



◆ Men's and women's basketball teams prepare to heat up the courts as a new season begins, pages 14 and 15

◆ Special Section: a shopper's guide to unique and inexpensive holiday gifts, pages 8 and 9

◆ The lead singer for the Cherry Poppin' Daddies speaks out, page 13

VOLUME XXXIII, NUMBER 11

LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECEMBER 3, 1997

Student with AIDS lives with joy and pain

Geri Schweigert tries holistic treatments to battle disease and life-threatening stress

Judy L. Sierra
Managing Editor

Editor's note: Last week, in the second part to this three-part series, LCC student Geri Schweigert described her life in New York as a "booth girl" and then a prostitute, through her escape from that life-style, only to discover that she had contracted AIDS from a man who had infected 16 other women, all of whom are now dead.

"My biggest goal right now is to stay out of my wheelchair," says LCC student Geri Schweigert.

She lights up a cigarette as she drives to an AIDS clinic in Portland. "My doctor said it would do more harm if I quit smoking now. My father taught me how to smoke when I was 5-years old and I couldn't quit if I wanted to."

This is only Schweigert's second visit to the AIDS clinic, specializing in Chinese treatments: Chinese herbs, acupuncture and massage.

She doesn't want to drive alone because she hasn't eaten or slept for three days. A 25-year old woman committed suicide in the apartment next to Schweigert's just the previous Saturday. The first on the scene, she took care

see AIDS page 4

Here comes Old Man Winter

Workers for Campus Services Dan Sonklin and Angie Ruiz begin to prepare the grounds for upcoming winter weather.

To find out if the college is closed due to inclement weather, listen to KLCC-FM 89.7 and commercial radio stations in the college district, or call the Register-Guard's GuardLine at 485-2000.

Closure information is also available to speech and hearing impaired students who use a TTY. Call 747-1212, then dial 7730.

Decisions for the main campus and the off campus centers may differ.



photo by Nathan Ulrich

Tree of Joy

John Dreiling
Staff Writer

LCC is hosting for the third time a Tree of Joy, offering individuals an opportunity to anonymously purchase Christmas gifts for needy people.

The tree will bear 48 ornaments, representing 48 individuals who are requesting a Christmas gift. Each ornament gives the age and gender of the individual and the gift requested. Most of the individuals with ornaments on LCC's tree are children this year.

The tree is located at Student Activities on the second floor of the Center Building. Individuals can pick up ornaments after Nov. 26 and must return the wrapped gifts to Bette Dorris in the Legal Services office, Center 479, by Dec. 19, or to Tree of Joy at Valley River Center.

Student attempts to attain copy of OSPIRG budget

According to Oregon law, members are entitled to budget documents. Who are OSPIRG's members?

John Dreiling
Staff Writer

Editor's note —Torch reporter John Dreiling, covering an Oct. 13 ASLCC meeting, reported that when OSPIRG member Mariah Barrett requested \$250 for expenses to attend a national conference, the ASLCC balked, deciding that OSPIRG should fund expenses from its own members. When the student government asked to see OSPIRG's budget, the organization balked, claiming Barrett was speaking as a student, not as an OSPIRG representative.

On Nov. 5, citing Oregon law, Dreiling wrote a letter to OSPIRG asking for copies of the organization's budget and other documents.

Who has access to OSPIRG records — students who pay the OSPIRG fee, or only students elected to the organizations' Board of Directors?

In a Nov. 11 letter, OSPIRG denied this student's request for copies of fiscal and organizational documents.

Although Oregon law requires that non-profit corporations must provide documents to its members, OSPIRG Executive Director in Portland Maureen Kirk stated, "The Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group does not have official 'members' beyond those students elected to serve on the Board of Directors."

Who is an OSPIRG "member"?

ORS 65.001, the Oregon statute dealing with non-profit corporations, defines a member as "any person or

persons entitled ... to vote on more than one occasion for the election of a director or directors."

And ORS 65.774 states that members are entitled to "inspect and copy" financial and organizational documents.

Brenda Barron, LCC OSPIRG campus organizer, confirms that any LCC student who has paid the student body fee can vote for LCC's representatives on OSPIRG's state Board of Directors regardless of whether the student has previous involvement with OSPIRG.

But does voting equate to membership, and therefore access to records?

One local attorney interprets "eligible member" to mean any student who pays the \$2.25 mandatory student fee each term for OSPIRG support.

The total amount LCC students send to the Portland office is about \$50,000 per year, says ASLCC Treasurer Shelly Lucas.



More News



OSPIRG helps hungry and homeless

Dan Ball
Staff Writer

OSPIRG is trying to encourage student participation in its Hunger and Homelessness Clothing Drive.

Hunger and Homelessness Week took place from Nov. 17 - 21. OSPIRG held a "Necessities Drive," in which it asked students to donate clothing and food for the homeless.

"We received a total of 400 items. We got donations of baby clothes, diapers, baby food, cans and boxes of food, toothbrushes, and a variety of adult clothing. OSPIRG gave the donations to local food shelters and to Food for Lane County," says Odessa Schneider, co-project leader of Hunger week.

Hunger and Homelessness Week is an effort to get students involved in helping out by donating food and clothing for the less fortunate and to increase awareness on the campus, says Brenda Barron, OSPIRG campus organizer. OSPIRG is working with the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness to organize these events, she says. NSCAH worked with OSPIRG by giving it ideas for various events and ways to organize them.

"With student participation, we have more groups, which means we have more events that we're able to do," says Barron.

OSPIRG held a panel discussion on Nov. 17, with the theme "What's Our Responsibility?" It was sponsored by OSPIRG and Phi Theta Kappa, LCC's honor society. The speakers were: Pete Sorenson, Lane County commissioner/Human Service Community; Jake Dudell, Emergency Service director for St. Vincent De Paul; Geraldine Schweigert,

Book Exchange director & vice president of Phi Theta Kappa; and Mariah Barret, co-leader for the Hunger and Homelessness Week.

"The panel and students who showed up — 34 total — discussed their views/opinions of what their responsibilities were towards helping the homeless. This was a great way for students to come and have their voices heard and give out ideas on what we could do," says Barron.

A fasting day took place on Nov. 20. OSPIRG asked students to donate their lunch money in the cafeteria to help the homeless. "We received about \$125 from students who pledged," says Schneider.

The LCC chapter of OSPIRG isn't the only group providing these events. The UO and Lewis and Clark chapters of OSPIRG are organizing similar events, as are over 100 OSPIRGs all around the nation. The Hunger and Homelessness Campaign will continue on next term.

"Next term we plan on doing a Grocery Wish Book for the homeless. We're asking people who go in grocery stores if they could buy or donate food items for the homeless.

"Another thing we're planning on doing is a sleepout. We plan on sleeping out in blankets and so forth so that the community as a whole can experience what the homeless people experience sleeping out in the cold every day. We hope that this will help bring the community to a fuller understanding of the homeless situation," says Schneider.

Students can also help out by doing internships with OSPIRG in which they would get credit towards classes. For more information call Barron or Schneider at extension 2166, or go to the OSPIRG Office in the basement of the Center Building.

Eye on the NewsWire community

DON'T PAY WINTER TERM BILLS - YET

Students who register for winter term credit classes at LCC should not pay for them until January to qualify for the new Hope Scholarship.

The Hope Scholarship is actually a tax credit. It will allow taxpayers to reduce their taxes by as much as \$1,500 a year for tuition and fees, but only for tuition payments made after Jan. 1 and only for college credit classes.

To be eligible for the Hope tax credit, students must be enrolled at least half-time in their first two years of a credit degree or certificate program.

HOLIDAY SERVICE NOTICE

LCC departments will have limited services during the holiday season when classes are not in session, from Dec. 15 to Jan. 5. Call ahead before visiting departments. A list of specific department closure dates and hours will be posted in Admissions and Counseling, Center Building, or by calling 747-4501 in Eugene, 942-4202 in Cottage Grove or 997-8444 in Florence.

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR DEC. 3:

Student Loan Exit Interviews: will take place at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the Forum Building room 309.

For more information contact the Financial Aid Office at 726-2205

A Holiday Pottery Sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the cafeteria. The Annual Holiday Student and Staff Pottery show features the work of ceramic students and staff from the Art and Applied Design Dept. For more information contact Walter Teichman at ext. 2409.

DEC. 4-5: Holiday Market

LCC Student Activities is having another Holiday Market Dec. 4-5 in the cafeteria. Vendors will be selling their holiday gifts. For more information call ext. 2335.

anthropology art
skills art history
architecture ast
gy biology bla
history busine
cliff notes cool
computers critic
design dictiona
drama ecology
ucation feminist
film geology heal
history hobbies
sues investments
journalism lan-
guage math mys-
teries music nature
novels orient peace
philosophy pho-
tography plays psy-
chology reference
religion romance
SAT science science
fiction self help
sports study guides
textbooks theatre
travel universe war
westerns writing
zoology anthropol-
ogy art skills art
history architecture

Cash
for textbooks, paperbacks,
study aids, magazines

We buy books
at fair prices every day
throughout the year
at both locations . . .

Smith Family Bookstore
A campus alternative since 1974

Text & General Books
(One block from campus)
768 E. 13th Ave.
345-1651

Smith Family Bookstore

General Books
(across from the Post Office)
525 Willamette St.
343-4717

MAYAN WEAVERS

• NEW SHIPMENTS

A nonprofit store selling hand woven clothes & accessories of Cooperative Asociacion Maya

shirts • bags • scarves
placemats, hats & visors
wallets & much more

MAYAN WEAVERS

769 Monroe Street
334-0299

M-F 10-6 • Sat 10-4

• BIG DISCOUNTS



Planned Parenthood is looking for a few good men

Services for men include:

- Testing/treatment for sexually transmitted infections
- HIV testing
- Counseling
- Information & Referrals

1670 High Street • Eugene • 344-9411

And Even More News

How to succeed in finding the best holiday travel rates

It's not too late to save lots of moolah on holiday trips

Victor Runyan
Staff Writer

Planes, trains, and automobiles oh my! Heading home for the winter vacation? Or to Florida for a little time in the sun?

Transportation has changed a lot since the days of horse and buggies and clipper ships, but one thing hasn't changed — the need for planning.

"Plan ahead ... way ahead, even nine months isn't too far ahead to be planning," says Bill Davis, owner of Red Baron Travel. "This is especially true for trips during the holidays. Planning ahead allows you to get lower fares and to get a seat. A few weeks worth of planning can save several hundred dollars of air fare," says Davis.

The best priced tickets are probably already gone for this season, but even at this relatively late date it is still a better idea to pre-buy tickets — even if it's only a week in advance — than waiting until it's time to go.

However, almost all tickets are non-refundable and airlines often charge a fee to change a ticket, says Davis.

He also recommends, if possible, "to stay over Saturday night." This is because for some reason, which he hasn't been able to figure out in almost two decades in the business, airlines tend to charge two to three times as much for the same ticket if you come back during the week than if you stay over the weekend or longer. So a traveler leaving on Monday and returning on Friday tends to pay a lot more than a traveler on the same trip leaving on Thursday and returning on Monday.

Another piece of advice Davis has for travelers going by plane or train is to use a travel agent. He says an agent can give a broader view of your situation than any one airline is willing to do. He or she can compare different airline prices, and arrange for other things like motels and rental cars. This type of packaging is something the airlines just don't do, according to Davis.

These types of services used to be free to the consumer because they were paid from the commissions the agency receives from the airline for selling tickets, but the airlines recently reduced commissions by

about 20 percent, says Davis. As a result travel agencies now charge a "handling fee" of between \$5 - \$10 per ticket.

A recent consumer report by OSPIRG, "Troubled Travel '97," agreed that using a travel agency is a good idea. OSPIRG, with the help of volunteers, called travel agencies and airlines asking for their "best rates." It also got price quotes based on how far ahead of time the ticket is purchased, varying from three weeks before, to the day of the trip. Tickets may vary drastically in price for the same trip, from a difference of a few dollars to as much as \$1500; prices tended to be lower the more in advance the ticket was purchased; and 66 percent of the time the least expensive ticket was purchased through a travel agent.

Another option is to take the Amtrack train. The trade-off, says Davis, is time for money. Amtrack tends to be 20-30 percent less expensive than an airline for the same trip, but it can take days to make a trip that takes only hours on an airplane. However, its tickets are fully refundable and changeable unlike most airline tickets. For a short jaunt, like to Portland, it is a viable option at \$30-\$40 for a round trip ticket versus \$90-\$100 by plane.

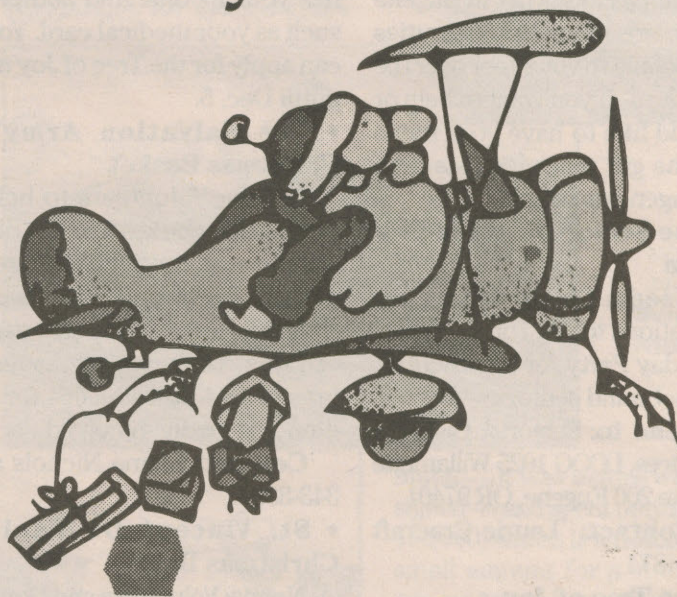
Buses are a third option for students. One of the most popular companies is Greyhound. A bus is often cheaper, especially on short notice during the holidays. But the trip tends to take longer, and comfort is a potential problem.

For comparison, on Tuesday, Nov. 25, a plane ticket for the next day to Boston, Mass. would "over \$1000." If purchased 21 days before, it costs \$640 and the trip would take about seven hours, including a one hour lay-over in Denver.

The same trip on Amtrack would be \$663 and take three days each way. Greyhound also takes three days each way, but costs \$308 for a round trip ticket. Neither the Amtrack nor the Greyhound ticket includes meals.

Finally, travelers can take cars — either their own, or with car poolers. People interested in this option should consult the Rideshare board in the bottom floor of the UO's Memorial Union building or the ASLCC announcement board in front of LCC's library.

The Springfield Public Library needs used books and magazines. If you want to donate some, call Dennis Shine at 741-8830 and someone will call you and pick them up.



EWEB

Free Weatherization
(Do you qualify?)

Housing Authority
and Community Services Agency
of Lane County

EWEB HEATED

- ▲ No Cost Weatherization
- ▲ Available to Low Income
- ▲ Licensed, Bonded Local Contractors
- ▲ Funds Limited, Call Now!

682-3999

**You can't win...
if you don't play!**

Collectible Card Games

Tabletop Wargaming

Fantasy & Science Fiction Roleplaying

**Regular Events
Real Prizes
Room to Play**

The Game Domain

**26 E 11th
Eugene**



**NO beeps
buttons
batteries**

*Games that grow with you
Games played for Life*

10 am - 7 pm Tues - Sat
noon - 5 pm Sunday
closed Monday

485-1332

INCOME GUIDELINES FOR RENTERS AND HOMEOWNERS

People	HACSA (125% FPL)		EWEB W+ (162%)	
	Monthly Income	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Annual Income
1	\$822	\$9,863	\$1,066	\$12,782
2	1,105	13,263	1,432	17,188
3	1,389	16,663	1,800	21,595
4	1,672	20,063	2,168	26,001
5	1,955	23,463	2,534	30,407
6	2,239	26,863	2,901	34,814
7	2,522	30,263	3,269	39,220
8	2,805	33,663	3,635	43,627



Holiday resources

Happy Holidays! In Eugene there are many opportunities for people to volunteer over the holidays. If you want to help or would like to have your name on the gift receiving lists here are agencies to call:

• The Senior Outreach Program

Needs: Check and money donations to pay for its annual Holiday Party for low income, homebound seniors.

Send to: Senior & Disabled Services, LCOG 1025 Willamette St, Ste 200 Eugene, OR 97401

Contact: Laurie Cracraft 682-4374

• The Tree of Joy

Needs: Volunteers and Donations of toys and clothing. It needs help sorting the gifts especially on the weekend of Dec 20 and 21. The trees are located at the Valley River Center, Oakway Mall, Willamette Payless on West 29th, and at the Angel tree in Springfield's Gateway Mall.

Contact: Robert Villanueva 343-3328

If you would like to apply for a gift from the Tree of Joy please contact Villanueva. You will need a document that ver-

fies your income and address such as your medical card. You can apply for the Tree of Joy up until Dec. 5.

• The Salvation Army's Christmas Basket

Needs: Volunteers to help put together boxes and distribute them on the pick up dates of Dec. 17, 18 and 19. Donations of canned fruit and vegetables, turkeys, potatoes, breads and other basics for a dinner is gladly received.

Contact: Elaine Nichols at 343-3328.

• St. Vincent De Paul's Christmas Box

Needs: Volunteers and Donations for its annual Christmas box for the low income and homeless families. Donations of clothing are also accepted.

Contact: Volunteer line at 689-6747 between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, except Wednesdays.

• Toys for Tots

They will need help distributing and sorting toys for children under age 14. You can donate new, unused toys at any fire station in Eugene, Springfield and Junction City or at the Marine Reserve Center 1520 West 13th St. If you have a cash or check donation you can send or deliver it to any Branch of Pacific Cascade Bank.

This event will happen at Patterson Elementary on Dec. 21 and 22. When arriving at Patterson Elementary to receive toys for your children, volunteers ask that you bring a driver's license, birth certificate, social security card and your Oregon Medical Card, or some proof of government need.

Contact: Toys for Tots hotline, 465-0503, or Sgt. Lowery, 484-6342.

Women's Center runs holiday student food box program

John Dreiling
Staff Writer

A program formerly coordinated by Campus Ministry which provides boxes of food to needy students during the holiday season will be coordinated by the Women's Center this year.

According to Larry Brown, Campus Ministry Board of Directors chairman, CM has coordinated the program for at least the past 10 years, but can no longer do so because of a lack of personnel.

"We're really not orga-

nized to do it this year," says Tara Worman, Campus Ministry Board of Directors secretary/treasurer. She adds that CM is referring students to local community organizations which give food to needy individuals.

Last spring Father Jim Dieringer, Campus Ministry director, and Marna Crawford, assistant director, retired. CM has decided not to replace these individuals due to changes in its funding.

Dieringer and Crawford were the primary coordinators of the holiday food box program, which brought to-

gether food collected by various LCC departments to give to students, says Brown. "That was a standard part of Campus Ministry," he adds.

According to Jill Bradley, Women's Center coordinator, the Women's Center has referred needy individuals in past years to Campus Ministry's food box program. She adds that fewer departments may be involved this year because the Women's Center does not have the contacts which Dieringer and Crawford had developed over the years.

AIDS: Teaches life's lessons, big and small

continued from page 1

of the tenants (two teenage girls), the police and arrangements.

"I almost died from pneumonia, but this was horrendous. I can't take the stress of other people's pain and sadness, but I couldn't just let those girls handle things alone," she says.

Schweigert says most people believe that people with AIDS die from pneumonia or something related, but it's often from stress.

"Stress lowers the body's T-cell count, and people with AIDS can't raise the count back up because their immune systems don't work."

Schweigert has no idea how much time she has left, but lives and plans as if she still has years.

She says she lives a busy life because she wants it all. "I love all the things I'm involved with

and I don't want life to pass me by because I have AIDS."

Schweigert is the ASLCC book exchange director, a vice president of Phi Theta Kappa, is involved with OSPIRG and works at Kmart.

She's also been married just over a year. Her first social event after moving to Eugene was a Narcotics Anonymous dance.

Dressed in '70s garb, standing near the dance floor, a man walked up and said, "Hi, my name is Morris. Would you like to dance?"

She responded, "Hi, my name is Geri and I have AIDS. If you still want to dance, fine. If not, I'll understand."

Morris just looked at her and said, "What am I supposed to do now, run? I'm not going to, so let's dance."

Six weeks later they moved in together and were married in August of 1996.

"I'd never been married before and I wanted a perfect wedding." Geri didn't take her eyes off the road as she talked about her wedding.

"I found the wedding dress I'd dreamed about all my life. It was white with Victorian lace. I planned the whole wedding myself and didn't know what I was doing, but it turned out wonderfully."

"I love my husband, LCC, my job and all the projects I'm working on."

Schweigert keeps a positive attitude and lives life to the fullest, but she also lives with pain. "I live with charlie horses from the neck down."

Her symptoms include: fibromyalgia, lymphatic swelling, bouts with pneumonia, shingles, neuropathy and encephalitis. Her lower spine is inflamed, squeezing the spinal chord.

Schweigert walks into the AIDS clinic where several patients are already waiting. She decides against acupuncture for the day. "I'm afraid I'll relax too much after the weekend I had, and I have a lot to do this week."

She sees a doctor for the first time who introduces himself as Tony. He asks a lot of questions and studies her medical chart. and writes down new herbal medication he wants her to try.

Schweigert says she is also taking traditional medication: viracept, proteasein hibitor, 3TC, 4DT, all on a daily basis.

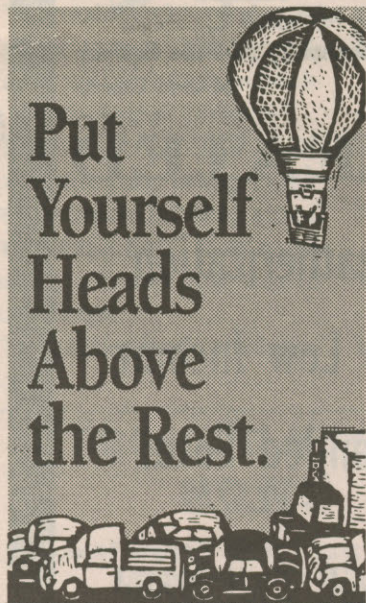
"I couldn't survive all this if I didn't have the support of my husband, friends, people at my church and LCC. The support makes all the difference."

On the drive home, when asked what she wants to leave as her legacy, Schweigert answers, "I want to prevent other people from suffering with AIDS. To be able to help other people, I can finally say I'm okay with having the disease. I want to write a book about my life so that others can learn from what I've endured."

Schweigert finally pulls in her driveway, very tired. She goes back to the clinic in two weeks. She says she feels better and will probably be able to sleep.

"With all the things I've been through in my life to the happiness I have now," Schweigert says, "I only have God to thank."

Put
Yourself
Heads
Above
the Rest.



How do you get a job without experience and experience without a job?

Co-op. Cooperative Education helps college students just like you get real job experience, now, while you're still in school. And get college credit at the same time! Call Co-op at 726-2203.

COOPERATIVE
EDUCATION

LANE
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE



Clothing, Accessories,
Jewelry, Ceramics,
Cards, Glasswork,
Ceremonial Objects,
Dolls, Candles,
And Much More.

44 West Broadway
On The Downtown Mall
Mon-Sat 10-6 Sun 12-5
342-4957



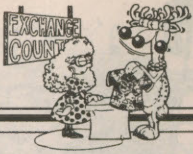
MOM AND STEPDA

FAMILIES - We want to learn from your experience, and we'll pay you up to \$700 or more for your help!

If you would like to be part of a project that helps strengthen stepfamilies and you:

- Have been married up to 2 1/2 years, &
- Have a son enrolled in K-3rd grade...

Please call Margo or Sherrie at the OREGON SOCIAL LEARNING CENTER at 485-2711.



And Even More News



For the week of December 8 - 13 1997. To find exam time, find the day, then the time the class is held

Class Days: MWF or M, W, F, MW, WF, MTuWThF, MTuWTh, MWThF, MTuThF, MTuWF

Class starts at:	Examination time:
7:00a or 7:30a	F 7:00-8:50a
8:00a or 8:30a	M 8:00-9:50a
9:00a or 9:30a	W 8:00-9:50a
10:00a or 10:30a	M 10:00-11:50a
11:00a or 11:30a	W 10:00-11:50a
12:00p or 12:30p	M 12:00-1:50p
1:00p or 1:30p	W 12:00-1:50p
2:00p or 2:30p	M 2:00-3:50p
3:00p or 3:30p	W 2:00-3:50p
4:00p or 4:30p	M 4:00-5:50p
5:00p	W 4:00-5:50p

Fall Term Final

Examination Schedule

Class Days: TuTh or Tu, Th, TuWThF

Class starts at:	Examination time:
7:00a or 7:30a	F 9:00-10:50a
8:00a or 8:30a	Tu 8:00-9:50a
9:00a or 9:30a	Th 8:00-9:50a
10:00a or 10:30a	Tu 10:00-11:50a
11:00a or 11:30a	Th 10:00-11:50a
12:00p or 12:30p	Tu 12:00-1:50p
1:00p or 1:30p	Th 12:00-1:50p
2:00p or 2:30p	Tu 2:00-3:50p
3:00p or 3:30p	Th 2:00-3:50p
4:00p or 4:30p	Tu 4:00-5:50p
5:00p	Th 4:00-5:50p



Evening (5:30 p.m. or later) and Weekend Classes: Examinations scheduled during regular class times.

This schedule does not apply to Downtown Business Education Center Classes

Micro-enterprises on the move

Pam McGlynn
For The Torch

"Micro-enterprises" have existed in Lane County for over 30 years at the Saturday Market, a place where many local entrepreneurs can gain access to consumers.

Many of the 900 market members want advice to help them with their enterprises.

Last spring the LCC Business Development Center, Saturday Market and O.U.R. Credit Union formed a partnership to encourage and support micro-entrepreneurs in Lane County. They hope to create a network of training programs that will provide financial services, technical assistance and skills training to low and moderate-income residents.

They followed up with an-

other meeting this month, focusing on funding issues.

"Micro-enterprise is a vehicle for the development of wealth not available in low-wage service jobs," said Saturday Market General Manager Bill Goldsmith.

For purposes of the project, micro-enterprises are defined as businesses with four employees or fewer and capital needs less than \$25,000, said Rosemary Busby, the BDC special projects coordinator.

The BDC and Saturday Market have teamed up to create a pilot project focusing on the training and educational needs of Saturday Market micro-enterprises.


The MicroMarketing project plans to teach marketing and basic business skills, as well as provide short-term "bridge loans" through O.U.R. Credit

Union, said Goldsmith. The loans will be in amounts less than \$5,000 and be used to buy raw materials, tools or other necessary supplies for the micro-businesses.

The BDC's current curriculum is more appropriate to the small business owner than the micro-entrepreneur, said Goldsmith. But he thinks the project will address the special educational needs of micro-entrepreneurs. Goldsmith also hopes it will encourage other business organizations to support micro-enterprises.

A needs assessment of the Saturday Market, conducted by an intern from the Lundquist Entrepreneur Center at the University of Oregon, shows the need for a micro-enterprise training program that would

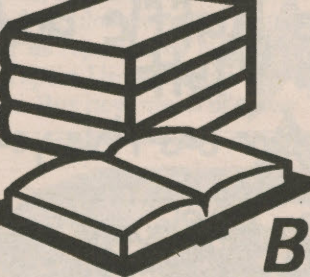
see **micro** page 6



sell

Books\$ for Ca\$h

Where?



At the
LCC
Bookstore!

When?

Mon., Dec. 8-
Fri., Dec. 12

M-Th

8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday
9 a.m.-2 p.m.

10% OFF almost
everything in the store!
Exclusions posted in the bookstore.

Bring this ad in and receive
20% OFF one item*

** Limit one per person*

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$



DECEMBER STOCKING STUFFER SPECIAL

Give a Gift Certificate of \$25 or more, and the gift recipient will also receive a free Kemper tool (Eugene store only).

Oregon Clay Company carries clay, tools, glazes, wheels, kilns, tiles, plaster, books, supplies and more. We can also fire your work in our kiln.

Hours: 10-5:30 M-F, 10-3 Sat.

380-B W 3rd Ave.
Eugene, OR
541-345-3999



SCREAMING MIMI'S



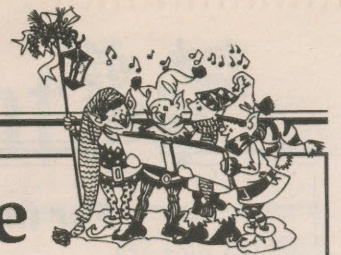
782 BLAIR BLVD. 338-0340

IN THE 8TH STREET PLAZA
NEXT TO GREEN NOISE RECORDS,
AND TACO LOCO, ETC. . . .

TRADE, SELL AND BUY
CLOTHING AND OTHER THINGS!
COME IN AND CHECK IT OUT!!!
HAPPY HOLIDAYS



And Even More News



Eugene City Council votes to enact emergency assistance for homeless

John Dreiling
Staff Writer

The Eugene City Council voted 7-1 November 17 to enact the emergency recommendations of a task force on homelessness, changing certain city ordinances and providing money to shelters.

According to Bobby Lee, Eugene City Council member, the council voted to give \$150,000 to local shelter programs to expand the shelter capacity for homeless youth.

Lee says that there are three ordinances which were approved:

- Allow the homeless to park and sleep in the parking lots of Eugene religious institutions after receiving permission from the institutions.
- Allow the homeless to park and sleep in their cars in industrial zoned areas of Eugene.
- Allow the homeless to sleep in the backyards of Eugene residents after receiving permission from the residents.

Lee says that these ordinances were enacted on an emergency basis and are effective until June 30, 1998.

"If one percent of the population in Eugene puts homeless people in their backyards and let them sleep, that would significantly reduce the homeless population on the streets," says Lee.

"The ultimate goal [of these ordinances] is essentially to alleviate the social pressure between the homeless population and residential members in our community," says Lee.

The three ordinances and the shelter funding were based on the recommendations of the Homeless and Shelter Task Force created by the City Council, and composed of Lee, Eugene City Council Member Pat Farr, and Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey.

Lee says that the task force divided the homeless population into three categories of homeless youth, single adults, and children and families, and sought to come up with ways to help each group.

"Homelessness is a temporary phenomenon in most cases. And, believe it or not, a lot of Americans today are two paychecks away from it... So what can government do to help people bounce back up so they can be self-sustainable?" asks Lee.

Used text books can be the key to quick holiday cash

Christel Loar
For The Torch

Many students would like to recoup some of the money they spend on books at the beginning of the term. Some need the cash fast, while others may be able to wait and get more money back.

Selling at the bookstore "puts dollars back into students' pockets right away," says store manager Shelly Dutton. "There's no waiting, it's right there." During finals week, the bookstore buys back books for up to 50 percent of the original price, if the books are clean, in saleable condition, and needed for the next term.

The store works with Wallace College Book Service, a wholesale company, to determine which books to buy back. The bookstore's finals week buyback hours are Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As an alternative to the bookstore, the SRC Book Exchange buys books on consignment. That means the student has a

contract with the book exchange, and only gets money back when another student buys the book.

The advantage is that students generally get more money back than they would at the bookstore, says Geri Schweigert, director of the SRC Book Exchange. The amount is determined by the average between 50 percent of the publishers' price and the price the book would be resold for at the bookstore. For instance, if a book is worth \$100 and will be resold at \$75, the student can get between \$50 and \$75 back from the Book Exchange instead of only \$50 at the bookstore.

"The Book Exchange keeps only five percent of the profits," says Schweigert, which go to the Student Resource Center.

The SRC Book Exchange can also buy back some books that the bookstore is unable to, like books with software.

The Book Exchange is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. during finals week, and at the beginning of each term. It is located on the Second Floor of the Center Building.

Holiday drinks for under \$10

Chad Christensen
For The Torch

The right drinks at upcoming holiday parties is a chance to demonstrate good taste and an appreciation for the season. What will you be serving?

Chances are, you will either host or attend at least one holiday party this season, and perhaps, will have to choose what to serve or bring to the party. A query of a few local natural food stores regarding holiday drinks for under ten dollars yielded a variety of options.

The query began at Oasis Fine Foods on Willamette Street, where the wine distributor, known as David, was quick to suggest the increasingly popular holiday-specific beer and wine alternative, known as meed.

Meed is fermented the same way wine is, but is made with honey instead of fruit.

"Naturally sweet, meed is served warm or cold, and is spiced with nutmeg, cloves, or cinnamon. Meed has been considered a holiday drink for centuries in most parts of Europe, and several varieties are available at Oasis Fine Foods and the New Frontier market for about \$10."

According to New Frontier Market grocer Nancy, hard cider is also becoming more popular. "Hard," means about eight percent alcohol. "Hard cider is basically fermented apple cider," says Nancy. Hard cider is also spiced with nutmeg, cloves, or cinnamon.

"A lot of beer breweries produce holiday beers around this time of year," says Nancy. These brews, like hard ciders and meeds, are sweeter, and contain a blend of spices. Most winter brew recipes are derived from "old world recipes" gained through research, and corporate maneuvering, she says. Holiday beers are usually lighter amber ales, she

says, and are a best buy at about six or seven dollars, and are appropriate neutral offerings at most parties.

As for wine, "anything that sparkles is considered festive," says Nancy, and "Champagne never goes out of style," says David.

Sparkling wines are available in both red and white, and New Frontier market offers a line of sparkling beers. Both Nancy and David recommended a dessert wine for traditional pot luck events because it is easy to coordinate with the unknown offerings of others at the party.

For people who enjoy non-alcoholic beverages, both New Frontier and Oasis markets offer hot cider mixes that are easy to prepare, and it is easy to make cider "harder," by adding a desired amount of spiced rum to provide options. Traditional eggnog, non-alcoholic versions of beer and wine are also great non-alcoholic treats.

Christmas Raffle and Santa Visit

Have you been good or bad this year?
Now's the time to find out cause Santa Claus is coming to the LCC Bookstore on Wed., Dec. 10

Have your picture taken with Santa and ENTER TO WIN one of 3 Grand Prizes

- * Microwave Oven
- * Sony cordless telephone
- * Fuji 35mm zoom camera

Refreshments served at 2 p.m., drawing at 2:30 p.m.

Raffle tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
Donations accepted. All proceeds from raffle and donations will be donated to the Women's Center to benefit student families during the holidays.

ONLY 21 MORE SHOPPING DAYS LEFT UNTIL CHRISTMAS!

LAYAWAY AVAILABLE!

Buy a Gift Certificate over \$20 for that hard-to-buy-for person by Dec. 10, 1997 and save 10%

- * 100s of New Items for 99¢ or Less
- * Quality Designer T-Shirts — Any Shirt — Any Size — Just \$5
- * NEW VIDEO ARRIVALS: Beauty and the Beast (The Enchanted Christmas) — Liar, Liar — Lost World — Jingle All the Way and MORE at incredible savings

We Buy — Sell — Trade — VCRs, Color TVs, Stereos, Nintendo, Sega, Sony, Tools and Much More

CHUCK MIGHT HAVE IT LIQUIDATORS
1355 River Rd. 689-5163
OPEN 7 Days a Week

The Best of the Best for a Whole Lot Less Only At



And Even More News



Adult High School Program offers education alternatives

Dan Ball
Staff Writer

High school students who have dropped out of their schools are able to complete their education at LCC thanks to the Adult High School Program.

The Adult High School Program started when the college first began 32 years ago. Since then, at least 8,000 students have graduated from Adult High. This term, 400 students have enrolled in the program.

"This program is an alternative to public school. Adult High School provides two different programs. It provides classes for 16-17 year olds, and classes for those who are 18 and older," says Dennis Clark, instructor for Adult High School. Adult High provides students with more college skills," says Clark.

The Adult High School Classroom Program allows 16-17 year olds to enroll if they have release/referrals from their high schools. It provides students with the

classes that they have to complete if they were in high school. The students have to have an average of a C or better to be enrolled. They also have to have at least 24 credits that are similar to classes that LCC offers, and have minimal scores in proficiency skills - reading; math; and writing - in order to graduate from the program. They also have to take a computer course and be computer literate, says Clark.

The cost for the program is \$54 per credit. "At least one -

third of the fees for the classes is financed by the students' schools, while the students pay for the rest," says Clark.

Sarah Bieoefeldt, who was a senior at Thurston High, says "I'm really glad I came to LCC. I learned more in eight weeks than the few years I was in high school. I decided to come here because I heard that the teachers cared more, that they were available more often, and that they made it more interesting for students to learn. The main reason I'm here is to earn my diploma early. It would have taken me a

longer time to earn a diploma if I had stayed in high school. I plan to continue taking classes here and hope to major in either business or psychology."

The second program that Adult High offers, Life Experiences Assessment Program (LEAP), is for students 18 years or older. The students meet at least twice a week, the classes are mostly night time, and students have to do (at least) six hours of work outside of class.

For more information, call Dennis Clark at extension 2517.

Vegetarians can pass on meats for holiday treats

Kerry Wels
For The Torch

Have you ever been in the predicament of having vegetarian guests for Christmas dinner and not known what to feed them? To solve this problem all you need to do is visit some of the local natural food stores in Eugene.

• An alternative to the traditional turkey, Tofurkey which can be found at Sundance Natural Food store located on 24th and Hilyard. Tofurkey is made by Turtle Island which is a company in Hood River, Ore that makes tofu and tempeh products, and by The Higher Taste which is a catering business in Portland that produces ready-to-eat vegetarian foods.

The two companies teamed up to produce this item. It has become a top seller during the holiday season at Sundance and many other natural food stores. One Tofurkey, which is enough to feed at least four people, costs \$20, and comes with tempeh "drumsticks," mushroom gravy, and a vegan stuffing.

• For some of the best apple cider you will ever taste, try Detering Cider which is made locally in Harrisburg, OR by Detering Orchards. This fresh cider is only available during the holiday season and can be found in the produce cooler at Sundance. A half gallon costs \$2.79, and a gallon costs \$4.99. Stock up on this beverage and you will impress all of your holiday guests.

• Oasis which is located on Willamette Street in Eu-

gene has an array of Christmas desserts for the vegetarian with a sweet tooth. Many of the holiday sweets at Oasis are made locally through out the Northwest.

Chocolate lovers will be delighted to find assorted life size strawberries, apples, oranges and Christmas tree ornaments all made of pure chocolate. They range in price from \$.69 to \$3.59 each.

For quick and easy fudge, Oasis carries boxed fudge mixes made by a company called Bumbercrop owned by a family in Washington state. The flavors range from chocolate mint, chocolate raspberry, chocolate peanut butter, maple walnut, to plain old chocolate. Preparation time is less than an hour and each box will only cost you \$4.89.

For a flaming holiday surprise why not try plum pudding which is a traditional English holiday dessert? In England people pour brandy on top of the pudding and carefully ignite it. Oasis carries a vegetarian version of this festive dessert for \$5.59.

Holiday Special

\$5 Haircut

with any color service
only by METIS

at **A Step Above Hair & Nails**
13th & Lawrence
345-6895
Walk-in or Appt.

Micro: A leg up for businesses

continued from page 5

include home-based study, on-site non-institutional based training, flexible hours, and modest fee schedules, according to a report issued Sept. 5.

Organizers see the need and the benefits of such a program, but now they need to convince funding sources. The partnership is seeking \$211,200 over three years to fund the MicroMarketing project, according to proposal documents. The BDC has requested \$24,800 from Wells Fargo Bank and submitted another grant proposal to the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation for \$146,500. Additional funding will come from program fees, LCC, Saturday Market and the Oregon Marketplace.

Decisions on the grant proposals are not expected until early next year.



GREATER GOODS
515 HIGH EUGENE
541-485-4224



Your Gift Choices Can Make
A World of Difference

HOLIDAY HOURS:
Sun-Weds 10-6 Thurs-Sat 10-7

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

Gifts for the cost

HOLIDAY MARKET



photo by Judy Sierra

For holiday artwork, check out Long-Legged Art, featuring photography by Raquel Seibert, capturing animals in the wild (of the Honolulu Zoo), Oregon lighthouses and natural old barns.

Great music at good prices

David Arney
For The Torch

Every student enjoys music, and what would make a better inexpensive gift than a CD or cassette?

This holiday season, you can find good music deals at local stores. Target has a wide selection of new releases, while CD World has used CDs and cassettes.

Target at Gateway Mall carries many new CDs at prices a few dollars cheaper than the specialty music stores at malls. For example, at Target the new Oasis release, "Be Here Now,"

is \$12.88, compared to \$13.88 at Disc Jockey in Gateway Mall and \$15.99 at Musicland in Valley River Center.

"I don't buy CDs that often, but I usually check out the prices at Target before I decide to buy," says Target customer Stacey Enger. "I like rock music and this store carries a good selection."

You might want to stop by CD World at 3215 W. 11th Ave., where most used CDs sell for about 60 percent of the usual price of a new release. A good variety of musical tastes are represented and listening stations are available for the customer to sample music.

CD World also sells new CDs.

Holiday shopping for books

Alicen McCulley
For The Torch

If you have bookworms on your holiday shopping list, you have a few options for your holiday shopping.

• New Books

Waldenbooks in the Valley River Center has some holiday book deals this month — including a sale on leather bound classics. They normally sell for \$24 but are now priced at \$18, says David Leier, manager at Waldenbooks.

"We have classic Christmas stories and anything from Shakespeare to Mark Twain."

Paperback prices range from \$3.50 to \$7 and hardcovers are in every price range — the most expensive being \$80 for hardcover picture and

photograph books.

If you have younger readers on your list, Waldenbooks has a big children's section, says Leier, with prices between \$2.50 to \$7 for paperbacks and not usually more than \$20 for hardcovers. Fairy tale collection books in hardcover are in stock only for the holiday season and go for \$14.98.

• Used Books

Smith Family Bookstore at 525 Willamette St. (across from the post office) carries every kind of used book. Smiths offers an advantage over new bookstores because it can have out-of-print books in stock, says Leigh, an employee.

"We don't necessarily have more books, but we have more titles (than new bookstores), she says.

Smith Family also has a large children's section with both paper-

Support local potters while giving holiday treasures

Pam McGlynn
For The Torch

Make your holiday gift-giving do double duty. When you purchase locally made pottery, you get a unique, useful gift and you help support local artists.

Holiday shoppers have three convenient, low-cost options when looking for local, hand-made pottery: Holiday Market, Circle of Hands and Pottery World.

• Holiday Market at the Lane County Fairgrounds offers an

opportunity to see a wide selection of pottery styles, including traditional, hand-painted, and whimsical. Local artists pay a minimal fee and a percentage of their sales to participate in the market.

"Holiday Market shoppers get a gift that is hand-made locally and that makes it special," said Merry Newcomer, a potter and owner of Phoenix Pottery.

All the pottery is lead-free, dishwasher and microwave safe, says Newcomer. Many pieces are also oven safe, but

be sure to ask. Some artists, such as Mary Briggs, do not recommend putting the low fire Majolica (hand-painted terracotta) pieces in the oven.

Holiday Market pottery prices vary depending on the size of the piece and the craftsmanship. A playful "Characters in Clay" magnet costs \$4; mugs run \$8 to \$15; hand-painted plates sell for \$25 to \$30; and large bowls and vases cost around \$20 to \$40.

The market opened the day after Thanksgiving and continues each weekend until Christ-

mas. It is also open Dec. 22, 23 and 24. The hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., except Dec. 24 when it closes at 4 p.m. Admission is free.

• Circle of Hands is another option for buying pottery and supporting local artists. An artists' collective, it sells work on consignment, says David Peek, a partner in the collective.

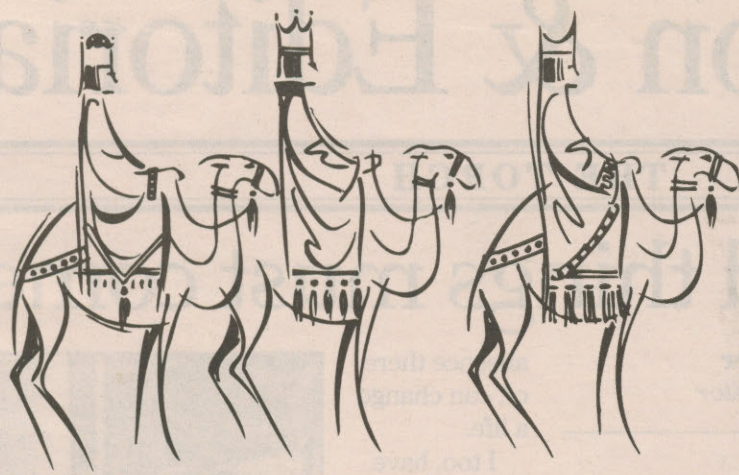
The shop currently displays work from 10-12 local potters. Styles range from the traditional wheel-thrown mugs and bowls to the whimsical animal creations of Frank Gosar, including his smok-

ing dragon incense burner (\$18). Prices are similar to those at the Holiday Market.

Located on the Eugene Mall, Circle of Hands is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

• Pottery World offers the opportunity to buy hand-made pottery in a more traditional setting - at the mall. The kiosk at Valley River Center is open November through January to target holiday shoppers, says proprietor and potter Judy See. Pottery World offers choices of lamps, shades, vases, pots and dishes.

and style conscious



Rabbits and pandas and ducks, oh my!

Rich Cridland
For The Torch

Rabbits and pandas and ducks, oh my!

You won't find them on the road to Oz, but rather in the LCC Bookstore, an often overlooked source for holiday presents. Starting at \$4.50, these and other stuffed animals make inexpensive stocking stuffers.

The popularity of pewter never seems to wane, and this year the bookstore has pewter wind chimes from \$13.95, pewter sun catchers

for \$11.95, and bookmarks for \$9.95.

Origami, the Japanese art of paperfolding, is well-represented. Packages of pre-cut paper of various sizes and textures, as well as some metallic sheets, start at \$2 and an instruction book is available for \$5.50. Also in this genre is an instruction book (\$7.50) demonstrating how to fold paper money into various forms.

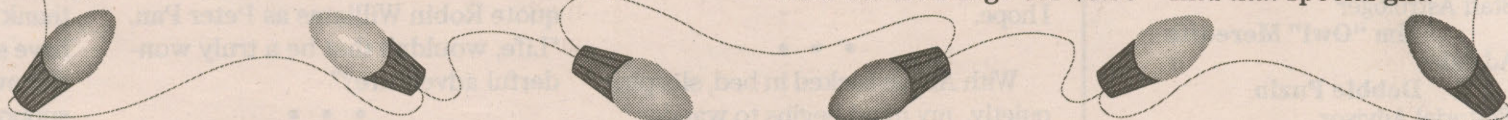
The store also carries a selection of software for both PCs and Macs, from inexpensive shareware to advanced multifunction

programs — and with your student discount, at substantial savings compared to other retailers. But, as the sign on many of the packages cautions, "You must have a current student ID in order to purchase this item."

Other computer related items include a mouse pad with the LCC logo for \$3.50

and a mouse cleaning kit for \$14.99. Also, for \$8.30 you can buy a package of 10 clear plastic pages for holding diskettes. The pages are pre-punched to fit into a three-ring binder.

This season, take your Christmas list to the LCC Book Store. You just might find that special gift.



HOLIDAY MARKET



photo by Judy Sierra

Fairy godmother-in-training, Cindia Carrere, mixes humor and magic to create whimsical stamp jewelry in a wide variety of themes, schemes and colors.

HOLIDAY MARKET



photo by Judy Sierra

Gabbiano Leather, owned by Kathleen and Stefano Cremonesi, features journals, folios, wallets, checkbook covers, and belts in both natural and vibrant colors. It also takes custom orders.

Popular toys mimic life

Kari Hathorn
Staff Writer

Some of the most popular toys for kids are the electronic virtual pets, babies that need to be fed, played with, cleaned, disciplined, and put to bed.

Giga pets (pronounced gagg-a) made by Tiger, nano puppies made by Playmates, and tomototchi (pronounced tom-o-got-chee) made by Bandai, are a few of the virtual pets available. These pets are small computer games on a key chain with a monitor that has a chicken, puppy, Star Trek figure, or a variety of other figures that is the "baby."

"It's kind of like the dolls we used to play with but, for a computer age generation," says Laurie Whitley, a mother of three whose daughter owns a Giga pet.

Giga pets are available at K-mart, Fred Meyer, Shopko, Radio Shack, Tar-

get, and most retail stores. They are priced from \$7 to \$20. The pets have to be well taken care of or they "die". The child must check the pet's statistics — weight, happiness, hunger, and education — every few hours or the pet will "die." Once the pet dies it has to be restarted by pushing a button on the side. The drawback to this toy is that when it dies a few times, the batteries go dead.

"The drawback to these pets is that when the batteries are dead they are difficult to change," says Raquel Chavez, a K-mart associate.

"In order to change the batteries a panel on the back of the game has to be unscrewed, which can sometimes be difficult if not impossible."

When the pet indicates that it needs attention by beeping, the child can feed, educate, or play with the pet according to what it needs. When the pet is sad the child can play a game with it, usually dice or baseball.

Opinion & Editorial

OBLIO STROYMAN, EDITOR IN CHIEF

THE TORCH

747-4501 ext 2014

FALL TERM

Registration for winter term for re-turning studentts begins Dec. 3.

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
Interim Sports Editor
Donald Smally
Arts & Entertainment Editor
Jack Clifford
On-line Editor
Jon Limer
Staff Writers
John Dreiling
Victor Runyan
Jonathan Limer
Dan Ball
Kim McCloy
Production Assistants
Debbie Puzio
Joseph De Gise
Distribution Manager
Laura Magnuson
Staff Photographers
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

All bad things must come to an end

Jon Limer
On-line Editor

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 pregnancy and daughter's birth. This is the last installment of Limer's story.

Again, despite the promise that Alexis would finally come home with us, it just wasn't time.

My wife Angie and I were crushed. And so we again started re-building our hope.

Finally, on a Wednesday, the doctor told us that we could take Alexis home the next morning, with no exceptions.

Angie and I cried again, this time it was from sheer joy.

Alexis has been doing remarkably well. We still have to pierce her foot and check her blood sugar level three to four times a day. Considering what might have been, this is small potatoes.

Alexis has a check-up coming soon with the endocrinologist who will test her blood chemical levels and perform the ultrasounds needed to see if she has developed anything out of the ordinary. I'm confident there is nothing else wrong. Too much has happened already, I hope.

With Alexis tucked in bed, sleeping quietly, my mind begins to wander, and wonder what might have been. In the last year I have met, married and conceived a child with another human being. The way that realized time passes so slowly, and yet limitless change can happen in just a snippet of concious awakening, fills me with awe.

Thinking back, it is truly amazing how one little piece of latex, or the

absence there of, can change a life.

I too, have changed on the inside because of this venture. I think of things that I would have never thought of before; I stress about things that I never even knew existed; and I am overjoyed by it all.

Every time I look into the eyes of my daughter I see the future. Thoughts of what might have been don't bother me, for she is my armor against self doubt. And when she smiles, the worries of tomorrow fade like the shadows of night upon the break of day.

Was it all worth it? The anxiety, the pain, the life that could have been so different? You bet! Is it over, is this the end? Of course not. To quote Robin Williams as Peter Pan, "Life, wouldn't that be a truly wonderful adventure?"

Last week an advisor at The Torch said something to me unexpectedly. He said, "There are angels out there, Jon." Then he handed me a wonderful card from an anonymous reader.

My reply was simply, "I know. Believe me, I am well aware."

Thank you: All the nurses at the McKenzie-Willamette Hospital Birthing Center, the Panda Team at

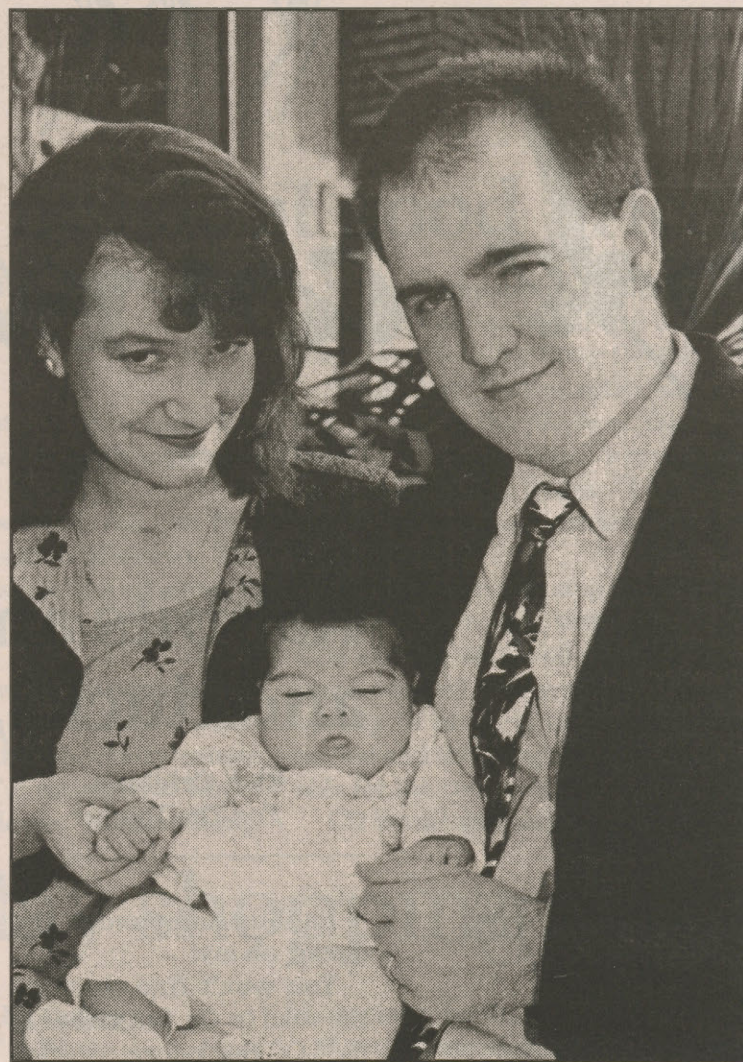


Photo by Nathan Ulrich

Home at last! Angie and Jon Limer hold up their precious four month old daughter, Alexis Leyanne.

Oregon Health Sciences University, all the nurses, doctors, and doctors-in-training at Dorenbecker's Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit.

Most importantly, "like a bridge over troubled water," a very special thank you, angels. Thanks to all who have stuck through this ordeal— from discovery to the trip home. The support we have received from readers who gave me the continuing inspiration to write it all down means a lot.

I'd like to thank two very special angels. Thank you, Angie, my wife, my love.

And thank you, Alexis Leyanne Limer — you have made my life worth living. Writing this column has been very cathartic for me (and Angie)

Torch editor bids a fond farewell to her second home



Oblio Stroyman

Regretfully, this will be my last issue as editor in chief of The Torch. As I sit here waiting in anticipation for the final pages to print out so that I can crack open the bottles of sparkling cider I have chillin' in our posh dorm-size fridge, relief and sorrow are playing a tug-of-war with my feelings.

When I came to The Torch two years

ago, I was just hoping that they would allow me to write an article every now and then. Since the moment I made the decision to walk through that door I have been encouraged, educated, sleep-deprived, dipped in honey and...well, I can't divulge all of our secrets.

The Torch — LCC for that matter — has been my second home for the past two years. I have seen this college at hours that most students only have nightmares about, and I have begrudgingly enjoyed it, in my own sadistic way.

I am leaving, with my partner of

seven years and three-and-a-half year old son to start a new life in our own house, on our own land. Anticipation of this makes everyday life bearable. It is only because of my staff that clouds cover my sunny thoughts.

Despite what they probably think right now, I think of them as family, and I care about them all. Thoughts of them will nag me even after I am gone, even if they themselves can't anymore. I'm sure this will tickle them pink.

Bye y'all!

Oblio Stroyman



Speak Out!

Letters
to the
Editor

AIDS ARTICLE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A WAKE-UP CALL

The AIDS article about Geri Schweigert should be considered a wake-up call to the public about the state of our world today. Now I've never met Geri before, but, from reading the article, I know that she considers herself very lucky to be alive. However, AIDS survival and the protection of endangered species go hand-in-hand.

Each year, close to 50,000 species go extinct because we are killing them and their environment. This rate is equal to that of the dinosaurs who went extinct 65 million years ago. This has got to stop because millions of people, like Geri, depend on these species to help keep them alive.

79% of the world's most widely prescribed drugs are either based on or synthesized from natural compounds that are found in different plant and animal species. These species may hold the key to finding cures for diseases such as AIDS.

If we continue to let these species die out at the rate they have been, then we might as well be signing death certificates for all the AIDS victims. In the "Game of Life," these people have already been dealt a bad hand. Let's not make it a losing one. Right now, big industries are lobbying to weaken the Endangered Species Act, which protects these species. So, come on. Make a difference. Write a letter to your senator or representative and let them know that you want them to protect the endangered species. Get involved and let your voice be heard.

- Sarah Hatstat

GOOD JOB TORCH STAFF, BUT...

Thanks for another terrific issue. I especially enjoyed the article by Kim McCloy on the slow but sure deterioration of this cam-

pus. It was great to know the reason why I trip over the sidewalks in this place. Another excellent installment is the article about the student with AIDS. It's an honest and pure telling of a story that needs to be told, it concerns us all. It's hard evidence to remind us that this disease does not discriminate, and I feel that this student deserves all respect for her willingness to tell her story.

Now I'd like to point out the exact spot in the game where I think you guys dropped the ball. Jon Limer's continuing willingness to disclose personal details about his wife's birth and daughter's sickness to this campus is not only completely uninteresting but it is an embarrassing waste of space. I appreciate this individual's willingness to share, but I started looking for the end of this column long ago. The article about the student suffering from AIDS is based on disclosure as well, and it is newsworthy because of the subject matter and because there is still so much to be said and done. Geri Schweigert is a person representing an issue, and her reason to share has motive; I am getting her message loud and clear. Jon Limer had about one or two column's worth of material and then he should have zipped it. His willingness to personally disclose has nothing to do with enforcing awareness. In fact I'm still wandering why he does it. I for one am not the slightest bit interested in this kind of talentless no-effort-required writing, and have heard the same sentiment from several others.

Do yourself and us a favor Jon, and do some actual investigative reporting that actually earns you three columns and a half-page of space.

- Chere Vouchell

READ WHAT YOU LIKE, GO PAST WHAT YOU DON'T

Two weeks ago I read a letter written to Jon Limer concerning his weekly articles for *the Torch*. I have never written to any

newspaper regarding something it published Vicki Travis changed that...

I am only writing in regards to your vocabulary and compassion, both of which you are lacking. First of all, by using the word "barf" in relation to Jon Limer's situation, you easily expressed how uneducated and insensitive you are.

You don't "have to listen" about Jon's story. YOU pick up the paper, YOU read the article, YOU have choices Vicki. I can easily skip over what I don't want to read in a newspaper. Perhaps this is a problem for you.

I personally look forward to Jon's weekly heartfelt updates and recognize this man's horrific trials and tribulations. Every article brings tears to my eyes and makes me appreciative of all the blessings I have.

If you want to write something as traumatic as Jon's story about your dogs or horses, neither of which are as precious as a child, I would probably want to read your story. However, I am fearful that I would be bored to tears.

I'm sure you have insulted and saddened parents everywhere Vicki. May you never have to walk in Jon's shoes.

- Jonelle Shaw

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DESERVE SPACE AT LCC

In reference to the article on space for the ISCP, it seems that the 300 ISCP (International Students served by the International Student Community Program) office are the least fortunate students on campus. No one wants to help solve the problem of office space. We need a place that we can get together with other international students and a place that allows the staff to do their job. I don't know how the staff does all their work in a closet sized space.

The international students' tuition and fees contribute \$1.6 million to LCC. As an International student I think LCC should support a program that

provides a lot of money to the campus. The ISCP needs a big enough office space to serve six staff members and provide room for the international students to gather instead of the hallway.

On the fourth floor of the center building, I see room that could be made to accommodate the needs of the ISCP. By looking, one can see availability of seldomly used space where two part-time functions can share a space. This way the ISCP could be fairly accommodated in campus. Supposedly the Bond will solve our problem, but my understanding is that this money will not build new spaces for two or more years. So we go on suffering, while 'they' (who ever makes the decisions) do not care about international students for two years. Ask yourself, is this fair for a group of 300 students who bring 1.6 million dollars to the general fund!

- Amin Al-Haimy

OSPIRG EDUCATES STUDENTS ABOUT PESTI- CIDES

Do you know what pesticides are used on the Lane Community College campus? OSPIRG, the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group, is working on a campaign to educate students about pesticide use on campus. They are also working on putting the decision about what pesticides are used on campus into the students hands. Currently OSPIRG is working on getting the most current information about pesticide use on campus.

The problem is that there isn't a lot of information available about pesticide use. Northwest Coalition for Alternatives To Pesticides (NCAP) reports only 10% of the pesticides now in use have been fully tested for their harmful effects. It is known that four out of the five most commonly used pesticides, atrazine, alachlor, metolachlor, and 1,3 dichloropropene, cause cancer as reported by NCAP in their report Unnecessary Poison. But how much of these

pesticides are being sprayed on the food we eat or the grass our children play in? Without all of that information how can we keep ourselves safe from toxic pesticides? 90% of pesticides used never hit their intended target. Where do these pesticides go? Into our ground water, our rivers, our schools and our parks. "90% of water tested from the Willamette River has toxic pesticide residue in it" says Randy Tucker, OSPIRG's pesticides advocate. NCAP reports over 15 million Americans drink water that is contaminated with toxic pesticides.

How harmful are these pesticides that are in our drinking water and our rivers? Over 23,000 people visit the emergency room every year for pesticide related illnesses. Another 100,000 pesticide poisoning are reported to the Poison Control Center each year as shown in NCAP's report Unnecessary Poison. Randy Tucker states that "A 1995 study showed that children whose yards were sprayed with pesticides were 400% more likely to have soft tissue cancers than children who's yards weren't sprayed." Many pesticides used have been connected with the disruption of the hormone system, prostate and breast cancer, development disorders, and reproductive problems.

OSPIRG's goal is to inform student's about pesticides' harmful effects so that students can properly protect themselves. No one wants to sick due to pesticides, and when 375 million pounds of cancer causing pesticides are being used annually in the United States as stated by NCAP, there is cause to be concerned. If you are interested in working on these issues, or if you want more information on pesticides or OSPIRG, please stop by the basement of the Center Building or call extension 2166.

- Cammy Liebermann

During Finals Week



We're Here for
YOU!

**Campus
Ministry**

Take a
BREAK
from
STRESS!!

DROP by for
coffee & punch
at 242,
Center Bldg.
(2nd floor near
south stairwell)
M-F 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

natural fiber clothing
To Live In!
Banyan Tree
485 E. 13th • Eugene, OR • 485-0333

Book Exchange Open

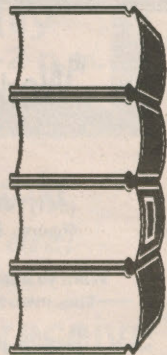
DEC. 8-12
8 a.m.-3 p.m.

- ☛ Put your books on consignment
- ☛ Earn more \$ for your old books
- ☛ Buy your new books for less

Come ONE, Come ALL!!

To the 2nd Floor Center Bldg. Lobby

We will also be open
Jan. 5-14 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.



Arts and Entertainment

JACK CLIFFORD, A&E EDITOR

THE TORCH

747-4501 ext 2014

Comedy group 'tis the reason to be jolly

Jack Clifford
A&E Editor

In the world of comedy, different genres elicit different responses. Subtle humor might receive an "Oh, now I get it. That's amusing." Slapstick is usually good for a yuk-yuk or two. Black comedy can both tickle the funny bone and shock the senses in the same breath.

Good improvisation however, is apt to bring out an "I laughed so damn hard, my snot was slinging everywhere."

Well, grab a hanky or take a decongestant, because Eugene's premier improv troupe WYMPROV! returns to the Actor's Cabaret stage for two shows, Dec. 10 and 11. This get-together is a birthday party of sorts, marking six years the four women have entertained various audiences.

It's also another chance for the quartet to tweak a few of the city's more reserved citizens, after their try at this

WYMPROV!
performs two
shows Dec. 10
and 11 at the
downtown
Actor's Cabaret.
The laughs be-
gin at 7:30 p.m.

year's Eugene Celebration fell on deaf ears.

"Before the Celebration, I told the group 'Let's do something really offensive,' be-

cause I wanted us to get some of the attention (normally focused on the Rickies)," Vickie Silvers said over the din of post-Thanksgiving Day patrons at the L&L Market. Debby Martin, Sally Sheklow and Enid Lefton compose the remaining 75 percent of WYMPROV!

They proceeded to parody Measure 47 cuts, Eugene's June 1 "tree protest" (which included the lines, "When you're a cop, you're a cop all the way, from your first traffic stop to your last pepper spray."), Christianity, the Foreign Legion and even "West Side Story." *Someone* should have been offended, right?

"In his next column, the *Register-Guard's* Don Bishoff said there was no controversy at the Celebration," says Silvers. "So this is our response."

If you're never witnessed an improv show, the whole atmosphere is quite a hoot. Suggestions fly from the audience and the performers are forced to act out seemingly incongruous requests. Sampling of scene descriptions from previous WYMPROV! shows include "three Martians in a gondola eating tofu," "a woman named Bernice serving decaf to a possum," and a night of fun just isn't complete without "a murder scene performed in gibberish with a floppy disc as the murder weapon."

The foursome takes it all in stride and draws on an innate urge for ideas.

"We're kind of the kids on the fireplace hearth saying 'Mom, Mom. Watch this, watch this,'" laughs Sheklow. "We're pros, but anyone could do it if they have the nerve."

Maybe, but reaching this group's same level of comfort and sense of bonding doesn't come easy. It can be a joy to get there however.

"Our practices are mostly just us together and having fun," says Lefton. "It's always one of my favorite moments during the week."

The thought of "practicing" improvisation may seem odd to readers. Martin, who has a theatre degree from UO, is surprised she even participates in this form of acting.

"At first I swore I'd never work without a script, but now I realize I never have to worry about forgetting lines, because we make them all up anyway."

Silvers adds that it's not always easy to determine if a certain skit (WYMPROV! does add a few structured parts to their show) is going to cause laughter or puzzlement.

"Sometimes we'll be in practice and we'll ask each other 'Do you think other people will think this is funny? We're laughing, but is it just us?' I think for the most part we're pretty right on with knowing. But we think we're *really*

WYMPROV!



Photo courtesy of WYMPROV!

funny, while others just think we're funny."

Crowds in Portland, Warm Springs (Ore.), Corvallis, even Bellingham (Wash.) have acted as human barometers for WYMPROV!'s humor. The desire to travel more, and possibly expand the fan base, is tempered by the usual obstacles: family and jobs.

"I think we go in and out of being on the verge of getting bigger," says Silvers. "But the reality of that happening requires us to tour and we just can't do that."

"We joke that we're on tour when we play Corvallis," adds Sheklow. She does admit to putting out feelers for gigs in San Francisco and the possibility of a booking at the Dinah Shore Golf Classic in Palm Springs, Calif.

Wherever they go, WYMPROV! makes no attempt to hide the fact that the women are all lesbians. Don't take that to imply they are one-dimensional or even "anti-heterosexual." In fact, the improv format allows for ambiguity.

"The content of the show comes mostly from the audience," says Sheklow. "So, if you say 'Play a butterfly collector holding an Italian salami,' I can become a character named Pat, Chris, Sam, et cetera. The gender rigidity isn't there."

Silvers concurs.

"I like to believe that people see what they want to see. That it's so neutral, you can transpose your stuff on it, instead of seeing it as just lesbian stuff or heterosexual stuff."

Whatever "stuff" they're doing on stage, there can still be an element of fright. The fear subsides, but it takes time and a routine.

"When I first started performing, I would wait to go on thinking, 'What am I doing? Why do I put myself through this?' I don't worry about that anymore," confesses Silvers. "One of the things about improv that takes practice is learning how to say 'yes' to everything. You have to accept lines and practice CROW — character, relationship, object and where."

After a half-dozen years together, WYMPROV! can take the stage knowing they act as a catharsis for the audience.

"One of the thrills is to hear the 'horse-guffawing' from the crowd," says Sheklow. "We need laughter in our lives and I love to be an instrument for that."

Even family members get a kick out of their "stars," although not always unconditionally.

"My daughter thinks I'm almost as funny as Rosie O'Donnell," jokes Silvers.

Check out WYMPROV! Dec. 10 and 11 at Actor's Cabaret. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the EMU Ticket Office, Hungry Heads Books, Mother Kali's Bookstore and the Actor's Cabaret.

If you miss the first show, or can afford to go both nights, just keep in mind that this is improvisation says Lefton.

"We never do the same thing twice."

Family & Health Careers Dept.
Winter Term 1998

"Working in Health Professions"
Reg. #138

Lane Community College
(541) 747-4501, ext. 2617
Room: HEALTH 269

Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:00-6:30 p.m.
Brenda Smith, Instructor

Want to explore careers in health professions?
This introductory course will look at occupations such as

Dental Hygiene



Dental Assisting

Emergency Medical Technology

Tours of Hospital
& Medical
Facilities

Medical Office
Assisting

Respiratory
Therapy

... AND
MORE!

Never taken a dance class?



*These
are
for
you!*

PE 125:

• African Dance

listed as SS:Dance - D199

Reg#143 2 cr. MWF 11-11:50 am

• Fund. of Dance Technique

Reg#56 2 cr. MWF 12-12:50 pm

Performing Arts Department
Register through Classline

MINI-CALENDAR

The Hult Center is holding its annual **Winter Food Drive** from now until Jan. 4. Attend a performance and bring a **non-perishable food item**; the contributions help **FOOD for Lane County** feed the disadvantaged.

David Helfland, harpist and multi-instrumentalist, releases his debut solo CD with a **benefit concert for Families in Need in our Community**. The show is Dec. 6, at **Temple Beth Israel** and begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 adults, \$4 for students.

Former guitarist for The Police, **Andy Summers**, brings his "own skewed view of jazz" to the **W.O.W. Hall** on Dec. 11. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$14 at the door. Showtime is 8:30 p.m.

Finally, Dec. 25 is Christmas Day. For those who observe the holiday, **remember** it is better to **give** than receive. Peace.

Daddies' impact on national scene becoming more focused

Oblio Stroyman
Editor in Chief

With four CDs under its belt and a video on MTV, it's no wonder that recent Mojo Record Label signees The Cherry Poppin' Daddies — seven of them — have such a large fan base, particularly in its city of origin: Eugene. Before a sold-out show Nov. 21 at the WOW Hall, lead vocalist/songwriter Steve Perry took some not-so-quiet time out to rap with The Torch.

It's refreshing to see a band that incorporates lots of different instruments.

Yeah, we do. We've been on stage with a string quartet even. We've always valued musicianship.

How long have you been together?

Since 1989.

All of you?

No. Dana, Dan — Dan actually took a two year hiatus — and me. We have been together since the beginning. Jason has been around for quite a few years, I'm not sure how many. Everyone else is fairly new.

How would you describe your sound?

Well, we're sort of a cross between swing and ska. Our ska, well, we play kinda a third-wave blend kind of ska. We're not traditional.

I do enjoy ska a lot, but for hours at a time ...

Yeah. We're mostly known for swing. We're better at it probably ... Our whole trip is based on whatever creative thing we want to do at the time, not necessarily commodifying ourselves in the marketplace, so we're not a "swing" band.

Good. I hate that question anyway, but I had to ask.

Well, all three of our records that we put out before this one are all very diverse, almost insanely diverse. This is the only

one that actually kind of coheres and it's because our fans wanted to hear all of the swing songs that we ever put out together on one album. So we did that, and also recorded some new ones.

It was actually probably good for us to do that, but it's not what we're all about.

What are you about?

We're about writing different kinds of pop music, implementing different kinds of styles.

Who are your major influences?

Well for me — and I write most of the songs — I'd say Randy Newman and The Kinks. I really like Elvis Costello.

I like a lot of different kinds of music. Swing-wise, I like the early, faster — like Fletcher Henderson and Jimmy Lunsford — rockin', jitter-buggin' big bands.

The reason I like those first guys mentioned is because of their take on lyrics and music together. They are all social realists, and I am a social realist. I do put some surreal thing in songs sometimes, but it's mostly narrative structure, it's mostly about something.

Some people still do appreciate that ...

I'm not trying to be — Who's that guy who painted "Night Hawks?" — well anyway, I'm not a social realist in terms of realism. Sometimes the song is realistic, but then, what I'll do is have an ironic point of view ... Nothing is usually at face value. I think it's a really good way of ...

Getting a point across?

Yeah. Unfortunately people

don't always get it.

Do you find that Eugene has a friendly music scene to get into?

Yeah. There's not a lot going on around here, so it's easy to do music here. Eugene used to have a lot of musicians, but you see what's happened to Eugene is that over the years, all the artistic, creative people are gone. I think probably because the UO basically went private



Steve Perry (center of bottom photo) is lead vocalist and songwriter for the Daddies



Photo by Sheryl Nields

much — it was before we were signed — and spent only around \$10,000, which is a ridiculously small amount for a video. Everyone treats you real nice and you get makeup; it was a party.

Have you gotten a lot of feedback because of that?

I was kinda surprised that we got as little feedback as we did, but I'm glad though.

Not ready to be a celebrity yet?

Not that way.

When did you release your new record?

We released it in March. Then in July, Mojo, the record company, bought it from us and released it nationally ... In January or February we're going to make another record.

It must have been exciting, getting signed.

It actually didn't suck as much as I thought it was going to either. And the guy who runs Mojo (Jay Riftkin, who did "The Lion King" among other things) is a real nice guy.

Well, you definitely seem to have it together.

We do have it together. A lot of years, a lot of miles. We basically developed to the point that there was nothing else that could happen. It was either that or just stop. We didn't want to stop, so it seemed like the right thing to do.

Jazz it up with LCC Ensemble and guest

From Staff Reports

The Lane Performing Arts Department helps you get jazzed up for finals week with a Dec. 5 concert featuring guest trombonist Jeff Uusitalo. The full LCC Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of instructor Ron Bertucci, takes the stage at 8 p.m. in the LCC Performing Arts Main Theatre.

Uusitalo, from Portland, toured in the mid '70s with Stan Kenton and has also jammed with well-known jazz artists such as Carl Fontana, Billy Higgins, Bobby Shew, and many more. He recently received national exposure

when he performed on *The Jazz Summit*, a TV special which aired on PBS.

The ensemble program includes "I Thought About Ewe" (Tom Kubis), "In a Mellow Tone" (Duke Ellington), "Big Dipper" (Thad Jones), "A

Little Minor Boogie" (Willie Maiden), and others.

Tickets can be purchased at the theatre door the night of the performance, and are \$6 for adults, and \$3 for students. For more info, call the LCC Ticket Office, 726-2202.

GAME CRAZY
GATEWAY MALL
741-0722
BUY SELL TRADE
VIDEO GAMES

If you've ever read *The Torch* and thought "I can do better than that," please bring your writing talent to our first staff meeting of 1998 on January 5. Until then, be safe, study hard and eat your vegetables.

\$1 OFF • \$1 OFF • \$1 OFF • \$1 OFF

Bring in This Ad for \$1 off!*

- We Buy and Sell Quality Books
- 10% Off ALL New Books ALL the Time

The Book Nook
510 Mill St. • Springfield
(541-747-1596)

* Any \$2 or more purchase Expires 12-31-97

\$1 OFF • \$1 OFF • \$1 OFF • \$1 OFF

New coaches and players are ready to go back to school

Donald Smalley
Sports Editor

After a 7-19 season a year ago, the LCC's women's basketball team needed to find somebody that was looking for a challenge.

Enter new head coach Cheryl Duman, her assistant Rodger Bates and their plan to rejuvenate a program that is in a serious down period.

The duo was hired from the high school ranks. Duman, head coach at Elmira High School for the past several years, is a full-time counselor at Junction City High School. Her brother, Rodger Bates, on the LCC faculty for three years, was the boy's basketball coach at Reedsport High School.

Hired last spring, the tandem expects to work the players hard off the court with weight training and hope that will lead to success on the court. They want to introduce a high-tempo offense and a pressure defense.

"We might not be as talented as other teams," Bates says, "but we will definitely be looking to outwork all of them."

The team returns eight sophomores and brings in five new freshman, but they are all in the same boat: they're all learning a brand new way of doing things.

"It's a little bit of a challenge

for the sophomores who were not required to play the up-tempo style," says Bates, "but we have been very pleased with the effort in the first three scrimmages."

A quick glance at the team's roster will show the ingredients are there for an up-tempo style of play. The Titans' tallest player is sophomore Robin Droege, standing at 5-foot-11. Sophomore Crysi Hiatt and freshmen Sapphira Lloyd and LeAnn Swedberg are 5-foot-10. The rest of the squad members range from heights as small as 5-foot-2 to 5-foot-9.

"Our pressure defense really does not accommodate a real tall, slow individual," Bates says. "I'm hoping our quickness will overcome the team which has the tall, quality player in the middle, but we'll have to wait and see."

The term "pressure defense" doesn't necessarily mean a full-court defense. The Titans will mainly play a tight man-to-man defense in the half-court with an occasional full-court trapping press.

"We want to be real aggressive on the ball, be real active and cause a lot of problems for the other team," Bates says.

Since the two coaches were hired last March, recruiting was a challenge. The recruiting time almost over



photo by Nathan Ulrich

Recruiting was hard this year, but the girl's basketball team is pulling it together. It will play Highline Community College on Dec. 6 in Des Moines WA.

and the "star" athletes had already signed letters-of-intent to other programs, so Duman and Bates did their best and got "five quality athletes".

"We had not seen any athletes play so we basically had to rely on what the high school coaches told us," Bates says.

Next year, the recruiting process will be different and a lot easier. It's already begun: The two coaches have started mailing letters to the top seniors in the state to get them to notice LCC and its program.

But most of their attention is focused on the here and now. While other league coaches haven't picked LCC to finish high in the standings of the Southern Division of the Northwest Athletic Asso-

ciation of Community Colleges, the Titan coaches and players are eager to prove the critics wrong.

"Our goal is to be competitive in all of the games," Bates says. "Hopefully it will come out that we win more than we actually lose. We want to show everyone that we are better than they all think."

This year's team will be led on the court by sophomore point guard Amy Parker. The Mercer Island, Washington native is the court general and gets the team organized.

Parker's partner in the back court will be Rachel Koroush, standing at only 5-foot-2. Bates says Koroush has a good outside shot and is a very scrappy defensive player, which is perfect for this kind of system.

Also expecting to see significant playing time will be two volleyball players, freshmen guards Daniele McCallum and Julie Petz, both trying to get themselves into basketball playing shape.

"They have been playing with that little white ball all fall," Bates says, "so they are struggling with their shot, but they are doing a great job and will be assets to the team."

The players are not the only ones who are picking up new things. The coaches are also being educated as time goes by.

"We are learning how things run here in the NWAACC," Bates says, "and what we have to do here in this league."

The non-league schedule in December will be a tough one for the Titans. Only three of the 11 contests are played in the friendly confines of LCC. The Linfield Junior Varsity team will visit on the 10th. Clark College will be here on the 13th and Centralia College on the 27th.

The coaches are hoping that by the time league play rolls around in January, the Titans will be ready to show opposing teams that they will not be easy to notch a victory against.

INTERNET ACCESS NOW!

one of Eugene's oldest & most reliable
Internet Service Providers
... locally owned & operated



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

Call today for details
(541) 465-4743

Cyberdyne

SYSTEMS

Open 10:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Monday—Friday
28 East 11th Street, Eugene, OR 97401
e-mail: sales@cyber-dyne.com
http://www.cyber-dyne.com

Women's Basketball Roster

NO.	Name	HT	Pos.	Year	Hometown
11	Sapphira Lloyd	5'10"	C	FR	Springfield
12	Mandie Weldon	5'6"	G	FR	Petersburg, AK
14	Daniele McCallum	5'7"	G	FR	Lowell
20	Leila Bigbee	5'9"	F	SO	Springfield
22	Rachel Koroush	5'2"	G	SO	Monroe
23	Amy Werner	5'3"	G	SO	Monroe
24	Amy Parker	5'7"	G	SO	Mercer Island, WA
30	Crysi Hiatt	5'10"	F	SO	Seaside
32	Robin Droege	5'11"	C	SO	Cottage Grove
34	Kim Wright	5'7"	G	SO	Gervais
40	Julie Petz	5'7"	G	FR	LaPine
42	Maria Franco	5'8"	G	SO	Eugene
50	LeAnn Swedberg	5'10"	F	FR	Eugene

More Sports

Men's basketball team prepares to heat up the gym this season

Donald Smalley
Sports Editor

The temperature outside might be going down, but inside LCC's gym it's getting hotter as the 1997-98 men's basketball season is increasing in preparation for the upcoming season.

LCC will play at home in the non-conference schedule at the Dale J. Bates tournament Dec. 6 and 7 with the Linfield Junior Varsity squad, Bellevue Community College and Northwest Christian College.

The Titans feature a veteran team with seven returning players who are hoping to be better than last year's club that finished with a 14-11 record, 7-7 in conference play.

"We did pretty good," Head Coach Jim Boutin says about the season before. "But we didn't play as well at the end of the season as we would have liked."

Boutin doesn't expect a repeat performance from this year's version of the Titan basketball squad that finished third in the Southern Conference of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges in 1997. The expectations are a little higher this time around.

"We have better people at different positions that will make us play at a little higher performance," says Boutin, who is in his seventh year at the helm.

This year's team consists of athletic guards on the outside, durable forwards and bulky centers to make their presence known in the middle.

The core athletic guard is Kevin McMann, also the team's captain. The former North Eugene Highlander is expected to get the team focused, be a leader on the court and to run an offense that will work best.

"He's also a really good de-

fender and a good kid as well," says Boutin.

McMann's starting partner in the back court will be redshirt freshman Andrew Brogden, named as the Most Valuable Player of the Three Rivers League in his senior year at Oregon City High School. Boutin says Brogden is one of the team's best shooters.

Another player that will be key to the Titan offensive attack is freshman Dan Carter, a former Black Tornado of North Medford High School. Standing at almost 6-foot-7, this forward/center is expected to have a big year.

"Dan is one of the best freshman I've had here at LCC," says Boutin. "He's very physical and rugged. He has a chance to become a very good player."

Carter will not be the only physical Titan body that will be on the floor. He will be joined by sophomore Ryan Hales, who started for the Titans two years ago. He has been away for a year while he went back home to Kodiak, Alaska to work, but has been nurturing some injuries.

"Ryan is a big kid, 6-foot-5 and weighting 240 pounds. He takes up space and does a nice job," comments Boutin.

The other "big body" that is competing for the inside spot for Lane is sophomore Jad Higgins, who is 6-foot-7 and weighs 225 pounds. Like Hales, Higgins has also been away from the program, but for a lot longer: He has been on a Mormon mission for the past three years.

"He has experience and has been in different game situations before, and he doesn't have the nervousness some of the other people may have," says the coach.

Right now, the starting center is sophomore Jason Meyer. Boutin has noticed that the 6-foot-7, 200-pounder from Putnam High School is a much

improved player from the previous season. He says that Meyer is, "extremely athletic and can jump high."

Starting at the small forward spot right now is sophomore Sam Lang from Mountain View High School in Bend. Boutin is very pleased by Lang's play so far in practice and in the scrimmages.

"One of our strengths this year is going to be our post play," Boutin says. "The players inside will be more effective than we had last season."

The other two veteran players for the Titans are sophomores Andre Houston and Chris Clark. Although they are classified as sophomores, they are both newcomers to the LCC program.

Houston, a transfer from Skyline Junior College in California, is much like a freshman again since he has to learn a whole new system. How quickly he picks up LCC's scheme will determine how much playing time he will get.

Boutin scouts him as being "extremely athletic and very quick." He also likes Houston's ability to penetrate and as soon as he gets more into the structure of the system, Houston should be a true asset to the team.

Clark, a 6-foot-6 forward, is a transfer who played his high school ball in Brookings. He will not be eligible until the grades for fall term come out, says Boutin. Allowed to practice with the team for now, Clark has proven to be one of the team's best shooters.

Although Brogden and Clark can put the rock in the hole from the outside, Boutin is still concerned with the consistency of the outside shooting. The team has to learn when to take good shots.

Boutin is, however, happy

see **Men's Team** page 16



photo by Nathan Ulrich

Jason Meyer goes for the shot in the men's basketball practice. It will play in the Dale J. Bates Tournament at LCC on Dec. 5 - 6

Men's Basketball Roster

NO.	Name	HT.	Pos.	Year	Hometown
10	Shane Mast	5'8"	G	FR	Yoncalla
12	Tim Christian	6'0"	G	FR	Portland
14	Dave Flores	6'0"	G	FR	Fallon, NV
20	Kevin McMann	5'10"	G	SO	Eugene
22	Andre Houston	6'2"	G	SO	San Francisco
24	Andrew Brogden	6'3"	G	FR	Oregon City
30	Chris Clark	6'6"	F	SO	Brookings
32	Shane Grove	6'2"	G	FR	Salem
34	Sam Lang	6'4"	F	SO	Bend
40	Jason Meyer	6'7"	C	SO	Milwaukie
44	A.J. Campanelli	6'6"	F	FR	Eagle Point
50	Ryan Hales	6'5"	C	SO	Kodiak, AK
52	Jad Higgins	6'7"	C	SO	Beaverton

Taking Orders!

Customized, Personalized Calendars

Deluxe 12-month calendar features a color photo for each month. \$24.95 plus 45¢ for each personalized date.

Single photo calendar \$12.95 plus 45¢ for each personalized date.

Use children's artwork, pet, family, or vacation photos. They make great gifts.

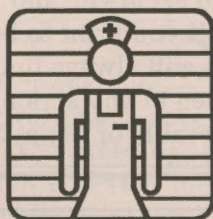
See examples in Printing/Graphics,
(basement of center building) or
call for more information.
747-4501 ext. 2373

Family & Health Careers Dept.
Winter Term 1998

"INTRODUCTION TO NURSING"

Reg. #139

This is an introductory course to find out what it's like to be a nurse



- Learn about different kinds of nurses and what they do
- Learn what it means to be healthy
- Watch and discuss videotapes on a variety of subjects
- Participate in classroom discussions & debates
- Listen to guest speakers

Sat. 10 a.m.-noon LCC, Rm. Health 105
Joyce Godels, Instructor (541) 747-4501, ext. 2617

NOSTALGIA COLLECTIBLES

SPECIALIZING IN RARE

Comics, Sports & Non-Sports Cards, Pulp, Big Little Books, Magazines, Magic Cards, Posters, Toys, & Star Wars, As Well As '50s & '60s Rock and Roll Records

★ CASH PAID ★

For Collectibles Of All Kinds

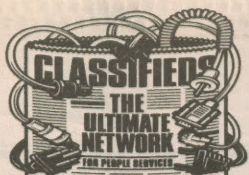
★ Discount Subscription Service For New Comics

484-9202

Mon.-Sat. 10:30-6 p.m.

Thu & Fri to 7 p.m.

527 Willamette • Eugene, OR



Classifieds

THE TORCH

747-4501 ext 2014

For Sale

• SEIZED CARS from \$175. Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, BMW's, Corvettes. Also Jeeps, 4WD's. Your Area. Toll Free (1) - 800-218-900 Ext. A-9420 for current listings.

• SEIZED CARS from \$175. Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, BMW's, Corvettes. Also Jeeps, 4WD's. Your Area. Toll Free (1)-800-218-9000 Ext. A-15163 for current listings.

Microsoft Office 4.2.1 CDrom for Macintosh. Latest version. Includes bookshelf printed manual. \$175. 485-4783 or bill@pond.net

Three brand new computer software programs; still in box, one new scientific calculator. 684-8939 ask for Rachel

80 Yamaha Seca 750 motorcycle \$300. Must sell. Please call 688-3254 or 579-5074 anytime.

25 inch color television for \$20. If interested please call Jennifer at 302-2790.

Coffee Table \$10, 2 Easy Chairs \$10 each, Weight Bench with weights \$50, Space heater \$15. Call 338-8108.

• GOV'T FORECLOSED homes from pennies on \$1. Delinquent Tax, Repo's. REO's. Your Area. Toll Free 1-800-218-9000 Ext. H-9420 for current listings.

Opportunities

• \$1000's POSSIBLE TYPING Part Time at home. Toll Free (1) 800-218-9000 ext. T-9420 for listings

Messages

OBLIO-O had a farm; ee-i-ee-i-oh.... (sigh) gonna miss my sister editor. Good luck! - "That Denali Girl"

• FREE CASH GRANTS! College. Scholarships. Business. Medical bills. Never Repay. Toll Free 1-800-218-9000 Ext. G-15163.

ASLCC Raffle. Fabulous prizes. Tickets are \$1 and can be purchased from Bette at Cen. 479 or the ALCC Food Cart.

Education

WORDS ALIVE! Dramatizing Literature - fun & challenging; Eng or Theater credit. MWF 10 a.m., Performing Arts.

The Writing Center, a FREE tutorial service stays open 9 - 3 finals week near Center 460.

For Rent

Large room available in house on LCC busline. Great location, separate bath/shower. Large enough for couple. Garden space. 688-2452.

• Quiet, lovely 2 bdrm, 2 bath, condo w/washer/dryer, microwave, pool, hot tub, tennis courts, minutes to LCC. Call 746-4590. leave message. Immediately available.

• Female wanted to share very nice, clean, 5 bdrm house in ideal south hills area. \$350. 345-9896. No smokers/drugs/ or pets.

Men's Team: ready for success

continued from page 15

with the defense. "Our man-to-man defense is working pretty well. We should be a good defensive team."

The coach is also pleased with the players' developing of team chemistry so early in the season.

The other freshmen that round out the Titan roster are guards Tim Christian, Dave Flores, Shane Grove and Shane Mast, as well as forward A.J. Campanelli.

Boutin says Christian and Flores have to get more physical in order to get more playing time. Grove, from Stayton High School in Salem, is a good outside shot whom Boutin says is learning what college basketball is all about. Mast will primarily be McMann's backup at the point-guard position. Boutin describes Mast as a "tough little rascal."

The Titans have scrimmaged Northwest Christian College, Western Baptist College and Lewis & Clark

College, all four-year institutions.

"It gives us good experience against some older kids," Boutin says. "I was disappointed with the way we played against NCC. I started three freshmen and there were some first game jitters. We played much better against Western Baptist, which is a pretty good team."

Boutin uses the pre-season to let his newest players grow and adapt to the pace of college basketball. In his 30 years in coaching, he says it is getting more difficult year after year to stay patient with players.

"When you have gone through the wars, you know what is successful and what it takes to win," he says.

"Everyone in the world wants success, but there are steps you have to take to get there. Everybody wants to come out and play like they did in high school or wherever else and it doesn't happen with the athletic level against other players that they have to compete against."

Astrosign of the Times

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) : When a child is born, it is soft and malleable, both mind and body. It is open to limitless possibilities and unheard of potential. When a person dies, they are stiff and unyielding. Never again will that particular person learn or change but through decay. Those who are willing to evolve and yield are disciples of life, those who do not are disciples of death.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) : Anything that gives you pleasure can sometimes be brought too far. We all like to enjoy things, but too soon, that wondrous magical thing isn't nearly as wondrous as it once was, and there will be no one to blame but yourself.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) : This week, try not to overdo it with the bibbity-bobbity-boo shtick. I know that you want to shape and alter everything you see that isn't working in your life and everyone else's. Be frugal with your energy and affect as many as possible with the same actions.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) : You should try to embody chaos this week, children. Not wanton destruction and evil, but chaos. The unknown and unrestrained. Mischief is a very important thing if only to teach the rest of us how to be serious once in a while, and how to have fun once in a while for that matter.

Aries (March 21-April 19) : As much as you may want to buy a gun, file the ID number off it and do something crazy involving a liquor store, don't do it. All that you are feeling is perfectly all right, but acting on those emotions isn't. Instead, try to quiet your mind with meditation or visit the arboretum. EVERYONE HAS BAD DAYS.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) : Remember that you are always in control of your life. It all has to do with how you want to perceive it. If you want to be miserable then a saint giving selflessly would seem vile and full of avarice. If you want to be happy then you will always find the lesson hidden in any action. So are you miserable or happy?

Gemini (May 21-June 20) : This week, all that is important for you is to look at and organize your life. Not to say it's in a shambles, rather take time to enjoy the ways your existence works rather nicely in so many ways. Take the time to enjoy the myriad parts of a beautiful whole.

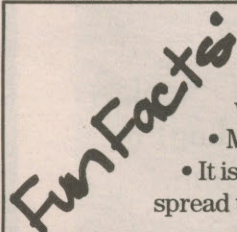
Cancer (June 21-July 22) : Don't let anyone tell you that you aren't doing it right, children. Don't believe anyone who doesn't agree with the idea of figuring it out for yourself and won't let you make your own mistakes. If we learn through pain, is pain evil?

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) : Too much time spent in seeking the bizarre and unheard of has actually allowed room for enjoyment of the normal to creep in again. Perhaps more time should be spent on deepening the understanding of one thing rather than seeking for quantity of experience.

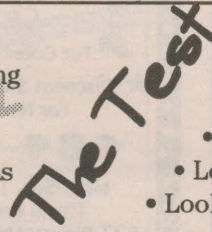
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) : It's time to take off the kid gloves, my children, time to let loose with your minds and spirits. There is whole world of suffering seekers out there. Don't try to give them your advice or your own lessons, just help the teeming masses to be able to understand their own lesson plan.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) : One of the saddest things I have ever seen was a person who denied themselves everything good that life had to offer. And not only denied the good things, but used the understanding of how things could be to supplement their suffering. Only a nudge, to push you into the light. Perception is reality.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) : Have you enjoyed the power given to you? Have you used it and understood it's capabilities? Has your genius been stretched and tested so you know its limitations? Now how have you used them? All things in the hands of humans have two uses, for good or for evil. And only the heart of the user can determine which avenue is chosen.



- Testicular cancer accounts for only 1% of all male cancers.
- It's on the rise. The rate of testicular cancer has doubled among white males in the US over the last 40 years.
- Most men discover this cancer themselves.
- It is almost 100% curable if found early and almost 80% curable if it has spread to other parts of the body.



- Look for a lump on or a change in size of one of the testicles.
- Watch for a dull ache in the lower stomach or groin.
- Watch for a feeling of heaviness in the scrotum.
- Look for a change in the way a testicle feels.
- Look for a sudden accumulation of fluid or blood in the scrotum.