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Hey everyone, where has the romance gone?



Women want a little romance...

Commentary by
Judy L. Sierra
Managing Editor

Cybersex, personal ads, trading astro-signs at a local club (which is *so passé*) or two-dates-and-a-boink.

Is this all there is to romance in the '90s?

I'd love to believe that romance is still alive, that people of all ages, sizes, and degrees of beauty have the chance to fall in love.

But, deep down I don't.

I'm certainly not against the notion but I am wondering if the *real thing* even exists anymore. I don't mean to sound like a cynical, bitter, ex-romantic, and

I'm really not against Valentine's Day.

Although I never believed in the prince on a white horse (and Barbie didn't warp my sense of reality), I always believed in soul mates and unity.

So what the hell is romance anyway?

My best guess is that it involves love, communication,

honesty, freedom to lean on each other along with the ability to stand on one's own, respect and a sense of security.

That may sound boring to you, but to each his/her own, right?

To really know someone, to know what he thinks, how he feels, how he responds, to have the strength to work through difficulties and come out stronger on the other side, that's romantic to me and men don't always get it.

There's that word: men. Do they really understand (or care about) romance?

Sure, some guys claim to be romantic and to actually enjoy romance, and I believe some really do.

But, it's definitely not on most men's top 10 list, unless it's to get sex, then they're willing to "play the game."

To men, the hunt and the conquest seem more important, not romance — or love, for that matter.

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...while guys just want a little

Kissing on campus is possible sight to cite

Victor Runyan
Lead Writer

Feeling the sudden urge after class to take that special someone in your arms and bury him or her in kisses? Perhaps you should find someplace else to do it.

"LCC is not a 'heavy petting zoo'," says Paul Chase, manager of Campus Public Safety and Auxiliary Services.

He admits that while a certain level of affection — including kisses and hugs — is normal and acceptable, overall his concern is the best interest of the college and its primary purpose, education.

He and his officers look at whether or not something may interfere with that purpose, says Chase.

Another concern for the college is that the "activity be consensual." Officers have to investigate and need to differentiate between a case of over-active hormones and a more serious non-consensual situation. In addition to the obvious potential negative effect on the victim, this could expose the college to liability.

He says that Campus Safety doesn't normally rely

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Lang's ultimate goal is to use sports to help kids

Titan's experience puts him face-to-face with reality

Donald Smalley
Sports Editor

"I had a gun pulled on me."

That wasn't what Titan hoopster Sam Lang expected when he petitioned the Mormon Church to go out on a mission just a year out of high school.

The Church can send its applicants anywhere in the world. It told Lang to head for the arch. Not McDonald's, but St. Louis, Mo., the city with *the Arch*.

He says this is where he learned to be patient, a sensitive communicator, a leader and all-around team player both on and off the court.

Lang spent his high school days in Bend where he says it was "a lot of fun." He and his group of friends took advantage of all the recreational activities that Bend has to offer.

"We did a lot of mountain biking and stuff," he says. "It was your typical high school years. I knew practically everyone in the school and hung out with four or five close friends."

But his two years on the mission involved a lifestyle that is very different from what he was accustomed to in Bend.

Instead of a basketball uniform, Lang was required to wear a white shirt and tie every day. Instead of blocking shots, he had to block a flood by sandbagging the Mississippi River. Instead of feeding the open man down low, he was required to feed the poor. Instead of being a student, he was now a teacher of religion.

And no one ever pulled a gun on him in Bend.

"I've known people who were sent to Hong Kong and China," Lang says. "At first, I wanted to go somewhere like that, but once I got to St. Louis, I wouldn't want to go anywhere else."

For some, leaving home for a place like the inner city of St. Louis might have been a culture shock, but not to Lang. He mainly grew up in Bend, but he has lived in such places like Guam and a little island called Tidney. Still, St. Louis would be different.

"We moved around a lot because of my dad's job," Lang recalls. "He was offered a job in teaching. I'm used to traveling around. We spent a month and a half in the Amazon jungle. We have probably lived in all 50 states."

Going out on a mission to St. Louis not only helped a lot of people who are living there, but it also helped Lang. He got involved with community affairs, held meetings and tried to teach the Gospel.

Lang says it helped him grow up. It made him face the harsh reality of life in the inner cities. He was face-to-face with gang members, drug users, incidents with spousal abuse and child abuse, sexual

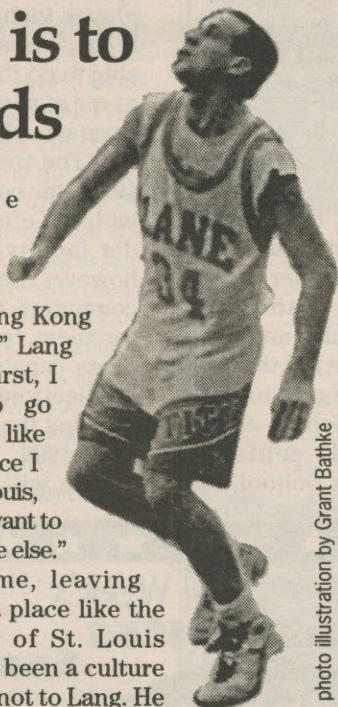


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Sam Lang

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Martin wins suit to use golf carts

Judge rules in favor of former Eugenian; PGA states it will appeal decision

Jack Clifford
Editor

Former Eugene resident Casey Martin, a disabled golfer who took on the PGA and golf's greatest competitors, has won the first round of his celebrated court case.

U.S. Magistrate Thomas Coffin ruled Feb. 11 in Martin's favor, agreeing that the South Eugene High graduate has a right to use a cart during PGA tournaments. Martin sought relief under the Americans With Disabilities Act, due to a congenital vein disorder in his right leg. The PGA released a statement after the decision that an appeal is pending.

Legends such as Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus testified against Martin in the suit, appearances which Martin admits dismayed him. For now though, Martin is pleased with the outcome.

"The judge knows athletics, and I think he made the right call on this and I'm thankful that he decided what he did," said Martin, standing outside the Eugene Hilton, following his media-packed conference. "This is a personal issue about golf. It's been a great privilege to be given this opportunity, and hopefully this will turn into a positive for the PGA Tour and golf in general."

Martin's friends and supporters were all smiles in the Hilton lobby and talked about the verdict.

"It was just a complete relief," said Martin's longtime friend Lindsay Jones, outside the Eugene Hilton, following the

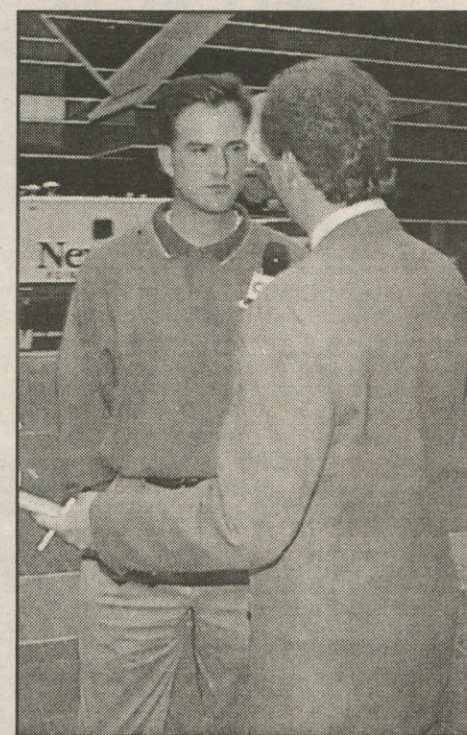


photo by Jack Clifford

Casey Martin speaks with a CNN reporter following a press conference held at the Eugene Hilton.

press conference. "I talked with him (throughout the trial), and he just put all of his trust in God. When I saw the look on his face when he won, it was complete triumph because of the struggles he's gone through in life and in golf tournaments."

"This decision allows him to have so many more golf victories and victories in life."

In a prepared statement, PGA Tour Commissioner Timothy Finchem expressed "disappointment with the court's decision."

"We believe strongly in the central role walking plays for all competitors in tour-

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Disney World offer is no Mickey Mouse job program

The Magic Kingdom comes to OSU to hire

Dan Ball
Staff Writer

College students from Oregon will have a chance to go through Disney World's job program during its summer and fall "terms."

On Feb. 26, Walt Disney World representatives will hold interviews at Oregon State University from 6:30 - 9 p.m. for area college students to work during its '98 summer and fall terms. Students who are hired will earn college credit.

Sharon Moore, Cooperative Education coordinator says, "Disney World hires for its summer term (June to Sept. 1) and fall term (Sept. 1 - Jan. 7).

"Students who are hired have to pay for their own airfare, or other means of transportation to Disney World."

"It takes approximately three weeks until the students are notified whether they are hired."

Holli Knight and Caroline O'Brien are two LCC students who went through Disney World's job program last fall.

Knight, a broadcasting, visual

design and production major, was hired to do Quick Service - preparing food for the staff of Disney World. She prepared tacos, hamburgers, french fries, etc.

She also had to answer questions visitors posed about the theme park.

"This was a fun and hard job. At first I was required to work 30 hours per week, then it switched to 30 - 60 hours per week. My job

lasted for about four months. I had to work from a b o u t 12:30 - 10:30 p.m.," says Knight.

S h e says when she wasn't working she went shopping and sight seeing. "One-time when I wasn't working, I saw Michael J. Fox, which was exciting."

O'Brien, a Dance major, was hired to do several jobs for Disney World. She worked as a monitor on the "Honey I Shrunk the Kids" playground. She also worked as

crowd control for the Hercules Parade.

O'Brien says, "When I wasn't working for Disney World I played in the parks, went to movies, hung out with people I met there, and went to parties. I also saw several famous people."

I saw Michael J. Fox, Kevin Bacon and Will Wheaton. This was a lot of fun for me to work with (Disney World)."

More than 1,000 students representing over 300 colleges and universities will graduate through Disney World's program this spring.

In 1997, 3,500 students representing 200 colleges received "de-

grees" from Disney World's program.

Disney World's college program is a three-part program designed to increase students' knowledge of the entertainment and leisure industries. The program is taught by learning, living and working experiences. The

learning experiences include 10 weekly seminars; "living experience" places students in apartments, away from home, where they have to pay rent; and the working experiences places students in 13 various jobs at the Magic Kingdom.

Among the jobs are merchandising, food services, attractions, transportation, custodial, lifeguard and hospitality, according to Disney's Website.

"They emphasized that students are to be well dressed when they come to the interviews."

"Students who aren't well dressed probably won't have a chance of being hired. I couldn't believe how some students were dressed when they went to the interviews (wearing everyday clothes)," says Moore.



photo courtesy of Sharon Moore

LCC students Caroline O'Brien (left) and Holli McKnight meet with Minnie Mouse during a break from work.

For more information about jobs and interviews call 1-800-722-2930 at Walt Disney World, or call Moore at 747-4501 ext. 2540 or 726-2221.

There is going to be an Information Day on Feb. 18 from 3 - 4 p.m. in Technology Building, Room 201.

LCC service adds to computer stockpile

1,000 computers have been built since 1989; 200 during summer of 1997

Dan Ball
Staff Writer

Staff members in LCC's Electronic Services Department, in conjunction with Computer Services Technology, have built almost 1,000 computers since 1989.

During the summer of 1997, 200 were built. Of those 200, 140 were for faculty, and the remaining 60 were for the Community Learning Centers at Thurston High School and the newly opened center at Willamette High School, says

Bob Vogel, director of Electronic Services.

"The 60 computers that were made for the Community Learning Centers were built by six employee technicians in about 12 hours," says Vogel. "They were able to do this because they had a type of an assembly line. All the parts were the same."


"The first few years (1988-1990), the computers were made with the efforts of students under faculty supervision. Now, however, students don't build the computers, because the demand for them rose beyond the students' capabilities to build them. So Electronic Services has been building the computers for LCC since 1990."

"We will have built about a

thousand computers for the college by June. We save the college about \$150 per computer that we build," says Vogel.

"We used several of the Technology Services employees and several of the Computer Services employees to plan a schedule and help build the computer labs," says Scott Hall, Electronic Maintenance technician. "It took us about 12 hours to build them all. Compared to doing it individually, it would have taken us 2 1/2 weeks to build the computer and then load all the necessary software."

"Electronic Services is able to save time by building a working copy of the computer, which contains all the necessary software, including Windows '95 and Wordperfect. The network administrator, Eric Anderson, designs it the way he wants it onto the server, or as we call it 'Mirror Image.' Then we simply download the information to the other computers in the room," says Hall.



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Coming to America changes life for student from Taiwan

John Dreiling
Lead Writer

A graphic design student at LCC since spring term 1996, she lives with her aunt, uncle and sister in Eugene.

This may sound like it could be the average college student, but this is actually the life of Cate Huang, an international student from Taiwan who came to the United States during the summer of 1995. She studied English in her homeland for six years.

Before coming to LCC, Huang studied for two terms at the American English Institute (AEI) at the UO. "I feel that those two terms were quite important for me. They helped me get along with American culture... Basically what helped me the most is I made lots of friends from that school," she says.

This term she is taking nine credits at LCC and five credits at UO.

Reason for coming

"It's kind of a shame, but (in Taiwan) we had... university entrance exams, that you had to reach certain school then you have to reach a certain score, then you will qualify to a university or college," Huang says.

"I wasn't a good student at all so it's impossible to pass the exam. And my aunt lives here so my parents just decided that maybe I could come here for my education."

Four of her first impressions

Huang says that she studied English in Taiwan simply to receive good grades, but

had difficulty communicating once she arrived. "I couldn't express my feelings when I first got here and I felt kind of frustrated."

Huang says, "I found that Americans are more straightforward than Asian culture. We probably hold back more of our feelings and expressing our feelings."

For people in Taiwan, Huang says, "The way (we) dress is kind of different and Americans make me feel that they're more casual so I feel more relaxed when I talk."

Huang says she was surprised by America's openness regarding sex. "I had an impression that Americans are very open mind - the sexual way. And so I didn't know much about Americans when I was in Taiwan. So when I first came here I saw what I saw."

Studying in the United States

"I was thinking to major in architecture,

but it's kind of tough for me. So then I found out graphic design. I can do art in a creative way," says Huang.

She adds that she plans on transferring to Oregon State University after graduating from LCC. On whether she will return to Taiwan and become a graphic artist, she says, "I'm not sure yet, but I will try and have a job in America and see how that goes."

How LCC has supported her

"I didn't know about this (International Student) Program for two terms after I came here because I didn't have time to come to the orientation that we have. And then, I have some friends

from AEI who worked in our office and I started to get in touch with this program," Huang says.

"And I found out it's helpful for me. I learn through the activities and I enjoy

making friends."

However, Huang says that since she began working with the International Student Program, she has noticed that LCC has placed the program in a very small office. This may indicate a lack of support by the college for the program, she says.

Making friends

"When I came to LCC I found quite a difficulty making American friends. It's not hard to make international student friends usually because we just gather together to help each other out," says Huang.

"And I found out that usually a class is one hour or one hour 30 minutes long and after the class everybody is just gone. And it's really hard to get a chance to talk to American students like, 'What was the teacher talking about?' Usually when I don't understand the teacher I just go to the international center."

"The good thing about LCC is they have some elder students here, like some mothers or grandparents. I felt like they're more friendlier than the young American people. So I usually go up to them and ask, like, 'What was the teacher talking about?'"

"And until my AEI tutor mentioned, then I realized that Americans might have some concern about us because they might think like, 'Does she know how to speak English? Can she understand what I'm talking about?' That might be one of the reasons that they hold back and not talk to international students."



photo by Bobbette Chichmanian

Cate Huang says she "found that Americans are more straightforward than Asian culture."

KLCC petitions for new stations

Fundraising projects could help cover the cost for each station

Victor Runyan
Lead Writer

LCC's own radio station, KLCC, will make its presence permanent and stronger in many areas of Oregon, if the FCC approves its newest request.

Besides its primary radio station in Eugene at 89.7 FM, KLCC also operates seven translators across the state. These unstaffed transmitters receive the main station's signal and re-transmit it at different frequencies.

However, translators are considered a secondary service by the FCC and if another radio station wants to use the same frequency the translator can lose the use of that frequency, even if it has been in place for years or decades.

This is what happened to KLCC's two translators in Florence and Bend, says Steve Barton, KLCC general manager. Other stations have applied and received the right to use those frequencies. Since those stations have yet to be built, KLCC's translators continue to serve these areas. KLCC could have chosen to apply for new translator frequencies in these areas, but instead, it wants to build new radio stations in these areas and in Roseburg.

For one thing, the cost of a new station is similar to the cost of a new translator, and the FCC requirements "aren't that much stricter" for a station, says Barton. Stations have permanent use of a frequency that can't be taken away nearly as easily — and stations are allowed stronger transmissions than translators, he says. The stations will do the same job as the translators, but will be 10 to 20 times as powerful.

It will take up to 18 months to get approval from the FCC and 18 months to build a station, assuming no major problems develop, says Barton. Each station will cost between \$15,000 and \$50,000. KLCC intends to either fund-raise for this money or take the cost out of its budget. It isn't asking the college for special money to cover it, says Barton.

He says KLCC recently asked for and received the permission of LCC's Board of Education for these actions. The board is the license holder of record for KLCC.



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on Article II, Section 13 of the Student Conduct Code which bans "disorderly, lewd, or indecent" behavior. Instead, security procedure when confronted with a couple "necking" is first to apply what Chase calls the "court of first instance."

An officer looks at a situation as objectively as possible and determines its appropriateness on campus. The officer, if he or she finds the activity inappropriate, approaches the involved parties, and asks them to identify themselves, because, "We need to know who we are dealing with," says Chase.

The officer may tell them to stop what they are doing, says

Chase. If they refuse, they may be cited for refusal to obey the directions of a campus security officer which is a separate offense.

He suggests if you disagree with the direction you are given

"It's kind of silly to enforce rules that aren't."

from a officer, obey the order anyway. Then, if you wish, fill a student complaint. The final arbiter on campus of what is and isn't acceptable in student conduct is the vice president of Student Services, says Chase, adding, "the Student Conduct Code is the student's guarantee of due process."

There are other opinions.

Angella Grabow an LCC student, has a different perspective on the "kissing scene," and acknowledges, "I don't kiss in public, but that's my choice."

She witnessed a recent incident on the fourth floor of the Center building where a couple cuddling and kissing on a couch where approached by Campus Safety. They were asked for their ID, and asked to move along, which they did.

"There's no sign saying, 'No Kissing,'" says Grabow. "The thing that got me was it seemed like a waste of (the officer's) time."

She feels that their time would be better spent protecting against more serious problems.

"It's kind of silly to enforce rules that aren't."

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Monday, Feb. 16, is President's Day, which means the LCC campus will be closed. Sleep in, says Marleena, who is an expert on the subject.

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Middle school girls fight for their rights

Thirty angry middle school girls protested against their school district and their local police last week for being strip-searched on school property. Do the students have a case?

The Fourth Amendment of the Constitution states that "the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

In other words, the police must have probable cause to search a place and/or body; they must state in the warrant exactly what they suspect is being concealed; and they must name in the warrant the place and/or body they intend to search.

Unfortunately, the 30 seventh and eighth grade girls of Dunniway Middle School did not know their Fourth Amendment rights on Jan. 29, the day they were strip-searched.

In the small town of McMinnville, 35 miles southwest of Portland, the teenage girls were attending a typical day in gym class. After gym class, it was found that makeup, jewelry, CDs and approximately \$30 had been stolen from lockers. The thieves were asked to step forward. No one did. Consequently, the school called

two female police officers to search the girls.

The girls have told the media that they had to enter the locker room two at a time, where two women officers asked them to lift up their shirts and jumble their bras for evidence. They say police asked some girls to lower their pants and underwear, and say the officers stated that if they did not, then it would be done for them.

The police did not retrieve any of the stolen items after the search was conducted.

McMinnville Police have admitted that they strip-searched the girls, which they initially denied.

The constitutional issue lies in the fact

that the police did not have probable cause directed toward a particular individual, or even toward a particular group of individuals. Instead, they decided to search all girls, guilty or not.

David Piercey, assistant superintendent of Eugene's 4-J School District, says that the police have a much higher standard required for them to conduct a search. However, schools only need reasonable suspicion to conduct a search of a person or his/her possessions. Piercey says if a situation were to occur in Eugene's schools similar to that of Dunniway Middle School, school officials could not search all the girls. They would need to have reasonable suspicion that a particular person(s) was involved in the theft.

The Register-Guard reported in a Feb.

6 article that Kent Stuart, the officer who commanded the searches, has been permanently transferred out of his school-based position and is now on patrol duty.

A police investigation is currently underway, and is expected to take five to 10 days to resolve.

At LCC, Manager for the Campus Public Safety Department, Paul Chase, commented on Lane's policy regarding searches and seizures; "We do not conduct strip-searches. If we actually see a crime in progress and an individual conceals stolen items, then we will approach him/her and pat him/her down."

Chase added, "If we believe a person possesses contraband and we ask that person to disclose it but he/she refuses, then we will cite him/her for being in violation of the Student Conduct Code [Article III, Section B, #9a] and will detain the individual until police authorities arrive."

Chase says that LCC Security's primary goal is to contribute to a student's learning environment rather than his/her rap sheet.

Mike Ruiz of Campus Services emphasizes, "We try to teach students what they're doing wrong, and how to improve, because we're an educational institution."

The incident that occurred at Dunniway Middle School proves to be an unfortunate way for the girls to learn about their rights. However, something positive might result.

Perhaps these young girls will arm themselves with the power of knowledge, and in the future prevent themselves from being stripped... of their Fourth Amendment rights.

COMMENTARY

by Kim McCloy
Staff Writer

Speak Out!

Letters
to the
Editor

RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS

I just want to register my full support of (Torch reporter) John Dreiling's attempts to gain full access to OSPIRG's financial records and to make them public to the student body that pays OSPIRG's bill.

To paraphrase Merriah Fairchild's commentary: The obvious solution is to raise public awareness and encourage our decision-makers to enact the right to know regulations.

Bruce Burns
LCC Student

SUPPORT STUDENT ACTIVISM

In response to Merriah Fairchild's commentary "Celebrating 25 years of student activism" on Feb. 5, I want to express my support for continued student activism at Lane.

As coordinator for the High School Community Relations office, I work with three terrific student ambassadors who are actively involved with various campus activities, as well as assisting me in recruiting prospective students. One of Lane's appealing assets to many prospective students is the opportunity to choose from the many different social/political/cultural groups on campus. Merriah's commentary strengthened my belief that OSPIRG is a beneficial resource for all Lane students who are concerned with their de-

cision to be informed on issues such as pesticide use, or to take advantage of OSPIRG's internships, earning course credit through cooperative education. I have noticed that OSPIRG interns make a significant impact on recycling efforts, and I appreciate the energy these students have put forth to help educate our campus community on conserving natural resources.

Lane's message to all students, "You Can See The World From Here," is indicative of our college's continued success with supporting active student involvement.

Luci Amabisca
High School/Community Relations

THANKS TO LCC STUDENTS

I am writing because I think it is important to express my thoughts about the students (especially the younger ones). I had a life-changing experience happen to me in August.

My whole world, as I had known it for the last 20-plus years, changed overnight.

I was frightened, at odds with the universe and didn't know what to do. I decided what I really needed to begin this new start in life was more education.

So I began the process of coming back to school. Now, you need to know that I am 45-years-old, and haven't been in school since 1971.

I have been a wife, mother, grand-

mother and employed outside the home.

Just getting through the anxiety of going through all the paperwork and steps it takes to get into school was overwhelming. The staff members here at LCC were absolute angels to guide me so warmly through that jungle of entrance into college.

But, the biggest fear of all was going to school with a huge number of people who are younger than my children. It was a daunting prospect.

I started classes on Jan., 5, right along with everyone else. I was terrified. My fears, though - I need to say - were unnecessary. I was overwhelmed by the kindness - being made to feel so accepted, and by the helpfulness of the students here at Lane.

My thanks and appreciation to all of you, staff and students alike, for making this beginning journey so pleasant.

This especially goes to the younger students who were my biggest fear. I feel that younger folks are not talked kindly about in the media nearly as much as they should be. If you are any indication of who will be taking the helm when the rest of us step down, the world has nothing to worry about.

Thank you all again. God be with you all.

Pat Crawford
LCC Student

With tax time just around the corner, find help at LCC

AARP volunteers are ready to lend a hand

Victor Runyan
Lead Writer

Fear grips your heart. It's tax season. Are you ready?

Help is available right on campus for individuals or couples. American Association of Retired Persons volunteers will meet with tax payers in the LCC cafeteria — for free, says Bob Bottge, volunteer tax counselor, and district coordinator for Tax Aide. "Free help for individuals of any age who are moderate to low income."

For many people taxes are relatively straight forward: and all they need to do is gather their W-2 forms for wages, and their, if any, 1099 for other types of income (including pensions and mutual funds), and receipts for any deductions they intend to claim. Bottge says students should have a print-

out of their scholarship transactions which they received as part of their billings, or ask for them from College Finance.

Students need this information about scholarship and grant money students received and spent on education — including course related expenses — which is tax free, because left over money is not. The result, says Bottge, is "they need to pay taxes on the excesses of their grants, but not their loans."

Tax Aide volunteers can file returns electronically if the tax payer doesn't owe the government any money, says Ruth Zahn, volunteer tax counselor. Tax Aide does it for free. She says many business charge over \$20 for this service.

Bottge says Tax Aide helped 5,400 people at 14 stations last year in this district, which includes Lane County except the coast. The LCC site is the biggest site of the 14, last year helping 2200 people.

AARP Tax Aide volunteers will set up shop at the south end of LCC's cafeteria on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until April 15. They can help not only with this year's taxes, but taxes going back to 1994, and help file corrections for previous year's taxes, as well.

However, there are definite limits to the type of help Tax Aide personnel can offer, says Bottge. "Tax Aide people are not trained to do self-employed individuals' (taxes)." And, he says, sometimes students can become "contractors" without knowing it.

This can happen when they do a few days work for someone, and

instead of filing a W-2 for wages earned the employer files a 1099 for miscellaneous income. Although this often isn't legal, students may choose not to complain because they fear not being able to work for that employer again. This is an issue for tax filers because employers pay half the Social Security tax for employees, but self-employed people have to pay it all. So the student might have to pay more taxes.

If this happens to you and you believe you were an employee, not a contractor, Bottge says the first thing to do is be diplomatic and inform the employer of the suspected error and ask the employee

for a W-2. Doing this will correct many of these type of situations. If it doesn't work, the student can go to the IRS and complain using an SS8 form, but he warns that this will cause potential problems for the company.

These 'self employed' peoples' taxes aren't any harder to do says Bottge, so the volunteers will usually, at their option, go ahead and figure it out. Some of the volunteers can handle more difficult taxes, at their option.

"We can't accept any pay for what we do, although some of our people have probably accepted a cookie or two," says Bottge with a grin.

Newspaper obtains several OSPIRG financial documents

Torch can file petition with state Attorney General for more info

John Dreiling
Lead Writer

The Torch has obtained some financial documents which the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group filed in 1997.

Jan Margosian, Consumer Information coordinator with the Oregon Department of Justice Civil Enforcement Division, provided The Torch with OSPIRG's Internal Revenue Service Tax form for 1995, two applications for extension to file, and an Annual Report for the period of July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996.

According to the Annual Report, OSPIRG's revenue for the time period was \$280,762 and \$135,121 was carried forward from the previous year. A total of \$346,753 was spent on program services, management, general expenses, and fund raising, leaving \$69,130 at the end of the year. OSPIRG has been classified by the IRS as a

nonprofit 501 (c) (3) charitable organization since 1971.

Beginning in October 1997, The Torch made several requests to OSPIRG for copies of financial statements, accountant's reports, articles of incorporation, by-laws, accounting records, and the most recent annual report in an attempt to determine how much LCC receives for the approximately \$50,000 it gives to the organization each year. OSPIRG, however, repeatedly denied the requests.

The Torch has maintained that since each credit student on the main campus must pay \$2.25 to OSPIRG per term through the student body fee, the organization's financial records must be public.

Margosian says that The Torch can also file a petition with Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers for any additional information needed, pursuant to Oregon Public Records Law.

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Bernstein protégé to play Hult Center

Christel Loar
Staff Writer

Pianist Andre Watts, one of the most celebrated pianists in the world, will perform at the Hult Center on Feb. 22.

When Watts was 16, composer/director Leonard Bernstein chose him to make his debut at a New York Philharmonic's Young People's Concert. He has received numerous honors from schools

like Trinity College and the Juilliard School of Music. He was the youngest person ever — at age 26 — to receive an honorary doctorate from Yale University.

In May 1997, The Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University (Watts' alma mater) presented him with an honorary doctorate degree.

The much anticipated Eugene appearance promises to be an

exciting and varied show. Watts has chosen to perform works by Franz Schubert, Maurice Ravel, Tobias Picker, Franz Liszt and Claude Debussy.

The recital begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$30, \$27, \$23 and \$18.50. They are available at the Hult Center Ticket Office, the EMU Main Desk or charge by phone at (541) 682-5000. For more information, call 682-5087.

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STUDENTS THOUGHTS

What to do for V-day for under \$20.

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Get a CD or tape of romantic music and wrap two roses around it.

Cook a candle light dinner for two.

Take them to a concert.

Have a picnic on your living room floor by candlelight.

Sit at home and communicate.

'Expectations' fall short in film

Gwyneth Paltrow and Ethan Hawke fail to create any sparks in new offering

Review by Victor Runyan
Lead Writer

"Great Expectations" doesn't live up to its name. It's a lack luster movie with little drama or humor.

A modernized version of the Charles Dickens's novel, the film tells the story of young love conflicting with a bitter woman's revenge upon men. The movie opens with a young boy's random encounter with an escaped murderer, whom he helps. It then moves to a story about the young boy (Finn) meeting a girl (Estella) while visiting the Florida estate of Estella's aunt "the richest woman in the gulf," Ms. Dinsmoor.

He falls in love with Estella on the spot, and Ms. Dinsmoor hires the boy to play with Estella throughout their child-

hood and until their teens, when Estella leaves for school.

They meet again in New York City where he is trying to make it big on the art scene and she is about to be married (to someone else).

The rest of the plot is predictable with only a few minor twists to offer any interest. The movie has little dramatic tension or comedy, to enthrall the viewer. This reviewer found himself checking his watch frequently after about half way through the film.

The acting is flat, offering practically no depth to the characters: Gwyneth Paltrow (Estella) uses about three different expressions; Ethan Hawke (Finn) does a little better with a few well-played dramatic moments at least; Anne Bancroft (Ms. Dinsmoor) and Robert Deniro (Lustig) turn in convinc-

ing portrayals of a crazy, heart-broken woman and an escaped criminal.

The cinematography in the film is adequate but offers little that is visually interesting to the viewer. There isn't any spectacular scenery or interesting city scapes, not even the grittiness of New York to tantalize the viewer. Some of the most interesting shots in the movie are in a scene where Paltrow poses nude for an artist. But even these shots main purpose appears to be trying to minimize the amount of Paltrow one sees, while still showing her nude, instead of drawing the viewer into the movie.

This movie isn't even bad enough to be good. It's just flat.

"Great Expectations" leaves the viewer disappointed.

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Asian Celebration features fun, food, arts, crafts, music

Nicole Cruse
Staff writer

The Asian Celebration, Feb. 14 and 15 at the Lane County Fairgrounds, promises to be a fun-filled experience.

Food, arts, crafts, martial arts and performance exhibitions mark the event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Some highlights include: Tibetan dance and mu-

sic on Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., and on Feb. 15 at noon and 3 p.m.

Gamelan Sari Pandhawa (Indonesian Orchestra) will perform Feb. 14 at 11 a.m.

Chinese Ceremonial Dances will take place Feb. 14 at 3:10 p.m.

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Scholarship fund gets boost from donations

Donald Smalley
Sports Editor

The men's and women's basketball doubleheader Jan. 28 was deemed "Bobby Foster Night," a benefit to acknowledge Foster's contribution to the college and to raise money for the Bobby Foster Baseball Scholarship.

Foster was a longtime baseball coach at Lane who passed away over the winter holidays after a long battle with brain cancer.

Christy Davids, director of the recreational activities program, calls the event a big success: at present count, the total amount raised was \$1,032.77.

"To be quite honest, I didn't know what to expect," Davids says. "The attendance for the night was around what we average, but we received some pretty generous donations."

Instead of charging a set amount for entering the two games, the Athletic Department

decided to charge admission on a donation basis.

"It was nice to see more staff members attending the games on the night," Davids says, "which was very encouraging."

The money will be forwarded to the Bobby Foster Baseball Scholarship in care of the LCC Foundation office.

Also, an annual scholarship in Foster's name will be awarded to a deserving Titan student/athlete.

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molestation and suicide.

Although he wasn't quite expecting it, some of these people turned to Lang as kind of counselor. They looked up to him, figuratively and literally. He is 6-foot-6, but has a trusting face and a mild manner about him.

"I did my best to help with their self-esteem and tried to make them realize that life can get better," Lang says. "I tried to help them face their problems."

But sometimes they were not ready for religious talk. They needed something else.

"I just tried to be a friend," he says, "and showed them that someone cared for them."

He also found the opportunity to play some basketball in the inner city.

Sounds cool, right? Hardly.

"At first, the courts were full of gang members and drug dealers," Lang says. "There were racial slurs directed at me and rocks thrown at me because I was different."

He was determined to prove that he belonged with them on that concrete basketball court with hoops that have chains for nets. By showing up day after day, Lang started to gain the rat-ball regulars' acceptance.

"Once I decided to dedicate myself to playing basketball every day, the people started to respect me because we had that common bond," he says. "Soon afterwards, the name-calling and rock-throwing stopped. People I really didn't know would invite me into their homes for dinner."

But on one night, someone wanted to do some shooting ... and it wasn't basketballs.

Lang and some of his Mormon colleagues were going door-to-door, trying to get the apartment residents to listen to the things they had to say. On this one occasion, the Mormons were doing the listening.

"We were talking to him, doing our little spiel about religion," Lang says with calmness. "As we were getting ready to leave an hour later, he pulled a shotgun on us and said that we were not going to leave."

He and his colleagues' talent for persuasion were put the test in a big way.

"Luckily, cooler heads prevailed," he says with a slight smile. "We sat down again and after about 30 minutes, he told us to go ahead and leave."

As Lang looks back upon the incident, he doesn't think it was a big deal.

"After the initial shock wore off, everything was cool," he says. "We eventually ended up being friends with the guy."

That hectic atmosphere in St. Louis is a lot different from the atmosphere at Lane. Lang is performing a much different role at this stage of his life. He says that his "job" here is not to preach, but to be one of the guys and to help the Titans win the Southern Division and to perhaps win the championship trophy at the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges tournament.

"My religion has helped me develop a calming consistency," he says. "I feel like I'm pretty humble because of all the things I saw during my two-year mission and that

transforms to the court."

His court demeanor is noticed from the bench.

"When Sam is on the floor, the team performs much smoother," Head Coach Jim Boutin says. "Even though he's not a big scorer, he helps the team in many other ways."

For example, in the game against Clackamas Jan. 24, Lang only scored six points, but he had six assists, eight rebounds and five steals — all while suffering from flu symptoms.

"He definitely makes us click as a unit," Boutin says.

After the season, Lang's basketball career will likely end.

Holy Bat, man!



photo courtesy LCC Baseball team

The world's biggest baseball bat, seen here with an unidentified fan, makes an appearance at "Meet the Titans" night, Feb. 13, in the LCC Gym. The event is a combined dinner/auction; tickets are \$25 and doors open at 5:30 p.m. Auction items range from an autographed Nolan Ryan baseball to dinner with Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey.

He plans to do a little sailing and go to Europe with a friend after the school year.

Then he wants to return to school, earn his degree, and become a college professor and enter the coaching ranks.

ter the coaching ranks.

"If the mission did one thing for me, it was to make me realize that my goal in life is to help people out in some fashion or another," Lang says.

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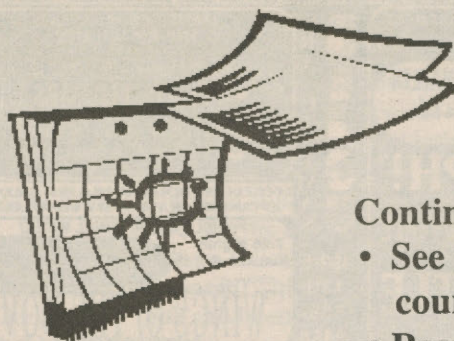
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Families who lift together, get fit together

Relatively speaking, working out is healthy; women take to the gym for strength training

Nicole Cruse
Staff Writer

Strength training is becoming popular with women. In fact, some are getting pumped up while getting quality time with

loved ones.

Health and P.E. Instructor Sue Thompson teaches an all-women's strength training class in which mothers, daughters and sisters are signing up together.

Thompson's goal in the first few weeks of class is to teach her students how to lift safely and correctly, and to learn nutrition. She says she is drawing in women who would never go to a co-ed class or who have had negative experiences.

And she notes that more and more family

members are getting together to work out. Thompson says not only do they get to spend time with each other, but they motivate each other to stay in shape.

Barbara Thurman and Chris Zimmerman, mother and daughter, decided to sign up for Thompson's class. For an added bonus, they carpool together.

Thurman says she started working out because she noticed it was getting harder to get in shape when the effects of "good ol' gravity" was becoming obvious.

Julia Munkvold found she wasn't as strong as she would like to be for carrying and lifting things, so she also decided to sign up for the class. So did her sister, Anne Paschall.

Now the two get in shape and have quality time together.

"I'm motivated in class," says Paschall. "It is a safe and supportive environment."

Munkvold has been weight training for years, but wasn't lifting properly so now she says she is developing a working method instead of just hit and miss.

"I'm never concerned about safety," says Munkvold. "Sue is big on safety."

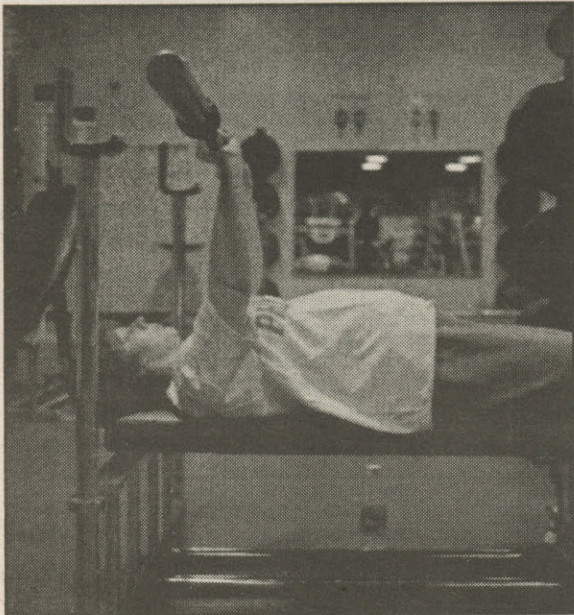


photo by Nicole Cruse

Barbara Thurman does some bench presses during her Health and Fitness class.

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nament championship golf at the PGA Tour and Nike Tour levels. The PGA Tour believes that the ADA was not designed or intended to apply to competitors in professional sporting events, including professional tournament golf.

"For these reasons, the PGA Tour will appeal the court's findings in the case. In the meantime, we will comply with the court's requirements to furnish Casey Martin with a golf cart for his use when he plays in Nike Tour events."

Martin said he is anxious to return to golf and along the way, perhaps change opposing sentiments about his cause.

"I'm just going to pursue my career," he said, responding to possible future advocacy for disability rights. "I haven't been able to write this script even close, so I'll just follow God and see where that leads."

Happy Valentine's Day



From The Torch

Romance from page 1



A thump of the heart makes them think they're in love. But it's temporary. It's always

temporary. Real men don't make commitments, right?

Why should they commit to one woman when they can run to another the minute things get boring, a little tough, or the female figure is no longer perfect?

The way we're created — or socialized — makes the differences between men and women a disaster.

Women tend to be relationship-oriented and men are not. Men have other priorities: their careers, sports, "the hunt," impressing other men, french fries, and of course, beer.

But, to be fair to those who are truly in love — men or women — Happy Valentine's Day. Whether you met through fiber optics, over a strawberry

daiquiri, or under the covers, I do wish you heart-shaped boxes of chocolates, dozens of red roses, and a candle-light dinner, without a dent in your credit card.

Oh, and for any guys who want to change my mind about romance, my e-mail address is jsierra@continet.com.

I'm a SF, 42, no children, who loves photography, spelunking, hiking, and conversation over white chocolate mochas. I don't

hang out at bars but am usually at Jamochas on Saturday mornings.

Just kidding! I'm not looking for e-mails (especially cyber-nasty talk), I'm

not desperately seeking anyone, and I can't afford Jamochas ("Saturday morning" should be declared an oxymoron anyway).

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