

VIDEO JUKEBOX

New system plays videos on request. But some students think it's too loud, others think it's too quiet.

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MLK ESSAY WINNERS

First and second place winners of the ASLCC sponsored Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest.

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VALENTINE'S DAY

Cupid strikes on Feb. 14., and love follows everyone he touches. *The Torch* commemorates Valentine's Day.

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Board vote favors \$4 tuition raise

Don Reynolds
editor

The Adult High School, Small Business Center, Culinary and Cabinetmaking programs at LCC can breathe a little easier, but LCC students may pay up to \$4 more per credit hour next year.

At its Feb. 9 meeting, LCC's Board of Education voted unanimously to instruct the administration to prepare a budget document that assumes a \$4 per credit hour tuition hike, and some spending cuts. But the board spared all instructional programs that the administration suggested cutting.

The board is seeking to cope with a projected \$1.3 million budget deficit in 1994-95, through program cuts, raising revenue through tuition increases or a

combination of the two.

"These are all high-quality programs," LCC President Jerry Moskus said of the programs on the cutting table.

"Students want a tuition hike rather than program cuts," said Laura Dicus, a fine arts student at LCC. Dicus, who spoke in support of LCC's part time dance program, said she talked to over 50 students who supported tuition hikes. Dicus said she would support increases up to \$5 per credit hour, noting that financial aid exists for students who can't afford tuition.

Last November, representatives from students, faculty, classified employees and the administration met with the board to develop strategies for offsetting pro-

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Photo by Matthew J. Auxler

School reform bill will bring changes to LCC

William Boise
staff writer

LCC's instructional branch is planning changes in response to Oregon's new public school reform law, but not everyone is sure this experiment in education will work.

Supporters say that if the plan works, students will leave high school with better skills. Starting with the Class of 1999, students will graduate from high school with comprehensive "Certificates of Advanced Mastery" certificates in specialized fields of study called "strands" instead of traditional high school diplomas.

The public school reform act that the

Oregon Legislators passed in 1992 will be sending better prepared students to Lane by the year 2000, says LCC Vice President of Instruction Jim Ellison. If the 21st Century school's concept is successful, Lane will entirely revamp its Adult High School and High School Completion programs, he adds.

"The Oregon Educational Act for the 21st Century is going to bring a more highly educated student to Lane," says Ellison. "It's going to allow us to put more into our programs, and shift resources away from the remedial classes that we need to offer now in order to bring students up to college learning speed."

But not everyone is sure the law will do what its supporters say it will.

Dennis Clark, lead instructor for Adult High School, says the concepts the new law is based on are unproven. He recalls that when Vera Katz, author of the school reform act, became interested in school reform, she was strongly influenced by a 1989 report called, "America's Choice: High Skills or Low Wages."

That report frames education in terms of economics, says Clark. "It's also very much a business perspective, that education is really to support a global economy.

"If you go deeper, the perspective is the

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Students to decide fate of bus pass

Keri Trask
associate editor

ASLCC plans to put an initiative on the spring ballot for a Lane Transit District group bus pass.

The measure — discussed at an ASLCC retreat on Saturday, Feb. 12 — would propose an \$8.65 increase in student fees to pay for the pass next year. In following years the price of the pass would increase with increased student use and inflation. Each rate increase would require student approval.

The pass would entitle any current LCC student to ride LTD busses to any location.

At its Feb. 7 meeting, ASLCC Treasurer Peter Knox presented graphs and figures to show the Senate funds that remain in its accounts.

His figures were as follows:

- Office supplies — \$5,000 budgeted; \$2,621.16 remaining
- Travel — \$17,000 budgeted; \$12,746 remaining
- Equipment maintenance — \$1,000 budgeted and still remaining
- Outside services — \$1,750 budgeted; \$1,300 remaining

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New book exchange to open in March

Sunny Justus
staff writer

The price of textbooks can be a student's nightmare. However, a new ASLCC program may provide a way out.

On March 14-18 and again on March 28-April 1, ASLCC will sponsor a new Book Exchange Program for LCC students. The Book Exchange will operate out of the Renaissance Room behind the Deli on the first floor of the Center Building.

At the Book Exchange, stu-

dents will be able to sell their books at their own price — with a 5 percent consignment fee if the book sells.

"There is no risk involved. Even if the book doesn't sell, you'll still be able to sell it back to the bookstore," says Scot Frink, who directs Western Oregon State College's book exchange program. "If the book is still being used the next quarter the student can receive a maximum rebate of 50 percent."

ASLCC hired Frink to direct LCC's Book Exchange Pro-

gram this year and to train next year's director. The ASLCC Book Exchange committee selected Student Resource Center employee Darren Wiley for the assistant director position last week. Wiley — once approved by the Senate on Monday, Feb. 14 — will work with Frink spring term, then take over as Book Exchange Director.

"I see this as a wonderful complement to the services provided at LCC, not as a conflict with the bookstore. There'll always be students

wanting their money back the first day and may not have time to wait for their book to sell. The bookstore will be able to meet their needs," says ASLCC Vice President Nancy Johnson. Bookstore Manager Shelley Dutton agrees, "If it's good for the students then that's good."

In addition to books, the Book Exchange will also sell used CDs, notebooks and calculators.

The Book Exchange is accepting applications for student help. For more information, contact the SRC.

Week in Review Feb. 4-14

Shelling may prompt military action

On Wednesday, February 9, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization threatened air strikes against Serbian targets if the Serbs don't remove their artillery on the outskirts of the besieged Bosnian capital, Sarajevo. Sixty-six people were killed and more than 200 injured when a single large caliber shell exploded in the midst of a Sarajevo marketplace just before noon on Saturday, February 5. A representative from the Bosnian government blamed the attack on the Serbians, while Serbian officials said the attack was a Bosnian conspiracy against their own people to initiate NATO air strikes against the Serbs. President Clinton condemned the attack as a "deliberate criminal act" and promised that the United States government would support air strikes against the initiator of the attack.

Clinton lifts Vietnam trade ban

President Clinton on Thursday, February 3 officially ordered an immediate removal of the 19-year-old trade embargo imposed on Vietnam since the end of the Vietnam War in 1974. Clinton, not mentioning any economic advantages this act would make available, said this move was strictly to resolve any lingering questions about the fate of American MIAs during the war. Clinton, however, says that if the Vietnam government didn't continue helping the American government locate MIAs, the ban would be reinstated. Major veteran groups, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veteran's of America and Disabled Veterans of America, criticized the action from a President who reportedly avoided the military draft.

Budget introduced for 1995

On Monday, February 6, President Clinton revealed the 1995 federal budget that would eliminate 115 programs, cut down significantly on defense spending, as well as domestic outlays, while allowing only small increases for the administration's top priorities. The Clinton administration's budget of \$1.52 trillion is designed to advance Clinton's federal projects within the confines of the economic plan passed through Congress last August. The White House reports it will cut the deficit by \$59 billion, from \$235 billion last year to \$176 billion in 1995. The amounts could change based on the final cost of Clinton's health care and welfare reform packages.

Automotive Technology program shifts LCC students into high gear

Libby Salem
staff writer

Last year the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence awarded its Master Certificate — the highest level of achievement it recognizes — to LCC's Automotive Technician Training Program in all eight categories it certifies.

"Many educational institutions strive for this certification, but only a small percentage achieve it," said ASE President Ronald Weiner in a letter to Carl Horstrup, chairman of LCC's Industrial Technology Department. "Both the educational and automotive communities should be proud of your commitment to quality automotive training."

LCC auto instructor Wayne Workman says Lane offers a two year associate degree in Automotive Technician Training. In their second year, students can gain work experience through the Cooperative Work Experience program, coordinated by Linda Myers.

"Students who graduate from the program may choose from a wide range of careers, including service managers, lubrication specialists, consultants, tool salespeople, shop owners, race car builders/drivers, insurance investigators and auto technicians. Businesses that hire LCC graduates are state and county motor pools, school districts, salvage companies, car dealerships, auto recyclers, and many more,"

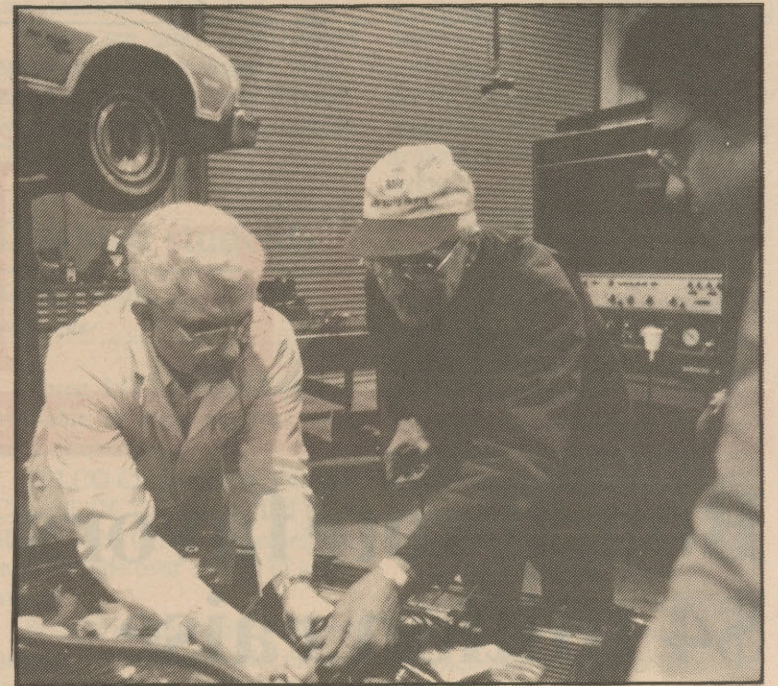


Photo by Steve Norris

Auto Tech Instructor Wayne Workman assists students Burley Duncan and Terry Aquilan.

Workman continues.

Last fall term, nine students finished the auto tech program and eight of them had jobs when they graduated, he says.

"The job outlook for Lane's automotive technician graduates is excellent, with wages being above average," says Workman. "We did a random survey of Eugene area auto repair shops that showed salaries ranging from \$15,000 to \$45,000. There's hardly an auto shop

in town where you don't see one of our former students. We place them in an industry where they won't be overwhelmed.

"Auto technology is changing more rapidly than any other industry, and our automotive training department is upgraded annually to keep up with the latest developments. All three of our instructors previously worked in the automotive field so they are aware of the needs and wants of the industry."

Musical 'Blue Thumb' brings controversy to cafeteria

Keri Trask
associate editor

Controversy surrounds the new music video system installed in the snack bar on Jan. 19, says FoodServices Director Jim Wychules.

Some students declare the system interrupts their studies, while others say everyone needs somewhere to relax and the music helps.

The music video system, from Laser Video Network Inc. of Boston, contains 74 songs on six optical laserdiscs — which are replaced at the rate of two per month.

The entire network includes four televisions and a large "juke box," commonly referred to as the "blue thumb."

The "blue thumb" is also able to dispense coupons when a song is played and show messages programmed into its computer, but LCC has not yet used these features.

"While I appreciate the fact that some students have used the snack bar to study in the past," says Wychules, "I encourage those students who are distracted by the music to use the north end of the cafeteria — where it's quieter and music free."

Wychules programmed the system to

have no volume in the north cafeteria or when playing complimentary songs. But he noted that an earlier glitch in the system caused it to play music too loud. He called a technician to fix the problem, but later the system did the reverse—it played too softly.

"We suspect the problem is linked to power surges because the equipment is sensitive to that," says Wychules. "We will continue to work with the technicians from the company to solve the volume problem."

All equipment and installation costs are paid by the company. LVNI earns its money through advertisements which each

CD contains. The ads are targeted at college students and played systematically.

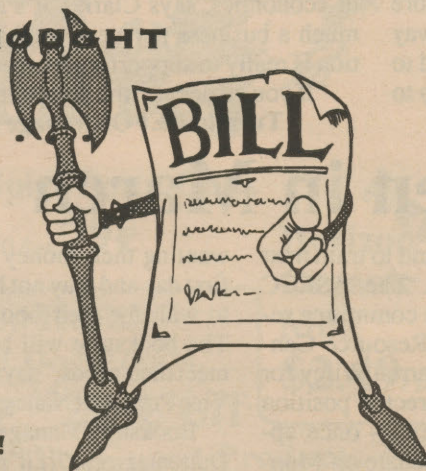
LCC charges 25 cents per song, or \$1 for five songs. The profits will initially pay renovation costs for the new furniture, serving area, lighting, paint job, and Taco Time installation in the snack bar. Later, FoodServices will award "blue thumb" income to various clubs on campus, explains Wychules. There will be a drawing each month to decide who will receive that month's profits.

Wychules says, "I think this music system helps to provide an atmosphere of social congeniality in a here-to-fore lacking Student Union atmosphere."

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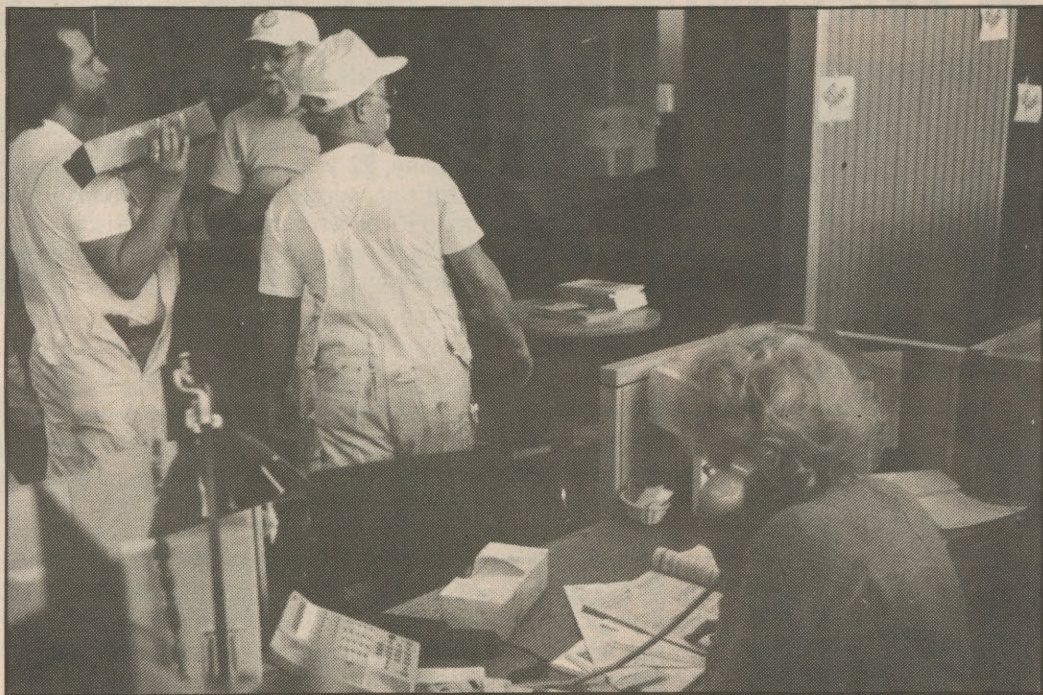


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Student Records being remodelled

The Student Records relocated to the Study Skills Center on the fourth floor of the Center Bldg. This move is temporary, as Room 210 is being remodelled. The remodelling, which should take six weeks, will combine Student Records and Admissions into one office.

Kitzhaber speaks in Springfield

Christian Hill
managing editor

Democratic gubernatorial candidate John Kitzhaber appeared in Springfield at the Conestoga Restaurant on Friday, February 11 as a keynote speaker for the Lane County Labor Forum.

In his address, he spoke about many issues concerning Oregonians, including labor and the upcoming legislative session.

"There is a relationship between the erosion of our public institution and lay-offs in the wood product industry," says Kitzhaber. "And that relationship lays in the fact

that our wage base is related." He says that 30 percent of all jobs created in Oregon pay less than the minimum poverty level and that that is simply not acceptable.

To an applauding audience, Kitzhaber says he would veto any right-to-work legislation or any bill that would reduce the effectiveness of collective bargaining process to protect Oregon union workers.

On the subject of the Oregon Legislature, Kitzhaber states it is essential for the legislature to identify the important issues the state faces before the start of the 1995 legislative session. "We have to be aware of what we are doing,"

he says.

Kitzhaber says that he believes Oregonians are "sick and tired" of negative campaigning, promising it won't be a component in his campaign for governor. "I truly believe that the best way to get elected is sell yourself, not trashing someone else."

Kitzhaber won a seat in the Oregon House in 1978 and served in the Senate starting in 1980. He became Senate president in 1985 and served four terms before retiring from the Legislature in 1992. His major accomplishments are fashioning the Oregon Health Plan, as well as educational reform.

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'Human Capital' theory, that you invest in people and somehow your investment in people is returned in economic gain for the country.

"The problem with human capital theory is that it has not been proven to be true in a fully developed nation, like ours," says Clark.

But Ellison is enthusiastic about some of the possibilities of the new law.

"Less remediation will be necessary," he says. "The CAM will be a lot more powerful docu-

ment than the current high school degree is. All this need for remediation should start to go away. This thing will get under way in 1997 and take four or five years."

The current adult and continuation high school programs at Lane will be changed to CAM bridge programs, but Ellison wants to discourage high school students from using LCC to complete their CAM.

Currently, if high school students want to attend LCC, they have to get a waiver from their

district, and Lane has to agree to accept them. LCC currently takes responsibility for student remediation programs, but Ellison says the new law states "this is the high school's responsibility."

"I don't want to see us build 'bridge' programs at Lane that would take a person to the CAM. That's not our business, that's the high school's business. We're going to have adults that are not in that system, and we're going to have to build a program for them to get in and get those skills."

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•Utilities — \$2,500 budgeted; \$2,078 remaining

•Hold for allocation — \$110,956 budgeted; \$26,990 remaining

•Capital expense — \$6,302 budgeted; \$2,167 over-budget

•Total — \$144,508 budgeted; \$44,398.16 remaining

Knox told the Senate that if it spent no more than \$7,000 per month it would remain within its budget.

In other ASLCC news, student council gave Lane Ballroom Dance \$1,200 to pay the band Caliente to play at a dance in the gym. The Senate voted down the dance club's original request of \$2,800 thus,

some dances may have to be cancelled, said Lillie Last, president of LCC's Ballroom Dance Club.

Student government did not reconsider last week's allocation to the Forensics Team, as Senator Chris Graves requested. Instead, Graves withdrew his motion to reconsider Forensics funding after learning that opponents of a measure which passed cannot call for its reconsideration.

Lane County Sexual Assault Services requested \$4,000 for program costs. SAS members claim that 8 percent of their clients are LCC students, and they are only asking that ASLCC pay 4 percent of their budget.

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jected budget shortfalls. LCC's administration proposed several packages of tuition increases and program cuts for the board to consider.

While the decision is not final, the motion shows the board is leaning away from cutting programs in favor of raising tuition to deal with its fiscal woes. The board will continue to discuss program cuts and tuition hikes at its next

two meetings.

In other board news, Torch advisor Pete Peterson objected to a proposed change to LCC's policy that would eliminate the LCC Media Commission. Peterson said he will work with the administration to resolve the differences. The Board of Education recently completed a revision of all its policies and included a copy with its agenda as a "first reading."

OSPIRG sets campaigns, seeks additional interest

Michael Cough
staff writer

On Wednesday, Jan. 26, the Oregon Student Public Interest and Research Group kicked off its winter campaigns of recycling, clean energy, hunger and the homeless, win back democracy, and aid endangered species.

OSPIRG is an organization funded by \$2 of the \$18 student fee each LCC student pays each term.

During the fall kickoff, Politi-

cal Science Instructor and OSPIRG advisor Steve Candee said, "OSPIRG members must face the opposition in their campaigns and work to educate Lane students on both sides of the issues."

Currently, OSPIRG has about 10 campaign interns working to gain class credit.

Students who would like to help or work as an intern with OSPIRG are encouraged to visit the LCC OSPIRG office located in the basement of the Center Building.

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The Weekly A&E Report

Music & Prose

Monday, Feb. 14, Valentines Day

•Eugene Opera, sings romantic arias from their up-coming opera H.M.S. Pinafore, plus desserts, cordials, coffee and art, Alder Gallery, \$25 single, \$40 couple, 7:30 p.m.

•The Mad Farmers, acoustic folk-rock quartet, Buffalo Gals Gallery, 343 High St., \$4, 8 p.m.

•Mary Heron Dyer, reads from her recently published lesbian mystery "A Ship in the Harbor," Baba Yaga's Dream, 1235 Willamette, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 16

•LCC Jazz Ensemble, North Eugene Jazz Band, South Eugene Jazz Band, North Eugene Auditorium, adults \$5, students and seniors \$3, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 17

•Petra, Dakota Motor Co., & Lisa Bevell, Lighthouse Temple, 1790 Charnelton, \$20, 7 p.m.

Theater & Comedy

•"My Fair Lady," national tour, Monday, Feb. 14, Hult Center, \$27.50-\$18.50, 8 p.m.

•"The Glass Menagerie," Lord Leebrick Theatre Co., Tennessee Williams' tragic story about Amanda Wingfield, a faded remnant of Southern gentility who lives in poverty in a dingy St. Louis apartment with her alcoholic son and crippled daughter. Lord Leebrick Theatre, 540 Charnelton, Thursday-Saturday

Feb. 10-26, 8 p.m., and Sunday Feb. 20 and 27, 2 p.m., \$9 general, \$6 students & seniors.

•"Dracula or How's Your Blood Count," comedy series, New Vic Theatre of London, Thursday, Feb. 17, Hult Center, \$20/\$16, 8 p.m., •SHOcase Free Noon Concert, meet the comedic players from the New Vic Theatre of London and get a taste of "Dracula," at 12:15 p.m. in the Hult Center Lobby.

Galleries

•Oregon Invitational Drawing Exhibition, featuring: Rick Bartow of Newport, Robert Bibler of Salem, Clint Brown of Corvallis, Kathleen Caprario of Springfield, Jim Denney of Eugene, George Johnson of Portland, and LCC art instructors Bruce Dean, Satoko Okito, Craig Spilman, Feb. 14-March 11, LCC Art Department Gallery, Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., artist reception Feb. 18, 7-9 p.m.

•"In the Tradition," second Photography Biennial featuring 31 photographers from around the U.S., Feb. 11-March 27, Maude Kerns Art Center, Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1-5 p.m.

•"14th Family Album Show," art exhibit by UO Craft Center instructors and staff, Feb. 12-20, UO ERB Memorial Union Fir Room, weekdays 11 a.m.-5 p.m., weekends 1-4 p.m.

Hot selections from the bookshelf



Tara Knutson

If Beale Street Could Talk, by James Baldwin, is a love story focused on overcoming hardship, says art major, Tara Knutson.

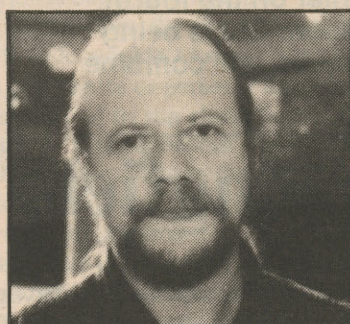
Tish, aged 19, and Fonny, 22 years old, are pledged to marry, a decision hastened by Tish's unexpected pregnancy. Fonny is falsely accused of raping a Puerto Rican woman and sent to prison. The two families of the desperate couple search frantically for evidence that will prove his innocence in order to reunite the lovers and provide a safe haven for the expected child.



Alan Zimney

Dune, by Frank Herbert, takes place amidst the politics of a desert world, and looks at humanity with a psychological perspective, recommends Alan Zimney, a psychology major.

Set on the desert planet of Arrakis, Dune begins the story of the man known as Maud'dib and of a great family's ambition to bring to fruition the ecological renewal of the world. It's the story of a selectively bred messiah who acquires paranormal powers by use of the spice—which is excreted by the giant sand worms of the planet Arrakis.



Steve Candee

Who will tell the People: The Betrayal of American Democracy, by William Greider—who writes for "Rolling Stone" magazine. It exposes the reasons why American citizens have been sold out by their political system and their government, and makes clear who really runs things. Unlike the title, this illuminating book is easy reading, says Steve Candee, who teaches American Government at LCC.

It starts with the basic issues of who gets heard, who gets ignored, and why? He uncovers hidden relationships that link politicians with corporations and the rich, subverting the needs of the ordinary citizen. Do you believe that government serves big interests? You're right.



Amy Matott

You Can Heal Your Life, by Louise Hay, talks about illness as a reaction of our bodies to all the stresses of life, says Amy Matott.

The key message is if you are willing to do the mental work, almost anything can be healed. The book offers practical steps for dissolving both the fears and the causation of disease.

compiled by Jake Harris
A&E editor

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Multiculturalism: a meal for our times

Editor's note: This essay, by Wendy Van Horn, is the 1st place winner of the MLK essay contest.

"What personal influence does multiculturalism have on your life?" I spent considerable time pondering the question. Munching on lunch, I scribbled notes on paper, thought about living in a society characterized as a "melting pot," remembered interactions with people brought up in different cultures: the Mexican families that work for my father, classes in school on cultural anthropology, visits in other countries with the people living there. Disparate events, brief encounters with other cultures, I wondered how I might measure, quantify their influence upon my life.

And then a piece of tofu slid out of my taco to land with a small splat on my thoughts. Reflectively, I picked it up, and wiped away the sauce. Then suddenly there it was. My lunch was the result of a confluence of cultures.

Any culture includes the customary beliefs, social forms, and material traits of a racial, religious, or social group, according to Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary. We live in a country inhabited by people embracing many different cultures, a multicultural society. Unfortunately, there are problems inherent to such a diverse social structure. Lack of knowledge and closed minds may breed misunderstanding, hatred, even violence. But there is at least one area in which every person within every culture shares common ground with all of humanity: we've all got to eat.

Food has always been part of the "guts" of any culture. In many ways it defines the culture that cooks it. Ingredients, cooking methods, utensils, mealtime rituals, are all integral parts of any particular culture. Mention chow mein or chopsticks and almost any person on the street will understand

the reference to Chinese food. Similarly, tortillas and tamales are readily identified as Mexican specialties.

It is our great good fortune to live in a place where we can sample cuisines from around the world on a regular basis. For me, a meal enjoyed with friends might also serve as a medium for expanding my knowledge and broadening my horizons.

Growing up, I often went with my father to work on our ranch. I loved riding horses and helping to gather cattle, but my favorite part of the day was always lunch. Roberto and Lila Hernandez have worked for my dad for as long as I can remember.

I have always thought of Roberto as one of the last "real" vaqueros, and Lila as simply the best cook in the world. In her kitchen, I would watch, fascinated, as she deftly shaped and cooked tortillas. My own attempts at patting out a perfectly round disk of dough between my hands were (and still are) always amusingly inept and testify to her level of skill and many years of practice. She always served many wonderful, though simple, dishes to fill those tortillas. While we ate Roberto would entertain us, in his heavily-accented voice, with stories of "loco" bulls and tracking lions



Wendy Van Horn

with an occasional comment from Lila if the story became a bit too colorful. During the holiday season, Lila makes dozens and dozens of tamales to distribute among friends and family. I have always felt lucky that my family was on her list, and the Mexican tradition of tamales at Christmas time has long since been adopted by my own family. Today, I couldn't imagine Christmas without those tasty little cornhusk packages! Knowing Roberto and Lila has enriched my life immeasurably. In recent years, when travelling in Mexico, (though my Spanish is admittedly terrible) I am able to find common ground with village women in the kitchen. No doubt, thanks to Lila.

I have always loved to eat (too much, actually), and find that food can serve as a bridge between cultures; even a means for communicating with people who speak another language. When I was in high school, I had the opportunity to travel to Europe. I don't speak Italian or French or Greek or German, but I do understand ravioli, baguette, gyro, and bratwurst! I may not speak the language, but I never went hungry, and ordering provided me with a reason to interact with the locals which I might not otherwise have had, often

with a humorous outcome at my expense.

Even at the elementary school level, my teachers understood the value of food as a tool for learning about other cultures. Studying the culture of the Native Americans that once lived in California's San Joaquin valley where I grew up, my teacher concentrated on explaining how these people had lived by focusing on what they had eaten.

To make them come alive for us, she brought in acorns, a duck, and some berries. We ground the acorns with crude imitations of rock mortars and pestles, tasted the cooked duck, and gobbled the berries. There are many things I may have forgotten from my elementary school days, but today I can still remember that the Yokuts once cooked and ate their meals, perhaps on the same ground where my old school now stands.

I have long since digested my tofu taco. But thinking about that lunch, a combination of a traditional oriental food (bean curd) in a new world wrapper (corn tortilla), I realize that such a gastric delight would never have been possible if I wasn't living in a multicultural society. My exposure to some of the many different kinds of foods and dishes created by various cultures transplanted to the United States has not only satisfied my palate, but has allowed me to become familiar with at least one very important aspect of those cultures.

As I mentioned, we are all bound together by our need for food. If living in a multicultural society presents the possibility for prejudice, it also provides a table where we can all sit together, enjoy a meal, and even learn just how much in common we really share. Surely, it was not by accident that a pot was selected as the metaphorical vessel in which a multicultural America melts. The author was probably cooking dinner . . . maybe even making tofu tacos.

Multiculturalism: pride in our differences

Editor's Note: This essay, by Sonja Taylor, is the 2nd place winner in the MLK essay contest.

When I was very little I was taught that as an American I was part of a melting pot. I learned that everyone was the same and deserved equal rights. Though I was a female, television promised that I could grow up to be anything I wanted, even in a field traditionally dominated by men. I was taught to ignore color differences because they didn't really matter. I was aided in this way of thinking by the fact that one of my aunts, my mother's adopted sister, is black.

Still, I was nine years old before I met someone (outside of my family) my age that was black. Back then, the main focus of our developmental training was to think of blacks as equals. Strangely, or maybe not, other minority groups were not part of this early instruction.

As I got older I began to learn other things. Books, television, movies, and some teachers demanded that as a Caucasian I should feel guilty for all that the white race had subjected minorities to in the past. I must be ashamed for taking the land from the Indians, or Native Americans as they are politically correctly called. I must give special cour-

tesy to people of African descent. I learned to apologize for my white skin and wish fervently that I was of some exotic origin.

This was taught with such subtlety that I didn't even question my teachers. I learned the lesson so well that until recently I couldn't define the reason for my lack of ethnic identity.

Everyday "Black Power" buttons and bumper stickers remind me that it is not politically correct to be proud of my skin color. Can you imagine how people would react to "White Power" slogans? Because of the implications associated with those two words, thanks to the KKK, Nazis, and white supremacist groups, "White Power" has taken on truly ugly

connotations.

I am not a Nazi. I am not a white supremacist. I am a young person who was taught to be ashamed of the color of my skin and given little help finding a way to reconcile my own ethnic pride. That is what I was taught and it was wrong. It was wrong when minority groups were taught to hate the color of their skin and it was wrong to teach me to be ashamed of being white. In this instance turnabout was not fair play.

Because I considered the point of view which was transposed upon me to be invalid, I sought to redefine my earlier instruction. On my own I examined my beliefs and values.

This is what I discovered:

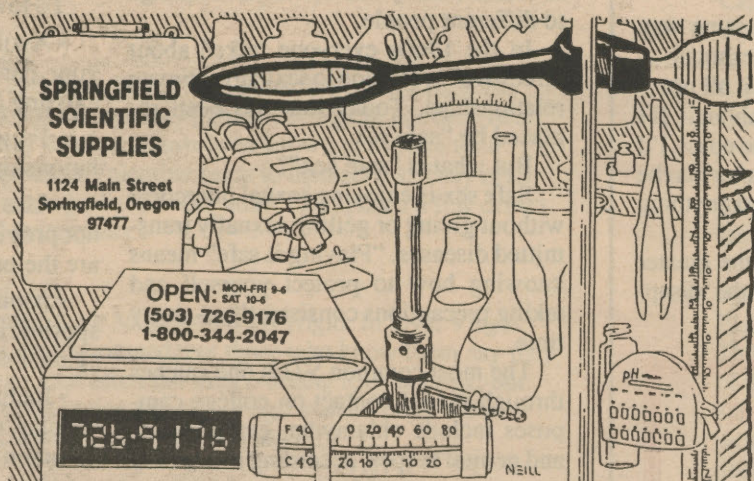
Multi-culturalism is not about allowing another race to be treated equally. It is not about giving back now, after centuries, what our forefathers took away. And, it is not about feeling guilty for being white.

Multi-culturalism is about accepting others and yourself for what and who you are. It is about being proud of your differences and admiring the differences of others.

And, to me, multi-culturalism is more than just respecting race or ethnic background. It is re-

specting the environment that each of us was raised in, the economic background we have, and our religious convictions. More than the color of our skin, these environmental, economic, and religious factors define our culture.

As Americans we are not part of a "melting pot." We are part of an extremely diverse society in which people from many wonderful cultures must learn to accept each other and live together. By allowing each person to explore and be proud of their differences, we will become a truly multicultural society.



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Valentine's Day reminds many LCC lovers of romance

Christian Hill
managing editor

Cupid's arrow has struck a few of LCC's students and staff members, leading many to the altar.

Joe and Cindi Farmer

Almost three years ago, Cindi Farmer, the Media Arts and Technology Department administrative assistant, says a friend kept mentioning LCC Foundation Director Joe Farmer as a possible match. Farmer soon asked her to lunch at the Excelsior Cafe where, Cindi says, each complained about the opposite sex. "We cried on each other's shoulders," comments Cindi. Joe agrees by saying the first date was pretty negative in subject matter.

Joe agrees it was another three to four months before they went on another date, during which Cindi said, "You're supposed to fall madly in love with me and do just what I want." A little less than six months later, on July 13, 1991, the two were married. "He just never knew what hit him," she states.

Cindi says she was attracted to Joe's "big blue" eyes and his nice smile. Joe says it was Cindi's personality, as well as her smile and golden eyes, that attracted him to her.

Cindi says it's great being a married couple at LCC. They have a very romantic marriage and don't mind holding hands or stealing kisses on campus.

Joe says it's great to be an LCC married couple because he gets to see Cindi a couple times a day in passing, and can call and ask what she would like to have for dinner. "We share all the responsibilities," he explains.

Gary and Marilyn Rholl

The Rholls cemented their relationship at LCC, 19 years ago.

Marilyn had seen Gary Rholl while attending a graduate computer class during her college years at the UO. Gary says that there were only 10 people in the class, so everyone knew everyone else. "We were all kind of friendly," he says.

But, it was not until they were instructors at LCC that they became romantically interested in each other. Gary asked Marilyn to lunch which, she says, was a very enjoy-

able experience.

She says one of the reasons she was attracted to Gary was, "We were both interested in teaching." Gary says it was her intelligence that caught his eye for her.

The two were married on Oct. 26, 1974 and have been happily married since. Gary brought two daughters to the marriage, while Marilyn brought a son and a daughter.

Working at the same place means they have almost identical work and vaca-

ding anniversary this week — on Feb. 18. They have three children.

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The Yriartes were married in Las Vegas, Nev. during the National Rodeo Finals, a sport each enjoys, on Dec. 12, 1987. Harland says some of his co-workers were surprised by the marriage.

"It was a shock to them," he states. "Everyone was just flabbergasted."

Jan brought six children from her past marriage (Jason, Jeremy, Josh, Jessica, Jill and Joy), while Harland Yriarte brought three (Javan, Kael and Jenner). Their ages range from 10 to 25 years old.

Joe and Mary Harwood

Center 205 — The Torch office — seems to be a place where love can blossom, too. It has happened for three couples, most recently, for Mary and Joe Harwood who were married in June of 1992.

Mary — Mary Browning at the time — was the 1990-91 associate editor, and Joe served as the 1991-92 Torch editor.

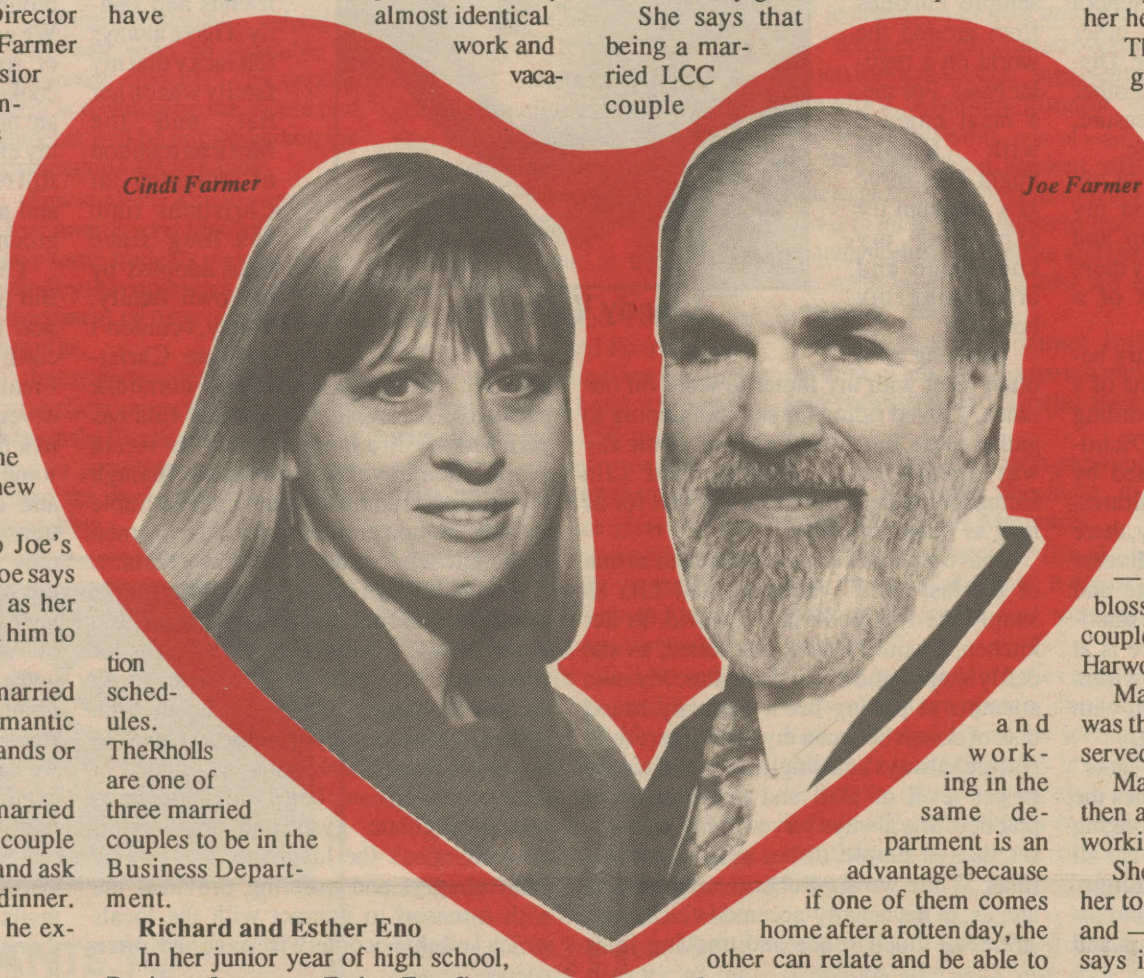
Mary says that she got to know Joe, then a staff writer, when they were both working on a news story together.

She says the thing that first attracted her to Joe was that he was fun to be with and — of course — a good writer. Joe says it was Mary's intelligence that attracted him to her.

Currently, Joe is a junior at the UO, majoring in journalism. Mary is home with their year-old daughter, Taylor. Mary plans to return to the UO and major in journalism, or possibly, communications.

"Pete Peterson just relishes the role of match-maker," Joe says, referring to The Torch's news and editorial adviser. "It's all Pete's fault."

Mary jokingly adds that Peterson might see Taylor Harwood as a Torch editor in about 18 years.



tion schedules. The Rholls are one of three married couples to be in the Business Department.

Richard and Esther Eno

In her junior year of high school, Business Instructor Esther Eno first met Business Instructor Richard Eno for a day of sledding and other winter activities with some friends.

It was not until Richard was completing his two-year business degree at a community college in her hometown that the two became romantically involved. "We started dating off and on," she says.

Esther says he was "so good looking," and they shared common values, beliefs and interests.

The two will celebrate their 33rd wed-

ding anniversary this week — on Feb. 18. They have three children. The two started and then sold two companies — one a travel agency called "Holiday Abroad," the other a company which produced hospital beds. Esther says that Richard, while her husband, is also her best friend, confidante, stockbroker and accountant. "We have a really good relationship." She says that being a married LCC couple

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Valentine's lonely for singles

Sunny Justus
staff writer

No roses, no chocolates, no sweetheart.

Have you ever thought you were the only one alone on Feb. 14, while the rest of the world was celebrating love?

You're not.

LCC students face this mini-crisis in different ways and with different attitudes, but they all intend to survive Valentine's Day.

"Valentine's Day is a time when couples express their affection for one another that they forgot sometimes the rest of the year," says LCC student Mike Nickolaus. "But to me it will be just another day. I'd like to do something but can't, so I kind of feel left out."

"I'd like to get a card or some flowers

and go on a picnic in the woods but Valentine's will be like any other day for me," says LCC student Leslie Warr.

Ranell Tranthan accepts the way things are right now and doesn't worry about not having a boyfriend.

"Valentine's is the most romantic time of the year but I'm going out with my roommates. It's just another year without a Valentine," she says.

Do guys and gals feel the same way about Valentine's Day? A freshman — who has a Valentine — sums it all up:

"Girls are more emotional about it. If I don't get her anything, she'd be upset. I'd buy her a balloon or a teddy bear or maybe a necklace but I wouldn't expect anything from her," he says.

The moral of the story is, the greater the expectation, the greater the disappointment.

Valentine's Day is romantic, but remember to play it safe

Cherilyn Quiros
staff writer

As Valentine's Day gets closer, media images of couples sharing sexually intimate moments are hard to avoid. But sexual intimacy has different meanings to different people.

In the 1960s everyone talked about "free love" in relation to sexually intimate relationships. Today that has been replaced by "safe sex."

But what is "safe sex"?

Safe sex is enjoying sexual intercourse without giving or getting sexually transmitted diseases. "Playing it safe" means knowing how to protect yourself and taking precautions consistently — every time.

The most common STDs one catches through sexual contact on college campuses include chlamydia, genital warts and genital herpes, according to a survey

gathered by the American College Health Association.

Medical personnel can use antibiotics to cure STDs like gonorrhea, chlamydia and syphilis. But it is difficult, or impossible to treat viral STDs, like genital herpes and AIDS.

To lower risk and practice "safe sex:"

- Avoid sexual intimacy until you and your partner have been tested for pre-existing STDs.

- Form a long-term monogamous relationship.

- Use condoms. While condoms do not provide 100 percent protection, they are the best protection now available.

- Along with a condom, use a vaginal spermicide to create another barrier against some STDs.

- Include STD testing as a part of your regular medical check-up. Learn the common symptoms of STDs.

Happy Valentine's Day, Jay Marston!
Our thoughts are with you.

St. Valentine's Day's rich history: a meditation on love in the west

Don Reynolds
editor

Want to spend an old-fashioned Valentine's Day with your sweetheart? Okay, so what do you do?

Send a card? No, sending cards with messages on them wasn't common until the 17th Century.

Give her flowers and chocolates? Close, but no cigar.

Go to church and light a candle to Saint Valentine, the martyr? Nope, not that either — the Catholic Church



Pan and the zodiac

has retired him.

Instead, how about flogging your loved one with goat skin thongs from a freshly sacrificed goat? That's the way the Romans celebrated their mid-February feast — called Lupercalia — that Valentine's Day is based on.

Some historians say the Romans honored the god Faunus — a Roman version of the Greek god Pan — at the festival, which was celebrated every Feb. 15. Faunus was a god of woodlands and shepherds whom the Romans associated with fertility.

The Luperci, or priests, sacrificed a dog and a goat at the beginning of the feast. The priests anointed two young men with a bloody knife to their foreheads, then wiped the blood off with wool dipped in milk.

The young men bellowed out a laugh at that and then they grabbed strips from the sacrificed goats and ran around the old city walls. Romans believed that any woman they struck with the thongs was cured of infertility. The Romans also employed a

forerunner of modern Valentine's Day cards. At the feast of Lupercalia, boys drew girls names from a love urn. The Romans brought this practice to Britain where it continued into the Christian Era.

Christianity changed the holiday when it came to power. Christians looked down upon pagan practices, so they dubbed the Feast of Lupercalia St. Valentine's Day. Christians changed the symbolism of the holiday and softened its primitive eroticism. But they could not change the meaning of Valentine's Day.

According to the "Acta Sanctorum," Feb. 14 is the feast day for seven men named Valentine and the day of veneration of the head of an eighth St. Valentine. But of the seven (or eight depending how you count them) two Valentines who died in the 3rd Century BCE spawned the most legends.

One St. Valentine refused to stop marrying his parishioners in defiance of the Emperor Claudius. The other Valentine helped the early Christians — still considered an annoying cult by the Ro-

mans — and was jailed for his efforts. In jail he either cured the jailer's daughter of blindness or fell in love with her and sent her letters signed "from your Valentine," depending on which version of the legend is cited.

In 496 CE, Pope Gelasius set aside Feb. 14 in honor of St. Valentine, officially Christianizing the holiday.

In later tradition, Chaucer records a European legend that birds choose to mate on St. Valentine's Day.

To trace the history of Valentine's Day is to trace the history of love in the west since Rome.

The old pagan religions focused heavily on eroticism — an impersonal sexual force and emphasized fertility.

With the rise of Christianity, converts preached a new, more spiritual concept of love called Agape. Agape was again an impersonal love, though (most Christians protested) less prone to wild excess than the erotic.

In the late Middle Ages, troubadours and courtly poets extolled



a new, ideal love — romantic love. This love exalted the individual's experience and defied religious and social conventions.

Often the love was unrequited, but the suitor persevered for honor. It is in this later period that the practice of sending Valentine's Day greetings to a desired one becomes widespread.

Today, the romance of lovers who defy the odds, perhaps even death itself, has become the dominant mythic theme.

If you don't believe that, count the romantic movies, love songs on the radio and romance novels you see around you.

In the meantime, get those thongs ready.

What's your sign: romance hides in the stars



Aries (March 21 - April 19)

Persons born under the sign of Aries the Ram are noted for their stubbornness, willfulness and inability to take "no" for an answer. Aries females are especially talented at stirring up liberal guilt in their partners — who are usually Pisces. Aries males are rugged individualists who like Rush Limbaugh. Most people just consider them jerks



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Libras weigh everything, looking at the world with highly discriminating judgement. But they can never make up their minds. In love, Libras are always torn between two people. Libra women often get involved with two men and can't choose between them. Libra men can never seem to choose between the two women in their lives: their mothers or their lovers.



Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Taurus are noted for their good natures, calm dispositions and dependance on one-syllable words. As a lover, a Taurus is loyal and devoted — particularly if ice cream is involved. Taurus men like things with culture, and can often be seen hanging out in barrooms or bakeries. Taurus women often think Joey Buttafuoco is cute.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

Scorpios are intense and powerful. Their friends think of them as control freaks. Fur-lined handcuffs are favorite toys for Scorpio women. Scorpio men like love-play with their cellular phones, but find it hard to dial with their hands tied up.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Geminis are brilliant, spontaneous and have an idea a minute — mostly half-baked ideas, unfortunately. Because of their dual nature, Geminis are rarely lonely. As lovers, Geminis are especially intense, until they lose interest in about five minutes. Gemini women are usually ambidextrous, Gemini men are often bilingual.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Persons born under Sagittarius the Centaur are true party animals. On the slopes, on the beach, or on the street, Sagittarians are unmistakable — they're the pros. Sagittarius men have no trouble committing, they just have trouble committing to the same person for more than a day. Sagittarius women all believe they were Lizzie Borden in their last life.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

Cancers are very emotional, but have trouble showing their feelings. Cancers are often times very shy and private, unless someone else takes the initiative. In love, Cancer men are can become very possessive and are prone to become stalkers. Most Cancer women lead single lives or join convents.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Capricorns are known for their drive to accumulate money. To that end, they prefer the economical date over the extravagant. Capricorn men like to pick up their dates on a bike, have dinner at a burger joint, and take their dates to tractor-pulls and professional wrestling matches. Capricorn women only ask their spouses to mow the lawn and program their VCR.



Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Leos are born leaders and stars. Ruled by the sun, they know they are number one. In love, Leos know they might not be much, but they're all they think about. In fact, Leo men have been known to forsake their girlfriends or wives and send Valentine cards to themselves. They often respond. Leo women often go out on Valentine's Day, have a few drinks, and take advantage of themselves.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Aquarians are forward looking and idealistic. Most con men agree that Aquarians make excellent suckers. In love, Aquarians like the idea but get lost between the idea and the fact. Aquarian men like to spend hours programming their TI-88 calculators. Aquarius women hang out in laundromats and ask people their signs.



Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Virgos are cool and analytical. Most would say frigid. In love, Virgos think of themselves as detail-oriented, but those who know them say they are anal retentive. Virgo men often fall asleep during love-making, but their partners usually don't notice anyway. Virgo women pride themselves for having the cleanest fingernails anywhere.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

Pisces are reknowned for their ability to see beneath the surface of life. They are also reknowned for their tendency to run red lights. In affairs of the heart, Pisces are so sensitive they're done before their partner has started. Pisces men are gentle and tolerant, full of liberal guilt. Most women consider them wimps. More Pisces women are left at the altar every year than all the other signs put together.

Scholarships available for LCC students in every field

What scholarships are available to students in various disciplines at LCC? To find out, reporters approached LCC's Career Information Center and department offices. The answers follow.

Electronics

Rachel Stanton
for The Torch

Full-time students in the Electronics Department who demonstrate financial need and academic achievement can win up to \$1,000 for tuition and other expenses.

Department Secretary Pam McClelland encourages all qualified students to apply for these scholarships. "I think there's money out there," she said. "I think everybody should give it a try."

Weyerhaeuser offers a \$1,000 scholarship to students in Electronics, Mechanics or Data Processing. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and demonstrate financial need. Applicants must also write a personal sum-

mary and include three letters of recommendation.

The Wayne Shields Vocational Education Scholarship Fund awards \$500 to students in vocational technical programs. The selection committee awards the scholarship on the basis of grades, activities, awards and honors, and a statement of academic and career goals. Applications for both of these scholarships are due June 1.

A third scholarship, valued at \$500, will soon be available to electronics students. The department is developing the award and students will be notified when the applications are available.

Few students actually apply for these awards, says McClelland. She says some students may be intimidated by the paperwork. But a small investment of time can reap large benefits.

Interested students should pick up applications at the beginning of May in the Electronics office. Signs will be posted to remind students when the application date is approaching.

Culinary arts scholarships available

Mike Brophy
for The Torch

The Culinary Arts Program at Lane offers scholarships ranging from \$500-\$1,500.

Every Culinary Arts student is eligible, including those enrolled in the Hospitality Program.

"Don't determine whether or not you are eligible for yourself," advises Willie Kealoha, head of the Culinary Arts Department. "Fill out an application and let the sponsors decide that."

Sponsors look at a student's GPA. They expect the applicant has worked for 450-1,000 hours through Supervised Field Experience in a professional setting, such as a restaurant or hotel. The applications ask for a 250 word essay and letters of recommendation from employers and instructors.

Scholarships are given by the Oregon Restaurant Association, the National Restaurant Association, the Statler Hotel Foundation, and the Oregon Lodging Association.

The Orville Redenbacher Scholarship is also available for students between 40-45 years old, as is the Wayne Shields Foundation Scholarship, which is open to all Lane students.

Deadlines vary. Students can obtain information at the Career Information Office in the Center Building, or by writing to Phillip Peach, executive director of the Oregon Lodging Association, at 12724 S.E. Stark St., Portland, Ore. 97233.

Campus ministries provide scholarship access

Janis Lee
for The Torch

Help is available at LCC Campus Ministries for students in desperate situations.

Scholarships, awards and loans are available in limited amounts.

"We see ourselves as an organization for fund access," says Marna Crawford, assistant director of Campus Ministries.

"We provide a student with potential sources for financial aid. But it is up to the student to make contact with these sources and find out what kind of financial aid is available," she says.

But if students cannot find funding, Campus Ministries may step forward with financial assistance.

"Our funds are a stop-gap type aid," states Father Dieringer, director of Campus Ministries.

"My neighbor, my friend," is how I see LCC students. It doesn't make a difference how you part your hair."

But Campus Ministries aims to help with more than a one-time loan, financial award, or scholarship. Campus Ministries is in the business of strengthening an individual's self-esteem by helping them help themselves, says Crawford.

"Basically, our goal is to help people empower themselves," says Crawford, and with this goal in mind both she and Dieringer think their efforts are in step with LCC's basic philosophy.

Flight scholarships

David P. Bartlett
for The Torch

The non-profit LCC Foundation recently gave LCC's Flight Technology Department \$500 for scholarships.

The foundation announced the scholarship just before winter break. Lane's Flight Technology Department has decided to split the grant, awarding it in two \$250 scholarships to eligible flight technology students. Students can obtain scholarship applications and information at the front desk of the Flight Technology Department. The deadline for submitting completed applications is Feb. 11.

"Students interested in the scholarship need to fill out an application form, write a letter explaining why they have chosen aviation as a career, and submit a copy of their most recent college transcript," says Jane Phillips, assistant chief flight instructor in flight technology at LCC.

Phillips, who is also chair of the scholarship committee, said guidelines disallow students who currently receive other scholarships. Candidates must have a GPA of at least 2.5.

"Most of our students receive their finances in the form of loans through the Financial Aid Department on campus," says Robert A. Farrand Jr., chairman of LCC's Flight Technology Department located at the Eugene Airport.

Students fund their education in a combination of ways, and many of them work part time, says Farrand.

Non-traditional scholarships

Libby Salem
staff writer

For older, non-traditional students, finding scholarships is like looking for hen's teeth.

"Unfortunately, there is not

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AD is a versatile showman

Donald Smalley
staff writer

He used hand-delivered invitations, wood decoys, and a giant balloon flying high in the sky to get attention, to attract fans to LCC athletic events.

Athletic Director Harland Yriarte seems to be developing his own "Athletic Marketing 101" course.

When Yriarte became athletic director three years ago, budget constraints hampered the vitality of sports programs.

"It was like having eight tomato plants with only enough water to take care of four of them," Yriarte explains. "We are spreading the water for four tomato plants out to eight."

By cutting its athletic offerings in half, Lane could budget nearly the same per sport as the rest of the teams in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges.

"This enabled us to provide scholarships, which gave coaches more time to coach, versus more time to fund-raise," Yriarte says.

This maneuver also gave Yriarte the chance to make the four remaining sports the best they could possibly be.

"He is a very intense individual," Intramural Coordinator Gary Knapp says.

Knapp says Yriarte is also a very positive person, his energetic attitude rubs off on other people in his department.

When retirements and resignations occurred in the

coaching staff, Yriarte looked for people who were also positive and energetic. He started with Men's Basketball Coach Jim Boutin.

Hiring Boutin — who was a Division I coach at Boise State University — focused a lot of attention on Lane by regional newspapers, which was what Yriarte wanted.

Next, Yriarte got the okay from the college administration to hire a track coach, who would also have regular teaching responsibilities.

Finally, Yriarte decided on Brad Joens from the University of Texas-San Antonio to build the program up from scratch.

"When you narrow things down and give your quality people the chance to succeed, and let them do their job within budget constraints, eventually your program will turn around," Yriarte says.

The first time Yriarte used his promotional skills, he simultaneously saved another program at Lane.

"My first year, we found out that Campus Ministry was going out of business," he said. "It didn't have a home. So I got together with Father Dieringer and we had a Campus Ministry benefit at our

very first home basketball game three years ago.

"We spent most of Christmas making and delivering these hand-rolled invitations, put little bows on them, personally delivered them to everybody on campus, and it worked," Yriarte said.

About 1,200 people showed up at the game.

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Photo by Steve Norris

Sophomore guard Kelly Boles attempts to drive past Portland Panther Cherry Chi in the Titans 59-44 victory.

Titans sweep Panthers

Donald Smalley
staff writer
Flint Du Tell
staff writer

Both Lane basketball teams took advantage of seriously undermanned Portland Com-

munity College squads to come away with a pair of victories Feb. 12 in the Titan gym.

The women's team opened the night with a 59-44 win and the Titan men closed the night with an easy 106-82 victory

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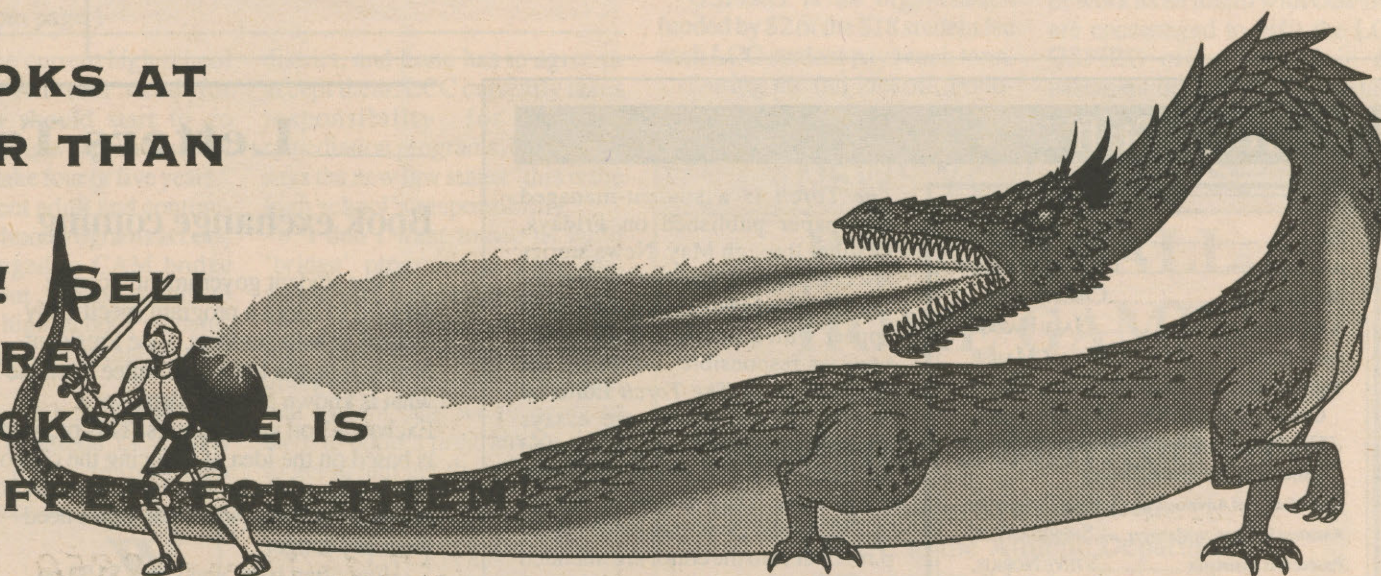
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Athletic Director Harland Yriarte shows proper slam-dunk technique.

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Editorial

ASLCC's power has its prices

This year's student government is one of the most effective in recent memory. ASLCC boasts several successes — the new Book Exchange, a new photo ID system that will save film costs, a recycling program, and sponsorship of Martin Luther King III's visit to campus during the MLK Day observances.

But in light of this efficiency, *The Torch* is confused by some of ASLCC's procedural problems. These include inconsistent use of parliamentary procedure, disregard for the Oregon Public Meetings Law and failure to disclose a possible conflict of interest.

•Parliamentary procedure: Chris Graves moved to reconsider Forensics Team funding. Student government put the motion on the following week's agenda though the motion was patently out of order — only members who vote on the winning side of a measure can ask for reconsideration. Otherwise, the minority could constantly demand reconsideration of each issue.

The Torch and some other interested parties have noticed that student officers have a tendency to discuss a motion's merits before it is seconded or restated by the chair. If the Senate treated all motions this casually, there would be no problem. But student council gives the impression that the rules apply to some members and some issues, not to all members and all issues.

•Oregon Public Meetings Law: Because the student government receives mandatory student fees, it bears legal responsibility to follow all Oregon state laws that apply to boards of public bodies.

In 1984, then Oregon Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer said that in light of the power possessed by student governments at the state's colleges and universities to recommend incidental fee assessments, student government committees are subject to Public Meetings Law.

Student government has carefully observed the Public Meetings Law most of the time, with only a couple of slips. While LCC student government members are learning and cannot be expected to be perfect, *The Torch* is disturbed when an ASLCC employee states that the Senate doesn't need to comply with the open meetings law. Nothing could be further from the truth.

•Failure to disclose a possible conflict of interest: In the face of persistent rumors, on Jan. 12 ASLCC President

Steven Cheeseman acknowledged to *The Torch* that he and ASLCC Vice President Nancy Johnson will marry in June. *The Torch* wishes them happiness and would be the first to protect their right to privacy. But as elected officials, Cheeseman and Johnson have forfeited a degree of personal privacy.

The Torch has invited Cheeseman and Johnson to discuss their relationship in light of their official capacities, but so far they have declined to answer questions.

Some questions that *The Torch* believes they should address, in regard to their elected positions, are:

•How will their job performances be affected? For very good reasons, LCC forbids one spouse from supervising another. This rule will not affect Johnson and Cheeseman, since they won't marry until their term expires. But in the meantime, the ASLCC Constitution states that Cheeseman is Johnson's supervisor.

By refusing to discuss their relationship, Johnson and Cheeseman lend credence to the perception that they cannot be objective about each other. For instance, Johnson's defense of Cheeseman's job performance in the Jan. 7 issue of *The Torch* is much less credible in light of the news of their engagement. If they had been forthright about their relationship, the perception that they had something to hide wouldn't exist.

•In case of a family or personal emergency, would ASLCC lose both of its top elected officials?

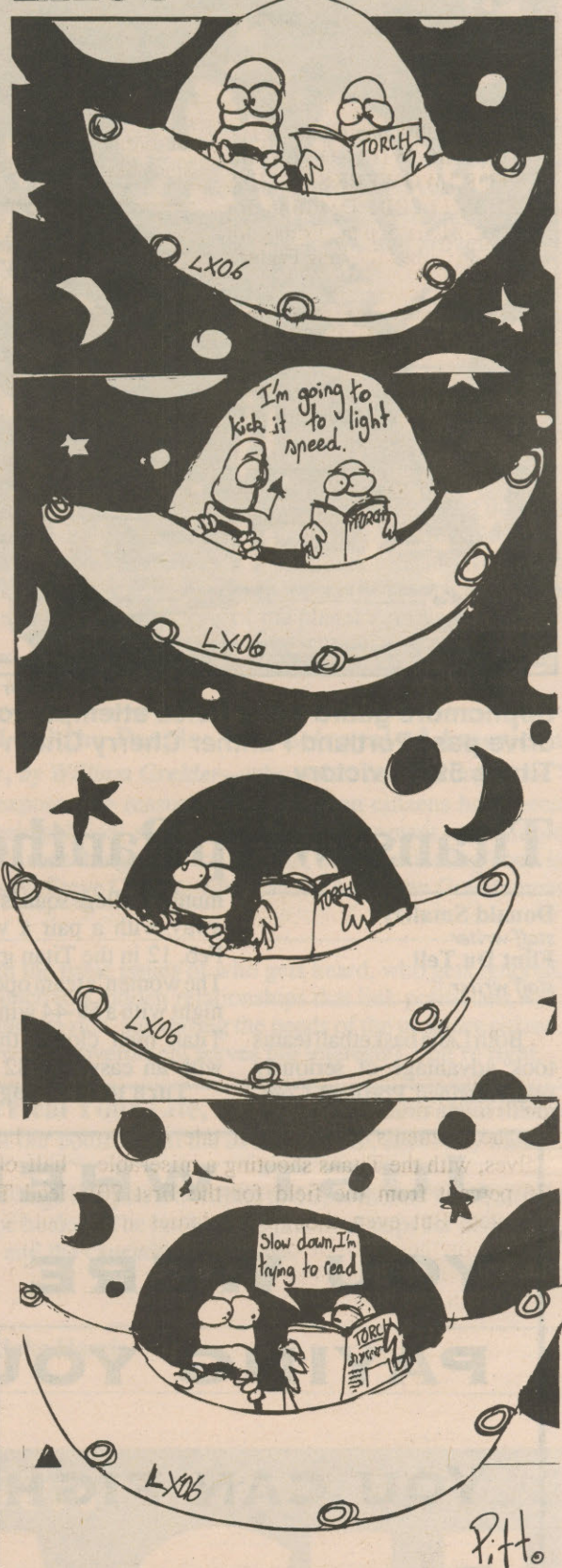
In the light of these questions, their failure to at least announce their relationship to the public is damaging to their credibility as elected officials. And these questions lead to the original question:

•How long have they been involved, and did they conceal their relationship when they ran for office?

ASLCC could avoid many of these procedural problems if their advisor was available during meetings as required by ASLCC by-laws. Currently, they have no knowledgeable person to advise them during Senate meetings.

Like student government, *The Torch* has makes mistakes too, but student government controls over \$140,000 in student monies. With greater power comes greater responsibility. *The Torch* would prefer to overlook these lapses, but in doing so it would neglect its duty to LCC students.

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The TORCH stands corrected

The LCC's Women's Program brown bag luncheon, "Cuban Women and the Challenge of the 'Special Period'" will be held on Feb. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The President's and Vice President's Lists require 12 or more graded credits.

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Letters To The Editor

Book exchange coming

Your student government recently decided to adopt a program specifically created to help students. Vice President Nancy Johnson led a committee to create what is known as a "Student Book Exchange" on your campus. This program is based on the idea of reducing the cost of text books, while increasing how much you are paid for them, when you don't need them any longer.

How often have you spent \$150 on books for the term, and when you try to sell them back to the bookstore, you get between \$0 and \$75 back for them? The average return on college texts sold back through the LCC bookstore is approximately 32 percent. This means that out of the \$150 you spent on them, the average buy-back would get you only about \$48.

The program which ASLCC will implement spring term '94 lets you, the student, set the prices for your books — with a suggestion of 65 - 70 percent of what you paid for it, twice what your campus bookstore offers on average. And, this way, the buyer also gets 30-35 percent off the usual price.

Western Oregon State College, where

the program originated, has had a book exchange since 1985, and each year it has grown more successful. When I first took over the program in 1990, it sold about \$15,000 in books each year for the students and saved an estimated \$5,000. Now, in 1994, the Western Book Exchange does almost twice that much per term, and we're expecting a year total of over \$70,000 for 1993-94.

Lane Community College has the potential for seeing much higher totals since it has over four times as many students, and profits made by the Book Exchange can be given as grants to the various clubs and organizations at LCC.

The Book Exchange needs both your business and your support. The Book Exchange will be open 10 a.m. — 6 p.m. March 14—18 and March 28 — April 1 in the Renaissance Room of the Center Building for students to sell or buy books. If you're interested in working at the Book Exchange, contact Jason Rackley at the Student Resource Center for details.

Scot Frink

Book Exchange Director
Western Oregon State College

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over the Panthers, who had only six players on each team.

The women's game was a tale of two halves, with the Titans shooting a miserable 26 percent from the field for the first 20 minutes. But even though the ladies had trouble on the offensive end, they kept their classic hard-nose defensive pressure on the Panthers holding them to a horrible 34 percent for the half.

After a inspiring halftime talk by Head Coach Dave Loos, the Titans came out of the locker room ready to play. The women played a outstanding half, shooting a very respectable 50 percent for the half, while forcing Portland

to shoot an humiliating 25 percent for the final half to close the game out.

The men's game was a close one for one half of play as PCC took a 44-42 halftime lead. This was the same team the Titans blew out 127-55 Jan. 19 in Portland.

It was the general concensus of the team that Head Coach Jim Boutin was not too happy with the first half effort.

"We were not playing very good defense at all in the first half because we were tentative," freshman point-guard Taylor Ebright said. "We've got to get back on track for the upcoming playoffs and hopefully the tournament."

YRIARTE

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The tactic saved Campus Ministry, but also got reluctant fans to view the LCC basketball teams.

"Frankly, I like doing goodwill kinds of things," he says. "It makes me feel good to figure out ways to help people."

One of Yriarte's unique ideas came about when Campus Ministry needed still more money two years ago.

"Father Dieringer is also a carpenter. So we entered an agreement that I would pay Campus Ministry \$200 if CM wouldn't mind making 150 silhouettes," he says with a chuckle.

"More silhouettes are showing up every game with the idea that if somebody asks 'How's your atten-

dance coming', I can answer that there is more people coming to every game, with a tongue-in-cheek."

And Yriarte's silhouettes bring in the fans.

"I used to be in Eastern Oregon where I hunted ducks and geese and I always noticed that five or six decoys didn't draw a lot of geese. They would fly right by and go to a larger deal," he says.

"A lot of people tend to draw a lot of people. If a lot of goose decoys can draw a lot of geese, why don't we get a lot of human decoys and draw in a lot of humans."

One of Yriarte's most recent ploys is flying a giant balloon — a basketball really — on game days. It floats 50 feet over the gym and it alerts people driving by LCC on 30th Avenue.

Yriarte will keep a firm grip on

Southern Division Standings

Men's Basketball

Clackamas	12-0	-	21-2
Lane	8-4	4	16-6
Chemeketa	8-4	4	17-5
Mount Hood	8-4	4	13-9
SW Oregon	5-7	7	8-13
Linn-Benton	4-8	8	6-15
Portland	2-10	10	2-19
Umpqua	1-11	11	5-17

Women's Basketball

Mount Hood	11-1	-	20-2
Chemeketa	10-2	1	19-3
Lane	6-6	5	11-10
Clackamas	6-6	5	10-11
Umpqua	6-6	5	8-12
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much for the older student," Geri Meyers, scholarship specialist for the Career Information Center, says. "Most scholarships are geared to high school students. Institutions should begin to recognize the needs of returning college students who are displaced homemakers and dislocated workers."

But men and women who are 30 years of age or older may be interested in the Orville Redenbacher Second Start Program which offers 30 \$1,000 scholarships to students enrolled or planning to enroll in degree programs, in any field of study, at an accredited institution. Final selections are based on financial need, a 500-word essay, and academic achievement. The application period is from March 1 to May 1.

The Jerome B. Steinbach Foundation awards 40 scholarships annually, ranging from \$500 to \$1,000, to students of any age who are sophomores or higher and who maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25. The deadline for application is March 31.

Students who are current or former U.S. military personnel, with a GPA of 3.50, are eligible for the Maria C. Jackson/General

George White Scholarship Memorial. Applications must be requested before March 31. Contact Trish McNeil of the Oregon State Scholarship Commission for more details about this scholarship.

Meyers says, "To find a scholarship is a research project itself. I am working on a project to upgrade the scholarship file for the older non-tradition student." For information on these scholarships contact the Career Information Center.

Women's scholarships

Wendy Van Horn
For The Torch

April 15 is the application deadline for scholarships including those administered through the Business and Professional Women's Foundation.

Women interested in scholarships should visit the Career Information Center and explore the books, binders and computer search system detailing these opportunities.

BPW awards 150 scholarships

of \$1000 in each of three programs. The foundation provides these scholarships for women entering, re-entering, or seeking advancement in the workforce. Requirements include a minimum age 25 or 30 years, depending on program; demonstrated financial need; enrollment in an accredited program of study; and graduation within 12 to 24 months.

Eastern Star awards \$500 scholarships through the Leslie S. Parker Scholarship Fund to women who have completed two years of college work, are residents of Oregon, and have financial need. Deadline for application is April 1.

The Women's Shipping Club of Portland Scholarship Fund offers \$750 awards to students interested in Maritime Affairs or International Trade. Women with such interests who have completed a minimum of one year of academic study with at least a 2.0 GPA may qualify. Deadline is April 15.

Women looking towards next year might keep in mind the Leo Paschelke Endowment, a \$500 scholarship administered through the Women's Awareness Program on LCC's campus. Applications will be accepted in the fall. Women

might also consider the Training Awards Program sponsored by the Soroptimist Foundation: application deadline is Dec. 15.

There are other scholarships open exclusively to women. A listing of these can be found through research in the Career Information Center.

Disabled students

Kristy Cough
staff writer

Three LCC scholarships are available to those students who have disabilities.

SELCO Credit Union, Oregon Council Of The Blind, and Disabled Peace Officer Scholarships may provide over \$3,000 in grant money.

SELCO is offering \$150 toward tuition, fees, and/or books during the spring term of 1994; Oregon Council Of The Blind is offering scholarships, grants, and loans to the blind or visually impaired; and the Peace Officer Scholarship is offering \$2,500 per academic year at a public or four year university in Oregon to a student whose par-

ent is a police officer killed or disabled in the line of duty.

Nancy Hart-Fishwick, assistant coordinator of Disabled Student Services, states that the SELCO scholarship will "reduce the obstacles for students who have already overcome hardships related to their disability." It is for both full and part-time students.

To qualify for the SELCO scholarship the student must possess a disability that significantly affects his/her ability to attend school. To qualify for the Oregon Council Of The Blind scholarship, students must be blind or visually impaired. For the Peace Officer Scholarship the student's income must be lower than that earned by the parent when he or she performed at the highest rank or grade.

Applications are available in Disabled Student Services, Center Building, Room 213; at high school counseling offices; the LCC Financial Aid Office or at the Oregon State Scholarship Commission located at 1445 Willamette St., Eugene.

The Oregon Council Of The Blind information phone number for loans, grants and scholarships is 1-800-527-6817.

Around Campus

Ballot measure: deadline changed

ASLCC extended the filing deadline for ballot measures involving fee increases to 5 p.m., Feb. 25, to allow petitioners time to check their measures' wording before the March 9 Board of Education meeting.

Titan baseball camp

The Titan Club Baseball team is hosting a camp for young men ages 12 to 18 on February 19-21. The camp is designed to teach advanced drills in hitting, infielding, outfielding, catching, pitching and baserunning. The cost is \$50. All proceeds go to help offset expenses for the baseball team's up-coming season. For information please call Bob Foster at 726-2215.

MCC shows films

The Multicultural Center is showing a series of films for Black History Month at 11 a.m. in CEN 409. "Eyes on the Prize" will be shown on Feb. 17; "History of Blacks in Oregon," Feb. 24; "Lady Sings the Blues," Feb. 14 and 15; "Cry Freedom," Feb. 16 and 18; "Daughters of the Dust," Feb. 16 and 18; "Celebrating Bird," Feb. 22 and 23; and "Round Midnight," Feb. 25 and 28.

Career information

"Access," a one day workshop for women interested in exploring non-traditional careers, will be held Saturday, Feb. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in PE 205. Participants meet women who learn about work in non-traditional fields, understand apprenticeship training, and match interests with career options. The workshop is available for one credit under registration number 735. For more information, call the LCC Women's Center at 747-4501 ext. 2353 or call Ann Clark at 726-2204, ext. 2382.

LTD public hearing

A public hearing on proposed changes to LTD bus service will be held on Wednesday, February 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the LTD Administration and Maintenance Facility, 3500 East 17th in Glenwood. Vince Jones, the coordinator of the ASLCC bus pass parking fee committee, will present a proposal to the board to lower the price LCC students have to pay for their LTD group passes. The board will also discuss a fare increase from 75 to 80 cents. For more information regarding the board meeting, call 741-6100.



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