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THE TORCH



Friday, May 10, 2002

# Candidates review ballot measures

With May 13, 14, 15 ASLCC elections looming, presidential candidates comment on the five proposed ballot measures.

Derek Olson Managing Editor

If student voters pass all five measures on the ballot May 13-15, student fees will be raised from \$26.68 per credit student per term to \$32.56. The \$5.88

increase will support the following organizations. A brief comment from an ASLCC Presidential candidate is included.

# Student Health Services referendum

Student Health Services, located on LCC's main campus, provides a variety of medical services for credit students. At the current \$6 fee per student per term, nurse practitioners provide treatment for students at little or no cost, regardless of whether they have insurance.

Due to rising costs SHS is asking to raise its current funding to \$8 per term.

ASLCC Multicultural Coordinator

See pages 8, 9 & 10 for candidate profiles and presidential candidate Greg Dunkin says, "In a time when health care is scarce and expensive and students can't get the Oregon Health Plan, it is imperative that we have alter-

native options.

'I support a \$2 increase for the health services to help meet students' rising medical needs.'

#### ASLCC referendum

ASLCC wants to increase its basic operations budget by increasing its fee from \$5 per term to \$6. The increased revenue will go towards sponsoring the many student clubs and organizations like the Black Student Union and towards stipends for student staff employees.

ASLCC presidential candidate Britt McEachern says, "I think this is a good proposal because when the fee

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PHOTO BY BOB WATKINS

Front row left to right: Sarah Ross, John Mackwood, Skye MacIvor, Ann Green, Jan Brown, Gail Eisen; Dorothy Wearne. Back row left to right: Ed Robinson, Garth Rydstedt, Pete Peterson, Brian Peterson, Nathan Winkel, Shannon Browning, Priscilla Anderson and Richard Archambault.

# Torch wins at state competition

Repeating last year's accomplishment, the staff of this year's Torch garnered more awards than any Oregon community college newspaper in the annual collegiate competition sponsored by the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association.

Results of the 2001-2002 competition were announced at the May 4 ONPA Collegiate Day conference held at Oregon State University in Corvalis.

The ONPA honored The Torch with 19 individual and staff awards for news reporting, editorials, feature writing, news and sports photogra-

phy, graphics, sports writing, advertising and special series.

'It shows the range and the depth of talent on this student-run newspaper,' said news and editorial adviser Pete Peterson.

"Editor in Chief Skye MacIvor has recruited and coordinated a marvelous team. It's wonderful that Lane's student journalists get recognition for their earnest efforts to serve this campus."

MacIvor said, 'The staff really pulled together this year to cover big

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# **iFIESTA LATINA!**



Squeels, cheers and giggles filled the north walkway near the Center Building as Buena Vista Spanish Elementary School students— dressed as Puerta Ricans— took turns whacking a piñata on May 7. The LCC Zazil association, the Latino Student Union and the Black Student Union hosted events to celebrate a Fiesta Latina, from noon to 2 p.m. May 6 through May 10. Zazil President Johanna Field says the group's name means sunrise in the Aztec language.

PHOTOS BY NAOMI REICHMAN



# Program links minorities to LCC

Nicole Rudrud for The Torch

Gennaro Moore was one of the few black students at Elmira High School in Veneta.

Moore, a concert pianist, says he had troubles connecting with his white classmates.

But because he attended the LCC Rites of Passage program in 2000, he was able to relate to other students in a minority culture.

Since 1996, Rites of Passage has been available to sixth through 12th grade students of Lane County schools for four weeks during the summer on Lane's main campus.

Moore says, "Rites of Passage is a program where you can be yourself with people who are just like you, and it's about people who are just like you.

"it's designed to address many of the academic, cultural, career and social needs of minority students. In this college preparatory program the curriculum includes such topics as empowerment and life skills training, African and Asian American history, literature, traditions and folklore, as well as Tai Chi instruction.

With 10 African American staff and 28 Asian American staff and community pre-

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# THE

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# Ballot measures propose sensible student fee increases

Your fellow students want you to vote "Yes" on their pet measures.

I have a some advice. Four measures on your May 13, 14 and 15 ASLCC ballot ask students to voluntarily increase the mandatory student activity fee, currently \$26.68 per term. If all measures passed, the fee would grow by \$5.88 — to \$32.56.

Student Health Services needs \$2 to cover increased costs; ASLCC wants an additional \$1 for operation expenses and \$1.13 for an Oregon Student Association campus organizer to train senators; and after budget cuts The

operating expenses, production costs and student stipends. I've thought about pros and cons, and made up my mind:

I'll support every measure.

Torch needs \$1.75 to pay for

#### Here's why. Student Health Services

Students need health care.

Many do not have health insurance. But the LCC clinic offers

> free and low-cost health care, as well as workshops and screening clinics for allergy and asthma sufferers, and family planning counseling.

Skye Mac 9vor Editor in Chief

Commentary

A student covered by health insurance may not see the need for campus health services, and decide not to support increasing this fee. But for those of us vulnerable students without coverage,

this SHS increase is vital. I think increasing the fee from \$6 to \$8 is reasonable.

## **ASLCC** operations

ASLCC's request of \$1 to increase its operations budget is modest and justified. The money would increase the availability of funds to help fledgling clubs take off.

Currently, new clubs vie for small \$50 start-up budgets.

Money generated from the \$1 increase would increase support to these clubs.

The increase would also fund guest speakers and other campus events.

#### Campus organizer

ASLCC officers say it is difficult to constantly train and retain senators and interns. So they propose increasing the \$1.31 OSA membership fee to \$2.43 to hire through contract an OSA campus organizer who would teach senators and ASLCC interns communication, organization and leadership

Student government members advocate and educate for student rights, adequate state funding for education and preservation of financial aid programs; and they tackle campus issues such as the smoking policy, parking lot congestion and college budget processes.

It can be difficult to manage a student organization — I know. Students need direction and training, someone to push them a little further. If the under-paid ASLCC officers and senators want an organizer

The League of Women Voters will help student volunteers run polling stations in three locations May 13, 14 and 15: the cafeteria from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; the Building 1 lobby from 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; and the second floor of the Center Building from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Only main campus credit students are eligible to vote; they will need some form of photo I.D. and a print-out of their class schedules.

who will improve the operations of student government, I'll support their request.

However, of all the proposals, this was the most difficult for me to accept. It's hard to pay an outside organization to perform a task when so many college programs are being cut

#### The Torch

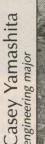
Speaking of cuts, the student paper needs money. During the LCC Board of Education's budget cutting process, The Torch managed see VOTE page 3

# The Pulse

"What would you do if you heard a discriminatory joke or remark on campus?"



"Ideally, if I did what I wanted to, I'd say something — object to it. But in reality I just usually repress that and walk away."





"If it was funny I'd probably laugh with it. But if it offended me I'd probably either say something, or show my disgust about the comment."



"Actually, I've heard [remarks/jokes] on other campuses. Depending on who it was toward I would let them know that it's not very cool to do that."



"I'd probably say that that's not very nice. I probably wouldn't push it too far.'



"I think it would depend where it was coming from. If it's in a classroom, then I would have to make a formal complaint if the teacher didn't back me up."

Samuel Lopez



I would try to confront the person. ... [I'd ask] 'Why? What's the point? What do you get out of that?""



"I would tell them what I thought about it, which would probably be contradictory to a discriminatory belief that they have."



"I hear many of those jokes. Especially stereotypes people have for my country, I'm from Colombia. I usually tell people why they are wrong."

Compiled by Skye MacIvor Photos by Naomi Reichman

## Vote yes for OSA Organizer

I have lived in Oregon for seven years now and have realized, especially within Lane County, that there is really very little diversity as opposed to other places.

For this reason, I feel that Lane has been right on track when organizing and celebrating the diversity that exists at our learning institution. I feel that my education and life in general has been enhanced by the diversity in race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation and gender that are a part of my everyday surroundings at LCC.

This month, many of my peers here at LCC will have the opportunity to show support in celebrating diversity by utilizing the ballot measure that would ensure an Oregon Student Association campus organizer.

Supported by Oregon students across the state, OSA is committed to ensuring that quality education and a diverse campus will remain, and thus provide the best learning environment for all students. OSA works to retain and recruit diverse faculty and maintain a discrimination-free atmosphere.

In 1997, the OSA established the Oregon Students of Color Coalition, and in 2001 it founded the Oregon Statewide Student Equal Rights Alliance.

I feel that the ballot measure supporting an OSA Campus Organizer at LCC is very important. By voting "Yes" we are ensuring that we will have the leadership needed to take larger steps in the future towards celebrating diversity.

Vote "Yes" for OSA and help strengthen LCC's Diversity.

Chris Cummings

# Support the OSA

As Oregon faces a tight budget next legislative session, it is important that students organize to inform legislators that an investment in our education today is critical to ensure a healthy long-term social and economic outlook for Oregon.

Despite a sharp decline in

the crime rate in the last decade, both the cost and scope of Oregon's criminal justice system is increasing at an alarming rate. The State of Oregon has nearly tripled the funding for correction since 1993. Oregon was ranked sixth for growth in prison spending per capita from 1980-2000.

During the same time period, the proportion of the Oregon state budget spent on higher education dropped from 14.9 percent to 7.7 percent. Nationally, Oregon ranked 36th for higher education spending per capita in 2000.

At the forefront of the movement for a change in funding disparities is the Oregon Student Association. OSA has launched a campaign on education, not incarceration to inform the legislature of the wishes of the students of Oregon. A priority for the next legislative session, students statewide already have experience working on the Higher Education Act Drug Provision and racial profiling as pieces of the overall campaign.

Oregon is at a pivotal point in shaping the future of our public university and college systems. It is critical that legislators prioritize public post-secondary education as a key service in securing Oregon's long-term success. The OSA is working to make sure that our education is on the minds of everyone in Salem. Support a strong college and university system in Oregon, vote "Yes" to OSA on the ballot.

Charles R Hoffman ASLCC Senator/ Presidential Candidate

Editors Note: The OSA proposal is for a campus organizer who will educate LCC senators in preparation for speaking with legislators in Salem.

Voting no for the measure would nor end ASLCC's membership with OSA.

# Stein focuses on education

As we look ahead to the primary election, the race for Democratic candidate for governor is a dead heat. In addition, the outcome will probably be decided in Lane County. Now more than ever, every vote counts.

The students of this school must make a decision that will affect our educational system for years to come. With our

massive budget cuts, many people have lost their classes, and many others have lost their jobs. We need a governor who will restore the quality of schools.

Bev Stein is the clear choice for the people of the state. While all of the Democratic candidates have stated their plans for our educational system, what distinguishes Stein is her focus on the entire educational spectrum, rather than solely concentrating on K-12.

In addition, Stein wants to increase 'sin taxes,' currently the lowest in the country, to create stable funding for our schools. She also wants to expand SMART, a program with the goal of teaching young students to improve their reading skills

Stein is also the only candidate that supports a lower utility rate for educational institutions. Schools are currently paying millions more for utilities because they pay the same amount as businesses.

I spoke with over 500 students last week, and I heard a common belief that one vote doesn't matter, but I assure you it does.

In this close election, even a few votes can change the outcome. Let's make the right choice and cast these votes for Bev Stein.

Britt McEachern

# Vote for OSPIRG

OSPIRG plays a central role in representing the public interest on issues such as the environment, consumer protection, and higher education.

OSPIRG stands for a simple principle: that students are citizens. As citizens, we have both a right and a responsibility to take action on the problems that affect our community, our state and our world.

Through OSPIRG, students and their professional staff have done just that. These efforts have had real results. Thanks to the expertise of its staff, OSPIRG protected 58.5 million acres of National Forests; they stopped an industry-led attack on the laws that protect Oregon's waterways.

The banking industry lobbies every year to raise interest rates on student loans, so OSPIRQ has teamed with other state and national groups and

restored \$30 billion in financial aid that had been slated for cuts. Bank and credit card companies have less freedom to take advantage of innocent consumers thanks to OSPIRG's work to blow the whistle on consumer scams and rip-offs.

Oregon is still facing big problems. The Willamette and the Columbia (Rivers) are two of the most polluted rivers in the country. Students and other consumers are still victimized by unscrupulous practices such as ATM surcharges. Special interests wield unprecedented power in Salem and Washington, D.C., diminishing the voice of the average citizens and especially those of students.

Water pollution, toxic waste, consumer rip-offs, and the corruption of our democracy are not confined to the Lane Community College campus, nor can they be solved by Lane Community College students alone. OSPIRG is unique in that it gives Lane students the ability to work closely with the professional staff that work around the clock on these problems all across the state. Students should vote to pool the resources of their student fee and fund OSPIRG to solve the problems that Oregon faces.

We, the undersigned, enthusiastically endorse the referenda proposal of the OSPIRO chapter at Lane Community College.

Steve Candee, Political Science

And 25 other Faculty/Staff members

Jennifer Gainer, ASLCC president

# Susan Castillo for Superintendent

I was glad to see that The Register Quard had the wisdom to endorse Susan Castillo as the most qualified candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction. As its endorsement pointed out, Castillo is well-known and well-respected in this area because of her past media experience and her past service in Salem representing the people of this area.

Rob Kremer, who is being supported by Bill Sizemore, is using a computerized phone message to falsely state that Castillo is a member of the extreme left. Castillo is NOT an extreme anything!

As a person who has spent most of my working career in the field of education, and who presently represents
Springfield on the LCC Board of Education, I know that
Castillo is a supporter of public education and that Kremer is not.

Our schools are all facing the necessity of making major cuts due in large part to the efforts of Bill Sizemore and his supporters.

To me, the race represents a clear and stark choice: If you want your schools to have their budgets cut further, then vote for Kremer, the Sizemore clone. However, if you value education and recognize the importance of public education to your children and to the economy of the State of Oregon, then vote for Susan Castillo.

Dennis Shine LCC Board of Education member

# Vote yes for OSPIRG

I'm tired of reading about how the Bush administration is re-writing our environmental laws. I'm tired of people wanting access to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drill for six months' worth of oil. I'm tired of a polluted Willamette.

We need to protect our environment, and I'm tired of it all.

I do have hope, and that's why I am voting "Yes" for OSPIRQ this May 13, 14 and 15. We need someone to stand up for our rivers, forests, critters and air. OSPIRQ stands up against polluting special interests and gets results.

OSPIRG helped to protect nearly two million acres of National Forests, including thousands of acres in the Willamette National Forest. OSPIRG stopped an illegal water polluter in Eugene, and held one of the Willamette's biggest polluters accountable to their clean water permit.

They can and will do more – but we at Lane have to give them our support. And all we have to do is vote – our couple of bucks mean a big difference in the effort to save forests and clean up our air and water. Vote "Yes" for OSPIRG.

Tom Tirkel

# Mackworld

The last week of May:

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 is a holiday. It's coming up very soon. There will be no class; stay at home and study, or go for a picnic. Have potato-pea salad, potato chips and cookies, also some pop. It's a free world. Have a good time.

My own self, I'm working on my education. I will stay home and do a lot of book reading over the three day holiday.

Also, Thursday, May 30, will be the last Torch paper for the year. It will be open next fall in September.

Graduation day is also coming up soon. Students will celebrate.

I fell asleep in church while the pastor talked too much. I was very tired, but I love God and go to church every Sunday. I'll sleep again.



Columnist

Editors note:

home.'

John Mackwood is a special needs student on loan to The Torch from the LCC Downtown Center office of Adult Basic and Secondary Education.

Sleep deep, sleep — I feel like going to

Every night is not good. You lie in bed

It will be a nice day. I'd like to play golf

it's my favorite sport — I'd like to play

bed. If you sleep on the job, the boss will

throw water on your face and say, "Go

and talk to yourself, stare at the wall -

maybe you'll have a wife soon.

it all day long in the summer.

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to retain only 46 percent of its current budget. The obvious place to whack was advisers' hours, student stipends and the production budget.

While we cannot restore advisers hours, we ask students to help us supplement the production budget and give student editors a slight increase in their stipends.

Implementing a raise would take 5 cents out of the \$1.75 The Torch is requesting.

Supporting all measures is a small chunk of

change. Give up a matinee, bring a sack lunch—it's just \$5.88 to support Student Health Services, ASLCC and The Torch.

I also support reaffirming OSPIRG's agenda (\$2.25 per student per term) for another three years. It's a valuable organization that trains students to advocate for consumer rights and environmental protection.

Please read, think, consider your personal interests and the needs of LCC students in general, then vote.

# New LCC Foundation director changes approach to fundraising



PHOTO BY NAOMI REICHMAN **New LCC Foundation director** Janet Anderson is raising money to help with the budget crisis

Peggy Morgan

Janet Anderson, a former LCC athletic trainer, has returned to the school as the director of the LCC Foundation.

Anderson was hired as a replacement for Joe Farmer, who served as foundation director from 1988 until his retirement in December 2001.

Anderson spent seven years working with LCC sports teams. During that time she organized international track and field exchanges between the NWAACC and the former Soviet Union.

We practiced and played," says Anderson. "It was an afternoon, evening and weekend job. So I had all this time during the day to volunteer. I started getting involved with non-profit (organizations) and learning about fund-raising and non-profit administration."

After leaving the college, Anderson became the co-director of Women's Space, a shelter for victims of domestic violence. Later, she worked to raise funds for United

Although fund-raising for the school has a different set of challenges from soliciting donations for a non-profit organization, Anderson says she's confident and enthusiastic about her position.

"I've always really loved LCC, and I think that the faculty here is fabulous and the programs here are wonderful.

'So it's really easy to raise money for something that I feel so passionately about." Anderson says that the college can expect a lot of support from the community.

During the recent budget cuts, several programs escaped the ax by agreeing to become self-supporting, which means they can use LCC facilities but will not receive any funding from the school's general fund. Rather, they will rely on donations from

"I've been joking with people about the budget cuts and saying, 'At least I don't have to establish need," Anderson says. "Everybody in the community knows there's need at LCC, and a lot of people love LCC. I see my job as finding our best friends, and giving them the opportunity to invest in our future.

In the past Anderson has been involved in annual fund-raising, asking people for larger one-time donations. Now, she'll focus on capital campaigns.

Office Support Specialist Ella Crow says, 'It's a big change from the previous director. In the past the foundation was just for scholarships. Now it's being asked to help fund programs and equipment.

'I think that Lane Community College has been in the shadows of the university as far as fund-raising," says Anderson. "I think that people take LCC for granted in some ways. I would like to tell the LCC story more strongly and passionately."

The LCC Foundation is planning to hold a golf tournament at the Eugene Country Club on Sept. 9, the proceeds going towards funding programs, student loans, scholarships

Anyone interested in volunteering or registering for the tournament should call Ella Crow at 463-5135.

# Annual Take Back the Night Rally raises awareness of violence and sexual assault

Hourieh Khalil for The Torch

On May 15, sexual assault victims and their advocates will take a stand against violence at Eugene's annual Take Back the Night march and rally.

At the EMU Amphitheatre at the University of Oregon music will be played at 5 p.m. before the rally starts at 6:30 p.m. Around 8 p.m. a march will travel downtown Eugene to the corner of 8th and Oak. Then it's an open mic session, during which interested people can speak on the topic of violence towards women.

For the hearing impaired there will be a sign language their kids if they think it's appropriate.

Five-hundred protested last year for the one in every three girls and one in five boys world wide who are sexually abused before age 18, and for the women who are sexually assaulted every two minutes in the U.S.

Heather Mitchell, events coordinator at the ASUO Women's Center says, "The Take Back the Night ceremony is a really important opportunity to educate women, especially college women."

Take Back the Night is an international rally and march

interpreter. Parents can bring organized in local communities and marches began in England with the purpose of unifying women, men and children in an awareness of violence against women, children and families.

The fact is that sexual abuse is the fastest growing felony in the U.S., says Lauren Cullop a bilingual advoçate for Sexual Assault Support Services. She says one in four women are survivors of rape or attempted rape, and 85 percent of the survivors knew their offenders.

Michelle Nanoguerra, SASS community coordinator says, the rally is 'an opportunity to be active, and give a voice to the issue so it can end."

Take Back the Night rallies

as a protest against the fear that women encountered walking the streets at night. The first Take Back the Night in the U.S. occurred in San Francisco in

The list below are Take Back the Night event ideas, excerpted from "Take Back the Night Resources" put together by the Women's Affair Commission of the Student Senate at Ohio University.

1. Purple is the color that signifies support for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Tie a purple ribbon to your car, your head, your clothing, etc.

2. Hold a candlelight vigil or

3. Write letters to the editor and/or hold press conferences.

4. Create and display a banner or artwork created by sur-

5. Hold an open forum meeting or speak-out. Launch town meetings to continue throughout the year.

6. Hold an open house or neighborhood block event.

7. Plant trees in a public space and dedicate them to survivors of sexual assault.

The crisis and support line is 343-7277, it's available 24 hours a day. The toll free number in Oregon is 1-800-788-

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budget cuts. It's gratifying to receive recognition for our

ONPA judges evaluated close to 600 entries from 18 four and two-year college newspapers in the state, separated into three categories: Four-year college dailies; four-year weeklies, and two-year weeklies and bi-monthlies.

In the community college division, the ONPA judges acknowledged The Torch, as

#### Eight First-Place Awards

· Best News Story - Sarah Ross, for a story about the proposed 30th Avenue and McVey Highway National Guard Armory, published spring 2001;

• Best Series — To staff writers and photographers for coverage of the 2002-2003 proposed budget cuts to LCC's programs, classes and person-

· Best Spot News Photo -Kira Davis, for 'Cleved Truck,' a dramatic shot of a 30th Avenue two-car collision that resulted in the death of an LCC student;

· Best Feature Story — Gail Eisen, for a personality profile artist and Computer

issues like the college-wide Information Technology instructor Jerry Ross;

• Best Special Section — To 14 writers who researched stories about inexpensive and unusual winter holiday gifts;

· Best Review - Melissa Vandever, for Yummy for your tummy," a restaurant review of Eugene's Cafe Yum;

· Best Sports Photo — Collin Andrew, for a mid-air shot of Titan basketball player Lindsay Admire;

· Best Graphic — Hanif Panni, for his illustration of Anne Green's story about an LCC class in ghost story writing;

#### Seven Second-Place Finishes

• Best Writing — Sarah Ross for a profile for Black History month, a story on international student Visas and a story about the faculty union contract nego-

· Best Series — To staff writers, photographers, illustrators and page designers for their series on Black History Month;

· Best Editorial - Skye MacIvor, for 'Lane shouldn't be a 'Discount Education' experience.'

· Best Sports Photo — Collin Andrew, for 'Bicycle Kick,' a shot of soccer player Dylan Kiefer kicking the ball in a nearly horizontal layout;

· Best Sports Story — Laura Martyn, for her report, "Lady Titans lose game but gain an injured player;"

Best Advertising Series — Priscilla Anderson, for several Professional Bartending School ads titled, "School of Hard

· Best House Advertisement - Shannon Browning, for her ad recruiting new Torch staff members, 'You don't have to live here ... but bring your mug."

#### Four Honorable Mentions

· Best Writing — Jenni Schultz, for a story about smoking policies on campus, coverage of the budget cuts and a report on a student jumper;

· Best Graphic - Hanif Panni, for his illustration of Sarah Ross' feature about a black family growing up in 1940s and '50s Eugene;

· Best House Ad — Shannon Browning, for her Torch ad alerting readers that 'LCC's budget cuts will kill us;"

· College Ad of the Year — Again, Browning's "LCC budget cuts will kill us," which was also published in the Eugene

# Ex-Blazers come to campus

A team of former Portland Trail Blazer players will be playing on LCC's main campus Saturday, May 11.

For anyone lamenting the abrupt end to the Portland Trail Blazer's post-season play this year, or for those who were around when the Blazers took the NBA title in 1976, this Saturday, May 11, is a day you won't want to miss.

Bobby Former Blazers Gross, Greg Smith, LeRoy Ellis,

Larry Steele, Darrall Imhoff, Shaler Halimon, Darnell Valentine, Michael Harper and Dale Schlueter will be joined by retired NBA players Mark Radford and Nick Jones when they play a team of local firefighters on LCC's main campus at 4 p.m.

The event is a fundraiser for the Lane County chapter of the American Red Cross.

"We chose (to play) the firefighters because we work very closely with them," says Chuck Hammonds, financial development director of the Lane County chapter of the Red Cross. "When we get to the scene of a disaster they're always there."

The Red Cross and other local charities are in a financial pinch in the wake of 11, says September Hammonds. "Our donors are tapped-out."

All the money raised at the basketball game will go to local

In addition to disaster relief, the Red Cross supports local volunteer programs like Mealson-Wheels, provides first aid service teams for large events, and monitors the nutrition of meals and snacks in local day care centers.

Imhoff, who played for the Blazers from 1971-'72 and now lives in Eugene, says, "Most of the guys on the team are from the old school. They didn't make a lot of money in the league but they want to give back.

He says the team plays for fun these days, but "the gladiator still comes out if someone's got something to prove."

Half-time will feature a sports memorabilia auction and a half-court shot contest. There will be time for pictures and autogrpahs with the play-

Tickets cost \$7 at the door. A limited number of free tickets are still available for LCC students. Contact Brent Ellison at 463-5293, or stop into the Physical Education Office in Room 204 of Building 5 for information about free tickets.

# CINCO DE MAYO



Fiesta Latina was in full swing even on Sunday afternoon under the Jefferson-Washington bridge this last weekend. Two dancers groove to the music by Caliente, bringing the celebration to a close.

# **Employers will** recruit students at Career Fair

Sarah Carter

Students will have an opportunity to meet with more than 60 prospective employers at this year's Lane Career Fair, on Wednesday, May 15. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the cafeteria, employers will share information about jobs — from entry level positions to career opportuni-

Students will be able to talk to a wide range of companies and agencies, like Costco, The Federal Bureau of Prisons, services of the U.S. military, and Association of Court Reporting. This is the

15th year LCC's Career Employment Services Office has hosted the career fair, says job placement advisor Gee McKeegan.

There has always been a positive response to this fair from both employers and stu-

The Work Force Network office will also be offering free workshops in May for students about interviewing, job search strategies, resume writing and computer skills.

For more information about the career fair or the workshops, call Career and Employment Services at Lane, 463-5167.



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# Children, families lose crucial ally in fight against drug abuse

The proposed elimination of LCC's Chemical Dependency Counselor training program may reduce availability of services in Lane county.

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Ruth Bichsel,

LCC Chemical Dependency Instructor.

Tesslynn was only two-and-a-half when it started. Her mother's boyfriend would cook up meth with a small blow torch and be high for days.

He didn't care who saw him slap the little girl's face or drag her by the hair. And that was just the beginning. Tesslynn cried in the bedroom for hours while drug parties went on in the next room. He never let anyone help her.

And no one did.

Six months later, the autopsy reported Tesslynn's cause of death as battered child syndrome. In February 2002, the Oregon Supreme Court affirmed the death sentence for Jesse Caleb Compton, agreeing with the decision of the jury that he was guilty of aggravated murder, murder by abuse,

two counts of sexual penetration in the first degree, and one count of abuse of a corpse in the second degree.

The Department of Human Services says alcohol and drug abuse play a significant role in 38.5 percent of all proven child abuse cases in 2000. Alcohol or drugs was a factor in one-third of the child fatalities caused by neglect according to abuse reports.

At a time when Lane County statistics show the heavy price children and families pay with drug and

alcohol abuse, LCC is eliminating its Chemical Dependency Counselor Training Program, effective June 2003. It is one of many programs the college is eliminating or reducing in its effort to trim \$7.25 million from next year's budget.

LCC's program is only one of four in the country with a perinatal concentration option. Students who choose this option not only learn how to treat alcohol and drug addicted mothers, but also how to treat children who are born drugaddicted and children born into families affected by drugs, who struggle with problems like attachment disorder, poor bonding and poor socialization.

"My concern is for the children .... The major problem facing families of abuse and neglect (is), number one, drugs and alcohol," says Ruth Bichsel, LCC chemical dependency instructor.

"Because we have so much intergenerational drug abuse in Lane County, the only way we can stop it is if we can get to these children," says Bichsel. "It is a whole lot cheaper to do prevention than it is to do prisons."

Between 1996 and 2001 the program graduated 110 students, and according to the program's statistics, more than half were hired before they even finished their classes. Chemical dependency counselors must be licensed by the state, and LCC is the only licensing program south of Portland.

With the high rate of unemployment and the high rate of drug use already here, we are just keeping a handle on the problem, says Bichsel. "If we are going to keep this society from collapsing on itself, we can't take drug treatment away."

Losing this program, she says, "is

Between 1995 and 1999, alcohol and drug abuse for men in Oregon increased 177.6 percent, while female alcohol and drug abuse increased 457.1 percent according to research done by the Department of Human Services. Methamphetamine abuse/dependence was up by 416.7 percent.

Close to 70 percent of women arrested for any crime in Portland in 1999 tested positive for drugs at the time of their arrest, in data collected from the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse.

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is the number one cause of mental retardation in the U.S., says Bichsel. Any drinking while pregnant can cause problems

> "Once you know you are pregnant, do not drink. But if you're an addict, you can't just say 'No.' People need treatment to help stop," says Bichsel. "You have to treat the mom in order to save the children."

Students graduating from the Chemical Dependency Program are trained to meet the community's need. They complete 150 class hours, as well as 600 clinical hours before they can be certified and licensed by the

"What a loss for us," says Janese Olalde, program director for Springfield ACES, an alcohol and drug

treatment center. The students are "dedicated professionals. It will affect more than just the students, but the community as well."

For Marcy Nichols, now a counselor at ACES after interning there during her course work, the LCC program was powerful because of the level of knowledge and counseling skills she gained, learning to understand addictive behavior, and especially the role-playing in class

"The internship really helped prove myself," says Nichols. Bonding with other students in the program and practice groups provided her with the confidence that she could handle any situation that came up at work.

Another graduate, Michael Wright, is program director for the Corrections and Drug Court in Douglas

The ability to change and (adapt to) changes in the field is key to the program (at LCC)," says Wright. Most of what he learned during the program was transferable to his job. He considers LCC to have one of the best programs in the country, and he has hired many graduates from the program to be coun-

He says they have few ethical problems, stay longer and get better responses from clients than many counselors with more education. There is less burn-out because they know what to expect.

"Why you would cut a program where there is a high community need... where graduates are hired even before they finish their coursework— it just doesn't make a lot of sense," says Bichsel.

Steve John interim associate vice

president for instruction was on the executive team that evaluated and recommended programs to be cut or reduced and says cutting the Chemical Dependency Program was a difficult

But he adds, "It (was) necessary, given the financial situa-

license they must have a degree.

Bichsel says she has not been contacted by the administration but says she would be happy to assist them in developing options "to deal with budget problems and still retain this very valid program."

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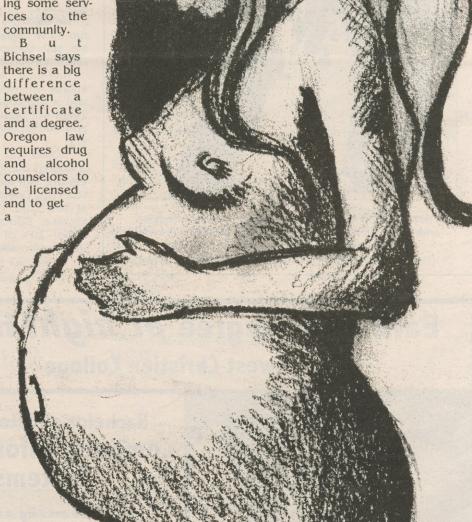
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# Why not try St. John's Wort for those budget crisis blues?

L. A. Birch

Q: What is St. John's Wort and what is it good for?

A: If you are experiencing stress, mild or "episodic" depression - your class, department or future just got cancelled, for example, and you need to cope - St. John's Wort may be your ally. Sufferers of chronic or severe depression are usually dissatisfied with the results of taking this herb, but it's still worth trying. Remember, too, that there are many ways to deal with mood swings using diet, exercise, meditation, etc., besides "taking something."

St. John's Wort's botanical name is Hypericum perforatum. It is a European, non-native perennial that prefers full sun and disturbed areas, especially clear cuts. Hypericum is particularly invasive in the Klamath Basin region where it is commonly called Klamath Weed and Goat's Weed.

When in bloom, St. John's Wort displays several, small, bright-yellow flowers. When you find the plant flowering, ask it nicely if you can pick a flower. If you are allowed, select one and then crush it between your fingers. Hypericin, one of the active ingredients in St. John's Wort, will be released, leaving a surprising, dark red stain on your skin.

Another field characteristic of this herb can be found in the leaves. Gently pull one off, muttering apologies. Now, hold the leaf up between you and the sky. You should see little "windows" or perforations (hence the specific epithet "perforatum"), which are actually glands.

According to the year 1900 Manual of Therapeutics published by Parke, Davis and Co., "Johnswort" was employed as a "(r)eputed diuretic, astringent, and sedative. Highly esteemed in affections of the urinary passages, and used in hot infusion as an emmenagogue." (A side note: If you like adjectives and

terminology, herbalsk the Herbalist egory

for you.) Here's a quick primer: diuretics stimulate urine production; astringents, like lemons and red wine, shrink and tone tissues; an emmenagogue promotes menstruation; a hot infusion means a cup of hot tea. All of these historical

uses are still appropriate today.

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Although its sedative properties were mentioned back then, St. John's Wort was not prescribed as the panacea for blue-moods during the early 1900's. In today's product-conscious world, however, major shelf space is devoted to herbal supplements containing extracts of St. John's Wort for depression. Times have changed, even though the herb has stayed the same.

St. John's Wort is best picked fresh

and immediately processed. Select only the flowering tops with some leaves. A few seedheads are okay. Make sure you know without a doubt that you are harvesting the right plant! And, when buying this herb in supplements, choose only whole plant, fresh preparations.

St. John's Wort belongs to a large

herbs called which treat the nervous system, either by supporting it, stimulating it, or suppressing it in some way. Sciatica, neuralgia, headaches, and nerve injury can all be helped by internal, external or both types of applications of fresh St. John's

Wort, in tea, tincture or oil. According to Michael Tierra, other uses for St. John's Wort include: a dressing for minor burns and wounds, sprains, strains and bruises, insomnia, chronic fatigue, as a liver stimulant and as an anti-viral, particularly for HIV, herpes and Epstein-Barr.

#### Contraindications

Common sense suggests that you discuss using this herb with your health care practitioner, especially if you are already taking over-the-counter or prescription medications. While St. John's Wort can be taken safely internally for relatively long periods of time (a month or more), there are contraindications.

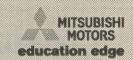
Prolonged use of concentrated preparations of St. John's Wort can result in a photosensitivity reaction. The skin can turn red, develop a rash, or even blister. Though rare, this can occur in fairskinned folks downing large or concentrated amounts.

St. John's Wort contains Mono-Amine-Oxidase inhibitors. MAO is an enzyme that helps break down neurotransmitters, hormones and other substances. If MAO is inhibited, those chemicals can linger longer in places like the blood and brain.

If you have a condition where MAOinhibition could be a problem, or if you are already taking MAO-inhibiting substances, an unwanted, synergistic effect could take place between St. John's Wort and your prescription.

HIV-positive individuals can benefit from using St. John's Wort as part of their anti-viral therapy. However, because St. John's Wort is also a liver stimulant, and since the liver filters our blood, taking St. John's Wort in conjunction with other anti-viral drugs may cause those medications to be processed differently which could interfere with their effectiveness.

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# Presidential Ticket Candidates

"I'm tired of watching the people who

make decisions that affect our lives not be

held accountable for their decisions," says

ASLCC presidential candidate Gregory

community. I'd like to have the opportunity

to use the skills I've learned to better LCC."

ing with the NAACP when he was a sopho-

more in high school. "I have continued this

work through the Oregon Students of Color

Coalition and through (LCC's) student gov-

ernment. I have worked to protect civil

rights, honor diversity and educate people

Walker's racial profiling data collection bill.

LCC parking, the financial aid process, a

student emergency loan for small school-

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Board of Education for the student body,

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He says the role of student government

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Last year he lobbied in support of Vicki

If elected, Dunkin pledges to work on

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"I've done a lot of unity work in the

Dunkin started as a student activist work-

Dunkin, engineering major.



Greg Dunkin Running for President

Students should come to ASLCC if they have questions about campus policies, trouble with faculty members or concerns about a campus issue, says Dunkin. "(ASLCC) will advocate for the students."

During the 2002-2003 state legislative session, he plans to "educate and mobilize students at the capitol in support of proeducation legislation."

He says a possible November 2002 ballot measure he opposes is the Oregon Citizens Alliance's initiative which states, "(S)exual orientation shall not be taught in Oregon public schools in a manner that would express approval of, promote or endorse the behaviors of homosexuality or bisexuality."

He says the ballot measure is a clone of the failed November 2000 measure nine. "The only reason it didn't pass was because the students voted against it," says Dunkin. "Student electoral power is the strongest force at the capitol. I plan to strengthen and unify that force."

His hometown is Eugene. "I don't have any free time." Most of it is spent trying to do homework, and recruiting for OSCC, ASLCC, the Latino Student Union, the Asian and Pacific Islander Student Association and the Oregon Sudden Association. "Every now and then I'll play basketball and go dancing."



Shanna Elliott Running for Vice President

☐ "Before I got involved with student government I didn't know what was going on, and I didn't care," says ASLCC vice presidential candidate Shanna Elliott, elementary education major.

Now she wants to get involved with the decision-making process and work on the "accountability of the administration and LCC's Board of Education because I feel they make some decisions that aren't the best.

"Being a vice-president is a huge responsibility," says Elliott, but one she knows she can handle.

She ran the photo I.D. office until ASLCC turned the program over to Students First!, and then filled the ASLCC office administrator position. She says she's helped make signs and flyers, plan the gubernatorial debate forum and reception, and worked with ASLCC Secretary Bette Dorris, as well as with Student Life and Leadership Development, formerly Student Activities.

"I've done a little bit of everyhing."

If elected, Elliott pledges to work on parking, the financial aid process, a student emergency loan for small school-related expenses, protecting the Child Care Block Grant, establishing emergency call boxes around campus, and repealing the higher education drug provision.

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She does think student government could better inform students about the big issues.

But she says "student government is very strong. ... (during visits to the Oregon Legislature) Lane is well-represented." During the last special session she says Lane had 14 student representatives whereas some community colleges had only

During the 2002-2003 legislative session, she plans on organizing further trips to Salem to "let them know our votes count. Once they see that we're voting, they'll take our issues more seriously. We need to be strong and let them know what we'll stand up and fight for."

She has already advocated to keep the Oregon Opportunity and Child Care Block grants.

Elliott claims both Alton, Mo., and Eugene, Ore., as her hometowns. She likes photography, cooking, skiing/snow boarding, skydiving, making photo albums of her kids, target practicing and camping.

# Presidential Ticket Candidates

☐ "As a member of the student body at Lane, I take an active role in addressing the needs and wants of the student," says presidential candidate Charles Hoffman, chemical dependency counseling program.

"I work with students one-on-one to help them find scholarship funding to continue their education. I help new students and those who are confused through the registration process and the process of getting financial aid. My office is open to ALL who seek me and I have always found time to help those who need it or time just to listen to those who need a place to vent."

He says he would bring honesty, respect and compassion to the ASLCC presidency.

Hoffman is currently an ASLCC senator and says this experience has prepared him for the role of ASLCC president.

"I introduced and organized the Hour of Action campaign for the student walk-out during the first of the many budget cut meetings. I have fought and am still fighting to save all the proposed program cuts from occurring."

He works with LCC's Queer Straight Alliance and the Black Student Union to "ensure that all members of our community are treated fairly and with respect."

He currently sits on search committees that are seeking applicants for the vice president of instruction and the director of financial aid openings.

"I work closely with faculty members to help ensure that they are allowed to teach in an environment free of censorship and bias; to protect the rights of the members of our faculty, staff and student body."

He says he has met with state representa-

tives in Salem to lobby them for funding for the K-12 schools. "I am a member of the Oregon Student Association and have attended many forums and seminars throughout the year to bring back knowledge on ballot measures and legislation that directly effect the student body of Lane.

Charles Hoffman

Running for

President

"I have lobbied Salem to grant more funding availability to those on the Oregon Health plan to receive help with problems in their lives."

Hofffman works to "help those less fortunate than myself and to attempt to make a difference in the world in which my children live."

In his spare time he works as the player agent for the Emerald Valley Little League and is one of its founders. "I have been a coach for Kidsports for six years and have served on the Kidsports foundation scholarship committee and fund raising board."

He is the father of five and maintains a 4.0 grade point average and membership in the Phi Theta Kappa honors society.

"First and foremost I am a father and husband, for without my family I am not a complete person

"My wife and I work very hard to teach our children the value of human life."



Shannon Pauley Running for Vice President

☐ "I'm running for the students," says ASLCC vice-presidential candidate Shannon Pauley, pre-veterinary major. "I will represent the students to the best of my abilities."

She says when she started at Lane, "Everyone was helpful, but never had the same information."

She wants to make sure the rights of students are protected and that they have the right information about financial aid processes, pass/no pass grading options, and other processes new students encounter.

Winter term, she started as a cooperative education student, and is the personal assistant to current Vice-President Kapone Summerfield.

While in the work force, Pauley has managed businesses. "I have a lot of advice and practical experience."

She says she knows how to delegate and makes sure she is never too busy to listen.

If elected, she will work for state financial aid funding, a "transpar-

ent" college budget process, and to facilitate more student participation in college decision-making processes.

She and her running-mate Hoffman have a three-fold plan including accountability, responsibility and accessibility. These categories include working to hold the faculty, administration and support staff of the college accountable to the shared governance concept, outlined in the college's policies and procedures manual; working to make the learning environment non-biased and non-discriminatory so all members of the LCC community are treated with respect and fairness; and working to make the offices of the ASLCC president and vice president, senators and ASLCC representatives accessible to all students.

Pauley says, "Lane is strong," citing the common belief that LCC is one of the top ten community colleges in the nation. She would like to add to the legacy.

Pauley is originally from Cleveland, Ohio. She spends free time with her daughter and friends. She loves the ocean and likes knowing snow is only an hour away. To express her artistic side, she carves stone. She volunteers for Greenhill Humane Society and is helping to coordinate funding for a new shelter.

# Candidate Profiles

# Presidential **Ticket** Candidates

☐ "The school has gone

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McEachern says he has urged

the Eugene City Council, state rep-

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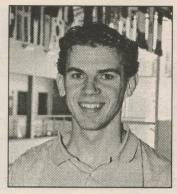
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He says he sees the role of student government "mostly as educating students and getting (them) involved."

He says he spoke with hundreds of students last week, and "that most of them don't think they have an effect" in the political process.

During the 2002-3003 legislative session, McEachern plans to go to Salem "as often as I can with as many students as I can gather. I will try to speak with every legislator and tell my viewpoints of why they should vote in favor of educa-

He will also try to get the attention of the new Oregon governor. "I believe whoever it is will be pro-

McEachern's home town is San Francisco, Calif. He enjoys politics, reading, writing and "every outdoor activity imaginable."

And he "loves talking to peo-



Kari Issacson, Running for Vice Presiden

"I am running for the office of vice president because I believe that the persons who will hold the executive seats next year will have the ability to reduce the amount of cuts toward the community colleges, most specifically LCC," says Kari Isaacson.

She says her work with the Lane County Democratic Party has established "a network of close friends and colleagues in the Democratic Party of Lane County. Those friends have become the backbone of the representation of Lane County in the Legislature."

Over the past year, Isaacson has served as a staff member for the Beverly Stein for Governor Campaign. "My husband will be on her staff as a contact between the community colleges and the Governor's office, allowing LCC access to the governor and essentially the budgetary issues in a way never before held by the president and

vice-president of ASLCC."

If elected next year, Isaacson will make work in Salem her top priority.

But having that the priority is of little use without a president and vice president who already have the established contacts in the Oregon House Representatives, Senate, governor('s office) and city council to carry LCC's message. Britt and I are

the candidates with that experience and (those) connections."

She won't forget the itself school though. 'Campus issues are very important to me and I think that while work on the budget in Salem is important, it cannot completely take from our goals here at LCC."

Isaacson says the vice president sits on hiring committees during his or her tenure. She says she will help make hiring decisions that provide "a more inspiring, intelligent and diverse faculty that focuses on making LCC a fun and mentally stimulating experience."

She will also make sure "that the administration hears the voice of the students every time a decision is made on any level, and work with them to write sensible and effective public policy that helps the most while disenfranchising the least amount of students.

Isaacson says the role of student government is to "harness the raw feelings and emotions of the student body and translate that into effective policy with all other government bodies that interact with LCC on a regular basis. This includes everyone from the LCC administration to the governor of Oregon."

She will achieve this through "effective communication" between students and ASLCC.

She will make ASLCC accessible "to answer questions and concerns."

She would like to hold "town hall sessions twice a year" with the full senate to "create a working relationship which we can build on."

During the 2002-2003 legislative session, she has "serious plans for Salem which will only work if we're elected. By using the contacts established by our team of friends and colleagues in the Legislature as well as in the Governor's office we will make LCC and the rest of the community colleges be heard in a way that has never occurred." She will work to reduce tuition, reinstitute cut programs, provide healthcare access to all students and try to create more financial aid

"We will prove to those who doubt it that it is the right thing to do."

Isaacson enjoys walking and traveling, hiking Spencer's Butte and rafting on the Rogue River. However, she mostly loves the coast.

# Senatorial Candidates



Michael Guidero Running for Senator

"They say the best way to influence decisions is to become part of the process," says ASLCC senatorial candidate Michael Guidero, a computer science major

"I want to save the students money ... (to) stretch the mandatory fee as far as it

during which time he says he picked up traveling.

leadership skills, but also learned about poor management. "I got a chance to see how micro-managed government can throw money away."

He grew up in Bend, Ore., and recently transferred from Central Oregon Community College, and spent last term watching and learning about LCC's

"I believe it's (ASLCC) bylaw 2.1 which states that student and college issues come first."

Guidero will focus on the smoking poiicy and work on building stronger relationships with OSPIRG and the Oregon Student Association . The efficiency of the sudden government is an area he would like to help improve, he says.

During the 2002-2003 sate legislative session, he plans on representing college students' interests in Salem.

I would love the opportunity to speak with our legislators about college fund-

Guidero says he is a "part-time com-Guidero spent four years in the army puter geek" who enjoys swimming and



Tammy Hubbard Running for Senator

ASLCC senatorial candidate Tammy Hubbard, legal secretary/criminal justice major, says, "I'm currently a senator, and would like to see work that ASLCC started this year to the end.

She says her experience from two terms as an ASLCC senator and leadership and personal development seminars have helped her establish strong communication skills Hubbard says businesses, learning from the work envi- on political and social issues.

ronments about multicultural/diversity issues, she says.

If elected, she says she will devote her time to campus issues.

"I'm really interested in the budget and parking issues and how they will affect our campus." She'd like to see the smoking policy settled.

"ASLCC members before me have been working rather hard on these issues and others. I would like to see them resolved (next year) to the best interest of the campus."

Hubbard went to Washington, D.C., as part of an ASLCC sponsored trip, and helped advocate for LCC students about future funding for education.

In the 2002-2003 Oregon legislative session, Hubbard says she will do what needs to be done and work with the group to pick issues they will present to legislators.

She says the role of student government is to "above all, represent all the students.

Hubbard's home town is Gold Beach, Ore. When she has time she enjoys camping, canning/preserving, she's been part of a diverse staff at gardening, reading and keeping current



green-C. Anne Hynes Running for Senator

☐ ASLCC senator candidate green-C. Anne Hynes was unavailable for an interview. Her Official ASLCC Senate Application voter's pamphlet statement is:

"I would like to be an ASLCC senator. Why? As many of us know, LCC is a terrific school. Needless to say, I uphold a sincere admiration for my educational experiences here at Lane. I am thankful for the multitude of insightful and encouraging interactions I've had with teachers, faculty and students alike. As a student, I would like to show my appreciation by putting time into our governing body."



Genifer Hoffman Running for Senator

☐ ASLCC senator candidate was Genifer Hoffman was unavailable for an interview. Her Official ASLCC Senate Application voter's pamphlet statement is:

"I have been involved with student government for the last year. The reason for my involvement was my last employment was with the Oregon state legislature as a session employee for the 2001 Legislative Session.

"I am one of those people that politics intrigues me. Besides ASLCC, I have been a

board member with the Oregon Student Association, Oregon Community College Student Association and the facilities management team and the Phi Theta Kappa honors society. I have also worked closely with the Governmental Relations Action Team in planning the gubernatorial candidate forum last February.

"I would like to encourage all students to get out and vote, but vote responsibly; be an educated voter. And last but not least, I would like to thank everyone who does vote."

# Senatorial Candidates



#### Noppamas Suttinun Running for Senator

☐ "I enjoy ... what we do," says current ASLCC Sen. Noppamas "Toy" Suttinan, Romance languages/political science major up for re-election.

"We go to Salem and ask (legislators) for change. I am involved so I can help effect some change on campus."

She says she was active this year throughout the

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available

Jessica Parker

Running for Senator

budget cut process, asking students their opinions on a tuition increase, advocating for financial aid, and representing students concerns to the LCC Board of Education.

"You have to be motivated enough to get out there and talk with people, recruit and get involved."

Suttinun is currently serving her second term as a sen-

If elected, she says she will focus on financial aid issues. Already Suttinan is organizing a fund-raiser to establish an emergency loan fund for students who need a small amount of cash for expenses like paying for textbooks.

Another issue she will help resolve is parking, she says.

The role of student govemment is to motivate, educate and involve students, she says.

It would get greater results "if we had more participation."

During the 2002-2003 state legislative session, she hopes that legislators and other government officials will care enough about public education and community colleges "so that when [ASLCC is in Salem] they don't just refer us to their assistants.

"We want some results. We will go up and pound on the capitol door."

She was born in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and later moved to Bandon, Ore. She says, "If I could find some spare time ... I would train for a biathlon.

Suttinan enjoys weight lifting and bike riding in preparation for biathlon competition. She travels, making several domestic and international trips each year.

As a student taking French and Spanish concurrently, she often finds herself practicing her language skills with other students at Starbuck's.

☐ ASLCC senator candidate Jessica Parker

"I will represent the students of LCC in

was unavailable for an interview. Her Official

ASLCC Senate Application voter's pamphlet



Dimitri Yevgrafov Running for Senator

ASLCC senator candidate Dmitri Yevgrafov was not available for an interview. His Official ASLCC Senate Application voter's pamphlet statement is:

"I, Dmitri Yevgrafov, am seeking a position in the ASLCC to take an active role in the decision-making process. As a senator, I will make it my prime duty that every decision is consistent with the best interests of the students. Vote for me and your voice will be heard!"

Photo not available

Gloria Wolf
Running for
Senator

"I was a homeless person when I started (at Lane) in the fall," says ASLCC write-in senatorial candidate Gloria "Sam" Wolf, undeclared major. "I feel like I can offer a fresh perspective in student government." And because of her experiences she says she can educate students about social services for those needing clothing, health care, emergency loans and food.

She once ran Blair Necessities, an organization that gave no-questions-asked aid to anyone who requested it. The organization provided food, clothing and financial assistance for utility bills.

If elected, Wolf says she would help support OSPIRQ and the LCC chapter of the ACLU. She wants to help various ethnic and cultural groups feel safe on campus. "I see racism on campus," she says, an wants to help stop it.

She says student government's role on campus is to reflect the students' values and interests. She says ASLCC should empower students to take an active role and work for change.

"I wish that every student would speak up for themselves and take a more active role in their education."

During the 2002-2003 Oregon legislative session, she will go to Salem and ask legislators to cut the cost of education for students.

"I would love the opportunity to voice students' concerns to legislators. I think (some) people are too hesitant to do that."

Wolf is originally from Madras, Ore. She says, "I read, I read and I read (in my spare time). The library can't keep me in books." She loves animals, caring for five cats and one dog.

# their diversity of backgrounds and opinions. Thank you for voting for me for senator."



#### Jason Miller Running for Treasurer

☐ "I don't understand how anybody let the (LCC) budget get where it's at," says Jason Miller, engineering major. "I don't think the students should have to worry about programs being cut."

Candidates for Treasurer

Miller says his business management experience has prepared him to be ASLCC treasurer. He says he has managed Big Foot Wholesale Oak, a 76 station in Portland and was a partner at a Texaco station in Eugene.

"A good leader will sit down and listen." He says his military experience groomed him for leadership.

"I've seen both the good and the bad side. I understand money and where it comes from.

If elected, Miller will find "where, as students, we can make things better."

Besides maintaining ASLCC's budget, he would like to make the campus a safe place for all

students, especially Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender students. He says no one should feel uncomfortable on campus.

Miller says the role of ASLCC is to "represent the students as fairly as possible." Student government should be active and vocal, but also approachable so that all students can have their concerns addressed and feel like something will be done to help them, he says.

During the 2002-2003 state legislative session, he says he will work to improve education. "I want to see who's elected and see what their stance is."

Miller's hometown is Eugene. He likes to fish and spend time with is family. "I spend all my free time with my son."

# Candidate for Cultural Director



#### Kapone Summerfield Running for Cultural Director

☐ "This position is a position that keeps the atmosphere of our school healthy," says Kapone Summerfield ASLCC multicultural and campus events coordinator candidate

Kapone served as ASLCC vice president this year and says he developed strong connections in the community. He participated in conferences and worked with the Hult Center. He will "possibly coordinate with the Hult Center" for a student discount on admission to Hult Center events.

Experiences working as Black Student Union director and coordinating BSU events have also prepared him for this position, says Kapone.

Early spring term he coordinated a "World Fair" in the LCC cafeteria, with vendors from Africa, Asia and booths representing the BSU and Native American Student Association, among others.

"I think (in this position) I can exercise what I'm all

about, which is being diverse. I would bring cultural competence to the school.

"My family raised me to be

"My family raised me to be open-minded."

Kapone has studied Spanish and pursues an Independent study in Japanese. He completed the African American and Native American Experience courses at LCC and has been a conversational partner with international students practicing English.

As far as hot campus political issues, he says, "I've faced the issues. I'm not saying I'll stop, but it won't be on my agenda anymore. I want to bring events to campus to make people happy."

He says the role of student government "is to face the issues of the students, and since it's a community college, the community." He says ASLCC should address economic and social issues, to work to improve health, safety and the basic needs of life.

Kapone would like to raise awareness of cultural events already present on campus. "I like plays." But he'd also coordinate safety fairs, comedic performances, and music.

"I would bring (musical performers) from a different ethnic group or cultural background each time.

Kapone's hometown is Eugene, Ore. He spends his free time with his son — "I take him t-balling" — and his family. He enjoys Tai Chi and wants to study accupressure with his Tai Chi instructor John Huang.

"And I really love reading books. It's a great escape."

He travels, fishes and enjoys the coast and the forest.



#### Heather Sayre Running for Treasurer

☐ "I've been in student government for a year," says ASLCC treasurer candidate Heather Sayre

Sayre started as a senator in the fall and is currently ASLCC's communications director and says she understands ASLCC's processes.

"I like to keep track of money," she says pointing to her experience as the treasurer of the Phi Theta Kappa honors society.

She says she has strong organizational skills. "You need those to be a treasurer."

While working with ASLCC, Sayre has participated in trainings such as the Northwest Leadership Conference and traveled to Washington, D.C., with other ASLCC members to represent students' concerns over decreased education funding.

If elected, Sayre says she will continue to fight for state financial aid. This year she helped ASLCC with its campaigns to preserve the Oregon Opportunity and Child Care Block grants. And she says she will help establish an ASLCC loan program for students who need to borrow small amounts of money for school-related expenses.

During the 2202-2003 state legislative session, Sayre plans

to "work with the group and represent students." She says she has excellent training and knows how to talk with legislators.

She would like to help students have a greater say in how ASLCC uses the mandatory student activity fee, currently \$26.68 per term.

The role of student government, she says, is "to get out there and talk with students. We need to listen and do what's most important to them."

"We've already had to make so many cuts. Keeping our education is important." She says she will try to "get the point across to keep money in schools."

Sayre is originally from Grants Pass, Ore. In her spare time, she visits her family, plays pool and dances. "I sing when no one is around to hear."

Children are her "favorite thing in the whole world."

# Local high school students benefit from campus visits

Small group tours of LCC introduce kids to college life.

Sarah Ross

Tourism is on the rise at LCC this year.

Lane may not be your ideal vacation destination, but for some local high school and junior high students a visit to LCC's main campus as part of the Diversity High School Visitation Program can be an exhilarating first glimpse of what the future holds.

The visitation program was started by Jim Garcia, LCC's Diversity Coordinator, and Karen Dickey, Lane's High School and Community Relations coordinator to make sure LCC is a familiar and viable option for minority students in Lane county.

"Certain student population groups in K-12 aren't given access to information on college or community colleges," says Garcia. "(It's) not really recruitment as much as a public service to students."

Dickey who oversees the day-to-day operations of the program says, "The most important piece is it's for small groups. (The students) get one-on-one personal contact which is reflective of what it's like at Lane."

Since it began last September approximately six student clubs from area junior and senior high schools have made the trip to campus.

Students who come get more than just a tour, says Dickey, they sit in on an actual class, have lunch in the cafeteria and visit with a panel of LCC students who answer questions and share their impressions of college life.

Margy Zimmerman, an English as a Second language instructor at Willamette High School in

Commentary

Laura Martyn

Eugene, brought students from the High School's Mujeres con Destino and Latinos Unidos groups to Lane this spring term. "The kids talked about it at their meeting and decided to go."

Zimmerman says the small group tours are the perfect balance between a mass visitation and "one-on-one contact, which the kids don't care for."

LCC student H'Rina DeTroy, who has participated on the student panels and leads tours on campus as a Student Ambassador, says prospective students can feel overwhelmed by the thought of going to college.

"LCC is less daunting than most places and it's important to convey the message of how easy and accessible LCC is for most students."

Dickey says right now she doesn't track student contacts to see if anyone ends up enrolling at Lane. "It's not about numbers or increasing (minority) student percentages (at Lane)— it's about creating a positive experience."

Because the program is in its first year and they are still working out the details, Dickey and Garcia decided to work with off campus groups that already have some kind of connection to LCC.

But as the program picks-up steam Dickey says she would eventually like to serve all the groups listed in the college's diversity plan: women, disabled and international students, and the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender population.

"The greatest feel good we get out of it is when someone says 'I never realized I could go to college,'" says director of enrollment services Helen Garrett.

## Free Speech Forum!

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# Titan baseball has its charm

Laura Martyn Sports Editor

I've wanted to write a commentary on baseball since the season began.

However, there was never really time for it, and the Titans were so consistently good that, ironically, nothing really inspired me to write. But for a number of reasons, I was unable to confer with the players to fill in some details of the May 4 doubleheader, and thus couldn't complete my recap of the games. I decided that it was actually the perfect

opportunity to write the commentary of my dreams.

The problem with the baseball commentary was the story would wander aimlessly around, as I tried to capture the essence of what baseball meant to me in the different stages of life. In other words, it was long, boring and totally nonsensical.

Be glad I decided to save us all from the pain.

The meaning of baseball, it seems, is as elusive as the meaning of life, at least to this sports writer. Maybe the problem is that before I'm any kind of writer at all, I'm a fan. It always takes me at least an inning to get over the glow of actually being at a game and settle down to pay attention to what's going on.

And it doesn't matter where I am, though my ultimate

baseball experience would have to be watching a game at Fenway, I'm perfectly happy at one of the Titans games. And anyone would be.

The Titans have a great team this year. The pitching is amazing, the hitting is solid and the defense has really jelled. I don't think I could ever get tired of seeing Scott Sims, DJ Kooken and Patrick Johnson perform the 6-4-3 double play. Their enthusiasm makes it all look new again.

I feel sorry for everyone who hasn't seen a baseball game at Lane, and who won't this year, because there aren't any home games left. But there may be another chance for you.

There was a rumor going around that if Lane finishes the season in first place, they'll host the Southern Division Playoffs on May 18.

And if that happens, I encourage everyone to go. Seriously, I'll expect a record number of people. If you guys don't turn out, I'll have to bring out my commentary again, modified to fill in what you missed. And then, it will be even longer. Whoohoo!

Anyway, stay tuned next week, folks, for a baseball game recap extravaganza. Complete with quotes from your favorite players.





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# May 9

"Cinderella" May 9-11

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May 9-11 7:30 pm South Eugene High School Auditorium 400 E. 19th Ave. \$8

Phone: (541) 334-4882

Mother's Day Mad Hatter Tea Party

3:30 pm Springfield Public Library 225 Fifth St., Springfield FREE Phone: (541) 726-3779

SHOcase: Eugene Symphony Orchestra

Hult Center-lobby 12:15 PM Free

Rose Children's Theater -Johnny Appleseed

Hult Center- Soreng Theater 7:00 PM \$9.00

Mystik Journeymen Cool Nutz

Sleep WOW Hall

8:30 PM \$12 Advance, \$15 Door Hip-Hop

Mighty Diamonds

The McDonald Theatre Doors 7 pm-Show 8 pm \$15 Reggae

#### May 10

"Tito and Me"

7 pm Erb Memorial Union, International Lounge 1222 E. 13th Ave., Eugene FREE

# A & E Calendar

Phone: (541) 346-0885

Lifesavahs

Rock

Wild Duck ALL AGES doors 9 pm-show 9:30 pm

KWVA Birthday Bash:
Hell's Belles
Monkee Torture
Sawyer Family
Pellet Gun
Honey Vizor
WOW Hall
8:00 PM
\$7 Advance, \$8 Door

"The Beauty Queen of Leenane"

May 10, 2002 - May 11, 2002 8:00 pm Actors Cabaret of Eugene Annex 996 Willamette St (541) 683-4368

#### May 11

Glastonbury Renaissance Faire 2002

May 11-12 10 am-5 pm South Beach State Park, Newport \$6 general, \$4 children 6 - 12, under 6 free. Phone: (888) 701-7123

Oregon Mozart Players -Mozart Inspiration

Hult Center- Soreng Theater 8:00 PM Prices: \$35.00, \$25.00, \$20.00, and \$15.00

Oregon Country Fair Spring Fling w/ King Black Acid

WOW Hall 6:00 PM Free for Fair Family

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" May 8, 2002 - May 16, 2002

8:00 pm Arena Theatre 104 Villard Hall (541) 346-4363

#### **Bird Walk**

May 11, 2002 Mt. Pisgah Arboretum 33735 Seavey Lp Rd (541) 747-1504

Wildflower Walk

May 11, 2002 10:00 am Mt. Pisgah Arboretum 33735 Seavey Lp Rd (541) 747-1504

May 12

STEVEN WRIGHT

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**Mother's Day Celebration** 

May 12, 2002 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Mt. Pisgah Arboretum 33735 Seavey Lp Rd (541) 747-1504

**Hendricks Park Garden Tours** 

May 12, 2002 1:00 pm Hendricks Park 1800 Skyline Blvd (541) 682-5324

Sumer is Icumen in: A Mother's Day Concert

May 12, 2002 3:00 pm Central Lutheran Church 1857 Potter (541) 465-9600

May 13

**Earl Zero Norma Fraser**WOW Hall
9:00 PM

\$9 Advance, \$10 Door Reggae

May 14

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WOW Hall 6:30 PM \$15 advance Punk Rock

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#### Events

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#### Messages

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# LCC juried student show shows off on-campus talent

Tate Woniya

This month the art gallery on the lower floor of the Math & Arts Building is showcasing on-campus talent in the annual Juried Student Art Show. There are well over 50 pieces on display; metal sculpture, clay, jewelry, woven materials, and photographs. There will be a reception and awards ceremony May 9, 2002 from 11-12 a.m. and the gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., until May 17. This year the Art & Applied Design department has made available a way for students to vote for their favorite pieces, the peoples choice will be announced at the May 17 reception.

The winners for juried prizes are: Richard Wilson (sculpture), Chris Bechler (colored pencil), and Terry Page (woven fiber). All winners will be receiving \$75 prizes.



"Post catholic traumatic stress disorder" in colored pencil by Thomas Baxter.



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All are winners in LCC juried art show.

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# **Crossword Companion**

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21 \_\_\_ King Cole
23 Opera solo
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32 17th Greek letter

34 Self 35 Atop

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## Last Weeks Answers:

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was instated we had 1,000 fewer students. Since then we have added four new senate seats and many more clubs as well.'

#### OSA referendum

The Oregon Student Association is currently funded at \$1.31 per student per term. The OSA is organization that includes all of Oregon's major universities and Lane Community College and works at lobbying for educational benefits. The ASLCC wants to increase funding to the OSA by \$1.13 in order to pay an OSA organizer to work fulltime training the student government to be more effective.

Hoffman says, "I'm for the position, but for fiscal people responsibility should be informed about the OSA ballot measure, because it does bring an increase in cost to attend LCC.

#### **OSPIRG** re-authorization

OSPIRG: a student volunteer supported organization that works on environmental interest topics, renter's rights as well as other consumer related

Cottage Grove......91.5 FM

Eugene/Springfield ......89.7 FM

agenda's. OSPIRG must be re-authorized every three years as was written into the original ballot measure passed in 1990. OSPIRG has been successful every time it has been on the ballot and the \$2.25 amount will not be increased.

McEachern says, 'We've had OSPIRG for years. It's a great program. They help clean our environment and protect the ecosystem from invasive foreign plants. They're good for educating the students on educational issues."

#### The Torch initiative

The Torch gathered more than 350 signatures from its supporters in order to be on the ballot.

Its measure asks students to restore funding for the student-run newspaper, the budget of which the LCC Board of education has cut by 54 percent for next year. The Torch has asked students for an \$1.75 fee per term to help compensate for the loss of some of the funding. The money generated is needed for operating and production costs as well as student stipends.

ASLCC Senator and presidential candidate Charles Hoffman says, "The Torch is the student voice on campus. It lends credence and validity to issues that directly affect all students and members of the LCC community.

"I highly recommend voting yes on the initiative to keep The Torch the true voice of LCC."

A reporter for The Torch conducted an informal survey of 10 randomly chosen credit students. Information from each ballot measure was given to the students and they responded with a Yes or No, whether they would vote for it. The results follow:

The Torch initiative 10 yes / 0 no Student Health Services referendum 10 yes / 0 no ASLCC basic operations referendum 10 yes / 0 no OSA referendum 4 yes / 6 no OSPIRO re-authorization

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senters, the students receive full attention.

Last summer, 47 African and Asian American sixth-12th grade students attended the session, and either this summer or the next Lane expects to include Native American and Hispanic studies in the curriculum. The application deadline for the coming summer session is May 31.

Currently, Moore is a Lane student involved in the Black Student Union and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Alliance.

Greg Evans, Special Projects coordinator in the Department of Student Life and Leadership Development, created the Rites of Passage, modeling it after a curriculum at James Madison University in Harrisonburg,

In addition to exposing minority students to their history and cultural roots, the summer session encourages young students to plan for college study.

He says Moore, for example, is one of the many students who "blossom with the Rites of Passage.

"The program primes the pump for the students in terms of getting them interested in college. By having them build a relationship with LCC, then Lane becomes a vital alternative in their educational menu." he says.

Evans says of the 120 African American students who have experienced the Rites of Passage, 75 percent have enrolled in college, and 50-60 students have attended LCC at some point in their college careers.

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It's a cultural program that builds a sense of self-confidence, self-esteem, and self-respect within students who are in a minority culture, he says.

Mark Harris, Substance Abuse Prevention coordinator and instructor in the Rites of Passage summer program, says students' academic careers don't really start in high

But their study habits are set in middle school during the puberty-critical-transition period.'

He also views Rites of Passage as 'a substance prevention activity in terms of keeping minority culture students out of trouble, gangs, drugs,

Kelly Irish, the mother of two students who have attended the Rites of Passage for the past three years says, "I see a big difference in my daughters. The program is very well structured, they learn a lot about their African American culture and the Asian culture that they don't learn in (public) school.

'My oldest daughter Nicole went through the program three years in a row and Kalisha, my youngest, attended one year.

"Last year both of them were teachers' assistants helping other students learn. It's more one-on-one learning rather than book learning,"

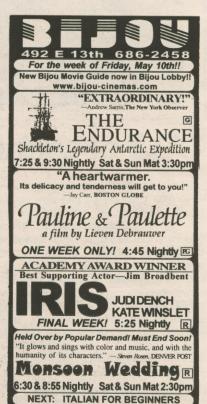
"They also go to other colleges to tour and learn where the important resources are and the important people to talk to. Summer schools don't do that. I think that the Rites of Passage is a great program."

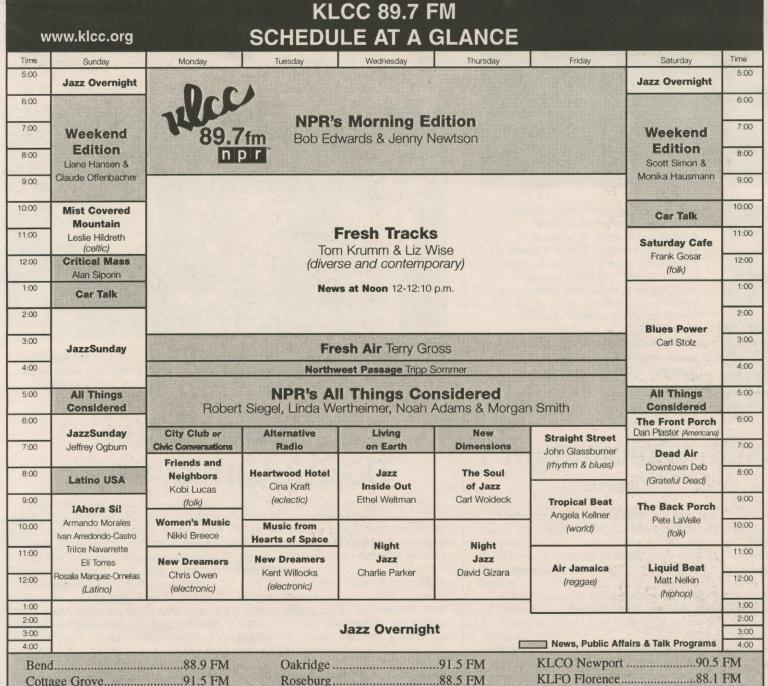
> The classes are held at LCC's main campus from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday-Friday, July 7-Aug. 2. The program costs \$50 per student per summer. LTD bus passes and lunch are provided at no cost to the students. LCC sponsors each student at a

> cost of about \$1,200 each.

Students of Lane County in grades 6-12, should contact Evans at LCC for more information at (541) 463-5340 or email: evansg@lanecc. edu.

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