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V-Day honors latex pal

Noah Tinker

Staff Writer

It was National Condom Day. "Really?" said a student chowing down in the cafeteria.

Yes, Valentine's Day. "I didn't know that," commented another student lounging on a couch in the Center Building.

It seems awareness about the existence of National Condom Day has slipped under the radar of many LCC students.

Besides being the one day out of the year to confess your love to that special someone, Feb. 14 wasn't just Valentine's Day but a day to think about safer sex.

As an event, it was first observed 23 years ago at the University of California, Berkeley as National Condom Week. Later the American Social Health Association targeted Feb. 14 as its primary day for awareness about protection from sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

The ASLCC has, like many organizations at colleges and universities around the country, sponsored or taken part in a National Condom Day or week in the past.

Vice President of the ASLCC Arne McLean, who has participated in the event in recent years, said the goal was, "a message to be smart about sex."

"Mainly our message is education, we want to educate people."

Mike Falcon wrote in an article for USA TODAY on Valentine's Day last year, "While some may feel that prophylactics

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PICK A CARD, ANY CARD ...



PHOTO BY SERITH HINELINE

Harumi Serizawa (right) and Nelinda McCartney enjoy a card trick performed by LCC English instructor Jay Frasier at the International Student snack and game social hour Friday Feb. 9.

LCC, UO forge dual-enrollment program for fall 2001

Joan Aschim and Ross West

For the Torch

Students accepted into a new program will have full access to all the varied services and programs at both Lane Community College and the University of Oregon, thanks to an admission pact forged by the two institutions.

An initial group of up to 100 students will join the Dual Admission and Enrollment Program, scheduled to begin in fall of 2001. The program is expected to be popular with students who want to make sure that the courses taken at both schools work together toward a degree. In addition, the program will provide students with integrated advising and financial aid services at both institutions.

"For years, students have worn a path

between Lane and the University of Oregon," says LCC President Jerry Moskus. "This agreement paves the way for students and straightens out the curves. Our students will be able to move much more quickly and smoothly toward fulfilling their educational goals," he explains.

The Dual Admission and Enrollment Program will enable students to move seamlessly between the two institutions and will simplify the administrative processes for them. The program breaks down administrative barriers and provides more comprehensive advising to smooth the transition processes for students.

"I am delighted that this agreement is now in place. With it, students will have access to a wider array of choices that will

help students tailor their academic programs to fit their personal goals, preferences and needs," says UO President Dave Frohnmayer. "The end result will be higher retention and increased student satisfaction."

Students interested in becoming co-admitted to LCC and the UO will need to fill out a special joint application form that is available at both the UO Office of Admissions and LCC's Students First Center. Both new freshmen and transfer students are eligible to apply for the program.

To enter the new program, freshmen students with less than 24 transferable college credits must meet all applicable UO admissions requirements. Students who already have begun college work can apply for transfer to the program after

completing 24 hours of transferable credit, achieving a college grade-point average (GPA) of 2.50 and meeting all other transfer admissions requirements.

In the first year of the program, approximately 100 students will be selected for participation. New freshmen will be admitted to the program only during fall term. Current LCC or UO students can apply to begin the program in any term until the 100-student limit is reached.

A \$50 application fee will be required of each program applicant, although current UO student applicants will not be assessed this fee. After acceptance to the program, students will be assessed tuition and fees based on the courses for which they register.

The application deadline for the program is May 15, 2001.

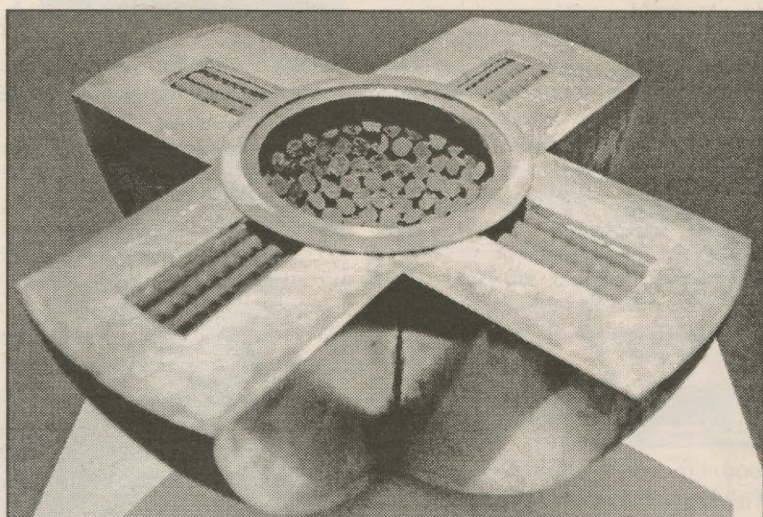


PHOTO BY KIRA DAVIS

This piece entitled "Industrial Ritual #4," by John Maul, is made from steel, wood and gold leaf. The show, which also includes Kay Campbell's work, runs until Feb. 23 at LCC Art Gallery.

— "Stretched Thin, Stretched Tight." —

Artists explore media

Jacob Simms

For the Torch

The work of Kay Campbell and John Maul, art professors from OSU, is now on display until Feb. 23 in LCC's Art Gallery.

Campbell is a fiber/mixed media artist, whose work comprises painted and printed images on a fiber background.

Campbell has entitled her series "Stretched Thin, Stretched Tight." She says the fiber she uses is "old worn out canvas from [her] studio print table."

She says that each piece "has its own title relevant to travel and destination. I look to the future

while reflecting on the many places one travels to arrive at the present tense."

Maul, a sculptor who uses natural materials such as wood, clay and metal, says his contemplative work is "very much handmade" and has a futuristic/gothic look.

"I incorporate the Greek cross into many of the works, not so much as a symbol of the Orthodox Church, but for religion in general," says Maul.

He says the symbols in his art carry a lot of emotion.

"I feel that these icons are more symbolic of our own inhumanity and judgments toward humankind, rather than the man-

ifestation of God's unconditional love for humankind."

LCC's Gallery Committee, comprised of LCC art instructors Marilyn Robert, Satoko Motouji, Susan Lowdermilk and others, have chosen these two artists for their interpretive style.

Robert says that the art gallery is for a larger community than just the Art Department at LCC; that anyone who is interested is welcome to come in and view this artwork.

The gallery is open to public viewing 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is located on the first floor of the Math and Arts Building.

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DON'T FORGET!

**Monday,
February 19,
is President's Day!
NO CLASSES
will be held that day!**

Boy Scouts of America? I don't think so!

Andrea Larsen

News Editor

My son wanted to be a Cub Scout, and I have to admit I didn't need to put much thought into it. My answer was an adamant "No."

I support organizations geared toward kids, and had my son chosen almost any other, I would've been eager for him to participate. But do I want my child to have role models who breed bigotry and hatred, who believe it's moral and ethical to discriminate on the sole basis of sexual orientation?

What if my son were gay? Would I want him to experience sexual repression? I think not. It is

News Editor



Andrea Larsen

not a healthy way to raise a child nor is it ethical.

James Dale, Eagle Scout assistant scoutmaster, was expelled from his New Jersey troop about 10 years ago after it was discovered that he is gay. A court in New Jersey ruled that the Boy Scouts policy was shielded from Dale's argument of the First Amendment right of freedom of association.

Evan Wolfson of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, representing Dale, said the issue at hand was "identity-based discrimination, the equation of a human being with an assumed message."

The case continued in the U.S. Supreme Court. The American Civil Liberties Union filed a brief in the case arguing that Dale's dismissal from the Scouts was a form of discrimination and violated his rights.

But on June 28, 2000, the U.S. Supreme Court gave the Boy Scouts a green light to continue their discriminatory acts by reaffirming their right to set their own leadership and membership standards.

With all the social issues we have to conquer — prejudice against minorities, women, gays — groups like the Boy Scouts make it all too obvious why so much hatred exists in our world today. It is becoming clear how little we've actually accomplished toward equality for all.

But that's not true of everyone. Diana Singer, office manager of the Girl Scouts Western Rivers Council, sent me a note stating, "The Girl Scout organization does not discriminate. We do not permit the advocacy of a personal lifestyle or sexual orientation."

These are private matters for girls and their families to address." The organization does not promote any particular philosophy or religious belief. The Girl Scout organization is in no way related to the Boy Scouts, says Singer.

The Girl Scouts might be ahead of the times. After all, freedom of choice may not be as free as we think; at least not without

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Anatomy of romance includes a parachute for 'leap of faith'

Lauretta DeForge

Lead Reporter

Valentine's Day was a day to think about romance once again.

Romantic love is vital to the survival of the species; for this reason, Mother Nature does not dare put this process under control of our intellect. She prefers to circumvent the whole intelligence path and put us into an emotional loop which guarantees immediate action.

So we are peacefully walking down the street one day, or sitting in the office, or minding our own business at the college and, wham, we are hit up alongside the head with Mother Nature's 4 x 4 in the form of a humongous emotion. This is called "attraction," according to John Raty, M.D. in his book "User's Guide to the Brain." We are off and running, whether we like it or not.

The next step in the lineup is "fixation," according to Raty. Fixation comes in two forms: benign and malignant. Benign fixation includes the usual fantasies, day dreams, being a space cadet and being so full of Mother Nature's painkillers — endorphins — that we don't know what is going on. However, anything that includes high emotions also has high risk.

Some people cannot stay in the benign state. They start to wander over into the swamp of pathological fixation which might include such unpleasant things as stalking. Society says "no" to these activities and the perpetrator could find him- or herself behind bars.

We come next to the "reckoning." We have to determine if the other person shares some version of these same feelings or if we have been floating in a cloud of endorphins for no reason whatsoever. This step, of course, has two outcomes. There is the Hallelujah side, where the partner shares feelings with us and we can thank our lucky stars that we have found someone and can relax for a while. The other outcome, the Get Lost Syndrome, is hard for some people to handle.

Yes, the key to handling any problem in a relationship is flexibility and a good back up plan. If the prospective partner tells us to get lost, we have to be flexible enough to accept reality and, indeed, get lost. At this point, we go to Plan B which may include anything from leaving town and spending a week in Italy, to taking a class in submarine aviation.

Unfortunately, there are those who are inflexible and have no alternative life plan. Graveyards are filled with the bodies of those whose lovers never could adapt to the fact that their man or woman was starting to lead a separate life. Sobering thought.

The final stage, if we are lucky enough to find the prospective partner, is the "leap of faith." Every big decision in our lives must, in the end, be a leap because there are no guarantees, and love is no exception. If we are fearful, if we inspect too closely, we can easily find any number of reasons why the prospective partner is not perfect. This is why many people get premarital jitters; they sit on the fence wondering "Should I? or Shouldn't I?"

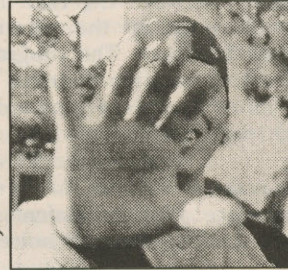
Since surviving any long-term relationship requires the ability to overlook a multitude of sins, we might as well prepare ourselves psychologically to accept that which we cannot change about the new partner and just iron out the bugs in the relationship as they arise.

So, in the end, we evaluate the situation as best we can, get as many of our ducks in a row as possible, and make the leap.

If, after making the leap, we find that we are headed for the cactus patch instead of the Elysian fields, we can pull the cord on the parachute and frantically read over the directions to Plan C.

The Pulse**How do you feel about the Napster controversy?**Gretchen Moe
Theatre Arts major

"Yes, people use it but people still buy the album. How many CDs did the Backstreet Boys sell the first week?"

Eli Dewhirst
Computer Programming major

"I guess it would be kind of harmful to the artists. It's kind of the same as listening to the radio and taping the song off of it."

Zach Lillebo
Secondary Education major

"Napster? I could care less."

Kristi Graves
LCC cafeteria worker

"As long as someone's not selling it, I don't think it's a problem. For lower artists though, its like taking money away from them."

Akane Mashiko
General Studies major

"I think it's good. I'm sure it's really useful, but it's scary. If I was an artist maybe I wouldn't like it, but since I am a customer..."

Myeeshah Madrigale
Fine Arts major

"I think that it's fine. You get free music, what could be better than that?"

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PHOTOS BY KIRA DAVIS

LCC's new club gives parents a place to associate

Andrea Larsen

News Editor

It's been a long time coming, but LCC finally has a Parenting Club.

The group serves as a support system for those who need to network, share

important information or parental resources or to address issues with other parents. The club plans many field trips, arts and crafts, guest speakers and other activities. Many events will be family-oriented and children are welcome, says Tracy Smith, club organizer. The group

plans a trip to Skate World on Feb. 17.

"I saw an opportunity to do something about a need that I had and hopefully do something for someone else," says Smith.

The group met for the first time on Jan. 19, with nine members in attendance.

The club needed to fill several key

positions to be recognized as an official organization by ASLCC and to receive start-up subsidies. Smith says the club has met those requirements and will be ratified. Interested student parents may contact club advisor Tina Jacquez at extension 2336.

Class explores political issues through film

Noah Tinker

Staff Writer

Political Science Instructor Steve Candee is the driving force behind a new class, PS 105 "Through the lens: Problems in U.S. Politics Through Film," which will be offered spring term.

The class will use movies as a way to view governmental shortcomings in the United States.

Candee was also the inspiration behind a similar class pre-viewed in fall term 2000, PS 104 "Through the Lens: Problems in U.S. Politics Through Film."

Besides four feature length films — "The Candidate," "All the President's Men," "Dead Man Walking," and "American History X," — the class also uses documentaries, and guest speakers, including a former skin-head, to offer different perspectives. It also looks at web sites paralleling in-class discussions such as HBO's Hate.com.

"What I want students to do is think and respond to major political policies and issues we face," Candee explains.

Issues such as the death penalty, hate talks, campaign policies, the First Amendment and media involvement in politics.

Candee says that next year PS 104 in the fall, and PS 105 in the spring will feature different films and focus on different topics, unlike these first two classes which are very alike.

Says Candee, "With all my classes the broad objective is to try and help people to be expansive in how they face issues. My hope is a better understanding."

LCC Public Safety Officer James Harris was a student in the fall term class.

"Because of that class my wife and I went canvassing around to different houses during the election, something I would never have considered before."

Second year student Adelle Williams said, "It's really more of a personal growth class."

The class will convene once a week on Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. to watch a film in one sitting instead of separate parts, says Candee.

No enrollment limit was put

on the fall class because Candee says he didn't know how many students might sign up for it. It attracted 45 students.

"I'd never taught a night class; it was a new experience," Candee adds. "The class attracted not just traditional night class students who are generally older, more mature, but a lot of day students as well."

Harris didn't mind the late hours. "That really wasn't an inconvenience, it gave us time to watch a feature length film, then have 30 to 45 minutes to discuss it. If anything, it was too short. We didn't have enough time to really get into talking about it."

"I've always wanted to use film," says Candee. "It's such a powerful medium."

Candee defends using Hollywood movies instead of strictly documentaries, explaining that documentaries, while informative, can be boring while commercial movies are made to garner viewers' attention and provoke an emotional response, something which Candee is aiming for.

Health clinic encourages easy breathing

Kelli Barrett

For the Torch

Do you become short of breath walking up the stairs to the fourth floor of the Center Building?

Have you found yourself wheezing while jogging a short distance?

A free asthma screening clinic Feb. 21 from noon to 4 p.m., will be held at LCC student Health Services.

LCC nurse Nadine Wilkes, along with other healthcare professionals, felt the need to develop the clinic due to the increased occurrences of asthma.

"Asthma is the fastest growing health problem in the United States," states Wilkes.

A common respiratory disease, asthma, affects more than 15 million people per year; approximately 5,000 people die a year because they do not recognize asthma as a problem and are unable to treat it soon enough.

Wilkes also relates that, "33 percent of [related] deaths occur with people who have mild cases of asthma."

Although asthma is not easy to treat, there are many treatments available today. It can be controlled.

Wilkes says students are vulnerable to asthma because most won't visit a doctor for check-ups until they become severely ill. They are not aware of the services that already exist.

Lifestyle is another reason students are susceptible to getting asthma, with smoking as the major contributing factor.

Asthma attacks can be triggered by many things, including pollen, drugs, cleaning products, molds and cigarettes. Treatments combine drugs such as oral medications and inhalers.

Although medications can relieve asthma, it is best to prevent attacks by avoiding the substance that triggers the asthma, recommends Student Health Services.

During the screening clinic, patients will be asked to fill out a questionnaire, take a few respiratory tests and then consult with Alice Chou, M.D., an allergy specialist, for more information about their conditions.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

— Thursday Feb. 15

• The Women's Program's next brown bag luncheon presentation is "Welfare Reform & Women's Welfare: The Oregon Study," from noon to 1 p.m. The number of people on welfare in Oregon has decreased. This reduction has been hailed as a major success. But whose success? What is the real impact of this action? Bring your lunch for this timely discussion. For more information, call Patsy Raney at ext. 2352.

— Friday Feb. 16

• Everyone is welcome to join the International Program on a ski/snowboard trip to Willamette Pass on Saturday, Feb. 23. But the deadline to sign-up is Feb. 16 at 3 p.m. in Center Building room 414. For more information, or to make a

reservation, call ext. 2165. They cannot accommodate children.

• The Lane Nature Writers Group will gather again at 2:30 p.m., in Apprenticeship Building room 224. All Lane community members interested in exploring nature through writing, thinking and hiking together are welcome.

— Monday Feb. 19

• All Lane Community College campuses and centers will be closed in observance of President's Day.

— Tuesday Feb. 20

• ASLCC sponsors a political party forum featuring representatives presenting their parties' platforms and educating students about affiliation. In Forum Room 308 from 1 to 5 p.m. For more

information, contact DJ Chesterman, ASLCC campus events and community awareness coordinator intern, at 870-6020.

— Wednesday Feb. 21

• Student Health Services is holding a free asthma screening clinic from noon to 4 p.m. The asthma clinic will have a limited number of 30-minute time slots available. Please call to make an appointment. Patients will fill out a questionnaire, perform airway testing and consult with a local asthma specialist, Alice Chou, M.D. This clinic will be open to both students and staff. For more information, or to make an appointment, call SHS at ext. 2665.

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Music

Feb. 15 —
Ashbury Park plays eclectic jams at Taylor's Bar and Grill. Show time 10 p.m. Tickets \$4. For more information, call 344-6174.

Feb. 15 —
 2 B Announced/Dan Steinberg Presents welcome **Ryan Adams** to the WOW Hall, along with special guest **Tift Merrit**. Singer/songwriter

Adams was the voice of the band Whiskeytown and is now touring his debut album "heartbreaker" on Bloodshot Records. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show time is at 8. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door and are available at FASTIXX outlets (all advance tickets are subject to service charge). Adult refreshments are available downstairs, which features a sound and video relay from the main hall. For more information, call 687-2746.

Feb. 16 —
 KRVM's Short Strange Trip and the WOW Hall welcome **An Evening with The Zen Tricksters**. Performing for over 22 years, The Zen Tricksters have earned a reputation as one of the world's best Grateful Dead cover bands. They have also earned respect as songwriters in their own right, with two albums of original material, "The Holy Fool" and "Love Surreal." They have shared the stage with notables such as Derek Trucks, Jefferson Starship, The String Cheese Incident, David Nelson Band and the David Grisman Quintet. An expanded, multi-instrumental line-up has resulted in an eclectic repertoire, much of it original, that runs from rock to blues to bluegrass to jazz, with incredible jamming. Doors open at 9 p.m. Show time is at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

Feb. 16 —
 An Enchanting Evening of Middle Eastern Dance will be hosted by the MEDGE with feature dancer "Sabine" at the Cafe Paradiso, Olive & Broadway, downtown Eugene. Show time is at 8:30 p.m. Donations are requested. For more information, call Traci at 683-1501.

Feb. 17 —
 The Emerald Baptist Church, 631 E. 19th Ave. in Eugene, will host **Sweets and Sounds**, with the inspirational sounds of **John Gainer** in concert, features a free will offering with great buys on dessert after the concert. Whole cakes, pies, and cookies for sale, too! For more information, call Sydney Kissinger at 746-9513, or Nancy Miller at 686-1238.



ASHBURY PARK — FEB. 15

Feb. 17 —
 KRVM and the WOW Hall welcome **Abakadubi's CD Release and Masquerade Party**. A Eugene family band, Abakadubi, debuted at the WOW Hall in 1996, when most of the kids were still teenagers and drummer Ishi was just eleven. Parents David 'Toon' Woods and Martita Maderas Woods taught all their children to dance, sing and play multiple instruments. Since then, Abakadubi has grown into a ten piece world-soul-funk music powerhouse that features male and female vocals, a three piece horn section, congas, bongos, drum kit, bass, harmonica, guitar and keyboards plus dancers. Musical influences range through Latin, funk, soul, roots reggae, blues, swing, Caribbean and Flamenco. Doors open at 9 p.m. Show time is at 9:30. Tickets are \$7 at the door.



ABAKADUBI — FEB. 17

Feb. 18 —
 The Oregon Mozart Players, with Conductor and Music Director Andrew Massey and Violinist Anton Barachovsky, will perform in Beall Concert Hall at the UO School of Music at 961 E. 18th Ave. Show time is at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 to \$35 through the Hult Center box office at 692-5000.

Feb. 18 —
 The Wild Duck is hosting the 2nd annual **Bob Marley Birthday Celebration** featuring five original members of the legendary **Wailers**. The event is sponsored by Conscious Productions in association with Renegade Productions. Guests include DJ's from Higher Ground Sound and Iron Fist Crew. Show time is 9 p.m. Tickets are \$22 in advance and are on sale at the Wild Duck, House of Records, Lazar's Bazaar and Fred Meyer FASTIXX. All ages are welcome.

Feb. 18 —
 The Eugene Weekly, KWVA's Planet Soup and the WOW Hall present **Kitka**, back for an evening of Eastern European vocal music. This project is supported in part by a grant from the Oregon Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts. Kitka is an Oakland based ensemble specializing in Balkan and Slavic women's singing. Founded in 1979, Kitka is an eight-woman a cappella group that sings in Albanian, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Serbo-Croatian, Georgian, Hungarian, Ladino, Macedonian, Romanian, Russian, Ukrainian, Yiddish, Latin, medieval Gallician and ancient Greek. Kitka started as an informal group of amateur singers who met regularly to share their passion for women's vocal music, but blossomed into a refined professional ensemble garnering international renown. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Show time is at 8. Tickets are \$14 in advance, \$16 at the door.

Feb. 22 —
Magical Thursday's DJ Dance returns to the WOW Hall featuring DJs from various areas in Oregon and different states of mind. The DJ Dance will cover upstairs and downstairs for a variety of dancing and listening pleasure. Show time is 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Theater

Feb. 15 —
 LCC presents the full-length dance program about breast cancer, "Amazing Grace," choreographed by Bonnie Simoa. Show time is at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 726-2202.

Feb. 16, 17 —
 A performance of "Jekyll & Hyde" hits the Hult Center stage depicting a musical adaptation of the famous book. The play made its debut in 1990 at Houston's Alley Theatre, where it set box office records. A cast recording produced the hit songs "Someone Like You" and "This Is the Moment." The Moody Blues and Liza

Minnelli have taken these songs into their repertoire. Many repeat customers have affectionately been dubbed "Jekies." Show times are 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$22.50 to \$38.50 through the Hult Center box office, 682-5000.

Feb. 16, 17 —
"Black Satin: Divas of the Century" pays tribute to African-American woman singers and composers as performed by singer Lenanne Sylvester and pianist Janice Scroggins. Review: "These performances are a class act, beautifully polished. Both

Sylvester and Scroggins are charming, hospitable and utterly professional," says Dorothy Velasco of Actors Cabaret, 996 Willamette St. Show time is at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$14 in advance, \$17 at the door. For more information, call 683-4368.

Free

Feb. 15 —
 The Mozart Players' guest Anton Barachovsky plays in a free 30-minute SHOCASE series recital at 12:15 p.m. in the Hult Center lobby.

Feb. 15 —
 The Buzz Coffeehouse, ground floor of the EMU Building on the UO campus, features local blues icon, **Eagle Park Slim**. Slim has been partial to the blues for over 45 years, originating from the one and only Eagle Park, Ill. Show time 9 to 11 p.m.

Feb. 16 —
 Every Friday night is **Eclectic Open Mic** at The Buzz Coffeehouse, ground floor, EMU building from 9 p.m. to midnight. Patrick Dodd, Eugene's premier folk artist, hosts the event. All musicians are welcome to sign up at the Break, next door to the Buzz.

For more information, call Jessica Brittan, programming coordinator, at 346-3725.

Feb. 17 —
 The Buzz Coffeehouse features **Nicole Barrett** playing acoustic rock, with a soulful guitar and beautiful voice. Show time is 9 to 11 p.m., ground floor of the EMU Building on the UO Campus.

Feb. 19 —
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repercussions.

The icon of the "Leave-it-to-Beaver" white family in a two-story house with a white picket fence and a dog named Spot in a typical "all-American" town, who have pure attitudes about fairness and democracy is a myth. We've seen such families express their outrage at the "blacks" moving in next door.

We've seen the college-educated young woman who endures leering and catcalls, denied promotion after promotion while her male counterparts rise up the corporate ladder based solely on the "package" they carry.

And now the Boy Scouts — the very group that teaches young boys to be resourceful, inventive, responsible, and respectful — wants its organization to band together to prohibit homosexuality. They claim they're protecting children from "corruption."

An official position statement I received from Jerry Dempsey, scout executive of the Oregon Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, states that the Scout's leadership desires to let children enjoy scouting without "immersing them in the politics of the day." It continues in saying that they make no effort to "deny the rights of those whose views differ to hold their attitudes and opinions." They also claim to have "spiritually-based morals" and "values embraced by the majority of Americans."

But it sounds to me like the Scouts "denied the rights" of homosexuals to serve in their organization and in doing so "immersed children in the politics of the day." They claim to be "spiritual" people who at some point decided that this type of discrimination is what Americans value.

Well, not this American.

Where else in our country would we allow this type of discrimination to go on? Not in education, not at LCC. Not in most businesses or government employment. Not in the Girl Scouts.

Maybe what our children need to be protected from is people who actually force their ideals and personal values on others and, in turn, create a breeding ground in young minds for all the hatred we've tried so hard to overcome.

"I definitely think that the Boy Scouts should be including people from the LGBTA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Association) in their ranks," says Susan Matthews, Lane's advisor to LGBTA.

And my own personal message to the Boy Scouts: Some day I hope you realize you're wrong. In the meantime, I pray the rest of society wakes up and realizes it first.

Popularity growing for LCC's community learning centers

❑ Off campus centers offer extended hours, convenient locations for Oregon residents.

Kathrin McCoy

For the Torch

Are you tired of commuting back and forth to the main campus? Frustrated with a lack of evening and/or weekend services? Consider exploring the classes and service options available at LCC's community learning centers.

CLCs are scattered geographically around Eugene's main service area with a few locations in surrounding towns.

"The centers offer a lot of things that people can do right in their neighborhoods," says Debra Lamb, director of the learning centers, "and people are taking advantage of it."

"The centers were designed to be accessible to people where they [live]," says Lamb, "as well as being [available] to high school students."

The first center, at Thurston High School, opened in '1997 and the newest one opened last summer in Junction City.

"We first started tracking enrollment in 1993-1994," states Lamb. "At that time, we had 809 students, [the full time equivalent of 36 students]." By the 1990-2000 school year, "We had 6,600 students, once all the centers were opened."

The college currently has learning centers at seven district high schools (Churchill, Elmira, Junction City, McKenzie, Oakridge, Thurston and Willamette), with a mini-center in Harrisburg. Check the spring 2001 class schedule for courses offered in your area.

CLCs are open weekdays, Saturdays and two evenings each week. Staff members can assist with learning center class registration, placement testing, textbook sales and payment services. Each CLC has a drop-in computer lab.

Student suggestions assist library staff

Paul Diehl IV

For the Torch

Students at Lane can suggest books, videos, productions and software that they think the library should have on its shelves.

The LCC Library staff constantly listens to student suggestions in its efforts to make the library more conducive to the interests and needs of the students. When they receive a suggestion, the requested publication goes through an evaluation process and may eventually end up on the shelves of the library.

"Anyone can come in here and tell anyone who works here," said Nadine Williams, library director. "We have three librarians and me, and we split up all the subject areas so we can all have specific areas to cover and evaluate. Eventually the suggestion will make it to the appropriate staff member for that particular area of study."

"When we are considering books [videos, publications, software], we will check reviews and try to get a copy for us to look over," she states.

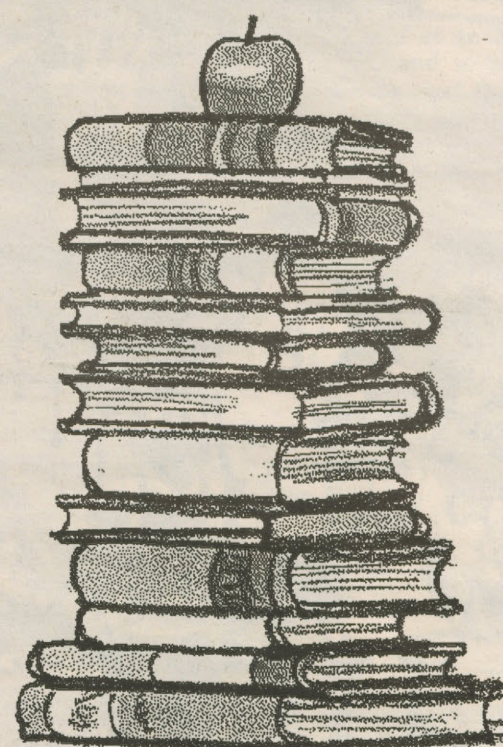
Williams says many student-suggested books have recently landed on the library shelves, including: "Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy," by Douglas Adams, and "Loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner," by Alan Sillitoe.

Many students are unaware of their opportunity to help form the library.

"I always just thought they had to follow some guideline," says Jessica Mills, LCC telecourse student. "I have never even thought to make a suggestion."

Although the library staff evaluates all suggestions, there are limitations.

"We do not normally buy textbooks that are used in the classroom because ... people need a large variety. If the book is very expensive or hard to get, we may put a copy in reserve so students



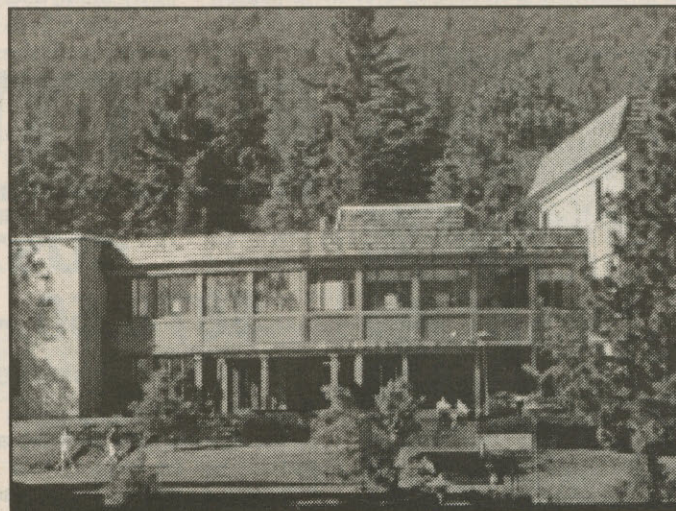
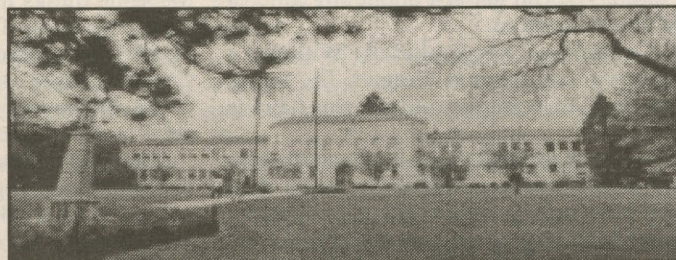
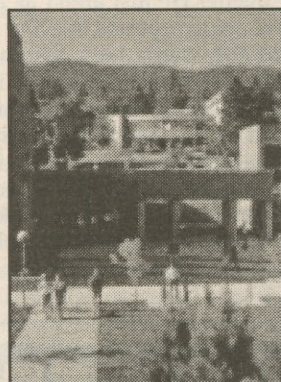
can use it for one or two hours."

Although the library supports LCC's curriculum, it is not limited to only those selections.

"Suggestions do not necessarily have to be course related," Williams says. The library is not just for studying, but also to relax and take time out of a student's busy day, she says.

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Lane Titan Connor Kerlin levitates over guard Victor Norris in Saturday's victory against Portland Community College.

Titans poach Portland Panthers 102-83

Mary Jones-Tucker

Sports Editor

"We were very pleased with our team effort" said Head Coach Jim Boutin after the Saturday, Feb. 10 game against Portland Community College.

"Especially when our second lead scorer, Dave Brautigam, was out with a sprain," he said.

Wing Bryan Peterson, who was in the game for 32 minutes, led four other Titans to double figure scores with 23 points.

"He also played well offensively," said Boutin, "taking four rebounds and lent a helping hand with four assists."

"I thought we did an exceptional job and no one was left behind to warm the bench," said Boutin.

David Best, a wing for the Titans, served up 13 points, Chad Marrow and Chris Hoyt added 10 each while Sultan Fitas added 14 points to the final score.

Zach Lillebo, high point guard, handed out six assists and pulled in 10 rebounds for the Titans.

Terry Foster, a guard for the Portland Panthers, led with 36 points. Charles Wilson followed with 20 points and nine rebounds. Ben Kirk, guard, served up 13 points and took 10 rebounds for Portland.

UCC Timbermen chopped down, Lane wins 74-68

Men's basketball team at number one spot in division

Mary M. Jones-Tucker

Sports Editor

Head Coach Jim Boutin says he's ecstatic about the latest close Titan win.

The Titan men swept aside Umpqua Community College's Timbermen (5-4 in league play, 10-12 season) for the second time this season, holding tightly to their first place standing in the NWAACC southern division, 74-68.

Boutin said David Best, Chad Marrow and Zach Lillebo, really sparked their win at Roseburg, on Feb. 7.

Best replaced wing Brian Peterson at the start of the second half and quickly made his presence known, sinking four out of five, three-point shots. Three of these treys came when

Lane needed to bounce back from a two point deficit at the half.

Point guard Chad Marrow scored a personal season high of 18 points. He also handed out two assists and snagged two rebounds.

Lillebo, wing, had three rebounds, four assists and pounded four defensive rebounds.

Sultan Fitas, wing-high point guard for the Titans, scored 20 points grabbing nine rebounds and two assists.

The Titans' win leaves them one jump ahead of rival Clackamas.

Timberman's Elijah Jackson led his teammates with 17 points.

UCC forward, Dan Bauer added 14 points to the Timberman's total score as guard Geoff Brown served up 11 more. Guard Pat Anderson piled another 10 to Umpqua's final score, but they still got their clock cleaned.

Duck fan unimpressed by Corvallis' angry Beavers

Trevor Dillard

For the Torch

Let me tell all of you right now, I'm a die-hard Duck fan. Always have been, and I'm always willing to trash on the rivals up north.

Corvallis is a college town, Eugene is not. The main reason, you ask? There is nothing to do in Corvallis. If Oregon State University were somewhere else, Corvallis would have about 3,000 people. Most all of the jobs either revolve around the university or are a big part of their business. If you want to do something fun or interesting, it's either Salem or Eugene. Maybe that's why everyone is too eager to blow hot air. There isn't anything else to do.

It's incredible how different the two towns are that are within 40 miles of each other. Corvallis sits in the middle

of nowhere. Nothing fun ever happens there, no concerts, no festivals. Just a bunch of farming cowboys who for once have a football winning team.

Picture Eugene, very liberal, friendly town. We like to be open minded. We like different kinds of music. When you turn on the radio, you can get just about any kind of music you would like to listen to.

Now picture Corvallis. Closed-minded. Without a doubt the most conservative town in Oregon. The music you ask? Take out the OSU campus and all you have is country music.

I went to the Civil War football game between Oregon and Oregon State last November, and I was more than amazed to see just how rude people were. After Oregon State won, I was walking back to my car, and more than one person tried to instigate a fight. Some of these same

people were adults with children by their side. People were reeking of Coors Light and Budweiser. My car had been egged, and the shaving cream on my windshield read, "Get out you f----- Duck fan!"

Now maybe it's just me, but I don't think you would see the same things in Eugene. We just aren't as angry as the people up north. There are exceptions to every rule. But it's nothing compared to the viciousness that oozes out of Corvallis. I don't know, maybe it's something in the water, or maybe the way Dennis Erickson lets his football players act is starting to rub off on the common person up there.

They call themselves the Beavers, and that's fine. I would just make one slight suggestion. They should call themselves the Angry Beavers. It makes perfect sense. They have already found the only way for a beaver to look mean.

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5'9" Freshman Sandra Isbell sets up the fast break against PCC defender Yoland Cason.

Panther women tear Titans apart 76-69

Mary Jones-Tucker
Sports Editor

"We lost our intensity in the first half," said Head Coach Greg Sheley, after Portland won 76-69 on Saturday, Feb. 10 at LCC.

Vanessa Tagney scored 31 points to lead LCC and recorded her second double-double of the season with 17 rebounds.

Emma Roth scored 13 points and hauled in five rebounds in the 37 minutes she was in the game.

Sandra Isbell and scored 10 points for the Titans.

Sheley said, "We played better in the second half but not good enough. It was a game we should have won."

Portland's guard Megan Sager led with 24 points and eight rebounds in the 38 minutes that she played.

Close behind was guard Tara Middleton who made 17 points and 14 rebounds to record a double-double for Portland.

Lane women get slapped by UCC 82-73

Mary M. Jones-Tucker
Sports Editor

The Umpqua Community College women's team (8-1 in the league and 20-3 overall) held tight to its first place standing in the NWAACC southern division Wednesday, Feb. 7 at their home in Roseburg.

Lane had the lead with one minute left to go in the game Head Coach Gred Sheley said, "We played hard as a team, [and] we fought hard" but Umpqua extended its free throws to hold off the Titans.

UCC's win dropped LCC to 2-7 in the league and 12-12 for the season. The Timberwomen are now tied with Chemeketa for first place in the division.

LCC's Vanessa Tagney and Emma Roth scored 19 points apiece.

Umpqua's Heidi Buehler led with 22 points. Becci Randall converted 14 points and Renee Glidner and Molly Durfee each scored 11.

Buehler gave Umpqua the lead at the half -time buzzer with a three-point shot.

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have no place beside candy, flowers, jewelry and the celebration of romance, the facts are clear. Never has the connection between romance and safe sex been more important."

Among the facts, Falcon says one-fifth of the U.S. population has an STD, two-thirds of all STDs occur in people 25 or younger, one-fourth of new STD infections occur in teenagers, nearly 400,000 Americans currently have AIDS,

with approximately 50,000 new cases per year, and STDs (other than HIV) cost about \$8 billion to diagnose and treat annually.

Administrative Specialist Jane Irwin, from LCC Student Health Clinic, stresses that for those who qualify for its Family Planning Expansion Project through which STD infection checks, annual pelvic examinations and birth control are all free to students who want them.

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Journalist slams media for 'blocking the real news'

Commentator Jeff Cohen debunks liberal bias myth at the Third Annual Community Media Fair.

Gloria Biersdorff
Features Editor

"Don't believe that Americans don't want to hear serious news. Americans aren't allowed to hear serious news," said Jeff Cohen to a gathering of more than 150 people in the sanctuary of Eugene's Central Presbyterian Church on Monday, Feb. 12.

The path to real news is blocked, asserted Cohen, because journalists are so involved in self-censorship that they deliver what amounts to pabulum to a public needing truth to sustain itself as a democracy.

"The heart of the story has been excised," said Cohen, time after time by journalists who fear retribution by their corporate bosses.

Cohen is director of Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting, a national media watch group that scrutinizes media bias and censorship, and advocates for greater diversity in the press.

In his hour-long speech Cohen stressed that the half-dozen media conglomerates producing mainstream news are beholden to the corporations that sponsor and own them, not to the public.

"The last thing these corporations want ... is to produce intelligent, proactive viewers." Instead, media giants create what Cohen called "weapons of mass distraction," such as Monica Gate, to keep the public complacent and ignorant of issues that would upset the status quo and

corporate cash-flow.

Cohen claimed that staunch right-wing conservatives perpetrate "the myth of the liberal media" to intimidate working journalists, who understand that "the 'liberal' epithet will be indelibly stuck on them," making them susceptible to corporate abuse — akin to being blacklisted as "communist" in the '50s.

Cohen used the example of a "liberal-minded" journalist wanting to write an investigative piece on a Haitian factory, where Disney products are manufactured.

"You want to take a camera into a sweatshop, show these 14-year-old girls being sexually harassed ... but you can't do that story, because Disney [which owns ABC] is your boss."

To clarify his point, he asked rhetorically, "What if all the sponsors of a TV news broadcast were unions — United Steelworkers, United Farmworkers ... or what if

"You want to take a camera into a sweatshop, show these 14-year-old girls being sexually harassed ... but you can't do that story, because Disney [which owns ABC] is your boss."
— JEFF COHEN

all the sponsors were the Rainbow Coalition, NAACP — civil rights groups? You'd ask, 'did these unions, or civil rights groups, have anything to do with what's getting on the news tonight?'"

Then he listed oil companies, pharmaceutical

companies and HMOs among the kinds of corporations who do, in fact, sponsor the major news networks.

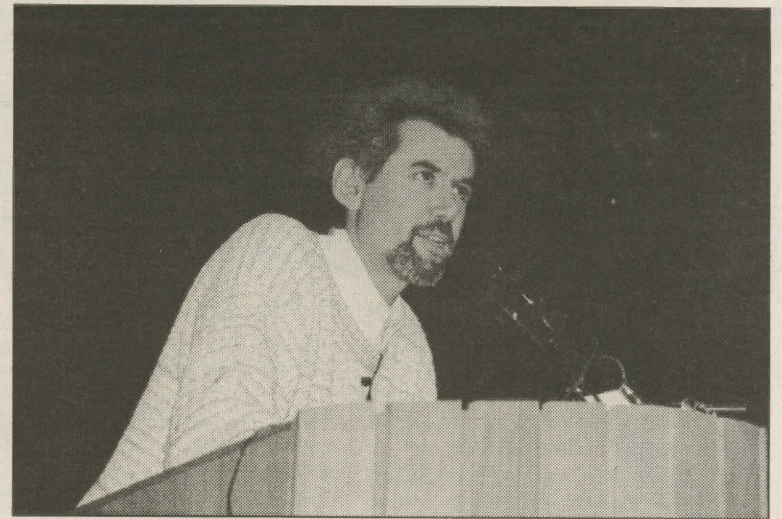


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Media observer Jeff Cohen exhorts his audience against mainstream news at Eugene's Central Presbyterian Church on Monday, Feb. 12.

"Would they sponsor if the news were undercutting their objectives?"

General Motors pulled an advertisement from Fortune magazine, he said, because the magazine did not offer a friendly environment for the corporation.

"Remember these two words: 'friendly environment,'" stressed Cohen. Corporations want to flourish in an atmosphere untainted by negative press; so mainstream media acquiesce, said Cohen, thus undermining the credibility of journalism and depriving everyone of deeper insights into significant global issues.

Cohen closed his speech with the observation that, in a 1997 survey, 88 percent of the American public said that corporations improperly influenced news, and close to 90 percent said that advertisers improperly influenced the news. He urged the audience to rally for more independent, non-corporate media, naming Pacifica as a "truly alternative radio network."

When an audience member asked what news source he turned to on a daily basis, Cohen cited the website [www.common-](http://www.common-dreams.org)

[dreams.org](http://www.common-dreams.org).

"It is an astounding source of information. Every day I wake up to it," he said, contrasting it to other cyber-news offerings that have grown increasingly homogeneous with corporate mergers.

"The free information highway has become an information cul-de-sac," Cohen dryly noted.

LCC Arts Division counselor Tim Blood, who attended Cohen's presentation, says he checked out the "commondreams" webpage the next morning.

"It was quite informative," he remarks.

Blood says he's been reading work by Cohen and his colleague, Norman Solomon, for years. Solomon's commentaries appear in the Sunday Register Guard. Cohen co-authored these for four years. Blood says he attended Solomon's presentation on LCC's campus last year.

"Norman could've given that speech," observes Blood. "His message was familiar. I'm bothered by the reality of the truth he spoke. Mainstream media try to marginalize progressive media."

For more information regarding Cohen and FAIR, visit the website www.fair.org.

Summer may bring energy crisis to Oregon

Less rain and overuse of reservoirs adds up to less available energy this summer.

Faith Kolb

Staff Writer

The governors of 10 western states and 25 top energy experts met in Portland on Feb. 2 at the downtown Hilton.

The Western Governors Association's Energy Policy Roundtable discussion covered the current energy crisis in California, which could affect Oregon this summer as well.

The meeting was held before a crowd of 300, including Jeff Osanka, former EWEB commissioner.

"I was pleased to attend as one of the few participants from our area," writes Osanka in

a recent press release. "With power rates rising, and the extended dry spell we are experiencing [in Oregon], it was important to have our region represented at this summit."

Osanka teaches state and local government as well as computer courses for LCC. He started teaching at LCC in 1994. He loves to play soccer, and was College Bowl champion at UO two years in a row.

Osanka runs his own company called Osanka Communications, which specializes in computer consulting, energy policy review and Internet presence.

To find out more about Osanka Communications, visit the following web site: <http://www.efn.org/~osanka>.

"The highlight for me was the speech by [U.S.] Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham," he writes. "It is fitting that his first trip outside the Beltway should be to Oregon, since we are about as far away from the

[Washington] D.C. crowd as you can get. His presence shows his concern for the energy needs of our region."

Osanka discussed his concern that the energy shortage in California might be the status quo for Oregon as well this summer.

"I hope not," he said in a recent interview, "but I am afraid Oregon may be short on power [this] summer. In order to provide power to California, we had to draw down reservoirs. Less water in reservoirs means less convertible energy later, if the dry trend continues and the water isn't replaced."

Osanka reiterated that he was pleased that Secretary Abraham was in attendance.

"It gave us the chance to really buttonhole him," he said. "Here he's just been appointed; it's his first time away from the Beltway, and he chooses, of all places, Oregon. It makes a statement that he is committed to the energy crisis and what it may do to Oregon."

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