

# The Torch



◆ LCC men's soccer club take its first tournament trophy ever!  
**Page 6**

◆ Summer Honor Roll, **Page 7**

◆ Cheap meatless eats-a-plenty at Govinda's,  
**Page 4**

VOLUME XXXIII, NUMBER 7

LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

October 31, 1997

## LCC employees catch boogie fever



Jim Greenwood (piano) and Dave Bender (trumpet) played in the northwest corner of the cafeteria for the Employee Recognition Gala on Oct. 29. The Gala welcomed new employees, congratulated the classified employee of the month and Eldon Schafer Award winners.

photo by Nathan Ulrich

## OSPIRG refuses to release budget document

OSPIRG member triggers controversy by asking ASLCC to fund conference attendance

**John Dreiling**  
*Staff Writer*

OSPIRG, which receives approximately \$50,000 from LCC students through student body fees, has refused a request from the ASLCC Senate for a copy of OSPIRG's budget so that the senate can review it.

OSPIRG has also refused several requests from The Torch for a copy of OSPIRG's budget.

"As a nonprofit we don't publish or release copies of the budget," stated Seth Levin, OSPIRG Campus Program director.

"We want to stress that we are very open about our budget, says Brenda Barron, OSPIRG LCC Chapter campus organizer. "Anyone who wants to see it is welcome to come and see it. Because it is a statewide budget, it is easier for us to explain what things mean, and be there for questions."

The confrontation began on Oct. 13 when Mariah Barrett, an LCC student and OSPIRG Hunger And Homelessness Campaign project leader, asked the ASLCC senate for \$250 to allow her to travel to the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness Conference in Washington, DC.

The Senate first heard the issue on Oct. 13. The discussion centered on two main questions: Had Mariah Barrett pursued other fund-raising options and why was OSPIRG, which is the highest ASLCC funded group, not contributing any money out of its general budget.

Barrett's formal request to ASLCC stated that the \$250 requested would pay half the cost of the trip.

According to the minutes of that Oct. 13 meeting, Barron stated that any OSPIRG support of Barrett would be from additional fund-raising, not out of the general budget derived from student body fees:

"The money that she would be getting from OSPIRG would come from our fund-raising resources that we now have which are basically the UO. We have a budget at LCC but that comes from the extra fund-raising that we do as an organization in addition to the fees that we collect from the students."

After the Oct. 13 discussion, Choul Wou, ASLCC senator, moved to put off the decision until the following week's ASLCC meeting, pending the submittal of OSPIRG's budget to student government. This motion passed.

On Oct. 20, OSPIRG had not submitted its budget

See **OSPIRG** page 7

## Halloween safety tips

1. Make sure masks fit so you can see and breath.
2. Wear reflective clothing or tape.
3. Don't eat candy until a grown up has checked it. Don't eat anything home-made.
4. Be sure your costume is loose enough to wear warm clothes underneath but not so loose that it trips you up.
5. Be sure adults escort younger children.
6. Be respectful of other people's Halloween decorations
7. Keep your pets inside.
8. Stay away from houses that don't have a porch light or have 'No Trick-or-Treaters' signs posted.



## Even adults don't know everything about sex

Student Health Services offer answers for your most intimate questions

**April Orzio**  
*Staff Writer*

"One of my breasts is bigger than the other, is that normal?"

"My penis hangs to one side, is there anything wrong with that?"

"What is the best kind of birth control?"

"I have this sore, what could it be?"

Students asking these questions often think their questions are stupid, but according to Nadine Wilkes, an LCC student health nurse, "The only stupid questions are the ones that *aren't* asked."

"Sex is a subject that we don't discuss with our parents or health care providers, who are the only people that can answer the questions that we need to ask," Wilkes said.

"People should not be afraid to ask questions, because it's the ones that you don't ask that could get you in trouble," Wilkes said.

"Students come into the clinic for one problem, such as a headache,

See **Sex** page 7





## Drop-in tutoring is free at LCC

**Victor Runyan**  
Staff Writer

Need a fresh set of eyes to look at that term paper before you turn it in? Imaginary numbers escaping your grasp? Try free "drop-in" tutoring offered by 10 LCC departments.

"Tutors are guides," says Liz Coleman, director of Tutoring Services. She says that tutors can do things like explain concepts that aren't

quite clear, point out mistakes, suggest possible fixes. However, tutors are not there to replace teachers; sometimes they send students back to their instructor.

Being chosen to be a tutor is a honor, according to Coleman. Tutors are chosen because of their ability to excel, and are often recommended to the job by their instructors.

Tutors are "usually top students in their fields ... with

great communication abilities" who enjoy helping people, says Coleman. Several tutors say, that they work for that moment when "the light shines in the student's eyes."

Funding for the tutoring program comes from several sources including various college budgets, and state and federal governments' funds, not student fees.

LCC's tutors offer help in various subjects: basic reading, writing, and math in Apprenticeship 213; business in the North-East corner of the cafeteria; English as a Second Language in Center 480; math in Math and Arts Hall 212; science in Science 111; social science in the lobby near Center 481, and writing in the lobby near Center 451.

Three organizations that offer free tutoring aimed at specific audiences are: the Native American Student Association at its regular Tuesday meetings in the Northeast corner of the cafeteria from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Multicultural Center in Center 409, and The Women's Center in Center 451.

The eventual goal is to unify tutoring into one location, says Coleman. Students could find these services more easily, and it would allow tutors to network with each other, helping to improve the quality of the tutoring.

Students do not need to make appointments, but should check with individual departments to find out when tutoring is available, says Coleman.



photo by Bobbette Chichmanian

**Tutor Katie McCarron shares her time and knowledge with Jed Higgins, LCC student.**

## Eye on the community Newswire

### SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE!

"Deciding Enough is Enough," a free seminar Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 p.m. will feature Jann Mitchell, an award-winning journalist who will share her thoughts on how to find your way to a simpler, more meaningful life.

Mitchell has examined the '90s trend of voluntary simplicity - a conscious process of learning to concentrate on the quality, not the quantity, of our lives.

Presented by the Women's Information Network at Sacred Heart Medical Center, the program will be held at the Eugene Hilton, 66 E. Sixth Ave. Reservations are not necessary.

### LCC CULINARY STUDENTS OFFER ITALIAN MENU FOR FALL DINNER

Students in the culinary, food service and hospitality program at LCC present their annual fall Classical Cuisine Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. in the Center Building cafeteria.

Tickets are \$16.50 per person and reservations are required by Nov. 6.

The dinner offers a tribute to the cuisine of

Italy with a menu of Antipasto, fugasse bread, pistou soup, linguini in white clam sauce, chicken marsala, gratineed fennel gnocchi, herb sauté of tomato and trimisu.

Vegetarian selections are available by request upon making reservations. Wine will be available for purchase.

For a reservation, send a check made payable to LCC ITD-Classical Cuisine Dinner and mail to ITD Classical Dinner, LCC, 4000 E 30th Ave., Eugene, OR 97405

### STUDENT LITERARY COMPETITION ANNOUNCED

The League for Innovation and LCC announce the 1997-98 Student Literary Competition. Credit students may enter any or all of these categories: short story, poetry, and personal essay.

First prize is \$500, second prize is \$200, and third prize is \$100. The deadline to enter is Feb. 12, 1998. entry forms and rules are available in English, Foreign Language and Speech, Cen 448, or the Writing Center near Cen 460.

**H  
E  
L  
P  
W  
A  
N  
T  
E  
D**

### Ad Salesperson

for LCC's Award-winning Newspaper *The Torch*

Why would you **WANT** this job?

- You actually get paid for your efforts
- You gain practical experience
- Your hours are flexible
- You get to work with really cool, creative newspaper people
- You get to come to *The Torch's* pizza parties!

For more info, contact Jan Brown,  
Ext. 2654, or come to  
The Torch office on Monday

## Do You Have Asthma?

You may qualify to participate in a  
**Clinical Research Trial of an  
Investigational Asthma Medication**

### If you are:

- \* 15 years or older
- \* Using asthma medication
- \* A non-smoker with limited smoking history

### You may receive:

- \* Examinations, breathing tests, laboratory testing, and study medication at no charge
- \* Compensation for study participants

Allergy & Asthma Research Group  
1488 Oak Street Eugene, OR 97401

683-4324

Robert F. Jones, M.D.  
Kraig W. Jacobson, M.D.

**NO REFERRAL NECESSARY**

## PERS perks incentive for faculty retirement

**John Dreiling**  
Staff Writer

At least 22 members of the full-time faculty have confirmed they will retire by Feb. 28, 1998.

Mary Spilde, vice-president of Instruction and Student Services, says that as many as eight more faculty members may also retire by that date, she adds.

Spilde says that nine of those 22 faculty members retired at the end of last year. The rest, she says, have announced their retirements

see **Retirees** page 5





# Opinion



OBLIO STROYMAN, EDITOR IN CHIEF

THE TORCH

747-4501 ext 2014

## FALL TERM

**Bad weather?**  
Listen to KLCC-FM at  
89.7 for school closure  
announcements starting  
at 6:30 a.m.

## The Torch

Editor in Chief  
**Oblio Stroyman**  
Managing Editor  
**Judy L. Sierra**  
Production Manager  
**Chris Allen**  
Assistant Production Manager  
**Marleena Pearson**  
Photography Editor  
**Nathan Ulrich**  
Assistant Photography Editor  
**Bobbette Chichmanian**  
Sports Editor  
**Russel Tiffany**  
Arts & Entertainment Editor  
**Jack Clifford**  
On-line Editor  
**Jon Limer**  
Staff Writers  
**John Dreiling**  
**Victor Runyan**  
**Jonathan Limer**  
**Dan Ball**  
**Kim McCloy**  
**Angie Holt**  
Production Assistants  
**Debbie Puzio**  
**Joseph De Gise**  
Distribution Managers  
**Laura Magnuson**  
Staff Photographer  
**Bill Harlow**  
**Loren Edmonds**  
Illustrator  
**Steve Lopez**  
Cartoonist  
**James Lamb**  
Staff Astrologer  
**Tim "Owl" Meredith**  
Ad Sales  
**Debbie Puzio**  
Editorial Advisor  
**Pete Peterson**  
Production Advisor  
**Dorothy Wearne**  
Advertising Advisor  
**Jan Brown**  
Advertising Assistant  
**Claudia Carmichael**

Wire stories provided by the  
National Student News Service  
This publication is printed through the facilities  
of the Springfield News.

The Torch, the official student-managed newspaper  
of Lane Community College, is published every  
Friday.

News stories are concise reports intended to be as  
fair as possible. Unsigned editorials are the opinion  
of the newspaper's Editorial Board.

Letters to the Editor should be limited to 250  
words and include the author's name, phone number  
and address (address and phone number are for  
verification purposes only and are not for publication).  
Commentaries should be limited to 750  
words and should also include the author's name  
and address. Deadline for the following issue is  
Monday, 5 p.m. The Editor-in-Chief reserves the  
right to edit letters and commentaries for length,  
grammar, spelling, libel, invasion of privacy and  
appropriate language.

Mail all correspondence to: The Torch, Center  
205, 4000 East 30th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97405.  
e-mail: torch@efn.org

Phone numbers:

Newsroom: 747-4501 ext. 2014  
Production: 747-4501 ext. 2657  
Advertising: 747-4501 ext. 2654

## Hope & Death were the co-pilots on the drive north



Jon Limer

*Editor's notes-  
During the 1996-  
97 school year,  
Jon Limer began  
writing a series  
of columns that  
expressed his  
feelings on  
becoming a new  
father and  
husband, from the time he found  
out that his then-girlfriend was  
pregnant, through their wedding,  
to the complications of his wife's  
early pregnancy. This is the sixth  
installment this year.*

Edgar Allen Poe wrote often of  
Death. It seemed that this imaginary  
figure sat by Poe's side while he wrote  
many of his great works. Because of  
this he had an insight to dying and  
horror.

I know this Death of which Poe  
speaks, for he sat by my side then —

watching and waiting. I could feel his  
robes against my soul.

Baby Alexis had left hours earlier  
from McKenzie Willamette Hospital in  
an ambulance, headed for the Inten-  
sive Care Unit that would be home to  
her for an undetermined time. Just as  
the last hospital had been.

When Angie and I finally made it to  
Portland — it was midnight on Sept. 2  
or 3 — we were both so exhausted  
that I think we hallucinated having a  
conversation the entire time. I don't  
believe we did because I have no idea  
what we had talked about, but for  
some reason my throat was raw from  
talking too much, and my neck was  
sore from nodding.

After bumbling around the Oregon  
Health Sciences University Hospital for  
half an hour, we found what we were  
looking for — Dorenbecker's Neo Natal  
Intensive Care Unit.

Up until that exact second, I was  
frayed. I had no idea what would

happen to Alexis, what she was  
suffering from, and what the hell I was  
going to do about it. Instantaneously,  
upon walking through the doors to the  
ICU, I was awash with peace, calm and  
hope. I suddenly gained the biggest  
tool I would later use to help my wife,  
my daughter and myself through the  
tough times ahead.

In a word, perspective.

I looked at every other baby in the  
ICU on the way back to see Alexis.  
There were babies who weighed less  
than a pound, severely deformed,  
"wonders" by the fact that they were  
still alive. Yet they lived. The nurses  
skittered from one little bed or cart to  
another, constantly watching each and  
every one of these children. I knew  
that not every child who came here  
would leave happy, but a great major-  
ity would.

Upon seeing Alexis, I was struck by

see **Limer** page 7

## 'Mall Rats' vs. 'Eugene's Finest'

Angie Holt  
Staff Writer

Tweaker, Smiley, Turtle, Leather,  
Pinky.

They sound like fictional characters  
from a Shel Silverstein poem, don't  
they? Well, characters they are.  
Fictional, they are not. Each name  
belongs to one of the many homeless  
young people, better known as "mall  
rats," who spend their days at the mall  
in downtown Eugene.

For the past five months I have  
spent a good portion of my days and

nights on the mall. I am a mother of  
three children and an LCC student  
who has been witnessing some very  
inhumane and unjust treatment and I'd  
like to share my experiences with you.

"Water" wears a white robe and  
claims to be very religious. He had just  
attended the "gathering" in just  
outside of Prineville, when I met him.  
For those unfamiliar with "gatherings",  
they are what one attendee called a  
hippie reunion.

"Water" made signs quoting a  
scripture from the Bible concerning  
the poor and needy. He sat and waited

for people to come by and give him  
money. He never harassed anyone and  
never did anything that I considered to  
be illegal.

I was wrong. "Water" has been  
arrested and ticketed for singing,  
walking barefoot, sitting on the wrong  
edge of a flower pot, giving a cigarette  
to a minor who did not look like a  
minor, and much more. At first I  
thought they were jokes. The fines  
from the tickets and arrests got so huge  
"Water" finally left town.

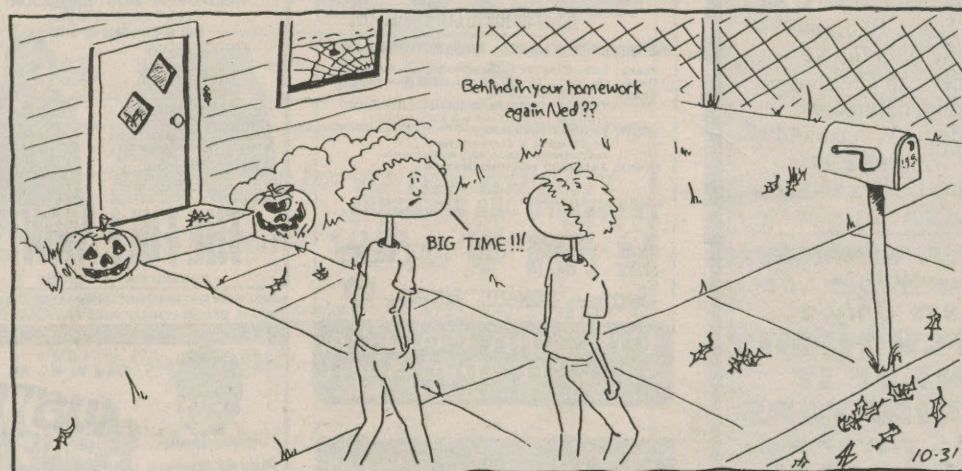
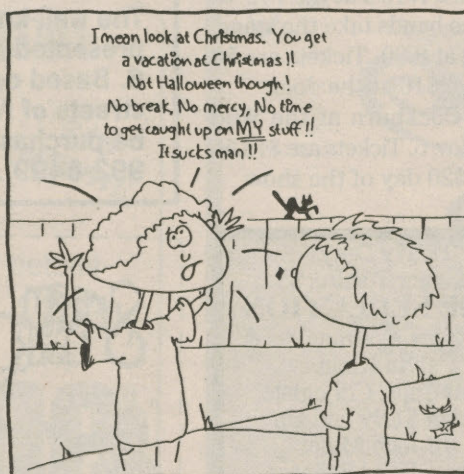
About a month and a half ago, sitting  
with some of the kids in the square  
outside Café Paradiso, two bike cops  
who patrolled the mall at that time  
came around. They stood watch for  
about 20 minutes when a female officer  
pulled up, walked up to one officer and  
handed him a camera. He then started  
taking pictures of the kids me included.  
Many of the kids hid their faces and  
asked why he was taking their picture.  
He said, "Because I can."

When I asked him why he was taking  
my picture, he told me, "You have no  
standing." This means it's none of my  
business.

I could understand it if the kids  
committed crimes or incited riots. But  
that's not happening. To tell you the  
truth, life at the mall is pretty boring.

There is some drug activity but not  
more than anywhere else around.  
That's what has me puzzled. The  
officers don't even seem to be con-  
cerned. Police are citing "mall rats" for:  
Obstructing a pedestrian walkway  
(sitting on the ground)—\$45, having a  
kitten on the mall—\$50, sleeping—\$50,  
walking halfway across the cross walk,  
turning around and walking back—\$65,  
disorderly conduct (singing "Amazing

see **Mall Rats** page 5



E is for Ernest who choked on a peach

F is for Fanny sucked dry by a leach

G is for George smothered under a rug

H is for Hector done in by a thug

October 31, 1997, The Torch 3





# Arts & Entertainment



JACK CLIFFORD, A&E EDITOR

THE TORCH

747-4501 ext 2014



photo by Bobbette Chichmanian

**Govinda's, at 270 West 8th, serves all-you-can-eat veggie cuisine.**

## Govinda's: Where the meatless meet to eat

**Jack Clifford**  
A&E Editor

Whenever the words "all-you-can-eat" and "buffet" are used in the same sentence, one thought usually comes to mind: angioplasty.

Deep-fried to oblivion, most offerings at these troughs can cause heart blockage by just looking. Actually eating something should be done with caution, while fully insured.

Govinda's, a fully vegetarian diner in Eugene, breaks the mold, so to speak. Customers looking to fill the stomach are enticed with phrases such as "a karma-free diet" and "vegetarian never tasted so good." Patrons searching for those little mutant chicken wings — a mainstay for most gorge-yourself spreads — will go away disappointed.

What they will find is a tasty eating experience that leaves enough money to indulge in some Ben & Jerry's ice cream after such wholesome chowing.

For lunch, the choices are fairly limited. There's a veg-

etable medley option: carrots, cauliflower, broccoli, etc., steamed of course. A more spicy alternative of vegetables, mixed with a Middle Eastern sauce is also available. Either can be ladled over white or brown rice. Plain spiral noodles with marinara sauce are another hot choice.

Soups and salads round out the buffet.

Cream of tomato soup hit the spot during a recent chilly, rainy-day visit. Homemade breads are healthy sides to both afternoon and evening buffets.

Unfortunately, the salad bar is slim pickings. This is a veggie place, so where are the mushrooms? The peppers? Lettuce, tomatoes and shredded carrots are functional but don't exactly satiate the salad jones.

Dinnertime proves to be more adventurous.

The supper menu for the most part is a constant, with a two-week rotation process in place. But, don't set your

**Cheapeats**

see **VEGGIN'** page 5

## Calendar for Oct. 31- Nov. 6

All Hallows Eve, the night to transform yourself into the ghost or goblin (or politician) of your choice. Go forth and terrify.

### Halloween events

— Zero plays the McKenzie Ballroom in Springfield (which is a scary place on its own). Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door. A costume contest will be held at 9 p.m.

— The Hilton features the Satin Love Orchestra playing tunes from the 70s. (Please! Stop the torture! I'll sell you my soul!) Music starts at 8, tickets are \$15.

— Sonic XPlosion '97 wreaks havoc at the W.O.W. Hall. American Girls and Local 808 battle it out to see which band wins a recording contract. Admission is \$6, costume contest begins at 9:30.

— The Soromundi Lesbian Chorus of Eugene holds its second annual Masquerade Ball at the Agate Hall on the UO campus. Dancing begins at 8 p.m., donations on a sliding scale from \$5 to \$15 are accepted.

### More fun during the week

"A Taste of Eugene," serves up food Nov. 3 from restaurants around the city. Sampling and a silent auction begin at 6 p.m. at the Hilton. Proceeds from the \$20 admission benefit Kidsport.

Ska from around the country is performed Nov. 4 at the W.O.W. Hall. Three bands take the stage, beginning at 8:30. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door.

Bruce Cockburn at the Wild Duck on Nov. 5. Tickets are \$18.50 advance, \$20 day of the show.

## Jets and Sharks battle at the Hult

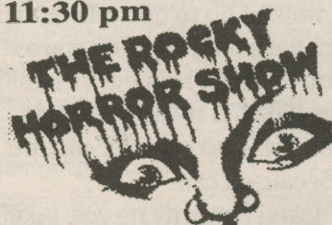


Photo courtesy March Hare Productions

The well-known play "West Side Story," now in its 40th year of production, is presented at the Hult Center for three performances, running Nov. 4 through Nov. 6. Based on Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," the love story moves to the streets of New York City. Tickets for the show range from \$17.50 to \$35 and can be purchased at the Hult box office (682-5000) and Fred Meyer Fastixx (1-800-992-8499). Groups of 20 or more can call 687-5304 for discounted tickets.

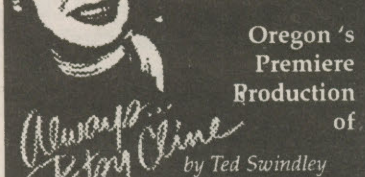
**A C E**  
ACTORS CABARET OF EUGENE  
PRESENTS

**Fri. & Sat.**  
**11:30 pm**



Book, Music and Lyrics by  
**Richard O'Brien**  
Directed by **Joe Zingo**  
Late Nites - Oct 31 &  
Nov. 1, 7, 8, 14 & 15 at 11:30 pm  
**SPECIAL HALLOWEEN SHOWS!!!**  
Fri. & Sat. at 8 pm, Oct. 31 & Nov. 1, 1997  
**Get Your Tickets Early!**

Playing to Sell-Out Audiences!!  
Run Extended!!  
Call for Added  
Dates in Nov.



Oregon's  
Premiere  
Production  
of

Get your tickets early!

For Tickets & Information

Call 683-4368

Heavy Duty  
Designer T-shirts \$5  
**HUGE SELECTION**

- Used Levis, Wranglers & Calvin Klein
- Ball Caps, Collegiate Design \$1.99 and Up
- 18-inch Mylar Helium-Filled Balloons Halloween & More \$1.99
- Latex Balloons 39¢ or 3 for \$1
- American Clearwater Raincoats \$4.99
- Magic Windshield Wipers \$2.99
- Video Games and Sets
- Bikes • Autos • & More

The Best of the Best  
for a Whole Lot  
Less Only at  
**CHUCK MIGHT**  
**HAVE IT**  
**LIQUIDATORS**  
1355 River Rd.  
689-5163

**Scream**  
YOUR WORST NIGHTMARE IS BACK!  
YOUR TICKET WILL GET YOU IN.  
it's UP TO YOU TO GET YOURSELF OUT.  
KIDS VIDEO: 11 ADMITTED WITH AN ADULT. NO CHILD VIDEO: 4 WILL BE ADMITTED.  
PLACE: LAKE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS (Expo Building)  
DATES: OCTOBER 23-25, 30, 31, AND NOVEMBER 1  
TIMES: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM on Saturday, October 25  
7:00 PM - MIDNIGHT on Halloween  
COST: \$5.00 AT THE DOOR  
\$4.00 WITH A COUPON FROM PARTICIPATING TACO BELL RESTAURANTS  
PHONE: 341-6200 FOR INFORMATION

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:  
TACO BELL, KDUK 104.7 FM, FOX, OAN, JERRY'S, BEMART, West Coast Paper Company, TO  
**Discount Coupon**  
**\$1.00 OFF ADMISSION**  
NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER

Thank you, Dale!



Hal Roach Died: Nov. 2, 1992. Rick Ulrich was born: Nov. 2, 1948. Hal Roach was the man who brought us Our Gang and feature films as writer, director and producer. Have a happy KINKY B-Day Dad.

GEN ADMISSION Th-Sa \$6 • DISCOUNT SHOWS Su-We \$4.50 / Matinees \$3 • Seniors \$3.50 • Kids 12 & under \$2.50 • BARGAIN PASSES ON SALE NOW - 5 MOVIES FOR \$20.00, 10 FOR \$35 • GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE!  
**LIMITED ENGAGEMENT!**  
**HELD OVER! MUST END SOON!**  
5:25, 7:20, 9:15 Nightly  
Sat & Sun Mat @ 3:30  
**THE FULL MONTY**  
COMING: YEAR OF THE HORSE  
LOOK FOR THE NEW BIJOU FILM FEST CALENDAR IN THE BIJOU LOBBY AND AROUND TOWN!  
BIJOU LATE NITE: Late Nite Adm Th-Sa \$3.50 Su-We 2.50 Web Site <http://www.bijou-cinemas.com>  
11:15 Nightly  
**MIKE MYERS**  
**AUSTIN POWERS**  
International Man Of Mystery  
COMING: THE PRINCESS BRIDE PG-13  
492 E. 13th 686-2458  
**Art Cinema**  
**Ponette**  
COMING: THE MYTH OF FINGERPRINTS  
10:45 Nightly  
**BORN IN DARKNESS. SWORN TO JUSTICE. SPAWN**



## Retirees: Faculty leaving because of enticing benefits

*continued from page 2*

effective on Feb. 28. She says that the Public Employee Retirement System offers financial incentives for which many LCC employees – along with other public employees throughout the state – are eligible if they retire before March.

Spilde says that as many as 30 faculty members may retire by Feb. 28.

"We're looking at every position very carefully. Obviously budget is a consideration, but I'm confident that we'll be replacing the majority of those positions with full-time faculty.

Part of the quality of the institution is dependent on having full-time faculty," she added.

"We're losing some great people, literally people who helped start the college," said Margaret Bayless, an instructor in the English, Foreign Language, and Speech Department and LCCEA president. She added that she has heard a rumor that as many as 75-90 faculty, staff, and administrative members may retire.

Larry Warford, Instructional Services vice-president, says that from discussions with representa-

tives from other Oregon community colleges, as many as 150 faculty positions statewide may become vacant.

"Probably my biggest concern is that we can replace these outstanding people who are retiring with equally outstanding new people." He added that the average number of years taught at LCC by these retirees is in the twenties.

George Alvergue, an instructor in the Social Science Department for 26 years, says he plans on retiring because of the financial incentives. "The school has been very generous. I have no

complaints. I've been very well treated."

He said he plans on teaching at LCC as a part-time instructor through the end of spring term and to do some volunteer work and get involved in local politics.

Mike Rose, an instructor in the English, Foreign Language, and Speech Department for 28 years, said he plans on retiring Feb. 28 because of the PERS incentive and other reasons such as a stroke he experienced two years ago.

"Quite frankly, I'm getting tired of reading students' papers, and I'd like to read what

I want to read," Rose says. He adds that his level of concentration has shortened.

Rose plans to finish winter term as a part-time instructor.

"Overall it's been a good experience for me. I think the college has a real opportunity in the next couple of years, with all these retirements to revitalize itself. I'm hoping that they will hire full-time people to replace [full-time] people."

Rose says that after his retirement he plans on doing house and yard maintenance and spending more time with his grandchildren.

## Veggin': Cheap eats

*continued from page 4*

tastebud timepiece to a certain day, because things can change.

The selections range from enchiladas and quiche (alternating Tuesdays) to eggplant parmesan and lasagna (Fridays). The quiche is excellent, as is the lasagna.

Strictly from a personal standpoint, Mondays are low on the list. Tofu, the featured item each Monday, is an integral part of most vegetarians' diet. It's an acquired taste however, while others might say it's hard to acquire something that isn't there. To each their own.

Prices for Govinda's are well within the cost-conscious student's budget, especially considering the all-you-can-eat setup. Lunch is \$6, then add a buck for dinner. One serving of soup, salad, and bread is \$4.50, and one serving of salad or hot food is \$5. Soup on its own is just \$2.

Govinda's is open for lunch 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. They close, then re-open at five for dinner, closing at 8 p.m. Longtime fans of the restaurant should note that it is now also open Saturday evenings from 6-9. Govinda's is located at 270 West 8th, just across the street from the W.O.W. Hall.

## Mall Rats: Can't we celebrate diversity in Eugene?

*continued from page 3*

Grace") arrested, standing under an awning—\$50.

Police cited "Leather," sitting on one of the concrete stoops outside Symantec, for trespassing. The fine is \$265. There are no signs posted.

"Smiley" was arrested and taken to jail for riding his bike in front of an officer. Yet at that same time another kid was also riding his bike. The difference was that "Smiley" is homeless and the other kid was dressed nicely and was obviously not homeless.

What bothers me the most is the motivation behind this police harassment. The officers know that the kids can't pay these fines, they write them enough tickets and

build up enough fines to force the kids to jail or out of town.

Yes, the mall rats look strange and some even look scary. They panhandle, which makes some uncomfortable.

To many, they are "undesirables." But my question is, when did it become a crime to be an undesirable?

An officer threatened to call Social Services and have my 5-year old son taken away from me because I allowed him to sit by someone named "Tweaker." That same officer told "Tweaker" that he needed to recognize the "class" difference between us. I felt like I was in Nazi Germany, not Eugene, Oregon.

When I attended LCC's

Women in Transition program I was pleased to see the motto "Celebrate Diversity" modeled at our college. Maybe I was naive, but I was hoping to see the same in our community. But it seems to me that diversity is only celebrated among those who have enough money to buy the bumper sticker.

This should not be. I am committed to see it change. The kids downtown have hopes and dreams of their own but for various reasons many feel they have no purpose or means by which

to pursue those dreams.

Through the past months, I've come to know and love this unique group of people, and I'm privileged to call many my friends. I've seen their potential and it is great.

Our community can certainly come up with some other way of dealing with the concerns of the kids hanging around on the mall than wasting our tax money writing tickets and jailing the homeless. The kids are not going away. Even if this group does, another group is waiting to take their place.

### INTERNET ACCESS NOW!

#### Best prices in area!

EASY  
SET UP

unlimited use • no setup fees  
high speed (56Kbps) \$25 month  
individual (33.6Kbps) \$16 month  
email-only \$5 month

\$16  
MONTH!

Call today for details  
(541) 465-4743

**Cyberdyne**  
SYSTEMS

# SCREAMING MIMI'S



## NOW OPEN!!!

782 BLAIR BLVD.  
(NEXT TO TACO LOCO, ART OF GLASS,  
AND BAGEL BAKERY)

COME IN AND SEE

Halloween stuff for everyone!

Used Clothing for Men, Women, and children!

Also, other items to buy, sell or trade!

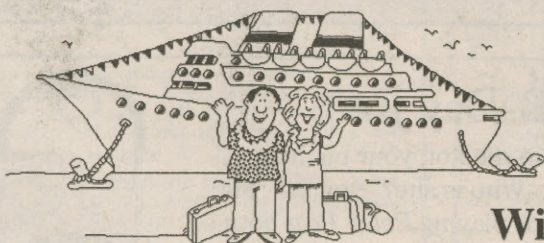
Great lights for your parties

or just for hanging around your house!

338-0340

Hope to see you all soon!!!

**President Abraham Lincoln:** Was born on a Sunday, first elected to office on a Monday, twice elected president on a Tuesday, admitted to the bar on a Wednesday, delivered Gettysburg Address on a Thursday, was shot on a Friday, died on a Saturday.



*Don't be at the airport  
when your ship comes in!*

**Reserve classes for  
Winter 1998 and Spring 1998**

**Today: Get a list advising sessions at Lane's Counseling and Advising Center**  
*College-wide advising: Plan for your success!*

M is for Maud who was swept out to sea N is for Neville who died of ennui O is for Olive run through with an awl P is for Prue trampled flat in a brawl

October 31, 1997, The Torch 5





# Sports



RUSSEL TIFFANY, INTERIM SPORTS EDITOR

THE TORCH

747-4501 ext 2014

## It's 'just a soccer club,' but look at its power

**Russel Tiffany**  
Interim Sports Editor

With one swift kick, the LCC Men's Soccer Team earned its first-ever tournament trophy, and more importantly regained respect lost years ago.

On Oct. 18 at the UO's soccer field, the Titans lost to Oregon State, won by forfeiture to Sierra Nevada, then, won the semi-finals matchcup with Humboldt State (3-1).

Then on Sunday Oct. 19, during the championship match, LCC sophomore forward Toby Winn kicked the winning goal in the UO Invitational championship game. With five minutes remaining Winn received a pass from Juan Carlos and put the ball into the opponent's net. That single goal allowed the Titans to beat the Eugene soccer

club, Gazebo, and earn the team's first tournament trophy.

"I never felt anything like that before," reflects Winn.

This is the outfit's finest year since it changed from an intercollegiate team to a recreation club, records will indicate. The LCC soccer program has lost respect and support because it is no longer an official league team, players say.

But that hasn't prevented this team from having a great deal of pride, nor has it affected the level at which the men compete. During the UO invitational, the team compiled a 3-1 record en route to its title.

The team played Oct. 25-26, fresh from the victory over Gazebo, and dominated the competition at Central Oregon. It beat opponents Oregon State (2-1) Southern Idaho (3-0), and Umpqua

Community College (5-1). The Titans biggest opponent proved to be the officials when they were disqualified in the semifinals. Even though the referees were not impressed by Lane's skill, their own opponents told them that they felt the Titans would have ultimately won the semis and would have advanced to the tournament's final.

"Even though we are playing well, its important to keep in mind that our coach, Roberto Rojas has been responsible for a lot of it," said Winn. "We definitely could not have done well without him."



photo by Nathan Ulrich

**LCC men's soccer club kicks its way to the UO Invitational championship, earning the team's first trophy.**

Rojas, from Costa Rica, is in his first season as the men's soccer coach. He brings over forty years of playing experience to the Titans and experience is the dominant factor for the entire team. Most of the players on the team have over ten

years of playing experience.

Pride and experience have earned the respect of this team's opponents. They obviously deserve the respect and support of the students at LCC.

Come on out, you will have a ball!

## Volleyball team starts 'second' season

**Russel Tiffany**  
Interim Sports Editor

The LCC Women's volleyball team kicks off a "new" season this weekend, hosting the Crossover Tournament at LCC.

The women bring with them a new attitude that third year coach Brock Olson hopes will help them improve upon a disappointing 2-6 league record.

"At the beginning of the season we were not getting along," says Olson. But since (mid-October) the team has improved internally a lot."

A big test of Lane's internal strength comes Oct. 31 at LCC when the Titans host several teams in the Crossover Tournament. The women play a num-

ber of matches (at least five) over the course of two days. If they continue to win Friday they could wind up winning the event on Saturday. Although the tournament's victories will not count towards league standing, the Titans hope to improve on an overall 11-15 record.

Last year — in his second season as coach — Olson led the team to a 25-11 record for fifth place in the overall league standings, the best ever for LCC. While the team began the year with high expectations, it hasn't played to that level. Inexperience and team chemistry problems can be blamed in part for that, he ac-

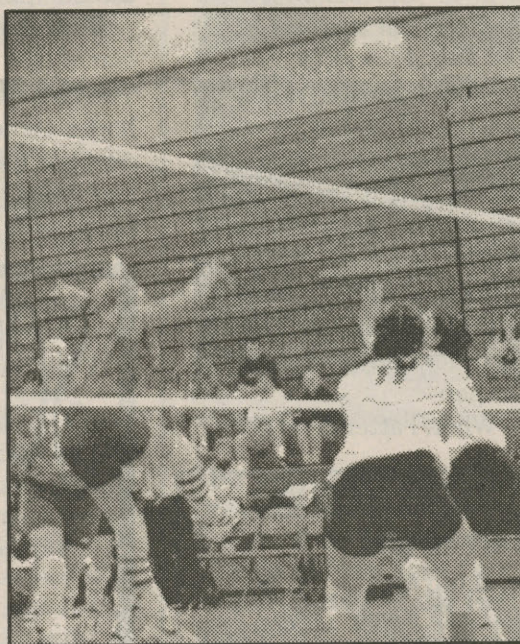


photo by Nathan Ulrich

**LCC's women's volleyball team kicks off a new season this weekend, hosting the Crossover Tournament.**

knowledges.

"We thought we had more power, and more athletic ability, but a little less experience ... We had a lot of really close matches that we have lost.. So

See **Volleyball** page 7

## LCC Cross Country men and women team up for second place in S. Region

**Russel Tiffany**  
Interim Sports Editor

The men's and women's cross country teams finished second in combined team totals in Southern Region NWAACC meets which they hosted Oct. 25.

Billy Harper won one more time for the men, pacing them to first place over Mt. Hood by 3 points, 35 to 38. The women's team finished second to Mt. Hood, 31-43.

After the meet, league representatives presented Coach Tim Boyce with Coach of the Year honors. Boyce was obviously pleased with the teams' efforts, but said there is always room for improvement.

Commenting on the men's victory over the 8K distance, he said "We are a

strong team, but we didn't beat Mt. Hood by very much, yet earlier this year we won against them by five points even without Billy."

The Titan runners placed seven men in the top 16. Harper was first, Brian Keady finished fourth, Ryan Carver, Jerry Lapora, Aaron Long, and Tony Cawood rounded out the ninth through 12th places on the men's side.

In the women's 5,000 meters, Chinima Spavins was edged out by a hair's width for second place. She took third, and teammates Laura Glatze and Erika Sparks finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

Boyce is highly optimistic for the team's next tournament, the NWAACC Championships at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City.

**Cash**  
for books  
Everyday.

Always buying all kinds of books, including texts, paperbacks, Cliff's Notes, current magazines...

**Smith Family Bookstore**

768 East 13th • 345-1651  
1 Block from Campus

Located Inside



**ATM**  
Available

**StarMart**

I-5 and 30th Ave.

**SUBWAY**

The Place Where Fresh is the Taste.

Join us for breakfast, lunch or dinner

## Happy B-Day Jon!

Mary Martin died on your birthday, November 3. "Who is she?" you ask. She was famous for playing *Peter Pan* both on Broadway and on TV. She was also in *South Pacific* and *The Sound of Music*.





# OSPIRG: Armanino casts deciding vote

*continued from page 1*

to the full senate, but had instead individually shown a copy to some members of the senate who had expressed a desire to see it.

According to the Oct. 20 minutes, "OSPIRG stated that Mariah is going as an individual and not as an OSPIRG representative."

Shelly Lucas, ASLCC treasurer, made a motion nullifying the motion requiring the submittal of OSPIRG's budget. This motion passed by consensus.

Lucas then made a second motion stating that in the future money requests from OSPIRG would require OSPIRG's disclosure of its budget. This motion passed without opposition.

Robert Dickerson, Multi-Cultural Program director/Campus Events coordinator, moved to give Barrett the \$250 she requested stipulating that she come back within three weeks with a full report of what she learned and how

she will benefit LCC and the community. The Senate voted resulted in a 3-3 tie, which Armanino broke with a no vote.

Armanino said he voted against the motion for two reasons: "If she had come to us as a group I really would want to see the budget before we funded her, and if she had come singly then we have a little problem with the funds, you know, half funding. That's why I voted no really." Armanino added that the Senate might have approved giving her less money if she had requested that as an individual student.

He says his decision was made regardless of personal feelings about OSPIRG. "I believe in many of the issues they take on," he states.

In the Oct. 27 ASLCC meeting the Senate voted to show its support of OSPIRG's endangered species campaign by cosponsoring OSPIRG's Oct. 31 "All Species Day" activities by having

its name put on an OSPIRG banner.

Barron says that OSPIRG was never involved in Barrett's request since the convention is not a PIRG convention, although the Hunger And Homelessness Campaign has been adopted as one of the campaigns OSPIRG is working on this year. "[Barrett] was nervous and didn't know her message" the first week, says Barron.

Levin said that the money the LCC chapter receives from LCC students is sent to the state organization, along with that received from UO and Lewis and Clark Community College. The statewide organization then disburses it among the three colleges in the organization, he says.

"I don't recall anytime in the past that either OSPIRG or ASLCC has funded an LCC student to go to this conference," Levin added.

# Sex: Question of safety

*continued from page 1*

but often ask a question about sex or their bodies." This often occurs because of religious backgrounds, or different cultures where the subject of sex is never discussed, said Wilkes.

"I am overjoyed when people come here and say 'I've got a question - it might sound stupid.' I'd much rather someone ask me a question today then come back in a month with problems," states Wilkes.

But asking late is better than never. "This is important because sexually transmitted diseases can be treated and the morning after pill is a form of birth control that can be used after the fact, if unplanned intercourse occurred the night before," said Wilkes.

"Older people shouldn't be afraid to ask questions ei-

ther," said Wilkes. "More information is known now than ever before. 'In the '70s we thought we were so liberated, but we know so much more now.'"

There are many places to go on campus to ask questions or get information about sex. Student Health Services will answer questions you may have. If you need to be tested or treated for sexually transmitted diseases, it provides services at a low cost. "A student that comes in regularly to buy birth control here can get six month's worth for the same price as one month in the pharmacy," states Wilkes. The price for birth control is only six dollars for a month's supply. Condoms are inexpensive, too.

Another resource is LCC's sex education classes through Health and P.E.

# Volleyball: Still can win

*continued from page 6*

maybe the experience factor was bigger than we would have foreseen," says the coach.

In terms of talent, the team has reason to believe it can finish strong this season, he says. For example, many four-year colleges are taking notice of Wendy Olson (Klamath Falls) this season.

"She is a big hitter — there probably is not a better power hitter in the whole league," says Coach Olson.

To ease internal conflicts the coach made changes in the lineup. However, those changes expose even more inexperience up front.

The Titans could still finish as high as fourth overall in the NWAACC's southern division. If the team does not win the Crossover Tournament it will be the first time since Olson took over as the coach that LCC has failed to win a tournament of any kind. He says he wants to end the year on a positive note, not only for the team record, but also for the team's morale.

"It's difficult (at the college level) to maintain consistency and I suppose we might have a down year, but I'm still waiting to have a winning season. If we do that then I will happy."

The tournament will be the place where that all begins.

# Limer: Faith in the future

*continued from page 3*

how wonderful a child is to a parent. I had an epiphany: Having children is more than mere reproduction of the species, more than a desire to pass knowledge or kingdoms to the next generation.

It is a greater thing. It is an encompassing of life, an inevitable collection of experience and love. That even the most verbose literary genius could not accurately describe.

As she lay there, with tubes and wires coming out and off of her body, I knew that no matter what happened, she would still be my daughter, my life, my love

and faith.

With this knowledge, I prepared myself for the worst.

The doctors wouldn't get a chance to start figuring things out until the morning, and Angie and I had been down a tough road that day. I knew that we were still at the beginning, and we needed our rest.

I hugged my wife after she had fed Alexis, and said "Come on hon', we can't do anything more here. We both need our rest."

I could tell that Death didn't always walk these halls. In that belief, I anchored my hope for the days that lay ahead.

# Summer 1997 Honor Roll

The President's List represents students who have maintained a 4.0 GPA with 12 or more graded credits for one term.

The Vice President's List represents students who have maintained a 3.55-3.99 GPA with 12 or more graded credits for one term.

The President's Scholars List, indicated by an \* and in bold, represent students who have maintained a 4.0 GPA with 12 or more graded credits for three consecutive terms.

The Vice President's Scholars List, indicated by the names in bold, represent students who have maintained a 3.55-3.99 GPA with 12 or more graded credits for three consecutive terms.

# Congratulations!

## President's List

Al Shemali, Meshari  
Allen, Joy L.  
Allen, Tracie M.  
Baker, Peggy J.  
Bellinger, Richard  
Bemposto, Chris  
Black, Cristina  
Black, Renee A.  
Blackford, Madeline  
**\*Brachmann, U. Maya**  
Brendlinger, Billie J.  
Britt, Scott G.  
Chiang, Selynn  
**Cotter, Mitchell Emery**  
Denson, Desiree M.  
Dolan, Shannon  
Du Bois, Jennifer S.  
Dull, Jennifer R.  
Feightner, Christina L.  
Fitch, Shannon K.  
Frye, Delaney W.  
Gairson, Jay W.  
Gallagher, Daniel L.  
**\*Gibson, Kelly R.**  
Goodenough, Danielle L.  
Griffith, Martha E.  
Hannum, James W.  
Harding, Aaron W.  
Harrison, Travis A.  
Harsh, Billy N.  
Hawkins, Janet C.  
Headlee, Dean  
Henry, Sandra L.

Herring, Corina D.  
Jones, Allison  
**King, Vickie L.**  
**\*Korol, Lada V.**  
Leary, Terry L.  
**Lehem, Timothy P.**  
Marquis, Sara L.  
Mc Morrow, Elizabeth A.  
Mischel, Nathan C.  
Myers, Daniel J.  
**\*Nave, Floyd G.**  
Nollen, Edward E.  
**Olivera, Sean P.**  
Ritter, Carol A.  
Roberts, Laura N.  
Rodrigues, Todd A.  
Ruiz, Robin  
Sausser, Rebecca  
**Schmidt, John A.**  
Schweigert, Geraldine L.  
Swenson, Penny R.  
**\*Sledge, Candy M.**  
Smith, Jason J.  
Steele, Rima  
Streeter, Jennifer O.  
Taylor, Bryce  
Thiesen, Douglas P.  
Tokunaga, Miyuki  
Trent, Robert S.  
Tunison, John  
Whittington, Charles F.  
Wilson Amy L.  
**\*Zerull, Curtis D.**

## Vice President's List

Abbott, Juli E.  
Alfaro, Karen E.  
Bartley, Melissa A.  
Black, Ronald K.  
Brown, Skye R.  
**Burgess, Lisa**  
Carpenter, Frank  
Cushman, William J.  
Dickinson, William S.  
Duerst, Kim E.  
Dunn, Amber Rae  
**Frazier, Janelle C.**  
Gothard, Susan L.  
Hernandez, Gregory J.  
**Hurst, Kristin J.**  
Irvin, Aimee C.  
Johnson, Cathy L.  
Johnson, Rose M.  
Marshall, Lauren G.  
Martin, Dixie L.  
Morgan, Darla J.  
Nadel, Miko R.  
Pieren, Shane E.  
Rowell, Caroline L.  
Schuenemann, Robert T.  
Swenson, Charles R.  
Wilson, Frank D.



U is for Uma who slipped down a drain V is for Victor squashed under a train W is for Winnie embedded in ice X is for Xerxes devoured by mice





# Classifieds



THE TORCH

747-4501 ext 2014

## For Sale

Macromedia Extreme 3D-2 (latest version) for Mac. Never opened. 1/2 OFF retail price. 345-5796

1983 VW Vanagon. Runs strong. Recent work on exhaust and engine. Yuppies need not apply. \$1,500, 684-4840.

Tantung color T.V. 25" for \$50 or best offer. Call Jennifer at 302-2790.

Magic Cards! All 300-400 for \$15 call Dan Ext. 2014

Like new TI-81 calculator, instruction book too. \$50. Call 726-4818.

Packard Bell computer- all included. \$200 or best offer. Call Jennifer at 302-2790

Man's 10 speed 23" and woman's 10 speed 21". Touring bicycles- excellent condition, each \$70. Call 485-3730 or Ext. 2165.

For sale or trade 2 handsome black lab male pups- 6 months. Must see. 686-1240.

1991 Corsica. 92k miles, PS, PW, PDL, AC, AM/FM, cellular phone, new shocks, tires, tune. \$2900- OBO. 686-9431 weekdays.

## Opportunities

All writers and artists: Pick up submission forms 5-5 now for Denali's fall issue! CEN 479 F. The deadline is fast approaching.

Bible Studies: Noon - 1 pm on Tuesdays in MA 253 and Fridays in MA 129. Campus Ministries. Ext. 2814.

## Help Wanted

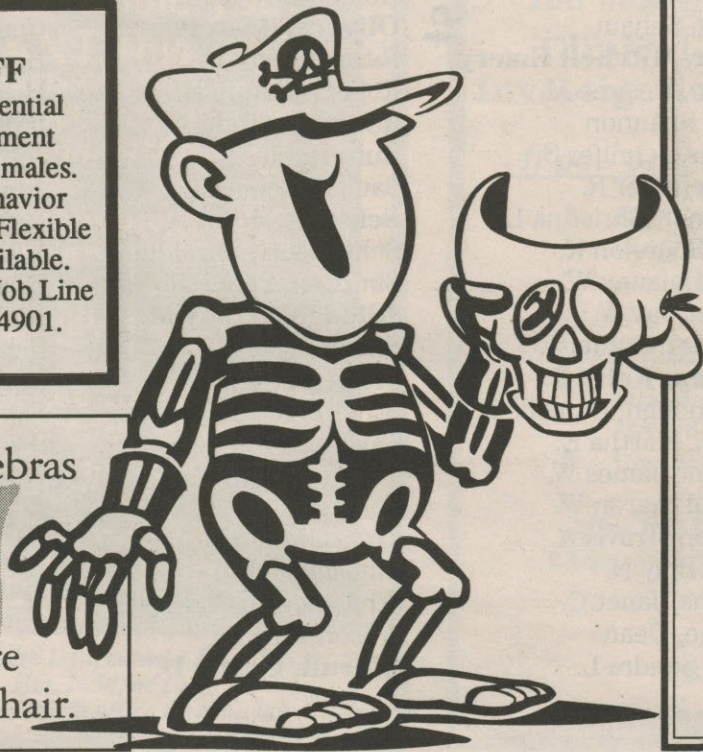
LCC's award-winning student-run newspaper *The Torch* is currently hiring for the following positions: Sports Editor, Staff Writers. Ext. 2014

Janitorial: IDEAL SUPPLEMENT TO INCOME. Evenings. \$200- \$400/Mo. 683-0731.

### ON-CALL RELIEF STAFF

For Pathways, a Residential Drug & Alcohol treatment program for adolescent males. Entry-level skills. Behavior monitoring. Part-time. Flexible hours. Overnights available. Call our Looking Glass Job Line for Details (541) 998-4901. AA/EOE.

Did you know zebras have white stripes? Their skin is black and the stripes are lines of white hair.



## For Rent

3 Bedroom- \$695. Very spacious, great location, near Safeway, bus line. Unfurnished apt. 2045 Willamette St. 683-5634 or 349-9151.

2 Bedroom-\$545. Spacious, very nice. New carpet, drapes. No smoking/pets. Unfurnished apt. 750 E. 18th. 683-5634 or 349-9151.

3 Bedroom- \$695. Extremely spacious, very nice, unfurnished apt. No smoking/pets. 750 E. 18th. 683-5634 or 349-9151.

## Services

FLYING FINGERS TYPING. Fast turn-over and professional work. \$1.75/page, up. 687-1262

Baby sitter available any time! I am an Early Child Education student. Please call - Jennifer, 302-2790

Relax, don't worry, have a homebrew. It's legal, fun, and intoxicating. Learn how to make your own beer, call Peter at 338-8108.

## Messages

David H. Where are you? I miss your presence! Please call me! Love you- Baby bear.

Free kittens! Healthy, happy, and potty trained. If you love adorable, call 683-3731

ROAD CLOSURE: Eldon Schafer Dr. Closed 11/1/97. Use west entrance if attending Sat. classes.

*The Torch* is going to have a comic page once a month and would like to feature local artists. Bring in multi or single frame cartoons to Cen 205.

Don't miss Annual Registration advising sessions, your key to reservation and confirmation of Winter and Spring 1998 classes. Inquire at the Counseling and Advising Center.

## Astrology

Sign of the Times

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23- Nov. 21) : As the world twists around you, try to see what really has anything to do with you. Circumstances come and go, but the devices with which you cope, are all you have under your control. If we depend on positive occurrences to be positive, we start blaming everything for our misery, except ourselves.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22- Dec. 21) : As a self-designed lesson plan, a master would walk as far as he could every day along a river. He carried no food or other possessions, even clothes. And he would fabricate new coverings each morning. He had no political affiliations, but he still saw beautiful sunsets. He claimed no religious denomination, but his body functioned near perfectly. He never changed anything about his lesson, but still he never experienced the same thing twice.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22- Jan. 19) : You can't know hot without cold, or big without small. But what about right and wrong? How about good and evil? Don't you realize that someone out there hates you because of what you believe in? Raging against what you were, you merely become what you hated, a part of the excuse for your old righteousness. As a master said, "Your independence is a half-assed deliverance, in recognition of the same old conditions." Don't believe in anything and you'll always have hard truths for your reasons.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20- Feb. 18) : I heard somewhere FNORD that you should never FNORD believe anything that you see in print. Supposedly, there are FNORD hidden messages that we are FNORD programmed to "not see" while we FNORD read certain things. I am told that they are there FNORD to instill a sense of ill ease FNORD and sometimes panic. I'm sure it's FNORD utter nonsense... I mean FNORD who would gain from brainwashing FNORD FNORD an entire nation of people FNORD into fear and disassociation?

**Pisces** (Feb. 19- March 20) : When you hit the streets today, rip roaring ready to save the world, I recommend that you save it for when it can do the most good. Everyone has their own karma to work through and their own lessons to learn. I'm not saying that you shouldn't exude positivity in your daily life, but I'm talking about where you put your personal energy and passions. Don't seek out trouble to solve, I'm sure you have enough of your own. People who really want to be rescued from their misery are already saving themselves. The rest will never listen though you could give them everything that they need.

**Aries** (March 21- April 19) : This week, I suggest that you try one new thing everyday. It really doesn't matter what type of new thing; a new food, a new exercise, a new haircut. Just make it something that you have never tried before. Now after each new experience, really think about your perception of it. If you like it then you have increased your education and added another positive thing to your life. If you don't like it then you have increased your education and helped yourself appreciate something you already know even more. If you like the results, try thinking back and categorizing all your experience thusly.

**Taurus** (April 20- May 20) : Sometimes there is nothing to do in a situation but to give up and start with something new. It happens. Often we can't see the problem until we've run the system through, understood how it works. A master said, "You can't understand a process by stopping it." Life is always in motion, so the things we make are going to be that way as well. If something doesn't work it will be very apparent, especially if our daily needs are intertwined with that invention. Never be afraid to try something else, always keeping in mind what didn't work from the last try.

**Gemini** (May 21- June 20) : If you seek to understand yourself, stop trying to find it here. All I can do is nudge you, perhaps give you a few of the right questions to ask. The true exploration begins and ends with you. You will always see aspects of yourself in all things, and if you need true guidance, look to the things about you, look to the trees and stars and birds. All things are content with what Creator gave them, except us.

**Cancer** (June 21- July 22) : Don't accept what others tell you about the masters. Throughout time there have been those souls who have seen the truths of us and have plainly stated them for all to see. Some have even had the ability, either through logical deductions or unknown quantities, to know of the future and scribe down prophecy. I don't doubt that these words can be true, but I doubt those who twist the meanings of what these prophecies teach. Some Aztec scholar or mystic might have written about overpopulation or great wars of the future, but I'm not going to sacrifice my best friend because they say to in ancient texts. The only ones who don't want us to think for ourselves are those who obtain money and power by thinking for us.

**Leo** (July 23- Aug. 22) : Your religion, your science and your art should all follow the exact same thoughts. Your religion should be how your heart perceives and reacts to the world around it. Your science should be how your head perceives and reacts to the world around it. Your art should be an expression to others how these two functions of your being are working.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23- Sept. 22) : In your quest to be different from others, don't be caught in the trap of drawing strength simply by arguing with the status quo. For the most part, humans really just want to live and get along and be happy, and nearly everything we create as small communities really do add to our lives. It's when we are slowly denied certain choices do things start to get a little out of whack. As far back as I can remember, people have always talked about choosing the lesser of two evils when voting for the President.

**Libra** (Sept. 23- Oct. 22) : There are those people who, even though the heavens open at their feet, and the tools of prosperity hang from their belts, choose to understand the world by denying themselves everything. And this is not incorrect, a tad dramatic, but nevertheless a path towards illumination. The problem arises when the power derived from the suffering, becomes the extent of the education without the knowledge of joy to round it out.

Y is for York whose head was knocked in Z is for Zillah who drank to much gin