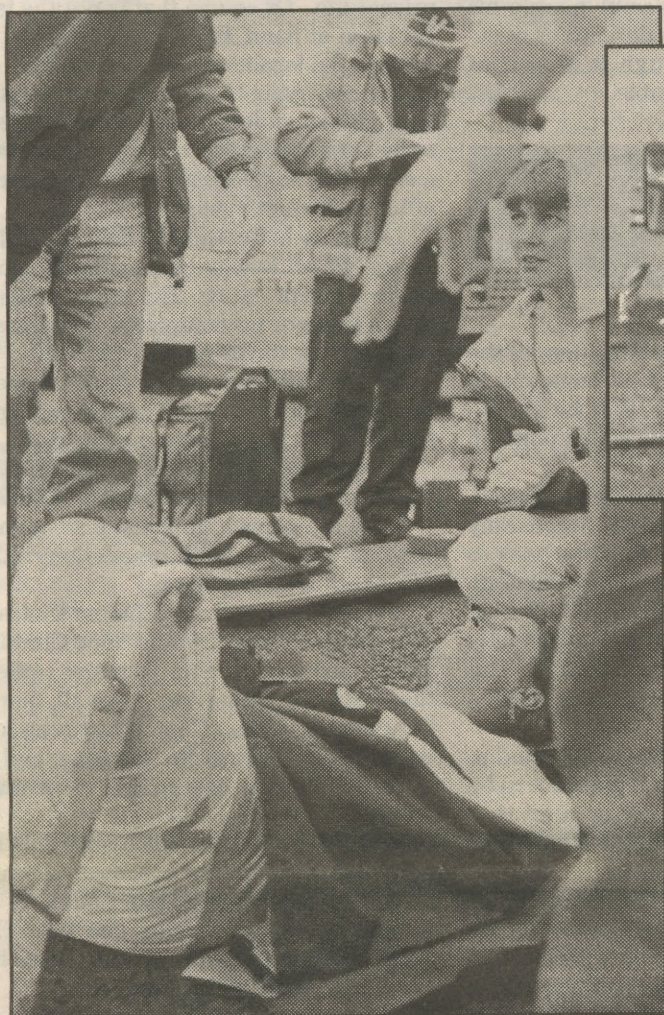




Are you on "The List"? Did you make the grade? Can you follow directions? Then turn to page 4



On the scene

Within minutes of crash landing, skydiver Whitney Harder walks away with non-life threatening injuries.

Public Safety Officer Glenn Goss (above) assists Student Health nurses in giving Harder immediate assistance.



Photos by Steve Clark

Skydiver falls hard for students at LCC campus

Judy Sierra
Editor in Chief

"Oh, dear God," was the first thing registered nurse Nadine Wilkes thought when Student Health Services received the message that a skydiver's chute didn't open when landing on campus.

"I pictured someone just splattered," Wilkes continues with deep breaths, "but thankfully we got the wrong message."

Student Activities added the surprise skydiving demonstration to the Ping Pong ball drop during the Fall Welcome Week's festivities on Oct. 9.

But the bigger surprise came when skydiver Whitney Harder flew into Bristol Square and crashed into the divider wall on the north side as a crowd of more than 800 watched in horror, says student Geri Schweigert, the first

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Binge drinking still plagues colleges

Surveys show that alcohol drinking is on the rise among college students

Sabrina Forkish
News Editor

Although your classmates may not come to school with alcohol on their breath, chances are a good portion of them drank their share over the weekend.

Binge drinking among LCC students showed a significant increase from 1993 to 1996, according to mandatory biennial surveys of more than 600 LCC students' drinking and drug habits.

The alcohol problem is more subtle at a commuter college than it would be at a university, believes Student Activities Director Barbara Delansky, because of the lack of campus bars, residential housing, and Greek organizations.

"It is a problem here," says Delansky. "We just don't see it as readily as the UO."

"Because we don't have residential students the drinking and drug problem has moved off campus," agrees Mark Harris, the college's Substance Abuse Prevention coordinator. "The problems arise when students bring something to campus, which happens rarely."

Although the number of LCC students who binge drink is rising, it is still below the national average. One reason for the under-average drinking habits may be attributed to the fact that the average age of LCC credit students (26.7) is above that

of the 18 to 22-year-old age group in which binge drinking is most common, says Delansky.

Nevertheless, LCC students are drinking, as the 1996 survey results show.

Sixty-two percent of students reported using alcohol within 30 days of the survey, which is consistent with a survey done in 1993. But only 26 percent of students reported binge drinking within two weeks of the 1993 survey, compared with 33 percent two years ago. This is compared with a national average of 42 percent, according to a compilation of surveys completed at 171 colleges around the country in 1995 and 1996.

Binge drinking is defined for the survey as four drinks in one sitting for women, and five drinks in a row for men.

Also up in 1996 were the number of under-age students who reported using alcohol — 62 percent, up from 54 percent in 1993. However, this is compared to a national average of 69 percent.

The results of a survey last May of LCC's Adult High School only survey last May, and the results show alcohol and drug use above the national average for

highschool age students. The national average for highschoolers who admit to

binge drinking is around 25 percent, says Harris, but the 1998 AHS survey found that 45 percent of LCC's adult high school students binge. Most of these students are under 21.

Since most alcohol use happens off campus, there is rarely disruptive behavior associated with drinking at LCC, says Harris. As a substance abuse counselor, he sees about 300 walk-in students a year who have drug or alcohol problems, but only about 15-20 students during that time are referred to him because they have ex-

hibited or created an alcohol-related problem while on campus.

LCC students Aubra Lewellen, 18, and Heather Daughtry, 20, haven't experienced problems associated with another person's alcohol use, and have never noticed a classmate behaving in a way that would suggest his/her intoxication.

"I think most people just drink Friday and Saturday nights" and are fine by Monday morning, says Lewellen. Yet she says she has known students to drink beer out of coffee mugs at school before class. Daughtry also knows people who drink on

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One drink, two drinks, three drinks, floor.

Stats on Binge Drinking

According to the Core Institute's 1995/1996 survey of 89,874 students from 171 two-and four-year colleges across the United States

Percentage of students who believe alcohol:

gives people something to do



gives people something to talk about



facilitates peer connections



facilitates sexual opportunities



makes them sexier



Percentage of students who, within the year prior to the survey:

drove a car while under the influence



thought they might have a (drinking or drug) problem



tried unsuccessfully to stop using drugs or alcohol



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Kinky sex life does not make Clinton a poor leader

I read every article in the paper when the Lewinsky story first broke.

I discussed the new scandal and its implications over coffee.

I heard Clinton live on the radio when he said, "I did not have an affair with that woman," and I watched when he later admitted his guilt to the nation.

However, after a few weeks of the initial story, I lost interest in the scandal. Within a few months I was hardly reading more than the information contained in the unavoidable magazine headlines at the check-out counter, and an occasional update in *The Register Guard* as I reached for the comics.

I was in denial — not that our president could have an affair with a young intern, I never for a minute doubted his guilt there — rather, I couldn't believe that this incredible investigation into our leader's private life would ever amount to anything because, in my opinion, Clinton has committed no impeachable offense.

Every day I hear the updates on the radio, or see the words "Lewinsky" or "Starr" across the front page of a newspaper. I'm disgusted.

Perhaps I should have gotten over it already. After all, it's been the big story for almost 10 months now. But I question the country that can remain so wrapped up in someone's private life for such an extended period of time.

Don't get me wrong, it's not that I'm a strong Clinton supporter. I do not condone his acts. But we all have flaws, and in my eyes Clinton is no worse than the next person. His lax morals do not automatically make him a poor leader.

And, in a strange way, it's hard not to admire — at least a bit — someone who

can maintain the support of a good half of the nation with tricky rhetoric with kinky details of his sex life coming to light every day. As his friend I would hit him over the head if he ran all of our conversations around in circles the way he does, but there is no more cunning way to lead a country than to throw your people off track with questionable definitions of every-day words, although it is not, of course, the most honorable.

Commentary by
Sabrina Forkish

News Editor

People argue that the President of the United States shouldn't be engaging in such reckless behavior, that he should refrain simply *because* he is in a position of power.

Maybe I'm reflecting the views of a generation with morals gone bad, because my argument always seems to come back to the fact that I don't hold the president up to higher moral standards than the rest of the population, and if a president's only serious problem appears to be that of infidelity, then I do not think it is really a problem at all.

Of course we all *want* a president that we can put on a pedestal. We want to be able to walk all the way around that throne without uncovering a single flaw that would knock him down.

But, quite simply, people are not perfect. I would rather have a Clinton in the White House any day than a Nixon. I'd rather have a president lying to his people

about his extramarital affairs (and who wouldn't) than to lie about a break-in and use institutions such as the CIA and FBI to help cover his tracks.

To me, Clinton's situation is not about perjury, it's about an invasion of an ordinary (but, admittedly, powerful) person's private life. Of course that is not the legal issue at hand, but I am not trying to analyze the legalities of the situation.

I'm not trying to claim that our president did not violate the law when he lied to the jury. Rather, I'm asking, why are we questioning someone about a consensual affair in the first place?

Lewinsky has nothing to do with Paula Jones, which is why her testimony was thrown out of court. The White House intern brought no complaints of harassment against the president.

So why, pray tell, do we have minute-by-minute accounts of her sexual encounters with Clinton all over the Internet?

If we are going to address betrayal, let's also take a look at Linda Tripp.

If we are going to talk about someone with an uncontrollable obsession, let's talk about Kenneth Starr.

If it comes to an impeachment trial, as it looks like it may, I would hope Clinton would have the decency to resign rather than drag everything out. After all, there is a country to run. Clinton has been focused on two things for too long, and I don't believe he can pull it off much longer.

And yet, I still have some hope that it will not come to resignation, because with potential problems at hand such as a worldwide financial crisis and the Y2K issue, I would rather have experience in the office than a faithful spouse.

The President should do the right thing: Resign

Sex, sex, sex, *perjury*, sex, sex, sex, *obstruction of justice*, sex, sex, sex, *abuse of power*, sex, sex, sex, *witness tampering*, sex, sex, sex.

It is easy to lose sight of the significant charges facing President Bill Clinton among a monotony of intensely personal discussions regarding his sex life.

Virtually all of us can agree that cheating on a spouse, while incredibly dishonorable, is not an act which would require impeachment or resignation. However, more serious accusations do exist, buried in the salacious mountain of evidence. The House Judiciary Committee has charged Clinton with 15 potentially impeachable offenses.

Perjury:

Clinton stands accused of lying under oath in his deposition in the Paula Jones case and to the Kenneth Starr grand jury about having "sexual relations" with Monica Lewinsky, testimony which contradicted hers before the grand jury.

He is also accused of lying about whether he was alone with Lewinsky, accepting and giving gifts, discussing her testimony with her prior to her testifying, and regarding discussions with Vernon Jordan about assisting Lewinsky with her career prospects during the Jones case.

Obstruction of justice:

Clinton is accused of concealing evidence of the alleged gift exchanges; helping Lewinsky find a job in New York City; lying to potential grand-jury witnesses, knowing they would use the false informa-

tion in their testimonies; and collaborating with Lewinsky to lie about their relationship in the Jones case.

Witness tampering:

The President is accused of attempting

Commentary by
John Dreiling

Managing Editor

to influence the testimony of Betty Currie, his secretary, by asking her leading questions such as, "I never touched her, right?"

Abuse of power:

He's accused of using his constitutional authority to cover up his relationship with Lewinsky through public denials, and lying to White House staff.

These are indeed serious issues that Congress cannot simply ignore. Based on the testimony and evidence that currently exists, I believe serious consequences must follow: the president should resign and allow us to move forward.

In light of the charges, my top 10 reasons supporting resignation are:

- For the sake of our nation's leadership. It is now very difficult for the American people to trust Clinton, our leader.
- For the sake of our nation's international reputation. He is becoming an international laughingstock.
- For the sake of the presidency, so the

office can regain the respect it deserves.

- For the sake of the electoral system. Voters are quickly losing faith in the system.

- For the sake of the American legal system, so that those testifying will know that it is not within their right to lie, no matter how incidental or personal they feel the information might be.

- For the sake of his wife and daughter. He should dedicate some real time to rebuilding those relationships and demonstrate that they are more important than the power he currently holds.

- For the sake of the feminist movement. Treating women as sex objects is not acceptable, regardless of whether the transgressor is liberal or conservative.

- For the sake of American men. Fostering a "boys will be boys" attitude lowers the standard men must meet, with potentially devastating consequences for society.

- For the sake of subordinates in the workplace. Supervisors should not use their positions to get sex, and must be held to a higher standard when they do.

- For the sake of children everywhere, to send the message that lying and adultery are wrong and come with consequences.

The president has given us no reason to believe that in the next two years he can regain the moral authority, our trust, and the unselfish attitude needed to lead the most powerful nation on earth.

For all these reasons, and based on the weighty charges against him, I believe a person of integrity would resign.

Life experiences guide new Sociology instructor

Her understanding of women's issues, social inequality and class issues directs teaching style

Tara Chala
Staff Writer

If you've ever walked around the Social Science Department in the Center Building, one thing stands out: couches are everywhere! Scattered amid those couches are lots of offices. The department has typed up a new office nameplate for a woman with bright, blue eyes named Suzanne Williams.

Williams is a new addition to the Social Science Department. Growing up in a small town in Michigan, and attending Grand Valley State in Michigan, she

has a real appreciation for Oregon's beauty. She loves the rivers, and the mountains and doesn't seem to mind Oregon's tendency toward wetness. "You don't have to shovel rain," she laughed.

Directly after graduation from Grand Valley State Williams enrolled at the UO, and graduated with her masters and her Ph.D. in sociology. "During college, I was excited by sociology, it helped me to understand my life experiences," explained Williams.

Especially interested in social inequality, women's issues and economic class issues, Williams applies her interests to her teaching of sociology classes. "I

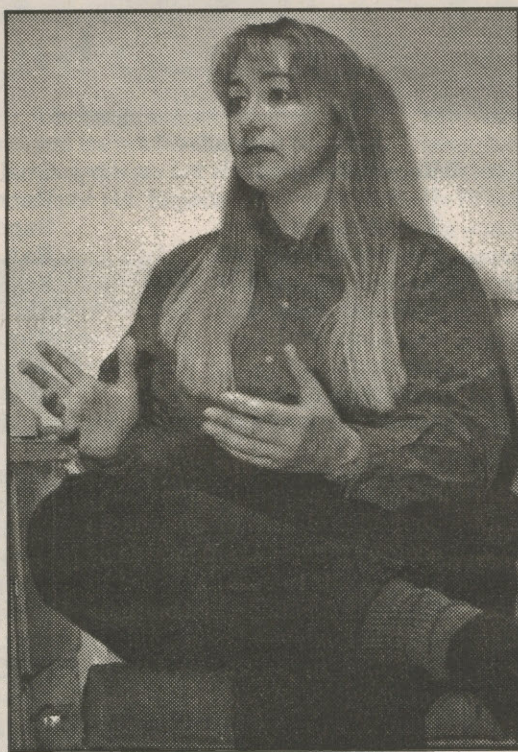


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Suzanne Williams joins Soc. Sci. Dept.

like to watch how the students use the material presented... and how they apply it," said Williams.

Not only does Williams apply what she's learned in the classroom but also on a UO research project. "There are about six people (on the committee)... it started around a year ago. The goal is to study welfare reform... predominately women," explained Williams.

Williams and her colleagues study the staff, workers, and the environment at welfare services (Adult and Family Services). "We see if work conditions can be improved, study what it's like to be a client, learn how jobs are

changing, and how well prepared the staff is.

Information the team obtains goes out to two main groups: "The services so they can improve work conditions and the advocates for low income people. We also use it to influence the legislature and reshape policy," Williams explained.

Williams understands welfare reform's importance firsthand. "I came from a low income family... I know what it's like to go without, and how it feels to be low income... (I have) real empathy."

And about being new at Lane? "I have always been interested in community colleges because of the link the colleges have with people of all types, and ages... I'm excited about getting to work with students...LCC is an excellent fit."

Coming to America: Napalese native studies culinary delights

Alison Barros
Staff Writer

Editor's Note: This is the second article in a continuing series profiling students who have come to the United States and are currently attending Lane Community College.

Imagine living in a village of only 10,000 people. Imagine having to take showers with only cold water and having to go outside to use the toilet. Imagine waking up every morning to the sight of Mt. Everest towering 28,000 feet outside your bedroom window. Yes, we may have to imagine it, but for 29-year-old Raju Shrestha this is reality - and home.

Despite having lived in America for six years now, the Nepalese native had no problem describing the village of Dhulikhel. Located only three hours from the Tibetan border and twenty miles from Katmandu, the village of Dhulikhel was a mecca for tourists and mountain climbers alike. They would come there to experience and even try to conquer the majesty of the Himalayan mountain range. Shrestha's family owns a hotel business in Dhulikhel and these adventurous travelers gave him his first experiences with American people.

Expecting the same kind of friendliness here in America as in his native village, Shrestha was disappointed that was not the case. It seems American travel-

ers are not as nice in their homeland as they are abroad. But where does being mean get you in a foreign country?

Even though Shrestha has

lived in America for six years now, this is his first year at LCC. He already has a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas but his first American school was a Southern Adventist college where he went to church and prayed twice a week.

Although he is a Hindu, Raju says he enjoyed the experience of a different religion. The most

shocking thing that Raju says he found about American schools is the common showers in his dorm in Texas. Raju says he wasn't used to taking his showers with a bunch of other naked men. Registration was also a shock he says, because of the long lines.

Shrestha first came to Eugene to visit his brother who attends the University of Oregon, but he liked the town so much that he

decided to leave Texas and move here. Instead of jumping right back into a university though, says Shrestha, he decided to attend LCC.

Shrestha is taking culinary classes and is thinking about a master's degree in hospitality management.

Shrestha says that his favorite things about American schools is the range of courses and the facilities that are available to him. There are so many amenities and resources available in America that his Nepal University doesn't have, says Shrestha. One example he says, is the fact the he had never even touched a computer before he came to America.

Shrestha says that he likes his instructors at Lane as a whole but especially loves Senor Armand's Spanish class.

Shrestha lives in an apartment with his brother and his family. He will return to Nepal in December for an arranged marriage and return to Eugene three weeks later with his new wife.

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four year university. Where? Either here or back in Texas which, says Shrestha, feels like his American home. After that he will return to Nepal to help run his family business.

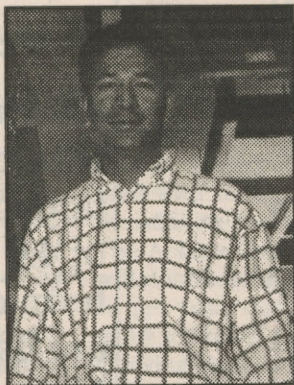


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The Torch congratulates all the students who achieved these honors.

The Vice-President list for Spring 1998 students will appear in the next issue.

Arts & Entertainment

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Swedish punk rock band cannot be "Refused"

Casey Jarman
Staff Writer

With the success of crossover bands like Korn, the Deftones, and Rage Against the Machine, it's surprising that the hardcore genre hasn't had more of an impact on popular music.

Bands like Snapcase, Earth Crisis, and H20 have enjoyed a reasonable amount of success, but could it be that the hard rock audience is not ready for hardcore?

In Sweden, Hardcore is alive and well. Native punk-rockers the Refused rip up the radio, as well as other Swedish bands like Fireside, Randy, and the all-female executioners of hardcore, Doughnuts. But don't let the Swedish thing turn you off. Refused has better control of the English language than many American bands.

Refused is more than just screaming and kicking music (although they do a lot of that, too). It brings passion, emotion, and diversity to hardcore. Refused's straight-edge, political roots have not dissolved since the release of their brutal first CD, "This Just Might be the Truth," but they have changed the emphasis of their music. This is not a band with an agenda.

On their upcoming new record from Epitaph, (THE punk rock

record label) "The Shape of Punk to Come", Refused has blurred the lines of hardcore music.

"The Deadly Rhythm," a preview tune from their new album, opens with the sounds of a jazz nightclub, lets you get a taste, and then hits, full force. The feeling is somewhere between Helmet and Slayer, and comes in bursts, as does the majority of Refused's music. It catches you off guard, and as the track returns to the serene jazz progressions, you ask yourself, "What the hell just happened?" Just when you may think you've figured it out, the band attacks again, taking you in to the seasick world of blistering hardcore.

Another brand-new track, "Summerholidays Vs. Punkroutine", sounds a little more traditionally punk. Again, though, the song refuses to settle down, changing mood faster than Ike Turner. From best I can gather, the chorus is, "so sick of the dying, so tired of

the dying," but let me warn you, if you are not familiar with hardcore, the lyrics are not always so easy to figure out. Especially not with the Swedish accent. Thus far, Refused has always put lyrics in the liner notes for their albums, so if you really care, you can read them.

Finally, the third new song I previewed is a five-minute epic rock tune, "New Noise." This manic and emotionally charged track alone is worth the 15 or so bucks that the new record will undoubtedly go for. As it leads you in with the kind of scratchy guitar sounds

you would expect from the likes of Rage Against the Machine, you suddenly find yourself listening to techno.

The first time I heard it, I thought someone slipped on a Crystal Method CD. After another fit of me-

lodie hardcore, Refused once again takes the listener somewhere else, with sampling a la local hard rockers Floater. Then comes the screaming conclusion that I can't quite understand, to tell you the truth. It's either "not guilty," or "die, girlfriend..."

Anyway, even when you don't know what these guys are singing, the emotional nature of the music puts you right there with them, feeling their frustration. It's not like trendy pseudo-punk in which the screaming sounds like an excuse to sell records to jock kids.

Refused sounds honest. And no matter how hard they scream, their music retains a melody and rhythm that is just as likely to have you snapping your fingers as it will have you banging your head.

The album is out on Oct. 27th, on Epitaph/Burning Heart Records. More importantly, they are playing at Nautical Miles on Saturday, Oct. 17th in Portland, and damnit, I need a ride.

Check out this band any way you can. Refused is amazing, and from what I hear, even more amazing when performing live.

Anyone heading up to Portland to catch the show who has room in their car for one very enthusiastic fan, please contact Casey at Ext. 2014.



Straight outta Sweden Punk!

Shakespeare: A historic opportunity

Kyra Kelly,
A & E Editor

Ever been struck by the poetics and drama of Shakespearean prose? Ever understood the rich language? Ever wish you could?

Here's your chance: on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 3:30 p.m., LCC Student Activities, English and Performing Art Departments will present a free workshop with Graham Christopher, Education actor of the London Globe Theatre.

Christopher regularly leads workshops and conducts talks with student groups of all ages. The Globe Theatre in London is a historic institution committed to presenting audiences with a theatrical experience as close as possible to original Shakespeare performances.

Graham Christopher

During his presentation at LCC, Christopher will describe his experience working within the Globe Theatre as well as the unique relationship between the audience and the actor.

He will also offer participants the opportunity to work with a Shakespearean script as if they were performing it for a Globe audience.

Christopher has been a professional actor for almost 20 years, touring with companies throughout the U.K. and doing commercials all over the world.

Within the context of the Globe, he has led many aspiring actors through many different productions, from 8-year old to senior citizens to teachers.

The London Times educational Supplement has said, "Graham Christopher led our group with great good humor, always showing us what we had learned about character and staging- and always leading us back to the language. After a session like this, everyone goes away 'owning' lines."

For more information: X 2648.



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Week of Oct. 15-22

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Kaliedoscope '98- Check out the faculty concert at the LCC Performance Hall. It features "a rich variety of musical compositions performed by full-time and part-time teachers from the music discipline." \$6 general admission, \$4 students & seniors. For tickets: 726-2202.

Ongoing

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Halloween with The Rocky Horror Show, possibly the tackiest live performance known to man. No word yet on whether the audience can expect to be showered with rubber chickens, but the odds are lookin' pretty good. The Actor's Cabaret of Eugene will doubtless do a bang-up job, so get your tickets early. The show kicks off Oct. 16 at 8pm, showing Fridays and Halloween at 8p.m. and Saturdays at 11 p.m. through Oct. and Nov. 6,7,13,14 at 11p.m. FFI: 683-4368.

Music

All hail the musical poetics of acoustic punk Queen, Ani DiFranco. She returns to Eugene

Monday, Oct. 18 at Silva Concert Hall at the Hult Center, 8 pm. \$24.50. For tickets: 682-5000.

For your dancing pleasure, come let your body sweat to the music of Body & Soul- Disco, Soul & Funk at the Wild Duck Music Hall, 9:30p.m. \$8 at the door.

Readings

Treat yourself to some delicious poetry- Ashland actor Barry Kraft will provide dramatic readings of e.e. cummings at Barnes & Nobles Bookstore, Sun. the 18th, 3p.m. Free.

Dance

Shake your feet at an Old Time Contra Dance open mike. This event features guest host, Hank Laramee and the You Can't Hide String Band. \$2, Coburg West Point Grange, Coburg. FFI 345-5706 or 485-8101.

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Oct. 15 & 16, Portland's Northwest Film Center is offering Haydn Reiss's film, "Rumi: Poet of the Heart," about the 13th century mystic and poet. Shows are at 5 p.m. \$6 general, \$5 students.

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Women's Soccer

Is it a team more than a club?

Jean Ranney
Assistant Sports Editor

The women's soccer team members have more to kick around than just a ball. They're considering the possibility of

becoming a varsity team.

As a club sport, and part of the recreation program at Lane, games tend to

be canceled because of lack of players on the opponent's side, which occurred on Wednesday, Oct. 7, says new Women's Head Coach Oliver Stretz.

"Our goal this year is to have a good record so we can have the opportunity to go varsity," says Stretz. "And we'll be able to play more games and suc-

ceed at a higher level."

The Titans started reaching that goal when they defeated Linfield College Junior Varsity, 4-1, in McMinnville for its first game on Oct. 1. Jennifer Labonte scored the

first two goals for Lane, while Pamela Kenyon and Marietta Gilmour followed her for the last two.

"I want to have a really strong team this year, the experience of

playing as team will do just that," says Labonte, who also played on the men's team at Grants Pass High School.

"The men play a faster and more aggressive game. That experience definitely made me a better soccer player."

Anyone can sign up for club soccer at Lane, and 12-14 players

is usually what the coaches strive for. "I look at who's committed to the team, and who has had some experience. They're the one's who are going to play," says Stretz.

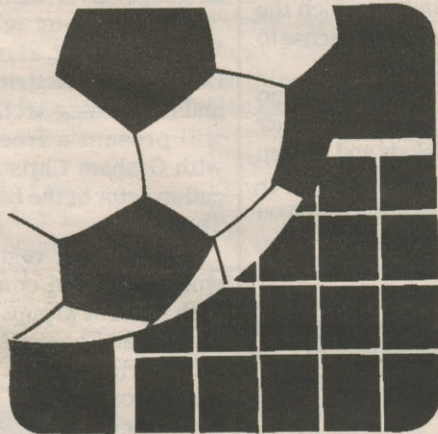
Stretz coached club soccer for five years in Eugene before deciding to come to Lane. He is attending LCC and majoring in exercise and movement, coaching club soccer as a Work Study for his assignment.

Stretz is originally from Germany and says that the game there is a lot different then here.

"Soccer is more than a game in Germany, it's a way of life. Whole communities base their lives around soccer. Elderly people will come and watch and remember what it was like when they were young. Every town has a soccer team, there are 14 leagues in Germany," Stretz said.

Last year was the first season for the women's soccer team and it played indoors at LCC. It had nine games and only lost one.

"To play indoors again we would have to be varsity, otherwise we would have to pay it out of our own pockets because of a limited budget," says Stretz.



Skydiver from page 1

person to call 911.

Student Health nurses rushed to the accident site. While in route, Wilkes says she felt inadequate to handle a grim skydiving disaster, but was relieved to find Harder in good condition.

"When I saw this woman lying on the ground, smiling - and no blood, I just thought, 'Thank God.'"

Harder, who has made over 1,000 jumps in the past four years admits she was a little apprehensive about the LCC jump because of the small size of the landing area and bad weather conditions.

She says she walked around Bristol Square before jumping, checking the size, location and any possible obstacles: crowds, buildings and likely wind directions.

"I knew I had one chance - and only one - to make my final approach," she explains.

"I thought I had it perfectly - until the last few feet."

But a down draft caught her at the last minute, she says, slamming her into the wall. Then she suddenly dropped about 10 feet.

"I didn't really have time to think, but I know if you're going to err, protect the spectators. I'd rather hit the wall than hurt anyone else."

She says she felt the impact of the wall immediately and knew she injured her back. She cracked two vertebrae, yet says she is doing fine - she just can't

skydive for a couple weeks.

"I feel embarrassed because I've done so many demonstration jumps - just none in such a tight spot with so many obstacles, spectators and different winds."

Sharon Kealoha, another Student Health RN says, "It's almost surreal when you get one of these really big ones - you know, when someone is badly hurt. It's incredible because big ugly traumas aren't supposed to happen in our peaceful community."

Public Safety Officer Glenn Goss says he watched Harder's decent. During her final approach she looked like she was coming in too low, he says, like she wouldn't make it over the wall. He called for back up and immediately headed to assist her.

Harder and the nurses agreed that Goss was a true hero.

"We are so lucky to have Glenn on campus - because he's like a rock."

"He can do so many things at the same time - like take care of the emergency, crowd control and contact the appropriate personnel while staying calm," says Kealoha.

Harder says she is still sore, yet anxious to start diving again. She'll have to wait a couple weeks until her back is healed.

"I'm just thankful to be alive," she adds, "But I hate to sit on the sidelines and watch everyone else get to jump."

Binge from page 1

campus— sometimes in their cars between classes nearby.

But Daughtry believes drinking at and around school is more prevalent at the UO because of bars just off campus, and residential housing.

"Since (LCC) is more isolated and people don't have that access, I don't think it's that common," she says.

While it is rare that the

school as a whole is affected by an individual's alcohol use, survey results suggest that students and their school work may suffer as a result of their drinking habits. Fifty-five percent of LCC students reported suffering a hangover at least once in the year before the 1996 survey. Twenty-five percent said they had missed a class because of drinking or drug use, while 22 percent said they had performed poorly on one or more tests or important projects for the same reason.

One unnamed 43-year-old LCC student admits to coming to class hung-over a few times. He says because of back problems he has become accustomed to



Photo by Garth Rydstedt

The negative consequences of binge drinking hits the young and old

six beers before he retires at night. He calls himself a "happy

drunk," and says he doesn't think his drinking is a problem, because he only drinks at home, usually to help him sleep.

"I'm probably an alcoholic," he admits. "But I'm a functioning alcoholic. I'm not hurting myself or anyone else."

Most binge drinkers are people who view alcohol use as a life-style rather than a drug, says Harris, and are usually drinking to get drunk. They are more likely to develop drinking problems than the occasional drinker, he says, and underage students can become addicted to alcohol faster than adults.

Delansky believes that peer pressure is one cause of alcohol use among the 18 to 22-

year-old age group. She also sees what she calls a "self-pressure" that is involved in students' drinking habits — individuals assume that their peers are drinking more than they are, and so they increase their alcohol consumption.

Eighteen-year-old LCC student Jesse Creighton says he has seen less of an alcohol problem among the college students he knows than the drinking habits of many of his friends in high school.

Describing himself as only an occasional drinker, Creighton says one of the reasons he refrains from drinking great quantities is by watching what alcohol does to other people. He says he thinks of heavy drinkers "kind of like Barney on the Simpsons... unable to function as normal human beings."

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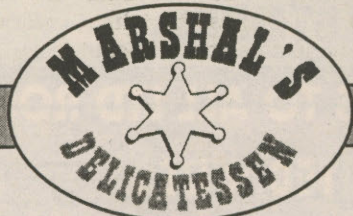
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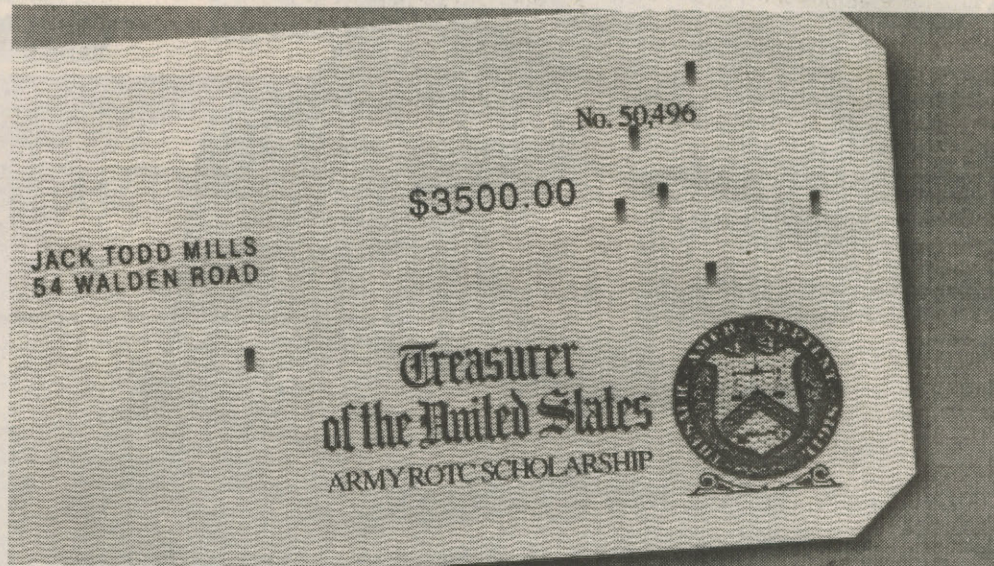
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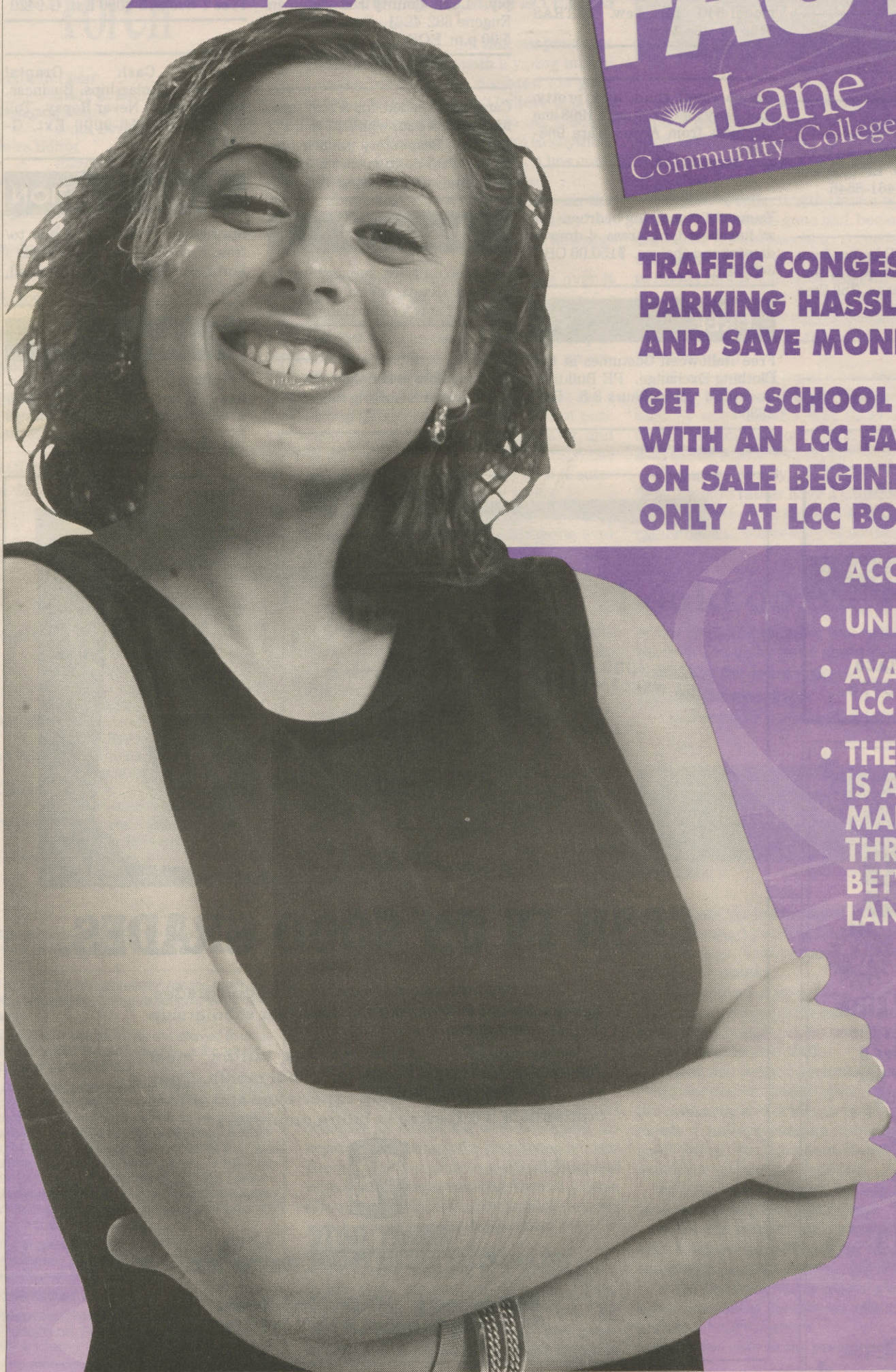


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