pulls up to their home about 12:30 p.m.

Donna, who uses a wheelchair for mobility, says she and her husband have been receiving Meals on Wheels dinners for about four to five years.

"We love meals on wheels very much. They are all so nice and caring," says Donna.

With only two more meals to dispense, Stewart's watch reads 1:10. He says he is behind schedule as he makes his stop at Everette and Alberta's house.

Both he and his wife are 88-

years-old, live in a house full of antiques and collectibles.

Frank prides himself on the eighteenth century sewing machine in the small room down the hall from their living room.

When Stewart's route is finished at 1:30, usually about 2 1/2 hours after he began his tour, he returns to headquarters with a smile on his face.

"I like to think we do a little something to help them through."

For information regarding the Red Cross Meals on Wheels Program, contact Crooks at the Lane County American Red Cross.

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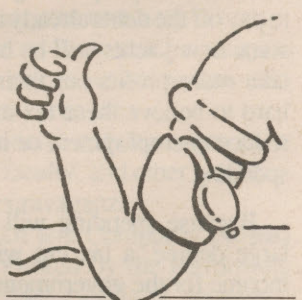
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# New law seeks improved access for disabled

by **TRACY BROOKS**  
Torch Associate Editor

**Editor's Note:** This is the second story in a series of news articles and analyses on the topic of access for the disabled.

Disabled persons can expect improved access to public accommodations under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a law which took effect Sunday, Jan. 26.

The impact of the ADA on construction companies, architects, and building code officials will be explored in a three-part telecourse co-sponsored by LCC and the Southwestern Oregon Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Passed by Congress in July of 1990, the ADA is intended to eliminate discrimination toward disabled persons in employment, access to public transportation, and access to public accommodations. Most public facilities — restaurants, schools, and businesses — are now equipped with ramps for wheelchairs or parking spaces for those with disabilities.

But the ADA would require public facilities to go a step further and provide access to persons with all forms of physical impairment.

The ADA defines "disability"

as a physical or mental impairment that limits one or more life activities, including seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.

This could mean providing braille menus in restaurants for visually impaired persons, or wheelchair space in movie theaters with space provided for friends and family, according to a Jan. 27 New York Times article.

The ADA stipulates that public facilities should make changes that are "readily achievable" with "undue hardship." This means that businesses would not be required to make structural changes that pose an undue financial hardship or extreme difficulty, writes the legal firm Proskauer, Rose, Goetz & Mendelsohn.

Colleges and universities may comply with the law by redesigning equipment, and reassigning classes or other services to accessible buildings. However, the ADA requires that barriers be removed if "readily achievable," even if other methods of access are used.

According to the ADA, businesses undergoing remodeling or constructing new buildings must comply fully with the law, making any alterations readily accessible by individuals with disabilities.

But according to Denny Hellesvig, an authority on disabled commercial access employed with the City of Eugene, no one knows yet quite how the government will enforce the law.

The ADA is written broadly, and while some businesses and public accommodations may work willingly to accommodate the new law, others may not be aware of the law, or may try to avoid costly

changes.

The law is written to leave enforcement to the court system, which Hellesvig says could aggravate the problem, and should be a last resort. Individuals with grievances should work with the business in question, he says, identifying the problem and working out a solution.

If a dispute can be resolved in no other manner, either the indi-

vidual or the Attorney General may file suit. However, the ADA disallows a plaintiff to collect punitive damages, which some fear may keep attorneys from taking cases.

Students interested in attending the telecourse, titled "Opening All Doors: Understanding the Americans with Disabilities Act," should contact Cynde Leathers at ext. 2260.



Photo by Dana Krizan

Computer science student Casey Felger says LCC accessibility for disabled students needs improvement. He is angry that the current water fountains are too tall and says he has to pay 10¢ for a glass of water when he's thirsty. And bathrooms? The one in Student Services is it.

## Survivors weave tapestry of courage in new book

1 IN 3: Women with Cancer Confront an Epidemic, edited by Judy Brady. Cleis Press Inc., San Francisco, CA, 94114. 1991. \$10.95.

review by **ROBIN ROBBINS**

Cancer.  
The Big C.

We are in the midst of a cancer epidemic. One in nine American women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. One in three women will be touched by cancer, personally or through a family member or close friend.

Are you still reading? Perhaps you have folded this paper and thought, "Gee, I just don't have time to read this right now. Maybe later."

Well, if you're still reading, congratulations! Denial is preventing most Americans from seeing the epidemic of cancer and you've just decided to do something about it. You've decided to become better informed!

Judy Brady has employed a sensitive editor's pencil to produce 1 in 3, a collection of stories told by women who are cancer survivors. This special and select group of women shares denial, anger, courage and hope with readers. These women's stories are scary, powerful, and valuable.

The stories raised my own consciousness about the interaction between environmental pollution and cancer. You may already believe there is complicity

between the federal government, business interests and the medical profession to deny the link between environmental pollution and the cancer epidemic.

But did you know that almost 30 years ago -- in 1964 -- the World Health Organization estimated that "80 percent of cancers are caused by human-produced carcinogens. Today the estimate is 90 percent of cancers are caused by environmental toxins..."

Many of the women who tell their stories in this book came to their recognition of the environmental causes for their illnesses only after much research and soul-searching. They found that it is difficult to question and challenge the system which has surrounded us since birth. As a society, we continue to feed our own denial about environmental poisoning

because that denial is less painful than believing that our government would act in a deliberately destructive manner towards its own citizens.

Cancer is big business. I didn't realize the extent to which the National Institute of Health (NIH), the federal government, drug companies and the American Cancer Society cooperate to emphasize research on detection and cure, rather than recognizing that environmental pollution as the underlying cause.

For many physicians, hospitals and drug companies, cancer preventatives -- chemical-free produce, clean air and water free from toxins -- might spell economic disaster. Even cancer education -- and health education is yet another business -- emphasizes early detection rather than

prevention. Americans are educated to be re-active rather than pro-active, say these women.

These cancer survivors have contributed fiction, poetry and non-fiction to weave a tapestry of courage, strength and resourcefulness which deserves our thoughtful attention. We hear the voice of black lesbian feminist Audre Lorde mingling with Latina migrant worker Reina Diaz and conservative ex-FBI employee Karen Hopkins, all cancer survivors, all speaking out so that we may learn from their experiences.

Just to mention a few of my favorites among many memorable stories: "Dracula pays a visit to a chemotherapy survivor and," ...

"Surprise! Guess whose hair fell out?" Or the story about the lesbian who, mourning the loss of her left breast, discovers at least one other woman who still finds her very attractive.

These women -- funny and sad and sexy and angry and disbelieving -- wrote their stories so that we may recognize the enormity of this epidemic.

Now let's hear their call for action.

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# Low cost student health a necessity

by ERIC WALSTROM  
Torch Staff Writer

LCC makes an attempt to provide some health care to its students through the Student Health Service.

But will the SHS survive during the next few years?

Students use it frequently, says Sandy Ing, R.N., and director of the service. "The real purpose is to help students remain healthy."

During fall term, the SHS had 4,781 patient visits. This week, the average number of visits was over 80 per day.

The SHS, located on the first floor of the Center Building (tucked away beside the snack bar), is for students enrolled in credit classes, adult education, and high school completion (GED) classes.

SHS offers a multitude of services. A physician is available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday. Other services are:

- First aid for injuries received on or off-campus.
- Personal health counseling and medical information.
- Allergy shots for students under the care of an allergist.
- Vision and auditory screening.
- Nutrition counseling.
- Emergency dental referral, and referrals to other health providers.

Although it does not dispense medications, the SHS sometimes gives free samples to find out what works best for the individual. It sometimes assists in providing prescriptions at local pharmacies.

Along with primary care, the SHS offers considerable discounts for:

- Complete women's clinic exam.
- Birth control supplies.
- Physicals (if needed for LCC programs, employment, etc.).
- Tuberculin skin tests.
- Selected lab tests.

The SHS has an agreement with a lab in Eugene for most

lab testing in which the student prepays at the SHS, and saves about 30-50 percent on the lab fee.

The SHS occasionally offers a taste of drama, says Ing.

"Once we diagnosed a patient with cancer." She has also taken people with acute appendicitis to hospital emergency rooms where the students have gone straight into surgery.

"But often, tasks can be much simpler, like a person fainting in class. We ask questions to find out what might be wrong. At times it could be from not eating, then the SHS will purchase a meal for the student," says Ing. "The SHS tries to meet student needs."

The SHS at Lane is vulnerable to cut backs, but not until the 1993-94 year, says Ing.

"But a lot could change between now and then," she acknowledges.

While SHS fears major restructuring if cutbacks are required and if additional funding is not possible, she and her staff cannot identify where the clinic could trim from its sparse budget.

Sometimes, Ing says, the SHS has difficulty explaining to the LCC Board of Education the relationship of the health services to education. She can only point to her daily patient logs to prove the value of the medical service the clinic provides.

If cutbacks happen, it would not be possible to maintain the present level of quality care for the college, says Ing. It might have to be "all (the services) or none."

But one option to increase funding might be to roll a health service fee into the tuition for everyone. "It would be about \$5," says Ing.

Originally, she says, in the late 1970's, student fees funded the cost of services. The students got involved and voted in a fee to fund medical services because they saw a problem: students without private health care, or no means for paying for insurance or private care.

Ing states, "The only nurse that was there spent all of her time trying to find medical care for students -- which wasn't out there in the community."

Presently most appointments are made by stopping in, and are all confidential. The phone number for students needing more information is 747-4501, ext. 2665.

## Insurance

by KIM CHALLIS-ROTH  
Torch Lead Writer

"We are the only nation in the world that has let medical inflation rise unabated. We have taken no stance at all on what doctors earn or the profits insurance companies make. We have the most expensive health care system by a long way, and the only one that does not cover all of its citizens," says Joy Marshall, spokeswoman for Oregon Fair Share, a statewide non-profit group working for universal health care.

Insurance coverage is too expensive for many people who turn to state agencies for help, says Marshall.

Michael Schilling, a 31-year-old industrial maintenance major at LCC is a good example. He recently asked the Springfield branch of Oregon Family Service for medical assistance for his wife, his two-year-old son and himself. He says he was shocked with the answer he received.

Schilling holds down two part-time jobs while attending school full-time. He and his wife receive unemployment benefits from job lay-offs.

Their total monthly income is under \$800.

"Point blank they told me we made too much money," he says.

Family services gave his son a medical card, but Schilling and his wife remain uncovered.

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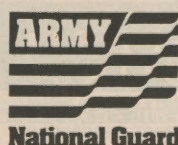
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"One doctor visit is \$80 to \$100 and can virtually wipe you out. A policy for my family from an independent agency would cost us over \$200 a month and it's impossible to afford it on a student's salary!"

There is an alternative. Students at Lane can purchase insurance through Manley Administrative Services.

Company brochures (available in Student Health) say the plan is "designed especially for college students" and is "low cost".

It would cost Schilling and his family \$497 per term (about three months) for coverage.

The coverage is up to \$25,000 per accident or illness with a \$50 deductible but the policy lists several stipulations like: "Injuries involving motor vehicles shall be limited to \$5,000."

The policy also lists "exclusions." It won't cover pre-existing medical conditions or pay for medical services rendered on campus. It also does not cover injuries sustained on two or three wheel vehicles.

The brochure also states no benefits will be paid for "intentionally self-inflicted injuries (including suicide attempts while sane)."

Marshall says the high cost of health care is absurd.

"It is so expensive and so difficult for students to get the health care they need, students often do without. Some stu-

dents have the good luck of being carried under their parents' policies but many, many do not.

"Students are an investment in the future of the state of Oregon. The last thing we need to do is be denying them the health care they need. It is a foolish, short-sighted mistake that will end up costing more money in the long run."

Marshall says a solution could be national health care financed through a series of broad-based taxes; some payroll and some from income. In Fair Share's plan students would pay into the program progressively, paying more when they could afford it after reaching the work force.

Marshall says the plan could eliminate Medicare and Medicaid and the private insurance industry.

But Jeff Miller, the mayor of Eugene and an independent insurance agent with the firm Russell, Miller and Associates, says a "single pay" program would take the competition out of the insurance business.

"If you take out the competition you create a monopoly. What drives our country is an entrepreneur spirit!"

Miller says people are "blaming the messengers for the message" and says affordable coverage can be found.

He says Pacific Hospital

Association carries policies with a \$500 deductible for only \$48.30 per month for an individual. Family rates start at \$156.50 a month.

Millersays, "People don't understand. It's not profit, profit, profit. There is far more money spent in claims. Blue Cross/Blue Shield will only make a one to two percent profit this year.

"Insurance is service work," explains Miller. "We treat our clients well. The whole basis of insurance is everybody pays so the few with claims can be covered."

Miller says he has proposed to Congressman Peter Defazio a plan for base coverage. Under his concept, Ameri-

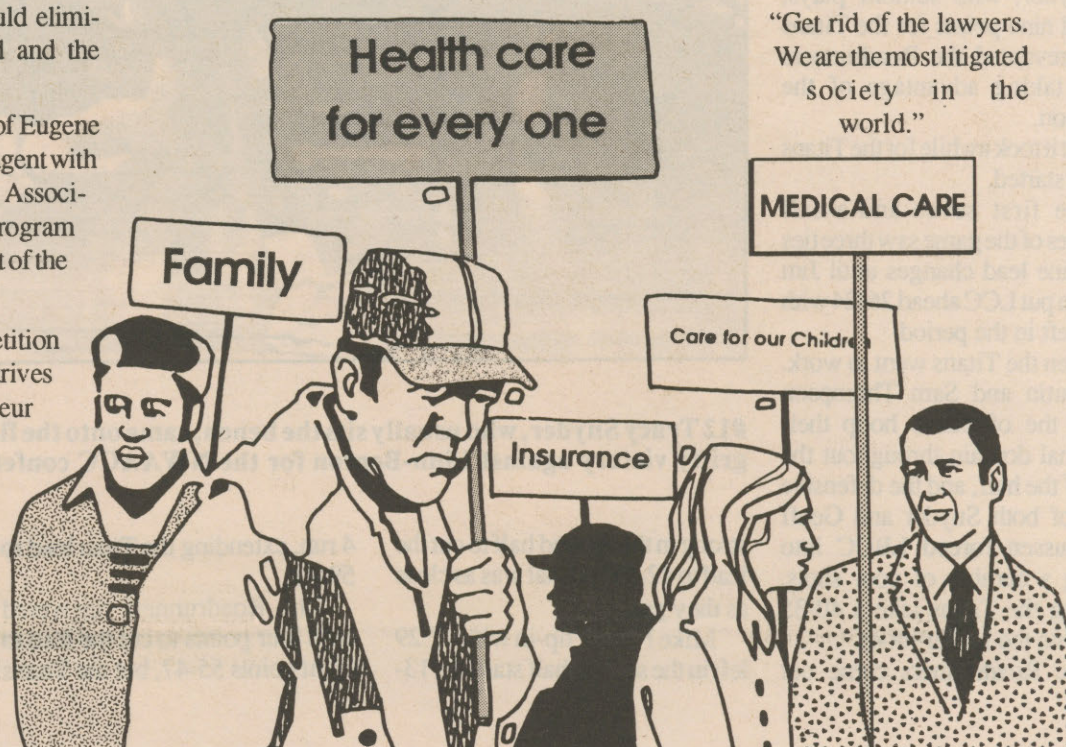
cans would pay a determined amount of money for basic medical services through the insurance company of their choice. Insurance companies would then be reimbursed by the government for medical costs.

With his plan, Miller says, people who "abuse their bodies" using drugs, cigarettes or alcohol would have to pay more.

He says additional money to fund the base coverage could come from pre-existing Medicaid and Medicare programs, eliminating the need for medical cards.

Miller also has another suggestion . . .

"Get rid of the lawyers. We are the most litigated society in the world."



## White Bird Clinic a viable alternative for the uninsured

by DEBORAH STOTLER  
Torch Staff Writer

Three weeks after his bicycle accident, local artist and perennial LCC student Will Lotz recalls his resultant topsy-turvy apprehension on that chilly, rainy morning.

"Blood gushed from my forehead," begins Lotz, 36, "but I couldn't tell how badly I was hurt. One thing's for sure, though, I knew from that moment on I'd never again laugh at cyclists who wear helmets!"

He gives a short laugh and soberly continues, "Then, I panicked, because I've absolutely no health coverage whatsoever; let alone a personal physician. And I wondered, 'Where can I go (for medical treatment)? And, how the hell am I going to pay for it?'"

Pointing to the livid scar above his right eye, Lotz comments, "The ironic thing about all of this is that I felt financially intimidated enough to walk on past a hospital on my way to White Bird (Medical Clinic). Because, the last thing I need right now is

a massive emergency room bill for what turned out to be a minor head wound."

For people without health insurance, Lotz' bike crash scenario may strike an uncomfortable, if not familiar chord.

So, where can uninsured individuals turn when faced with a non-life threatening injury that may - or may not - require emergency aid?

Mary Wirtz, Sacred Heart General Hospital's community relations assistant says, "The general assumption is that if cost is an initial issue (to the injured), then it's not an emergency."

Bleeding wounds, especially head wounds, can be very a frightening thing, she concedes.

Nevertheless, says Wirtz, the hospital tries to discourage people who tend to use the emergency room for ailments such as "colds and the flu."

But, she adds, Sacred Heart will not turn away anyone who shows up on the emergency room's doorstep; insured or not.

In fact, says Sacred Heart

Community Relations Director Jenny Ulum, because they serve Medicaid patients, federal law requires the hospital to treat everyone requesting medical treatment.

Be advised however: Whether or not you have insurance, if you use the emergency room for any reason, you will be billed accordingly.

And, according to White Bird Medical Clinic Coordinator Bob Dritz, as far as hospital emergency room fees go, "\$80 is as low as it gets."

Dritz draws a distinction between emergency care (i.e., Was an ambulance required?) and "immediate need service" (quick attention for injuries, etc.).

Almost everyone who requires White Bird's immediate need services is uninsured, he says.

"There is a small, simple screening of resources, and we charge a fee based on that; top charge is \$15 to \$25; all the way down to zero, depending. A lot of clients are seen for free," he says.

"In my case," says Lotz, "White Bird's income-based sliding scale meant my bill came to only \$7. I'm very grateful there's a viable alternative around for uninsured folks - like myself."

White Bird's medical services are divided into two sections: Three to four mornings a week, immediate need clinics see clients on a first come first served basis; and, by appointment only, there are ongoing clinics five afternoons a week.

Additionally, the clinic recently began holding "a combination of the two" in the Springfield City Hall on Mondays and Tuesdays, relates Dritz.

The clinic provides savings for the medical community as well as the patient, he says.

"The average cost of an emergency room's overhead versus immediate need services is substantial," he says.

Thanks to the 40 or 50 doctors who volunteer their time three to four a week, Dritz points out that "in the past year or two, we've doubled our treatment capacity.

But, one of the scary things

we're seeing lately is an increasingly large number of people coming to the walk-in clinic," she says. "Subsequently, a majority of people are turned away. And, even though we've kept the wait for appointments down to two weeks, (appointment) back-ups are starting again."

Commenting on the American Medical Association's (AMA) recent shift of opinion regarding its call for a minimum health insurance coverage for all Americans, Dritz says, "It's a large turnabout for the AMA from my standpoint. White Bird has always held the view that health care is a basic need, not a right."

Historically, the clinic has battled the medical community, he says.

"But," he adds, "I would rather be on the same side as the AMA. It's heartening; I hope all this talk leads somewhere."

The medical clinic's hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays and 1 p.m.-5 p.m. on Tuesdays. The crisis and counseling center is open 24 hours a day.



## Titans grind out win against Roadrunners, 87-76

by ROBERT CATALANO  
Torch Sports Editor

It wasn't pretty, it wasn't ugly. Despite the lack of experience at the point-guard position due to Jim Snyder's absence and Ehren Plummer's first half knee injury, the Titans managed to grind-out an 87-76 Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) conference win over visiting Linn-Benton CC on Jan. 29.

"It was tough to be so short-handed at guard," said Titan Coach James Boutin. "But Tracy Snyder stepped up and did well."

Snyder, who seldom plays, scored nine points for the Titans and prevented the Roadrunners from taking advantage of the situation.

But it took awhile for the Titans to get started.

The first seven-and-a-half minutes of the game saw three ties and nine lead changes until Jim Boutin put LCC ahead 26-24 with 7:34 left in the period.

Then the Titans went to work.

Boutin and Sam Thompson made the offensive hoop their personal domain throughout the rest of the half, and the defensive play of both Snyder and Geoff Rasmussen forced LBCC into taking a number of poor shots, helping the Titans take a 40-35 lead into the locker room.

The Roadrunners came out



Photo by Mathew Auxier

**#12 Tracy Snyder, who usually sits the bench, came onto the floor and into his own in the Titans gritty victory against Linn-Benton for the NWAACC conference title.**

strong in the second half to cut the lead to 42-39 but that was as close as they got.

Mike Neves' tip-in with 17:29 left in the second half started a 13-

4 run, extending the Titan lead to 59-43.

The Roadrunners answered with four points to cut the lead to eight points 55-47, but the Titans

countered with a smothering defense which prevented LBCC from scoring a field goal for the next six minutes.

After five consecutive points

by Curt Broadword gave LCC a 65-51 lead with 9:38 left in the game, the Titans appeared on their way to an easy victory.

However, LBCC began to come back.

Behind the shooting of Dwayne Lee and Eric Price, the Roadrunners cut the Titan lead to seven, 83-76. Coach Boutin called a time-out to settle his team down and slow LBCC's momentum.

The strategy worked.

The Titans held on to the ball, scoring the final four points of the game, to preserve the win.

LCC remains tied for first place in the NWAACC's Southern Division with a 6-1 record, and improves to 17-2 overall.

On Jan. 26, the Titans used a second-half surge to defeat conference rival Mt. Hood CC 98-83.

Again, it was a combination of pressure defense, and scoring from Thompson which sealed the victory.

Thompson finished with 24 points and six rebounds, and Jim Snyder added 20 points and nine rebounds to lead the Titans.

The Titans go back on the road to face Chemeketa CC in a first-place showdown on Feb. 1 in Salem. The next LCC home game is Feb. 5 against Southwest Oregon CC at 8 p.m.

## Defensive pressure gives Titans edge in 112-68 victory

by ROBERT CATALANO  
Torch Sports Editor

Sophomore Maryanne Graham scored 33 points, and reserves Summer Milburn and Stefani Backes combined to add 39 more, as the host LCC women buried Linn-Benton CC (LBCC) 112-68 in a Jan. 29 Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) conference game.

Graham, the Titans leading scorer and rebounder, hit 14 of 21 from the field, but only five of her 13 free-throws, to tie her personal single-game point record.

The Titans, who shot 68% from the field, did nearly everything right.

They out-rebounded the visiting Roadrunners 43-29, they stole the ball 24 times, and forced LBCC into 33 turnovers.

"It was a real strong game for

us," said LCC Coach Dave Loos. "We turned up the defensive pressure and had a good first half. I think we controlled the game very well. I didn't expect it to be this easy."

An understatement to be sure.

LBCC took an early 4-3 lead 1:39 into the game and never led again.

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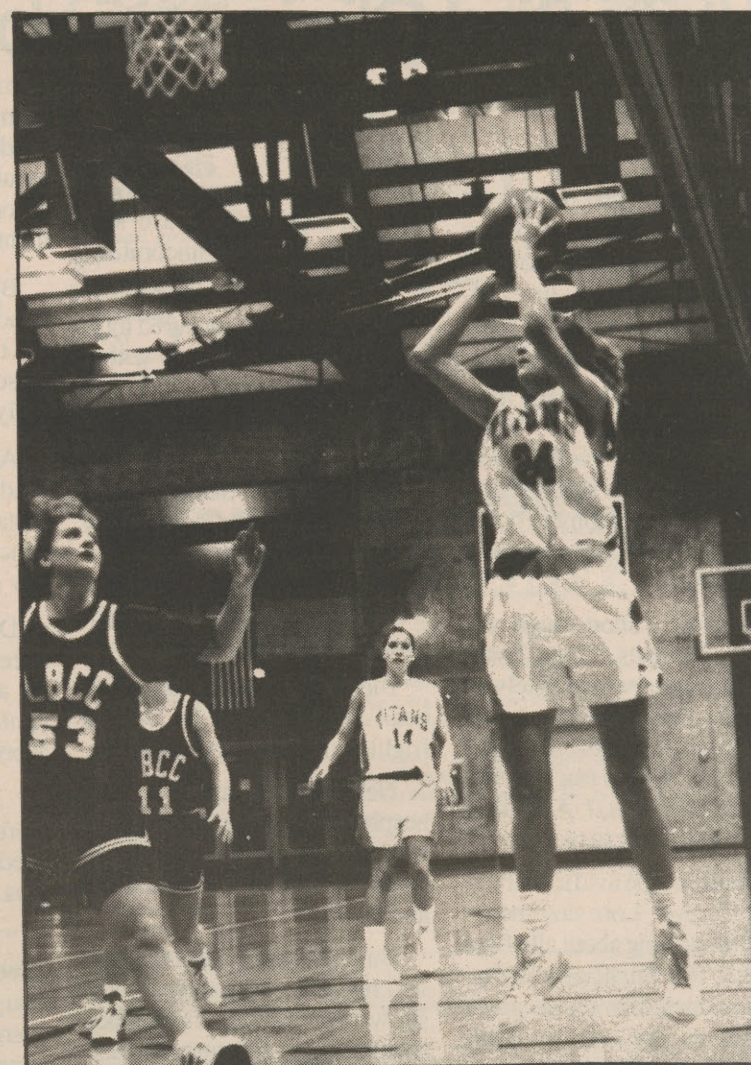
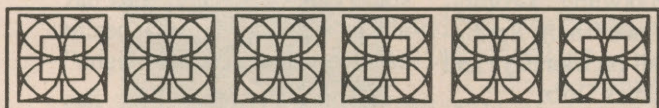


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**Player # 24 Stefani Backes lines up for a scoring shot in the Lady Titans tremendous victory over Linn Benton.**

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# Times got rough, Titan guards got tough



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From left to right, Titan guards Nicole Bignotti and Katy Carter stand with fathers Siro Bignotti and Brian Carter. Coach Dave Loos appreciates their enthusiasm and leadership.

by **ROBERT CATALANO**  
Torch Sports Editor

Nicole Bignotti and Katy Carter have more going for them besides athletic ability and good looks.

The starting guards for the Women's Basketball team at LCC know how to balance individual accomplishment with team discipline and have become leaders on

a predominantly freshman team. "I think the world of both of them," says Titan Coach Dave Loos. "They do everything I've ever asked of them and they do it to the best of their ability."

Bignotti, who has been characterized as "scrappy" by LCC fans, thinks the description fits her well.

"I believe you can always play hard," she says. "I go after every

ball I can, and I try to keep the defensive pressure on the person I'm guarding."

"Nick (Bignotti) always plays tough," agrees Loos. "Even though she often is assigned to guard the opponent's best player, she's still managed to improve her scoring."

Bignotti, voted Most Improved Player by her Titan teammates at the end of the 1990-91 season, has refined other aspects of her game

as well.

Besides averaging around eleven points a game, she leads the team in both free-throw percentage and steals.

Carter has also turned up her game a notch.

The move to her natural position at guard (she played at the post during the 1990-91 season) has helped her to be more comfortable on the floor, and enabled her to enhance her leadership qualities.

"It got frustrating last year," explains Carter. "A lot of us were playing out of position and after Kelli (Stonelake) and Carrie (Redifer), and then me and Nicole, there was a big drop-off (in talent)."

Bignotti and Carter are the only members of the 1990-91 teams still playing for the Titans.

"It also seemed like no one seemed to care," Carter continues. "This year Harlan (Athletic Director Yriarte) has worked hard to improve things around here for the players and the people coming to the games. Everyone's attitude is better."

This change in attitude has helped the Titans to compile a 16-4 record, but Ciro Bignotti, Nicole's father, says his daughter played just as hard last year when the team was losing.

"Nicole always plays as hard as she can," he says proudly. "She

likes to win, but she handles losing well. It's just another game to her, but she does say she'd really like to beat Umpqua this year."

When asked how his daughter developed her style of play, the elder Bignotti answers, "I used to take her with me to my (Grant's Pass) city league practices and let her compete with the men. She learned not to get pushed around and she really surprised some of the guys."

Brian Carter, who coaches at Sheldon High School (Katy Carter's alma mater), says he has been watching his daughter play basketball since she was in the second grade.

"It's always been important to me to support Katy. I've been coaching since 1966, but when Katy was younger I got out of it for awhile so that I could spend more time with her."

Carter adds that he's never had to push his daughter into playing ball, or making decisions for herself, and says she was ordering her own restaurant meals by the time she was six.

Both fathers believe that mental toughness and self-reliance have helped to transform their daughters into team leaders and better human beings.

"Nick knows what she has to do to succeed, in both life and basketball" says Bignotti. "And she goes out and does it."

The proof is in the improvement

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Graham scored ten points and Katy Carter pitched-in five as LCC jumped out to 22-12 lead with 11:41 left in the half.

With the Titans leading 30-16 halfway through the period, Loos inserted Freshman Summer Milburn into the lineup and LCC really got hot.

Milburn played like a woman possessed.

During the next five minutes Milburn blocked a shot, slapped away errant passes, hustled like a gazelle up and down the court, and harassed the Roadrunners until they were almost completely demoralized.

With Milburn's fiery play, and strong defensive pressure provided by guards Katy Carter and Nicole Bignotti, the Titans scored 26 unanswered points and led 60-19 at the half.

The beginning of the second half began to look like more of the same as the Titans scored 14 of the game's next 16 points to increase their lead to 66-22.

When Loos began emptying the bench halfway through the period, holding an 87-34 lead, the Roadrunners started to climb out of the grave.

LBCC, behind the long-distance bombs of Jenny Stoufil, scored 16 consecutive points to cut the Titan lead to 87-50.

"We had the wrong people in

there against the press," explained Loos. "And they started dropping in three-pointers from everywhere."

When the Roadrunners began forcing LCC into a number of mistakes and looked as though they might make a game of it, Loos put most of the starters back into the game.

Backes, the lone reserve remaining on the floor, scored nine straight points as the Titans passed the century mark with 4:12 remaining in the game.

"Summer (Milburn) and Stefani (Backes) haven't had much chance to play this season," said Loos after the game. "I wasn't surprised by how well they played. They've become more consistent and they're getting better every time out."

Backes, who characterized her season-high 23 point performance as "lucky", hit 10 from 11 from the field and only missed one of her four free-throws, while Milburn scored a personal best 16 points.

Loos was also suitably impressed with the performance of the team as a whole.

"We did nearly everything we set out to accomplish and we went to the boards harder than we have all season."

Bignotti and Graham each had five of the team's 24 steals, Gra-

ham and Backes combined for ten assists, and Bignotti added 12 points in the winning effort.

The Titans moved to 16-4 overall and 6-1 in the NWAACC, one game behind Southern Division leader Umpqua CC.

In an earlier conference game on Jan. 25, the LCC women defeated Mount Hood CC in Gresham 64-45.

As a result of a poor-shooting first half in which they only converted five of 36 field-goal attempts, the defense was forced to keep the Titans in the game.

Bignotti had five of the Titans 20 steals and pressure defense led to 34 Mount Hood turnovers as LCC erased a 24-19 halftime deficit.

Graham scored 19 of her 26 points in the second half, and Bignotti added 16 for the game to lead the Titans.

The Titans play at Chemeketa CC on Feb. 1 and return home against Southwest Oregon CC on February 5.

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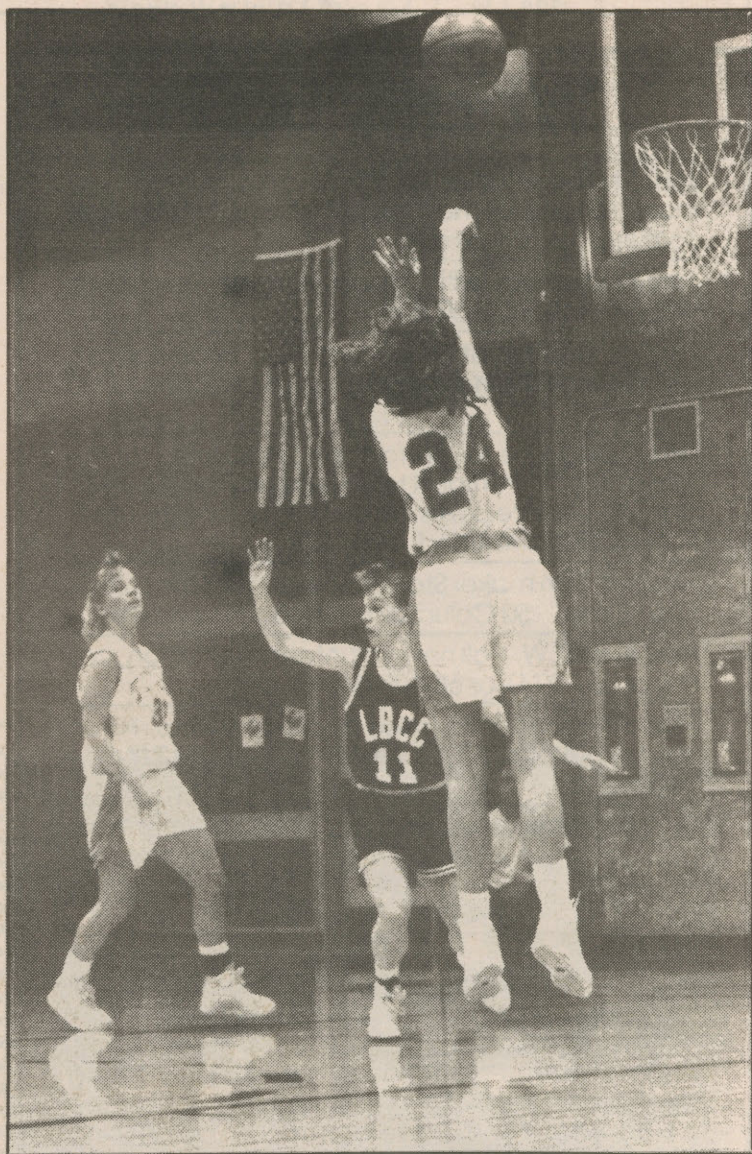


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Summer Milburn watches as fellow guard # 24 Stefani Backes shoots for an outside 2 points over a distracted LBCC player.



## Artist group display media variety in gallery

by MICHELE WARREN  
Torch Entertainment Editor

Twelve women artists, all members of the Women Artists Group (WAG), are exhibiting their work in the LCC Art Department Gallery through Feb. 21.

The show, "Twelve Women Artists, an Ongoing Group," contains a variety of media and styles — paintings, jewelry, sculpture, mobiles, ceramics, china.

Most of the artists live in the Eugene-Springfield area with some living in as far away as Blue River and Deadwood but they meet every three weeks to see new work, or work in process, brought in by the artists for serious critique and offer each other support in artistic and personal development.

Jeweler Nancy Piccioni says the group got started by word of mouth in 1978, and over the years women have come and gone, but four original members are still in the group.

"Being an artist can sometimes seem lonely, spending a lot of time in a studio working alone," says Piccioni. "The group offers companionship and support in art,

personal, and business problems."

One of the better-known of the artists is landscape painter Margaret Via, who has 40 years of national exhibits to her credit. She says the challenge during the process of drawing and painting is keeping in touch with the intensity and reality of that response which was the beginning.

"The age range of the group spans four decades and the art styles are so varied that there is always something fresh. It's reinforcement with added positive

energy," says Via.

Mary Lou Goertzen is exhibiting a variety of works — quilts, drawings, and painted china. She says growing up in a Mennonite community in Kansas gave her a strong sense of family and she enjoys communicating through her art.

A reception for the artist will be held Jan. 31, at 7:30 p.m. in the gallery. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Photos by Dana Krizan

**African Mask Necklace,** shown above was done in bronze, copper and porcelain; by Faith Rahill/Brooke Stone. \$625

**Cottonwoods In The Afternoon,** shown to the left done with Gauche media; by Nancy Holzhauser. \$425

Both of these artists works and the works of ten other artists are on display in the LCC Art Gallery, downstairs, showing from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Feb. 21, 1992.



## What's up?

**Jan. 31, Feb. 1.** *Love, Death, and Agriculture*, play music for free at the Oregon Electric Station with Tom Intondi at 9 p.m.

**Jan. 31.** jazz fusion with *Jambay* and *LazyPorchDog*. W.O.W. Hall, \$5, 9:30 p.m.

**Feb. 1.** worldbeat music with *The Bonedaddys*. W.O.W. Hall, \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, 9:30 p.m.

**Feb. 3.** Deadline for performers application for the Mayor's Ball in Portland to be held on April 17, 1992. Send self-addressed stamped envelope to PMA, PO Box 6723, Portland, Or 97228.

**Feb. 3, 4.** Film maker Stan Brakhage visits the U of O, free, 7 p.m. 150 Columbia, 13th and University.

**Feb. 5.** W.O.W. Hall new volunteer orientation, call Phil at 687-2747 or 687-2746.

**Feb. 6.** Psychedelic Polka music of *Primus*, Hilton Ballroom, 8 p.m. \$11 for U of O students, \$13 for the general public.

**Feb. 7.** Deadline for submissions to the Winter Term addition of *Denali*, the LCC Literary Arts Magazine, Argument Essay Contest, 800 words maximum, cash prizes, 479F Center Building.

**Feb. 10.** LCC Performing Arts Department will hold auditions for the Irish play with music *Spokesong*. Four male and two female roles are available, male lead must be able to ride a unicycle. Playwright Stewart Parker has written this play linking the history of the bicycle with the history of violence in Northern Ireland. Those interested in auditioning need to bring a prepared song and will be asked to give a cold reading from the script. Performance dates are April 24, 25, 29, 30, May 1, 2. For information call ext. 2202 between 12 and 4 p.m.

## Denali editor creates outreach projects to express gratefulness to the college

by MICHELE WARREN  
Torch Entertainment Editor

Bonita Rinehart, editor of LCC's literary arts magazine, says that as long as she is editor the magazine will participate in a community outreach program every term.

Last term Denali held a children's poetry reading in the Blue Door Theatre which attracted 100 people who made donations to Food for Lane County and Toys for Tots.

Denali is now working with the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) to solicit poetry from mentally challenged people for the winter term issue.

"I've read some of their poetry," says Rinehart. "It's real clear and simple. They don't clutter words because they don't have the skills to clutter it up, yet they express some really vibrant ideas."

Rinehart started the Denali community outreach project because she is grateful to LCC for what it has done for her. The projects have allowed Rinehart to

give something back to the community. It is also a way for the college to be part of the community, she says.

"We really made an impact last term by letting the children have a voice," says Rinehart. "I want to do the same with mentally challenged writers by making them feel they are a part of the college."

Deadline for all submissions for Denali is Feb. 7, the winter term issue will be on the stands March 6.

## Multi-talent set for artistry'92

by MICHELE WARREN  
Torch Entertainment Editor

The sixth annual electronic music concert, "Electronic Artistry '92," featuring keyboardist Arthur Maddox, will take place at LCC's main Theatre Feb. 7 and 8 at 8 p.m.

A free workshop as part of the "Electronic Artistry '92" features Consulting Editor of Keyboard Magazine and Science Fiction writer Jim Aikin in the main theatre Feb. 7 at 10 a.m.

The annual multi-media concert, sponsored by LCC Performing Arts Department, is known for its exciting visual effects and dance arrangements to accompany original compositions for synthesizer in

varied styles — classical, jazz, new age.

Maddox will perform on keyboards two original compositions and two pieces which he has electronically arranged for this concert.

The talents, compositions, and choreography of LCC students, alumni, faculty, and other local performers complete the extravaganza.

The workshop, "MIDI and Computer-Assisted Composition," also sponsored by the Performing Arts Department, discusses aspects of computer-assisted composition — from MIDI sequencing to algorithmic composition tools. A question-answer period will follow.

For more information call the Lane Box Office between 12 and 4 p.m.





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## El Niño strikes Oregon

Due to adverse weather conditions, the Torch is unable to run its annual "Frozen Fountain" photo. The strange weather conditions have been attributed to "El Niño, a weather pattern which disrupts global climates and is known to cause a greenhouse effect, in which the earth warms up.

## Cooperative Ed provides out-of-classroom learning experience

by KELLI J. RAY  
Torch Staff Writer

Stewart Cross is earning college credit, plus an hourly wage

working at a job in his chosen field. Sound too good to be true? He says even the hours are great — "perfect for going to school part-time."

Cross is getting Cooperative

Education credit for Industrial Safety while working at Sears Automotive at the Gateway Mall. Sears pays him both an hourly wage and for piecework, Cross says. And he admits he's only had

a term's worth of classroom training.

According to Wayne Workman, one of the instructors who helped place Cross at Sears, CE students can be at four possible skill levels: from zero, or no exposure, to four, or full exposure.

The first exposure is to general knowledge, but no practice. The second is limited practice, but more training is needed. The third is moderately skilled, or "performed the job during the training program," Workman says. And the fourth is skilled to do the job independently.

Cross is considered level three. "Some students come to class, and haven't used wrenches and tools. Then we see where they are without fail. Most people are hitting from zero to one," says Workman. "They leave when they're more highly skilled."

John Petty, Sears Automotive manager says Cross' work at this point is "very good. He can install tires and batteries, and alternators and fuel pumps, among other things. We intend to keep him. He's the kind (of worker) we're looking for."

Cooperative Work Experience Secretary Randee Frankie says there are about 35 CE coordina-

tors representing all major LCC programs, routing students to job sites and future supervisors. There are jobs available in most majors and 36 hours of work per term earns one credit hour.

Although Workman has steered students into CE jobs, he says Linda Myers is the CWE coordinator for his students. He's had one student who took his claim of prior experience too far.

"His new supervisor called me and said, 'What in the world do you teach your students out there?' The student was trying to fix an automotive transmission, and he apparently didn't know the first thing about it.

"So I checked the rolls and found out he'd never even been on as a student of ours. It turns out that he'd taken an evening class in automotives, then said he'd completed our auto program."

"It's good experience, (especially because) it's good for the field you're working in," Cross says. He's looking forward to a two-year stay at Sears, and has 1 3/4 years to go. "I'm working at night doing batteries, oil changes, and stuff. The people I'm working with are good people. I like it there. I'm not 100 percent settled in yet."

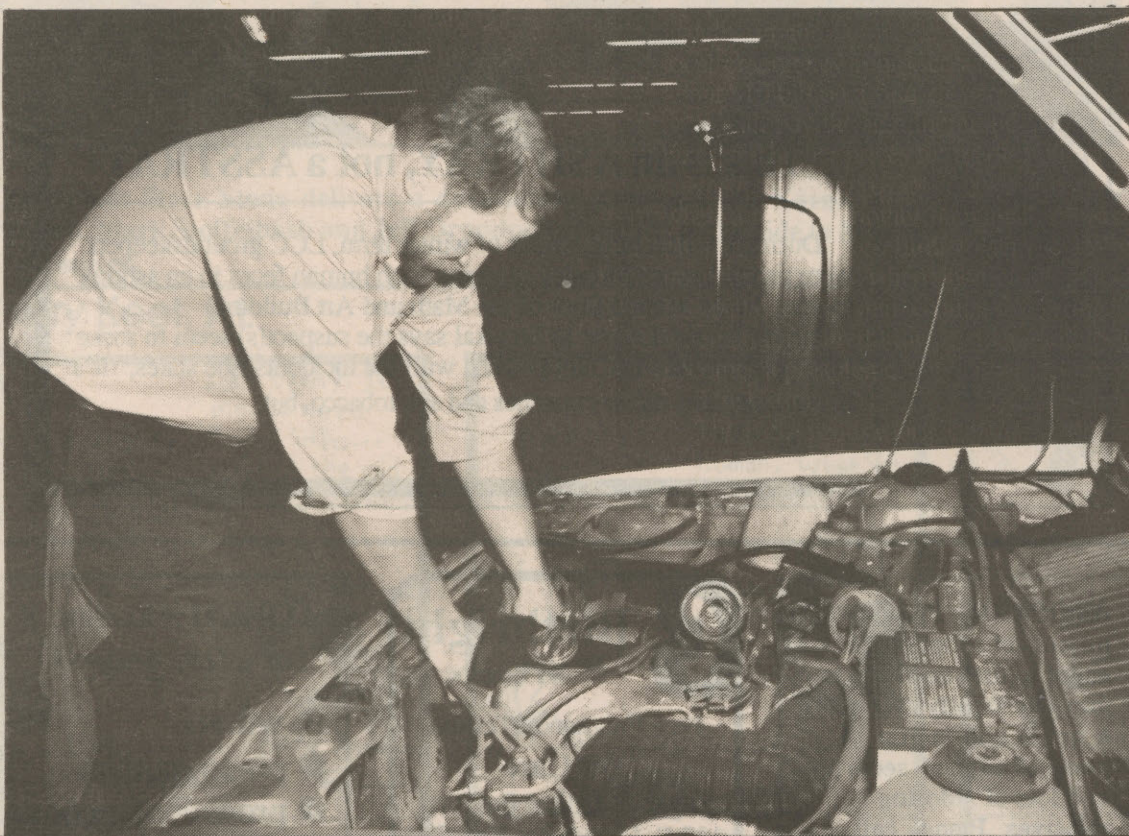


Photo by Michael Acord

Student Stuart Cross earns Cooperative Education credit working in the Automotive Department at Sears, on Gateway in Springfield.



# Campers find unique adventure after sunset

by **KIM MCCAULEY**  
Torch Travel Reporter

Driving east on Highway 58, just outside the city limits of Oakridge, take a left turn on the Fish Hatchery Road. It leads to Forest Service Road 21, and after a left turn, to Salmon Creek campground.

This campground offers a variety of amenities, including 15 tent/trailer sites (spaced far enough apart to ensure a sense of privacy), Rainbow Trout and Kokanee for fishing enthusiasts, and a delightful view of the falls.

At dusk a unique adventure awaits campers: a theatrical performance. Caves on the opposite side of the creek house hundreds of bats that put on a nightly show when departing their daytime home. For those brave enough to feed the performers, lofting apple slices into the air will often attract

several eager bats.

If you don't fancy the sound of boat motors, then Blair Lake might hold some interest.

Five miles east of Salmon Creek campground on Forest Service Road 21, turn north (left) on Forest Service Road 1934, a gravel logging road. Signs will direct explorers to Blair Lake.

It's nestled in the Willamette National Forest at an elevation of 4800 feet. Both day use and nine primitive tent sites are available at this location — without fee. Since only non-motorized boats are allowed on Blair Lake, the serenity of the natural beauty remains undisturbed. This site is truly a find for the hard-core wilderness seeker. Hiking trails covering miles of wilderness will provide pleasure for everyone.

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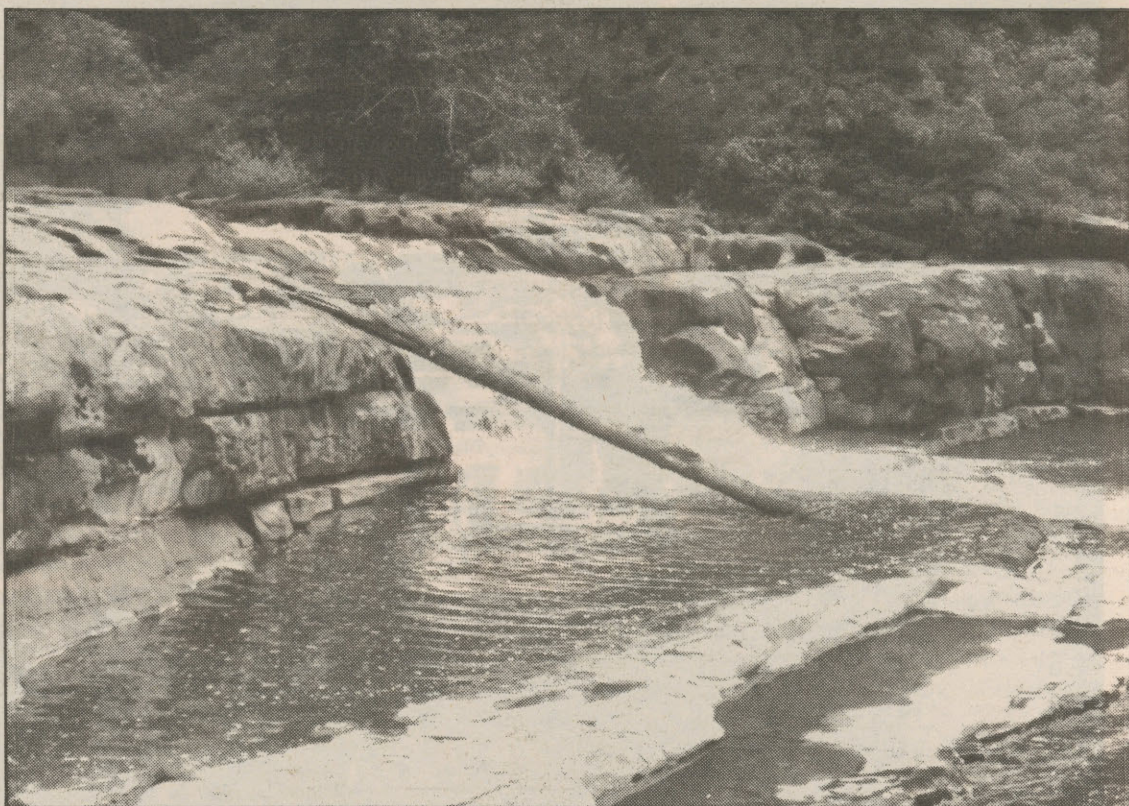


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Salmon Creek, just off Forest Service Road 21 near Oakridge, offers winter campers a variety of inexpensive treats. Due to the restriction of motor boats in the area, it's beauty remains intact

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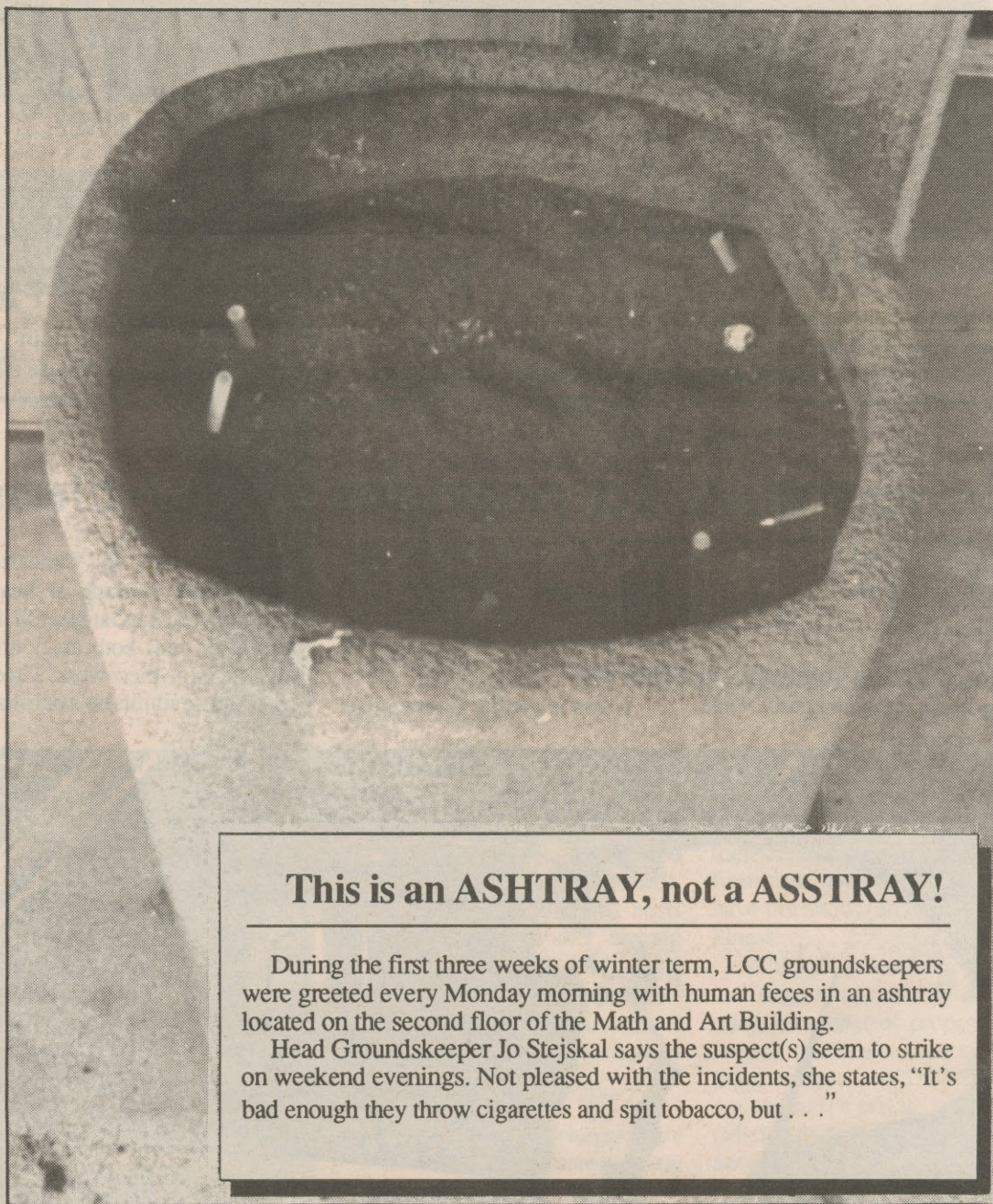


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During the first three weeks of winter term, LCC groundskeepers were greeted every Monday morning with human feces in an ashtray located on the second floor of the Math and Art Building.

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**MISSING SOCIOLOGY TEXTBOOK!** 1-17-92, (3:00-5:00 p.m.), computer testing room. Cen. 4f. 343-8730.

## MESSAGES

**THE MESSAGE SECTION** of the TORCH is for friendly, educational, personal or humorous messages. This is not intended as a place for people to publicly ridicule, malign or degrade any person or group of people. Questionable ads will not be run.

**MEDITERRANEAN TOUR GIFT!** Only \$2504. 17 days, summer 1992; deadline 3/1/92. Kathy Hoy, 343-7819.

**LCC KARATE CLUB**- meets Fridays 7-9 p.m. in PE 125. For more info. call Wes at 746-0940.

**STUDENTS AGAINST ANIMAL ABUSE** meets Tuesdays 3 p.m. Center 8. All are welcome.

**ICABOD CRANE;** Guess who? Just wanted to tell you what I said last week still goes and don't you forget it, even if it hurts. Olive Oyl.

**LOTTERY NEWSLETTER** for serious players. Monthly charts, graphs. 746-7348 for info. Ask for Ron.

**INTERESTED IN** Metaphysics, Eco-Feminism, Astrology? Contact Aerious 93640 Deadwood Lp. Rd. Deadwood, OR 97430.

**TRASH CANS** are for trash, not aluminum cans and cafeteria trays don't belong in the bathroom!

**I'D LIKE TO SEE** more recycling on campus. How about you? Jill 689-5765. Leave message.

**Farewell, fellow Torchies.** I will miss you very much. I will cherish the friendships I've made in the past couple of years. Thanks, Dorothy Love, Duke Wagon head. (a.k.a. Doggone Whiny)

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bon cutting ceremony, refreshments, and cake.

The ASLCC, in conjunction with the Good Life Club, will also be sponsoring a Smoking Awareness Day on Feb. 5 in the cafeteria. A guest speaker, videos and an accupuncture demonstration will highlight the event.

In other business, newly appointed Cultural Director Bauers received an ASLCC endorsement on his efforts to obtain a waiver that will allow bands to play amplified music in the cafeteria and other areas of campus once a week. The waiver would be in conjunction with his efforts to schedule weekly lunchtime performers throughout the term.

Currently, LCC policy does not allow bands to electronically amplify music because of a perceived potential disruption of classes.

## Financial straits

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But other families as well as individuals straddle the fence between adequate health care and financial solvency. Often forced to choose basic necessities such as food and housing or a health insurance premium, many Americans are taking the risk of inadequate medical coverage in order to survive.

The Department of Health and Human Services project that by the year 2000 U.S. health costs will climb to 16.4 percent of an average family's income, up from 9 percent in 1980. The U.S. spends \$6,535 on health care per family. Of that total the family pays two-thirds; businesses pay the remaining one-third.

In addition to the costly medical care, costly medications often prescribed by physicians are frequently out of reach.

"Prescriptions for the general public and senior citizens are almost unaffordable, and I foresee them continuing to go up," says Cottage Grove pharmacist Gerard Glasso.

Glasso says Medicaid is being "abused" by some recipients, and feels that patients should have a co-payment "so they are involved in the cost of their care."

Glasso thinks that socialized medicine is the answer "especially for the elderly."

Sixty five year-old Werner

Oetmann, calls Medicare "an insult to old people."

Shortly after immigrating to the U.S. from West Germany 30 years ago, Oetmann was injured and sought medical help. He says he was shocked to learn that "the land of milk and honey" did not have medical attention available to everyone free of charge.

"No one thinks of getting old and needing it (healthcare) someday. It's a very scary situation," says Oetmann.

"It's like a big grey cloud hanging over me."

In another case a single mother in Waldport living below poverty level refuses to obtain Medicaid

because she says the system is "degrading and makes you feel awful."

When asked what she would do if a medical crisis should arise, she could only reply, "I just pray that nothing happens."

A study conducted by The Office of Technology Assessment concluded that one out of seven children aged 10-18 lacks health insurance, and one-third of poor adolescents were not covered by Medicaid.

According to a recent report by U.S. Senator Bob Packwood, approximately 415,000 Oregonians do not have health insurance.



## NEWS BITS

**SMOKING AWARENESS DAY**, sponsored by The Good Life Club, will be Feb. 5, 10-2 p.m., in the Center Building Cafeteria. Topics will include: smoking cessation alternatives and the effects of second-hand smoke. The American Lung Association will speak and show videos. There will be an information booth and much more.

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATORIAL CANDIDATE LES AUCOIN** will call for fundamental change in the function of the U.S. government, the shape of the nation's military, and for redirection of U.S. economic policy during a noontime speech, Feb. 3, at Southern Oregon State College in Ashland. Aucoin, who has consistently called for diverting federal monies from a burgeoning military budget toward critical domestic issues, will speak to the audience on our country's health care crisis. The speech will be delivered at the college's Student Union Building in the Arena.

**WRITING TUTORS ARE NEEDED** at the Writing Center, located across from Cen. 451. Tutors provide friendly assistance to students seeking to improve their writing skills. Tutors can choose to work during daytime or evening hours. In addition to providing a popular and helpful service, tutors can receive tuition waivers as compensation. Students who have completed Writing 121 with a grade of A, or who have a teacher recommendation, are encouraged to contact Sharon Thomas at Center 454, or call ext. 455.

**FIESTA POR LA PAZ**, a celebration of the signing of the cease fire accords in El Salvador, will take place on Jan. 31 at Agate Hall (formerly Condon School) in Eugene. There will be information about the cease fire agreement from 6-7:15 p.m., followed by Salvadoran food, poetry, poetry, music, and dancing. There will be child care available. A \$2 donation is requested. For more information, call 485-8633

**LCC WELCOMES THE LANE MEMORIAL BLOOD BANK BLOODMOBILE** to campus on Jan. 31 from 12-3 p.m. Give blood, give life. For students interested in helping out by giving blood, it will be on the Westside of the cafeteria.

**MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY EXHIBITION.** (Through 2/16) "Arapaho Warrior Ledger Drawings: 19th Century Native American Art." This travelling exhibition features 33 Arapaho ledger drawings made before the 1870's. The drawings document the culture of this Plains Indian group. Noon-5 p.m. seven days a week, except state and university holidays. Museum of Natural History, 1680 E. 15th Ave. Free. Sponsored by friends of the Museum of Natural History. For more information, contact Erika Remmy, 346-3024.

**THE EMU CULTURAL FORUM PROUDLY PRESENTS** an evening with Laura Love, singer of folk/funk music. Focusing on social and political issues, Laura draws from her roots as a black woman growing up in the Midwest. She will be performing on Feb. 1, 8 p.m., in the EMU Fir Room on the U of O campus. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for the general public. For more information, call the Cultural Forum at 346-4373.

**THE NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS OF** Lane Community College would like to thank the dancers, students, staff, and faculty who participated in and attended the Native American dancing in the cafeteria on Jan. 29. The contributions we received will help us fund the Cultural Fair and Pow-wow at LCC on Apr. 25.

**THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER** at LCC is sponsoring a workshop, "Health and safety for Small Business," on Feb. 6, 9 a.m. to noon, in the LCC Downtown Center, Room 202. The cost is \$29. Fitness consultant Hilloah Rohr will show participants how to reduce injuries and stress and increase wellness on the job. For more information, call the SBDC at 726-2255.

**THE LCC LIBRARY LOST THEIR LEASE** and had to clear books from Cen. 311. They invite everyone to attend a sale in the Center Building Lobby on Feb. 3-5, 10-2 p.m. There will be a lot of titles in the areas of management, child development and education, computers, and media arts. Sale prices are extremely low, \$1 hardbound and 50¢ softbound, so don't miss it!

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