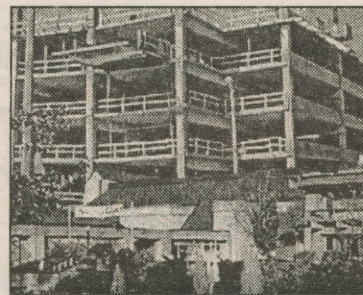


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COLLEGE DESPERATE FOR FUNDS

Administrators fall back on time-tested fund raising methods

By Ashley Singed
TORCHED Staff

College administrators raised close to \$150 at a combination bake sale/car wash over spring break. The money will be used to "buy back" class sections eliminated spring term as result of revenue shortfalls from the state, said President Mary Spilde.

"We know the state's financial picture is just going to get worse, so we decided to take things into our own hands."

Spilde, who's homemade shortbread raised \$25 at the week-long event, said the administration set a fund raising goal of \$500,000. Administrators expect the car wash, which only brought in \$25, to pay bigger dividends once the weather warms up.

"We know we've set our sights high," Spilde acknowledged, "But this is just one piece of a larger fund raising strategy."

In a memo sent out earlier this year and obtained by a TORCHED reporter Spilde encouraged college administrators to "establish regular can collection routes on campus and, when possible, in the community."

Assistant to the President, Tracy Simms, said, "We don't want to step on any toes. But we've got to be aggressive if we're going to meet our goal."

Vice President of College Operations



Photo by I.M. Smoldering

LCC President Mary Spilde pokes around for spare change in the couches in The Women's Center in Building 1.

Marie Matsen said her staff got a jump start on the fund raising effort by collecting \$3.75 from pay phone and vending machine coin return slots in the cafeteria.

"We draw the line at 'spare changing,'" said Matsen, "but we're not above scrounging."

In other efforts to relieve the college's budget shortfalls the LCC Board of Education has directed administrators to explore the revenue potential of harvesting and selling plasma.

"It's a variation on the blood drive," said board chair Roger Hall. "We know we can't keep raising tuition forever. This is one way for students to give more that doesn't cost them anything."

But others feel the plasma ploy is going too far. "Lane faculty and staff are already the heart and soul of the college, asking them give up their bodily fluids to become it's lifeblood as well is just too much," said an angry instructor who asked to remain anonymous.

Faculty, staff explore 'alternative strategies' in face of pending budget cuts

By I. M. Smoldering
TORCHED Staff

Mysterious symbols and repetitive phrases are appearing on chalkboards in classrooms on LCC's main campus.

"We're not sure what this is all about, but we're taking it very seriously," said campus public safety officers.

The most common symbol involves a money sign and an axe, officials told TORCHED. Repetitive phrases, which appear to be incantations of some kind have been found scrawled on chalkboards all over campus, and usually include references to Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski, the state legislature and college administrators involved in the budget setting process.

Witnesses say the markings appear in the early morning hours before students and administrators are on campus.

"I feel like I'm being watched," said a skittish budget committee member who wished to remain anonymous.

A highly placed administrator admitted, "It's starting to feel creepy in here - it's like someone's trying to control my thoughts."

Sources say neatly stacked piles of coins were found in the corners of the gymnasium and strange twig formations hang from trees around the administration building.

"It's gotten worse as we get closer to finalizing the budget," said an anonymous executive team member. "Even Board of Education members say they feel a 'weird vibe' when they come to campus these days."

Faculty and classified union representatives deny any knowledge of the mysterious signs.

As a precaution some staff members have begun carrying salt shakers with them in the early morning hours while others have devised counter-symbols of their own in hopes of warding off any influence the mysterious symbols may have.

One anonymous executive team member says she prefers the image of a scalpel over that of an axe. "It's more accurate, these are thoughtful decisions that are being made, not indiscriminate hacking."

GENETIC EXPERIMENT DISCOVERED ON CAMPUS

Mysterious creature alarms, amuses witnesses

Char D. Crisp
TORCHED Staff

A mysterious furry creature has been seen scurrying across the south parking lot and burrowing under Building 16 report students and staff who arrive on campus in the early morning hours.

Witnesses describe the creature as having the head of a cat and the body of a squirrel.

"This is the most adorable mutation I've ever seen," says Mathematics professor, Karen Louise-White. "When I finally caught up to the animal and it realized I wasn't going to harm it, he began rubbing against my legs and twitching his fluffy tail."

The animal, which Louise-White affectionately calls, "Carl," was less timid after she picked it up. With the animal



Photo by Bernie Coffee

"Carl" the cat-squirrel charms students and staff outside building 16.

wrapped in her arms, she called local animal regulation authorities.

After digging under building 16 Wildlife rescuer Aaron Chaney says, "We discovered about twenty of the little creatures."

After three hours of difficult work, the creatures were captured and transported to Greenhill where geneticists waited to analyze their DNA.

"I've never seen anything like it," said noted Eugene physicist, E. Brown after DNA and blood samples had been taken from the animal and scrutinized.

Further testing revealed a modified DNA code and the initials NGC. The identity of the progenitors was discovered just recently when Nickelodeon creator, Michael Sharp was found roaming the campus with a leash saying, "here, here cat-squirrel, here cat-squirrel"

It turns out the cat-squirrels were escapees of Sharp's genetics lab.

"Cat-dog didn't really work as far as splicing DNA. I thought a squirrel might be more compatible. It turns out that together they are more intelligent than I imagined," admitted Sharp.

The cat-squirrels had hitched a ride with a delivery truck from Sharp's lab in Minnesota.

"I knew it," said Louise-White, "smart AND cute."

THE CREATURE FROM THE SEWAGE LAGOON...

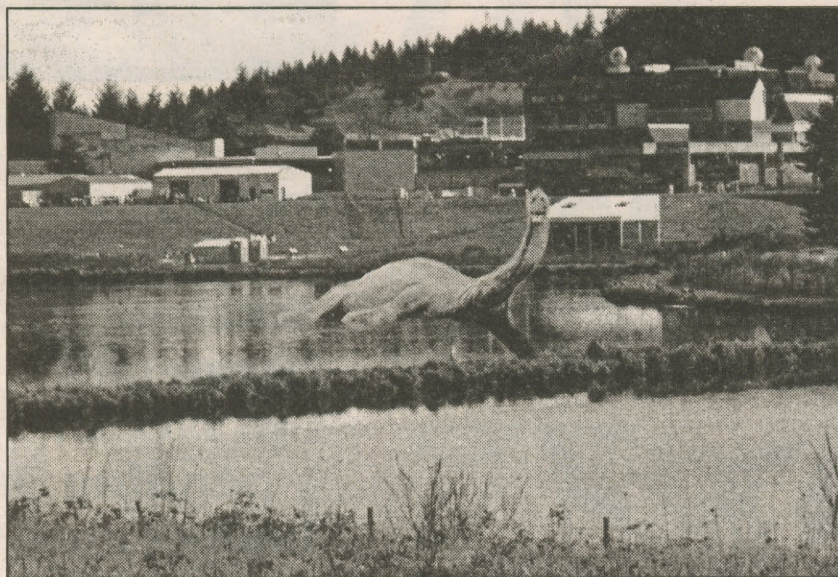


Photo by Smokin' Gunn

Passing motorists caught an eyeful over spring break when LCC's own "Stinky" poked her head out of the sewage lagoons she calls home. "We don't usually get sightings during the school year," say Lane grounds keepers, "But I guess the low water forced her to come up for air." Estimated to be two tons and more than 40 feet long "Stinky" has lived in the college's sewage lagoons "since before time began," say long time campus employees.

Rumsfield admits to being scared of 'boobies'

By Sparky Sinder
TORCHED Staff

In a startling interview with MTV's pop culture whore Carson Daly, Secretary Rumsfield admitted that he has been scared of women's breasts since he was a young man. This was the reason he spent \$10,000 of taxpayers money to cover the "unnervingly pert"

breast of Lady Justice in the capitol building.

At the impressionable age of 22 Rumsfield was nearly trampled by a mob of drunk topless females at Mardi Gras. Ever since then he claims to "break into a sweat" and immediately "go flaccid" at the mere sight of "boobies."

When asked if his wife was naked when

they made love, or whatever, the Secretary replied that usually Mrs. Rumsfield would wear a night gown that he would lift up but not so high as to show the frightening organs. He went on to say that sometimes on special occasions such as his wedding anniversary he would hire a male escort to feel Mrs. Rumsfield's breasts.

Senator Lott compliments fascist leader on efficiency

By Sparky Sinder
TORCHED Staff

In a press release from the office of U.S. Senator Trent Lott earlier today the senator appeared to compliment deceased Fascist leader Benito Mussolini on the efficiency of the Italian state during his rule. The release was followed 3 hours later by another release disavowing any such interpretation of the first release.

The initial release quoted Sen. Lott as saying "fascism, ah sweet fascism, if only people would do as I say the economy would be much better. That was what Mussolini did right, control

the economic factors of his country."

The second release effectually retracted the first release by quoting the Senator saying "I simply meant that if I were granted absolute power over the economy then it would be in much better shape."

Eventually a member of his office staff slipped an exasperated statement scrawled on a bar napkin to a Washington Post reporter saying, "Holy Crap, don't you know that he is just a stupid old man waiting for retirement. He has no connection with the reality you and me know. Quit listening to him, none of us in his office do."

'Luke' who's coming to Lane

New coach attracts Oregon's finest players

By R. Sonist
TORCHED Staff

Basketball fanatics in Eugene are crazy for the UO's Luke "SkyWalker" Jackson and "Cool Hand" Luke Ridnour.

And now, in a dramatic change of venue, the two super hoopsters are bringing their magic to LCC with "Luke 2 Luke 2 Lane."

"I kind of like it," says Jackson. "It's that Triple-L effect, sort of the same force as Triple-H (pro wrestler)."

LCC men's basketball coach Jim Boutin says he wasn't surprised the tandem chose to play their final year of eligibility for the Titans.

"The Ducks have had a disappointing year," he said.

"They feel like they've led them as far as that program will go and its time for a new challenge."

That new challenge is leading the Lane Titans men's basketball team to an undefeated season next year.

Coach Boutin says he's uncertain whether Jax and Rid will start at Lane, despite their illustrious careers playing for Ernie Kent and the Ducks.

But that won't be for the retiring coach to decide. That decision will be made by Larry Brown, the Titan's next coach.

While Brown hasn't been officially named as the new head coach of LCC

men's basketball, he is the top candidate said Interim Athletics Director, Sean MonDragon.

Should the LCC Board of Education elect to hold onto the athletics program, saving basketball, then the hiring of coach Brown would almost cement the two Lukes into the Titan starting five.



JACKSON



RIDNOUR

"Larry is a great coach and he believes in the motion offense which pretty much makes Luke and I the offensive leaders," said Jackson.

UO head coach Ernie Kent will miss his two leading scorers next season.

"That is two of the best guys I've ever coached in terms of athleticism, attitude, and their sense of teamwork," says Kent.

"I wish only the best for them at LCC and I guess I'll have to visit Titan Court a few times to watch them play."

Ridnour says "I think it'll be the most exciting year in Titan Basketball history."

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I'm ready for my re-audition

After three months of torture, I'm ready for another shot at Equus.

D. EreK Jolson
TORCHED Staff

ED'S NOTE: This article contains graphic descriptions of nudity.

Those of you out there who matter will remember LCC's production of *Equus* (a stage production containing nudity), last February. However, what only my mom knows is that I, D. EreK Jolson, dreamed of starring in that production and subsequently humiliated myself in a nude private audition.

I know what you jerks are thinking, "Hey, Mr. Jolson why in the world would you want your first ever acting gig to be a production containing nudity?"

Well, you could say its a metaphor for me; D. EreK Jolson, finally coming out of my cocoon and showing the world how I have metamorphosed from a simple worm into a glorious moth. You could say that, but it would be B.S.

Truthfully, I'll jump at any opportunity to drop my pants and swing my twig and berries up in strangers faces. And that's all good, but for some reason I didn't make it past the auditions and it's been eating away at my insides for the last few months.

After spending hundreds of hours crying and cursing at my bare reflection in the mirror, I

decided it was time for D. EreK Jolson to take his destiny into his own hands.

First, I thought, maybe if I lost a few pounds my naked body would be less repulsive. Unfortunately, the grips of extra sagging skin left after the lipo made me look like a melted candle.

Skinny wasn't a real good look for me so I started injecting steroids three times a day, which was going good until my back got all hairy. Besides that, my berries got so small that they looked disproportionate to my twig, which wasn't a bad thing.

I spent a few more hours in the mirror and, although now quite muscular, I decided I looked a little to "natural" to have what is considered an attractive nude body.

I was too embarrassed to buy that girly bodywax stuff, and if I went in a salon someone might think I was gay. So, I got a roll of duct tape at the hardware store and systematically ripped out all my body hair - including the crack of my smile.

After hours of pain and agony I was finally getting the results I was after. However, I couldn't quite put my finger on it, but something was still a little off.

I decided it was time to finally go in for that circumcision I've been putting off for the last 22 years. This also wasn't a bad time to tone down my huge pepperoni-sized areolas and since I was already going for surgery, why not go big.

Now I can only wait, wait and hope that the success of "Equus" will have the theater department looking for another juicy nude role so I can finally shine in all my naked glory.

LCC welcomes 'out of this world' student

Administrators hope to increase extra-terrestrial enrollment.

Ashley Singed
TORCHED Staff

LCC administrators were on hand to welcome Lane's first alien student to campus spring term.

"Classline just made it so easy," said the alien Xswr (pronounced zicks-wuhr) from Hiji (pronounced he-jee), a little known backwater located in an outer arm of the galaxy.

"I've been hearing about Earth [colleges] all my life and I'm glad I finally get a chance to see what everyone's talking about."

College President Mary Spilde says the Hiji is a great addition to the college and that administrators hope an increase in alien enrollment will help solve the college's on-going budget problems.

"By increasing our share of out-of-planet tuition and fees we can help alleviate some of our revenue shortfalls, says Spilde."

Xswr's family is moving to Earth with him. His father, Xswy says, "Non-resident tuition costs more, but Lane has a reputation as the best community college in the



Photo by Smokin' Gunn

Extra-terrestrial blends in with students heading to class. Xswr is the first intergalactic alien to attend LCC.

Milky Way."

Science instructors, who have already met with the incoming extra-terrestrial say, "It's amazing how comfortable he is in our environment. We thought the lower oxygen content of the atmosphere and higher gravity might cause some difficulties, but Xswr is adapting well."

Reactions to the seven-foot HJGIAN run the gamut.

"He's just the coolest," says one astronomy classmate. "He really knows his stars."

But others are not so enthusiastic. "He has an unfair advantage with all the advanced sci-

ence involved in space travel. He's going to skew the curve and earth students aren't going to do as well."

But instructors say the alien will be working part-time as a lab specimen in the afternoons, and all students will benefit from his presence.

What's more, the seven foot space man says he is a big basketball fan.

"I love the game for tall people."

Titan basketball coaches are feverishly working to convince NWAACC officials that the intergalactic ringer is eligible for play in the Southern League.

Instructor accused of being 'Homophone'

By Ember Burns
TORCHED Staff

An LCC student accused physical education instructor Ben Dover of being a homophone during a charged statement at a sparsely attended press conference.

"It's embarrassing to say his name, and I won't do it. I don't know how he lives with

himself," the student told the TORCHED.

College administrators said that while students have the "right to voice their opinions, homophonic attitudes like these undermine the college's commitment to diversity."

Dover's supervisor Harry Pitts said, "I've never had a problem with Ben's name. Besides, there's nothing wrong with being a homophone, anyway."

THIS REALLY SUCKS



Students look on as a fellow classmate is pulled from his photography class up onto one of LCC's giant air recirculation vents. "Weirdest thing I've ever seen," one student stated. "This school is like the Twilight Zone," said another.

Photo by Hot Shot

Controversial new program offers students high-earning potential

By I. M. Smoldering
TORCHED Staff

Students are baring more than their souls in order to bring home the bacon in these slow economic times. And LCC wants to provide them with the training they need to be successful in the world's "oldest profession," said a Workforce Development administrator.

"The Stripping certificate offers students a chance to break into a lucrative industry at a time when jobs are hard to find."

The instructor for the class said that although students don't shed their clothes in class, "It would be hard to keep the male students focused if we actually got naked," they do learn the moves that will "help



them pay the rent."

One buxom blonde, who wished to remain anonymous, said, "I never dreamed I'd go to college, and now to be working towards a degree that is really going to pay off - my parents are just thrilled."

And because stripping is a traditionally female field the college receives federal funding for every male who enrolls, say administrators.

"We find the co-ed atmosphere is the big draw for the male students," said the instructor. "The women are usually pretty serious about finding work after they graduate, but a lot of the guys are just dabbling, though they rarely skip class."

No Pulse

What do you most enjoy reading in LCC's newspaper?



Sean A. Round
Multimedia
Reading, eh???...
very interesting...



Tryna Begood
Criminal Justice Program
I should check it out. I've
been using it as hamster
cage lining.



Mo "Silky" Sheets
Business Major
Does it look like I have time
to read??? I'm a busy man!



Betty-Sue Shue
College Prep
LCC has their own
newspaper?!



Rick Martin
Music Program
The pictures ... I like the
pictures.



Xswr
Science Major
tu btn eduts we n am'l
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Parking anyone?

Char D. Crisp
TORCHED Staff

In an effort to relieve beginning of the term congestion in college parking lots administrators have approved construction of a multi-level parking structure in the center of campus.

"We feel this best meets students' needs while at the same time preserving the open areas around the campus," say parking committee members.

"We will be charging for parking next fall and we want to make sure students and staff feel they are getting their money's worth."

Commenting on the pro-

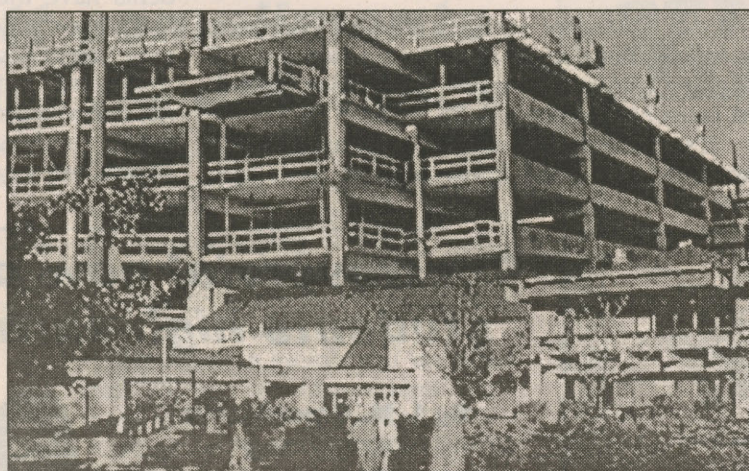


Photo by Burnin' Bri

An architect's model shows the new parking structure dwarfing the PE and Administration buildings on LCC's main campus.

posed plan an anonymous student said, "I like it, I just don't get stuck up on the top floor though, I'll never make wish it was bigger. I hope I it to class on time."

CLASSIFIEDS

PERSONALS

I saw you standing in line at the bookstore. You were holding a stack of books, you looked frustrated and tired. We exchanged exasperated looks. Did you feel the spark?

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY ...

1778 Oliver Pollock, a New Orleans businessman, creates "\$"

1876 1st official NL baseball game (Boston-6, Phila-5)

1942 Mexico changes from three time zones to two.

1951 Mary Spilde born in Kincardine, County Fife, Scotland to Eileen and George Jenkins.

1961 Jim Bakker marries Tammy Faye.

1963 Soap opera "General Hospital" premieres on ABC-TV.

1972 Major league baseball players stages 1st collective strike.

1990 It becomes illegal in Salem, Oregon to be within 2' of nude dancers.



ARIES

It's times like these when you really wish you had a fish stuck in your pants, but don't fret. The likelihood that you'll wither into a frog is about as likely as you sticking your feet in cement.

TAURUS

Baby, Baby, just one more look. When you're looking so closely at the bottom of the pond for just that hint of copper, you're going to miss what the ripples are watching right above the surface.

GEMINI

Oh talented duo! Make me not your enemy. I have a face. I have a story. What were you thinking of calling your little parade? Was it madness or majesty?

CANCER

Don't be mad because Spring Break is over. Mind your manners and sit up straight. Someone's comin' to town.

LEO

Ok, so you got a little tipsy. You drank the wine, tipped the bartender and fell flat on your ass. It's ok. We've all been there. Just don't let your grandmother see.

VIRGO

Dance with me, cheek-to-cheek. I see not where our dreams do meet. Dine and thine shall be rewarded. Castles of...Barbie fluff??? Who are you kidding? Don't be afraid to let it all hang out.

LIBRA

What got into you? This past week you've been silently ranting with nothing to show for it. It's time to speak up. Laugh, cry, belch, whatever. So long as you don't hold back.

SCORPIO

Whoever said that fire was dangerous didn't have your wit. You are the spit that makes the fire crackle. And I hope you know there's more time.

SAGITTARIUS

Strains and bondage. Hearts secure. Films threatening to overtake the womb. What is this that lately calls your name? Is it...no...could it be?...the Lady of the Lake? Where's she walking to?

CAPRICORN

When the workload gets to be too much, go outside and find a mud puddle. Take off all your clothes and roll around a few times. Don't mind if people stare. They only wish they could do it.

AQUARIUS

My handsome foe. If trees were weakened by your grasp, I wouldn't be able to walk. I leave it up to you to figure out what that means. So, how about lightening up a little.


PISCES

Never let them see you frown. Rubbish! Whoever said that never saw the vines growing in the cracks along the sidewalk. Take your hat off, sing a song. The last thing you should remember is never take a walk without leaving your light on.

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