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ExpressLane implements new waitlist procedure

With the second week of classes almost over, students learn how the new waitlist system works.

Jason Nelson
Staff Writer

Using the new, web-based ExpressLane to register for classes is a lot like going out to a restaurant, according to Director of Enrollment Services Helen Garrett.

She says, when you go into a restaurant, you don't pay before you sit down. You put your name on a list, when your name is called you sit down and when you're finished you pay.

Some students may have noticed, as they registered for the 2003 fall term online that some of the classes were full, and no waitlist was provided. This, Garrett says, is because it is now up to the departments themselves to decide whether to have waitlists for their courses.

"A lot of people search and search on ExpressLane and get really frustrated that they cannot find a waitlist," Garrett con-

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Student outcry over cafeteria food prices gets noticed

Food services hopes to lower cafeteria prices, but not in the near future.

Susan Onesky
Staff Writer

When you go into the cafeteria, are you one of those people that spends less than three dollars and piles your plate full of food? Do you think that the five dollar price for a large plate is just too much to spend every day? In a food survey taken last spring, there was an overwhelming response that food prices were too high in the cafeteria. Elected student body president Rebecca Hill has a goal of getting more activity going on around campus dealing with different issues, the cafeteria prices being one of them. "I'd like to see if at least we can work through this term and to see a four-dollar menu or some kind of a student menu with a flat cap come winter term," states Hill, adding "but it's going to take involvement."

Just how does the cafeteria support itself? "The cafeteria is a self-sustaining organization. We receive no money from the college," says LCC kitchen coordinator, Bev Gregory. In fact, each year, starting just a year ago, 10 percent of



Photo by E.W. Johnson

Hungry students are left with little choice but to fill their plates knowing the ASLCC has not lowered food prices and may not in the future.

the revenue the cafeteria generates is required to go to the general college fund. This goes towards areas such as the maintenance of the school and things such as when the "back door is falling off a building," says Gregory. Sometimes this 10 percent contribution can amount to \$80,000 a year, giving a

glimpse into how large the profits of the cafeteria truly are.

The profits from the cafeteria go back into a general fund that is used to pay everybody's wages, buy food, and replace equipment when it breaks down. This last year \$8,000 to \$25,000 was spent on replacing old equipment

such as a dishwasher and a freezer unit. Another problem is the disappearance of silverware and plates, which can be costly to replace.

The cafeteria supplies many jobs for students on campus as well as more permanent staff. There are somewhere between 35 and 50 employees, most of them being students. It is a great job for someone with a busy and sometimes erratic school schedule.

When asked about whether the lowering of prices would be possible, Gregory responded, "No. Not at today's prices. Our prices for the products we buy have done nothing but gone up. Wages have gone up. We would have to hire more people to serve because we wouldn't be able to let you serve yourself, not at a four-dollar plate, so we could control the portions." Department coordinator, Greg Winslow agrees: "Just the price of beef has gone up 30 percent in three months. Four dollars is not realistic."

There have been few complaints about the variety and good taste of the food at the cafeteria. There are a lot of options and a lot of healthy choices. There is vegan, vegetarian, and also the option of taking a small plate. "Right now we are not controlling the portions and it's killing us, but we're doing it anyway. It's more of a customer service to

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Students experience educational vacation in the overseas co-op program.

OPINION

Limbaugh's commentary pegged as racist

Radio personality Rush Limbaugh battles claims that his ESPN comments about Eagles quarterback were racially charged.

Ask someone what their initial reaction is when they hear the name Rush Limbaugh. I and many fellow conservatives start chanting "mega dittos, Rush," while others heed the adage, "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all." If they can contain themselves, that is.

Rush Limbaugh did not heed the saying recently when he made controversial remarks about the Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb on ESPN's Sunday NFL Countdown pregame show, which he was invited to join as a commentator.



**RUSH
ROCKS**

Liz Mayfield
Managing Editor

"I think what we've had here is a little social concern in the NFL. The media has been very desirous that a black quarterback do well," Limbaugh said, according to espn.com. "There is a little hope invested in McNabb, and he got a lot of credit for the performance of this team that he didn't deserve. The defense carried this team."

Racist? Seriously, now, talk about making a mountain out of a molehill. What is everyone up in arms about? Limbaugh, best known for his no-holds-barred conservative radio talk show, is just that — conservative. Translated to some, that means satanic. Knowing Limbaugh's right-wing attitudes, often interpreted by left-wingers as discriminatory and intolerant, this comment must carry the same perceived

biases.

Limbaugh simply did what Limbaugh does best: criticize the media and raise questions. Is wondering if perhaps the media elevated McNabb beyond his on-field accomplishments because of

his race a racist question? I really don't think so.

In alignment with current sentiments about affirmative action, some might argue that McNabb should be given more acclaim than a white quarterback with a similar record, strictly based on his race. Why should affirmative action stop at sports? Arguably, it's not like affirmative action has ever had anything to do with a person's ability. Am I being just a little ridiculous? Liberals of the world hear me now: you can't have your cake and eat it too.

One might suppose that McNabb, understandably ruffled, should be more concerned that Limbaugh pegged him as a bad player rather than a black mercy project of sports media. McNabb could care less about a critique of his performance. But he makes a great victim of conservatism.

Not so surprising is that liberal heavyweights like Reverend Al Sharpton are amazed that Limbaugh has yet to make an apology. Welcome to planet earth, Reverend Sharpton.

"I'm shocked that we're at Wednesday and we have not seen an apology

from Mr. Limbaugh," Sharpton said, according to espn.com. "We cannot sit back in silence. That would be consent and we would have lost self-respect."

Rally your troops, Reverend.

It's also no surprise that two democratic presidential candidates, Wesley Clark and Howard Dean, took the opportunity to condemn Limbaugh and push for his termination from ESPN. They should thank Limbaugh for the opportunity to plug themselves for some serious minority votes.

Before ESPN was able to determine whether to keep or fire Limbaugh, they accepted his resignation even though the ratings for "Sunday NFL Countdown" rose 10 percent with Limbaugh's appearance on the program.

Perhaps a portion of that 10 percent were liberals just waiting, hoping and praying that Limbaugh would say something to maybe "irk" them. Wish granted.

It is no secret that Limbaugh has strong opinions and voices them with liberal-shattering hilarity. That is why he is popular. That is why ESPN hired him. Mega dittos, Rush. Mega dittos.

New aspirations as the new year quickly approaches

Cartoon sharks drink coffee underwater in the marine biology classroom. I do lots of reading. Reading books takes all day long. I also learn fast in order to take a science test. All day I pick the right answers. I have to use my head. My science teacher works very hard. He's a very nice man.

Sharks own the grocery shop. Rock



**MACK
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John Mackwood
Columnist

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Too many
cartoons.

Eat at the dinner table or make love. Good talk or good kiss. Have a good day.

Cartoon shark is a couch potato working all day long. Too lazy. Cartoon writing is a very good job. I've got good work skills to write cartoons in the next six years. That's my new goal in the future. It's a big change from the Torch paper. Always busy.

It's fall, 2003. Get your flu shot in the middle of October. If you're not up to it, your food will be up all winter long.

2004 is coming soon. Citrus shine is always very good to drink to your health.

Editor's note: John Mackwood is a special needs student at Goodwill in Springfield. John writes his column with the help of a Torch editor.

Letters to the Editor

River bend II site explains courthouse fiasco

Here we go again. The city has placed the Willamette Greenway/Riverfront Research Park area on its list of ten potential sites for a new hospital. What kind of trippers does the city hire to make these lists? It must be someone who doesn't get out much. The site of the mothballed Riverfront Research Park boondoggle is the most controversial piece of land in east Eugene and bike commuters and river advocates will take this "option" off the table quickly.

The city council would be well advised to avoid wasting resources and crafting plans that in reality would require divine intervention to execute. Let no one wonder why the feds would distance themselves from getting involved in an area with such faulty and disconnected unplanning underway. The UO, the city and LTD ought to rediscover the imminent importance of public input at every stage of their planning now; instead, they have coalesced and act as a

united front against neighborhood groups.

Citizens have a chance to get involved in Mark Lakeman's "The City Repair Project," now beginning in Eugene, Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 6:00 p.m., at the introductory meeting at the Whiteaker Community Center on 1st and Van Buren. The group acquires permits to shut intersections and creates a community vision for planning among citizens.

Zachary Vishanoff
Eugene

A ranting, hungry vegetarian

It seems as though I have less choices about what to eat every day. The more I learn about the foods we consume daily throughout our lives, the less appealing it becomes.

Recently, I happened upon a disturbing article concerning the mystery ingredient always labeled as "natural flavoring." Apparently, some super-whiz kid down at the marketing department of Hunt's Catsup decided that 'natural flavor'

sounded more appetizing than it's common name: beef blood.

Even more disturbing than this little tidbit is the fact that "natural flavors" pop up all over the place. Next time you're in the grocery store, take a good look at those ingredient lists.

And it's not just the blood that bothers me. It's the bones, too. Gelatin isn't reserved for jams and Jell-O anymore. I was shopping for my favorite snack food, dry-roasted peanuts, and gave the ingredients a quick look. Only to find ... gelatin!

Noah Rademacher
Eugene

Student government present and accounted for

Student Government is alive and well at LCC. While that statement may sound preposterous following certain comments reported in last week's article on the Student Health Center proposal, it is the truth. In spite of claims that the Senate was out this summer, the fact is

that student government was not only on-campus, but highly active, planning for a year of change at LCC. As soon as President Rebecca Hill's team was clued-in to what was going on with the proposal and how fast it was happening (about one hour prior to the board meeting), the Senate rallied its forces, with each member voicing concerns and making it clear that students needed to be involved. Senators Marcia Sexton and Ryan Hague, along with LCC's Oregon Student Association adviser Brett Rowlett, met with two concerned students and put together a list of potential problems to be discussed in a meeting with the Health Center's Director, Sandra Ing-Wiese. When the committee for the Health Center sent out an invitation for three students, the team was put together by the end of the day, anxiously awaiting the first meeting. Indeed, student government is alive and well at LCC. To get involved, contact Senator Ryan Hague at 463-5334.

Ryan Hague
ASLCC Senator

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OPINION

Decreased funding starts vicious cycle of cuts

Budget cuts throw affordable education out the window.

As the budget crisis escalates, legislators look for easy ways to make cuts. Cutting \$75 million from the higher education budget seemed easy because colleges can make up for it by raising tuition. However, steep tuition increases will be detrimental to both higher education and our state's long-term economic health.

Affordability has gone out the window. In 1999, students split the cost of education evenly with the state. Four years later, 64 percent comes out of student's pockets. Some students have seen tuition jump as much as 50 percent. And Oregon ranks near the bot-

tom nationally in state-funded financial aid.

The combination of soaring education costs and weak financial aid will cause enrollment to decline. So, the beating higher education took this legislative session set off a chain reaction that will result in further tuition hikes and dwindling enrollments. Traditionally, students who cannot afford

Guest Commentary

Andy Saultz
LCC Student

university costs fall back on community colleges, but they didn't fare much better when budgets were slashed.

While demand for their services increases sharply, community colleges have been left reeling from a \$38 million cut

in funding. An increasing number of Oregonians need job training from community colleges, and university students save money by taking transferable courses. Shrinking budgets and growing enrollments hinder the ability of community colleges to provide access to high quality service.

As lawmakers and voters hold the line on taxes, higher education loses. The public insists on getting more but paying less, so students are left paying more but receiving less. And if citizens overturn the tax package passed by legislators, higher education will lose an additional \$11 million.

While skyrocketing costs price a growing number of students out of higher education, the amount of available financial aid continues to plum-

met. Because of the tireless advocacy of students, there were some bright spots. The legislature restored some funds to the Oregon Opportunity Grant and Childcare Block Grant. Still, Oregon provides less financial aid than most other states.

The Oregon Opportunity Grant turned away over one third of eligible students during the last two years. New, stricter eligibility requirements mean that even fewer students will meet the criteria for receiving the grant. Although legislators restored \$4 million to the fund, students will still be turned away in large numbers.

Last October, the Student Childcare Block Grant, which covered childcare costs for nearly 500 student parents, was eliminated. During the recently adjourned session, legislators

supported student parents by adding \$1 million to fund the program. While this money will allow about 100 parents to attend school, at least 1,000 others will be left unable to afford the combined costs of childcare and tuition.

Balancing the budget on the backs of college students is not the answer to Oregon's budget crisis. Cuts to universities and community colleges limit access to post-secondary education, ensuring that fewer Oregonians are prepared to make significant contributions to our economy in coming years. To secure a productive future for Oregon, legislators and citizens must make higher education a priority.

Editor's note: Andy Saultz is the AS President at OSU and the Board Chair of Oregon Student Association.

California's recall shows need for reform

The California recall illustrates need for nation-wide election reform.

California's recall of Governor Gray Davis is arguably the biggest news going on in the country right now. Every day there is some new tidbit of information about who is leading in the polls or what scandals have been dug up so far. I don't even live there but I still hear about every little thing that goes on there. And the more I hear, the more I am reminded of the pressing need for election reform.

I don't think that the recall itself is a bad thing. Some believe that since Davis was voted into office that he should have been allowed to carry out the full term. I think that if the people of California are convinced that Davis is causing the majority of their problems, then they should fully exercise their right to demand a recall. My issue is with the election system that supports the rich and popular while ignoring everyone else.

Every time I would turn on the TV in the weeks leading up to the election there was one face that I saw constantly — the face of Arnold Schwarzenegger. At first it was because the Austrian-born actor announced he was going to run for the office of governor if Davis was recalled. Then it was because he has allegedly molested women in the past and supposedly once told and interviewer that he admired Adolf Hitler. He did admit to some wrongdoing in regards to his treatment of women — although he didn't specify any particulars — but he has denied saying that he admired Hitler.

This "news," which can be called mudslinging at best, further illustrates how today's elections have become popularity contests where the only way to win is to have the most commercials and to conjure up bad press for one's opponents. Often, it is only the candidates with the most campaign funds that have a chance at winning. A potential candidate who pays \$3,500

need only gather a paltry 65 signatures to get on the ballot while a potential candidate with less cash must come up with 10,000 signatures. A candidate with lots of money can also market his or her own image while candidates without the marketing dollars are subjected to whatever the press writes about them. However, TV commercials and personal attacks don't accurately or fairly reflect the skills a candidate has or why a particular candidate ought to be elected. Most often, a fancy campaign is nothing more than empty promises told to secure as many votes as possible.

This is the situation that California is now facing. The people there liked Davis enough to vote him into office but then realized that he wasn't working for their interests. If Schwarzenegger doesn't do any better than Davis, I wonder if the people of California will demand another recall.

We need a system where a person's skills are the main reason why he or she is elected; not because he or she was on TV the most. The Ancient Greeks had a system where a random person from the community would govern for a set period of time, after which he would step down and another random community member would take his place. That way everyone was given a chance to rule. At least in that situation someone wouldn't be elected just because he made a campaign promise that he could simply choose not to keep.

Out of approximately 130 candidates seeking to be the Governor of California, there has got to be a few who are quite capable of doing the job. However, it is very unlikely that they will ever get a chance while elections continue to be exclusively about the rich and famous.

There are 14 other states, besides, California, that have recall laws in place, including Oregon. The results from this election could set a precedent for further recalls across the nation. If we had a better system of electing public officials to begin with, then recalls would be unnecessary.



RECALL NOTES

Cameron Sanchez
News Editor

OSPIRG tackles cost of textbooks, the Willamette and hunger and homelessness

Do you want a solution to today's problems? Join the OSPIRG formula. OSPIRG, Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group, is a statewide public interest organization that tackles environmental and consumer protection issues head-on. By isolating certain aspects of public interest and relying on student idealism, OSPIRG is able to fight issues and make a big impact. Recently, OSPIRG members at Lane protected two million acres of National Forests in Oregon, helped to register over 20,000 students to vote and raised over \$1,000 for the hungry and homeless of Lane County. Funding by students at Lane Community College and other chapters in Oregon allows OSPIRG to hire experts and organizers to work with students on these important issues. OSPIRG's mission is to deliver persistent, results-oriented public activism that protects our environment, encourages fair economy, and fosters responsive government.

One of our most important issues this term is the outrageous cost of textbooks. Many of us students have had the experience of having to buy a brand new edition that, except for a few cosmetic changes, was identical to the old edition. And, of course, used editions are becoming more and more difficult to find. Indeed, it's hard not to suspect that textbook publishers practice "planned obsolescence" for textbooks that make used textbook editions obsolete. OSPIRG's Cheaper Textbooks Campaign has launched an investigation into these practices. Working with Lane Community College faculty, OSPIRG is raising awareness of the marketing practices of large publishing companies. Our goal is to eliminate unnecessary publications of new editions and to minimize the practice of bundling by the textbook industry.

A most pressing problem this year is the state of the Willamette River. Due to an accumulation of pollutants being dumped into our river, nearly 4 million pounds each year, the Willamette is experiencing problems that are not only physical but economical. Dangerous amounts of toxic chemicals such as lead, mercury and dioxins prevent Or-

egonians and visitors from enjoying safe recreation and ultimately stifle our recreation economy. Last year, Governor Kulongoski pledged in his campaign to save our river. OSPIRG is working to keep him to his promises. There are three parts to the successful and permanent clean-up of the Willamette. First, toxic chemical discharge needs to be reduced; second, enforcement by the DEQ must also hold illegal polluters accountable; finally, the polluter, not the taxpayers, should bear the costs of cleaning up our waters and cleaning up toxic messes. Former Governor Tom McCall cleaned up the Willamette once, and now it is time for Kulongoski to clean up the river for good.

Other issues plaguing Oregon are hunger problems and the excessively high rate of homelessness. The national average age of a homeless person is 9 years old and Lane County is no exception. Through the combined efforts of OSPIRG and local homeless shelters, we are working to find solutions to a problem most consider seemingly hopeless. Currently, OSPIRG is planning National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week at LCC.

OSPIRG is an advocate of the people. We stand up for public interest against special interests that pursue profit at the expense of the general public. OSPIRG is always out-gunned by the wealthy special interest groups, but often wins victories for the public by relying on the power of thorough research, activism, education and, most importantly, the people. Where polluters would profit by contamination of the environment, where businesses would rip-off consumers or where big-moneyed lobbyists attempt to influence the government, OSPIRG is a watchdog that protects, fights for and succeeds in rallying for the public.

Do you feel like learning more about these pressing problems? Do you want to join the fight? Oct. 15 is our annual kickoff General Interest Meeting, which is in the basement of the Center Building, Room 008 at 2:00 p.m. Mark it on your calendar! For more information call OSPIRG at 463-5166, or e-mail us at srodgers@ospirgstudents.org.

Guest Commentary

Mollie May Parris
LCC Student

NEWS

Pledges phoned in for KLCC's Radiothon

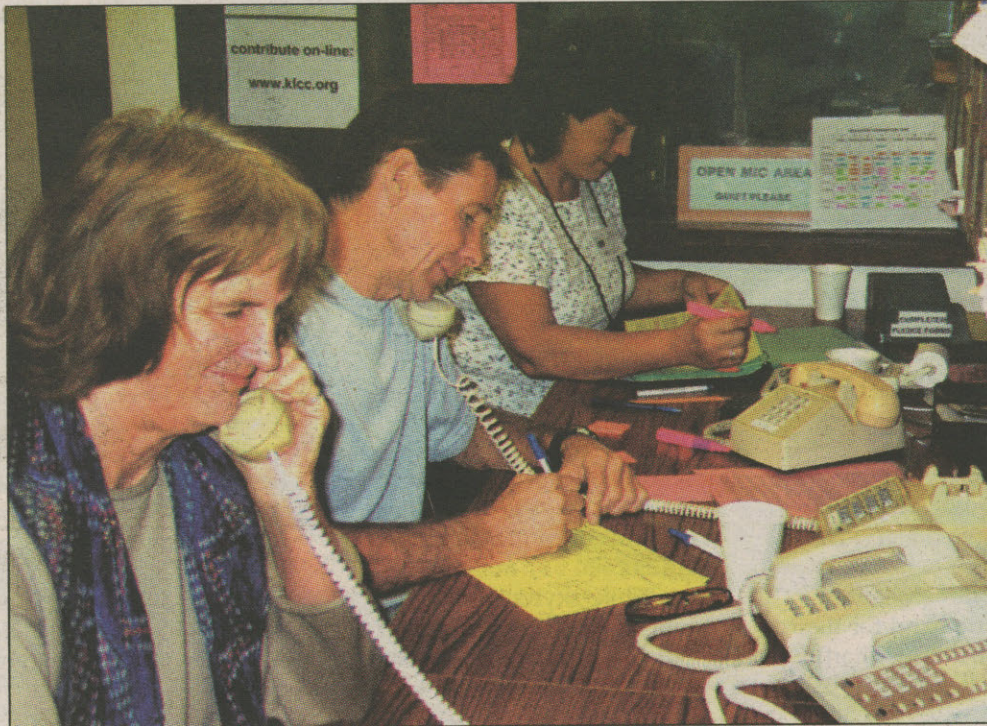
KLCC puts on Radiothon, its on-air fundraiser, with the goal of raising \$250,000.

Cameron Sanchez
News Editor

Beginning last Friday and ending today, KLCC 89.7 FM hosts its twice-annual Radiothon in an attempt to meet its fundraising goal of \$250,000. The LCC-sponsored radio station, which offers a variety of programs including National Public Radio news, local news and various forms of music, takes a week to campaign on-the-air for public donations.

While the station receives funding from the college, as well as from local businesses, most of its funding is from listeners. Twice a year, KLCC puts on the Radiothon, beginning with a Thonbuster that takes place before the actual on-air campaign. The Thonbuster is where KLCC contacts members who donated in previous year and asks them to continue to support the station. There are also on-air statements to remind members to renew their membership and donation announcements are posted on the website.

"We start off sending a reminder to everybody who gave a year ago that their year is up and [we] ask them to contribute again; they mail those in," said Program Director Don Hein. "We put announcements on the air saying that whether you've given before or not, now is the time, so that we don't have to spend as much time on-air [with the Radiothon]. We also focus a lot on our website so you can become a member by



Phone volunteers Lucia McKelvey (left) and Tim Kiley pitch in for KLCC's fall Radiothon, assisted by Office Support Specialist Peggy Flormoe. The Radiothon lasted from Sept. 29 through Oct. 9, helping KLCC raise funds to meet their annual budgetary needs.

going to our website and filling out a form there."

The idea behind the Thonbuster is to raise the goal amount so that the Radiothon doesn't need to happen. Although this has never happened, KLCC managed to raise over half of the goal amount in the Thonbuster this year.

When the Radiothon begins, staff members join with the regular on-air hosts and make pitches for listeners to call in with pledges while volunteers and other staff answer phones. Callers are free to donate as much as they please, although there is a \$10 minimum, and any donation that meets the minimum

or above qualifies a caller for a year-long membership. Members receive a quarterly program that includes information about KLCC scheduling, upcoming events and other facts and happenings.

Around the office, Radiothon means a change of pace. Everyone is wrapped up in raising the money necessary to maintain the current level of service, whether it means answering phones or making on-air pitches for donations. General Manager for KLCC Steve Barton takes a departure from his normal role and gets involved with all parts of the Radiothon.

"When Radiothon actually starts, the whole staff pitches in; we have to have people answering phones, people on-the-air pitching, people doing data entry: everybody's focus changes. I spend more time on-the-air. When I'm not doing that I'm answering phones or doing other pieces of it," said Barton.

Should KLCC fail to meet its goal amount, it is likely that on-air programs and services would not be looked at as a means to save money. Since half of the on-air portion of KLCC is facilitated by volunteers, most of the budget goes to paid staff.

"The biggest part of our budget is staff, like most organizations, so what we've done [before] is cut back on our part-time staff and other things that we can, like travel and training," says Barton.

KLCC has been broadcasting since 1967. It serves approximately 70,000 listeners per week and has consistently won awards from Public Radio News Directors Inc. Although today is the last day of Radiothon, listener donations are always welcome.

For additional information about memberships, program schedules, contact information and more, log on to www.klcc.com and tune into 89.7 FM.

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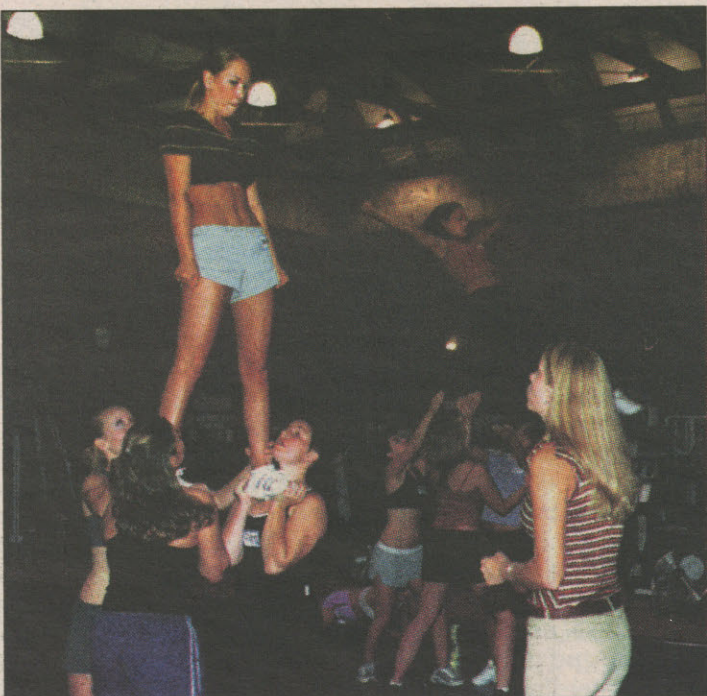


Photo by Travis D. Roderick

Coach Krystal Perrier (right) gives some pointers to cheerleader-hopeful Brianna Theroux. All 16 girls who tried out this past weekend were accepted as cheerleaders.

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tinued, "All the departments were trained and whether or not a waitlist is allowed is up to the department."

If a student is lucky enough to have a waitlist provided, it is still that student's responsibility to talk to the instructor, gain approval and then sign on to ExpressLane again and register.

"In Classline when you were waitlisted you were automatically enrolled in the class," explained Garrett. "It was your responsibility to change or drop the class within the time limits or you were charged for it."

Garrett also said that there were problems with Classline, in that many students simply didn't know what they were waitlisted for.

Then, a student had to pay whether they attended the class or not.

With ExpressLane, however, a student is not registered for a class until the instructor has fully approved the addition. Therefore, if a student forgets to drop a class for which they are waitlisted, there is no penalty.

Garrett also said in a May, 2003 press release, "Online registration is becoming the preferred method for students at colleges across the nation."

Students appreciate the enhanced efficiencies of a self-service tool such as ExpressLane. It also

frees up more staff time for students who want personal assistance with registration.

Students at Linn-Benton Community College use a similar online program for their registration needs called the Student Information System, or S.I.S. UO and OSU also use similar programs.

LCC student Melissa Beckman said, "I was waitlisted for one class. It was really easy to understand what was going on because my schedule was right there on my screen, as opposed to me just hearing it."

Many students enjoyed the simplicity of ExpressLane and its easy-to-navigate tools. But just as equally, some students were frustrated with the no-waitlist procedure.

Rebecca Milano, a first-year student, said, "I had to wait longer to register, which was fine. But when I finally got to [register], everything was full and I couldn't even get on a list to possibly be in the class. I got really frustrated and upset at the college."

Overall, administrative staff is confident and satisfied with the outcome of ExpressLane. There are several ExpressLane work stations set up in the Students First building. Computer labs around campus are also equipped with ExpressLane software; just look for the ExpressLane logo.

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give students more opportunities to try different things," says Winslow.

"With these plates you have the choice of going from the \$2 to the \$5 plate. You can put as much on it or as little as you want," says Gregory. Some could say it is an unforeseen benefit of paying the higher price. There is a chance to try different things and more options.

Along with the goal to lower the large plate to four dollars there is also the idea of offering to subsidize meal tickets. Right now when you buy 25, you get 25. "How about you pay for 25 and get 27?" said Multicultural and Campus Events director, Kapone Summerfield. This could offer more of an incentive for investing in meal tickets in the first place. This, along with a slightly lower food price,

could mean more student jobs and an excuse for more people to enjoy their time on campus with a fresh hot meal, as well as more business in the cafeteria in the long run.

When commenting on the timeline for this goal, Summerfield said, "Nothing happens right away. It may take another year. It may take as little as half a year. But we're pushing for at least the conversation and

the first steps being made this year."

This change may require more of a student demand. If this happens it could be a successful venture for students affecting price changes on campus. With the rising costs of tuition and books, a reasonable food price could be just what students need. "Sit on a committee," Hill adds, "You don't have to be on student govern-

ment. Some of them [committees] meet once a month."

The best way to do this is to go to the Student Activities Building in room 206, the home of Student Government, and ask what committees are forming and how you can join. Getting involved on campus is a great way to learn how to affect change in the community. It's also a great way to meet people outside of class.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Simple money management tips from the shamelessly under qualified

Learn to save money the "easy" way without sacrificing your quality of life...maybe.

Today we are going to discuss some innovative money management techniques that, if perfected, will help you achieve a zero-dollar cost of living. Of course, despite this incredible benefit, I must point out that following them will probably land you in jail.

To have what we financial experts refer to as a "healthy bank account" you should have more cash entering than leaving. Good cost-saving accounting practices are important in achieving this goal.

Keep track of each expense in your checkbook as you incur it. It follows that the fewer entries you have at the end of the month, the more money you have saved. I am extremely proficient in this area because if you look in my checkbook you will not find a single entry. This alone easily saves me thirty cents per year in ink.

But we're just warming up. As the financial genius I've demonstrated myself to be so far, I feel it is my duty to pass along some very valuable money-saving techniques.

First, let's make a list of expenses that impose the most serious health hazards to your bank account: rent, dates, your bookie, your roommate.

One of the more enjoyable expenses in life is certainly rent. Still living at home and freeloading off my parents, I can only look forward to that first glimpse of a quarter-million dollar bill for a room so small and dark it has been condemned by even the roaches. Of course, in my landlord's eyes this is perhaps the best reason for a surcharge since yesterday.

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TRISH SAYS...

Trish Lewis
Columnist

A & E Calendar

Oct. 10

National Coming Out Day on this day the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay Bisexual and Transgender) community becomes visible and celebrates its identity as "Family" with all its diversity. Speakers, live music, table for Mother Kali's Books, HIV Alliance, PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), BRO (Basic Rights Oregon) and the Eugene Public Library. In the Cafeteria from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information call 463-5276.

"Piano Mania" concert featuring music faculty from LCC, UO and other universities. Lane Performance Hall (Building 6), 7:30 p.m. Recommended donation \$6 for students, \$8 for general public. For more information call 463-5161.

Oct. 14

Native American poet Chrystos and activist Stormy Ogden speak on colonialism and indigenous peoples' struggles, focusing more specifically on indigenous women and indigenous prisoners. Noon to 1 p.m. in Building 1, Room 206. For more information call 463-5276.

Oct. 15

Interfaith Devotional in P.E. 206, from noon to 1p.m., facilitated by Dr. Don Addison of the Social Science Department. For more information call 463-5064.

"The Seige," starring Denzel Washington, deals with terrorism in New York City and the martial law aftermath. Multi-Cultural Center, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free popcorn. For more information call 463-5276.

Ongoing

Lane Art Faculty Exhibition continues through Oct. 15, on the ground floor of Building 11. For more information call 463-5409.

UO Ballroom Dance every Friday. Dress-up or casual, no partner necessary, lessons during first hour. Gerlinger Hall, Room 220, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. \$5 general public, \$4 students. All ages. For more information call 346-3132.

FACULTY ART SHOW



Photo By Megan Wilson

"Luna," a whimsical bronze sculpture by LCC Art instructor Ellen Tykeson, is one of many on display in the Faculty Art Show. A reception for the artists will be held Thursday, Oct. 9, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The show will be open until Oct. 15.

Debut of College Day opens with annual "Piano Mania"

Music instructors from LCC and other colleges showcase their talent in "Piano Mania."

Melissa Vandever
A&E Editor

This Friday the sound of classical and jazz piano music will fill the LCC performance stage as the LCC music department presents its annual faculty concert. This year's concert, "Piano Mania," features not only LCC faculty but also faculty from other universities.

"Piano Mania is a collaboration of our faculty and the faculty from four other schools," says the concert's coordinator and performer Barbara Myrick. "This is the first time we will have faculty from other schools join us in the concert."

The list of faculty performing along with Myrick includes LCC's Larry Clabby and Jim Greenwood, as well as Matt Cooper from Eastern Oregon University, Diane Baxter from Western Oregon University, Alexander Tutunov from Southern Oregon University and Claire Watchter from the University of Oregon.

The concert, which begins at 7:30 p.m., includes a variety of pieces played on one to three pianos.

"There is some classical and some jazz, and a wide variety of fun piano music from Duke Ellington to Bach," says Myrick, who will be performing in "Scaramouche" and "Fantasie" as part of Friday night's concert.

"There is a special energy present when pianists get together because they are so used to practicing alone," says Myrick, "so this will definitely be a



Photo By Megan Wilson

Music instructors Jim Greenwood, Barbara Myrick and Larry Clabby get their hands in a tangle while practicing a piece for Piano Mania, a benefit concert for LCC Music Scholarships. Students attending College Day receive one complimentary ticket to the show Friday Oct 10, at 7:30pm.

high-energy concert."

Myrick says she has been thinking about putting something like this together for about a year,

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SPORTS

Budget reworked to save LCC sports

Cross-country, basketball and track teams will remain next year.

Shawn Miller
Sports Editor

Is anyone else tired of sports continually being cut from LCC's budget? I would imagine so. While the state, the school and the community are facing more and more budget cuts, the sports program has been affected by its fair share. However, there has been a solution in the works to help LCC athletes.

Originally, LCC planned on phasing out sports in a three-year period. By cutting one-third of the programs and budget each year, the athletic department would be able to survive the financial woes it faced without having to drop every program immediately.

"The economy is not very good and it has really hit us just like it did every department. We have had to make some adjustments, but so has the whole college. We have to do the best we can with what we have," said interim Athletic Director Sean Mondragon.

The executive board that makes final decisions committed to take a look at the budget each year before making cuts for the following year. Last Spring the board was recommended to maintain a minimum athletic



Photo by Sean Hoffman

The Lady Titans' bench braces for the final play of a win at the 2002 NWACC Championships.

program during these challenging financial times, comparable to other cost-cut colleges. It was recommended that at least one sport be kept per term.

The budget was supposed to be cut \$100,000 every year for three consecutive years. However, after the first two cuts were made, the third was nixed after great discussion, allowing men's and women's cross-country, men's and women's basketball, and men's and women's track to continue as the sports LCC competes for in the NWAACC

in 2004-2005. Student fees, department fundraising and the school will all help to keep the balance for next year's athletic programs.

"We were going to take another cut, but it didn't happen, which is nice. It is going better than where we thought it'd be," said Mondragon.

To help their cause, each team raises funds for their specific program, while the athletic department's fundraising is split equally between each program. Many programs have tradition-

ally raised funds with ideas such as selling boxes of oranges or running a car wash; however, most sports programs now run youth camps for local area middle and high schools and collectively volunteer around the community to raise money.

"Our goal is to get the campus more involved in the programs," said Patrick Lanning, the Division Chair for Health, Physical Education and Athletics. "We are going to take a more active approach. We are trying to make sure they [each

program] have adequate support."

The athletic department generates revenue by hosting high school state championships in various sports and by hosting middle school dances (the latter of which has a secondary agenda: to socialize with the community and to introduce more people to the campus). Also, the department will be running a dinner/auction in the near future.

"In addition to raising money, we try to connect with the community," said Lanning.

The option of turning more activities into club sports is based on interest from students. While competing in the NWAACC, each student-athlete has to maintain a certain GPA, credit-hours-per-term and can only compete for two years. Since club sports don't compete in a conference, those qualifications are not required of students. If interested in running a club sport, students should talk to Brent Ellison in the athletic department. In the meantime, the department is continually looking for ways to improve their programs and to begin rebuilding a department which, to date, has been slowly shredded due to budget cuts.

"Ultimately, our athletic department has the goal to not just have a minimum. I don't know if it is next year, but [our] goal is to have a comparable program," said Lanning.

Volleyball digs into midseason strike on opponents

The Titans Volleyball team is in a conference race after a second-place finish in a challenging tournament.

Shawn Miller
Sports Editor

Watch out! After losing all-league hitter Danielle Rouhier for the season, and after falling in four sets in each of their first two league matches, the LCC volleyball team has bonded together for one common goal: reach the NWAACC's, which is a 16-team tournament to close the season and a tournament LCC has never reached.

"In all the years I've coached, I don't think I've ever had a team come together as well as this," said Head Coach Dale Weigandt.

The team started the turnaround with a win in five sets over Linn-Benton Community College. The Titans won the first set, dropped the second, came back in the third to win, fell in the fourth and finally pulled it out in the decisive final set for the victory. Sophomore McKenzie Rae-Winkle led the attack with 17 kills. Freshman Kristen Diehl and sophomore Shelby Whitmore had 25 and 18 assists, respectively.

"What I have been preaching to this team is that we aren't as good as we can be," said Weigandt. "However, this team will try on every ball this season — there is no quit in them."

Next up, the Titans traveled to Moses Lake, Washington for the Big Bend

Crossover Tournament. The tournament was a round-robin event. Seven teams were invited and no two teams from the same conference were allowed to play each other. LCC opened the tournament with a victory over Everett in three sets and followed with a four-set win against Green River. The Titans defeated host Big Bend in straight sets during their third match and outlasted Clark Community College in four sets to remain undefeated. In the final match, the Titans fell to Yakima Valley in four sets to place second in the tournament.

Rae-Winkle led the team with 49 kills and was named MVP of the tournament. Freshman Brianna McLeod, who was also named to the All-Tournament team, added 40 kills and Whitmore had 98 assists in the three matches.

"It was a great step forward. The kids played great, everybody is believing and everyone is working hard," said Weigandt.

In addition to the tournament accolades, Rae-Winkle was honored as the NWAACC's "Player of the Week" for her role in leading the Titans to one of their strongest starts to a season in recent years.

With a month and a half before the NWAAC championship, the team has kick-started a winning streak, which they hope will give them momentum for the rest of the season.

The next test for the Titans will be Friday, Oct. 10 against SWOCC in Coos Bay. Meanwhile, the following Wednesday, Oct. 15, the Titans will host Mt. Hood Community College at 7 p.m., trying to avenge their earlier league-opening loss to Mt. Hood.

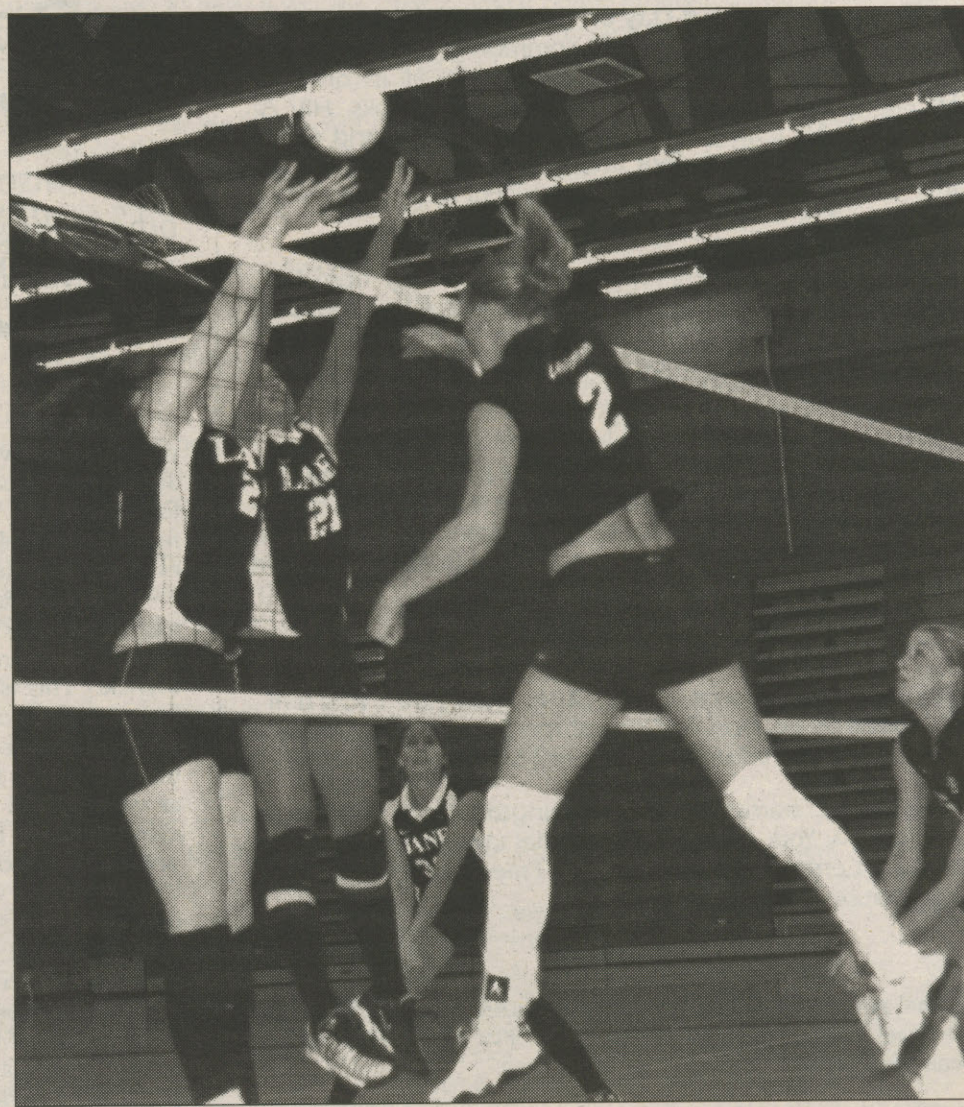


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Net Prophets: Mackenzie Rae-Winkle and Krissy Cain-Hill move in tandem to defend against a Linn-Benton spike, with Traci Flitcraft moving into position to back them up. Their next home game is on Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. when they host Mt. Hood Community College.

TILT

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"Roach proof," he would chuckle to prospective tenants, while closing the blinds to obscure the view of the small pests and then posting "Enter At Your Own Risk" signs around the property's perimeter.

It seems only fair that when your landlord comes to collect your rent, you should break into a maniacal cackle, stopping only to brag that the police never did find the remains of your last landlord. Not only will you avoid having to pay rent, you'll get back your full security deposit as an incentive to move out.

Dates, unlike rent, are usually loads of fun, but they tend to cost money. It used to be that men were expected to pay. But today with women's liberation and all, men still have to pay. And, no, they can't even get a proper thank you.

This is why one must avoid costly dates.

Another large expense is your bookie. Frankly, I don't consider gambling to be a very funny topic. At least not when I talk about it. The best humor can be heard each Sunday, when stand-up comics masquerading as preachers will condemn gambling and request your presence at church bingo. But what I can tell you is that gambling is a no-win plan. This is especially true

if you regularly bet on the Los Angeles Clippers.

It is rumored that roommates generally help reduce your overall costs. This is a blatant lie. Take, for example, groceries: My friend's roommate tells her that her groceries tend to "magically" disappear. I never used to believe in magic but my beliefs seemed to be more and more discredited each time her groceries would vanish, so we finally accepted that magic did in fact exist.

Finally, we were able to see the magic as it took place. My friend and I walked through the door one day and there was her roommate eating her can of spaghetti. "Look Cole," he exclaimed, "magic!"

Since then, the magic has ceased. I'm not sure, but I think it might have something to do with the labels my friend placed on her milk carton, stating, "I drank directly from this and there is an ample amount of back-wash to prove it."

Of course, it's very difficult to avoid all these expenses, which is why to maintain a healthy bank account you need steady cash deposits.

One way is to work for a paycheck. The second, of course, is to bet against the Los Angeles Clippers. Excuse me while I call my bookie.

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but the actual planning did not begin until this summer.

Along with "Piano Mania," Myrick also put together the LCC Music Department's first annual College Day, an opportunity for high school seniors from the area to check out the music programs of several Oregon colleges, including Eastern Oregon University, Lane Community College, Marylhurst University, Oregon State University, Portland State University, University of Oregon, Southern Oregon University and Western

Oregon University.

After a day of meeting with college representatives and learning about music, these students will have a chance to see some of their prospective music instructors in action at the faculty concert "Piano Mania."

Myrick explains that the number-one goal of these events is to provide an opportunity for both LCC and high school students to connect with other colleges so they can begin to think about potential transfer options. With many college representa-

tives in one place, students are saved the time of traveling to each college individually.

With forty high schools invited, not to mention LCC music majors and other interested students, the Performing Arts building is sure to be a busy place this Friday.

"Piano Mania" will be held in the Performance Hall (Building 6) and is open to college students for \$6 and the general public for \$8. The proceeds from the concert will go toward LCC music scholarships.

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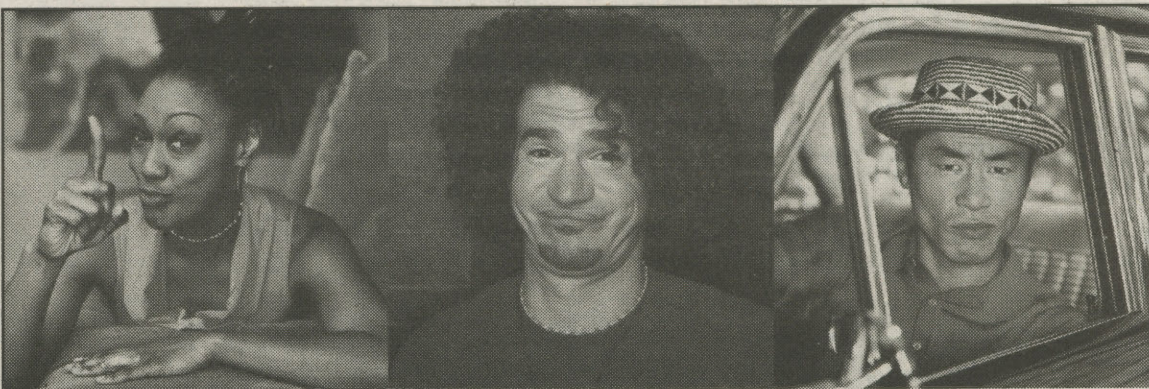
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Arnold for Governor of Oregon?



Jason Goldsmith
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"I would because he is not a seasoned politician; he doesn't do all the spiel to get people to vote for him. I think he'd be great."



Shannon Urban
Accounting

"Yes, because I feel he [was] the only 'real' person running. He's the only person who started from nothing and worked his way up to where he is now. Everyone else was born with a silver spoon."



Dusty Locke
Music

"I wouldn't vote for him just because I don't think he takes it as seriously as it needs to be taken. I think it's kind of a joke to him."



Karinne Wallace
Engineering

"I can't see him as anything but Terminator, that's his image to me. It's not a chicken in every pot, it's an AK-47 under every bed. I don't really like the actor/politician crossover; I don't think that should be the primary quality for government leaders."



Rebecca Scarola
Biology

"No, because he's an actor. He doesn't have any political background. I like him as an actor, I like him in his movies, but he doesn't have any credibility to me as a public servant."

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