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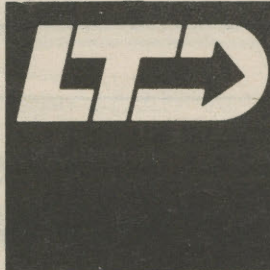
Both Saturday night Titan basketball games will benefit Jay Marston Scholarship.

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## STORM WARNING

A wild college game show experience will descend on Lane Monday, Feb. 28.

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## PASSING THE BUS

LTD has made two policy decisions that negatively impact LCC students.

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## LTD plan draws fire from LCC

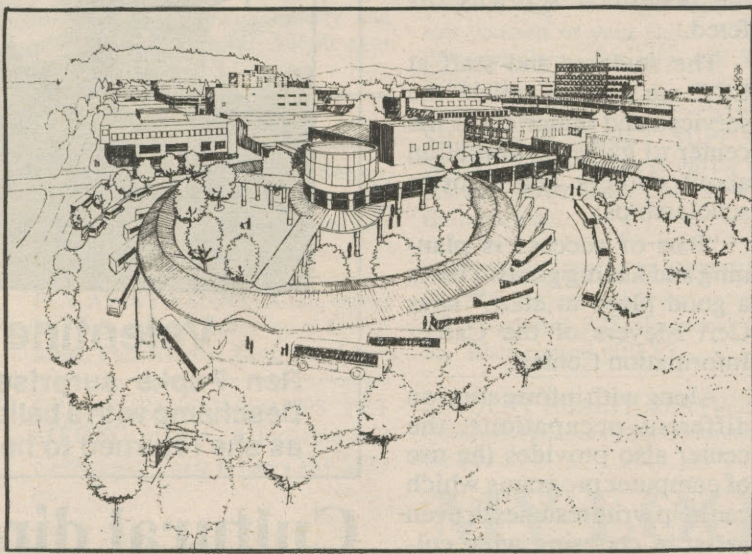
Christian Hill  
managing editor

Because of a loss of downtown parking for LCC students, the college is continuing to resist a proposed \$10.4 million Lane Transit District bus transfer station across Willamette Street from the Downtown Campus.

Two years ago, the LCC Board of Education opposed the McDonald site unless LTD and the city addressed the LCC parking situation. Nevertheless, last October the LTD Board of Directors completed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the McDonald site and then selected the site at its Dec. 15 meeting. Currently, LTD is working to obtain a conditional use permit which would give it the go-ahead to use the land for the transfer station.

### LTD's offer to pay

The LTD project — slated to begin construction in 1995 — would eliminate 176 parking places currently used by downtown students and staff, and business patrons. Although LTD has



A schematic of LTD's proposed bus transfer station. LCC opposes it because it eliminates DTC parking.

agreed to pay an estimated \$1.4 million for parking replacement, the city estimated the cost to be higher — around \$1.6 million.

However, LTD Marketing Administrator Ed Bergeron says that the new site will allow 24 more parking spaces for the Downtown Center since the buses will be off the street, and that current businesses — that will be removed with the construction of the station — use 32 of those 176 spots. He says this means that LTD is responsible for only 120 sites. "The \$1.4 million we're chipping in more than pays for 120 spaces," he says.

LTD will pay the City of Eu-

gene an estimated \$650,000 for the property. It has agreed to pay the \$865,000 from its anticipated federal funds to assist the city in locating or constructing additional parking. This project requires an Environmental Impact Statement to determine environmental effects on the downtown area.

When LCC asked the City of Eugene to look into the costs of adding two levels to the Overpark Building as a way of increasing parking slots, the city concluded that request would cost \$2.4 million.

Bergeron says the transit dis-

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## LTD board approves LCC group pass rate

Keri Trask  
associate editor

Lane Transit District's Board of Directors set the rate it will charge LCC students for a group bus pass at its Feb. 16 meeting.

The board voted to lower the cost of an LCC group pass from a proposed \$9.24 per student to \$8.75 per student for the 1994-95 year. LCC students and the Board of Education have to approve any fee increases.

LTD said it would raise group

pass prices to the formula cost plus inflation the following year. At that time, an LTD initiative would be on the ballot again for student evaluation.

A sticker placed on student ID cards would allow students to use LTD free any time they choose. The charge would be paid by student fees at the beginning of each term.

But ASLCC bus committee member Vincent Jones requested that LTD postpone its decision

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## Victim, suspect, Lane students

Don Reynolds  
editor

An LCC student who was kidnapped at gunpoint on Jan. 30 believes her abductor is also an LCC student, according to Register-Guard columnist Karen McCowan.

The woman told McCowan that she identified a man in a police photo line-up as her assailant on Friday, Feb. 4.

But officials released the man — an LCC student — from Lane County Jail.

The following Friday, the woman says, she turned a corner in the Center Building and found herself looking at her assailant

"None of the incidents (assaults) happened at LCC," McCowan told *The Torch*.

But she and Public Safety Information Officer Tim Birr stressed the need for awareness.

In response to student concerns, LCC's Women's Program is hosting a series of support/informational groups to address concerns about safety.

## Act would legalize suicide for the terminally ill

Kenneth Brady  
staff writer

Should terminally ill Oregonians have the right to legally end their own lives? Yes, says an Oregon group which hopes that Oregon voters will agree in November.

Oregon Right to Die is trying to raise 66,771 signatures to place the Oregon Death With Dignity Act on the November ballot. The act would allow patients to request medication to end their lives and would allow physicians to prescribe it.

"People have the right to control their own end-of-life decision," says Oregon Right to Die campaign manager Geoff Sugerman.

Sugerman says the group disagrees with current laws that make it illegal for doctors to prescribe medications that would end patients' lives.

The Death With Dignity Act states that the patient must be of sound mind, diagnosed with a terminal disease and informed of alternative treatments before the request

could be granted.

The act would apply only to the prescribing of medication — not lethal injection, euthanasia or assisted suicide, says Sugerman. The patient must take the medication with no assistance. Witnesses must also be present, and no coercion may be involved. The decision would be completely that of the patient.

"When you're dying of a terminal disease," says Sugerman, "it should not be up to the government or doctors to tell you what you can or cannot do with your life. It's really a personal choice."

A terminal patient who feels that the suffering is intolerable and elects to exercise this option would be able to have family present when ingesting the medication. The death would not be treated as a suicide, even for life insurance purposes. Nor would the physician prescribing the medication be liable for criminal penalties, as long as that physician complied with the act.

The Hemlock Society — the national

euthanasia group based in Eugene — supports this act, according to its librarian, Diana Smith.

"The Hemlock Society USA believes terminally ill people should have the right to self-determination for all end-of-life decisions," she says.

Because the Hemlock Society is prohibited from political campaigning by its 501c tax rating, it cannot directly promote the initiative.

"We solidly support it as a whole, and are doing everything we can to support it within our boundaries," says Smith.

Students at LCC say they are divided on the subject of legal suicide.

"I think that kind of a decision should be left up to the individual person," says Robert Lowitzer. "Only that person with the terminal illness knows what they really want."

But Lori Fletcher feels differently. "Because I don't trust that the guidelines will be followed — such as having two witnesses, the doctor taking a back-seat role

and allowing the patient to decide — I am opposed."

The Roman Catholic Church is opposed to the act as well, according to Father James Dieringer of LCC Campus Ministry. He does not believe the "right to die" follows Catholic ethics.

There are, however, distinctions from situation to situation, says Dieringer. "There is a distinction between allowing a person to die and causing or allowing a person to cause themselves to die." Allowing a person to die by pulling a plug or not subjecting a patient to "extraordinary means" does not constitute suicide, says Dieringer.

"Whether a doctor prescribes a pill to cause death and the person takes it, or if the person shoots himself, it is still suicide. The Catholic Church in Oregon, and elsewhere, I know, will oppose this bill."

If the Oregon Death With Dignity Act is placed before voters in November, Oregonians will have to decide whether to allow terminal patients to have "the right to die" or not.

## Week in Review Feb. 11-18

### Harding gets the Olympic green light

Portland figure skater Tonya Harding cut a deal with the U.S. Olympic Committee on Saturday, February 12, which secures her a place on the U.S. Olympic figure skating team.

She agreed to drop her \$25 million lawsuit, if the USOC agrees to let her join the Olympics without a disciplinary hearing. She will reside in the same building (but have a room on a separate floor) in Lillehammer, Norway, practice in the same rink, and compete against Nancy Kerrigan, who was attacked in January by associates of Harding.

### U.S. and Japan square-off on trade

The Clinton administration cited Japan for not living up to the 1989 agreement to increase imports on U.S. cellular phones, underscoring the broader trade issues at stake.

The two governments failed to agree on a method of lowering Japan's global trade surplus after seven months of negotiation, and the U.S.-Japan trade quarrel is now in danger of escalating.

### N. Korea to be checked for nuclear arms

After months of stubborn defiance, North Korea on Tuesday, February 15, announced it will comply to a United Nations order for the International Atomic Energy Agency to inspect seven nuclear facilities.

This move will almost guarantee that North Korea will not face economic sanctions that would have occurred if they had not made the February 21 deadline, something the U.N. had threatened to do if it continued to delay inspection.

The inspection is expected to begin in a couple of weeks.

### U.S. planes may be bought by Saudis

President Clinton announced on Wednesday, February 16, that Saudi Arabia plans to purchase a fleet of American commercial airplanes for \$6 billion.

The sale should provide tens of thousands of jobs for United States workers. This decision comes after fierce lobbying on both the American and European sides.

## Career center informs, guides

Nicole Boyer  
for The Torch

Although the Career Information Center at Lane Community College is award winning, not many students know about it. Consequently, many are passing up a great opportunity to take advantage of the beneficial services offered.

The students and staff at LCC are able to utilize the services and materials at the center to gather information about careers and college scholarships.

"Part of success is planning and having goals. This is a good place to start," says Geri Meyers of the Career Information Center.

Along with information on different occupations, the center also provides the use of computer programs which can help write resumes or even assist in choosing what college to attend.

All of the materials at the Career Information Center are available to use at no cost to the users. They are located in the Counseling Office on the second floor of the Center Building. The business hours are Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. - noon.

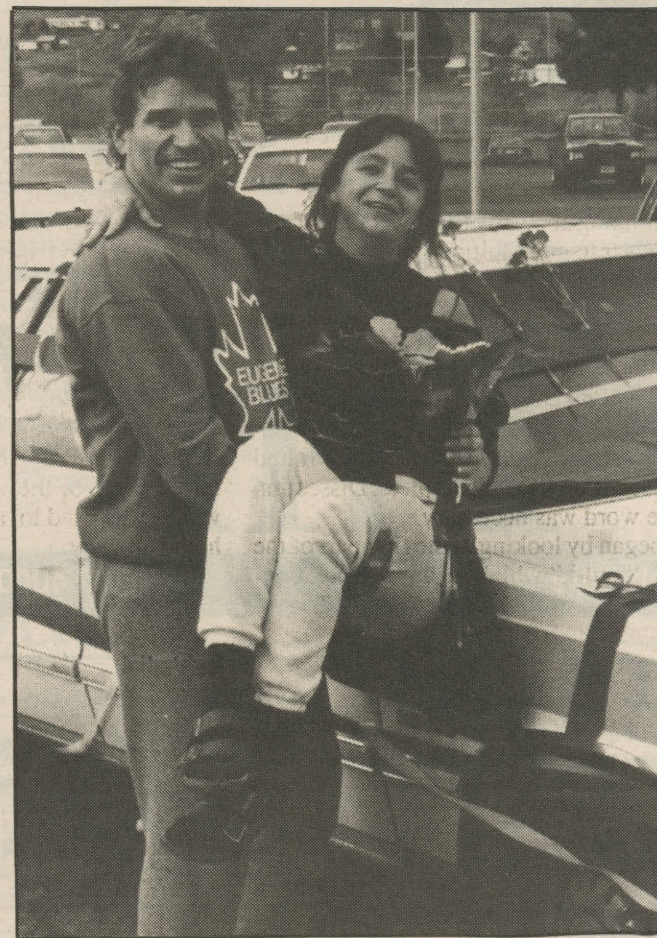


Photo by Ryan Reynolds

### Valentine surprise

Ren Pupke surprised his valentine Janet Deschamp with a balloon filled car and flowers as she returned to her car after class.

## Cultural director seeks feedback from students

Molly Maher  
sports editor

She has the money, she has the ideas. What Cultural Director Jeanette Nadeau needs is advice.

As ASLCC Cultural Director, Nadeau is responsible for bringing entertainment to LCC. She says, "We're putting out the student dollars for the students and it is important for them to get involved."

Nadeau wants to eliminate conflicting entertainment schedules and negative feedback by implementing three concepts:

- Forming a committee of staff members, students and community people to promote and organize activities and events students want brought to campus.

This will result in a partnership among several departments and will help eliminate the problem of planning events that occur on the same day.

"The students won't have to

choose which event to go to," Nadeau says.

- Possibly using the ASLCC Cultural Center money to help fund activities, so students can have special events and speakers appear on campus regardless of department budgets.

- Create an avenue of communications by conducting surveys. A first survey would ask students what speakers and activities they would like.

A second survey would ask the student body what kinds of changes they would like to see made and responses they hold toward previous activities and future entertainment.

In addition to the surveys, Nadeau plans on utilizing the staff as a "direct line to the students." She will do this by having instructors pass out flyers announcing upcoming events. "We need campus support to maintain a committee that is effective and long standing," says Nadeau.

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## Third place winner Debbie Wilder: My look at multiculturalism

editor's note: This essay, by Debbie Wilder, is the 3rd place winner in the MLK essay contest.

Thinking about my life, one thing stands very clear to me. Multiculturalism has had a very strong influence on me. This fact, however, has not always been clear to me as it is now. When I first heard the term "multiculturalism," I was not sure of the meaning. My conjecture was that the word simply meant "different people living together." Upon further inspection I found this definition to be incomplete. Dissection of the word was necessary.

I began by looking at the first part of the word, "multi," which means having, consisting of or affecting many. Next, I looked at the suffix "ism," meaning "a doctrine, theory or system." Finally, the word "cultural," of or pertaining to culture. With this knowledge of the word, I could then see how it pertained to my life.

A Native American of the Klamath Indian Nation, I have always been taught about life in the "traditional" ways by my mother. As far as I knew life only existed within the boundaries of the Klamath Reservation in Southern Oregon. When I started going to school, I was soon to realize that

not everyone did things the way that I was taught to do them by my mother. For one thing, they did not sing the kinds of songs that I was taught to sing at home. Their songs were about spiders crawling up water spouts, and later something about a place where "grapes of wrath" are stored, whatever those were! I did not think I wanted any of those kinds of grapes, anyway.

I longed to go home where my mom would sing songs in the Klamath language. Even though I did not understand the meaning of some of the words she sang, it was what I was used to, and it felt a lot safer at home anyway.

Even the food was different at school. They did not make frybread, or even wocus. Instead, I was treated to huge helpings of a fetid dish called sauerkraut. I could see now that this "school thing" would be no easy task.

Intrepid adventurer that I was, I carried on. I remember the day we learned about "Christopher Columbus," and what a brave man he was. We learned songs about "The Nina, The Pinta and Santa Maria." I went home to sing these songs to my mom. She was, to say the least, very displeased with me.

One day, seemingly out of the blue, my mom told me we were going to move to Salem, the city that was the capitol of Oregon. At first I was excited. I had never been to a big city before. I had an aunt and uncle who lived there and it was always a treat for my brothers and sisters when we received visits from them and they would tell us about some wonderful places to go there. We arrived in Salem at night, which made it seem all the more exciting to me. The lights in all the buildings were the most beautiful things I had ever seen.

School, however, would turn out to be quite another thing. It seemed I had to unlearn all that I had learned in school while living on the reservation to fit in there. I could feel a change happening within myself that I did not understand. I felt I did not belong either in Salem, nor on my reservation, and it was very confusing to me. I did not know how to apply all that I was learning in school to my own life. I was being educated by whites, to become like them and, try as I might, I still did not fit in.

Was I Indian, or was I American? A teacher once told me, "I don't understand why you feel the way you do. You are an American Indian, and you should know more about this country than I do!" There it

was, plain as day. I had been relegated as an "American Indian." A most "general category," if I do say so myself. Never mind the fact that there are many Indian Nations clear across this great land of ours. It seemed to me that we will always be thought of in this generic term, "American Indian," even after the subjugation of so many different Indian nations in so many different parts of the country. It oppresses me greatly to realize that even today we are thought of by many as being simply a "tribe of Indians."

Recently, while attending a writing class, we did a reading and then wrote an essay on kinesics, the body language that people of all cultures use, but which is different for everyone. It was then that I looked at the kinesics of my own people and compared it with others outside my race. My eyes were opened even further about how my body language could be interpreted in a different way by others, and how easily it could be misunderstood. This study of such a simple thing as kinesics was a very valuable teaching tool for me.

I am very proud of my ancestry and will continue to strive to learn as much as I can about The Klamath People, and how they

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## News

### BUS PASS

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because of a \$40,000 discrepancy. In the past, LTD based their group pass on the number of trips LCC students make, but this time revenues were the focus, causing a \$40,000 increase.

LTD ignored his request and voted to set the price based on the proposal they had.

LTD uses three factors to calculate group pass prices. First LTD projects the revenue lost in bus fare and regular pass sales for trips to LCC and bus rides in town. Next LTD estimates the amount of extra service it would have to provide due to the increased demand of group pass users. The total of these figures is divided by the number of students to give the cost per person — in LCC's case, \$8.65 per student.

But an additional charge is added if the group is buying the

group pass doesn't pay LTD payroll tax. With that addition, LCC students would pay \$9.24.

LCC is exempt from the LTD payroll tax. But, Jones argued, "Students, as a public group, have a long history of working in the Eugene/Springfield community, and as a result contribute wholly to the intent of the payroll tax."

LTD Board member Steven Engel pointed out the fact that LTD is working with ASLCC for the group pass, not LCC faculty and staff. He also stated that Lane students are customers of LCC, not employees — therefore, they would not pay a payroll tax.

Former ASLCC Treasurer Martin Lewis stated that ASLCC

offered to pay an LTD payroll tax on their own budget two years ago, and LTD denied this offer because employees were not included in the tax.

"Many LCC students work full or part time, and their employers do pay that payroll tax," Jones told *The Torch*. "They were putting a lot of emphasis on place rather than where they should have been placing the emphasis — work."

Jones told *The Torch*, "By levying fees in this in the group pass, to compensate for exemption from the LTD payroll tax, it was my feeling that they were charging the students twice."

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Administration Building Boardroom at 4:30 p.m.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Darren Wiley  
New Book Exchange Director

## 'Blizzard of Bucks' to storm LCC

Jake Harris  
A & E editor

"I'll give you \$10 for a pair of red suspenders," teases the stranger milling around the LCC cafeteria. Interest builds as more money is offered for arbitrary objects. Meanwhile other people are circulating among students handing out forms for the big drawing. What's going on?

On Monday, Feb. 28, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., the campus game show "Blizzard of Bucks" is coming to the LCC campus with its zany games, exciting competition and the possibility of going home with your pockets full of money, says ASLCC Cultural Director Jeanette Nadeau.

The student names collected by Blizzard staff members will be put in a pot and randomly drawn until three teams of four players each are chosen, says Nadeau.

These teams will compete in an elimination contest, facing off in physical activities such as: stuffing their mouths with marshmallows while trying to repeat a phrase, or time trials for the fastest clothes changer.

When only four contestants remain, they will square off for the grand prize, a chance to enter The Incredible Money Machine — a vacuum tube filled with 500 swirling dollar bills — and stand in the center of a green cyclone.

Nadeau says the winner gets to



The Incredible Money Machine will be at LCC on Feb. 28, to whisk the lucky winner in the "Blizzard of Bucks" college game show instantly from rags to riches.

keep all the cash grabbed.

"Some of the money that we're paying for the game goes back to the students," she says, "so the students get to do a fun activity, and also get back some of the money that they paid out for student fees."

"Blizzard of Bucks" was introduced to the ASLCC by NACA, the National Association for Campus Activities — an entertainment broker for colleges, and is put on by Kramer Entertain-

ment, the same people who provided us with "Fun Flicks," in the past.

She says LCC got such a good break on the price that the company made her promise not to reveal the figure, but they did say that 38 percent of the money goes back to the students as prizes.

She says LCC students have never been exposed to anything like this before, and she's never seen it before, but she thinks everyone will enjoy it.

## The Weekly A&E Report

### Music

#### Friday, Feb. 18.

•Hawkwind featuring Helios Creed, Space Ritual Light Show and Sleep, space rock/heavy metal, WOW Hall, 291 W. 8th, \$8, 9:30 p.m.

•Rosanne Craig, traditional and original folk music on guitar, Buffalo Gals Gallery, 343 High St., \$3, 8 p.m.

#### Saturday, Feb. 19.

•Ian Moore and Huffamoose, blues/rock guitar god, WOW Hall, \$8.50, 9:30 p.m.

•The Most Happy Fellows, Eugene's own Cascade Connection and McKenzie Touring Co., The West Portland Vocal Gentry Chorus, and the Cascade Chorus, barbershop harmony at its best, Springfield High School, matinee \$6.50, 2 p.m., evening show \$10, 7:30 p.m.

•Eugene Symphony Orchestra with Judy Collins, Hult Center, Silva Concert Hall, \$35/25/15, 8 p.m.

•Virginia Cohen, originals and some covers on acoustic guitar, Baba Yaga's Dream, 1235 Willamette, \$2.

#### Sunday, Feb. 20.

•Alejandro Escovedo and friends, a blend of acoustic ballads and rootsy rockers, laced with country, punk and Tex-Mex stylings, Good Times Cafe and Bar, 375 E. 7th, 9:30 p.m.

•Emily Fox, traditional and original folk music on guitar and banjo, Buffalo Gals Gallery, \$3, 7 p.m.

#### Thursday, March 3.

•Eugene Opera, excerpts from H.M.S. Pinafore, SHOCASE Free Noon Concert, Hult Center, Lobby, 12:15 p.m.

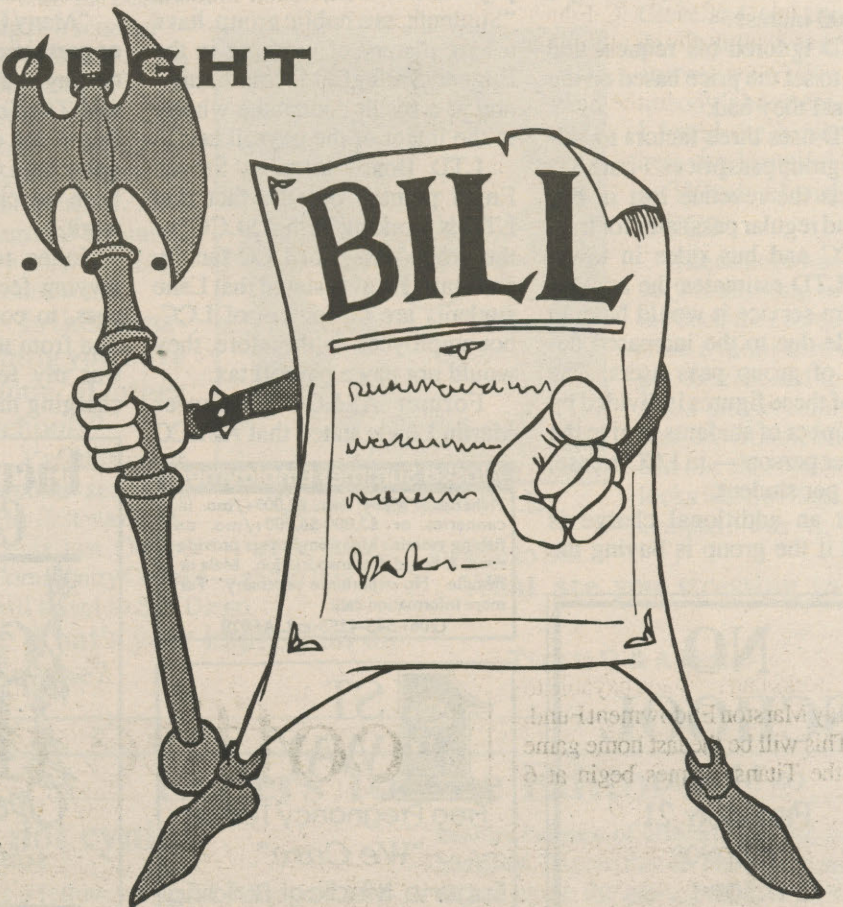
### Theater

•"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 Charlton, Thursday-Saturday Feb. 17-26 at 8 p.m., and Sunday Feb. 20 & 27 at 2 p.m., \$9 general, \$6 students & seniors.

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Jay Marston

## Games to benefit Marston fund

Molly Maher  
sports editor

The Athletic Department will donate the proceeds from Saturday, Feb. 19 basketball games against Mount Hood to the Jay Marston Endowment Fund for science students.

Marston, an LCC general biology and zoology teacher, was diagnosed with esophageal and lymph cancer in early October. The cancer has spread and is now untreatable.

Marston served as a teacher for 26 years, and has been with LCC since 1968 — when the campus opened. He also gave his time as the president of the LCC Education Association, the faculty union, for two years.

"He is a leader in the Science Department and very much appreciated," says Steve John, a chemistry teacher and personal friend.

Athletic Director Harland Yriarte says a scholarship fund in Marston's name is currently at \$7,000 and will expand to \$10,000 in the near future.

The Jay Marston Estate will match all donations by the public. This is Marston's way of giving LCC what the school has given to him, John says.

"Jay is very much loved and appreciated by students and colleagues alike," he adds.

Donations will be accepted at the gymnasium door in addition to posted admission prices.

Checks can be made payable to the Jay Marston Endowment Fund.

This will be the last home game for the Titans. Games begin at 6 p.m.

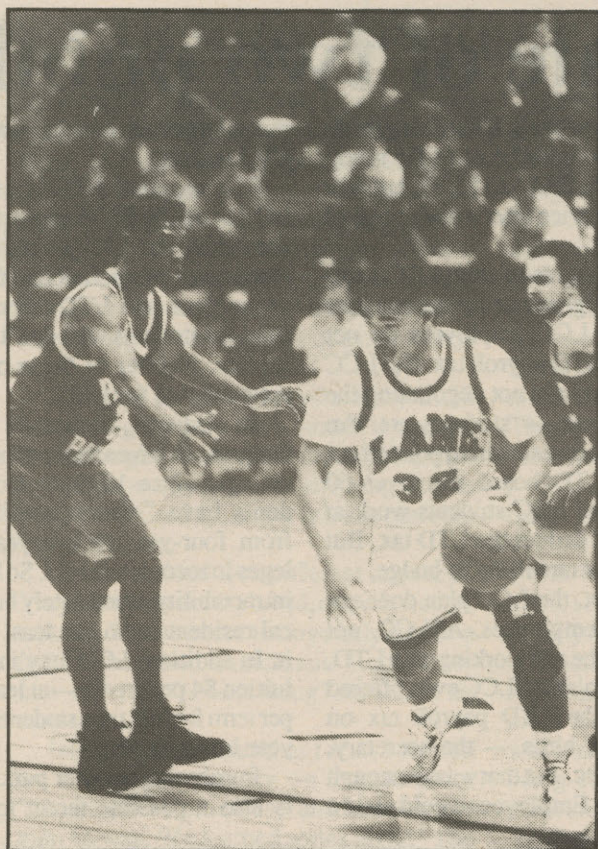


Photo by Steve Norris

Josh Leader heads upcourt and leaves at least one defensive player on his heels.

## BB teams hit the road

Donald Smalley  
staff writer

The Lane men's and women's basketball teams hit the road to Albany with brooms in hand as they swept the Linn-Benton Roadrunners.

The women started the job by handing LBCC an 82-58 defeat and the men's team finished the task by humiliating the Roadrunners 98-57.

### Women rely on pressure

After struggling in the first half of league play, the Titan women now seem to be clicking on all cylinders, winning three out of their last four, gaining sole possession of third place in the NWAACC's Southern Division with a 7-6 record.

Once again, the team used its usual pressure defense to force the Roadrunners into committing 24 turnovers.

Freshman post Rachelle Wilson led the team with 24 points and seven rebounds, while point-guard Jenny Sink poured in 20 and grabbed six boards.

"That was probably the best game

of the year," freshman point-guard Sink says. "We knew we had to win the game."

The women's playoff situation is still up in the air. If they upset first-place Mount Hood Saturday, Feb. 24, they will secure third place and play Chemeketa in the first round of playoffs. If they lose, they may be in a three-way tie for third. They'll have to win a tiebreaker to advance to the playoffs.

### Strong effort leads to win

In what Head Coach Jim Boutin called, "their best game in about a month," the men's team took a page out of the women's book by playing hard-nosed defense for the entire 40 minutes of play.

Excellent defense, coupled with an excellent offensive showing, led to the relatively easy win over LBCC, says Boutin.

"It was a good team effort," Boutin says. "We sustained that effort for long periods of time, something we haven't done a lot lately."

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## Intramurals asks questions

Flint Du Tell  
staff writer

How can LCC Intramurals expand so a wide range of students can participate while keeping fees as low as possible?

This is the question Intramural Coordinator Gary Knapp is asking

and he wants student input.

There is a questionnaire on page 5 of this issue of *The Torch* concerning interest in intramurals. Surveys should be returned to the intramural office in PE 204, or put it in the cafeteria ballot box.

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## Editorial

## LTD and LCC — a tale of two public agencies

In the '90s, funding for public agencies is decreasing. In this environment cities, schools and other public bodies increasingly compete for their portion of a shrinking pie.

Lane Transit District is a case in point. It struggles to find a balance between serving the public and staying in the black. But in its zeal, LTD is alienating its public ally — LCC.

Two of its current policies are "squeezing" LCC students. First, its hard-nosed approach to group pass negotiations with ASLCC threatens to scuttle the group pass effort. Secondly, its insistence on the McDonald site for its transfer station threatens the ability of Downtown Center students to attend their classes.

If LTD's mission is to encourage bus ridership, it is defeating its own purposes with these policies.

Approximately 19 percent of Main Campus LCC students ride LTD. If LCC purchased a group pass, LTD estimates it would rise by half.

LTD's announcement that it will charge \$60 for its LCC term passes adds another sour note to an already off-key melody. It puts LCC students between a rock and a hard place. Students who currently ride LTD busses will feel the sting of the \$60 price. But the high rate LTD insists on charging LCC for a group pass could undermine student efforts to fund it with an increase in student fees.

LCC and LTD have been negotiating a group bus pass and a group rate purchase of term passes for years. LTD used a set formula to find LCC's cost for the group pass, giving no consideration to the public meaning of the school — quality

education for all. LTD did agree to lower the initial cost of the group pass from \$9.24 to \$8.75, but will raise the price after a one year trial period.

LTD wants to charge LCC students a higher rate for the bus pass because LCC employees do not pay the LTD payroll tax. But LCC employees are not negotiating the group pass — students are. An ASLCC representative pointed out to the LTD board that over 60 percent of LCC students work at jobs that deduct the LTD tax. But LTD was unwilling to budge.

In fact, the LCC plan does not include employees. ASLCC, not LCC, is the one working with LTD. At one point ASLCC even offered to pay the LTD payroll tax on people it hires — the secretary, lawyer, etc., but that wasn't enough for LTD. Employees would yield a

much larger tax, and that was what LTD wanted.

The proposal LTD is offering LCC is nearly \$2.75 more per student than the UO program. UO employees are included in the UO group pass, and LTD offers a refund for students who don't use its service. Neither of these options are available for LCC.

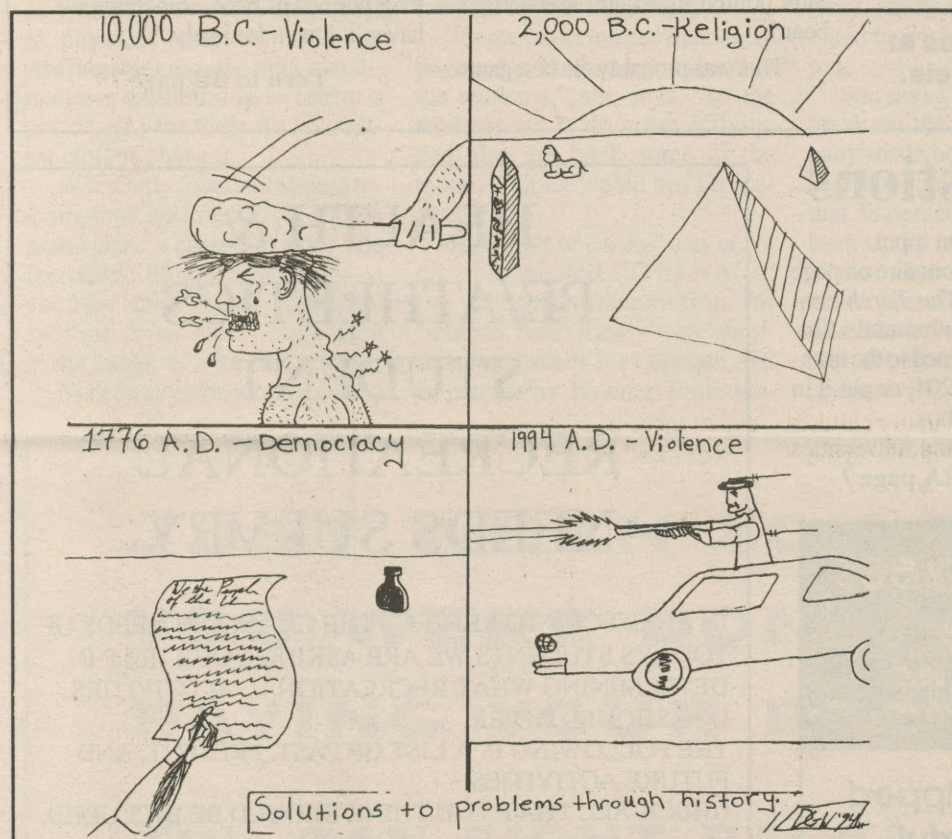
In addition, thousands fewer Oregonians have attended four year colleges since 1990. In fact, students have "reverse transferred" from four-year to two-year colleges in record numbers. So LTD's intractability inordinately hurts local residents who can least afford it. In addition, LCC may increase tuition \$4 per credit — at least \$48 per term for full-time students. Next year looks bleak.

Purchasing another parking lot is also a possible threat to LCC

students' pocketbooks. Parking is getting crowded on the Main Campus, and LTD's proposed transfer station is taking over some DTC parking.

While LTD has funded \$1.4 million of the estimated \$1.6 million compensation for lost parking spaces, it is leaving the balance for the city of Eugene to pay. The city cannot act until the litigation of the proposed transfer station is completed and the Eugene City Council addresses the downtown parking dilemma.

LTD and LCC are public bodies and should be working together, so it seems odd they're in conflict. Both institutions are progressive and work for the general good. *The Torch* hopes that out of these conflicts a meaningful dialogue can emerge that doesn't seek to solve problems by taxing LCC students.



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Q &amp; A

## Carol Franklin Ph.D.

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EDUCATION: Ph.D. & MA Anthropology, BA Social Anthropology  
LAST SIGNIFICANT BOOK READ: 'Building Communities of Difference,' by William Tierney

## Dr. Franklin, what brings you to LCC?

I'm participating in a seminar — "Diversity in Leadership in the Community College" — sponsored by the League for Innovation. The seminar is funded by the Kellogg Foundation.

## Is this something you have done at other schools?

Yes, this is our second seminar. The first was in St. Louis last October — at St. Louis Community College — and in July we will travel to San Diego.

## What's your impression of Eugene?

I'm very impressed with Eugene and with LCC. It was refreshing to come here at first, because I came from Cleveland and the day I left it was snowing like nobody's business. I found the locale here very beautiful.

## What about LCC?

The college was very interesting to me because I come from a multi-campus district, and to see a single campus environment, and one that really looks like a college campus, was enjoyable to me.

## What are you stressing in

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Carol Franklin Ph.D.

## Letters To The Editor

## Be not cynical

As a fellow journalist I disagree with *The Torch's* Feb. 4, editorial. The "it's a dirty job but somebody has to do it" tone is a presumptuous generalization. A reporter does not have to become cynical and hard-nosed to be effective.

A quick review of Newswriting I indicates that the most important qualities a reporter should strive for are objectivity and accuracy.

Cynicism is not an objective mental orientation, but it is critical thinking taken to its extreme. If reporters allow their own personal bias to color the way they see a story then their version of the "truth" can distort the accuracy and objectivity of their reports.

Effective reporting combines a

healthy balance of critical thinking and humility. I agree that as journalists we do not create the news, but if we allow ourselves to adopt the "us against them mentality" that cynical reporting implies, then the power that the media has to influence excellence in society is lessened.

Cynicism is not the sunshine that disinfects nor does it necessarily foster excellence. It is often the cloak of the dissatisfied who throw a dark blanket of hopelessness over everything they see.

As an aspiring journalist I choose not to become cynical or hard-nosed, and I trust that by doing so I will be able to foster excellence in myself as well as in society.

Arlene Hougland

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Both sophomore Jared Lueck and freshman Eric Appell had career nights for the Titans: Lueck scored 23 points on 10-14 from the field; Appell came off the bench to score 15 points and three steals.

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## MY LOOK

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lived so long ago. What I do know now, I will cherish forever and will teach all I can to my children in hopes they will do the same. I feel there is much to be learned about mine, and all, Indian Nations, and with this knowledge a better understanding and a greater respect for one another can prevail.

I also believe this to be true for all people of all cultures: that we can and must learn all we can about one another, now more than ever, if we are to attain a peaceable world fit for our children and their children to live in. It is time to put away all the old prejudices

and open our minds to what could be one of the greatest learning experiences of our lives.

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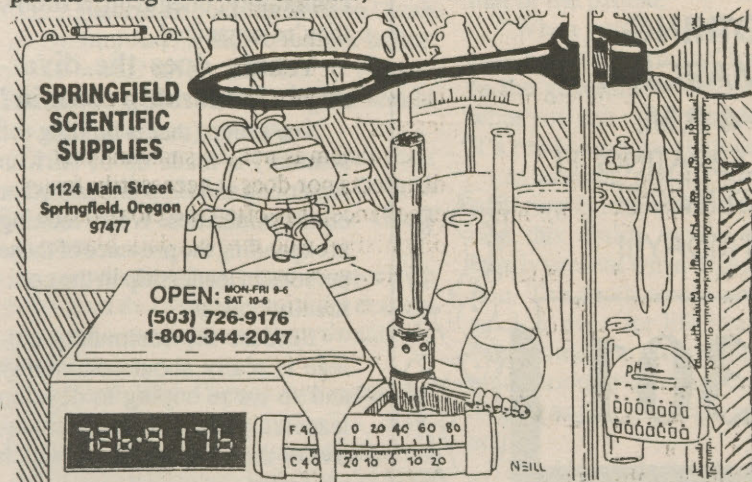
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get their intramural participation from fraternity and sorority team competition. But Knapp says because Lane does not have a Greek housing system, it doesn't generate enough team participants. So Knapp feels that it is time for Lane Intramurals to restructure so that the older and more family oriented students of LCC can participate.

Knapp hopes to get more one-day activities, such as a ice skating, a day-long child care clinic for LCC parents during midterms or finals,

and various clinics and workshops that Lane students and their children can participate in together.

And, Knapp is committed to keeping intramural fees low. For years Intramurals cost \$1 per term for LCC students. But recently costs rose to \$3 per term. This year, thanks to an ASLCC grant, intramurals are free. No funding for intramurals exists for next year. Student input into what activities they want will directly affect how intramural funds will be raised.



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trict has done its part by recognizing the parking need and giving a substantial amount to construct new parking.

"LTD feels like its bellied-up to the bar and exercised its responsibilities in that regard," he says.

So Bergeron maintains it's now the city's decision to use that money to construct parking for the Downtown Center.

But Larry Warford, LCC vice president of Community and Economic Development, says that the addition of two levels of the

Overpark Building is a compromise and, because of security concerns, the city should look into including a skybridge—like the one the Downtown Athletic Club has—and an elevator in the DTC.

### LCC's options

At the Jan. 12 meeting, LCC's Board of Education approved three strategies to deal with LTD's plans to continue.

•The LCC board allocated \$5,000 for a Portland legal firm to establish a legal opinion of the Draft Environmental Impact

Statement.

•The board agreed that Chairman Peter Sorenson meet with the LTD board to negotiate an amicable settlement.

•The board instructed LCC's administration to look at the value of the DTC in case the college needs to sell the building.

"There is always a possibility . . . if we couldn't obtain the (parking) . . . to look at relocation of the (college) center somewhere else," Warford explains.

Other options by the city, he says, include the constructing of

a parking garage across from the proposed new library, or coming up with alternative modes of transportation for students.

### Coming decisions

Warford says a major step in this process may come Feb. 23 when the City Council meets to discuss the fate of downtown parking. In mid-April, the city will decide on LTD's bid for a conditional use permit, as well as a Environmental Impact Statement draft review.

Bergeron concludes the proposed LTD site is the best for the transit patrons. "The new station will pro-

vide much better transit access and transit will be a much more viable alternative . . . for LCC students and for other people that use downtown" states Bergeron.

He says the proposed site would allow easy access for the diversity of people LTD serves, including the elderly and people with disabilities, and it will ease security demands.

But Warford concludes, "This is really a student issue and I'd like to hope . . . that what we're doing is worth it all . . . because we are so interested in students."

## Around Campus

### Guistwhite scholar program seeking scholars

The Guistwhite Scholarship Program seeks Phi Theta Kappa members who have already been installed as scholars. Ten stipends of \$5,000 each will be awarded to PTK members who will receive AA, AS or AAS degrees in 1993-94, who will enroll as juniors 1995 to receive baccalaureate degrees, and who have at least a 3.5 GPA. The deadline is May 31. Contact Bette Dorris, ext. 2340 for PTK membership information. For more information, contact Velma Jessor, ext. 2157 in the Business Department.

### Women's Center discussion groups

The Women's Center will hold discussion groups, Feb. 18 and 22. Both will be held in Center Building, Room

321. The Feb. 18 discussion group will meet from 1-3 p.m., while the February 22 discussion group will meet from 3-5 p.m.

The Women's Center will also host meetings to address personal safety. This is in response to the Karen McCowan's column about an assault in which both parties attend LCC. All are welcome to attend.

### Artists discuss work

On Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. artists in the Art Department Gallery Oregon Invitational Drawing Exhibition will discuss their work. Kathleen Caprario, Jim Denney, Bruce Dean, Satoko Okito and Craig Spielman will speak in the gallery. The gallery will host a reception for the artists Friday, Feb. 18, 7-9 p.m. The reception will exhibit artwork from nine Oregon artists. The gallery is

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### Student loan exit interviews

Students receiving a Federal Stafford Loan must, by federal law, attend an exit interview during their final term of enrollment. The interview outlines financial planning, disclosure statements, repayment procedures, how to correspond with the lender, secondary markets, loan consolidations, options for making payments and the consequences of default. Latecomers to the following times will not be admitted. Session last around 50 minutes. On Feb. 28, interviews will begin at 10 a.m. in Health 105 and at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. in Forum 307. On March 3, interviews will begin at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. in Forum 307 and at 1 p.m. in Forum 309.

### Secretary of State to visit LCC

Oregon Secretary of State Phil Keisling will speak to Steve Candee's American Government class, Friday, Feb. 25, 10-11 a.m. in the Board Room on the second floor of the Administration Building. He will talk about term limits for politicians and the use of the initiative process. There is limited space, but guest are welcome to attend.

### CASA assessment workshop

A CASA assessment workshop called "Helping Your Student Identify Progress" will be held on Tuesday, February 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the LCC Downtown Center, 1059 Willamette Street.

The CASA assessment has been developed for use by volunteers and instructors as

a means of relating progress to such specific skills as interpreting highway signs, reading recipes and filling out forms.

### Short plays held over

The Performing Arts Department has extended the production of "Making a Scene: The Director" for one weekend. This production consists of six one act plays, consisting of "Sure Thing" by David Ives, "Lord Byron's Love Letter" by Tennessee Williams, "Come and Go" by Samuel Beckett, "Salzburg Dance of Death" by Bertolt Brecht, "Present Tense" by John McNamara, and "The Problem by A.R. Gurney, Jr. Remaining performances are Friday and Saturday, February 18 and 19, at 8 p.m. in the Blue Door Theater. Tickets are \$4 and interest students call call ext. 2202 in advance to ensure tickets.

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If this is your last term of attendance at Lane Community College and you receive a federal Stafford Loan and/or a SLS loan, federal regulations require that you attend an exit interview. Financial Aid staff will present valuable information on financial planning, repayment procedures, loan consolidation, options for making payments, and the consequences of default.

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6 p.m. Forum 307	4 p.m. Forum 307

Regarding the recent Register Guard column concerning LCC students

The Women's Center has put together three support/information groups to address staff and students concerns around safety. They will be held at the following days/times:

**Friday Feb. 18 1-3 p.m. Cen 321**  
**Tuesday Feb. 22 3-5 p.m. Cen 321**

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### your seminars?

We're looking at different kinds of issues — "what are the

issues that are facing community colleges; what is it that we as leaders will have to deal with as

we approach the 21st Century in responding to the needs of students in the community colleges across the nation?" That's one issue.

Then we're looking at practical issues like budgeting, and networking in terms of the external relations that one must have in terms of being part of the community college.

So we're looking at a variety of issues as well as at how the community colleges differ in how they're organized.

### Where does the diversity in leadership come in?

The group (that is holding the seminar) is made up of African American and Hispanic and other ethnic minorities. We're looking at expanding the presence of those persons in leadership in the community college.

Because the community college is really about community and so we're hoping to develop leadership that is also representative of the communities in which we reside.

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