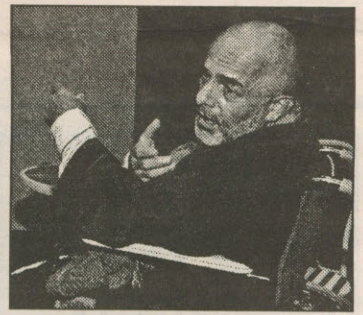


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Rediscovering America's discoverers

Indigenous People's Day challenges Euro-centric view of history

Skye MacIvor
A&E Editor

Columbus discovered America ... or so some are taught.

Yet many question the history Americans learn.

Michael Samano, Lane's Ethnic Studies Department director, says Chuck Hunt, a UO sociology professor, teaches a more accurate perspective of the "discovery" of America and what actually occurred when the Europeans made contact with indigenous people.

On Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. in the Main Performance Hall, Building 6, Hunt will be the featured speaker at Lane's observance of Indigenous People's Day — Columbus Day.

Samano says, attendees will also learn about LCC's leadership in programs and services that benefit native and non-native students.

"I think that it is not uncommon at a celebration like this for people to be hearing what they consider to be new information," says Samano. "But the reality is that this information has always existed, which means that history around Columbus has been purposely misrepresented."

He says historians are re-reading and re-evaluating journals and letters from Columbus' time period to form a clearer picture of what occurred with first contact.

"I think that the manipulation of historical facts about first contact allows us to gloss over the horrific genocide that started at that time and continues to this day."

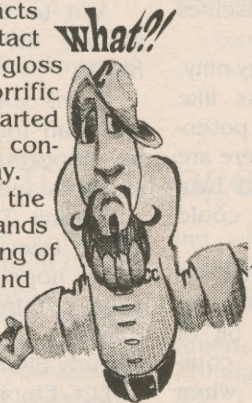
"It allows for the 'discovery' of lands and the re-naming of peoples and places without consequence," explains Samano.

He says the Oct. 14 event, "Focuses on

"Many times we think in terms of survival, but I think survival is a very passive perspective — that people are just barely hanging on. But to me the idea of endurance is that indigenous people and their allies are experiencing a lot of exiting revitalization of ways of knowing and doing."

Frank Merrill, Native American Program coordinator and Karuk Indian says, "After (Columbus') ship landed the Indian people's lives changed."

"When the ships came all they saw were money signs. From that day we were forced to leave our land, forced to disassemble our belief systems, stripped of our language, we were



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SIGNS OF THE TIMES...



PHOTO BY BARBARA RAISBECK

An estimated 1,000 people gathered in the plaza of the Federal Building at 7th and Pearl in downtown Eugene on Oct. 5 to oppose President Bush's push for an American war in Iraq. See commentary on page 4.

Board struggles with tuition increase

Another open forum scheduled for Oct. 15.

Sarah Ross
Editor in Chief

Gabe Bradley
Managing Editor

"Nobody wants a tuition increase. I'm furious that we [have to make these choices]," said LCC Board of Education chair Roger Hall at the board's Oct. 9 meeting.

Hall and his fellow board members have been asked to select one of four options that combine tuition increases with class section reductions in order to meet a \$530,000 deficit in the college's budget.

"I think we need to take a strong stand for no tuition increase and look harder at our budget," said board member and Oregon state legislator Robert Ackerman. "When we raised tuition last year we balanced the budget on the (backs of the students)."

Ackerman asked administrators to find money elsewhere in the college's budget including using profits from LCC's bookstore and food services, which are self-supporting enterprises.

But, vice president of operations, Marie Matsen told the board there is little money to be found. "We have zero facilities reserves."

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LCC 'comes out' to play

Gay, lesbian, bisexual students talk about being 'out.'

Sarah Ross
Editor in Chief

When you walk into Susan Matthews' office in Room 201 of Building 1, the first thing you notice is the gay-friendly decor — rainbow stickers, posters, book titles, even the framed needle work on her wall shouts: "We're here, we're queer, and we're proud of it."

Matthews' official title is "student advisor" but that doesn't capture her role as one of the first people many lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual or transgendered students turn to for support when they are having trouble on campus or at home.

Matthews says seven to 10 percent of LCC students are probably gay or lesbian. That estimate is based on a survey done by a sex researcher named Kinsey several decades ago. But that number doesn't include transgendered people or the family members of LGBT people who are also affected by society's stereotypes of gay people, she adds.

Matthews says a lot of the students she sees are going through the "coming out" process — realizing for the first time that they are gay or lesbian, or that their sense of gender doesn't match society's expectations.

"They can feel like they are the only one. They've mostly been exposed to negative



PHOTO BY COLLIN ANDREW

LCC student advisor Susan Matthews makes LGBT students feel at home in her office in Room 201, Building 1. Matthews is also the faculty advisor for the Queer/Straight Alliance, a student group dedicated to educating students and faculty about LGBT issues on campus.

images and stereotypes (of gay people)," she says. "So it's wonderful when they begin to connect with other (gay) students and people in the LGBT community."

Through those connections, Matthews says, students begin to see that "gay people are normal and ordinary and doing the same things everyone else does."

That's one reason, Matthews says, she believes "it's important for (LGBT) people to be visible. The only way people are going to know who we are is if we self-identify."

"Coming out" in class

Matthews says instructors are the people

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Revealing true-self worth the risk

*Coming out.
Not just for gays anymore.*

I first became aware of National Coming Out Day when I was co-director of the UO's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Student Association. I held that office during the early 1990s when the Oregon Citizen's Alliance first started putting anti-gay ballot measures before Oregon voters. The effort to educate the predominantly straight voting public was intense, and coming out was seen as an important tool in the battle against the OCA.

Back then, Coming Out Day, which rolls around every Oct. 11, was a way to challenge gay people to come out in all areas of their lives.

Unfortunately, some gay activists insisted people come out no matter what the consequences. This attitude created a kind of 'hierarchy of gayness' in which people who chose to remain wholly or partially closeted where held in disdain.

Without a doubt the visibility of LGBT people is the single most effective tool for challenging the misconceptions and stereotypes people have about us, but it remains a personal choice best made by

the individual who must live with the consequences.

I stopped making it a point to come out about five or six years ago because, as far as I can tell, I'm always out. Not because I wear rainbow jewelry, which I don't; or because I have a rainbow triangle bumper sticker on my car, which I do; or because I evaluate everyone I meet on a scale of how gay-friendly they are, which I used to do. But that's a habit I have since grown out of as I've gotten older and better able to tolerate people's differences.

Still, when I talk about my home life I refer to my partner by name, and use the feminine pronoun thereafter. I don't pause to watch for a reaction or give the person time to digest — chances are we were talking about something and that's what I'm focused on.

I generally don't worry about what the person I'm talking to is going to think about my sexuality. How interested do you think people are in your sexuality? That's about how interested I think other people probably are in mine.

In short, I act like I'm straight! The problem with National Coming Out Day is it lets straight people off the hook. "Oh, I don't have to come out," they think, "Everyone knows I'm straight."

But coming-out isn't about being gay or

straight or any one of the hundred other flavors in between.

Coming out is about telling someone important in your life something about yourself even if you're not sure they will accept or understand.

For LGBT people that 'something' has to do with their sexual identity. For others it may be a history of alcohol or drug abuse, time spent behind bars, a bi-racial or multi-ethnic identity, being an adopted or foster child, or placing a child with an adoptive family. For some it is being a single parent, or the survivor of childhood sexual abuse, for some it is the fact that they have had an abortion, or never graduated from high school.

In main stream America, which has a pretty narrow definition of socially desirable traits, the list goes on and on.

Don't get me wrong, LGBT people face social attitudes and institutionalized discrimination that makes the risk of coming out much greater for them than for someone admitting they dropped out of high school. But the fact remains that, gay and straight, we all know what it's like to come out.

National Coming Out Day only comes once a year, so why not spend the other 364 days practicing?

Practice understanding how hard it is to risk losing the respect and care of people important to you should you tell them your 'coming out secret,' then — when the time is right — go tell them.

Come out, come out whoever you are.

Commentary



Sarah Ross
Editor in Chief

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Look on the bright side

There really truly is a budget cut. Don't cry over spilled milk.

Wake up, drink coffee, drive to work. Get busy, do a lot of work. Celebrate all day long. Go out to dinner. Stop by the store and buy Canada Dry. Go to a hair appointment. Go home happy. Good morning blue piano.

Some things to do: take a walk or study by yourself in a small room. Be a playwright or a filmmaker. Make new movies. Fly a model plane. Read a book all day long.

The early bird catches the worm. Go to class on time. Catch cold waiting for the bus. Stay in bed all day long eating hot soup. Drink coffee or tea. Stay home and study.

Commentary



John Mackwood

The Torch received incorrect faculty extensions for a listing printed with the 'Making Connections with the past in the present' story in the Oct. 3 issue. The corrected listing is as follows:

Thinking Indian learning community, Jeff Harrison, 463-5145; Don Addison, 463-5064.

Native Language Project, Native language courses available for credit to Lane students. - Jerry Hall, 463-5084.

American Indian Web site www.lanecc.edu/library/indian.htm. For information on the website contact Don Macnaughten, 463-5359.

Native American Program, Frank Merrill, 463-5238.

Native American Student Association, American Indian organization instilling traditional values and unity among students. - Drew Villes, 463-5480.

Voices and Visions: Native American Autobiography and Culture,

The instructors for this class are Pam Dane, 463-5146 and Bruce Sanchez 463-3248.

Native American Literature, Drew Villes, 463-5480.

Native Circles,

Achieving college goals and maintaining native culture and values. - Frank Merrill, 463-5238.

Corrections:

Letters to the Editor

Parking and common courtesies

I arrive on campus between 9 a.m. and noon when the upper parking lots are already packed. More often than not, I end up in gravel lots.

Each day I notice that without the guidance of painted lines many of my fellow parkers have adopted an every person for themselves attitude.

Cars are parked willy-nilly, and at times it looks like nearly a quarter of the potential spaces are lost. There are many half spaces and two-thirds spaces, which could easily be eliminated.

I am not asking that we park like sardines, but we could demonstrate a bit of civility and common courtesy, and take care when

parking. We could be helping each other and relieving the crowding just a bit.

Marc Friedman

Kudos to The Torch

The Torch hit the stands this year with astounding professionalism! I am very impressed with the articles, quality of writing, as well as the appearance.

And to think The Torch almost hit the chopping block.

Thank you to Sarah Ross and staff for providing such an important medium for students and staff.

I think The Torch looks better than it has in years and I hope the rest of the year continues with such quality.

Judy Sierra
LCC Employee

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were stripped of everything you could be stripped of, and then put into a new culture.

"We encountered all the things that came with that culture: the dark holes of the alcohol, the abuse, the confusion of cities, bitterness and hate...."

"Us Indian people, we protected our families. And that's why we're still here today," says Merrill.

Samano hopes that after the event, people will "have an appreciation for why other countries in the Western Hemisphere celebrate Indigenous People's Day rather than Columbus Day.

In addition to the Ethnic Studies Department, the event is sponsored by the Multicultural Center, the Native American Program and the Native Languages Program.

Guest Commentary

Misstatement illustrates need for open, transparent budget

Dennis Gilbert
Science faculty member

Please check out the brief "2002/03 Budget" box after President Mary Spilde's letter to the community in the fall class schedule. It reads: "The Lane Community College 2002/03 budget has a general fund of \$69,597,518, about 7 percent less than the previous year. A shortfall forecast in the spring was addressed by reducing expenses and increasing tuition and fees."

What's wrong with this picture?

First, something small. The drop in the General Fund budget is actually about 8.4 percent and not 7 percent. The 7 percent figure evidently came from using the size of the General Fund before a supplemental addition last spring to last year's budget (see the "2002/2003 Lane Community College Budget Document").

Now the big problem. There is no mention in this box or in Mary Spilde's letter that the 2002/03 budget

contains a newly created "Fund IX" for income and expenses that had previously been part of the General Fund and the new technology student fee, part of it replacing fees previously in the General Fund. The budget for this Fund IX is about 11.5 percent of the previous year's General Fund budget. Thus, the whole budget for the kinds of things previously funded by the General Fund increased up to 3.1 percent. Our actual effort at "reducing expenses" is very different from the impression given by the document quoted above.

There are good arguments that Lane is being hurt. Lack of adequate funding continues to seriously hurt the college and access to sustainable quality education in the community in a number of ways, including unmet student demand for education, high tuition, lower pay to full-time faculty than other major urban Oregon community colleges (Portland and Mt. Hood), overuse of part-time faculty positions, deferred equipment upgrades, and deferred facility maintenance,

among other things.

Claiming we have a decrease in the General Fund budget, which is only true because we have redefined the General Fund, is an argument that does more harm than good. It undermines President Spilde's letter. It does not model the kind of intellectually rigorous argumentation encouraged in Lane classrooms. It does not prepare Lane County citizens to advocate well for their community college.

While mistakes are inevitable, this particular misinformation mailed to Lane County households probably wouldn't have happened if there were better understanding of the budget throughout the college. To get this broad understanding requires Lane have an open, transparent budget process. With transparency and participation, we will have more unity and be able to mobilize greater support from our district's citizens. It seems to me that we have a responsibility to ourselves and our community to reform our budget process as soon as possible.



PHOTO BY KIMBERLY BESHEAR

LCC Public Safety officer Jim Harris places a warning letter on the windshield of a car parked illegally on LCC's main campus. Beginning Oct. 7 officers are issuing tickets in place of warnings.

Public safety steps up parking enforcement

Gabe Bradley
Managing Editor

Many of the parking difficulties LCC students usually face at the beginning of fall term were surprisingly absent this year.

LCC public safety credits careful planning and student cooperation for the relative ease of handling parking issues the first two weeks of fall term.

"For some reason, people seemed to be cooperative and that helped," said Director of Health and Safety Sandy Ing-Wiese.

In years past, students would make a habit of parking on the shoulders of Gonyea Drive and Eldon Shafer Drive, which are under the jurisdiction of the Lane County Sheriff's Department.

"Once three people park in an area, everybody assumes they can park there," said Ing-Wiese.

Usually the Sheriff's Department complains to the Public Safety office about the number of violations, said Ing-Wiese. This year, many "No Parking" signs were prominently placed on the county roads. The Sheriff's department has not complained to Public Safety this year.

Ing-Wiese points to the effective use of "signage," as a primary factor in making parking easier.

To further facilitate student parking, all 14 Public Safety officers were on duty during all shifts the first two weeks of classes. These officers helped ease parking problems by closing full lots and directing students to

lots with available spaces.

"We added a new gravel lot in the south west corner of campus that will add 50 to 100 new spaces, depending on how students park," said Ing-Wiese.

Public Safety officers on campus were lenient with most parking violations during the first two weeks. Now, however, the stated policy of the department is to cite violators without warning.

Fines range from \$20 to \$120. Those cited have ten days to dispute their citations.

Parking enforcement will be an entirely different game next year, says Ing-Wiese, because paid parking is going to be going into effect next fall.

Ing-Wiese is currently assembling a committee that will implement the paid parking plan. She intends it to be "a committee where students have a seat."

The bookstore also played a part in helping to make transportation easier for students this fall by ordering 500 more LTD Fast Passes than last year. The Fast Pass, which costs \$37 to students, is partially subsidized by the college and valid all term.

New this year was the special "Contra" bus lane on Gonyea, which allowed buses easy access to the campus.

"It seemed to work pretty well. We planned on having it for the first three days of classes or longer if necessary, but it looks like things are leveling out pretty well there now," said LTD Service Planning and Marketing Manager Andy Vobora.

College faire comes to LCC

*Colleges from across
the country will be
represented.*

Beckie Jones
Torch Staff

The 19th Annual Mid-Willamette College Faire will converge on LCC's Center Building Cafeteria on Sunday, Oct. 13, from noon to 4 p.m.

The faire is designed for high school students and counselors, Lane transfer students, parents and interested community members. About 80 colleges and universities from all over the U.S. will come to meet and recruit Lane County students.

"The idea is that students can move around and talk to each of the different representatives and get some more information about the college," said LCC's Community Relations Coordinator Karen Dickey. "You can basically 'college shop,'" she said, adding that some colleges actually conduct on-site admissions interviews that day.

Among the 18 local colleges attending this year's event are Concordia University, ITT Technical Institute and Lewis and Clark College, which are all in Portland. Eugene's UO, Eugene Bible College, Northwest Christian College and LCC will be represented from the immediate area.

Midwest colleges in attendance include: Beloit College (Wisconsin),

Columbia College (Chicago), De Pauw University and Purdue University (Indiana), Oberlin College (Ohio) and Minneapolis College of Art and Design.

Institutions from the East Coast include Alfred, Colgate and St. Lawrence Universities, all from New York. Simmon's College (Boston) and Randolph Macon Women's College (Virginia) will also be represented.

The event is sponsored by Beyond High School Network, a team of high school counselors with an interest in serving students. This year the network is joining forces with Pacific Northwest Association for College Admission Counseling, a professional organization that recruits for other schools. This means more publicity and the expectation of an even greater attendance than last year's 1,500 participants.

Beyond High School Network member Pat Lorimer says, "Students should attend the college faire to be able to make a knowledgeable decision on which college to attend." She adds that colleges are not alike and the college faire is an opportunity to compare and contrast the strengths and weaknesses of different institutions.

Many out-of-state schools are more generous with financial help, she says.

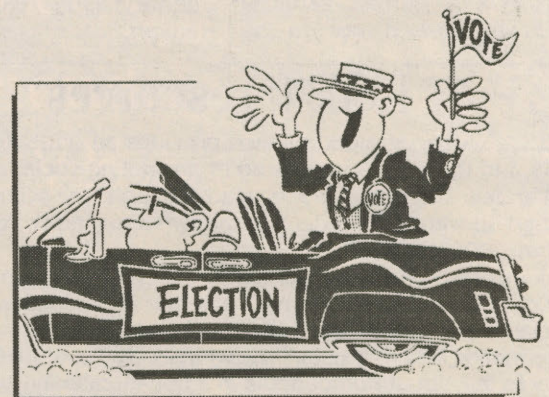
In addition students can explore various vocational opportunities, as well as options with each branch of the armed forces.

For more information on this year's college faire, contact Karen Dickey at 463-5688.

Register to Vote!

Students who want to vote in the upcoming governor's race and on a variety of ballot measures for the Nov. 5 election must be registered with the county elections board on or before Oct. 15.

You may register to vote on campus in Room 210, Building 1, or on Oct. 10 at noon in Bristow Square as part of a "Break the Vote," event sponsored by the ASLCC.



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on campus who have the most influence on students' attitudes towards their gay peers. "What they say (in the classroom) carries a lot of power, a lot of weight."

Last spring, LCC student Marshall Ogden (not his real name) found out just how important an instructor's attitude is in setting the tone in the classroom when he came out in his Writing 121 class.

A music major who grew up in a small town in Oregon, Ogden still lives with his parents. Though he is out as a gay man to his family, and they are supportive, he says he is not out in the small, rural community he lives in and asked to be identified with a false name.

Ogden says he had only come out to close friends before, and never planned to come out to a room full of strangers.

"(The class) was talking about differences in people and about stereotypes," he recalls. "People were sharing personal stories ... and diversity is something I'm very passionate about. I felt the need to voice my perspective (as a gay student) which I hadn't talked about, yet."

"It came out, and when it came out I was surprised. I looked around at all these people I didn't know — who I had just outed myself to."

Ogden says a couple of women in the back of the room started whispering, and a few of the other students had "the wide-eyed, deer in the headlights look." But many of the students he says, found his revelation to be "no big deal."

Most importantly, he recalls that instructor Margaret Bayless, "just continued with the discussion, weaving in what I had said."

"After that, (in class) she would include the queer community in other discussions when the context was appropriate."

He says he hasn't noticed a difference in the way his fellow students treat him. "Some people have come and asked me questions about the queer community — about stereotypes they had."

"When I first started coming out, to myself and my parents, it was a big deal," he explains. "But that experience showed me it's not a big deal. I am who I am, and (being gay) is just one part of who I am as a person."

Gay, straight and in between

Scott is a human services major who asked not to be

identified by name.

When he started attending LCC, he was married. He and his wife are now divorced. Scott says he has always identified as bisexual and dated a man for a short time this summer.

"This is a different level of being out," he acknowledges. "I was dating women but would say, 'I'm bisexual.' But (recently) I was in a relationship with a guy and being identified as gay. I feel like I'm coming out every day."

"Even gay people will assume things about my sexuality. Another gay student found out I was married and said she was confused ... it felt like I wasn't gay enough in her eyes."

Before breaking the news to one of his co-workers Scott says he tested the waters, by asking her if she was aware that a former LCC instructor from whom they had both taken classes, was gay. "(That instructor) is not here anymore," explains Scott, "and I wanted to see how she would react before I came out to her."

He describes himself as biracial and says he feels the same way about moving between the straight and gay communities as he does about his mixed race status. "At family gatherings I don't really fit in with either side. I'm not as (ethnic) as my (non-white) relatives and I'm not as white as my white relatives," he explains.

Yet, Scott says he doesn't feel torn between his racial or sexual identities. "My identity is pretty fluid," although he says, "Sometimes I just feel left out."

Out is out

"Eugene is a very different place for me," says Kala Worley, who with her partner moved to Eugene from west Texas in 1999. Worley is in the second year of the architectural drafting program.

"I've always lived in 'gay ghettos,' where you'd never know there was a straight world outside," she says. "It's different to come here and not be able to find a definite community."

Worley says "I've been out — I've been myself — since I was a teenager. When I came out I came out to myself."

Now in her 40s, Worley says she was involved with gay activism "when I was younger and had more energy and was more radical — I think that goes along with being in your 20s."

She says she hasn't had any bad experiences at LCC. "I'm there for a reason and (my gay identity) isn't relevant to that reason."

LGBT resources

LCC's Queer/Straight Alliance provides an outlet for LGBT students and their allies interested in promoting social change.

Wendell Freeman who is studying political science at LCC, teamed up with LCC student John Correa to start the group in winter term 2001.

Members promote awareness of anti-gay legislation in Oregon's political system in a non-partisan way and are trained to facilitate an in class workshop titled "Challenging, Learning about and Undermining Heterosexism." The workshop gives students an opportunity to talk about homophobia in a non-threatening context and is available on request. Other resources are available.

The group meets the first and third Thursdays of each month. For information call 463-5331 or e-mail: QSA@lanec.edu.

Guest Commentary

Taking the streets of Eugene in the name of peace

Barbara Raisbeck
for The Torch

"Not in Our Name" rallies happened across the globe on the weekend of Oct. 5 and 6. In Eugene an estimated 600 - 1000 people protested against war on Iraq at the Federal Building plaza at 7th and Pearl streets.

Peter DeFazio told us that rallies like this by concerned Americans speaking out can help get other Congress members to join him when he returns to Washington to unequivocally vote NO! on a war against Iraq.

Speaker Reverend Dan Bryant said that he does not know what God the "president" worships, but his God says that we should build love, peace, harmony and cooperation in the world, that we cannot fight evil with military means.

I too feel that the only way to cultivate peace and harmony in the world is to build it from a place of compassion and love.

I feel strongly that we must take responsibility and stand up against what we know is wrong. We must be a voice for all those who cannot speak out. I speak for those who have died needlessly in wars. I speak for the homeless, the hungry, for those innocent victims who die at the hands of corrupt government everyday.

After the speeches in the plaza were completed, there was an "impromptu march."

We were told that we must not block traffic.

Though I've been a bit under the weather and drained of energy, I felt a fire rise in me as the march began. I was not going to stay cramped on a sidewalk. While most of the protesters stayed confined to the sidewalks, a few of us positioned ourselves in the intersection of 8th and Oak. Cars began piling up as we shouted, "NO WAR FOR OIL!"

Someone yelled that we needed to obey laws. I replied "Is our government obeying laws?" Other dissenters yelled at us to let the traffic through, and to stop making this a violent protest. The police were on there way so we decided to go back to the Federal Building.

A few of us stood in the street at 7th and Pearl, blocking four lanes of traffic. I'm not sure how long we stood there; time moves in a nonlinear fashion in such moments.

Until the cops arrived! Two of them forcefully shoved me to the street corner. My comrades were also "escorted" to the corner and told to stay out of the street.

A protester told the cops: "This is a peaceful protest, it is not an act of violence to be in the streets." Meanwhile cops with tear gas guns stood ready in case we attempted to defy their orders.

We moved on and marched up Oak Street where we were

met by three cops. One videotaped us as we marched by. I held my hands together in front of my face and bowed. I am a peaceful protester.

Back at 8th and Oak we stood as two groups on opposite street corners, confined to the curbs while traffic flowed freely past us. Many of the motorists remained unaware of our message, caught up in the drama of things that don't really matter.

And that is why I stand in the street, to take people from their personal moment into the larger reality of the world. It is an act of civil disobedience not an act of violence. Signs refuting war are great and needed, but they are but lip service if we are too afraid to take our message into the street and show the world that we mean business.

After the rally I asked my friend who was with me, but hanging back off the street most of the time, what he thought. He said that he prefers to be a conscientious observer, that he has faith that things will right themselves.

When leaving the protest I saw a bumper sticker that read: "Everything is in Divine Order." This sentiment seemed to echo what my friend was saying. I realized that I, too, am in divine order when I make a conscious choice to stand in the street and block traffic as I make a passionate plea for world peace.

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Gospel story is fun, funny

Graham Coslett
Assistant A&E Editor

The production of the musical "Godspell" currently running at the Cottage Theatre in Cottage Grove does not feature any "stars," but the fine ensemble effort of the actors makes for an enjoyable and thought-provoking evening of theater.

"Godspell," conceived and first directed by John-Michael Tebelak, and with words and music by Stephen Schwartz, was one of the most successful shows ever staged in New York, with long runs both on Broadway and off-Broadway, starting in 1971. The musical was made into a movie in 1973.

"Godspell" is a modern telling of the parables of Christ contained in the Gospel according to St. Matthew, interspersed with musical numbers — one of which, "Day by Day," became an international hit. The show, which does not contain a traditional plot, uses clowning, pantomime and charades on the part of the actors to tell the story of Christ.

The production at the Cottage Theatre, directed by Peg Major, is an enjoyable, energetic show, which makes the most of its charismatic young cast members. This very strong ensemble has a lot of fun with the humor in the play, somewhat updating it to the present by using references to local TV commercials as inside jokes. The intimacy of the small



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Peg Major and Cottage Theatre bring one of Broadway's most popular musicals to an intimate setting.

but pleasant theater makes the facial expressions and body language of the actors easy to understand for the audience. A good portion of the humor in the play tends to be non-verbal and somewhat slapstick.

Johnny Orsmbee plays Jesus as kind and understanding, but also as subtly able to see the humor in some of the situations in which he was involved.

Individual actors did not provide "show-stopping" musical performances for the most part.

The cast member's performances of the various numbers were a little less accomplished than their acting. They were most effective and moving when as an ensemble they joined an individual who had begun a song.

Nevertheless, there were a few numbers that were quite strong — Erika Jane Johnston and Rebekah Hope duetted on a poignant rendition of the ballad, "By My Side," and Miriam Major gave a sultry and amusing rendition of the tune "Turn Back, O Man," in which she playfully teases Jesus.

The fine band was assembled and led by Musical Director Lee Bottemiller. Choreography was by Johnston. Amanda Ferguson designed the stage lighting and the minimal but effective set.

Overall, this is a very well done and enjoyable production of "Godspell." The wonderful chemistry of the ensemble made the show entertaining and funny, and well worth attending.

The Cottage Theatre is a small, comfortable, arena-style theater, located just off I-5 in Cottage Grove, whose size allows the audience a connection with the performers that adds considerably to one's enjoyment.

The show continues Oct. 11, 12, 18, 19 and 25 at 8 p.m., and Oct. 13 and 20 at 2:30 p.m. Call 942-8001 for information.

Sports without competition draws crowds

Two departments offer free outings to all LCC students.

Jason Nelson
Staff writer

If skiing, golfing, rafting, swimming or attending a highly anticipated ice hockey game is the break you need for the stresses of college work, then checking out the free and low cost recreational sports offered through LCC's Athletics Department and the International Student Community Program.

In the mid '90s, students at LCC passed a ballot measure to help support the recreational sports program in the midst of a statewide financial cut. Today, \$5 of your student body fees goes to help run its programs.

Just what are recreational sports? They are a variety of weekly activities in the Lane County area offered, to all students and their families. These activities are not all competitive. No teams are involved, nor competitive settings. Brent Ellison, who coordinates recreational sports says the events are, "diverse enough to touch everybody".

Trips include an annual ski trip to Willamette Pass, swimming at Springfield's Lively Pool and trips to the Lane County Ice Arena. The majority of the outings are free for all. With your free ticket you get transportation, and any entrance fees that may apply. The ski and rafting trips have small fees, under \$30.

LCC offers these free and low cost trips nearly every weekend.

Ellison says on average 60 students attend each event. For them, it is a way to get to know people with similar interests. He hopes to eventually

have 100 students turn out on a regular basis, and he believes as word gets out, these events are sure to take off.

The next event is miniature golfing at Camp Putt off Franklin Boulevard in Springfield this Saturday, Oct. 12, from noon to 6 p.m. All you have to do is pick up your ticket, and golf at your leisure.

One of the biggest events taking place fall term is the Oct. 26 trip to the Eugene Thunder ice hockey game. Eugene Thunder features junior players skating towards college scholarships and possibly even professional contracts. Tickets are limited to the first 100 students.

Here's how it works: You can pick up a schedule of events in the Athletics Department, Room 204 in Building 5. If any of the numerous events spark your interest all you have to do is ask Ellison for as many as four tickets. You must verify you're a student at LCC. If you need more than four tickets, Ellison says, "Each extra ticket is a only a couple bucks."

If any of these trips don't satisfy your adventurous craving, the International Student Community Program has its own version of "rec sports." Director Colby Sheldon says, "Our activities are for everyone, not only international students. All are invited to attend."

ISP's activities include a tea time, where students can chat and share some stories.

For more information, call Athletics at 463-5293 or Sheldon at 463-5165.

Creating reality 101

Justin Ahrenholtz
Commentator

Have you ever wondered just how much of what you hear or see is filtered or otherwise affected by the results of polls and/or focus groups? How are the very words and phrases altered by how other people have reacted to them?

Bill Clinton employed the service of polling groups to the tune of \$2 million per year. No politician before him used the "instant response" technique to the extent that he did. It is a technique that generates emotional values for individual phrases and words. He did talk himself out of lying about getting oral sex, any connection?

Why is Sean "P. Diddy" Combs so cool? Is it because he has a marketing team, Blue Flame Advertising, to tell everyone just how cool he is? Or is it because he has a polling company, Blue Mindset, to tell him what the hip youth think is cool? How cool would you be if you had a team of social scientists to help you? I dare say, even you could be cool.

A standard story about this topic, according to Noam Chomsky, Professor of Linguistics at MIT, is from 1994 when the Gingrich Republicans employed Franz Luntz, of Gallop Polling Group, during the national debate over health care.

Luntz received criticism for studying people's response to individual phrases and words rather than trying to find out what the people wanted the health care system to be. The

information was used to determine the packaging of intents rather than to determine the contents of the package.

Chomsky says, "Studies of focus groups showed that the public wants to 'preserve, protect and strengthen the health care system for the next generation.' So dismantling is packaged as 'a solution that preserves and protects Medicare for seniors and sets the stage for baby boomers.'"

A more recent example of just how effective the right phrase can be is to see how morally appeased some people

feel when they quote Margaret Thatcher, who said, former British Prime Minister, "You can't have leadership by consensus".

Many people who are uncomfortable with the argument that George W. Bush, Jr. is within the limits of the law if he attacks Iraq without congressional consent have found too much comfort, in that statement. But rather than treating it like a debatable point that is probably true sometimes, although undemocratic, it is

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Health care career fair

The second annual Health Care Career Fair will match people seeking jobs and training in the rapidly growing health care industry with employers and educators.

The Fair will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Workforce Network office, 2510 Oakmont Way (behind Albertson's on Coburg Road). Admission is free.

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Looking good and winning too

Volleyball nets back to back wins.

Roland Ford
Sports Editor

Jonathan Smith
staff writer

Still seeking their first win of the season, the LCC volleyball team took the court on Oct. 2, against an also winless Umpqua CC. Willing to do anything for a win, the Titans came out with a new look.

The women sported their black knee-highs and coach Dale Weigandt, fresh from the barber shop, looked sharp in a three piece suit.

"Whatever it takes," said coach Weigandt, frustrated from an 0-3 start. It must have worked because Lane controlled the match from the start. The Titans took down the Timberwomen without much of a fight, defeating them in three straight: 30-19, 30-27, and 30-22.

Clearly the better team, LCC looked confident, dominating the net and wearing down the Umpqua defense. Outstanding play from outside hitters Danielle Rouhier and Mackenzie Rae-Winkle helped lift LCC to its first win in league play.

"It feels great to be out of the zero column," said Weigandt,

who might have resorted to shaving his head and wearing a kilt had the Titans not been victorious.

Sophomore Kristen Stookey took control of game one, blocking a kill attempt by Umpquas' Linda Stricklin and following it with a kill of her own to make the score 29-19. Lane then won a long rally to take game one, 30-19.

In the second game, the Titans came from behind to win. Rae-Winkle and Rouhier traded kills down the stretch. Umpqua, 30-27.

The Titans experimented with a "6-2" offense in the final game, different from their usual one-setter attack.

Crystal Ross and Lindsay Kinney both played well as Lane cruised to a 30-22 win. "I want to keep the socks," said Ross. "But some of the other girls don't like them." The Lady Titans improved to 1-3 on the year, while Umpqua fell to 0-4.

Danielle Rouhier finished the match with a team high eight kills, Mackenzie Rae-Winkle had five kills and 24 digs, and Lacey DeWald had a pair of kills to go along with her 18 assists.

On Oct. 4, the Lane volleyball team took down the

Southwest Oregon Community College Lakers in five sets 30-23, 22-30, 30-28, 23-30, 15-9, at Titan Court. The win over the Lakers is the second consecutive win for the Titans and has Dale Weigandt feeling more confident about the team. "You start getting that feeling that maybe you're going to turn the corner."

It was the longest game this season for the Titans, in fact sophomore LeeAnn Genovese noted the team didn't really know what to do for a fifth game.

The Titans learned quickly, as they jumped out to an early lead in the fifth set tie breaker 3-1, on successive kills from freshmen Rae-Winkle and Rouhier. However, the Lakers hung tough and forged a tie at four all, when a shot from Rouhier went long. The home squad pulled together and got the lead back on the very next play, with Rouhier stuffing the ball down, for one of her team high, 14 kills on the night to put the Titans back in front to stay. It also started a 4-0 run by Lane which put them in the driver's seat, since the Lakers could get no closer than four points the rest of the set. Lane closed out the fifth set scoring the final three points to secure its second straight victory of the season.

Stookey added 10 kills and 31 digs in the hard fought win. Genovese added a team high, 54 digs to go along with eight kills, and two aces. "I'm like stoked about this game right now... I felt like we got it together and everybody's learning

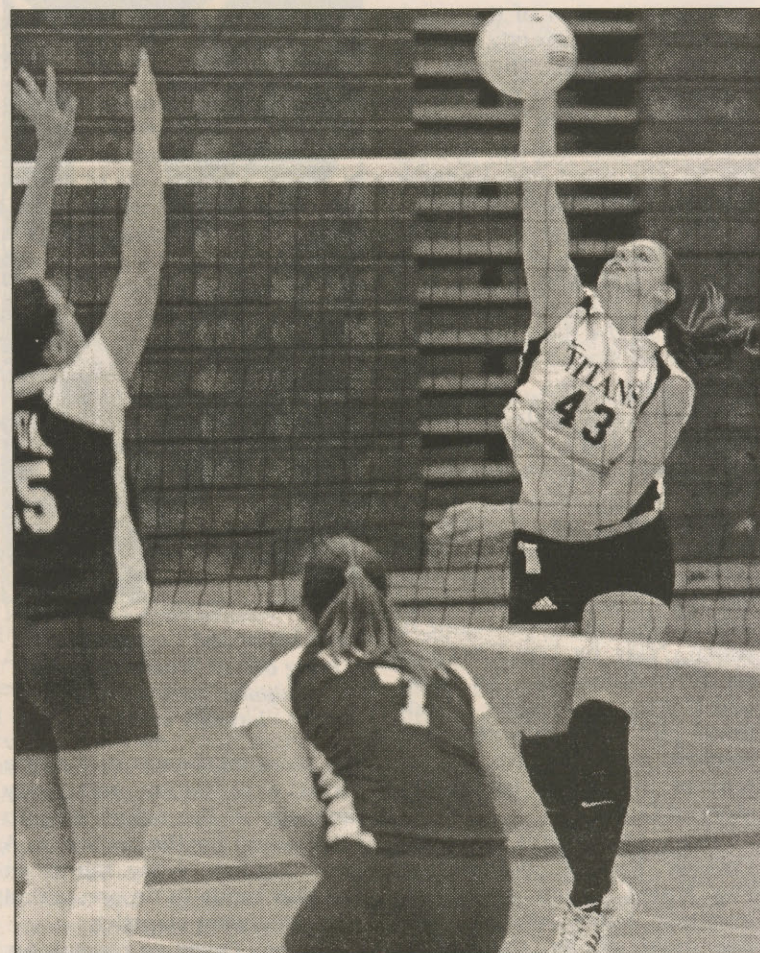


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Sophomore Kristen Stookey goes vertical with a spike in the final game vs Umpqua for the Titan's first win of the season, October 2, 2002.

their positions, we're rotating, and getting everything taken care of." Her 54 digs are one of her best performances, and one of the best achievements in school history.

The Titans who improved to 2-3 in conference action, jumped ahead of Southwest Oregon which fell to 1-4 in league, "That puts us one game back of a

fourth place playoff spot, which is my goal for this team," stated Weigandt.

Look for the Titans to keep things rolling as they head to Des Moines, Wash. for a mid-season tournament at Highline CC, Oct. 11-12. The road gets tougher for Lane as they travel to Mt. Hood, Oct. 16 and Clackamas on Oct. 23.

LCC runners get their hustle on in Salem

Lonnie Getchell
Staff Writer

On Oct. 5, the LCC Cross Country team traveled to Salem for the 28th Annual Willamette University Invitational Cross Country meet at Bush's Pasture Park.

A total of 61 collegiate programs and track clubs from seven U.S. states and British Columbia attended the event. "It's the largest race on the west coast," said LCC Cross Country and Track and Field Coach Grady O'Connor.

"We got a lot of freshmen," said O'Connor referring to the men's squad. "This is their first 8K and so that's a move up from their high school days at 5K." The women's races stay at 5K.

There were five men racing for Lane with 366 other runners from seven other NWAACC schools, NCAA Division II, and NAIA Division schools.

Freshman John Randall, from Sheldon High School, led the Titans with a time of 27:15.88. "I got caught up into the action and started out too fast that first mile, and came through in like 4:56-57, which was way too fast," said Randall. "I thought I finished strong at the very end but I just need more experience."

Matt Altemus, the lone sophomore on the team finished second with a time of 27:21.18.

"Matt's been here before," said O'Connor. "He ran about a minute faster than last year."

Rounding out the men were Adam Kenyon, 27:53.23; Sean Torassa, 28:58.90; and Josh

Byerly 29:32.18.

"I think we did good considering it was pretty much everybody's first 8K," said Randall. "I think we'll get a lot better, with a few more races under our belt."

"I think they performed very well for the first one out. It's pretty crazy because of the size of the race. The guys are anxious to get back into training, and get ready for another 8K."

The highlight of the day for the LCC Cross Country team was the performance of the lead runner for the women, Stephanie Carter. In the last 100 meters of her race, she kicked it into high gear, passing five runners in the process and finishing with a personal record time of 19:40.92. That was good for 11th place overall in the NWAACC.

Teammate Raydeen Sumantri finished with her personal best of 20:27.33.

Other finishers for the women were: Samantha Rough, 22:10.47, Livia Heuberger, 22:21.25, Katie Nusbaum, 23:09.74 and Teresa Miller, 23:17.90.

"On the women's side we had a lot of personal bests," said O'Connor.

"All in all it was a good trip and we'll definitely be better because of it."

The Titans have two more meets before they host the NWACC Southern Region Championships on Oct. 26. They will compete at Lewisville State Park in Battle Ground, Wash., in the Clark College Invitational on Oct. 12.

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A&E Calendar

Oct. 10, 11, 12

"Cold Storage," a play by Ronald Ribman, will be presented in the Blue Door Theater. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for students, performance is at 8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 11

The Titan's will conduct a co-ed basketball camp from 8:30 a.m.-noon and 12:30-3:30 p.m. at South Eugene High School.

The camp is for ages 8 to 17 and the cost is \$25. Campers need to bring their own lunch. Profits will go to the scholarship fund in the basketball program. Register at South Eugene High or call coach Jim Boutin at 463-5553.

National Coming Out Day is the day the lesbian, gay, bisexual and

transgender community becomes visible and celebrates its identity as "family." In the LCC cafeteria from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.: music and speakers, tables for Mother Kali's books, HIV Alliance, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Basic Rights Oregon and the Eugene Public Library.

Saturday, Oct. 12

"The Prom You Never Had in High School," a gay prom/fundraiser for Lane's Queer/Straight Alliance at the Red Lion Inn, Coburg Road, from 7 p.m.-midnight. Admission is \$5 for individuals and \$8 for couples. Special rates for reserved rooms at the Hilton.

The Boldness Institute presents "The Boldness Festival," featuring interactive theater games and story telling, theatrical performances and live music all day long, free chair massages, energy bolstering snacks and drinks, and more, from 2-8 p.m. in UO's Agate Hall. Admission is \$8-10 sliding scale, \$15 for families and \$5 for students.

Sunday, Oct. 13

The Mid-Willamette College Faire will be held from noon-4

p.m. in Lane's cafeteria. Representatives from 80 colleges and universities nationwide will be available to meet personally with prospective students and provide information about their educational programs, admissions, entrance requirements, scholarships and financial aid. Questions? Call Karen Dickey at 463-5688.

Monday, Oct. 14

Indigenous People's Day (some call it Columbus Day), Ethnic Studies, the Lane Native Language Program, the Multicultural Center and the Native American Program present speaker Chuck Hunt, Ph.D., visiting UO professor, followed by an open mic/question answer session in the Main Performance Hall, Building 6, from 2-3 p.m. Then learn about LCC's leadership in the programs and services that benefit native and non-native students on our campus from 3-4 p.m.

A new LCC Gallery (ground floor, Building 11) exhibit features photography by H.J. Schidt, a photographer from Bozeman, Mont. The artist will give a lecture about writing and photography in the LCC Art Gallery, on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 3 p.m..

Free video and popcorn in the Multicultural Center, Room 201, Building 1, at 5:15 p.m. In the film, "And the Band Played On," Dr. Don Francis, a researcher at the Center for Disease Control, seeks to uncover the cause of a number of mysterious deaths. He drew some sobering conclusions: gay men, hemophiliacs, intravenous drug users and equatorial Africa were all at risk.

Saturday, Oct. 19

In the LCC cafeteria from 6-9 p.m. a fund-raiser for Medical Health Camp and Children's Educational Support in Nepal will feature traditional Nepali food and dance.

compiled by Skye MacIvor
A&E Editor



Approximately 20 students protest a proposed policy to automatically raise tuition every fall. The proposal was discussed at the Oct. 9 LCC Board of Education meeting. No decision was reached.

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Half the administration's contingency budget (of \$600,000) was spent on facilities repair last year.

LCC President Mary Spilde reminded the board that a tuition surcharge will only solve this year's problems. Continued reductions in state funding will force the college to consider program cuts next year.

The board will make a final decision on the surcharge or before Oct. 21 in order to meet the printing deadline for the winter class schedule.

Students protest

Approximately 20 students wearing stickers and carrying placards reading "No life sentence" and "I can't afford forever" crowded into the LCC board room to protest a new policy that would automatically raise tuition every fall based on the Higher Education Price Index.

The board took no action on the policy.

Empty seats

Only two students attended LCC President Mary Spilde's open forum on the current state of LCC's budget woes.

Spilde held the forum on Oct. 8 to brief students and to answer questions on the policy options the college administration put before the LCC Board of Education at its Oct. 9 meeting.

Spilde said she was "disappointed" with the low turnout.

"I really had myself geared up for lots of debate and argument."

Thirteen people attended altogether, including administration staffers, members of the press

and representatives from the board and the state legislature.

"I drove all the way out here to listen to students and I'm a little (upset) — more than that, actually — that they didn't take advantage of the opportunity," said board member Dennis Shine, who represents Springfield.

There was no ASLCC representative at the forum.

"We expected some ASLCC representation. It's sad that no one was able to attend," said ASLCC President Gregory Dunkin. "We always try to get students to come to board meetings. We feel they need to be involved in the process that affects their lives."

Vice President of Operations Marie Matsen stressed the value the administration places on student input. She further added that student input is most effective in venues such as Spilde's forum rather than board meetings.

"I would challenge students to get in the room with us before they become public board issues. Then it's too late

Another open forum has been scheduled for Oct. 15 from noon to 1 p.m. in the LCC Cafeteria.

Open forum to discuss college budget, Oct. 15, Noon to 1p.m. in LCC cafeteria

REALITY from page 5

thrown about like a law of nature everywhere from CNN to the Washington Times.

This is one way that thought can create reality. There is a new layer between you and the people who want something from you and the people you want something from. A kind of demographic enhanced sociolinguistic layer bends information toward you based on your profile and the profile of the information. It is an incredibly effective and usefully way to understand a large group of people that you could never know individually. It sounds like it could have wonderfully democratic uses, but instead it is used to find out how a product or information about a product can find its way to your favorite TV show, your email or your mail box.

Everything can be marketed; can something be marketed so well that you like what you are hearing without knowing or car-

ing what action the words imply?

I was listening to George W. Bush wax eloquent about America and how the God of Abraham will prevail over Allah and I started thinking, "Ah, what a sweet emotional value those words have generated within me," then I realize what I'm thinking and start thinking about what I am thinking about and I say "Whoa, Justin, Whoa," to myself.

Knowing what people want is critical in getting what you want, whether it's getting elected to a public office or selling a pint of happy-fun-fudge-superpudge ice cream. It's just how we interact. Beware if how you "instantly respond". Watch out for words and phrases that make you feel warm inside. Look instead, for the actual ideas and actions that the words refer to and see if they give you the same warm feelings.

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Events

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International tea and chat. Open to all students. Come and meet students from all over the world every Tuesday from 2:30-4: p.m. in Room 201, Building 1. For more info call 463-5165.

Queer Prom

At Red Lion Oct. 12, 8:00. \$5.00 per person, \$8.00 per couple. For info: 463-5276.

Answers to last week's puzzle

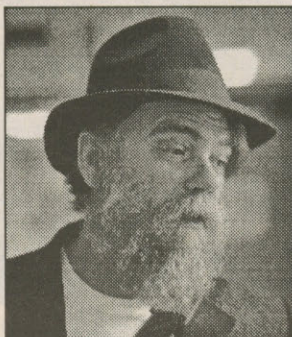
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Look for a new crossword puzzle in next week's Torch.

The Pulse

**How should the college deal with the \$350,000 budget gap?
Raise tuition by \$2.00 to \$2.50 per credit or continue cutting services and classes?**

Johnny Eye
dislocated worker



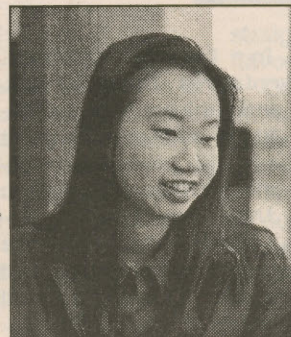
"It depends on what services are going to be cut. We don't need to cut any more classes or programs. If we need to pay a little more — fine. But we need to be looking hard at the budget."

Amrit Randhawa
pharmacist major



"I don't think the students can pay because they depend on financial aid. The college should do what it can to cut costs, even \$2 can add up to a lot for students."

Shuchen Huang
business major



"I would prefer the college cut services and class sections."

Nance Kukes
legal secretary major



"I think students should pay more. There's been way too many cuts. Students want to be here. The only way we can continue some of these programs is for the students to pay the extra cost."

Ryan Melvin
pre-med major



"I think students should pay more. [\$2] is not that much money. If it would help fill the budget gap I'm all for it."

Eric Rosso
transfer degree



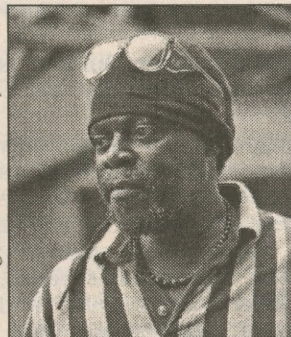
"Neither of the above. The school needs to be more far sighted in its financial planning. Instead of constructing new buildings, put the Bond funds in a CD and use the interest for other financing."

Justin Sleeper
welding fabrication major



"Any increase in tuition is going to hurt me — I support a family and we live off financial aid alone. I'm really up in arms — I don't know know what they should do."

Lee Brown
welding fabrication major



"Cutting back on classes is bad. If there's no other way to balance the budget, then I think it's only fair that students pay to keep programs."

Compiled by Sarah Ross
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