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Angela Davis to anchor Martin Luther King Day observance

By Dean Grabski

Arts & Entertainment Editor

Controversial social activist Angela Y. Davis will be the Martin Luther King Day keynote speaker during the Monday, Jan. 15 community observances.

Also scheduled is music from the group Soromundi, as well as awards from the Eugene/Springfield branch of the NAACP, the African American Community Coalition, the City of Eugene Human Rights Commission, and other special presentations throughout the evening. LCC will not hold classes on Jan. 15.

Davis' 7 p.m. address will conclude the day-long observance. Her presentation is titled "Multiculturalism in the University and the Community at Large."

Tickets for the celebration of the life and work of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. are free to UO and LCC students (\$3 for non-students) and are available at the Hult Center and here on campus through student activities.

Davis is known internationally for her ongoing work to combat all forms of oppression in the US and abroad. Her name came to national attention in 1969, when she was removed from her UCLA teaching position as a result of her social activism and membership in the USA Communist Party.

In 1970, Davis was placed on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List stemming from her alleged involvement in a daring courtroom shootout which left the judge, gunmen and two inmates killed.

During her 16-month incarceration, a massive international "Free Angela Davis" campaign was organized, leading to her acquittal in 1972. Also as a result of this action was the beginning of the "National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression," which continues its work today.

Over the last 25 years, Davis has lectured in Africa, Europe, the Caribbean, the former Soviet Union and in all 50 states. She is the author of five books, and (despite President Ronald Reagan's vow that she'd never again teach in the University of California system) is a full-tenured professor at UC Santa Cruz.



Photo courtesy of ASOU Multicultural Center

Angela Davis will speak on Jan. 15 at the Hult Center

The event is sponsored by the ASOU Multicultural Center, City of Eugene, Lane Community College, the UO Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Coordinating Committee, ASOU Women's Center and UO Black Student Union.

Also in remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr., the UO Black Student Union is holding a candle-light vigil and march/cake-cutting ceremony. The march begins at Johnson Hall and ends at Gerlinger Lounge on Friday Jan. 12. Participants are asked to bring candles.

For more information, call the indicated source or the UO Office of Communications at (541) 346-3134. The Martin Luther King Jr. Web Weaving Project and celebration event listings also are available on the World Wide Web at <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/uo/libhome/mlk/mlkceleb.htm>

Board of Ed tables land exchange

by Kristine Sohnrey
The Torch

The proposed land exchange between LCC and McDougal Brothers Investments was tabled at the Dec. 13 Board of Education meeting, as well as the Jan. 9 College Council meeting.

As reported in the Dec. 1 Torch, LCC attorney Joseph Leahy explained that LCC would give the McDougal Brothers 100 acres of timbered land appraised at \$515,900. In exchange, the McDougals would give LCC 100 acres of clear-cut land adjacent to LCC's campus appraised at \$230,110, and \$285,790 for the timber.

However, LCC Counselor Bob

McCorkle and other staff members questioned the timber value on LCC land, and were concerned that contaminants may be present on the McDougal property. The Science Department, which had used the LCC property for field research in the past, became interested in participating in the decision-making process after this news came to light.

After receiving both negative and positive feedback in December regarding the proposal, LCC Campus Services Director Paul Colvin walked with McCorkle on the lands. Afterwards, Colvin withdrew the land exchange as a December Board meeting agenda item in order to gather more data and feedback.

Colvin said, "McCorkle was concerned the run-off would affect the land proposed for exchange with LCC." Gem Consulting Project Manager Susanne Pearce walked with Colvin and McCorkle and took water samples for analysis. Colvin expects to receive the results by Jan. 18.

At the College Council's third discussion on the proposed land exchange, Colvin addressed questions regarding zoning, reforestation and land use. He said existing power lines over the McDougal property would decrease the land value. He also said LCC once had an opportu-

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Whelliston resigns; Sohnrey named Torch editor

By Christian Hill

Special for The Torch



For only the fourth time in the Torch's 30-year history, its editor has resigned in mid-year.

Torch Editor Kyle Whelliston announced his resignation from the newspaper's top position Monday, Jan. 3.

On Wednesday, Jan. 10, the LCC Media Commission — the 16-member panel responsible for overseeing the two student publications on campus — elected Torch lead reporter Kristine Sohnrey as Whelliston's successor for the remainder of the 1996 college year.

As lead reporter, Sohnrey covered the board's decision to place LCC President Jerry Moskus on "ad-



SOHNREY

ministrative leave", the board's subsequent executive sessions, and Board of Education chairperson Cindy Weeldreyer's sudden resignation from her post afterward.

Sohnrey says she had planned to apply for next year's Torch editorship, and she's excited about receiving the opportunity now.

Sohnrey says Torch readers will continue seeing the similar design and content as under Whelliston's editorship. She explains that her main focus will be making the newsroom a collaborative environment for the student staff while publishing a first-rate campus newspaper.

As editor, Sohnrey wants readers to submit story ideas and letters to the editor.

The Media Commission agreed that Torch Managing Editor Kyra Kelly should manage the newspaper until today, Jan. 12, when Sohnrey will officially begin her editorship.

Whelliston wrote in his letter, "My reason for leaving is that I have accepted a job offer to work elsewhere. My schedule will not permit me to give the time needed to provide LCC with an adequate student newspaper, and, therefore, I must leave."

During the commission meeting he identified his new work as designing commercial World Wide Web sites. This fall he and Torch Arts and Entertainment Editor Dean Grabski created a Torch "home page" on the Internet — only the fourth community college student newspaper in the country to do so.

Whelliston says he will continue working on the newspaper as a technical advisor.

In his resignation letter, Whelliston nominated ASLCC Book Exchange Director Trev Mostella as a possible candidate for the editorship, citing his management skills.

During its open session, the Media Commission interviewed both candidates before making its decision in closed session.

WINTER TERM

We here at the Torch don't need an excuse. It's been a crazy week, but we're up on our improvisational skills and are quite pleased to have birthed this special edition just in time for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Once again, there will be no classes held at LCC on Monday, January 15.

Look for the next edition of the Torch on Monday, January 22, as we begin our new publishing schedule under new editorship. All regular features will return then.

Have a great holiday!

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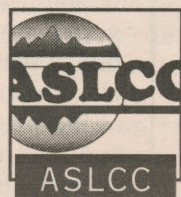
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Tribal dancers express their heritage



On December 9 during the LCC Pow Wow sponsored by NASA, dancers in traditional tribal regalia danced in beat with local drumming groups.

Budget deficit reduced; new senator announced



by Kyle Whelliston
The Torch

ASLCC Treasurer Thomas Lee announced Jan. 8 that the governing body is closer to reducing its three year old deficit than previously thought.

Lee said that over the winter break, Student Services Director Barbara Delansky and Budget Analyst Carol Beckley determined student government's debt currently stands at approximately \$39,000, instead of deficit figures upwards of \$60,000 announced at the start of the school year.

The treasurer recommended that the ASLCC freeze \$3,000 of the \$5,000 previously earmarked for deficit reduction for allocations, as well as to replace \$1,000 for student government President Adam Young's salary.

"If there's any deficit ... next year, it will be quite small," said Lee.

Also at Monday's meeting:

Senator Christian Hill reported that December's recycling and food drive netted 572 cans of food and \$18 in bottles and cans.

"It went over really well," said Hill. "We helped out some families. That's a good feeling."

The ASLCC voted unanimously to grant Phi Theta Kappa \$250 for

scholarships. The organization was asking for \$500.

Lee invited PTK representatives to return to the ASLCC in February to ask for the remainder of the requested funds.

The ASLCC also approved to send up to 10 student government members and interested students to a leadership conference at Mt. Hood this weekend, with a spending cap of \$750.

The student government welcomed Danny Armanino as its newest senator.

Armanino, who had been serving on the Judiciary Board, fills the seat left vacant by Max Reams, who resigned his post in December.

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nity to purchase the land from the previous owners but did not.

"The greatest value of the land is in future development when the parcels eventually are included in the urban growth boundary." Therefore, the proposed land exchange is still under consideration.

The College Council recommended using water quality test results and a land planner in making the decision. It suggested developing a long-term plan for property use and obtaining an evaluation from the Science Department.

Science Department Head Tom

Wayne said, "We're pursuing a different strategy now.... We learned the first proposal is just one proposal. Paul Colvin is open to discussing alternatives. It may not be a take-it-or-leave-it proposition."

As part of the Science Department evaluation, Wayne asked Curt McKinney, former LCC forestry program instructor, to lead a walk Jan. 26 at noon, giving staff members a "lay of the land."

"After the walk we will put this item back on the department meeting agenda and give a recommendation to the Board.... We will probably

give a recommendation of what we most desire happening... and break-out from that if what we want is not an option," said Wayne.

The department expects to have recommendations for the Board of Education before the Feb. 14 Board meeting.

College legal counsel Joseph Leahy said, "The McDougals haven't imposed a deadline on the transaction. Their offer still stands. There is nothing driving this transaction other than 'does it make sense to both parties.' ...There will be no transaction until both parties agree."

Lane's OSPIRG fall term cleanup work a success

By Michael Ferber
The Torch

The LCC chapter of OSPIRG has been busy in 1995.

The environmental and consumer watchdog group, is one of only four PIRGs in Oregon. In evaluating their completed work over the last term, campus organizer Kristin Lee seems pleased.

Knowing that fifty percent of the streams and 30 percent of the lakes in Oregon are not safe for swimming or fishing, Lee made "streamwalking" one of OSPIRG's major projects. It cleaned a portion of the Mc Kenzie river near Eugene with 50 volunteers in November.

"We found as much as 1.58 tons of trash in a quarter-mile stretch," says Lee.

In her eyes, these results of the project confirmed the need for acting and the purpose of the organization itself.

"We also worked in five fields other than streamwalking during the fall term," the OSPIRG organizer continues.

"In December, we had a food drive which benefited homeless as well as poor people in this community. We therefore collected food items in the LCC cafeteria."

We found as much as 1.58 tons of trash in a quarter-mile stretch.says.

-Kristin Lee

Lee says she's proud of other campus projects, which included a recycling project, consumer issues, higher education and student voter registration.

"For example, we educated students about the financial aid cuts planned by the government and were quite successful," Lee adds, stating that student mobilization across the country including

OSPIRG's work managed to get the planned \$10 billion cuts down to \$1 billion.

According to Lee, OSPIRG also published reports on dangerous toys and a renter's handbook.

Overall, she sees OSPIRG's work as a success this fall term.

LCC PEOPLE

Former LCC instructor **Vern Ho** died of cancer Tuesday, Jan. 2. A memorial service for Ho will be held Sunday, Jan. 14 in the LCC Cafeteria at 2 p.m. Ho was loved by many and is missed by his LCC colleagues.

Many people who knew him admired his love of life and compassion towards others. He contributed to his community by serving on numerous boards and committees. He also helped found the Eugene Asian Festival and the local Chinese-American Benevolent Association.

"Vern was a model for a lot of us on how to be a fine human being," says LCC Counselor Tim Blood. Blood had been good friends with Ho since the instructor started teaching at LCC in 1971. Ho taught at LCC for 9 years, working in the Learning Skills Center, and then with the staff development program for 2 years.

Blood was part of a primary care group that assisted Ho during his last few weeks of life. The care group members delivered meals to Ho and spent time with him at his home in south Eugene.

Pat John, chair of the Library and Study Skills Department remembers Ho's playful spirit.

"He loved to laugh. We played jokes on each other..and got together and played jokes on other people. He was a good teacher...his students loved him," she says.

Lack of tutorial support at LCC leads to low GPAs

By Achsa Davis
The Torch

Nineteen percent of the students at LCC do not receive any grades for their classes.

A LCC study conducted in 1993 revealed that 30 percent of the students get lower than a 2.0 grade point average, while 19 percent earn no grade point average at all. Counselor/Academic Advisor Mason Davis says that these percentages are

actually good compared to other community colleges.

But to Davis it comes down to the question, "Can we live with 30 percent of our students getting a 2.0 GPA or below?"

He doesn't think so.

"I don't think that we want to participate in these failures," he states.

Davis says that the students who fall into these categories generally go through five phases during a twelve week term.

According to Davis, many students are deciding how to manage their time around courses, relationships and jobs during the first two weeks of the term.

In the next three weeks, the "marginal" student is trying to work harder and finding that life is more demanding, says Davis. He explains that during this time students are finding that their jobs or school work take up more time than they had thought.

Davis refers to the sixth through eighth weeks as "the time for eye-balling reality." He says it's common for students who may be having problems to start questioning their goals.

Davis provides an example of a student who doubted her choice to be a business major after realizing that she hated accounting and economics.

During the final weeks of the term Davis says that the student is usually just "hang-

ing in there and hoping to pull it off."

But students who find themselves in these situations can get help. Davis explains that counselors help students who consider dropping out by showing them a variety of options, as well as providing them good information to base their choices on.

There is also tutorial support available at LCC, but according to Davis, "it is hard to find." He describes LCC as taking a "hit or miss approach" to tutorial programs. Davis identifies the shortage of tutors, the departments' small budgets, and the faculty's lack of awareness of the available tutorial support as the school's major problems.

Davis expresses hope that LCC will add a tutorial center as part of the improvements coming from the bond levy that voters approved in May of last year.

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Minorities' check for equality bounces

By Mark Harris

Special for the Torch

COMMENTARY

One of my most memorable Martin Luther King Celebrations in Eugene was when his daughter Yolanda spoke at the Hult Center about 10 years ago. She started out with a poem which could be applied to any great figure who advocates for peace and common human dignity.

"... Now that he is safely dead, let us praise him."

This could be said of Jesus Christ, as well as Martin Luther King: They both got more praise after their deaths than when they were alive. The parallels are striking, for like Jesus, whose words were twisted by the Romans who slew him, present day Caesars often twist King's words to preserve the empire of injustice that King fought against.

This is the empire that sent black people to fight for an alleged democracy in Vietnam, but did not allow blacks to vote, to eat in the same restaurants or swim at the same beaches as whites in America. The US is the same empire which had a period of "Constructive Engagement" with South Africa during the Reagan era. It encouraged South Africa to be ruled by a white minority, a minority which (according to the UN) killed 1.5 million Africans in neighboring Mozambique and Angola, causing \$60 billion worth of damage. And I bet you think Bosnia is a big deal.

During Yolanda's speech a bomb threat emptied the Hult Center into the streets — one of at least three threats at the Hult, all at black-related events that decade. To this day the bomb squad sweeps the building before the annual event. But Yolanda had reminded us that Ronald Reagan very reluctantly signed into law the MLK national holiday, citing concerns about King being a Communist. The federal government, in the person of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, called Martin Luther King Jr. "The most dangerous Negro in America," at a time when there were black people who openly advocated the armed overthrow of the United States government. Of course there were also white people who advocated that same thing on both ends of the political spectrum, but the government has taken very little action against the right wing until the recent Oklahoma City bombing.

A Latin American Catholic Bishop is quoted as saying, "When I feed the poor, they call me a

saint. When I ask why the poor are hungry, they call me a Communist." Let me paraphrase this for our situation: You can feed a person for a day or a lifetime if you give a person a fish, or teach a person to fish. The powers-that-be will call you a saint. If you give a person access to the stream — real power to use the skills you've taught them — then they call you a Communist, an outside agitator. It's OK to teach people to pull themselves up by their bootstraps, but not OK to teach them to own the boot factory.

King was about non-violent social change, utilizing civil disobedience, boycotts, voting, and other means generally within the limits of social decency. In his "Bounced Check Speech" — which white folks renamed the "I have a Dream Speech" — he stated that he and his followers had come to cash a check at the Bank of Freedom, a check which promised equal opportunity, access to voting, housing, etc., but which came back "marked insufficient funds."

It wasn't until towards the end of that speech that he refers to having a dream. I get tired of hearing about the "Dream," quite frankly.

Martin's point is this: It is a mistake to think of racism only in terms of acts of physical violence and terrorism, when the most prevalent form it takes is in the power of the checkbook, or in policy. Policy is a formal or informal agreement on how an institution or community will address a shared problem.

Any institution can make policy. Policy can be as simple as acknowledging that a problem exists and that the institution will allocate resources to address it. A policy could also mean ignoring a problem and hoping it will disappear, and hoping that the people who tell you about it will give up and go away.

The official policy is to acknowledge the edited memory of King talking about "I Have a Dream." It is more palatable to the powers-that-be, because they don't have to deal with the reality of Economic Racism and the "Bounced Check" which some people are still trying to cash.

LCC has privately bounced the check in its hiring practices, while publicly promoting "The Dream."

If you actually practice equal opportunity employment and everybody who is qualified gets hired at the same rate, then your work force looks like the available job pool. Say an institution has 10 percent qualified minorities available to be hired as faculty in its local job pool, but 1 percent in its work force. Simple mathematics shows

you that something other than random chance is in operation keeping 9 percent out of its work force.

Affirmative Action law requires that an institution make a good faith effort to make its work force to look like the available job pool outside of the work force. For example, if an institution has equally qualified minority and white applicants, it can use Affirmative Action law to break the tie — but only if they are equally qualified, and only if the institution is "underutilized" in that particular job classification.

Underutilized means that the institution has less diversity in its own work force than exists in the local job pool. Hiring under qualified minorities is illegal. Having hiring quotas is illegal.

If LCC is actually an equal opportunity employer and following the 80 percent rule in affirmative action, then one would expect 22 full-time faculty of color at LCC — not a handful. One would expect that out of, say 170+ people (just counting minority applicants) applying for 43 faculty positions, that more than one minority applicant would be hired.

I was that single minority hire, and I wasn't hired because I was a minority. I took my position anyway, knowing the college is obviously out of compliance with the applicable laws, and thinking I could make a difference. In some people's lives, I have. I have friends and colleagues who could also make a difference, people like Dr. Edwin Nichols who spoke at LCC staff Inservice last fall.

Just like in personal finance, to avoid paying a price for bounced checks, an institution should get overdraft protection. For LCC this overdraft protection means not only hiring a more diverse work force, but *listening* to them to avoid expensive lawsuits. Alas, it may be too late for that.

Certain economic systems determine who is expendable and who is valuable; who is listened to and who is ignored; who the mike turns to, who the camera focuses on. Certain policy decisions determine whether society sends people to the Oregon State Pen, or to Oregon State University for less money and greater social benefit.

We need to stop dreaming, and put more effort into ensuring our society does not go morally bankrupt.

Mark Harris is LCC's Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator, and a staff member involved in planning the MLK Day observance in Eugene.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Affirmative action?

In response to the last board meeting:

Lane Community College continues to be under fire. It is very evident that the LCC Board and Administration refuses to deal effectively with its current problems of affirmative action. What may be a bigger concern is that the Director of Affirmative Action, Equal Employment Opportunity, Donna Albro has not been asked by the LCC Board or Dr. Moskus to set the record straight publicly. Why? Donna's expertise in the field of affirmative action would shed valuable light if there are problems in that area.

Dr. Moskus' comment to the Register-Guard on 12/13/95, "Donna Albro wasn't hired to give us legal advice. That's what attorneys are for," brings

to mind some serious questions. I would love for Dr. Moskus to publicly explain his position about the above statement. Does legal council for LCC Tim Harold have the necessary experience in the field of affirmative action? Was Donna Albro hired to be the silent token in order to fill a necessary evil? Why is a gag order in place that keeps Donna Albro from speaking the truth? How long will LCC Board members continue with stonewalling?

Can the expression, "Honor Diversity Stop Hate Crimes," be valid when these serious questions are being avoided by LCC? As a current student I find this kind of behavior to be unacceptable. The time has come for LCC Board members and Dr. Moskus to realize that hiding behind the above expression will no longer shield

them from criticism or possible litigation. Attempting to ignore existing problems that this school has in the area of compliance with current laws of affirmative action will make matters worse. It is time for Dr. Moskus and the LCC Board members to set aside the pride and arrogance which has gotten the school into this current situation and begin to seriously address these issues.

Sincerely,
Gerald G. Morrison

OSPIRG rebuttal

I would like to respond to the letter from Autumn De Poe published on this page in the December 1 issue of the Torch. Ms. De Poe's letter contained many statements regarding myself and OSPIRG which are simply

inaccurate. She starts off by claiming that because I have volunteered with OSPIRG in the past that I am in some way biased. I suppose I could say the same thing about Ms. De Poe, who writes for the ultraconservative Commentator while writing about OSPIRG in the Torch, which is supposed to be impartial.

In addition to this, she goes on to say that the money collected from this campus goes to other cities and that LCC students have no control how it's spent. This is just another piece of disinformation designed to inflame the reader. In fact, the money collected from this campus goes to, surprise, a bank account. The fact that our state office is in Portland does not mean that that is where the bulk of our money is spent. As a matter of fact, most of our money

Student Health Services undergoes changes

by Kristine Sohnrey and
Acsha Davis
The Torch

Lane Community College students cluster around the LCC Student Health Services' interior door as workmen hammer and raise sheetrock dust.

The contractors will continue renovations on the office and lobby for two more weeks. Yet, the clinic is open during posted times and saw 50 patients Monday alone.

That LCC has an open clinic at all is unusual. SHS is the only community college health clinic in Oregon. Its existence is justified by the 2,317 patient visits during fall term.

Student Health Services Director Sandra Ing said this is approximately the same number of visits re-

corded in the previous year. The clinic provides basic services free and special services for low cost to students who have paid the student body fees.

Of those 2,317 visits, 1,004 were for dispensing information, 395 were clerical, 222 upper respiratory, 220 gynecological and 122 orthopedic.

SHS offers pamphlets to the students and answers health questions.

Clerical visits include transferring records, answering questions and providing handicap parking. "It's a real catch-all," says Ing.

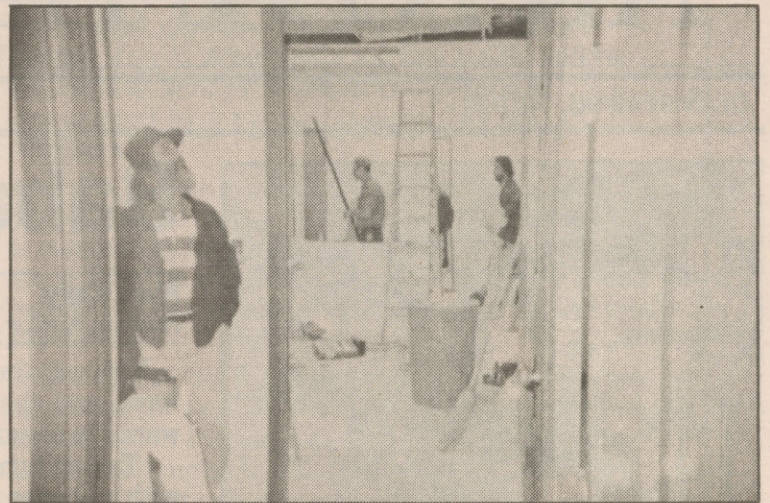
"Upper respiratory is the sniffles, coughs...sinus problems." The gynecological visits include STD testing for women, routine women's annuals, pregnancy tests and birth control consultations.

"The orthopedic is mostly acute orthopedics, we don't do a lot of chronic," says Ing.

"This year we've responded to 13 emergency situations on campus. These are usually falls, seizures, fainting," Ing says. There were also 34 walk-in emergencies. The injuries included cuts, burns, foreign objects in the eyes, strains and sprains. An ambulance was called twice.

Though the renovations are no emergency, you may not be prepared for what you see upon entering the clinic now — a disarray of office furniture, equipment, records, supplies, ladders, tools and unfinished walls.

There's no place to sit, unless you bring a plastic chair from the cafeteria with you. Some phone calls are not being received either.



KORENE PEARSON *The Torch*

Construction crews work on renovating the Student Health Services clinic.

Still, the staff and students are maintaining their humor. Ing said, "Students should drop by the clinic if they're unable to reach us by phone."

Though Ing "misses her little corner," she antici-

pates having a more efficient office that will serve students better. The new design is intended to improve patient confidentiality. Ing is excited that this long-planned project is finally being completed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

goes to research (hence the term Public Interest Research Group) which is then applied locally. Also, Lane has three seats on OSPIRG's board of directors, which has complete control over the budget. Any student can run for election to these seats.

Last, and in my opinion, most outrageous is her claim that OSPIRG isn't doing anything on campus besides talk, and that we are spending student fees to defend ourselves in the misguided lawsuit filed against us. This term alone, OSPIRG has mobilized two huge stream cleanups, begun to establish on-campus recycling, started a massive voter registration drive, published a bank survey and a holiday toy safety survey, started a food drive for disadvantaged students, and worked with local high school and elementary school students to teach them about environmental issues. We have been busy.

And as far as our legal defense goes, we were fortunate enough to receive *pro bono* legal council, which means that students aren't paying a dime for it.

Autumn, if you wish to write an opinion piece for the Torch in the future, please have the ethical fortitude to do it as an Op-Ed instead of posing as a student without vested interests. While you're at it, it might not be a bad idea to do some research on the topic you're discussing. As always, if you ever have questions about OSPIRG or student Government, as it seems that you must, please feel free to contact me at either of those offices.

David Jost
OSPIRG Board of Directors

Careful with your vote
In the weeks before the December 5 primary election for Bob Packwood's

Senate seat there was considerable coverage over the endorsement given Republican candidate Gordon Smith from Chuck Carpenter, Oregon's only self-identified gay Republican legislator. It was notable because Smith also accepted endorsement from the extremist anti-gay Oregon Citizens Alliance. Smith claims he appeals to both because: a) he supports OCA's false rhetoric of "no special rights" for gays and; b) he can sympathize with gays because he has also experienced bigotry over his Mormon religious beliefs.

Yet we now read (Register Guard, Dec 9) that Smith believes it's perfectly acceptable for landlords to deny housing to homosexuals and further emphasizes it's the landlord's religious beliefs that entitles them to discriminate against gay and lesbian citizens! Clearly Smith gained no true compassion from his alleged personal experiences with bigotry though he

trots out this little story when he feels it politically advantageous. Using "religious beliefs" as an excuse to discriminate simply doesn't wash. This mainstream Republican precinct worker finds Smith's views denying civil rights for gays, and denying safe legal abortions for women and young women, utterly chilling. I'm backing Ron Wyden and urge others as well. We must not assist the climate of hatred and bigotry in our country and communities by sending someone with oppressive exclusionary views to Congress. Wyden will stand up for civil rights protections for homosexuals and a woman's right to choose safe, legal abortions. Gordon Smith will not.

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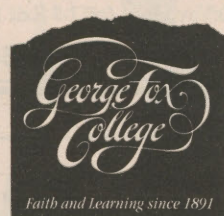
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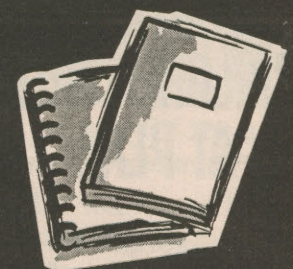
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T. R. Kelley sings her heart out.

Babes 'wow' crowd at CD party

Kyra Kelly
Interim Editor

This was the first time I'd ever seen the Babes perform, and the evening proved to be a lively, soul-warming blend of four unique feminine perspectives.

Taking turns at the stage provided the audience with a chance to enjoy the individual talents of each of the Babes: Laura Kemp, Katie Henry, T. R. Kelley and Debbie Dietrich.

Each of these women is a powerful and talented musician in her own right: their music mixes elements of acoustic folk, rock, rhythm and blues, and country into compelling ballads. Each of these women quickly warmed the evening air with the tremendous amount of heart poured into their performances.

I was entranced by their powerful yet angelic interweaving chorus of vocals. Somehow they managed to feel reverent and intense as well as remaining charismatic.

The crowd itself provided a loving, down home atmosphere. It reminded me of the ambiance that surrounds the Alaska Folk Festival: mellow, like padding

around in your wool socks on the hardwood floor, sprawling out, bringing the kids and staying awhile... (in Alaska, however, they tend to bring the dogs along, too.)

Most of the evening was focused around T.R. Kelley, who was celebrating the release of her debut album, "Water Wears the Stone." Her music, like that of the Babes, moves with a grace and fluidity that gently makes itself felt. Her voice is more obvious in its passion and her stage presence is solid, very grounded and present. This woman's voice booms, howls, and cuts right into the heart and meat of her beautiful, soulful music. She is a lady of power, a Celtic earthwoman who is indeed a force to be reckoned with.

She tackles heavy topics: the American standard of living vs. doing what you love with your time and life; as well as universal themes such as parenting; the pain in dealing with a child's death; and the building up and wearing down of emotional walls with an easy, stirring sincerity.

Katie Henry's flute and Debbie Dietrich's key-

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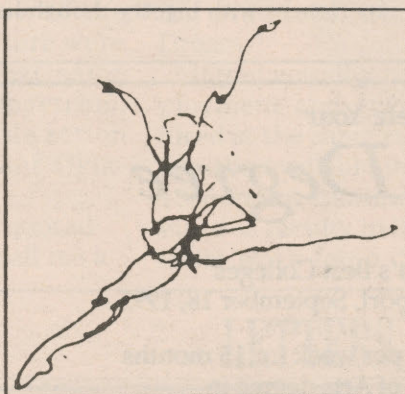
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Titans look strong in '96

by Ryan Bate
Sports Editor

The LCC Titan women are off to a fast start in their 1995-1996 basketball season, generating a respectable 10-4 overall record.

The women have also produced some outstanding statistics individually.

Jenny Kammer has proved to be the team's best all-around talent by averaging 13.4 points, 8.2 rebounds, shooting 70 percent on her free throws, and 39 percent from three-point range.

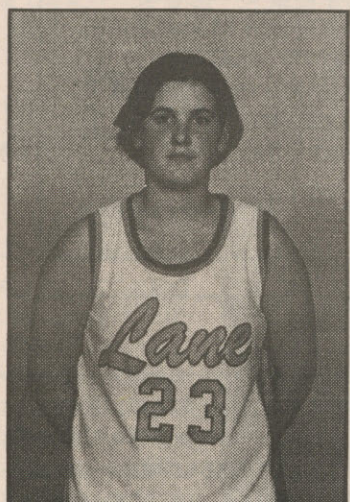
Teammate Megan Miller is averaging 11.5 points and 7.2 rebounds.

Also scoring in double figures is Adrea Gustafsen at a 10.2 clip, as well as leading the team in assists with 60, an average of 4.3 per game.

After 13 games Leilani Finau has proved to be the team's top shooter from be-

yond the arc by nailing 53 percent of her three-pointers — 18 of 34.

The team itself is averaging a very strong 62.7



Courtesy of Athletics Dept.

Jenny Kammer

points per game as opposed to 50.2 by their opponents.

These four players and a deep bench make for a very stable team. Portland CC found this out the hard way when its women took

on the Titans, the Panthers losing 33-84, and were forced to shoot 21 percent from the field. Lane outrebounded PCC 74-39.

Megan Miller had game-highs of 19 points, 18 rebounds, and 5 blocks to lead LCC in the victory.

Leilani Finau also scored 19 points and added 8 rebounds and teammate Trina Becker chipped in 10 points as well as 6 boards in the rout.

Other teams LCC has defeated on its way to the 10-4 record were the Linfield JVs, 52-40; Redwoods, 58-48 and 69-30; Shasta 64-61, (this game was the championship match in the Redwoods Tournament held in California); Yakima Valley, 57-54; Western Baptist JVs, 57-44; Wenatchee Valley, 55-53; routed Pasadena, 88-29; and beat Canyons, 74-64.

LCC defeats Portland

by Ryan Bate
Sports Editor

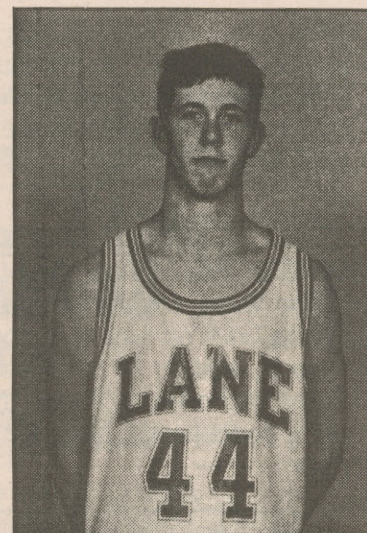
The LCC men's basketball team started out its season with a perfect 4-0 record, but has since played leapfrog in the win-loss column — winning one to get above .500, then losing one to drop below .500.

The team managed to add a win to its record on Jan. 11, when it edged Portland 73-65. In that game LCC got ahead early and stayed on top, bolstered by the tandem of Scott Cowan (23 points), and David Arbow (12 points and 11 rebounds). The win gave the team a .533 overall winning percentage and a .667 league win percentage.

Coach Jim Boutin cites the team's performance as "inconsistent...very good at times, so-so at times."

Its overall record stands at 8-7, with a league record of 2-1. The team has handed defeats to Redwoods, 67-51; Umpqua, 61-59 and 74-68; Bellevue, 72-47; Lake Wenatchee, 85-72; the Western Baptist J.V.'s, 84-63; and Warner Pacific, 68-58.

Losses were at the hands of



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Scott Cowan

Pierce, 68-79 and 64-72; Shoreline, 71-78 and 71-78; S. Puget Sound, 62-66; the Linfield JVs, 75-80; and Clackamas, 70-92.

The Titans have won one tournament — the Southwest Tip-Off Tournament at Umpqua on Nov. 25. Cowan took MVP honors, and teammate Jackson Schafer captured an All-Tournament selection. For a team as young as it is (out of 14 players only Cowan and Jared Taylor are sophomores), the players have demonstrated they can play with anyone.

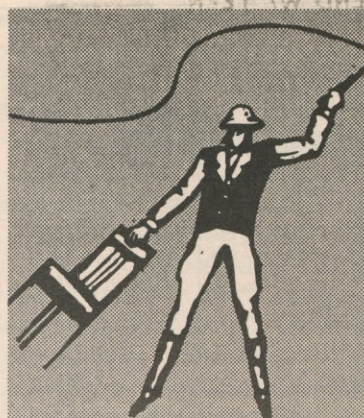
Forward Cowan, a freshman out of McMinnville, has displayed outstanding all-around play. He leads the team in both rebounding, at 6.6 per game, and scoring, at 13.1 points per game. He also averages 2.3 assists per game.

Arbow, who played high school ball for Sheldon High School last year, is second on the team in scoring (11.3), three pointers made (21), assists (3.4), and leads the team in steals with 1.6 per game.

Shafer, the team's point guard, averages 8.4 points and 5.5 assists per game. Launching 75 treys and making 26, Shafer is also a threat outside. Coach Boutin notes that Jackson's most admirable aspect is his adeptness to make good passes while rarely giving up the ball. For every turnover Shafer causes, he's chalked up four assists. He has a team-high 77 assists on the season, compared to only 22 turnovers.

As a whole, the team has both out-scored (70.6 per game to 68.7 per game) and out-rebounded (37.2 per game to 36.9 per game) opponents, not to mention making more assists (262 to 172), steals (130 to 31 — an average of 9.3 to 2.2), and giving up 76 fewer turnovers than its foes.

But in order to have more success, Boutin says the team is "in the process of developing more cohesiveness and togetherness."



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VIGIL: Candlelight march in remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr. begins at Johnson Hall, UO at 6:30 pm, ends at Gerlinger Hall Alumni Lounge. Free.

Saturday January 13

OUTDOORS: Winter Twig Identification Walk. Presentation by Dr. Rhoda Love on how to recognize trees in winter. 10 am-noon at Mt. Pisgah Arboretum. \$3-\$4. Need to bring pocketknife, hand lens and ruler.

Tuesday January 16

FINANCIAL AID: Last term LCC students receiving Federal Perkins Loans, Federal Stafford Loans or SLS loans must attend an exit interview. Information about repayment and financial planning. Sessions at 10 am/2 pm/6 pm today and on 1-17 at 9 am/1 pm/4 pm in Forum 309. Sessions lasts 50 min.

Thursday January 25

THEATER: "The Nerd" performed by Lord Leebrick Theatre Company. Runs January 25-27, February 1-3 & 8-10 at 8 pm. Three Sunday matinees, Feb. 4, 11 & 18 at 2 pm. Tickets available at LLTC: 465-1506 or Hult Center Box Office: 687-5000.

FINANCIAL AID VIDEO:

Newly released video: "Getting Started with Financial Aid" contains information about financial aid and walks you through the 96-97 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Watch it on TCI Cable Channel 12 January 8 through March 15 on Mon & Tues at 4:30 pm, Friday at 10:30 am. Or see it at the Main Campus Library, Cottage Grove, or Florence. A Spanish version is available at the Financial Aid Office.

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Student Loan Exit Interviews. Jan. 16 at 10 am/2 pm/6 pm and Jan 17 at 9 am/1 pm/4 pm in Forum 309.



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boarding skills added even more texture to the coursing beauty of Kelley's songs.

When she dedicated "Clearcut Disillusion" to hunger striker Tim Reams, there was a noticeable stir in the audience, most of which clapped and voiced their supportive approval.

"One Size Fits All," Kelley's campy, fun and feminist rap, brought the Babes back onstage for a rousing rendition of rebellion at its best. The empowering message of the song was carried out with a casual, girls at camp kind of feel as the gals graced us with some theatrics.

I felt the sense of familiar frustration in the desperate image that many women keep confined to the privacy of our own dressing areas: that of desperately trying to squeeze our asses into a

"sexy" little scrap of material that we know damn well isn't going to fit.

However, the Babes, rather than berating themselves and heading for the Oreos, proceed to immediately pull off the offending articles and fling them away in disgust, all the while keeping in time with the rap.

One of the most notable highlights of their onstage frolicking was when an underwire Maidenform was torn into a sad, ineffectual rag and tossed into the audience. It was a hilarious affirmation that females are indeed more than the social boxes their measurements would confine them to.

By the end of the tune, T.R. has asserted herself to a cheeky salesclerk, demonstrating a strong sense of her own self-worth.

"Half the women in the

world are over size 14, where they hide the clothes for us remains to be seen/ We come in all sizes, small and short and big and tall, and there ain't no such thing as one size fits all/My body and my attitude, neither one is small, and I refuse to knuckle under to one size fits all."

She also gives us a real life tribute to real love in "He Changes Dodies," an appreciation of her husband's helpfulness sure to be a favorite with mamas everywhere.

T.R. Kelley's debut release, "Water Wears the Stone," is an excellent disc.

The liner notes alone carried such a sense of heart that I loved it even without the music. With wit, humor and insight, Kelley provides the listener with a poignant

sketch of hope and beauty.

Kelley sings with the rich voice of experience on ballads such as the rolling "Girlchild," sung to her 5-year old daughter, with promises to "teach you the secrets of womyn, the ways of the witches and the strength of the night," denouncing fearful, submissive behavior to the crumbling patriarchy, offering instead a hopeful vision of a world where "womyn will be free again."

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