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LCC's mystery dumpsite

Discarded sculptures, massive steel wheels and huge rotting beams are just part of the odd junk collection that graces the dumpsite. Located south of the main campus, few even know of its existence and no one admits to knowing how or where the trash came from.

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According to the LCC Security brochure, "If you are in a circumstance where you feel that your safety has been threatened, contact the Security Office and a Security Officer will be dispatched to you."

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Another service provided through Security is assistance starting your car. If your car won't start and its after 5 p.m., call Security and a Campus Services staff person will be dispatched to help you.

Mitchell confirmed as **ASLCC Vice President**

Senate votes 10-0 for Mitchell as VP at leadership retreat

BY LARRY HAFTL

associate editor

Architectural drafting student John Mitchell was confirmed as vice president by the ASLCC Senate during its Sept. 27 meeting. The office has been vacant since last spring when vice president elect Bonita Rinehart gave up her post due to ill health.

Nominated by ASLCC President Bill Hollingsworth, Mitchell attended the senate leadership retreat Sept. 25 - 27 in order to give senators and other officers a chance to meet him before making a decision.

During questioning by the senate. Mitchell said. "My primary goal is to help the students. Many of my friends didn't vote in the last election because they felt they had no voice in senate business. I would like to give them, and all other students who feel that way, a voice in what happens here at LCC."

When asked about leadership experience, Mitchell said, "I'm not sure if this qualifies but I've been a foreman on several construction crews and I'm the father of three children. I realize that I have a lot to learn in a short time but will focus on getting ready and do the best job I possibly can."

Mitchell was confirmed by a vote



John Mitchell

of 10 for, 0 against and 2 abstentions. He was sworn in at that meeting and assumed office immediately.

One of the main duties of an ASLCC vice president is to be the executive officer who investigates complaints against student government. Mitchell will make himself available to hear complaints by having regular hours in the ASLCC office, Center Bldg., room 479, and by sitting, on a regular basis, at a cafeteria table specifically designated for ASLCC.

Hollingsworth donates stipend

BY LARRY HAFTL

Keeping a campaign promise made last spring, ASLCC President Bill Hollingsworth officially returned his \$5400 stipend to the ASLCC at the senate meeting held Sept. 27, 1992.

Honoring his request that the money be used for scholarships, the senate voted unanimously to give \$5000 to the honors fraternity Phi Theta Kappa. The remaining \$400 has not yet been allocated.

Hollingsworth stated, "I think it's an honor and a privileged to serve the students as their president. I would gladly do it for free. I already receive a full tuition waiver and felt the money should go to those who need it more. I promised to do this in my campaign and I keep my promises."

Bette Dorris, Phi Theta Kappa co-ordinator, says that she is excited to hear of the gift, but that it will take some time to determine award criteria. "It's possible that some of the scholarships will be available as early as next term," says Dorris.

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Staff editorial

Does LCC suffer institutional arthritis?

Institutional arthritis is a condition that prevents organizations from realizing their full potential.

This condition won't cause the death of an organization but it can mean the difference between truly excelling and just settling. Given the economic conditions that Oregonians now face, at LCC it can mean the difference between students getting a quality, meaningful education or just getting a diploma.

It comes from faculty members content to teach as they have always taught, rather than looking for more effective ways to communicate, using emerging technologies and upgrading their own understanding of their subjects.

It comes from administrative staff who are more concerned with making their own jobs easier than they are with being more effective, who resist the need for change and are more concerned with holding on to their turf, instead of optimizing available resources to maximize benefits to those they serve.

Institutional arthritis
comes from students as
well when they don't investigate the usefulness of the
education they will receive
before they get that education; when they are more
concerned with getting a
grade than with learning; or
when they don't question
the status quo because they
feel it's useless to do so.

It even comes from
Board of Education members who repeatedly raise
the question of childcare for
board members' kids, but
not for students or the public who want to attend
board meetings; who use

their positions to further personal agendas despite the negative impacts they have on others; and who place the interests of the business community above the interests of the students whom they were elected to serve.

The Torch staff unanimously agrees that LCC is one of the best educational institutions any of us has ever experienced, that the faculty and staff are often excellent and that the environment at LCC is far more nurturing and supportive than it is at the U of O or OSU. We unanimously agree that students at LCC have an excellent opportunity to receive a quality education.

At the same time, every one of us can tell stories of classes that were a total waste of time; of teachers who preach rather than teach; of administrative staff more concerned with their own domains than with providing a quality service; and of numerous hassles that impede the learning process.

For example, it's easy to dismiss Financial Aid's long delay in sending out award letters to factors like (1) a large increase in applications, or (2) the implementation of a new computer system, but that doesn't erase the hardships caused by the long delays. Why was this allowed to happen? Because people said "that's the best we could do?" Was it?

Every time people settle for "acceptable casualties" someone gets hurt. If we don't ask "why" often enough to get to the bare, often unpleasant truth, then we encourage institutional

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arthritis.

Why does the job placement office place so few graduates? Why is off-campus Supervised Field Experience so hard to get in some programs? Why can't LCC meet the enormous demand for openings in the nursing program? Why are only three photocopy machines on the entire campus available to students? Why does the cafeteria food often look terrible and taste

worse? Why is there no honors program at LCC? Why are many vocational programs taught with inadequate equipment?

There may be logical answers to every one of these questions, but those answers don't solve the problems that generated the questions. Every time we settle for a logical answer instead of looking for and finding a solution we work against achieving excel-

lence.

During this school year every one of us — students, staff, faculty and board members — will encounter situations that need improvement. If we do nothing, if we accept the status quo, we reduce our ability to achieve and promote institutional arthritis. It may not kill LCC but it certainly has the potential of reducing a leading educational institution to mediocrity,

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Commentary

ASLCC Senate meets early, forgets the law

Oregon law requires meetings be announced in advance

BY SONJA TAYLOR editor AND LARRY HAFTL associate editor

On Aug. 24 the ASLCC Senate held a two hour meeting. It's encouraging that our student representatives wanted to get an early start in their work. Unfortunately, they did not announce the meeting beforehand as required by ORS 192.640.

The law states: Public notice required; special notice for executive sessions, special or emergency meetings.

The governing body of a public body shall provide for and give public notice, reasonably calculated to give actual notice to interested persons, including news media - which have requested notice - of time

and place for holding regular meetings.

If an executive session only will be held, the notice shall be given to the members of the governing body, to the general public and to news media which have requested notice.

No special meeting shall be held without at least 24 hours notice.

Students were unaware of the meeting and therefore could not participate. Nor could they observe their student government in action. The law was written to insure such public access.

The law also says that interested news media must be notified so that ultimately the public can find out after the fact what happened. ASLCC Presi-

dent Bill Hollingsworth had the home phone numbers of *The Torch* editor and associate editor. He had been notified of his obligation to arrange for *Torch* attendance in order to be in compliance with the law. Because he did not, it calls into question the validity of all actions taken at that meeting.

Minutes from the meeting are available in the ASLCC office although they have not yet been approved as correct. Without public or media oversight they too become questionable.

According to those minutes Steve Wolff requested a loan from the Presidential Discretionary Fund but the request was denied because the fund

had not yet been set up. The senate agreed to hire Wolff as a computer consultant for \$150. He was also put on the computer committee in order to develop a networking proposal for ASLCC computers.

In other business the senate denied a request to fund a smoking shelter, agreed to participate in the United Way campaign by urging students to participate, and tabled a motion for \$300 to pay for speaker Larry Wharton's participation in the senate training and leadership retreat.

Those senators contacted by *The Torch* stated that they did not know their actions violated any laws and that, had they known they would have

insured proper notice was given. Under the law, ignorance is no excuse and therefore they share the same responsibility for their actions with Hollingsworth.

At the recent senate leadership retreat it was obvious the new senate is comprised of intelligent, thoughtful, concerned people. Any group new to elected office can make mistakes. We believe this mistake should be counted as a learning experience, and have confidence they will not make such mistakes again. We hope the student body will also give them the benefit of the doubt this time and allow the members of the senate to grow into their jobs.





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UO opens dorms to LCC

BY ERIC JAMES

managing editor

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However, there are still positions open for photographers on the staff.

The editorial board assesses and approves the poems, short stories, art, and photos which are due by Nov. 6, 1992,

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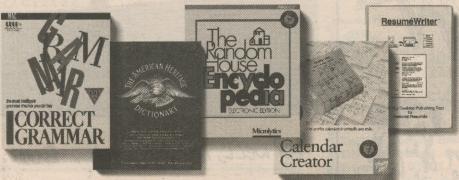


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Denali editor initiates changes

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ASLCC CAMPUS CALENDAR

October 6

ASLCC Senate meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

October 1 thru October 13

Voter Registration-Pick up voter registration cards at the SRC, Photo I.D. desk, and the cafeteria. Lane County voters booths are at these locations to familiarize voters with the voting process.

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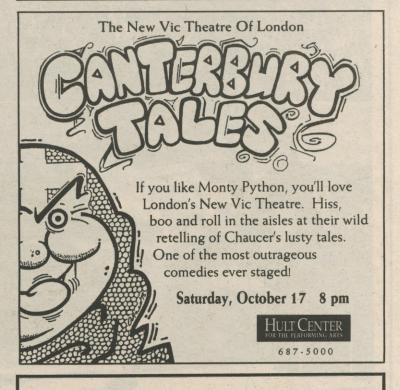
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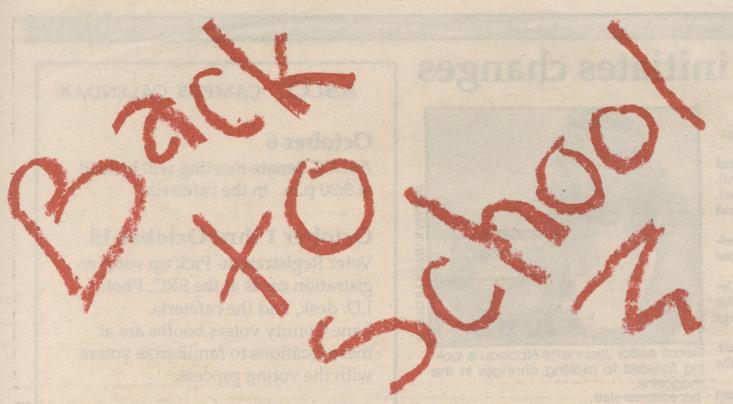
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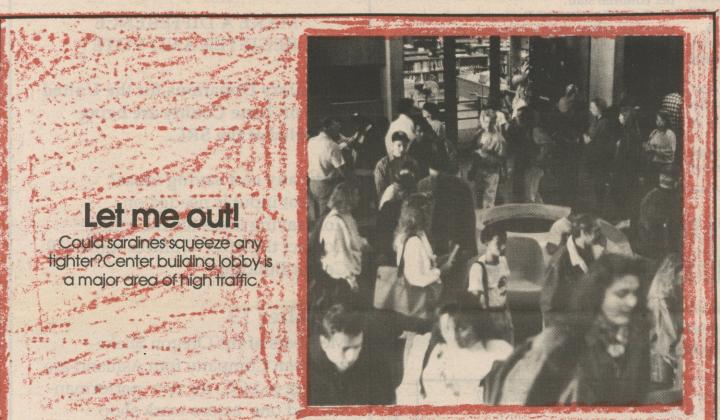
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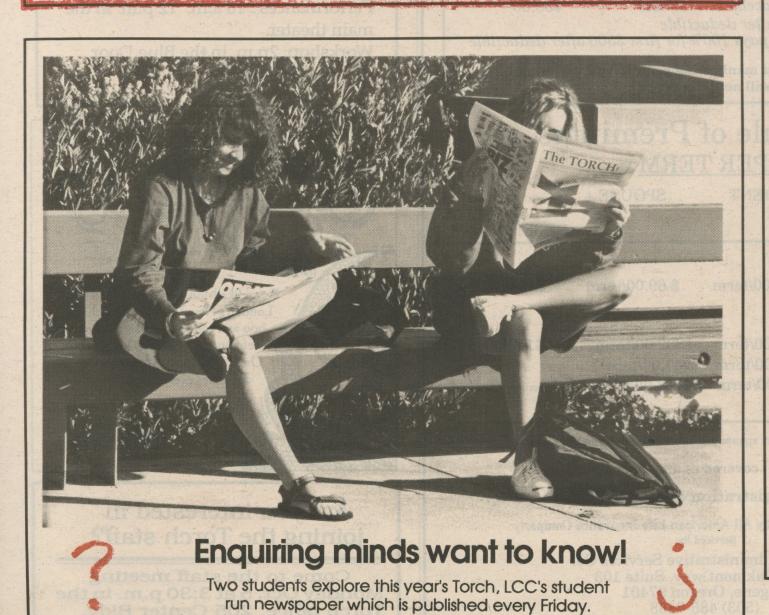


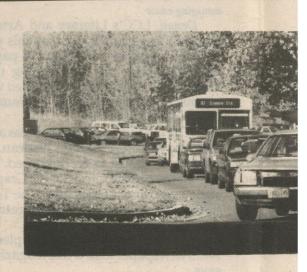
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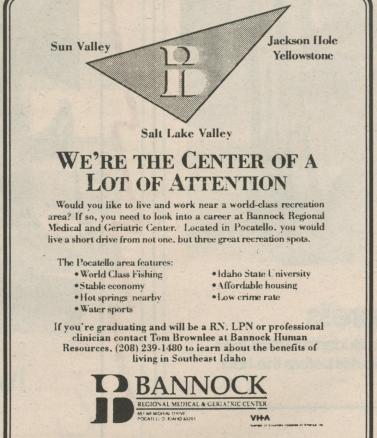
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Musical comedy embodies life's simple pleasures

BY LUKE STRAHOTA

arts and entertainment editor

"Down here, we got one one moral we live by: 'work won't kill you, but worrying will," says the man with the patch on his shirt that says "Jim."

You have just entered the world of "Pump Boys and Dinettes," this month's musical comedy at the Actors Cabaret of Eugene.

The performance focuses on a day in the life of six people, four mechanics and two waitresses, letting the audience in on their hopes, lives, loves, heritage, and way of life through 18 theatrically performed songs ranging from country, melodies, blues,

"Pump Boys and Dinettes" began in the summer of 1981 with performances around Manhattan, later moving to Broadway where it received a Tony Award nomination as Best Musical of

In the Eugene production, Roger Emmert, who plays pump-boy Jackson, performed in the West Coast premier of "Pump Boys and Dinettes" for Mainstage Theater. He takes the spot light on "Mona," a rock-a-billy song about a "gum-poppin,' beboppin, heart-stoppin, dime-store dream" cashier at Woolworths.

Rhetta Cupp is played by Eugene actress, Debi Farr. In "Be Good or Be Gone" she asks Jim which is more important - fishing or their relationship.

Jim Monroe makes his acting debut as Jim, the narrarator of the story. Monroe uses his experience as a guitar player and singer to deliver the warm "Mamaw," an ode to Jim's grandmother. The tender song deals with aging, moving on, and experiences growing up in her house.

Jami Teran plays Prudie, the other Cupp sister. Breaking away from the sassy, flirtatious southern girl persona, she sings "The Best Man," hoping to find the perfect man she never could find in the small town.

Michael Watkins, who plays L. M., performs two solo songs. The bluesy "Serve Yourself" tells the tale of a woman who "gets him under her hood and slammed him down, whose tires aint' all full, and if she needed her tank full, she better serve herself better than she served him." Referred to as "the lover-boy" of the pump boys, L. M. reminisces about his first love of country music in "The Night Dolly Parton was Almost Mine." She was charmed by his farmer tan, she called him by his name (after she read it off of his shirt) and held his hand, inviting him to her bus.

Eric Freeman, who plays the part of Eddie, is the shy member of the Pump Boys. His facial expressions and one liners help the show maintain its comical flow.

The remainder of the songs are mixtures of Pump Boys and Dinettes singing and dancing together, bringing to light the neighborly attitude

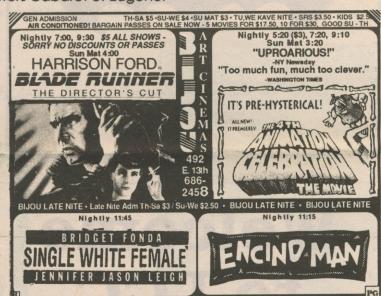


Pump Boys and Dinettes cast members (left to right) Jaml Teran, Jim Monroe, Debi Farr, Michael Watkins, Roger Emmert and Eric Freeman perform the musical number, "No Holds Barred" at the Actors Cabaret of Eugene.

the two groups share.

What compells the viewer is the simplicity of the work. Values of friendship and simple pleasures wrap the musical together as naturally as grease stained hands wrapped around a cold beer after a hard day.

Pump Boys and Dinettes will run through the remainder of October every Friday and Saturday night. General admission is \$10, \$8 for seniors, and \$6 for students one hour before curtain. For information contact Jim Roberts or Mark Langlie at 683-4368.





Eugene marimba band Kudona will perform from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct 2 on campus as part of The ASLCC's cultural events calender.

ASLCC scheldues variety of musical events at Lane

BY LUKE STRAHOTA

arts and entertainment editor

A diverse mixture of entertainment has been scheduled this year by Melonie Rollin, ASLCC cultural director for 1992-

Musical groups will perform around campus, give students a chance to hear free entertainment and hopefully, says Rollin, "open them up to what LCC has to offer."

 On Friday, Oct 2, Eugene's Kudona, a 10 peice marimba band will from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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 On Oct 14, Green House, exhibits and pow-wows. a Eugene band with members from LCC will performs rock violinn and saxaphone incorporated into the sound.

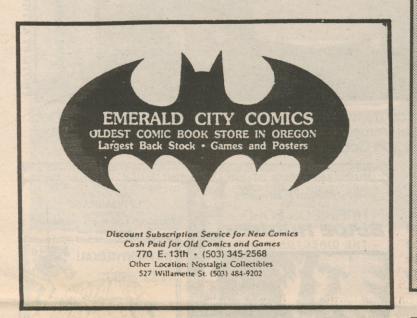
 Nov 18 brings the Eugene reggae band Roots Rengade.

More outside shows will be scedualed as the term progresses.

Rollin would like to incorporate different blends of music this year that would range from Celtic, ballroom, chamber, reggae, and pay tribute to NASA, the Native American Student Association by holding drum/dance

"I'd like to get the students more involved by showing them what we have to offer. This way, we can integrate students to the classes. Bring them to ball room class, maybe they'll come to some of the powpows. That's what we're here for, to get students involved," says Rollin.

Students intrested in performing can contact Rollin at 747-4501 ext. 2335 or bring a demo tape of your band for her to the ASLCC office located on the fourth floor in the Center Building room 479.



NEW CLUB

LCC's Multi-Cultural Center is forming an African-American Students Union. Anyone interested in joining is encouraged to drop by and sign-up. Meetings are held Wednesdays from 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the Center Bldg. Room 409. For further information contact Umar at 747-4501, ext. 2276 or 741-8475.

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Contact Joan Adams, Job Placement Office, 303 Forum Bldg., Ext. 2326 for entry forms

and information.

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- are outgoing
- are positive about your LCC experience

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The Writing Center, The English Department and The Office of Institutional Development is sponsoring a Writing Contest in connection with "April is Community College Month". The theme is My Light-Bulb Experience With Learning. Describe when, why, and how the light bulb went on for you about the importance of learning and the value of an education. Tie in this life-changing moment to your experience at LCC. About 500 words, typed or word-processed, double-spaced.

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