

# The Torch

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## Former LCC coach Bob Foster: still in the game of LIFE!

**Jack Clifford**  
Sports Editor

Former LCC head baseball coach Bob Foster has spent close to four decades of his life involved with a sport which thrives on numbers.

Despite a recent operation to remove a benign brain tumor, and suffering from radiation treatment related complications, the "semi-retired" Foster refuses to acknowledge that he might become a statistic.

"What can I do about it? If I live, I live. If I don't, I'm dead," he said recently during an interview from his office in the Physical Education building.

Foster was diagnosed with the tumor in 1991, after having seizure-type feelings during an international baseball tourney in Grand Forks, British Columbia. Doctors started him on radiation treatment and his situation improved. He worsened last winter, however, and underwent surgery to remove the tumor last fall.

"I was in the hospital for five days and on the first day following the operation, the doctor came to see me," says Foster, summing up his refusal to let a life-threatening tumor bother him. "He said 'Well, Bobby, it looks like you're gonna do pretty good. We got the whole tumor.' I thought to myself, 'Great. I can leave



Photo courtesy of Bob Foster

**Bob Foster (center) discusses game strategy with a team member while assistant coach Steve Wolf (left) sits quietly on the sidelines.**

now.' Of course I was loony."

Foster has certainly covered a lot of bases in his chosen sport. In a 20-year stint as head coach of the LCC program, Foster's teams posted a 306-208 record. His office walls are covered with a multitude of awards and select sports memories that tell their own stories. His tour of dia-

monds includes playing for Lane's first baseball squad in 1970, continuing at Oneyan College of Education (now called Western Oregon State College) and making the jump to the minor leagues in 1974. He played a variety of positions for the Eugene Emeralds and the Portland Mavericks during his pro career.

Foster seems mildly offended when asked if he struggles with a question long-term illness sufferers sometimes ask themselves.

"Why me? Go ask God that question," he says with a slight bite in his voice. "I know people who drink, they're alcoholic; people who have smoked dope, they didn't get a brain tumor. How does someone get a brain tumor? I don't know."

Foster still instructs LCC students in the sports of badminton, basketball, flag football, golf and tennis. He returns to a playful demeanor when musing about a physician-imposed per day time frame he's allowed to work.

"What's that? The doctor said I can work six hours. Does that include housework?," the father of two, who turned 46 October 10, asks with a grin. "I leave here, go home, mow the lawn, clean out the garage. Don't tell anyone, but I'm putting in more than six hours."

When "Coach", as he is known to the passersby in the P.E. offices, doesn't worry enough about his condition and complications arise, the person closest to him for the past 24 years assumes a natural role.

"I'm 100 percent Italian and we are worriers," admits Sharon Foster, LCC

See **BOB** page 10

## Cougars at LCC? Ghost cats remain elusive

**Stephen Smithee**  
Staff Writer

Are female cougars living near the LCC campus?

If they're out there, they deserve their "ghost cat" nickname. In a Sept. 15 Oregonian article, "Wild in the City," staff writer Brian T. Meehan reported the presence of cougars — with kittens — living near the LCC campus, as well as at the Eugene airport. He did not provide a source for the information.

However, LCC's Security Office says it has no reports of cougar sightings, according to Betty Weese, a secretary in the office.

While some biology classes use the wooded and hilly area south of the LCC campus for field trips, Science Department Secretary Ginny Young, says she had no knowledge of confirmed sightings by science

See **COUGAR** page 10

## Keisling delivers mail-in voting in speech

**Ryan Bate**  
Editor-in-Chief  
**Heather Hafer**  
Staff Writer

"Ross Perot is a nut! He's a rich nut and everyone knows it!," said Oregon Secretary of State Phil Keisling while speaking to LCC students on Oct. 4 in the Boardroom of the Administration Building.

Keisling's speech centered heavily on mail-in voting and was complemented by a speech the day before by Chief Elections Officer of Lane County, Annette Newingham during a visit to LCC.

"Our goal is to make it easy for people to cast their ballots," said Newingham, an advocate of voting by mail.

In Lane County alone, there are 53,000 people in Lane County who have requested mail-in ballots and that number is still increasing. Currently, 30 percent of Lane County voters are slotted for absentee balloting.

According to Keisling, who supports mail-in voting because of the drastic increase in voter participation, voters are casting ballots in record numbers.

Newingham noted that the mail-in

voting is also much less expensive. In June of 1993 the State of Oregon saved \$125,000 by substituting a mail-in voting for a conventional poll voting. The biggest factor in the lower cost is attributed to fewer personnel expenses.

Also at an unusual high is the number of measures on the ballot this year — 23 — the most since the early 1900's, would amend the Oregon Constitution. There are so many measures and arguments that Keisling's office has had to produce two information pamphlets this year.

In order to be eligible to vote on these measures, community members must register by Tuesday, Oct. 15.

In addition to his mail-in voting view, Keisling also presented his perspective on the current presidential candidates and his distaste with the candidate's ignorance of the social security issue facing the nation.

"How many of you have seen Clinton/Dole talk about this issue (Social Security), in what you'd call an intellectual manner?," asked Keisling.

Keisling continued, "I think if Colin Powell ran as an independent right now he would be ahead in the polls."

Political Science instructor Steve

Candee, who was responsible for inviting the speakers, reiterated the main idea that the speakers were trying to get across:

"You snooze, you lose."

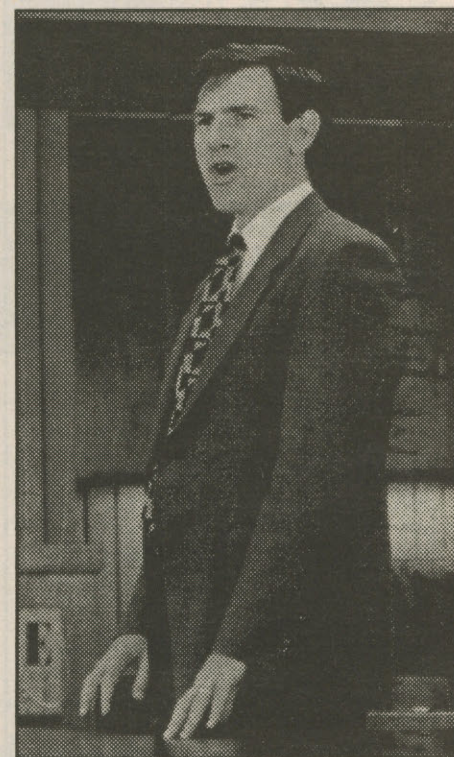


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**Phil Keisling gives a powerful speech to LCC staff and students.**



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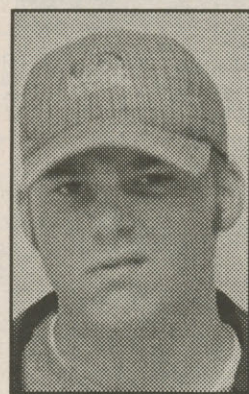
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## Textbook manufacturers: We want money, lots and lots of money . . .

### EDITORIAL

**Ryan Bate**  
Editor-In-Chief

Let me ask a simple question. If you were looking for an investment opportunity,



would you pour your money into a commodity with a return of -50 percent?

If you answered no, then liar, liar pants on fire . . . you're lying.

Over 37 thousand

students attended Lane last year, most of them — like you and I — gave money to the almost charity-like practice of buying textbooks.

Yep, you've all committed this heinous crime — as always the students are the guilty ones. Its *our* fault that we have to pour hundreds of dollars into textbooks, only to receive a fraction of it in return.

For instance, last year I paid \$60 for a brand new book — it was a small one too. At the end of the

term I returned to the bookstore expecting to get half my money back. Ha, ha, ha, I think I'd stand a better chance of being eaten alive by rabid bunnies.

This proved true. I wasn't attacked by rabid bunnies, and the bookstore wouldn't buy back my shiny new book. So I took a trip down to Smith family bookstore where I was offered a kings ransom — get this — \$1!

Not once, last year, did I ever receive more than 15 percent of what I originally paid for a book. I still have a stack of books that no one would buy.

Whats sad is I'm not alone. I've heard many of my peers complain of the same thing. In fact, a fellow student came into the office last week to gripe about the same thing, and encouraged me to write this.

According to LCC Bookstore Manager, Shelley Dutton, all the textbooks are chosen by either the individual instructors, or whole departments. Dutton said that the only stipulation the instructors are under when choosing their textbooks is that the books have to pertain directly to the curriculum.

"I've seen so many instructors strive so hard to find the best value (in textbooks)," said Dutton.

So who can we blame for this

huge financial burden?

Well, it seems that the instructors are in the clear (I stress the seems).

How about the bookstore?

Well, it seems we'll have to count them out too. According to Dutton, the bookstore, which is classified as a department of LCC, is a non-profit outfit, using a portion of the revenue for operating costs. The rest goes back into the general fund and other departments within the college.

Not only is the bookstore a non-profit organization, but the scale used for the buybacks is decided by the textbook manufacturer.

This leaves us with who?

Well, as usual, its the bureaucratic corporation ripping off the students.

Its really too bad that the students don't have a choice in the matter. I mean, come on, aren't the costs of tuition and living expenses high enough without having to chuck out between \$100 and \$300 per term?

I suppose it would be unrealistic to suggest a boycott of textbooks, as that would kind of defeat the purpose of attending school.

Burning books isn't too cool, but what about firebombing Houghton-Mifflin production plant?

Just a thought.

## Warning! Glancing at people proves hazardous to one's happiness

### COMMENTARY

**Heather Hafer**  
Staff Writer

"What the f--- are you looking at, bitch?" The white-faced, chain



smoking, bearer of metal and leather spat at me between drags of her cigarette. I told her the honest truth - disbelief overwhelmed

ingly apparent on my once happy face.

I really had been looking at nothing in particular, life, I guess. I remember looking at an enormous green tree and the sparkling blue sky. I heard a melodious bird singing in the distance and I probably even waved a friendly hello to

the dandelions. I usually do that when I'm in a good mood and I was...until I made the mistake of glancing at this person. I should be shot, I know. The worst part of it all is that I think I might have even been smiling.

"Uh, well, I was just, um, looking at that tree."

"Yeah, right. I thought so." I stopped walking then. I began to ponder. What had I done wrong? For christ's sake I was just glancing at her! Peripheral vision even! It's a real comment on what our society has become, isn't it? You can't even smile at a passerby without being chastised. Something that meant so little to her has in turn affected my whole outlook. My peaceful, yet ignorant and blissful state of mind was a happy one and she tarnished it to a dreary gray color.

I suppose I could try to understand her insecurities and empathize. I could also realize that I am more confident than she. I don't need to put others down in order to make myself feel better. Deep down inside I can interpret her harsh words and try to

imagine accepting her humble unspoken apology. I don't want to do any of that yet. What I want to do is find her, tomorrow even and walk right up to her and look at her. Then I'll smile and look some more. Maybe that's the problem — not enough people look at her. Putting on a frigid facade is her only way to cope with it.

If that is the case, then I truly will go and find her and I will look at her. I'll look until I turn old and gray and then I'll look some more. If that's what it takes to make someone realize that unjustified anger towards others is not acceptable or productive then so be it. And if one day she decides to look back and return my smile, she'll see the truth and I can once again wave to the dandelions.

So I guess you could say I lied. I wasn't looking at that tree. I was looking at that girl. And I think I will try to find her, that person who wanders aimlessly around my school searching for some purpose in life, but trying desperately not to show it. And when I find her I'll say, "You. I was looking at you, damn it, and frankly I'm really f----- proud of it."



# 'Newscene' reporter captures aftermath of I-5 car chase

**Ben Wilton**  
Staff Writer

October 3 was a normal Thursday morning commute to LCC for Media Arts and Technology major Jodi Johnson until she heard a traffic update warning drivers to avoid 30th Avenue at I-5 due to "police activity."

Upon reaching campus, Johnson asked her fellow television news students in the television studio, "Is anybody covering this?"

Since it was breaking news, and no camera operator was available, Johnson grabbed a video camera and drove south on I-5 to cover the story.

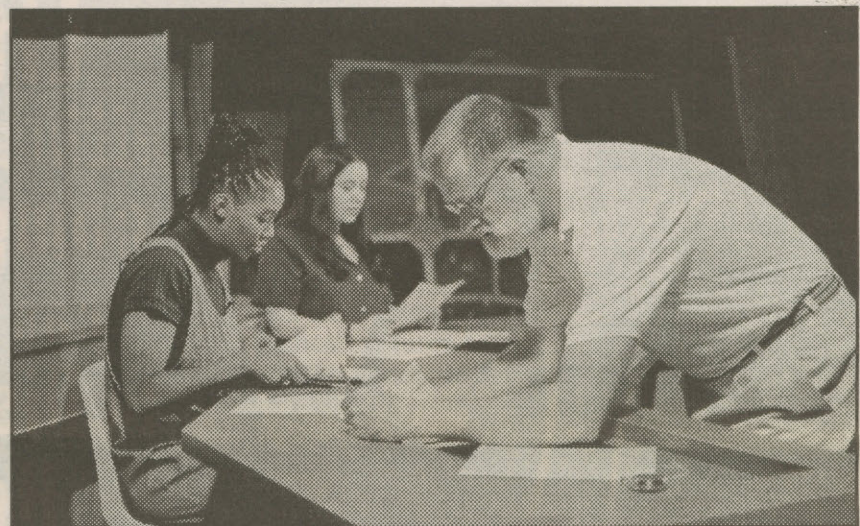
Little did she know that a police sharpshooter had just killed Lance Sterling Alexander, 25, af-

ter a 100-mile car chase down the interstate. The police were chasing Alexander after he kidnapped 7-year-old Kristina Jacobson from her babysitter's Salem home.

As Johnson reached the accident site near the Rice Hill exit she recorded the helicopters, 10 police cars and a SWAT van.

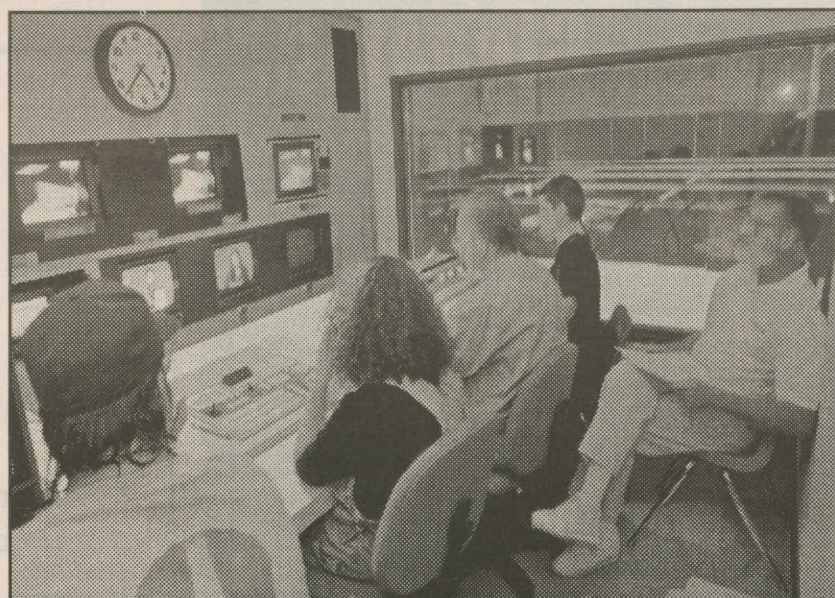
LCC's Titan 12 Television news program, "Newscene," aired the footage that night — on the fledging news program's second show. The footage made for special last-minute changes, just like in a commercial newsroom, she says. More than the footage, Johnson says she gained a unique perspective on breaking news.

"Newscene" is broadcast every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30-4:45 p.m. on Cable Channel 12.



**LCC's Titan 12  
Television news  
program airs  
dramatic  
footage during  
second  
broadcast**

Photos by Kurt Jensen



Upper left: Brad McCormick, Veronica Weidman and Steve Scarborough (left-right) work on LCC's Newscene TV crew while co-anchor Dhyana Levey reads the news.

Upper right: Taryn Tarver and Levey prepare for the newscast while executive director Mike Hopkinson makes some last minute changes.

Bottom: In the control room during the news broadcast are (left to right) Evan Temple, character generation; Heather Wagner, technical director; Michael Maze, director and class instructor and Corky Davis, audio engineer.

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# Don't hate me because I'm a vegetarian

## COMMENTARY

**Oblio Stroyman**  
Staff Writer

...And I do not eat dairy products either, so there!

Woah, I could almost suffocate beneath the wave of negativity crashing my way at this very moment. Why? I made a simple statement about something as insignificant as my personal eating habits, and more than one of you has become extremely defensive, some have stopped reading all together.

This is not a political statement, nor is this a means to advocate my lifestyle. It is a plea to

you to stop advocating yours.

It seems to be the general belief that those of us who have chosen a lifestyle contrary to the "norm" will take any and every opportunity to preach our beliefs at length, trying to make converts of you all. I've actually found the opposite to be true. It is commonly you, the so-called dominant culture, who feel the need to preach.

I have never, in the six years since I have made this dietary decision, inflicted my beliefs upon the general public. The only time I even voice my opinion on this subject is when you ask me,

or when you begin making ignorant speculations about my moral character, and why I've chosen this particular lifestyle. A lifestyle, I might add, which has been nothing but a source of positive energy for me.

Every day, due to circumstances beyond my control, I eat from the cafeteria, and nearly everyday this term someone has questioned me to the nature of the food on my tray.

My reply, and typical cafeteria meal is "Vegan sushi." Usually, I then hear, almost sarcastically, with those so-you-think-you're-better-than-me-undertones, "Oh, so you're a vegan." I explain

that I am not, and that I just do not eat meat or milk products. If I am lucky, I receive a response like, "Oh, I could never give up cheese", and the subject ends there.

Usually, I am not so lucky, and become subject to a barrage of defensive remarks such as, "Wheat is Murder," "Aren't those leather shoes," "Health nuts die too," or I am hit with a commentary about why it is perfectly alright to eat these products which I choose not to, all the while, trying to make me out to be the hypocrite.

Who asked you anyway? I was quietly munching, minding my own business, until you shattered my peace with your inability to accept diversity. Listen, every decision I make is not a personal attack on you, so keep your opinions to yourself.

Do I seek you out in the cafeteria, plunk my stuff down beside you under the pretense of friendliness, and while internally cringing at the putrid, rotting flesh hanging from between your teeth, remind you that the agri-business has prematurely snuffed out a life, no less significant than your own, simply to appease your craving for

salty-goodness? Do I then, after sufficiently disturbing you, pull out my stack of graphic medical photos depicting colon cancer, heart

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disease and plac-encrusted arteries which I carry around with me just to crumble the facade that what you're eating is actually good for you? NO!

More likely than not, I won't even look twice. And, if I do, it's not to examine the food that you're eating.

All that I am asking for is for the same common courtesies that I give you.

Think before you speak, and if you cannot understand me, at least be respectful.

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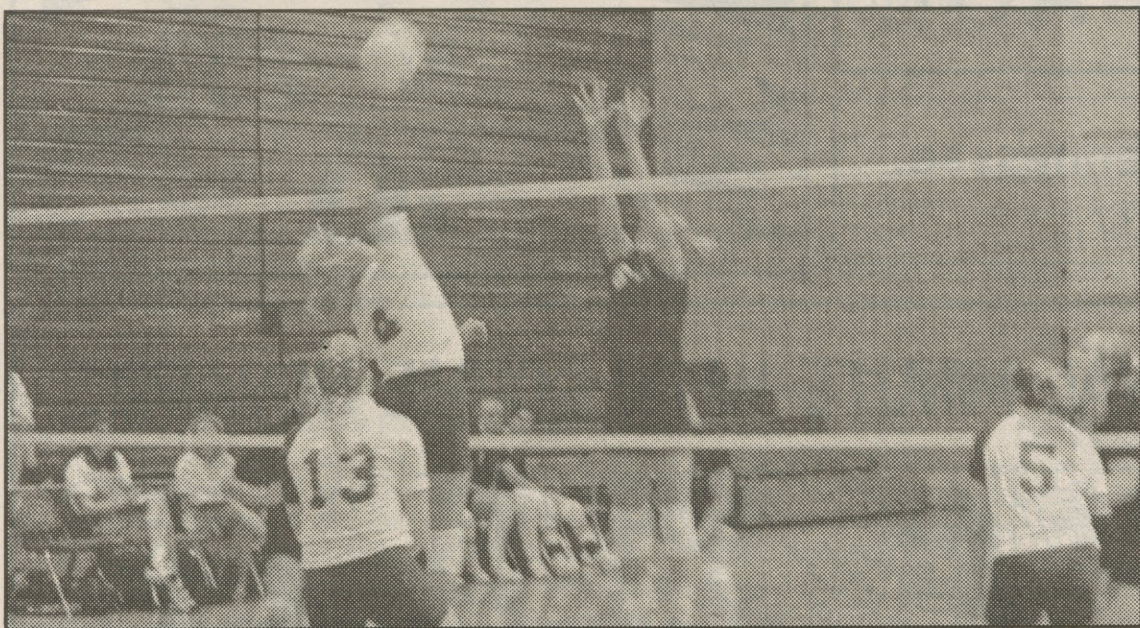


Photo by Danny Armanino

Lane's loss to Mt. Hood was narrow and showed impressive athletic capabilities, such as Chelsi Sebastian and her power spike.

## Titans keep going, and going, and going, but can't dig out a victory over Mt. Hood

Heather Hafer  
Staff Writer

The women's volleyball team put in some overtime for their Oct. 9 match, but still couldn't pull out a victory.

The length of the match, which lasted over three hours, caused one fan in attendance to quip, "Hey man, did you bring a sleeping bag?"

LCC eventually fell to the Mt. Hood Saints in the NWAACC game, although the Titans battled to the end. The scores were 10-15, 16-14, 15-13, 8-15 and 13-15. The visitors scored the final two points of the fifth set, sending the home team to its second loss against two wins.

"I think we all played a good game," says Jodi Bridges, the Titans' outside hitter.

Bridges was happy with the team's overall performance and says they work

### Lane Volleyball Schedule for October

**October 11-12**

Cross Over Tournament  
Longview, WA

**October 16**

Umpqua @ Lane

**October 18**

Linn-Benton @ Lane

**October 21**

Pacific JV @ Forest Grove

**October 23**

Chemeketa @ Lane

**October 28**

George Fox JV @ Lane

**October 31**

SWOCC @ Coos Bay

"I'm not worried," said Bridges.

Head Coach Brock Olson has high hopes for the season as well, but he does have worries. Clackamas (6-0 in Lane's Southern Division), Chemeketa (3-3) and yes, Mt. Hood (4-2) are teams Olson expects to be tough to beat.

"We have our work cut out for us," said Olsen.

When asked about the marathon game with Mt. Hood, Olson said he was disappointed and that the team made too many errors, a fact echoed by his squad.

"We get caught up in mistakes," says freshman Melissa Tippey. "We need to focus on the positive."

Next up for the Titans is a tournament October 10 and 11 in Longview, Wash. They will return to the Lane Gym October 16 to face Umpqua. That game begins at 6 p.m.

very well together. Bridges and her teammates realize one long match, even a loss, doesn't make a season.

## Titan of the Week: Alicia Hayden

Sport/Event: Volleyball

Position: Setter

High School: Crescent Valley

Hometown: Corvallis  
Year at Lane: Sophomore

Why LCC?: I enjoy the diversity of people, heard it has good teachers and a variety of classes.

Major: Environmental science

Birthdate: Jan. 22, 1975 (Aquarius)

Favorite Food: Ice Cream

Favorite Movie: Don't have one

Favorite Movie Star: Robert DeNiro

How would you describe yourself?:

Hyperactive, competitive, outgoing, generally a pretty happy person.

One thing that really burns me in today's society: Laziness and greed (OK,

two things)

Favorite music: Everything but country  
Sports accomplishment you most cherish: Winning 1993 NWAACC championship  
Future plans: Transfer to U of O. Coach for Emerald City, U.S. Volleyball Association.

Outlook on life: Most people suck because they waste too much energy not caring.  
Hobbies: Snowboarding, skateboarding, ceramics, dance, theatre

What do you think of your team?: We are small in height and numbers (though being 5'6" I've never agreed with height being necessary). Having only nine players has its benefits and misfortunes. We all get to play. No one sits on the bench and this helps build a trust and a comfort between the players of the court. Unfortunately, everyone is going to have a bad day or game and we have no back-ups. All together we have a lot of experience and we have attitudes for winning.

## Come in, work out, get high

Jack Clifford  
Sports Editor

Wanna get high?

Put away the shot glasses, leave your bong at home and come on down to the LCC Gym Oct. 11 to participate in the first-annual "Natural High" event, an evening of healthy recreational alternatives open to one and all.

Already have big party plans for this weekend? Well, mark your calendar for Friday Oct. 18, or the following Friday if you're a real social butterfly, because this month has been set aside for this free, all-ages extravaganza. The festivities begin at 7 p.m. and should last until around 10 p.m.

The aim of "Natural High" is to find proactive solutions to society's problems with alcohol and drugs, especially among teens. Christy Davids, LCC Sports and Recreation director, hopes open-minded teens will give the idea a chance.

"I just want them to say 'Okay, I tried it once,'" he says, "and base their opinion on their impression, not peer pressure. What I'm trying to do is get people to start participating in positive activities, but also link them to a group."

Indoor games such as volleyball and basketball will be offered, but if Twister is your specialty, don't hesitate to bring it out. Davids does ask that you leave your skateboards and pets at home. People under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be admitted to the gym.

## Harper wins, but LCC runners fall short

From Staff Reports

LCC's men's cross country team finished sixth in the Willamette University Cross Country Invitational, held Oct. 5 in Salem. The women's squad struggled and finished 19th.

Freshman Billy Harper won the men's 8 kilometer race in a time of 24 minutes, 14 seconds, sophomore James Longoria (24:52) finished sixth, and the Titans totalled 212 points. Pacific Lutheran University placed four runners in the top 20 and captured the invitational with 46 points.

Besides the two strong finishes in the top six, the remaining Lane runners failed to crack the top 50. Freshman Eric Lewandowski came in 66th with a time of 26:33 and Willie Ulrich (26:50) finished 84th.

On the women's side, the best individual performance turned in by a Titan was Myriah Coble's 36th-place finish in the 5K race with a time of 19:23. Erika Sparks (20:22) joined Coble in the top 100 with the 93rd-place spot.

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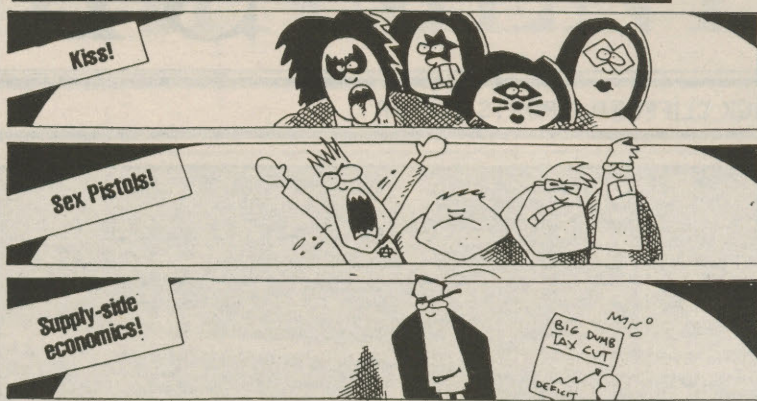


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## Dear SUPREME BEING



Dear Supreme Being,  
My elementary school is performing a thanksgiving play about the Pilgrims. I was wondering if you could tell me anything interesting about them so that my school's play could be extra special. Can you help?

-Kelly S. Chulze

Dear Kelly,

I can help you and your school. After all, I am the Supreme Being! I'm going to tell you a little known fact about the Pilgrims and why they landed at Plymouth Rock. See, originally the Pilgrims had planned to land somewhere different. So, why did they land at Plymouth rock? Well little buddy, the Pilgrims were out of something very, very important to them. Yes, you guessed it -- beer! Of course they had to stop at the nearest land -- Plymouth Rock. I hope this helps! Good luck with your little production, Kelly, and remember: friends don't let friends drive drunk!

- The Supreme Being

## THE ALL-KNOWING ALIEN'S STRANGE AND AMAZING



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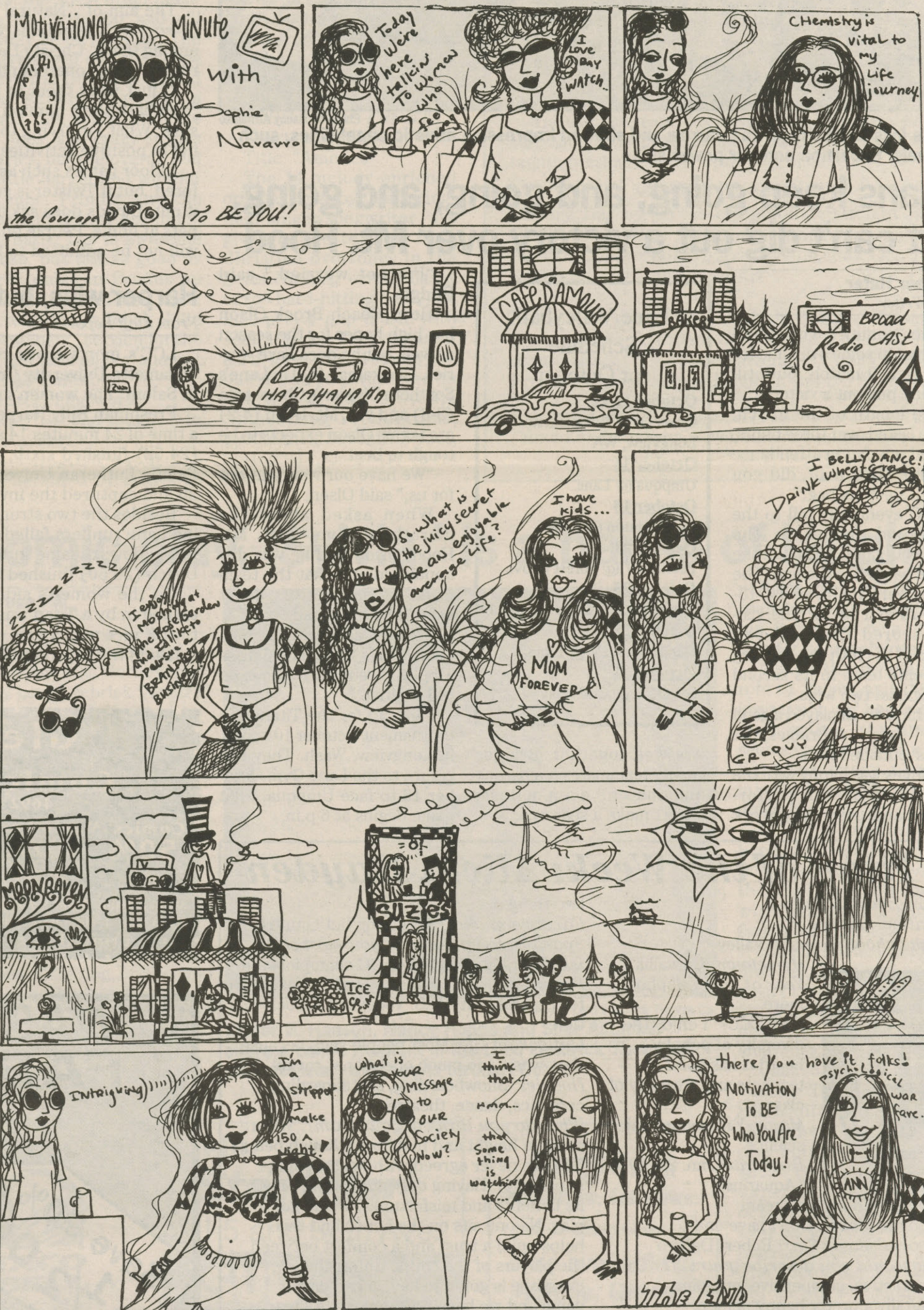
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## MOTIVATIONAL MINUTE WITH SOPHIE NOVARRO





# Dhyana's Astrology

For: October 14th - 20th

**Aries** (Mar. 21- Apr.19): Well aren't you just screaming for recognition on Monday! More power to ya', just don't over do it. You will be considerably calmed on Tuesday and Wednesday, so it's a good time to sit down and reconsider some things. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday are good days to spend with people you care about, as you might be feeling a bit short tempered on Sunday.

**Taurus** (Apr. 20-May 20): Yes, I know the beginning of the week seems sluggish, but Monday is as good a day as any to do something loud and get yourself noticed. You may be surprised to find yourself being careful of what you eat during the middle of the week. At the end of the week, use that choosiness for the right foods to put together a delicious dinner for your friends. Try not to get offended if someone disagrees with your way of thinking on Sunday.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): Put some restlessness to good use and take a long bike ride, or something, at the beginning of the week. Find a good, quiet place to study on Tuesday and Wednesday and get some real studying done. The beginning of the term is no time to slack off! Your friendliness may start up a new friendship as the week ends. On Sunday, your mind may turn to more romantic issues.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 20): You will definitely want your fair share of attention on Monday, but you will also feel the need to do something kind for others. Aren't you sweet! Try not to pick at everything that is wrong in your life on Tuesday and Wednesday, as you might have the urge to do so. As the week winds to an end, confide in someone you trust; make both of them and you feel needed. You might feel a bit snippy on Sunday, so please try to be nice.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Your creative energy will propel you quickly through the beginning of the week. Just because you are so incredibly talented does not give you the right to be overly critical of others, as you may be tempted to do during the middle of the week. Don't feel bad! As the week ends you will find yourself using your warmth and friendship to get to know someone you never expected to like. Be good and watch what you say on Sunday.

**Virgo** (Aug.23-Sep. 22): Loosen up and do something unexpected on Monday. No, don't analyze these feelings of over-expression, act on them! You will probably feel the usual need to clean on Tuesday and Wednesday. Don't hold back! You will be thankful for a tidy house when you might be getting some unexpected company on Thursday and Friday. Try not to get too impatient with others this weekend.

**Libra** (Sep. 23-Oct. 22): Your leadership skills will come in handy at the beginning of the week. Tuesday and Wednesday are great days to get yourself together and focus on something important. Don't overwork yourself, though. The end of the week is a good time to relax, maybe spend some time with someone you haven't seen in a while. This weekend - watch out. You could find yourself in the middle of a conflicting situation.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You start the week with a sense of adventure and spontaneity. Why don't you take a hike along the trails behind the school? See if there really are cougars in the woods behind LCC! By the middle of the week you will feel like doing something incredibly responsible. It will give you a sense of satisfaction. Involve yourself in a group activity as the week starts to come to a close, as you may feel a little less friendly this weekend.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your jovial mood on Monday charms all. Tuesday and Wednesday are no days to be irresponsible! Work extra hard on that homework and you will reap the benefits later, I promise. Your outward sympathy for a friend will help them more than you know on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Have an intense conversation with someone of the opposite sex this weekend.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Mondays may make some people want to hide, but you should speak out, stand up, and do just the opposite! Your patience and diligence during the middle of the week will be rewarded soon, so don't believe it is all for nothing! Toward the end of the week you will receive some much need attention. Stay optimistic this weekend, keep your mood up, and everything will go smoothly.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take advantage of your feelings of freedom this Monday, but don't hurt yourself. Don't worry if you feel a bit shy on Tuesday and Wednesday, maybe you need to spend some quality time with yourself. You will feel different on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday when your friendliness will attract many interesting people. Your stubbornness this weekend might get out of control. Enjoy everyone's astonished expressions!

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): As the week begins your generosity will bring about positive effects. You might have a hard time dealing with everyday experiences during the middle of the week. Just keep standing up for yourself, and all will go well. As the week starts to end, celebrate. Get together with some friends and do something frivolous and enjoyable. This weekend, realize that you can't take some things that are said too personally.

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## A & E editor reviews new CD releases

**Bryan Peterson**  
A & E Editor

Artist: Tool  
Title: "Aenema"

The third Zoo Entertainment release by L.A.'s premier alterna-metal band has been over three years in the waiting, but is well worth it. I found it to be better produced and not as dark as their last release, 1993's "Undertow," but just as heavy, with singer Maynard Keenan belting out his traditional "3rd lung" powerhouse vocals on excellent tracks like "Stinkfist" (the first single.)

Three-and-a-half-stars out of five.

Artist: Electronic  
Title: "Raise the pressure"

More self-styled "thinking man's dance music" from the English duo made up of Bernard Sumner from the band New Order and Johny Marr from the group The Smiths. Check out the beautiful first track (and single) "Forbidden City" with its dreamy guitars and keyboards, and you will be hooked.

A Warner Bros release.

Artist: Les Claypool & The Holy Mackerel  
Title: "High Ball with the Devil"

The front man and bass-player extrodanaire from Frisco's band Primus

has a new side project, The Holy Mackerel. Actually, the "band" on the CD is mainly Les, playing all the instruments! But a few other musicians are on the Cd, and will probably be on the tour. The disc (released on Interscope records) is the basic sound you'd expect if you're a Primus fan, with intricate bass lines, and crazy stories for lyrics, but the overall feel is a little darker and wierder than most Primus, and the guitar and drums are much more basic: Les is awesome on bass, but not as good as his comrades in Primus on guitar or drums. Three stars. Also: check our "Rock Solid Entertainment" section for the date and time of Les' show at the EMU Ballroom.

Artist: Underworld  
Title: "Second toughest in the infants"

This English outfit has been heralded by critics as

the act that will bring techno dance-music into the center of the youth counterculture in the U.S.

Their second release on TVT/Wax Trax records features fresh beats, psychedelic samples & keyboards and haunting voices and guitars. The main thing this group has going for it is just that: they're a group, not one or two people with a lot of synthesizers and computers making all of the music. Check 'em out. Three-and-a-half-stars.

### ON THE LOCAL FRONT:

Artist: Larry C. Holt  
Title: "America"

The 14 melody-enriched original tunes by this Springfield singer/songwriter are given added texture from Christian overtones in the lyrics. Nothing overtly flashy or too hard-hitting here, just nice pretty pop music with soulful lyrics. I'm not sure if it's in local record stores yet, but if you're interested in hearing it, call or write "Shoestring Productions, 1030 North Seventh Street, Springfield, Or. 97477 (541) 988-1838"

## UO showcases 'New Traditionalists' exhibit

**Bryan Peterson**  
A & E Editor

The UO Museum of Art invites you to enjoy the Fall exhibition entitled "The New Traditionalists," which will run from Oct. 4 through Dec. 15.

There will be an opening reception on Friday, Oct. 4, from 5:00 to 7:00p.m. in conjunction with the First Friday Gallery Walk.

The New Traditionalists are Dotty Attie, James Barsness, Tim Berry, Anne Connell, Gloria DeArcangelis, George Deem, Catherine McCarthy and Thomas Woodruff. As artists, they share a common interest in drawing upon the influences of European Old Master's paintings to inspire their work of the present.

The exhibition opening is part of the celebratory events surrounding the inauguration of Dave Frohnmeyer as fifteenth president of the University of Oregon.

### RELATED PROGRAMMING:

Gallery Talk by art history graduate student Janet Hicks: "Exhalted Nostalgia: Rediscovering the Past in Contemporary Art," Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 6:00 p.m., UO Museum of Art

Lecture by guest curator Maria Porges: "Looking Through the Past into the Future: The New Traditionalists," Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m., Prince Lucien Campbell Hall on the UO campus

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**Theresa Hill**  
Staff Writer

"Sylvia" is a hilarious play written by A.R. Gurney, put on by Lord Leebrick Theatre Company, and directed by Chris Pinto.

It was adorned a smash hit in New York City at the Manhattan Theatre Club. It's about a man approaching his later years, whom is unhappy with his work and has struggles in his marriage.

He finds an adorable dog named Sylvia. This leads to a series of comic and serious events because the wife is jealous of the dog, and sometimes the husband appears too close to the dog.

Sylvia uses the most profanity of any dog on earth, for the purpose of humor, but

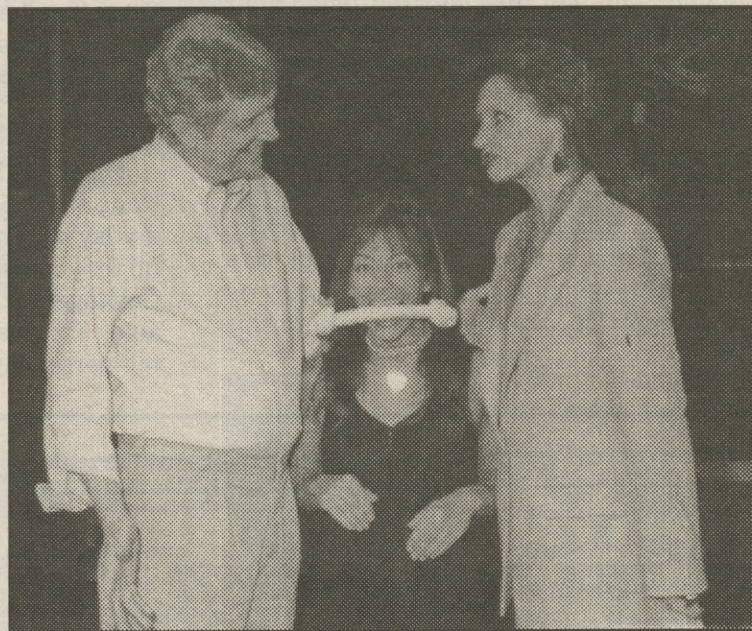


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**Lester B. Hanson, Nancy Hopps and Sher Alltucker share a comic moment in the Lord Leebrick Theatre Co. play, "Sylvia," which runs through Oct. 27.**

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perhaps this is what dogs are really saying. Needless to say, it may not be a production for young children.

Nancy Hopps plays the role of Sylvia, and the first impression of her is one of pure spunk. At first she seems to take over the lime-light, as every new dog might, but then simmers down later on.

Lester B. Hanson plays Greg, the confused and 'noticing his age' man who loves the pup. He plays the role with wit, humor and old-fashioned kindness.

Kate, his wife, is played by Sher Alltucker, who portrays a very cynical, paranoid, and uptight career woman. She does a great job of staying in character.

Last but not least, is Patrick Torelle, who plays three different characters throughout the play, each one being the gas of the show. One is a macho dog owner, next is a female friend of Kate's, and the last is the ever so genderly confused marriage counselor, Leslie. The doctor did not seem as old as his wig suggested.

See SYLVIA page 10



# Run for cover! The idiots are running amok!

## COMMENTARY

**Jon Limer**  
Staff Writer

Sometimes I just want to scream, "Hey you! Out of the game pool!"

I should know, I cope with stupid people all day long.



In my non-student hours, I work in retail at a software store. And it's amazing the amount of really, really dumb questions customers ask me on a day-to-day basis. Now, I know that supposedly, the only stupid question is the one that isn't asked, but whoever originally said that didn't live in the '90s where the

average common sense of the typical human has dropped through the floor.

For example, I have no problem answering phone calls about truly difficult and confusing problems, but this is what I normally get: "I'm having a problem with my modem. It just

doesn't want to work. I keep trying to dial out but I'm not getting a dial tone."

Sounds almost like a reasonable question, but, I then ask if he has thought to connect the phone line to the computer. The caller usually responds with "No. Do I need to?"

Or another classic: "I keep getting a 'line in use' error message. What's wrong?" I try real hard to not be condescending and ask her if she only has one phone line. Again the answer is, "Yeah, but does that matter?"

I'm not the only poor soul who has to deal with other peoples' idiocy. If I were, I might just bear my cross and go on with no complaints. But no, everyone I know has a similar stories about really, really stupid people.

My ex-fiancée, for example, works during the summer in Alaska as a tour guide on a glacier cruiser and she's also bombarded by witless wonders.

One morning in Valdez, while preparing to board her passengers, they asked questions like, "Do you think we'll see any whales?" And, "How close to the glacier can we get?" These are good questions, and she tried to answer them as best she could.

However, one older gentlemen spoke up and tried to ask a seemingly profound question. "So, how far above sea level are we?"

Well, considering they were standing on the dock, he was almost level with the Pacific

Ocean, so she responded by asking this man, "Well, how tall are you?" Unfortunately he remained totally clueless to the fact that he was standing at exactly sea level and remained bewildered for a good portion of the trip.

A different friend of mine works in an espresso booth. One day a woman in her mid to upper 20s entered and requested a "decaf double shot of espresso." Now, tourists are dumb, and every one knows that. But natives to the Pacific Northwest? This is way over the line. Especially in the coffee capital of the country.

My final example comes from my roommate. He was working a show for The Dark, which happened to be sold out. He posted a large sign above his head that read "SOLD OUT" in big red letters. Still, people asked if there were any more tickets. And then they asked what time the show started, while the band was in full swing with music blasting out the doors!

Of course my mother tried to teach me to forgive and forget. Sorry, mom. No can do. It all makes me empathize with the Postal Service and air traffic controllers. If people would just think, even a little, before asking questions then maybe, just maybe, the murder rate would decline.

So, the next time someone asks an incredibly idiotic question, you should just smile, nod, and try really, really hard to convince them not to breed.

## Some gay and lesbian activists dishonor diversity

### COMMENTARY

**Robert Brenner**  
Staff Writer

I was out walking with my girlfriend (or for you oh-so-politically correct types, my partner or my

significant other) when I saw a bumper sticker that said "Honor Diversity."

It was on the back of some beat up old van that was covered with other trendy

stickers such as "Practice Random Kindness and Senseless Acts of Beauty" and "Honor All Beings." Nothing out of the ordinary for Eugene.

I got to thinking about the word diversity and what it means, what it's all about. I took it to mean accepting

people for who they are — gays and lesbians, people of all races and ethnicities and different religious and political beliefs. Okay, I'm all for that. That's what America is supposed to be about. However, one recent incident came to mind regarding some of the local diversity honoring crowd. I'm talking about the flap last August around the Promise Keepers convention that came to Autzen Stadium.

For those of you who forgot or were not in Eugene last summer or who have never heard of the Promise Keepers, it's a Christian men's group that holds large rally-type conventions to promote Christian morality, fellowship, racial and trans-denominational unity, the family and the men's roles within their family. Nothing wrong with that. They discussed issues in relation to their Christian faith. I see nothing wrong with their ideals at all. However, there were a lot of people who did.

University of Oregon gay and lesbian groups as well as feminist groups protested that the Promise Keepers were sexist, misogynistic and homophobic. Gays said the university should not allow the

Promise Keepers access to Autzen Stadium because the Promise Keepers were supposedly homophobic. The feminist groups said that the Promise Keepers were trying to solve family issues without regards to women's roles in the family decision making process.

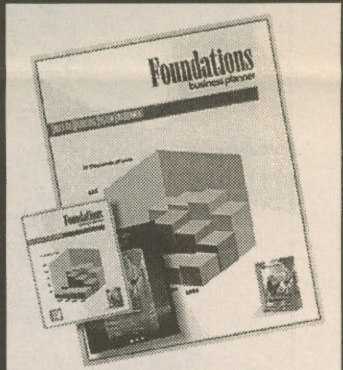
They called them bigots of all things. That I don't understand. It was a men's group that dealt with issues that men have to deal with; it is a traditional Christian group and, like it or not, traditional Christianity regards homosexuality as a sin. According to the Constitution of the United States all of us have a right to religious freedom.

We've heard so much from these groups in the past to honor diversity. Yet, they were not recognizing the diversity for the Promise Keepers. To truly honor diversity we have to accept things we might not like or agree with. Even if the idea goes against the politically correct trends. I'm sure that if several protesters from the Christian community were to protest a gay pride march, the trendy, politically-correct would raise one hell of a stink.

I see a double standard.



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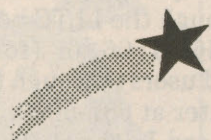
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## BOB from page 1

Athletics Office secretary who works two doors down from her husband.

"When bad things happen, I get stressed. We're opposites in that respect. I get all the details, talk to the doctors, get medication, the little things."

But Coach Foster's seemingly endless and infectious optimism impacts his life partner.

"Being with Bobby, my tendency to worry has changed," she says. "He's so fun-loving, you forget about the negatives."

Her husband feigns discomfort when the subject is his influence on others. He often jokes "No one likes me" when asked about personal relationships. Foster, however, can't escape other people's impres-

sions and feelings toward their good friend.

"This is a unique situation for me, because Bob Foster was the first coach to recruit me," says Donny Harrel, current Titan baseball coach, who eventually signed with Lane. "Then I was a 15-year-old, now I'm 26 years old, following in the footsteps of the man who started it all here. In a baseball aspect, he has always been an inspiration."

Foster's easy-going, social nature has made Harrel's job that much easier.

"He's such a good person in the community," says Harrel. "It's easy to follow in his footsteps because he set the table for me, so to speak. He's built a great reputation for LCC."

Being such an active, visible man-about-town has its perks. Foster's former minor league team, the Ems, asked him to throw out the first pitch in the opening game of last month's Northwest League playoffs.

When retelling incidents from the diamond, Foster's mischievous side shines.

"I've only been thrown out of two games in my career," he relates with a chuckle. "The second time, I charged the ump and bumped him. He said 'Don't bump me.' I said 'Why not? We're putting on a good show.'"

Foster now has a daily confrontation with a more intimidating foe than that umpire.

Don't expect him to battle any other way.

## ASLCC receives national accreditation

**Kelly Schulze**  
Managing Editor

The Associated Students of Lane Community College Child Care Co-op has been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The accreditation is valid until July 31, 1999.

Out of 80,000 programs that are eligible to receive accreditation, Lane was one out of 4,600 programs, or about 5 percent, to achieve NAEYC accreditation.

The ASLCC Child Care Co-op provides subsidized care for student parents, as well as workshops in health, safety, nutrition, and parenting skills.

The NAEYC, which is based in Washington, D.C., accredits child care centers, preschools, kindergartens, and before-and-after programs nationwide.

"The magnitude of it is very large," ASLCC Child Care Co-op Director Georgia Soto said. "It is really hard to get because it is so sought after."

The accreditation will provide information that helps the program directors and teachers provide a better educational environment for the children, according to Soto. It also assists in helping parents make informed decisions about providing child care.

Programs must complete a three-step process in order to receive the accreditation. Program personnel first conduct a self-study to determine how well the program meets the Academy's Criteria for High Quality Programs set by the Academy of Early Childhood Programs. After needed improvements are made, they report the results. Validators then make an on-site visit to verify the accuracy of the results. Finally a three-person commission makes the accreditation decision based on the validator's report.

The commission decision report concluded that Lane's program met the ten component Academy Criteria and Lane was given the accreditation.

## COUGAR from page 1

staff.

Because there are no confirmed, official sightings, however, does not mean there are no mountain lions out there. In American folklore, the cougar (Felis concolor) is sometimes called "ghost cat" or "ghost of the wilderness" because of its elusive and shy nature. It prefers to avoid noise and humans, writes Meehan, but the pressures of an increasing cougar population and of people moving into their habitat have forced some cats into more frequent contact with humans.

Going out to look for cougars is not a good idea. When in areas where cougars may be present it's best to have one or more companions,

says the California Department of Fish and Game. The department says human noise will usually scare cougars away, but they may have food or offspring to defend.

CDFG offers some advice for people who come face-to-face with a cougar: Try to stay calm, maintain eye contact with the cougar, stand erect, make no sudden movements, talk loudly, try to look larger (extend arms, spread a coat or shirt), and back away.

Generally, a cougar will want to avoid conflict as much as will humans, but if it does attack, a person should fight back. Do not play dead or turn and run, say experts.

## SYLVIA from page 1

Torelle did a fantastic job portraying the extravagant woman, right down to the way he crossed his legs; model style. It seemed he even had to shave them for the role.

Lastly, this play actually had a couple of touching scenes right toward the end. The tears were definitely welling up from all corners of the black box. If you get a chance to see this play, it will be worth it just to see the dramatic change that happens to Kate, but that's a secret worth keeping.

Tickets for Sylvia are \$12 on Fridays and Saturdays,

and \$9 on Thursdays and Sundays. They are available through the LLTC box office at 465-1506, or (for credit card users) through the Hult Center at 687-5000.

Lord Leebrick Theatre is auditioning for the rest of its season performances on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 2-4 p.m. For details, contact Randy Lord or Chris Leebrick at 465-1506.

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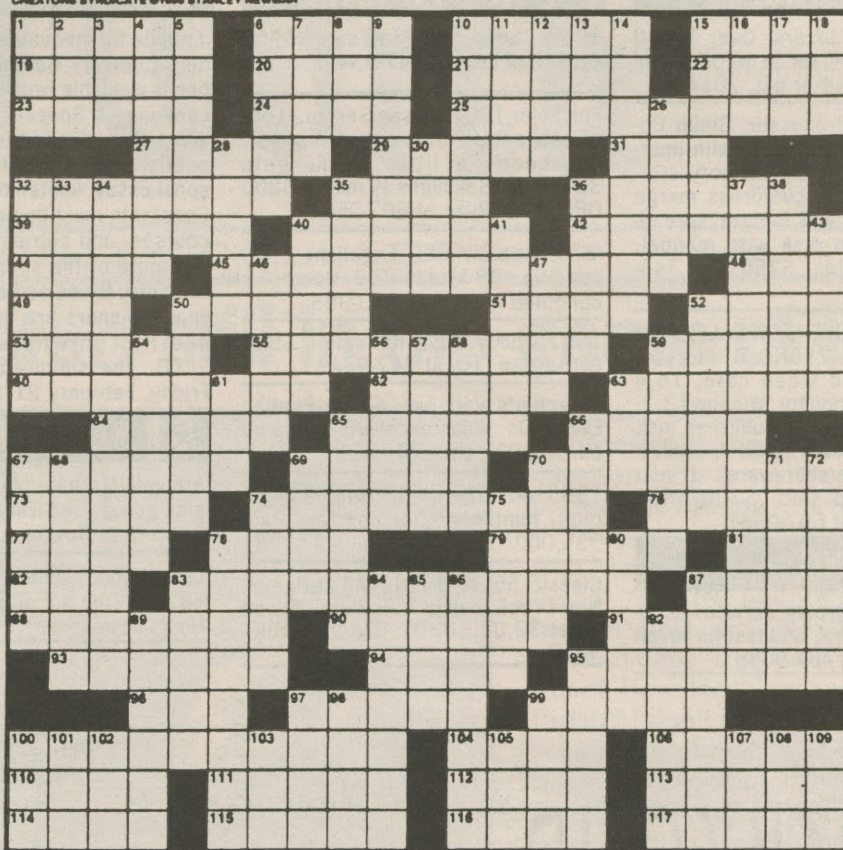
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- 81 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 82 Night-ech. course
- 83 Ballpark backups
- 87 Geometric baseline
- 88 Charles' backup
- 90 Crazy \_\_\_ (card game)
- 91 On the move
- 93 Employs for
- 94 Disraeli, for one
- 95 Sweet-talk
- 96 Sports-car initials
- 97 Very, to Van Cliburn
- 99 Cuban dance
- 100 Where to watch it
- 104 Opposed, slangily
- 106 Lots of land
- 110 Nobelist Wiesel
- 111 Odin and company
- 112 Chinese gang
- 113 \_\_\_ apeo
- 114 Paper : glue :: metal : \_\_\_
- 115 Some Balts
- 116 "The Fifth Beatle"
- 117 Yellow-fever mosquito

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- 9 Tact
- 10 Is defeated in
- 11 Titles for attys.
- 12 Grimace
- 13 "Well done!"
- 14 Giving a hard time to
- 15 Hapsburgs' home
- 16 Vestment
- 17 Ring decision
- 18 Instrument invented circa 1840
- 26 Belgian Congo, today
- 28 "Vissi d'arte" opera
- 30 Isle east of Java
- 32 Give away, in a way
- 33 Journalist Fallaci
- 34 Deli delivery
- 35 Boyfriends
- 36 "This has always been \_\_\_ world": de Beauvoir
- 37 One way out
- 38 Pan-fries
- 40 See 24 Across
- 41 European mint
- 43 MRI predecessors
- 46 Columnist Joseph
- 47 Regular guys
- 50 Solar-system component
- 52 Friendly
- 54 Comes to mind
- 56 Buttermaking device
- 57 Vestige
- 58 Notre Dame team
- 59 Can't stand
- 61 Formal wear
- 63 Ethiopian prince
- 65 "Clever comeback!"
- 66 One who has a job
- 67 Absolute
- 68 Bahamas spot

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- 69 \_\_\_-a-brac
- 70 Walks in water
- 71 Come to
- 72 Blackboard tool
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- 75 Eccentric
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- 80 Hymn of praise
- 83 Plague, to Puccini
- 84 Eponymous dictators

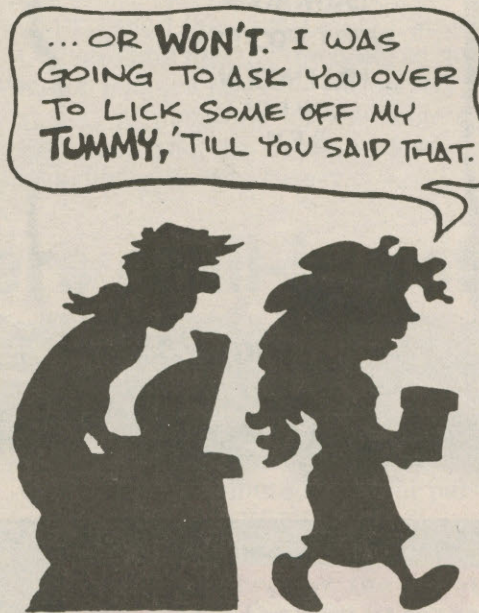
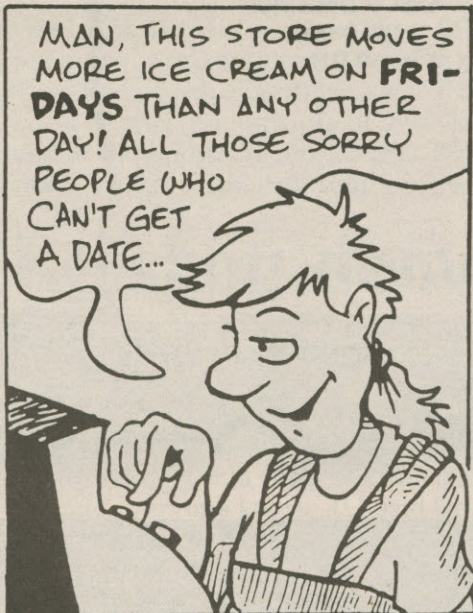
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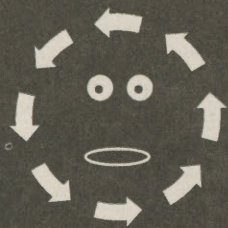
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