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Photo by Judy L. Sierra

Public Safety Manager brings a new view to LCC

Tonya Alanez
Staff Writer

After a hiring process that extended over a one-year period, the new Public Safety Manager, Theodore "Mike" Mayer, arrived on campus last week.

Mayer has a solid background in law enforcement, has taught at the community college level and has a strong emphasis on community policing as well as student focus, says Sandy Ing, one of the co-chairs on the selection committee that chose Mayer for the job.

Mayer replaces Paul Chase who retired in 1998 after 29 years with LCC public safety. Mayer says that he was "pleased to find out that LCC is recognized as one of the five top community colleges in the nation." This type of credential attracted Mayer to the LCC campus as much as Mayer's extensive list of credentials were of interest to the college.

Upon entering Mayer's office you are greeted by his

nameplate which reads "Chief Mike Mayer - Carolina Beach Police Department" a nameplate he brought from his last assignment in Kure Beach, N.C. where he had been a certified police officer for 10 years. Mayer also had a 20-year career in the Air Force where he was a certified federal officer. He retired from the Air Force as a Major. Additionally, Mayer is a certified community college instructor with a Master's in public administration with an emphasis in criminal justice. He has taught both of these subjects at the community college level.

So far, Mayer feels comfortable in Lane County and says he has been well treated. He says that "campus folks have bent over backwards to show (me) the ropes" but he has not been "pampered." In particular, Mayer recognizes that the administrative atmosphere at LCC is "attuned to resolving issues and problems here. The problem-solving function is in place

and used here, it's not just on paper. You don't find that a lot in the larger community unless you are forced into it."

Mayer says his philosophy on handling the diverse, alternative community in Lane County will be to assure everyone's "right to live their own way as long as (there is) no impingement upon others." One must find where the line is crossed and exercise management and responsibility.

He clearly and concisely states his personal philosophy of policing as a "holistic and participatory problem-solving approach to issues that affect quality of campus life." He believes that this is how policing ought to be practiced, particularly in a community college environment.

Mayer says that the level of angst and intensity of policing on a college campus is significantly lower than he has experienced in community police work. He attributes this to the different levels of environmental

contact between officers and students. He sees the college campus as a more integrated atmosphere, yet a microcosm of the community.

While people bring their problems with them to school, he believes fewer offenses of a serious nature occur on campus.

Mayer says he wants his staff to be the "front line arbitrators in people's difficulties," whether they are the difficulties brought to school by staff, instructors or students Mayer says his office needs to "arbitrate bad hair days" for the college community.

Mayer has expectations for the Public Safety Department. First and foremost, he says he "expects willingness (to serve the community) and not a self-serving fight over how to, rather than what to give the public." Overall, Mayer sees his department as a public service function, with a stress on service.

The new Public Safety Manager's plan consists of providing a vision and mission

statement to the Vice President of Campus Operations, Marie Madsen. Mayer wants his officers to participate in the writing of these statements. From there he wants campus administration to review the statements and provide their input.

Mayer would like to be able to instruct courses on a voluntary basis, as well as develop lectures and symposiums which public safety officers could present to staff and students, including a variety of issues from home safety, driving safety and participation by students in maintaining a safe college environment. This would entail educating students on what to report and when and how to deal with problems and potential violations of student code and state law.

Mayer advises us of his open door policy: "If you are wondering who we are and what we can do for you, come on over" to the Public Safety Office in the Campus Services Building.

Men capture division crown

Chris Brown
Sports Editor

Dumping five gallons of ice water on Coach Jim Boutin, the men's basketball team members celebrated their 26th victory of the season and a Southern Division crown Saturday night Feb. 20.

"Cool, I loved it!" was Boutin's gasping reaction to the bath. And he says he'll be happy take another dowsing this year if his players capture the NWAACC crown that barely eluded them last year.

The Titans finished this regular season with a 13-1 record in the division and 26-1 overall.

The Titans understood that they needed one win to assure themselves at least a co-championship, or two wins to

clinch the Southern Division crown and a berth in the NWAACC championships. They got 'em both.

Because of its superior record, Lane will host Umpqua on Thursday, Feb. 25. That same night, Southwestern Oregon CC hosts Chemeketa. If Lane and SWOCC both win their first round games, LCC will have a chance to avenge its only loss of the season, playing SWOCC in Eugene on Saturday, Feb. 27 for a top seed in the NWAACC championships in Salem.

Meanwhile, after three successive victories, the LCC women found their way to the playoffs. They'll play top-ranked Umpqua in Roseburg on Feb. 25.

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Election time: Five seats open on LCC Board of Education

Gabriel Powell
Managing Editor

Voters will decide on five open positions on the LCC Board of Education when they receive ballots in the mail this week.

The board is comprised of seven elected non-paid officials who represent residents of the college district that covers 5,000 square miles. The district is divided into five zones and two at-large positions. Each candidate is required to be registered in the zone she/he wishes to represent, except for the two at-large candidates, who may live anywhere in the district.

The Board of Education is adopting a policy governance model. The

policy on governing style directs the board to "govern with an emphasis on (1) outward vision, (2) encouragement of diversity in viewpoints, (3) strategic leadership more than administrative detail, (4) clear distinction of board and president roles, (5) collective rather than individual decisions, (6) future rather than past or present, and (7) proactivity rather than reactivity."

Running for the Zone 2 seat, covering north Lane County, are Robert Ackerman of Eugene, an attorney, and John Hamilton of Junction City, a retired industrial arts teacher.

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Clinton taught more than just sex and lies

Well folks, the Clinton ordeal is finally over. Journalists have had to go back to work covering real stories. Readers can't fool themselves into thinking that they are informed about the great happenings of the day simply because they know the latest on the impeachment trials. And the rest of the world no longer has such a triviality to laugh at — our government.

After a few weeks to reflect and digest, we've had the chance to contemplate what we can take from all this. Yes, it did cost a lot of money. At times it did seem to tear our government and country apart. And now we are left with a verdict your average chimpanzee could have predicted a year ago. But there was much to learn.

1) The nature of sex. Obviously we haven't learned about sex like a child learns about those birds and bees, but we have been forced to dig deeper into its many aspects. First, what exactly can be termed "sex?" Many condemned President Clinton for skirting questions and "hairsplitting" the terminology, but when new lovers ask each other about their number of sexual partners

Commentary by Peter Prengaman

they don't count everyone with whom they have ever had any sort of sexual contact. In other words, for many people in everyday society, "sex" is what happens when a penis and vagina connect, not necessarily what happens when a mouth and a sexual organ connect (for many that is an all together different "oral sex").

Men — at least those that are honest with themselves — who have had to reflect on their own possibly checkered past admit that one time or another involved cheating on someone they love. After all, Clinton doesn't have a corner on the sexual market when it comes to "failure of judgment." Women also have had to think back upon their own possible infidelities, and be re-

minded of times their husbands/boyfriends cheated on them.

Such reflections prompt an examination of the human psyche and perhaps force us to more fully recognize our primal nature. In this context, studies published in both *Life* and *Time* magazines the last few years which suggested the human species is not programmed to be monogamous, are not as shocking.

Somehow, I believe, we already knew this: President Clinton's approval rating didn't just climb to superlative heights during the scandal because the overzealous Republicans rubbed us raw or because our thriving economy helped us look the other way, but also because on some level most Americans could relate to (not to be confused with condone) President Clinton's shameful actions.

2) The impeachment trials helped to educate an overwhelmingly uninformed — especially for a first world country — general public on the functions of the House and

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Think About It

The Pulse
of
LCC

IF HILARY RUNS FOR THE SENATE, WHAT SHOULD SHE DO WITH BILL?



Tyler Johnson

"Has to get rid of him."



Heather Brown

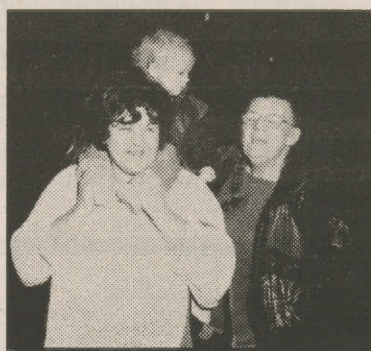
"That's her man and what goes on in their private family life is their business."



Jeremy Gunther

"Castrate him! It should have been done awhile ago."

Kathy Hatch
"Vaccinate him and keep him home!"



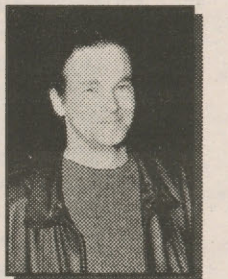
Katrina Lucker

"Kick him out!"



Matt Seamen

"Nothing!"



Chris Marrs

"Get him home, bakin' cookies or the old saltpeter remedy."

Speak Out!

Letters
to the
Editor

I'm straight - and not a pig!

I am writing in direct response to Morgan Hentrup, the author of "Days of swine and roses: Can men and women just be friends?"

In the article, Morgan stated that "50 percent of men were pigs," 48 percent of men are secretly pining for you," and the other 2 percent were gay or in a relationship."

Now I was confused because this left me and many of my friends out of

the percentage. The ones that aren't pigs, not always pining for every female we meet, or gay.

So I came to a realization: you simply miscalculated! You forgot the majority of normal, decent males.

While I am sure this was a simple mistake, you also ask for males who are not in these groups.

So keeping in mind that I knew you from the good old days at Thurston High School, I have formulated a modest proposal...I'll be your friend.

I could always use more friends. I mean, it is hard enough to get my current friends to go to all the movies I have to review and a wider variety of friends to go to movies would be helpful.

I always need more guests to come to my annual Super Bowl Party. But I do fully expect you to always pay your own way.

So, if you take me up on my proposal, I will fulfill my end of this bargain. Can I be your friend?

Brandon Lasher

Child Care Resource Connection expands multi-cultural program

Krysten Yates

For The Torch

A Latino-American parent wants to return to school, but can't find anyone to care for his/her children while he/she is in class. Finding childcare is hard enough, let alone when the children are Spanish-speaking, and need care from someone with the same background.

Where do they go?

As of Jan. 4, the Child Care Resource Connection has begun to further its multi-cultural program to help reach the Spanish-speaking communities. Earning a \$10,000 grant from the Oregon Community Foundation, CCRC is making this outreach possible.

In her office on Willamette St., whose walls are decorated with brightly colored flyers that advertise childcare, Cristina Brooks, CCRC Multi-cultural Service coordinator sits amongst the cluttered cubicles, trying to collect up-to-date information about childcare and providers to sufficiently help the community.

Brooks, who is from Mexico herself, says in Latin-America, citizens don't want to leave their children with just anybody. In their religion-centered culture, it is not acceptable to leave children in childcare facilities and

women are looked down upon for not taking care of their families.

Many multi-cultural families in the U.S. form their own communities and don't know what is offered to them in the greater community, says Vena Jensen, co-director of CCRC.

Brooks says that many families are scared when they come to the U.S. "[We] need to help the adults and the children. We need to educate the children," she says.

CCRC is a tree whose branches extend to many parts of the community.

"My passion is about the work I do," says Jensen, who writes the grant applications that provide funding for the projects Brooks works on. Jensen also works with Lori Bumgardner, the grant specialist at LCC's main campus, to find grants that would be within CCRC's reach.

The grant allows Jensen to recruit more childcare providers, provide more training in Spanish, and teach technical assistance and support for Latino-American parents.

"The goal of it is to improve the availability, accessibility, and affordability to the quality of childcare," Jensen says. Although CCRC previously had a

multi-cultural program, Brooks was frustrated that there was not enough capacity nor enough publicity to let the ethnic communities know their options, according to Jensen.

CCRC hopes to soon be able to publicize the program more through radio and TV ads, ads in the Register-Guard, and Latino newspapers, brochures and flyers.

When she first came to this country, Brooks took classes at LCC to improve her childcare knowledge and abilities. Now she is teaching classes to childcare providers involving widespread topics. Basics I involves topics like hand-washing, diaper changing, disinfecting, common illnesses, risks of non-immunization, and preventable diseases. Basics II involves more classes about health, including infant health and sickness, special-needs children, food management, relationships guidance, providing a safe environment, social and emotional health, responding to emergencies, and community resources.

With the help of the grant, she hopes to provide CPR classes in Spanish, and several other classes that were once only offered in English.

Brooks says she has had

non-English speaking childcare providers come to her who refused to take English as a Second Language classes. But as a result, they did not have many clientele. After realizing that speaking English would improve their clientele, they told her that they are now taking those classes.

It makes Brooks proud to see that she is helping people. "My goal is to let them understand... they have to adopt to our culture, U.S. culture."

On Saturday, Jan. 30, 37 providers attended one of Brooks' classes. Currently, 30 people are

enrolled in an upcoming class. She says the number of people attending classes is rising.

To enroll in classes or for further information, CCRC can be reached at 726-3954.

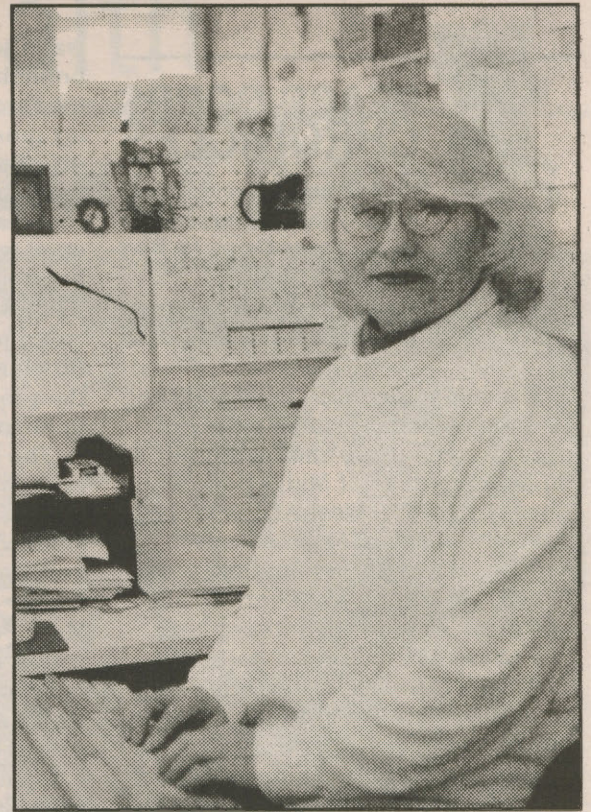


Photo by Veronika Ditmar

Cristina Brookes, CCRC multi-cultural Service coordinator, also teaches classes to child care workers.

LCC's new Occupational Skills can help you customize a certificate program

Chris Noble

For The Torch

Maybe you want to train as a well digger, or perhaps a glass lens grinder, but have been unable to figure out how to begin.

Maybe LCC's new Occupational Skills Program can help you customize a certificate program.

The idea has been around for awhile, but as of Jan. 22 LCC has a state approved Occupational Skills Program offered through the Cooperative Education Department. It's a one-year, 46-credit certificate program to certify students in areas and fields in which the college does not normally offer certification.

Chuck Fike, the Proficiency and Occupational Skills Program manager, says the program "hits all the niche occupations that Lane doesn't offer now...It offers another alternative to the student...and offers avenues of education into specialized areas of training. Hopefully, they'll see the value of educational opportunities and continue their education."

At present, the program is set up to allow only 24 students to be enrolled at one time. The program will be listed in the fall schedule, although students may begin registering in spring term.

Students take core classes, and then work with coordinators to create individualized courses of study that meet

their specialized career paths. Educational plans are based on each student's occupational goals, as well as his/her work and educational history, vocational assessment, required curriculum, and training site components.

The student is also required to complete five vocational market analysis interviews with professionals in his/her field to achieve a better understanding of the employment possibilities, wages, and courses of study to follow.

Fike says the employer also helps the instructors in setting up a class schedule that will most benefit the student's long range goals.

"The program provides a perfect partnership between what a business wants and a student's needs," says Tamara Pinkas, a Cooperative Educa-

tion coordinator. "Most importantly, it is based on a solid curriculum background on campus using courses and core work (math, English, etc.). Then it is built on from there."

Specifically, the program requires a high level of student involvement. Fifty percent of the student's courses are centered around core credits. General requirements include 12 credits of general education, nine to 15 credits of occupational-specific course work, and 20 to 26 Cooperative Education credits. The units are meant to transfer easily into an associate's program, should the student decide to continue his/her education, says Fike.

Interested students should contact the Cooperative Education Department, 726-2203.

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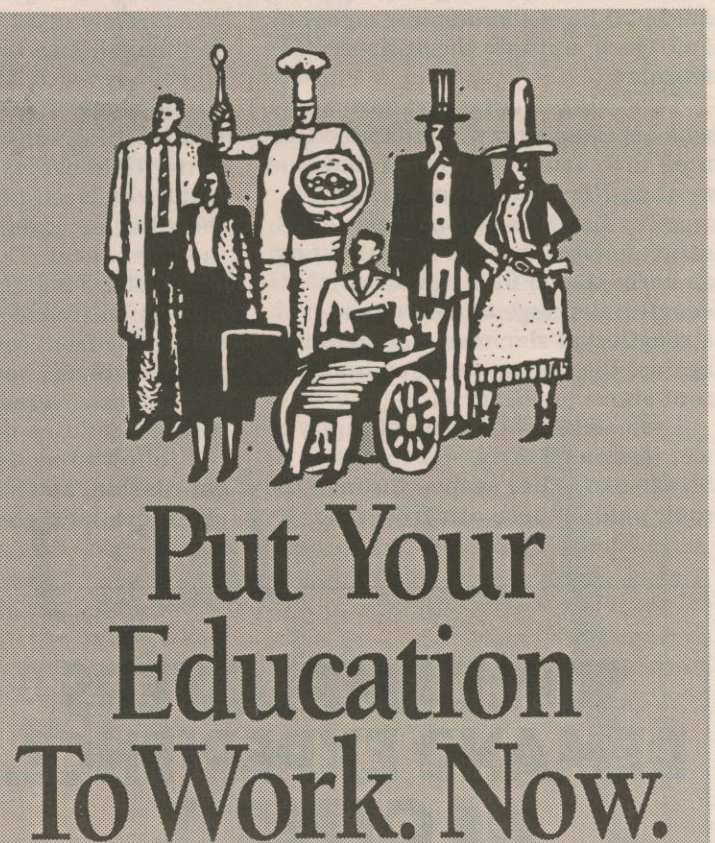
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PEACE CORPS CHRONICLES

A continuing series about an LCC student's experience in the Peace Corps in West Africa.

By Erin Main

Ramadan, the ninth month of the Moslem calendar year, is a time of prayer, meditation, and fasting for a large percentage of Mali's population. I arrived in West Africa at the start of Ramadan. From sunset to sunrise, the nation around me fasted, abstaining from both food and drink despite the intense heat and physical demands of daily life.

After a three-day orientation at Tubani So ("House of the Dove"), an insulated Peace Corps training center, incoming volunteers moved to nearby villages to taste Malian life first-hand. Our group relocated to Samaya, a small rural village approximately 20 kilometers outside of Bamako. Each day during Ramadan, I awoke before sunrise to the sounds of Samaya at prayer. I lived with the family of the village chief, a political and religious leader who called the village together to pray in a clearing just outside of my bedroom. His voice floats cleanly across the concession, a typical grouping of mud buildings surrounding an open courtyard, out into the stillness of morning.

Following a village tradition, I was baptized by my host family. I took the name of my host grandmother, Fatoumata Koné, a name I went by for the next two years. The official ceremony was rained out by an early Mango Rain, a heavy, equatorial deluge of Herculean strength that slammed deafeningly against the corrugated aluminum roof above my head.

I remember waking up abruptly to wet feet and a dirty, wet forehead. Streams of water seeped through the roof, pulling loose dirt from mud

walls to the cement floor and bouncing back up to spray me through the webbing of my mosquito net. I jumped off of my mattress, dragged the bed to the center of the room, and quickly closed the open windows. Standing before the open door, bright flashes of lightning illuminated patterns of earth flowing across the courtyard, the ground too dry and hard to absorb the rain.

The Ramadan fast is broken at the end of a 30 day month, when the moon is again visible in the sky. The celebration is the most widely observed holiday in Mali. Preparations are made weeks in advance. Truckloads of goats — animals which will be sacrificed and consumed in observance of Islamic custom — arrived in Malian markets from the neighboring Ivory Coast. Local tailors pump foot-operated sewing machines around the clock to meet the demand for new clothing, and families stockpiled food for the Ramadan feast.

On the day the fast was broken, I watched only the tail end of the village ceremony. The goat was already dead and loaded into a wheelbarrow to be carted away. The mid-morning sun was hotter than usual, and I wondered how the villagers endured the direct heat. The crowd stood together in rows, the robed men in the front rows and the women, heads and bodies covered in cloth, stood with the children in the back.

I followed my family back to our concession, and sat in a bamboo chair, drinking green tea and mint



Erin Main had a host family for the two years she spent in West Africa. Pictured at left is her host grandmother — Fatoumata Koné — whose name Main went by during her stay. Below is her host father.

Photos courtesy of Erin Main



leaves in the shade of a house.

Whenever the sun hit my skin, I was moved quickly back into the shade by a concerned family member.

Since I didn't know the language of my host family, I spoke in French to my host father — one of the only educated members of my host family and therefore one of the only members to speak French — and passed most of the afternoon in silence, contemplating the fate of a large goat tied to a nearby tree.

The family amassed enough money to buy their own ceremonial goat, and I was invited to participate in the sacrifice. I stood over my brothers as they slit the throat

unceremoniously, taking care not to spill a drop of blood in accordance with tradition, and bury the blood in a hole in the ground before dragging the body back under the tree. I

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—Erin Main

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Campus Leadership Council meets to create unity

Casey Jarman
Staff Writer

At a recent retreat, 19 students from ASLCC, OSPIRG, and other student groups discussed plans for a "Campus Leadership Council."

Held at the LCC Learning Center at Siltcoos Lake south of Florence on Feb. 12-13, the retreat was meant to create a degree of unity among members of the various LCC student organizations. The trip was mainly focused on interpersonal communication.

"I was hoping to bring students together who wouldn't normally know each other," said Choul Woo, ASLCC Multicultural events coordinator, "to create more of a community on campus, so we can find support between the groups."

Those who attended also developed some ideas about new projects and goals the group

hoped to achieve, one goal being the Campus Leadership Council.

The council would serve as a platform for members of different student organizations to discuss sponsorship of campus events, and improve awareness about campus groups.

Members forming the council have various concerns and goals. Teri West, project coordinator for OSPIRG, voiced concerns of an uninformed student body.

"Some people don't know how to access the information that student groups give," she said. She added that some benefits of the retreat are already visible.

"Different people have visited OSPIRG because they were at the retreat, and they feel more comfortable coming to the office."

The retreat was a success, judging from feedback of attendees, and while it was presented

as the "First Annual," Woo hinted at another retreat to be held during spring term.

Future retreats and meetings would have a more defined focus, said Graham Cooley, ASLCC treasurer.

"I'd like to see us focus on some skill building. This was the first one, and it dealt more with 'understanding exercises.' We'd like to have people walking away with some hard information."

The core of the proposed leadership council met again on Feb 21, and plan another session on Friday, March 5 at 3 p.m. Anyone interested in getting involved with clubs or student unions, starting a club, or becoming involved with campus activities is welcome, said Woo. Interested students can stop by Room 479 in the Center Building for more information.

~SEX AND THE STUDENT BODY~

Swine and roses: The other side

Electric pulses beneath a man's thick cortex connect the whimsical tissue of his mind to the outside world. He's got fantasies.

Commentary
by
Jed Teams

Out there in the world, women expect fairness, sensitivity and a balanced give-and-take between the sexes — while a man's internal space gets short-circuited by a plaguing visceral urge: "I must expel my gametes."

Some women believe that men's brain cells never mature further than those of swine, and I have met many brothers who seem to justify this degrading assessment. Some of those men, like all men, have the potential to shake off that image and become the approachable, aware, sensible friend that women desire. But such idyllic notions are fleeting — and usually occur when the sexes are miles apart.

I, too, have oinked and slopped myself with impurities.

I've puppeteered daydreams of indecent encounters with female friends one moment, and then offered them brotherly advice about their love life a moment later.

This transition from lover to friend, or visa versa, can occur in men's minds suddenly, without warning to anyone, especially to the man.

Does this mean that men are reduced creatures?

Only if their ignorance (or self-denial) of this transforming tendency usurps a sustained positive social attitude towards relationships. Huh?

In other words, only if they're unaware

of the causes of their thoughts and actions, and how they might affect their women friends.

So, what pushes a man from friendship to sex?

It's zero-60 in no time at all for him. He can interpret a woman's uplifted eyebrow at a critically surveyed point of a conversation as an invitation to romance, which to him almost invariably leads (in his imagination) to sex. His wired senses bellow a call to his brain and his ideas swell.

He conjures a scene in his mind which disregards her sexually separatist emotions. For him, time can only bring possibilities with or without her support.

It is an unjust scenario.

The keen prismatic construction of male and female relationships always has a third plane which refracts the true light of their position as two people sharing emotions, thoughts and even sexuality (with or without any act of sex).

But alas, a man is capable of developing an increased buffer zone where obligations to female emotions and friendship are possible — but he's simultaneously fantasizing about scenarios that may otherwise never happen. So, go ahead, feel free to compare men to beasts.

Few men have found a solution to the fantasy world. Spotless friendships between men and women are as rare as enlightened sages.

The only way we men can alleviate the situation is to become aware of our own notions and power of thought, leave out the crap, and move on.



Photo by Judy L. Sierra

Check out LCC's sculptures — hidden all around campus.

Eye on the Community NewsWire

•**Convention:** The officers of Phi Theta Kappa will be going to The International Convention for Phi Theta Kappa during April 29-May 1, 1999. The convention will be held at the Anaheim Hilton and Towers Hotel and at the Anaheim Convention Center. The cost is \$150 per person, the total cost for registration fees will be \$750.

•**Conference:** The sixth annual conference on families, "Helping Children Grow and Bloom," takes place on Saturday, March 6, 1999, at Lane Community College; the Key-note speaker is Jane Nelsen—"How does your family garden grow?" Fresh cut ideas on how to help your child's self-image thrive and bloom through using parenting tools that cultivate a good relationship.

•**Seminar:** PeaceHealth's senior class program is presenting a free seminar on "What's new in the diagnosis and treatment of urinary incontinence" on Thursday, March 11, 1999, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Eugene. A panel of three urologists will discuss the anatomy, physiology and cause of urinary incontinence and the latest advancements in diagnosis, pelvic muscle exercises, and medical and surgical treatments.

•**Women's career workshop:** Feb. 27, 1999, at Lane Cottage Grove Center, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. focuses on how women's issues, values, personal characteristics, and self-esteem shape women's career choices.

•**Brown bag workshops:** March 1, 1999, in Apprenticeship Annex 156 at 1p.m. Concentration on paper presentation skills for job interviews (cover letters, resumes, Lane applications, etc.). Interview preparation will help enhance your ability to confidently describe you experience and skills related to ther position.

•**Budget Planning:** On March 1, 1999, final decisions for budget recommendations by the vice-Presidents/ President on the 1999-2000 budget process. For more information, contact the budget office at Ex.. 2363.

•**Video Contest:** Theme: "Each of us has the ability and opportunity to shape our world." Using any style or format, create on film or video an image expressing this theme, in five minutes or less. Winners will recieve cash awards of \$3,000 for first place, \$2,000 for second, and \$1,000 for third prize. Entries are due by June 18, 1999. Pick up form on internet at <http://www.christophers.org>.

•**Student Exchange:** Applications for the student exchange to Nagasaki Wesleyan Junior college are now available. This successful program will be sending a student to Nagasaki Wesleyan for the 14th year and hosting a student from there during 1999. The exchange is from September 1999-July 2000. Some prior knowledge of Japanese is desirable but not required. Interested students should contact Mason Davis, International student counselor, CEN 221, 747-4501 ext 2239 for more info.

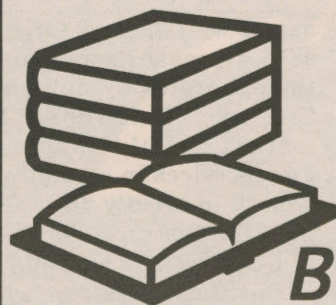
•**Free Tax Return Preparation:** From Feb 1 to April 15, Tax-Aide volunteers will be available at the LCC food court and the Downtown LCC's front lobby to help you prepare your Federal and State income tax returns. Walk-ins require no appointment. Remember to bring a copy of your 1997 Federal and State tax returns.



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Never enough money for all equipment needs

Editor's note: This is the second of a three-part series outlining the equipment needs of selected campus departments.

In 1995, Lane County voters approved an LCC bond levy request for \$42.8 million to pay for new construction and remodeled classrooms. The college has already completed construction of the \$2 million Cottage Grove Center, as well four community learning centers at Thurston, Willamette, Churchill, and Oakridge High Schools. Currently under construction is another CLC at McKenzie High School, and two more — at Elmira and Junction City High Schools — are on the drawing board. But what about equipment for both new and existing buildings? The college administration begins discussions in March to determine how to distribute \$5 million set aside for new instructional equipment. Non-instructional departments don't qualify for these funds. Even those that qualify don't think the college can fund equipment needs.

Donations fund most of IT Division's equipment

Scott Hanscom

The Industrial Technology Division is one of the first departments to be awarded money for construction of a new building.

And the division's metal fabrication department has already received \$9,200 for a programmable wire feed welder.

But that sum is a mere drop in the bucket compared to the \$150,000 that the department has asked to collect from the bond allowance.

Fabrication/Welding instructor Ed Humes believes that being first doesn't necessarily mean getting the best.

"They keep wanting to cut funding" for the construction budget, he says, worrying that "you can only cut so far before the building becomes dysfunctional."

And a request for \$84,000 has already been denied for a much needed overhead bridge crane and a paint booth. Humes presses the need for these two devices since both are commonly used by shops in "the real world."

Carl Horstrup, chair of the Indus-

trial Technology Division, has been working with the construction/equipment bond since its inception 1995, but says, "The bond issue has been plagued to death. I've got a stack of papers this high (gesturing a large stack) that have to deal with the bond..."

Horstrup says that although receiving a piece of the bond revenue would be helpful, the IT Division does not rely upon the money as a sole source of income.

Instead, he says most of the division's equipment comes from outside donations — from numerous fabrication shops throughout the community, such as JCI Fabrication, Western Steel, and Western Pneumatic. A recent example of such generosity is the recent donation of a \$22,000 punch press from Pacific Metal Fabrication.

As time goes on, the Industrial Technology Division will continue to seek donations from outside suppliers, and Horstrup says he will continue to fight for his fair share of the bond.

Media Arts and Technology asks for technological updates

Adam Abrams

In the Media Arts and Technology Department students are learning on equipment that is failing, or will soon be obsolete, says Department Coordinator Bob Prokop.

He says the faster technology changes, the more LCC students fall behind in industry-related training programs.

To bring the MA&T Department up-to-par with equipment similar to that in the workplace, the department has asked the college for a total of \$604,000 to replace old educational equipment used by teachers and students in three disciplines.

The department is asking for \$355,000 for the Forum Building media studio, \$153,000 to update MA&T production labs, and \$96,000 for the multi-media lab for desktop publishing, journalism, graphic design, audio courses and multi-media courses.

"By allowing learning processes to take place on up-to-date technology, students are able to apply what is learned in the classroom, to the formats and technologies current in-the-job field," says Prokop.

• Requests for media studio equipment includes studio lighting priced, at \$25,275; two character generators (for overlaying type on video tape), \$31,975; four videotape VCRs, \$23,595; and six electronic news gathering camcorders costing \$31,230.

• Among the items for the production labs are \$12,500 for five PC/BX chipset computers (monitor, zip drive, floppy/hard disk system, and CD/DVD player); \$5,400 on two Macintosh G3 computers (monitor, internal zip drive, floppy/hard disk system and CD/DVD player); one laser jet printer costing \$1,389; and \$13,360 towards software ("Inventory Control," "Barcode Inventory," "Photoshop," "Microsoft Excel," "Adobe Premier" and "Word Perfect.").

• For the multi-media lab, MA&T says it needs 10 Macintosh G3s, (zip and floppy, CD rom 6 mg video, and an audio input/output card), costing \$2,263 per unit; 10 Intel Pentium computers, costing \$2,075 each; two Hewlett Packard printers; 20 17" Viewsonic monitors; 10 "Firewire" cards; and two Nikon ls2000 scanners; bringing a total for equipment to \$59,968.

Replacing dying kilns is enough for ceramics, bronze-casting courses

Casey Jarman

The Art and Applied Design Department uses three kilns — two for ceramics, one for bronze casting — and all three are falling apart.

The department has asked for \$33,000 of the \$5 million equipment fund to acquire two new kilns.

"It's incredibly urgent," says Bill Bix, sculpture and ceramics instructor. "Of course, anyone asking for (instruction equipment) would say the same thing, but these two items we use have been here as long as I have, for 30 years."

Next Week:

- Student Records
- Public Safety
- Child Care Co-Op
- ASLCC
- Rec. Sports
- Student Health
- Testing
- Downtown Center

Foodservices doesn't qualify for Bond

Donna White

They have broken equipment, outdated registers, an inadequate layout, and are struggling to operate in the black. But funds about to be released from the bond measure passed in 1995 will not be awarded to Foodservices.

Foodservice operates the Snack Bar with a Taco Time restaurant attached and the Cafeteria Foodcourt. A full line of vending machines is located throughout the campus and catering is available for private parties, campus organizations and groups. An average of 2,500 students, faculty and staff are served each day.

"The Foodservices Department's mandate is to operate off its own revenues. Because we are considered non-instructional, we were not eligible for funding," says Joe Luker, Foodservices manager.

A Foodservice task force was formed several years ago and recommended combining the Culinary Arts Program with Foodservices. Luker

agrees with the task force and says, "It makes sense to find the synergies by combining the two functions. This merger would have put Foodservices in a position to benefit indirectly and to support the instructional needs of Culinary Arts as well."

But Carl Horstrup, chairman of the Industrial Technology Division (which runs the culinary arts program), says, "There would be no benefit to the students of Culinary Arts to be combined with Foodservices. The repetitive tasks performed by the Foodservices individual isn't conducive to the curriculum we want students to have to go out into the job market."

The largest operating expense is labor. Foodservices currently has 60 employees, 45 of these are students. It contracts from 10 to 20 workers with Specialized Employment Services which provides training and employment opportunities for individuals with developmental needs.

Luker says, "My goal has

been to uphold the high standards and to realize the full potential of combining the instructional and services activities of Foodservices and Culinary Arts. We need to do this in a way that is cost effective for the college without sacrificing quality and service. I look forward to the challenge of blending the two."

Luker currently has plans for a new register system that will cost \$20,000-\$30,000, which he hopes to have in place by summer of 1999. The funds for this equipment will come from the college's capital outlay budget. When asked about how he feels about missing out on equipment funding from the bond measure, he said, "I understand and endorse the fact that instruction is why we are here and that should naturally have priority. At the same time, we provide an important service to the college and will continue to seek creative ways to have the means to provide the infrastructure that we need."

Athletes must raise some funds to subsidize intercollegiate sports

Jeremy Lusch

While the general fund gives the Athletics Department about \$300,000 to cover year-round men's and women's athletic activities, it's not enough to cover expenses.

Travel, lodging, meals, officials, insurance, equipment, game management and many other costs, make the Athletic Department an expensive program to run. Traveling to Washington doesn't seem expensive unless you're traveling with 30 hungry baseball players, points out Athletics Director Harland Yriarte.

Yet, despite under-funding, student athletes excel with successful teams, high GPAs, and the ability to fund raise for themselves, Yriarte says.

Do student athletes have the time to raise funds and concentrate on schoolwork at the same time? The answer is an astonishing yes, says Yriarte, who says students that find fundraising projects for their own teams help the teams work well together on the field as well as off.

Some teams require more money to operate than others. The baseball and softball teams are the most expensive, due to extended travel schedules.

Track and field athletes are so under funded that fund raising won't save the day, says Yriarte. Since the teams don't have not enough hurdles to hold home events, the teams must borrow from the University of Oregon.

But advertising in the outfield, as well as car washes and other events keep these programs alive.

Arts & Entertainment

"THE PJ'S": Clever stop-motion animation or racist puppets?

Cindia Cárre

A & E Editor

The issue will always be color. Green — the color of money, class, and separation.

"The PJ's," the first stop-motion series produced for prime-time television, airing on FOX Tuesday evenings at 8:30, is currently at the center of protest and debate. The show's idea is the brainchild of comedian Eddie Murphy, and the clay "foamation" puppets are created by Oregon's own Will Vinton Studios in Portland.

"The PJ's," short for both Punch and Judy and "the projects," center around a building superintendent and his wife living among the tenants in the fictional Hilton-Jacobs Housing Projects.

Viewer's comments on the "PJ's" internet homepage message board both support and ridicule the show.

"Fox t.v. has reached a new all time low with the PJ's. I think that not only is Eddie Murphy very racist in this cartoon, I think that Fox should never considered showing the PJ's."

"Hail to the creativity and nerve of Eddie Murphy who has given us some new people to laugh with, like, and look forward to."

Ironically, February is Black History Month and also sweeps. The decision to extend Will Vinton's contract will be finalized soon, and the question whether to air more episodes of "The PJ's" will be answered. The bottom line is ratings, and of course, profit.

What makes a show racist? Groups

such as Project Islamic HOPE and the Coalition Against Black Exploitation are calling for a national boycott of "The PJ's" for ridiculing black poverty and drug addiction. Spike Lee has denounced the sitcom as "hateful toward black people. Plain and simple."

Dr. Edwin Coleman, a retired professor of English at the UO, turned off "The PJ's" after the show's main character, building superintendent Thurgood Stubbs comments, "because crack can't wait."

"We have crack in the inner city, but to continue to make it a joke — I think it's more comical to Whites than Blacks," says Coleman. "It's part of the expectation that Blacks are into crack and welfare. The claymation, the sets are quite good, the humor very urban but I don't find them to be funny."

It is the opinion and response of many black viewers of television that they have been relegated to the position of entertaining audiences — good for singing, dancing, jokes, and slam dunking a basketball.

"As a middle-class, educated black person, February is the only month, on PBS, that we get to see something other than eye-rollin', head shakin', sexual based sitcoms," continues Coleman, who would be interested in black-produced prime time dramas that center around the lives and issues of African Americans.

In the 80's, "The Cosby Show" was criticized for showing the black family as being too well off, of having a two-parent household—both educated and profession-

ally successful—that this was not realistically portraying the African-American experience.

It would seem then on the surface, that if Blacks are depicted as being either funny, entertaining, athletic, functional, successful, sexual, wealthy, poor, or addicted, then someone's going to complain.

Why? Because for every "Simpson" show about lazy, vulgar white people, there is a counterbalance of positive images regularly scheduled for the viewing pleasure and validation of white folks. However, on the variety-continuum, there is basically only the continuity of caricature for the American black culture.

February is Black History Month and sweeps, ratings and racism, profits and puppets — who's pulling the strings?



Internet Photos

Are they caricatures or stereotypes? Viewers have a variety of opinions...

"Collaborations" brings dance companies to LCC

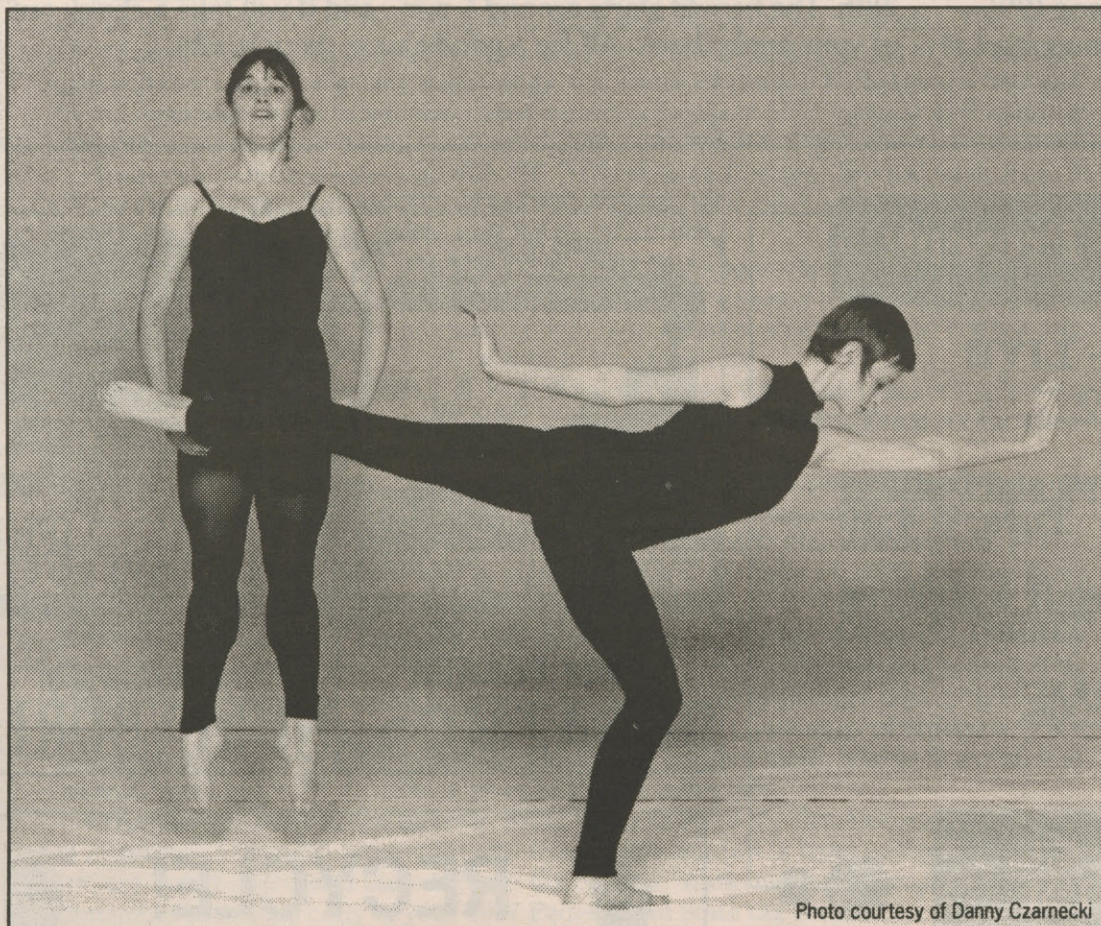


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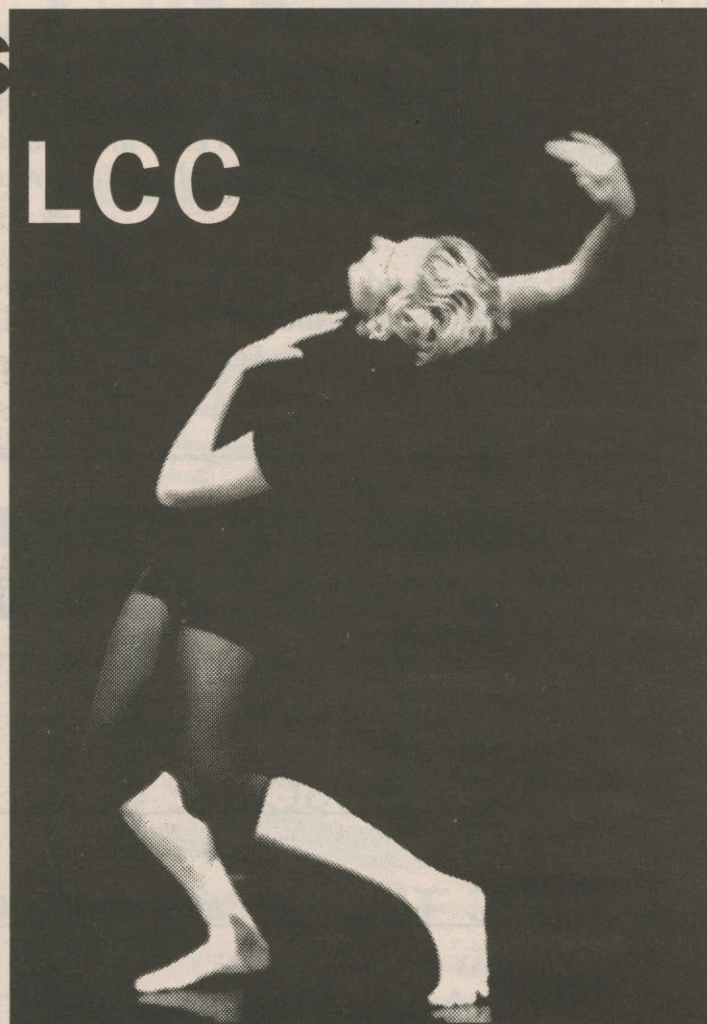


Photo courtesy of Sabrina Siegel

At left: Amy Burke (in the air) and Sarah Nicholson perform "Points of Departure."

Above: Sierra Woods, of the Van Ummersen Dance Company, in "Body."

The annual concert runs Thursday through Saturday - See the Calendar of Events (page 8) for details.

Collective Soul just not strong enough with their latest *Dosage*

Ben Estes
Staff Writer

The ambient keyboards and reverse guitars on the opening track of Collective Soul's new album *Dosage* are good indications that the band is trying to mutate its sound. But with track two, the radio single "Heavy," we once again find ourselves in familiar territory—wondering if the band should just change its name to No Collective Soul.

The band tries to make up for their last album, *Disciplined Break-down*, by changing its sound and drawing on new musical influences. But after numerous instrumental overdubs and countless hours of tweaking and polishing the group ends up losing the heart and soul of its music.

The techno-flavored drum beats and layered guitars make

the first single "Heavy" sound much like all the other Collective Soul radio hits. But this time around the band heads even further into the realm of dance music. They tone down a lot of the vocals and make the pounding drum line the most important part of the song.

The techno beats spill over into the third song "No More, No Less." This time though, they are slower and funkier. The bass player lays down a great groove reminiscent of old Motown recordings. Unfortunately the verse sounds so much like George Michael's "Faith" that it's hard to keep from laughing.

In fact, Collective Soul's effort to draw on many influences ends up doing more harm than good.

Many of the songs sound like

good covers rather than original compositions. It sounds as if they enlisted the help of John Lennon to write "Run," Def Leppard for the power ballad "Needs," and U2 to write all of the music for "Compliment." Ironically, "Compliment" is one of the strongest songs on *Dosage*.

Although questionable at times, *Dosage* is not a total loss. The song "Dandy Life" is one of the coolest tracks I've heard in a long time. What is even more interesting is the fact that the song is not sung by front man Ed Roland, but by lead guitar player Ross Childress. His voice makes for a refreshing change of pace on an otherwise stale album.

Collective Soul's ability to arrange string music is also present on this album. Almost every track is complemented by a lush orchestral background. Not many groups can take a string quartet and turn it into



CD Cover Art

A lack of originality may lead to quick overdoses on Collective Soul's newest CD.

rock 'n roll.

Despite its few shining moments, *Dosage* sounds more like a survey of Top 40 artists. Collective Soul seems one again content to mimic other band's

creative achievements. The album's one great track, "Dandy Life," doesn't make up for a half-hearted effort. From the sounds of things, the recommended "Dosage" just isn't enough.

Calendar of Events Steppin' Out

Collaborations '99 dance concert (see pics in this issue) opens at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb 25, and will be performed again at the same time on Friday (Feb 26) and Saturday (Feb 27) evenings.

Tickets are available at the Lane Ticket Office (726-2202)

Prices: *Thursday night special* \$4 for students of any school.

Other prices are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors.

Dread Zeppelin, widely known as one of the craziest freakin things you will ever see, hit's the Wild Duck on Friday Feb 26. The band plays Led Zeppelin songs with a twist. They're a reggae band and the singer is an Elvis impersonator. The John Shipe Band opens the show. Take warning, it's 21+. \$9 advance, \$10 at the door.

Howard Ashman and Alen Menken's **Little Shop of Horrors** will be performed at the Actors Cabaret of Eugene (996 Willamette St in Eugene) from Feb 26- March 20. Shows start at

8 p.m. on Friday Feb 26, Saturday Feb 27.

We'll give you more dates next week. Tickets are \$14 in advance, or \$17 at the door with a limited number of student and senior tix for \$10.

NoMeansNo, **Royal Grand Prix**, and **Shortround** will grace the WOW Hall with their god-like, punk rock prescence on Saturday, Feb 27th. Tickets are going to cost you \$10

The **American Girls**, those big ol', home-town rockers are coming out of their Portland Shell to play on Saturday, Feb 27th, and they're playing 21+ at the Good Times. Opening for 'em is **Fedora**, a Seattle-based guitar group. The kids would love to pay the \$5, but the kids aren't 21.

A Taste of the Arts will be at the WOW Hall on Sunday, Feb 28th. The benefit starts around 6 p.m., and it will take a chunk out of your pocketbook. All for a good cause, though. \$25.

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RECYCLE!



Sports & Health

LCC finishes 26-1, rolling into regional playoffs

Chris Brown
Sports Editor

SLOW START - NO PROBLEM

The Wednesday night, Feb. 17 game against Linn-Benton didn't start particularly well for the men's basketball team.

But LCC recovered and wasn't really challenged afterwards.

Lane missed its first eight shots and trailed 5-0 early. Then the offense started clicking for a 31-10 run that put the Titans ahead comfortably.

Wing Andrew Brogden had 10 in the explosion, including two three-point plays. He scored 16 first-half points as he regularly slashed to the hole for easy buckets.

Only three other Titans scored in the half: Danny Carter with 14, Karlo Kovacic, nine, and Matt Zosel, eight.

"They're all good shooters and scorers, (so you) let 'em go," said Head Coach Jim Boutin.

LCC led 47-29 at the break. The Titans shot 58 percent on 21 of 36 from the floor, committing only three turnovers and holding LBCC to 43 percent.

LCC came out of the locker room and scored the first two baskets, increasing the lead to 22, 51-29, its greatest lead of the evening.

But the Roadrunners kept chipping away at the Titan advantage, although only getting to within five, 68-63 with 5:07 left to play.

"We let up a little bit defensively, let them get a little momentum, and became tentative on shooting. We missed a few shots that we normally hit," admitted Boutin.

"Then the last five minutes we tight-

ened the defense up again," Boutin boasted.

Lane responded by causing four turnovers and outscoring LBCC 12-2 over the next four minutes, culminating in Kovacic's three that finished off the Roadrunners.

LCC traded baskets the rest of the way to win 81-71. It shot 52 percent for the game compared to 44 percent for LBCC.

Carter finished as the game's high-scorer, totaling 25 on 10 of 18 from the floor, to go with six rebounds. Brogden had 18 (8-17) and five assists. Kovacic added 16 and Zosel chipped in 14 on 6-8 while he grabbed eight boards.

ONE MORE FOR DIVISION TITLE

Against Mt. Hood, Brogden continued his hot shooting as Lane built a 10-point advantage it held throughout most of the half Feb. 20 in Portland.

The spread got up to 13, 29-16 with 8:14 remaining, on Brogden's three-point play. "Brogden had a tremendous game," said Boutin.

Yet, the Saints fought back late in the half to close within five at intermission, 41-36.

Brogden scored 17 and Carter added eight as the Titans made 19 of 36 for 53 percent. They owned an 18-10 edge in rebounds.

Carter scored the first five to start the half, including a lay-up and foul off a sharp pass from Zosel. LCC's lead was back up to 10, but it wouldn't last for long.

MHCC kept coming and tied it at 68 with 3:26 left.

After a Lane turnover, Zosel made an outstanding block and Carter hit a jumper



Photo by Jan Boutin

Wednesday night's victory guaranteed Southern Division co-championship. They went on to win it outright on Saturday night.

off a great look from Brogden.

Boutin described the shot as "huge."

"We had missed some shots, had not played well and (Carter) hit a clutch shot — turned the hammer from Mt. Hood to us," explained Boutin.

Intense defense on the next series followed by Brogden's 15-foot jumper off a busted play put LCC ahead 72-68 with 1:14 to play.

"Broke their back! Tremendous shot!" asseverated Boutin.

The Saints made two free throws and then had a chance to tie the game with only 33.6 seconds left but missed both

free throws. Brogden made one of two from the stripe to push the lead to three.

Again, the Titan defense forced Saints' center Brad Beckham to launch a three that he had little chance of making. Brogden and Kovacic each made both of their free throw attempts to make the final score 77-70.

Brogden and Dan Glass then dumped the bucket of water on Boutin in celebration of the Titans' Southern Division championship — much to the dismay of Mt. Hood building officials, who had to mop it up.

Lady Titans earn playoff berth

Chris Brown
Sports Editor

When the Lady Titans entered their final two games they knew that if they managed a sweep, they were in the playoffs.

But if they lost they'd need some outside help to get in.

"We were in a similar situation last year where we needed some help to get in (the playoffs) and we didn't get in," said Assistant Head Coach Rodger Bates before the Feb. 17 and 20 games.

The Titans took care of their own business, thank you, very much, eking out a narrow 56-53 victory against Linn-Benton CC and then cruising to a 61-45 win over Mt. Hood CC to secure a place in the Southern Division playoff bracket. They finished the season with a 7-7 record in the conference and 14-14 overall. Top-ranked Umpqua awaits Lane on Feb. 25 in Roseburg.

BIG COMEBACK KEEPS DREAMS ALIVE

To be frank, the Titans started off with shooting that was down-

right awful and committed four turnovers in the first five minutes of the game to spot LBCC a 13-0 advantage.

We had a couple of pretty good looks, we just didn't make 'em," said Bates.

But an 8-0 spurt, capped by Daniele McCallum's bucket, cut the Roadrunners' advantage to six at 25-19 with 5:55 remaining.

"We thought that we had weathered their storm at that point," confessed Bates.

The Titans only trailed 36-28 at the half, thanks to Mandie Welton's half-court shot at the buzzer. Both teams shot well in the half: LCC had 52 percent, (2-4 on threes) and LBCC shot 54 percent (5-7 from the three-point range).

LCC had two straight turnovers to start the second half as it fell behind by 12, 40-28.

Then, Taralee Suppah ignited a 17-4 surge, including nine consecutive points, to take a 45-44 lead with 12:18 to go. She totaled 13 in the run to finish as the

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Five finalists up for LCC Student Employee of the year

Jason Drew

Staff Writer

Their supervisors describe these five student workers as efficient, giving their all, and excelling in the work place.

Katie Gries, Michael Jacques, Matthew Heywood, Star Briggs, and Dixie Martin are finalists for LCC Student Employee of the Year, an award program sponsored locally by the Student Employment Service, and nationally by the Western Association of Student Employment Administrators. To be eligible for nomination, students must have been employed in the same jobs or departments for at least two terms.

A cross-campus committee rated all nominees, and will interview the five finalists in late February to select a winner, who will receive a framed certificate, a gift from the bookstore, and a luncheon with his/her supervisor and LCC President Jerry Moskus.

In addition, Lane's finalist is an automatic nominee for WASEA selection as a state winner. There are possibilities

to be selected as Regional and National winner, as well.

• **Katie Gries**, a four-year office support specialist for the LCC Foundation — which handles charitable donations to scholarship programs and special services — says she likes the variety of work she performs for the Foundation.

"I get to do a little bit of writing and composing, and some clerical work," she says. "My work with the Foundation has been invaluable."

Among her duties, Gries puts together the "Report of Donors," an information packet that tells donors how the college is using their money.

Supervisor Roberta Opdenweyer says Gries "has gone beyond the expected by taking the time to acquire special training and classes to help her excel at her work."

A single parent with three children, Gries volunteers for Women's Space shelter for abused women and children.

• **Michael Jacques** works for Computer Services' Student Access Help Desk, assisting students who either walk in or call with questions about com-

puter problems and applications.

His supervisor, Casey Adams, says, "We were very impressed with how he came in and very efficiently, without instruction, developed better procedures and created new installation programs."

Adams also says, "Michael is very reliable and helpful. He has taken on tasks that others are not so willing to do, and that eases peoples' work load."

Jacques says "It is gratifying to know that the department heads acknowledge my works."

A single parent of two daughters, Jacques finds time to coach his oldest daughter's school basketball team.

• **Matthew Heywood**, a tutor in the Study Skills Department, helps foreign language students with both conversational and written English. As a Spanish major, he has one term before he transfers to the UO.

"I never had any experience tutoring until I came to Lane," Heywood says, "and it turned out be great. Helping students is one of the coolest things I've ever done."

Supervisor Roxanne Flowerday praises his drive, which is "motivated by his desire to help people." Flowerday also says Heywood tutors a wide variety of students of different ethnicities with anything related to English.

• **Star Briggs** works with Student Activities as an administrative assistant and the director of photo I.D.

"We started from scratch with photo I.D.," says her supervisor, Tina Jaquez. "She doesn't just come in, she gives it her all. As director of photo I.D., she staffs and supervises it."

Jaquez says Briggs has also been instrumental in the success of the ping-pong ball drop during Fall Welcome Week for the last two years, enthusiastically gathering over 2,000 prizes from area businesses who donated to the event.

"I feel as if I probably wouldn't have gotten this far without the support that the staff at Student Activities have given me," says Briggs.

Enrolled in the Dental Hygienist program, Briggs is a single mother.

• **Dixie Martin** works in the Family and Health Careers Office as an office aide, receptionist, and health record technician, and also assists with the Dental Clinic and Nursing labs.

Martin, enrolled at Lane since the summer of 1997, says she is surprised to be nominated. But supervisor Kay King says, "I don't think we have ever had anyone who has worked any harder than Dixie. I've been here 18 years and she is one of the best work/study students we have ever had in the Family and Health Careers Office."

King says Martin has worked with her for two years, and they have become personal friends. King says, "You measure a person, not by other people, but by what they had to go through to get where they are. I admire her for that."

Martin says, "The department is a wonderful area to work. The people are all very helpful."

When she completes her studies at Lane, Martin wants to find a position in the Eugene/Springfield area as a medical office assistant. She and her husband have two children.

OSPIRG to hold Salmon Forum to educate people on pesticides

Ben Estes

Staff Writer

OSPIRG will hold a Salmon Forum on Wednesday, March 3, at 2:30 p.m., the latest example of OSPIRG's campaign raise community awareness and expose what it considers dangerous pollutants.

"[We want] to educate people how pesticides affect our environment, how they affect us, what they [polluters] are putting in the water, and what it's doing to the salmon," says Forum Organizer Kara Site.

The forum, which aims to detail the effects of pesticides on salmon runs, will feature guest speakers Carrie Newell, an LCC biology instructor, and Neva Hassanein, a member of The Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides.

OSPIRG was also in the cafeteria last

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week to raise awareness about the New Carissa oil spill off the coast of Coos Bay, inviting students to stop by and make fake "tarballs" to send to the state capitol.

The purpose was to let Gov. John Kitzhaber know that students are concerned about a thor-

ough cleanup, said OSPIRG. The organizers also stressed that the owners of the ship, not the taxpayers, should be responsible for the cleanup.

"We want to make sure the governor is hearing from his constituents," said OSPIRG Campus Organizer Ellynn Bannon. "We want to let him know that people feel the taxpayers shouldn't have to foot the bill."

For more information on the Salmon Forum or the New Carissa cleanup, contact OSPIRG at 747-4501 ex. 2166

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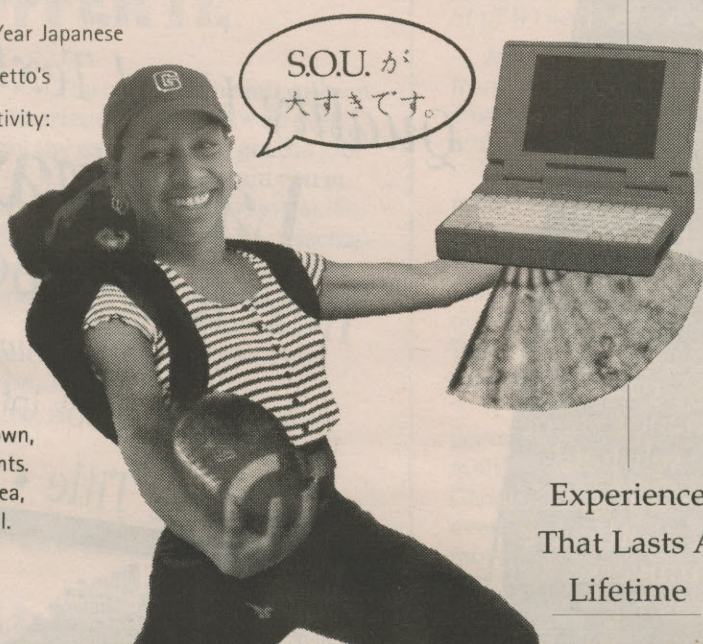
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Senate, who many of our own congressmen are, and the general scheme of how things work inside the "belt-line."

We live in a society where even during presidential elections, over half of the eligible voters often don't bother to vote. And even on college campuses in Oregon it's a safe bet that more students would be able to identify a picture of Michael Jordan or John Elway than Peter Defazio or Ron Wyden. The impeachment proceedings helped better connect Americans into their own system of government.

This enlightenment, however, has its downside. Instead of learning about politics or trying to better improve our government by taking an active role in the political process, many people choose to take the high road, simply saying that "all politicians are corrupt." President Clinton's scandal, along with the media coverage and often ridiculous nature of the impeachment trials gave skeptics more to complain about.

3) We don't live in a "Democracy." For many this statement will evoke the "Duh, Ralph" response, but the word democracy is so overused with the democratic process. However, when many repre-

sentatives and senators refused to listen to the loud and clear desires of their constituents — that is, Clinton should not be impeached — they pressed on as if turning over two national elections and the current will of the majority of the American people was just a regular day at the office. Perhaps the fact that we are a Republic has never been so painfully clear. We may get to vote for who we put in Washington, but after elections our democratic impulse is tentative at best.

4) The real danger in all this wasn't that President Clinton lied about his adventures with an extremely willing intern half his age, but that our legal system and government gave Ken Starr a free reign to do whatever he wanted.

By employing tactics like leaking information to the press, using taped phone conversations to bully Monica Lewinsky into testifying, and subpoenaing secret service men to divulge facts about the man they were supposed to protect, Starr took an approach where the ends justified any means necessary along the way. The American Judicial System can not, and should not, tolerate such an approach because in the end, it could be a danger to us all.

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Hamilton: "The key issue that I would address is being supportive of the vocational/technical education programs."

"Anything that would help students at LCC to be more successful is the bottom line."

Ackerman: "I previously served two terms on the LCC board during its formative years. My prior experience will assist the new board in the identification and resolution of educational issues."

"If elected, I will continue to identify issues which will promote financial accountability and formulate creative solutions which are necessary to the fulfillment of the educational mission of LCC."

Running for the **Zone 3** seat, covering northeast Lane County are incumbent James W. Britt III of Springfield, an attorney as well as the director of the UO Office of Stu-

dent Advocacy.

Britt was appointed last June to serve through June 30, 1999, after Pat Riggs-Henson resigned.

and Ralph Wheeler of Springfield, a Lane County Public Works employee.

Britt III: "The issue that I'm most concerned about is keeping higher education accessible to all members of our community."

He also says he expects to keep tuition fees at their current levels, continue the LTD Fast Pass program, promote more accessibility for child care to students, and promote student housing.

Wheeler: "I would like to see more financial stability in higher education."

"I went to LCC on a scholastic scholarship and I graduated from LCC."

It's a real bonus to our community to be able to have that opportunity. It's a bargain.

Running for the **Zone 5** seat covering most of Eugene are George Alvergue of Eugene, a retired LCC political science instructor, and Alan Contreras of Eugene, assistant director of Legislative and Community Relations at the UO.

Alvergue: "I'm a strong advocate of shared governance. I'm concerned about tuition. Education is getting tough in terms of getting too expensive for students."

"The college should stay at the cutting edge of technology."

"I really applaud the subsidization of the LTD Fast Pass."

Contreras:

"It's very important that the students have a faculty that's just as varied as they are going to have in the workplace."

He also says he wants to expand services without raising tuition, keep the LTD Fast Pass going, continue evening classes, expand LCC

learning centers, and get construction going.

Running unopposed for the **Zone 6** seat is Roger Hall, a radiologist and partner in MR Imaging Associates in Springfield.

He is currently serving as LCC

Board of Education Chair. He was first elected in 1991 to serve through 1995, and won reelection for a second term, which expires this year.

Hall was unavailable for comment this week. A spokesperson for his campaign said:

"He's running in order to aid in the continuity of the current and new board policies."

Running for the At-Large **Zone 7** seat are Adell McMillan of Eugene, a retired UO administrator, and Michael Rose of Eugene, a retired LCC English instructor.

Rose: "I want to maintain

the quality of the college and its mission as a comprehensive community college while maintaining affordability for college students."

"The board needs to become more politically active on a legislative level."

"I aim to work hard for student grants and needs."

McMillan: "I would bring up a broad community perspective on the board because of my experience in community activities and in higher education."

"I think that any issue which puts students first needs to be addressed."

"I'm very interested in the strategic learning initiative and the Students First! Program."

This year's election does not include the Zone 1 seat covering west Lane County, held by Larry Romine of Veneta, nor the Zone 4 seat covering east Lane County, held by Kathleen Shelley of Vida.

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game's high-scorer with 24 on 9-18 shooting. She added seven rebounds.

Though it would get real close, the Titans would lead the rest of the way.

With 9:25 hanging in the balance, Lane pushed its lead to five on back-to-back hoops by Rachel Koroush, who finished with 11 points on 5-10 shooting.

The Roadrunners would close the deficit to just one, 51-50, and would even get the opportunity to take the lead but Jana Sissom missed the front end of a 1-1. Sissom totaled 18 points and grabbed 16 rebounds.

McCallum responded with consecutive baskets to push the lead back up to five, 55-50, 5:19 to play.

The Titans had three bad possessions in a row to give LBCC a chance. Sissom hit 3-4 from the line to pull within two with 2:10 remaining. She ended up making 11-

15 from the charity stripe.

"I thought we had control and even in that span, we missed some easy shots," admitted Bates

With 4.8 seconds on the clock, Suppah got a big rebound and made a free throw to finish it off.

"I felt like we were getting great shots, and it just didn't go in," said Bates. "Thank goodness we were playing good defense."

LCC's defense forced 13 second half turnovers and held LBCC to just 23 percent shooting on 5-22, good for 17 second half points. Lane made twice as many field goals and totaled 28 second half points.

TWO BIG RUNS EQUAL PLAYOFFS

On Feb. 20, the Lady Titans used 17-0 and 16-3 runs to win comfortably and guarantee themselves a spot in the South-

ern Division playoffs.

Trailing 14-10 at the 11 minute mark, LCC looked like it was going to fight another close battle.

Not so fast.

McCallum hit two baskets and Christina Cabo drilled a three to get the offense on track and the Titans played smothering defense causing six turnovers in a 5:36 span to jump out to an imposing 27-14 lead with 5:35 left. Koroush, who had seven of her nine first half points in the outbreak, capped it with a three. And McCallum also added nine in the half.

Lane held MHCC to 38 percent shooting in the half, while making 15 of 31 for 48 percent, and out rebounded the Saints 19-11. The Titans took a 33-24 lead to the locker room.

"We played solid defense, but it really helps when you put the ball in the hole," said Bates.

LCC scored the first eight points to push the lead to 41-24.

McCallum swished a three to cap a 16-3 run which sealed the victory, even though there were still five minutes to play. She finished with 12 points and five boards. The Titans' lead was 27 at 59-32.

Although Mt. Hood outscored Lane 13-2 over the last five minutes, the damage had already been done.

Korush scored a game-high 17 on 7-11 shooting, 3-4 from beyond the arc. Lyndsay Olsen grabbed a team-high eight rebounds to go with seven points.

Lane shot 44 percent for the game and made five of eight three-point attempts compared to 31 percent from the floor for the Saints. LCC amassed 20 offensive rebounds and 16 steals.

"Everybody played well," said a smiling Bates.

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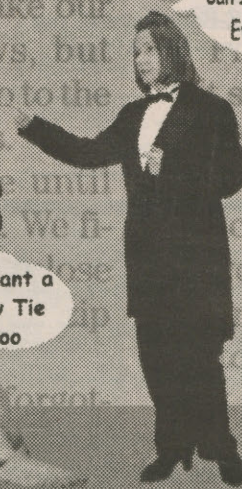
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