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Nichols' success is not open for debate

Forensics coach credits LCC education for putting her back on the right road

> John Dreiling News Editor

Like power from the sports cars she loves so much, Nancy Nichols is propelled to success by motivation and a drive to better herself and her circumstances.

The LCC forensics coach readily admits "I'm a car fanatic," and the evidence is plastered on her office walls: photo of a Viper



Nancy Nichols

Thunderbird there. Heck, she even has a picture of a Hudson, hardly a glamor vehicle, hanging on the wall. "Since the sixth grade, I've just been fasci-

here, a shot of

the very first

sixth grade, I've just been fascinated by the automobile," she says.

Nichols is in her first year as an LCC instructor, and the college also hired her in February as the Bond Project communications coordinator responsible for relating

the college's progress on the \$42.8 million

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LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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These daffodils reach for the sky one early April morn, with the LCC fountains doing their stuff in the background. Next time you see the sun, pay your respects as well.

Windfall for LCC virtually blows away

Projected \$1 million funding announced at LCC Board meeting was reduced this week

> Judy L. Sierra Managing Editor

LCC's one-time state funded \$1 million windfall turned out to be only \$200,000. LCC President Jerry Moskus announced at the May 8 Board meeting that the state proposed \$1 million in special funding to LCC due to projected higher property tax revenues.

But this week, Community College Services sent a notice to LCC that Lane's share was much less than originally planned.

Marie Matsen, vice president of College Operations also stated at the board meeting that the college still has \$1 million allocated in the budget from taxes and the tuition increase, which begins fall term, to offset next year's projected deficit.

Carol Beckley, LCC budget analyst, says the college will cut more than \$1.3 million from three main sources: \$600,000 in salary funds

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Fat substitute takes its toll on some consumers

LCC student charges snack food caused a day of distress and D.C. organization warns public of potential problems

Some reporters get all the heady jobs, perhaps sent to cover a music festival in the Caribbean. Or wining and dining at

Olestra (a cooking oil, not some longforgotten Greek goddess) goes by the brand name Olean and consumers buying Fat-Free Pringles, Fat-Free Ritz Crackers, Fat-Free Wheat Thins, or WOW! potato chips will come in close contact with the recently approved fat substitute. "I'm about the fifth or sixth person in town I know of who has gotten sick from these (chips)."

Olestra was discovered by accident, according to a press release from its maker, Procter and Gamble. In the mid 1960s, P&G scientists were searching for a more easily disgestible fat, but stumbled upon "a fat that isn't broken down or di-

comes out.



From the Editor's Desk by Jack Cifford

the new gourmet restaurant in search of a review on the newspaper's dime.

On the flip side, writers occasionally have press releases with the phrases "loose stools," "fecal urgency," and "anal leakage" plopped on their desk.

Guess which subject matter this story is going to cover?

Yep, it's a crappy job, but a newspaper should, of course, cover both ends of the spectrum.

A new fad in fat-free snacks allegedly has junk food fanatics across the country feeling those aforementioned ill effects, says a public interest group in Washington, D.C., and at least one LCC student. LCC student Jim Home and his daughter Molly, who attends Portland State University, suffered adverse "gastrointestinal symptoms" after chowing down on their favorite munchies. Molly called her father to report an illness, which she blamed on WOW! chips.

"I told her 'Molly, I don't think that stuff did it," relates Jim, who then went on to prove that father doesn't always know best. "So I went out and I bought — stupid enough — a bag of WOW! potato chips and exactly the same thing happened to me: diarrhea, headache, and then the next day I was fine.

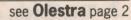


WOW! chips aren't passing the final test.

It took the Food and Drug Administration almost 30 years to approve olestra, with the stamp coming in January of 1996. However, the federal agency required all goods containing the oil to carry a warning label which reads: "This product contains olestra. Olestra may cause abdominal cramping and loose

stools. Olestra inhibits the absorption of some vitamins and other nutrients. Vitamins A, D, E and K have been added."

Frito-Lay, which makes WOW! chips, nevertheless unleashed its newest prod-



News

Teaching tandem gives students two for the price of one

Environmental Science instructors double up to give students well-rounded information

Victor Runyan Lead Writer

Baltasar Gracián wrote in "The Art of Worldly Wisdom," that "It takes more to make one sage today than it did to make the seven of Greece."

LCC can't afford to use seven sages to teach each class, but for one sequence of Environmental Science classes it does use two.

This creates an obvious benefit for students: Getting the attention of two sages in their respective fields teaching their parts of a very large subject area, and having that wealth of information to draw on.

For this term, those sages are Clifton Mitchell and Jerry Hall. Another section is being taught this term by one instructor.

However, some students may want to look long and hard at the potential downside for them before taking the class, says Ann Tattersall, science instructor who team teaches in the fall: It may be difficult to adapt to two different teaching styles, get into the rhythm of different teachers on different days, and figure out who best to address certain questions to.

Steve John, Science Division chair, says the Environmental Science classes use two instructors because it is difficult to find one person with extensive knowledge in both the physical sciences and the biological sciences. He says even if the department could find someone to fill both roles at once it likely would still choose two specialists over one generalist because of the complexity of the subjects involved.

The classes were created five

years ago, as partnerships between physical sciences instructors and biological sciences instructors. John says the instructor teams are responsible for determining the curriculum, how they split the teaching (who teaches what and when) and grading responsibilities.

Physical sciences instructor Clifton Mitchell, one of the coteachers, says, "I set up the physical environment and he (Hall) puts (life) into it.'

Mitchell says the two split the grading 50/50 and teach on different days.

He says instructors teaching Environ- mental Science have tried different schedules from alternating every day to several weeks. But the most successful pattern seems to be teaching for two-three lectures at a time, like a tag team, then switching to the other instructor

John says the students' reac-

either like it or hate it. He says students will sometimes sit the in same class session and have drastically different reactions to having multiple sages.

tion is to

Several students

expressed concern that having multiple instructors does not result in having multiple correct answers to a question.

Biologist Jerry Hall says they use instances of disagreement over the "correct" answer as a learning experience to illustrate

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that, "science doesn't have the answers to everything."

He adds that in a class on a subject as vast as Environmental Science, "We don't expect students to learn it all."

Even with two instructors, they likely can't teach it all.

Nichols from page 1

the college's progress on the \$42.8 million bond measure passed by Lane voters in 1995. That position will last five months.

Nichols first came to LCC as a student in 1991 at the age of 37.

"I didn't know what I wanted to do, but when you have that much experience before going to school, you know what you don't want to do.

"As a result of just taking a lot of different classes, I wound up in the communications area. I've always been involved in some type of public communications," she continues.

While a student, Nichols was part of LCC's forensics team and earned the right in a state competition to represent the college in a national speech tournament.

The road to her current position has not been without obstacles, however. She says education was the key that allowed her to transcend a difficult family situation.

"I was extremely motivated because I've always loved academia. It was just like I had this giant wellspring of motivation. I was so excited to take this stuff in, it was so enriching to me after years of less than an ideal situation," she remembers.

Asked the reason for her success, Nichols says, "Number one, I got an education, and number two, I got a divorce... It was an extremely difficult and debilitating situation."

Nichols credits the Women's Center's Transitions to Success program for part of her growth and perserverance.

"The Transitions program let me realize there's actually terms for what I was experiencing. It wasn't just 'this yuck.' And there's actually people that experience what I did and understood when there were times when you're so stressed you can't even put it into words," she says.

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Nichols says she is proud to be able to speak at the Transitions to Success graduation in June.

"Even to this day, my time at LCC is really a hallmark period of my life, not only because it was a major positive transition for me,

"It's been a long road. It's had a lot of slippery slopes, but that's life.' -Nancy Nichols

but also because all of the support systems were in place. They're available to a lot of people, but I was so motivated and I have so much tenacity."

Returning to school after years away was also a challenge, Nichols says.

"When I came out here I was pretty much terrified even though I had done really well in school



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when I was younger," she explains. Math was a particularly difficult subject to tackle, she admits.

"I started in Math 20 and I had major math anxiety and there were days when I was just like ready to burn the math book. But I made it through college al-

gebra - got an 'A' in that," she says.

Nichols says that as a student she worked closely with Oregon State University counselors to determine the right transfer classes to take at LCC. In 1994 she finished her program at LCC and moved on to OSU, and there she earned a bachelor's degree in speech and

communications. "I was wonderfully prepared for Oregon State University course work," by LCC, she says.

Nichols' position as LCC forensic coach is giving her a new perspective on education. She helps debate students "to develop or refine their public speaking skills in a plethora of areas," she says.

And as Bond Project Communications Coordinator, "I utilize a tremendous amount of my communications skills in interpersonal communication, and also large group communications, and facilitate understanding among groups that didn't have a lot of cooperation or understanding before, and then 'delivering messages," she says.

"In my spare time," she laughs, "I am really interested in researching and studying teaching rhetorical skills to young children, how that can impact their lives in society down the road."

This year she has taught her daughter's first and second grade class how to create and deliver an oral presentation.

"We did exercises to get them used to standing up front of people, delivering messages, how to project, and even videotaped them," she says.

In the fall she plans to return to OSU to earn her graduate degree in rhetorical communications studies.

"It's been a long road. It's had a lot of slippery slopes, but that's life.'

She wants to be able "to savor what's happening to me right now," although she also finds herself "kind of looking over my shoulder" for the next challenge.





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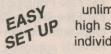
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Olestra from page 1

uct on the Pacific Northwest and Northern California this year after it seemingly passed the taste test in four U.S. markets: Indianapolis, Cedar Rapids (Iowa), Grand Junction (Colo.), and Eau Claire (Wisc.) In a press release announcing the Feb. 10 introduction of Olean, Frito-Lay trumpeted its arrival.

"The 'no fat-no taste era' is over in snacking," reads the statement. "Everywhere WOW! chips have been available consumers have told us they taste every bit as good as original Lay's, Ruffles and Doritos."

It's not the taste part that concerns the Center for Science in the Public Interest organization based in D.C. In fact, spokespeople for CSPI have been fervently denouncing olestra, alleging that the substance inhibits the body's absorption of carotenoids, which are fat-soluble nutrients found in fresh fruits and vegetables and may help protect people from heart disease and cancer.

"From a public health perspective, it's crazy to allow into the food supply an additive that will almost certainly cause an enormous amount of pain and discomfort," said Mark Brown, CSPI's director of toxicology said in a recent phone interview from the group's office.

He added that to him the larger concern is the cartenoid loss, although CSPI has been mostly focusing its educational efforts on the "gastrointestinal problems."

Procter & Gamble releases make the claim that "Olean is the most thoroughly researched food ingredient ever...Eating too much of any food may cause stomach upset. Olean is a replacement for fat, not common sense."

Home purchased his bag of WOW! chips at a local Safeway grocery store. A spokesperson for the company, when asked if enough negative feedback would flush WOW! chips from its shelves, said customers always drive that decision.

"If you pull a product, you run the risk of becoming the censor," said Brigette Flanagan, Safeway's public affairs director, in a phone interview from corporate headquarters in Wilsonville. "We say "The consumer votes every day with their shopping dollar.' If it's not selling, we need the shelf space for other products."

One person who won't be buying any more WOW! chips is Home.

"We're always talking about organic things in this world," he says, "and now here we are putting more chemicallybased stuff in our body to supposedly try to gain in our lifetime a couple of ounces of less fat.

"My daugher and I both like potato chips, but we don't like WOW! potato chips anymore."

ANNUAL HUNGER CLEAN-UP!

The 14th Annual Hunger and Homelessness cleanup is on Sat. April 18. It's a one-day community service work-a-thon.

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CONDOLENCES :

Don Cronin, a 29 year employee of LCC passed away during surgery on Friday, March 27. Don worked as a custodian at the downtown Center.

Donations for Don's wife and children may be sent to Campus Services.

Ruth Coffman, nursing instructor in Family and Health Careers for 13 years, died Saturday, April 4. She retired just two weeks earlier.

Remembrances should be directed to the nursing program student fund through the LCC foundation. LAMB AND WAY EARN AWARDS

Debra Lamb, Community Learning Centers Manager and Continuing Edu-

cation Coordinator, was recently hon-

ored as Community College Educator of the Year by the Oregon Community Education Association.

The award is presented to a community college educator for outstanding professional achievement in the field of community education.

Bob Way, director of Cooperative Education, is this year's recipient of the Dean Herman Schneider Award from the Cooperative Education Association.

The award is CEA's top award and recognizes outstanding achievement in the field of cooperative education. **GARDEN HONORS KITCHEL**

Plans are under way for a memorial garden to honor Patty Kitchel, a longtime Bookstore employee who passed away Jan. 14. Plans include a white Chinese Dogwood tree, flowers, and a bronze plaque.

An 8 by 13 foot flower bed between the Science and Electronics Buildings has been selected as the sight of the garden. A dedication ceremony will be announced at a later date. Donations are welcome.

Anyone wishing to contribute may contact Margaret Pederson at ext. 2680

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saved when faculty members retired, \$375,000 cut from maintenance repairs and improvement and \$400,000 in a college-wide budget tightening process.

Also at the meeting, LCC's Board of Education voted to maintain status quo, accepting President Jerry Moskus' rejection of the latest LTD group pass proposal.

Moskus said he believes the college is closer to implementing a group pass program, but could not recommend the current concept which would add \$8.90 to each credit student's fee.

"The proposed fee would mean that most of our students would pay, each time they register, a (total) mandatory fee of \$34.15," Moskus pointed out.

"The college must keep foremost its mission 'to provide afforable education' and that goal should not be overlooked in the face of financial exigency," he continued.

LCC has attempted to negotiate a group bus pass system with LTD for at least eight years.

The board unanimously directed the Lane-LTD staff committee to present another proposal at the May 13 board meeting.

Yet, the board approved ASLCC's proposal for a May ballot measure, asking students to increase the student activity fee by \$1.13 for membership in the Oregon Student Association.

If students vote for the membership in the OSA lobbying group for four-year schools, LCC will be the first two-year college member in the Oregon chapter, but there are other community colleges represented in the parent group, the National Student Association.

ASLCC would still retain its membership in CCOSAC, the existing equivalent group for twoyear schools.

In other board agenda:

•Pat Riggs-Henson, board member representing Springfieldzone 3 - for nine years announced she had arrived at the "heartwrenching" decision to resign from the board effective July 1 in light of her recent election as executive secretary-treasurer of the Lane County Labor Council.

Elected in 1989, Riggs-Henson is the second longest-serving member of the board, after Jim Pitney.

•The board postponed negotiations to extend the president's contract to the May board meeting due to remaining "language issues."

Moskus elected to national CC board

From Staff Reports

President Jerry Moskus has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the American Association of Community Colleges. He is one of 15 community college presidents on the board elected by their peers nationwide. AACC is the leading organization for community colleges with 1,039 member colleges. The organization's role is to advocate and serve as a resource for community colleges. AACC was headed from 1981-91 by Dr. Dale Parnell, founding president of Lane. Long-time Lane president Eldon G. Schafer served on the AACC board in the early 1980s. "The vote is evidence of Lane's very positive national reputation," Moskus said when informed of his election. "I will have the opportunity to advocate for the needs and interests of Oregon community colleges."



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Another year, another day to rant

So, the Tax Man cameth, and the Tax Man tooketh away.

Just three days after the Easter Bunny showered us with goodies, that snake-in-the-grass, a.k.a. the Internal Revenue Service, slid in and took a bit more of our nest

egg. (I'm not certain how much of a chunk the IRS took out of my meager income, since the results of

my figuring were not available at our printing deadline of 8 p.m., tax day.)

Maybe it was my imagination, but it seemed this year as if more people were stressed as April 15 neared. In addition, my conversations with others about taxes almost always included the words, "Haven't done them yet," "I owe money," and others that I'd rather not print here. Hint: The past tense of one word rhymes "deduct."

Other stories about weird stuff happening with taxpayers have also emerged.

Did you hear about the guy in Boston who's in trouble due to a mistake made by either his bank or the IRS? Graham Knowland sent in a check for the \$2,600 he owed; the IRS received it and deposited the money into a bank. But, according to the IRS, Knowland's bank then paid it out to someone else.

The IRS is charging him with tax evasion, and holding him responsible for shaking out the mess, even though Knowland has the cancelled check to prove his case. The IRS says too bad, so he's basically "deduct." Unfortunately, not all the situations have that same shake-your-head-inamusement feel to them. Some are downright scary and frustrating.

An article in the April 15 edition of The Register-Guard outlines some

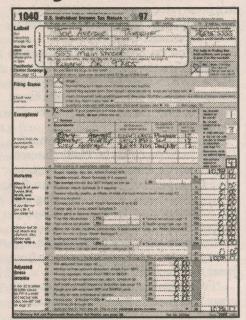
tactics the IRS uses to find tax cheats. Apparently the agency pays informants to turn in their bosses, their

neighbors, former spouses, and just Joe Average if the snitch gets the itch. Excuse me, are we in prison here?

As you may remember, the IRS took quite a beating several months ago when taxpayers told accounts of intimidation, harassment, and just general rudeness to the Senate Finance Committee. The agency hung its head in mock shame while committee members did their best to sound stern and punitive.

Congress plans more rounds of hearings in the nation's capital at the end of this month, but don't look for much to change. Why? Because those investigating most likely aren't the hardest hit by the tax system in this country.

Turning the focus back home, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a tax watchdog group in Washington, D.C., just released a report which ranked the 42 states that impose income taxes on residents. The state of Oregon owns the 10th highest tax on povertylevel families of four for 1997. In 1996, Oregon was fifth, so at least there's a little improvement, but once again those who can least afford it are suffering



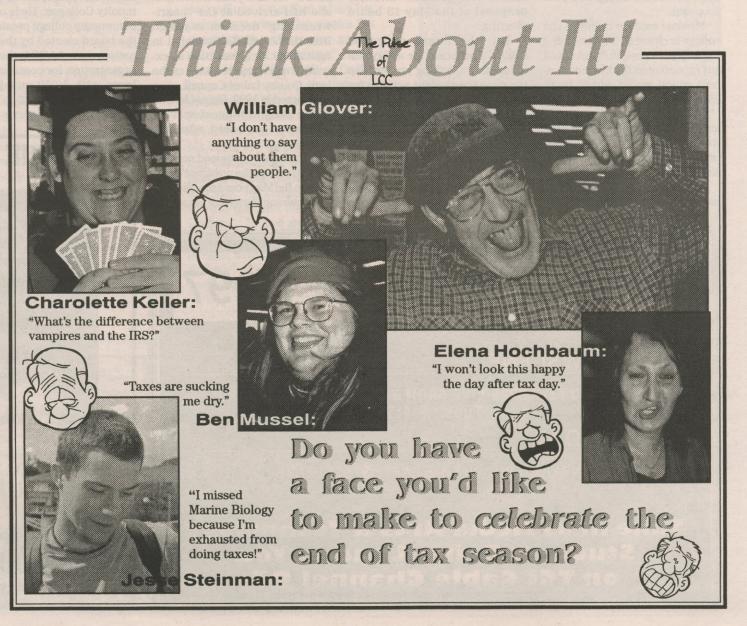
Taxes. Don't they just make you want to say @#\$%@?

under the biggest burden.

All in all, the government estimated that 124 million taxpayers would file individual income tax returns this year, resulting in about \$1.3 trillion paid to the IRS. But, as of April 8, the IRS had received only about half of those.

No doubt, thousands of slackers rushed to their post offices late on the night of April15 to get the necessary postmark. It's good to know there are others who waited until the last day, hour, minute, second.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to finish figuring out how much I'm going to get "deduct."



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News

Career Fair brings job peddlers to LCC students

Janice Dresser Staff Writer

Fifty-five businesses briefly turned the cafeteria into a bank manager's version of the Saturday Market when

they convened April 8 for the annual Career Fair sponsored by the LCC Job Placement Office.

At this market however, the vendors were giving, not taking. What they were giving was a

chance for students to interact with experts in particular job fields and to explore non-traditional employment.

Springfield's Shorewood Packaging, where specialty packaging for food, cosmetics, and

computer software is produced and shipped, had a representative in attendance looking for traditional employee qualities.

'Employees must be team players who can work under pressure," said Adele Hughes,

> employee trainer for Shorewood. She added that applicants should have an eye for color clar-

"They ity. can't be colorblind. They're tested for that." Most companies at the Career Fair were searching for more

than temporary

Expose crime?

employees. Johnson Crushers International looks for the long-term potential in an applicant and performs extensive in-house training, said a JCI recruiter. The casual atmosphere of the manufacturing and machine shop is carried over into the office as well, he added. The company has had luck in the past hiring LCC graduates, which makes JCI a regular attendee at the Fair.

A few booths proved that crime can pay, as long as you're on the right side of the law.

Sergeant Linda Marsmaker, a former LCC criminal justice student, is a recruiter for the Multnomah County Sheriff's Department.

'The Sheriff's office hires adults (and we) hire common sense," she said.

Marsmaker listed several areas of study that would be beneficial to a career in law enforcement in addition to criminal justice classes: business, mediation. computer, communications, and psychology

A few booths away, a man wearing fatigues was talking to Spencer Smith at the Federal Bureau of Prisons set-up. The visitor calmly listened to Smith's enthusiastic speech. Smith, a former military police officer, is currently a correctional officer for the prison in Sheridan, Ore.

"The inmates call me Smitty," he said. "I listen to them. I help them. I tell them they have choices.

He added that a correctional officer position requires a bachelor's degree or three years of work experience.

There were also booths at the fair that gave out information for other area employment resources. Julie Yamane, customer service representative with the Oregon Employment Department, said her office is a good place to shop for a job.

"You don't have to be registered for unemployment benefits with the state in order to use our

Job and Career Center," she pointed out.

Like LCC's Career Information Center, the state office, located at 2510 Oakmont Way in Eugene, offers business journals, labor market information, resumé guides, and apprenticeship

information. The Center also has a job finding workshop class every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. which Yamane said, "is small, only about eight to 10 people, which is a manageable size."

At least one potential hiree walked away from the Career Fair happy.

As businesses dismantled their booths and packed their free pens and candy, an enthusiastic participant carrying brochures and applications was leaving the cafeteria. She turned to

of paperwork in her arms and said, "Isn't this great?"

Get your kicks from politics

An internship with a local politician could be your ticket to Washington, D.C. **Gretchen Davis** For The Torch

Students with an interest in politics can get an edge when trying to break into the political world.

LCC students are placed as interns, in various political offices in Eugene or Salem, with the help of political science instructor and prelaw coordinator Steve Candee.

Gina Rossini is currently interning at U.S. Congressman Peter DeFazio's office. Her duties include looking at "media clips," searching through magazine, newspaper, and journal articles looking for information about issues that DeFazio is working on, or articles that mention or quote him

Molly McCarthy and John Schmidt were recently interns at U.S. Senator Ron Wyden's office. They answered phones and took comments from constituents, and then relayed those comments to Sen. Wyden. McCarthy and Schmidt also fax invitaions and call businesses regarding town meetings. These internships seem to open up career opportunities quite frequently. Candee says McCarthy is currently working in Washington D.C. with Sen. Wyden at his main office. Another former intern of Candee's, Melissa Freund, is the assistant director of the Oregon Democratic Party.

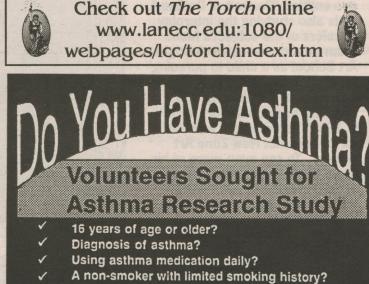
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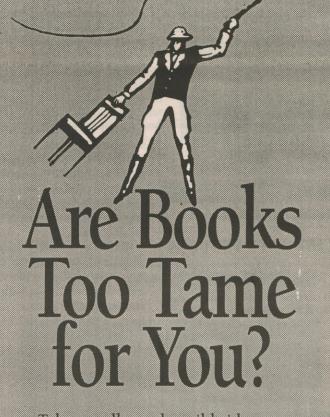
"It's just a foot in the door for people who want to pursue it in terms of their careers," he says. "On the other hand, it's also for people who simply want to get some experience in the area of politics.'

Students interested in political

science internships must meet with an LCC coordinator and have registered for the appropriate number of credits on Classline. Interns will be asked to complete journal entries and term evaluations.

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Movie Review

by Victor Runyan

Lead Writer

South Florida is backdrop for intricate tale of sex, deceit

"Wild Things" is a great movie despite its sometimes gratuitous sexual content.

Writer Stephen Peter ("The Fourth War") and director John McNaughton ("Mad Dog and Glory") have no problem getting and keeping your attention in this well-paced plot twist filled movie. Viewers tired

filled movie. Viewers tired of knowing the end of the movie in the first 10 minutes of the film will be in for a treat.

Director of photography

Jeffrey Kimball ("Top Gun," "Beverly Hills Cop," "The Specialist") does a beautiful job showing the landscape of South Florida, including the swamps, beaches, and ocean that make it "oh-so-attractive" to the very rich as well as the poor. A fitting location for a story with money



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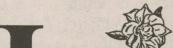
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and sex at the heart of it. At a Florida high school, in the fictitious town of Blue Bay, guidance counselor Sam Lombardo, played by Matt Dillon ("In and Out"), teaches sailing

and is trying to sleep his way up the Blue Bay society ladder. Kelly Van Ryan, played by

Denise Richards ("Starship Troopers"), an heiress to a great

fortune when her mother dies, wants to seduce him but he is avoiding her. Eventually she arranges to be alone with him, after which she accuses him of rape. He hires a

low rent lawyer (Bill Murray) but they must battle with Sandra Van Ryan, Kelly's mother, who has put the full weight of her fortune behind ruining the man who raped her daughter, and a sex crimes detective (Kevin Bacon) obsessed with getting to the

truth in this case. Just when things look up for Sam, Suzie Toller, played by Neve Campbell ("Scream"), also accuses him of rape. When Sam's original case goes to trial, the story really begins.

All of the actors play their roles wonderfully, especially when you consider the complexities involved in playing characters who almost continually lie to other characters.

This is a movie that plays with your head, and uses the sexuality in it to do that — like a magician who uses the beautiful smile and body of his assistant to hide the real mystery.

If you see this movie, stay for at least half the credits. Many of the loose ends get tied up in scenes injected into the credits.

"Wild Things" is rated R for strong sexuality, language, and violence. It's playing at Cinema World and Movies 12.

LCC EVENTS price The LCC Art Department Gallery is exhib-fresh

iting a collection of oil paintings by artists **James Uhrich** and **Jerry Ross**. Ulrich cites the plot of the suspense film "Seven" as the inspiration for his part of the show, titled "Seven Deadly Sins Series." He will give a **lecture** on April 21, at 10 a.m. in the Gallery. Ross' offerings in his preferred medium of oil on canvas are primarily portraits, landscapes, and figure studies. The Gallery is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

W.O.W. HALL EVENTS

Your friendly neighborhood WOW Hall is jumping this week! Check this out:

Beginning April 16, performer/teacher Sylvie Rubenstein offers a four-week Contact Improvisation dance class. Go for the full course for \$20 or drop in for \$6 per session on a Thursday night, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sharpen communication skills while exploring touch and momentum; learn trust as you and your partner practice falling and weight-sharing. For more information, call the WOW Hall or Sylvie Rubenstein at 688-4846.

In collaboration with **UO Campus Radio KWVA**, the WOW Hall proudly presents the **Great Eugene Pop-Off**, a pop-rock experience manifesting April 17. Come witness the musical musings of **Marigold**, **The American Girls** and **Lael Alderman**. Doors open at 8 p.m.; show starts at 8:30. Admission is \$6, with kids 6-11 halfprice and children five and under free. Adult refreshments will be available downstairs. Call the WOW Hall at 687-2746 for info.

It's Saturday. You're bored. You wanna do something fun, but don't have a lot of the green stuff. How about a **T-Shirt**, **Memorabilia & Rummage Sale**? Admission to the April 18 event is free, and you can paw through clothes, **CDs**, **school supplies**, and **more** to find good things that will mean so much to you in the future. Also, if you have something you want to donate, it's fully tax-deductible. Swing by the WOW Hall's main performance hall between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For a touch of Middle Eastern culture, check out **The New World Belly Dance Caravan** with special guest **Glenno Falkenberg & Friends** on April 21. Let the sounds of Persia, Greece, Turkey and Egypt serenade your soul, graced by the ethereal movements of fully-costumed dancers. Admission is \$3 at the door; the performance begins at 7:30 p.m.

OTHER STUFF

You love a good story, right? Who doesn't? At the **8th Annual Multi-Cultural Storytelling Festival**, story lovers of all ages can hear fables from around the world. Come get swept away by Chicano, Russian-Jewish, and African yarns, to name a few. The setting is the South Eugene High School auditorium, on 19th and Hilyard; the time, 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. Call 334-4882 for more information.

Ross portrays divine gift

Jerry Ross says that when he paints a portrait, he seeks "to establish the character and spirituality of the sitter." Here, in one entitled "Portrait of DeVine," he is also studying the interplay of colors of the subject's face. From attendance at the Albright Art School as a child to pursuing his craft in Florence, Italy, Ross has taken turns learning and teaching this popular art form. In 1997, he created a web site for the defunct New Zone Art Gallery. To see even more of his work and that of other Eugene artists, check out this "virtual gallery" at www.rio.com/~ross/ zone.html.



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Will LCC track teams run away with more titles?

Women's team is on a four-year roll; men's team hopes to get back on track with a championship

Donald Smalley Sports Editor

It was just six years ago when Brad Joens was hired to coach the LCC track and field team. The "team" consisted of two women and two men.

That seems so long ago. "The program has come a long ways since then," Joens says. "It has flourished because we got some good kids and some good

coaches to work with those kids to bring the program to where it is now."

"Dynasty" might be a good way to sum up at least one-half of the squad.

That word has many meanings. It was the title of an ABC night time soap opera in the 1980s. It could mean a

family or group that maintains power for several generations.

It certainly describes the LCC women's track and field team's dominance over the last several seasons

The Titans have won the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges women's track and field championship for four straight years. Title number five is a strong possibility.

"Right now, we are in the top three of the NWAACC," Joens admits. "If we avoid the injury bug, we should stay there and see what happens at the end of the year.

"We have a really good group of women runners," he continues, but adds, "We don't have a lot, so an injury to one could be a big blow to the team."

Sprinters Mariah Williams and Danielle Fleming lead the group of runners. Freshman Erica Harris will also help out on the sprint team.

be featured in the field events. Her specialty is the hammer throw.

But the women will have a tough time owning the spotlight at Lane because the Titan men's team will demand attention as well.

"The men have some good depth," Joens says. "We have less big names, but the team is just as strong as last year's."

If that is the case, the Titans will be contenders to win the NWAACC championship. Last year's squad came within four little points from grabbing the crown

But both the men's and women's track teams will face some heavy challenges at the NWAACCs

by the likes "Any time we of Spokane, Clark, Clackamas get an opportuand nity to run at year's men's champion, Hayward Field, Mount Hood. Joens we always jump says that a team like at the chance." Highline CC of Seattle, -Brad Joens which only

> side, could sneak its way up there.

This year's version of the Titan men's team is led by freshman Ben Logan, who competes in the decathlon and pole vault, and fellow freshman Ryun Carver, who runs the 800-meter and 1,500-meter races. The two have already reached Lane's all-

the men's For example, the Titans recently competed at a "mini meet" at the UO, which is always special. "Anytime we get an opportu-

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nity to run at Hayward Field, we always jump at the chance,' Joens says.

time list of record times in their

ing up for the NWAACC champi-

onships," Joens explains. "We

really don't have any dual meets

to speak of. Just events to pre-

pare us for the big meet."

"Right now, we are just warm-

short careers.

Right now, the program is ready to run away with both the men's and women's first place trophies.



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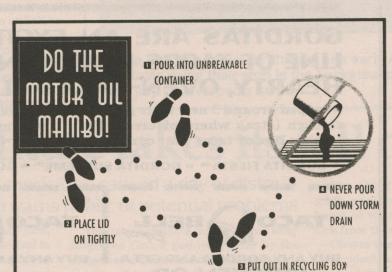
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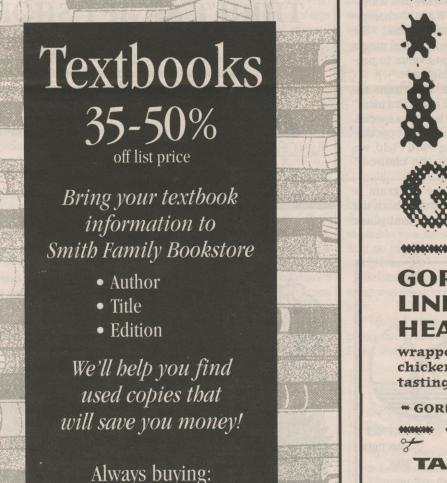
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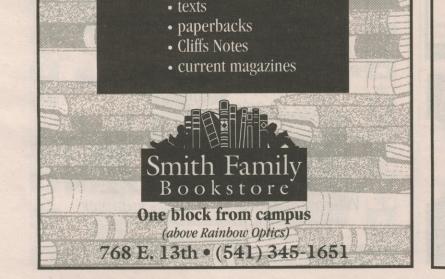
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