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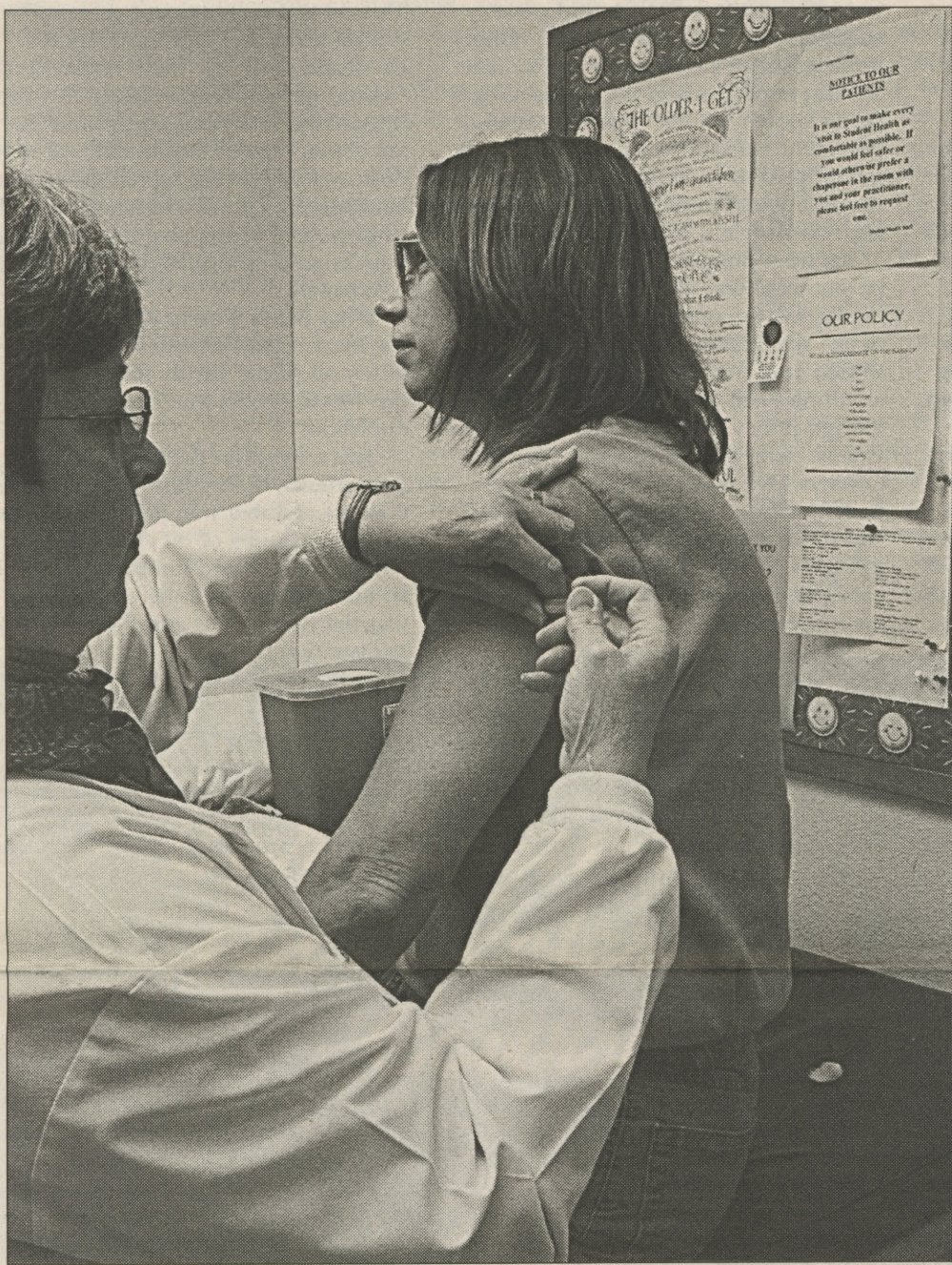


Photo by Megan Wilson

LCC employee Jane Ladu braves the pain of getting a flu shot, administered by Sharon Kealoha, in hopes of avoiding being sick this winter. Three more walk-in flu clinics will be held this year on Nov. 6 and 7 in the Health Clinic from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. For more information call 463-5665.

United Way ups ante for annual fundraiser

In addition to increasing its goal, charity group offers raffle and other prizes in an attempt to encourage participation.

Aidan Keuter
Staff Writer

The LCC Foundation, in partnership with the United Way, is in the midst of its annual campaign to raise money for LCC students and the people of Lane County.

With a goal of twenty percent or more staff participation level, the Giving Committee hopes to raise about \$30,000 this year. This would be up from the approximately \$27,000 raised last year.

The campaign, which ends on Nov. 21, is being held differently this year than in the past with the formation of a committee to oversee the campaign. LCC's Employee Giving committee chairperson, Wendell Butler, said the committee was set up to help organize and add structure to the campaign with the objective of raising more money.

Butler, himself a recipient of United Way giving through the YMCA when he was a youth in California, said that he'd like to see a 100 percent staff participation level.

"If everybody just pledged five dollars per pay period then LCC could raise about \$88,000."

United Way of Lane County helps support about 67 programs including Scar-Jasper Mountain home for physically abused children and the YMCA. The LCC Foundation gives money to students through scholarships, emergency student loans and special project grants for departments and programs.

A person can choose to have their money to go to the United Way, the LCC Foundation or both and can also choose which program their preferred agency gives money to.

As an extra incentive this year the campaign committee is holding a raffle every Friday with donated gifts. This week's prizes include an alarm clock donated by the Presidents Office, an hour of architectural consulting from Bond Project Manager Bob Mention and a \$25 gift certificate to the LCC bookstore.

Also, any department that has a 100 percent participation level will receive free pizza at the end of the campaign.

To obtain a pledge card or enter the raffle contact Shelley Dutton or Tracy Rea at the bookstore.

If you're a student or a staff member and would like to participate, donate or have questions you can contact Wendell Butler at 463-5455.

Butler also wanted to remind everybody to ask themselves "not what their community can do for them but what they can do for their community" and that giving even a small amount helps.

American imperialism veiled as freedom

As our current occupation of Iraq rolls on and I see friends being shipped off who might give their lives for this country, I have to ask why. With the information I lay out here, I fail to see any legitimacy to this current attack. Instead, I spot usual imperialism.

The belief-bias effect occurs when people accept only the evidence that conforms to their belief, rejecting or ignoring any evidence that does not. Therefore any "Mega dittos, Rush" people will stop reading soon. But let us proceed. Most reading at this point, expect a thorough dilation on the idiocy of our current, almost-elected president George W. Bush. Rather if you look at his class perspective and interests, he has many irresistible reasons to wage armed aggression against Iraq, and un-

doubtedly more countries to come.

Before we delve any further let us look back and reflect on the unconvincing arguments he used to justify this more of a slaughter, against Iraq.

First it was to insure the safety and security of the Middle East and of the United States, since Iraq was developing weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear capability. As of 1998, UN inspection teams determined Iraq had been in compliance with yearly disarmament inspections.

By February 2003, UN inspection teams found little to support the almost-elected president's case for aggression. What about the chemical and bacteriological weapons? Let's not forget who supplied such things to Saddam. It was the United States. According to UN

inspection reports, Iraq's C&B weapons ability had been disassembled.

Through September and October 2002, the administration let it be known that the US would attack Iraq if it had weapons of mass destruction. In November, 2002, Bush then stated he would attack if Iraq denied having such weapons.

So if they admit to having such weapons, they will be bombed, and if they deny possessing any, they will still be bombed, whether they have them or not.

As for the charges claiming Saddam was linked with Al Qaeda, US intelligence stated that the Iraqi government

was not connected to Islamic terrorist organizations. What about Saddam's war crimes and acts of aggression? The pentagon's own study found that the gassing of the Kurds at Halabja was

committed by Iranians, not Iraqis (New York Times, Jan. 24, 2003). Not to mention the encouragement and military support US leaders gave Iraq in its war against Iran.

This is pure hypocrisy when you consider the US invasions of Grenada and Panama, and the US-sponsored wars against Angola, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Yugoslavia and on and on. There is no country in the

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OPINION

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last twenty years whose record compares to the US and its military aggression against other countries.

Since Saddam was a dictator and the US stands for democracy and human rights surely this justifies an invasion for "regime change" in Iraq.

Who put Saddam in power? Saddam's party was backed by the CIA, who enlisted them to destroy the popular revolution of 1958 and annihilate any democrat, socialist and communist they could.

The goal of the administration is US hegemony, to insure control of this planet, so as to privatize and deregulate every nation in this world. We wish to bless everyone with the US "free market" – multinational corporate capitalism. It is as simple as those who wish that land, labor, capital, technology and markets be used for the capital accumulation of the few, at the expense of the rest. Against, those who would have these things be used for the benefit and social-economic development of the many.

Iraq was competing, albeit minutely, regionally in the Middle East. Iraq has what no other country in the Middle East has – plenty of oil and water, as well as a good agricultural base, though most of this land has been depleted by uranium dropped upon it during the 1991 Gulf War bombings.

Prior to 1958, Iraq's oil was owned by US, British, and other western companies. Ten years after the revolu-

tion, the right-wing Ba'ath party took power, with Saddam Hussein serving for the CIA. He was supposed to act as a collaborator to western investors in the same fashion of Pinochet in Chile, Peru's Fujimora, and Nicaragua's Somoza and of course others.

But in 1972 Saddam and his cronies nationalized the Iraqi oil industry, and pursued policies of public development (free education and healthcare) and economic nationalism. By 1990 the highest standard of living in the Middle East was Iraq. It was then devastated by the Gulf War and a decade of erratic bombings and the absolutely devastating economic sanctions imposed by you-know-who. The last thing the plutocrats in D.C. wanted was a good example of a self-defining, developing nation that wanted to control their own land, labor, and resources.

Yugoslavia was approached in much the same way. With no want to join the European Union or any interest in NATO, an economy that was not perfect but relatively comfortable, and some 80 percent of it publicly owned. This made it all too socialist for the US plutocrats. After wars waged (in the name of human rights and democracy), which destroyed the economic infrastructure, and left powerless right-wing mini-republics. These economies get the benefit of western corporate investment on terms completely favorable to the investors.

The US corporate media has ignored Serbia since Milosevic and the demo-

cratically-elected parliament with a first time socialist majority was overthrown.

What's happened since? Everything in Serbia is being privatized at giveaway prices. Human service, jobs, and pension funds are disappearing, with unemployment, inflation, and poverty surging. With this comes crime, hunger, homelessness, prostitution and suicide. We can expect this in Iraq, as is already being shown with a 70 percent unemployment rate and rebuilding contracts going to western companies, despite the ability and need of Iraqi companies and workers at a much lower cost.

An Iraqi puppet government will be put in power, the Iraq state-owned media will become "free and independent," which means being handed over to rich conservative corporations, and anything even remotely critical of US foreign policy or free market capitalism will be denied any legitimate platform. Conservative political parties will be heavily funded by US sources, which will easily outspend any leftist groups trying to emerge. On this severely biased playing field, we will see "democratic elections"

With this in place, we can expect more history repeating itself in the ways of colonialism, with US leaders being interested in, of course, oil. This administration is a group of oil men who would love to have one of the largest oil reserves in the world. With 113 billion barrels at \$35 a barrel, this comes to \$4 trillion dollars. We may

soon witness the biggest oil grab in the history of third world colonialism by US oil companies aided and abetted with, of course, Uncle Sam.

The biggest interest US leaders may have is keeping this oil off the market. This oil is a severe threat to western oil investors. The San Francisco Chronicle (Feb. 22, 1998) reported, "would devalue British North Sea oil, undermine American oil production and," much more importantly, "it would destroy huge profits which the United States (read, US oil companies) stands to gain from its massive investment in Caucasian oil production, especially in Azerbaijan."

What better way to keep this oil off the market than direct ownership, so when oil prices rise as they have since the 1990s, profits from sales will be enormous.

The only other theory would be the coincidence theory, in which it is purely coincidental that Iraq just so happens to have great sums of oil. The real reasons are democracy and humanitarian. It is so interesting to see the coincidence that the ruling class and the current administration benefit so vastly as well.

These perspectives don't come reading Rush Limbaugh (300 pages, a couple of hours) it comes from 19th century German philosophy with its emphasis on class interest and perspective. This outlines simplicity thinking versus a much deeper and logical reasoning.

Turkeys star in the best cartoons

I saw a funny picture in a Warner Brothers cartoon. A turkey took a walk across the road. It's coming soon to a movie theater near you.

I'm a lot better at cartoon writing. Turkeys have a good time eating popcorn at the movies. All turkeys go to school. You go to college for your own education. Next year, people will graduate in the summer. Also, turkey graduation ceremonies are held each year to formally

celebrate degree completion. Turkeys plan to be there in caps and gowns. That would be a funny cartoon picture.

Turkey is on your dinner table a lot. The Ducks football game is on TV. Also, the turkey football game is on TV. Eat your dinner at the same time in Hollywood, California on New Year's Day, 2004. See turkey color TV on the air. Keep it up. Sooner or later everyone knows cartoon writing. My face feels very good when a funny cartoon picture makes people laugh.

Turkeys talk back in the grocery store. People talk about the Ducks up to the wall. Everyone knows turkeys walk on campus.

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.



**MACK
WORLD**

John Mackwood
Columnist

Letters to the Editor

One nation under what?

Now everyone, stand up. Place your hand over your heart. Now repeat after me...

True patriotism is not institutionalized, it is earned! It is the ideas of equality and freedom that makes our country great, not conformist nationalism.

The "God pledge" supports neither freedom, through conformity, nor equality, by excluding atheists, agnostics and polytheists. We are united in our freedom, not a belief in God. When Congress added "under God" to the pledge during the anti-godless-communist fervor of the cold war, we took another step closer to the evil we were trying to separate ourselves from. We lost a little bit more of our freedom to be ourselves.

The founding fathers were Christians, or at least Deists, but even they did not mention God in the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, a national motto or a pledge. They understood how divisive belief in a deity or a religion can be, especially if institutionalized, and left those is-

sues out of our government in favor of unity. "E pluribus unum", out of many, one.

I am an American, a Patriot and an Atheist.

Brian Crook
LCC student

Counting in the dark

Lane County Elections has followed the mandated reform (and flawed lesser-of-evils theory) by choosing a new optical-scan vote-counting system. Presumably there is a physical record (pencil mark on paper ballot), but the virtual tally will be much easier to rig than with a punch-card system.

Some questions need answers:

Is the software proprietary?

Will Lane County Elections have access to the code?

Will audits or recounts account for ballot input and vote tally, but not the black box in between?

Will anyone outside of Elections have access to the software, such as political oversight or media investi-

gation? Or only the voting machine corporation?

Will Elections allow the press to audit both the vote tally and the software data after every election?

If the company that makes the machines has the sole access to the software, and since it is a constitutional requirement to hold transparent elections, is this not by definition an illegal voting system?

Why not choose the system (hand-counting paper ballots) with the lowest error rate, the least risk of rigging, the most honest and transparent process and that tabulates the votes in a few hours?

Is it typical or expedient to avoid a recount or audit of vote-counting procedure, especially after an actual election, rather than merely pre-testing mock-ups? (As evidenced in the 2000 coup with the suppression of any true recount in a contested election where the spectacular and primary issue was exactly how many votes were cast in Florida.) Check out <http://blackboxvoting.com>.

Bernard Nickerson
Eugene resident

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SPORTS

Volleyball team faces final matches with confidence

Shawn Miller
Sports Editor

Just wait. Wait until the next time. Then there will be a different outcome. That's the opportunity the LCC volleyball team has been looking forward to since being put out of the Big Bend Tournament in the finals by Yakima Valley Community College in early October.

The chance came again when the Titans headed to the Clark Cross-Over Tournament in Vancouver, Wash. on Oct. 31. The tournament started with pool play, where a team plays every other team in its group.

In the first match, LCC faced Yakima Valley, looking to avenge the earlier loss. The first game was battled back and forth before LCC stepped up to win it, 30-28. The second was close, but taken over late by Yakima Valley who won, 30-25. The third and final game was

decided 15-8, with Yakima Valley recording the win.

The second match was even closer as the Titans faced Clark Community College in the final match of the day. LCC fell in the first game 29-31. The second game was claimed by the Titans 30-22. However, the final game was ended by Clark winning consecutive points and winning 17-15.

The next day started fresh as the Titans played Columbia Basin Community College. This match didn't last long as LCC won 30-18 and 30-21. The victory added some momentum for the rest of the day.

In the next match, LCC was placed against Everett Community College. This match was much like the match before as the Titans ran away with the victory, winning 30-19 and 30-21.

The win earned LCC a spot against Clark in the semifinals,

where the matches returned to normal college scoring of five games.

"It's a kill or be killed thing. We knew we had to play well to survive," said head coach Dale Weigandt.

This match was just as close as the earlier battle, however with a different outcome. The Titans won the first two games, 30-29 and 30-11. Clark battled back and won the third game, 30-26. That didn't faze LCC as the Titans rolled to the finals with a 30-25 win in the fourth game.

Yakima Valley was the opponent in the finals and the Titans were excited to get another rematch.

"We've improved and learned how to play that team [Yakima Valley]," said Weigandt.

The first game was close with Yakima Valley winning 31-29. In the second and third games, the Titans won each

convincingly 30-22. LCC had a chance to close out Yakima Valley and win the tournament, however, Yakima Valley pulled out a 30-26 win to send the match to a fifth and final game. This game was back and forth and tied at 14, with the winner being the first team to reach 15 points and win by two points. The Titans battled, but lost the last two points and the match. Sophomore MacKenzie Rae-Winkle led the Titans with 25 kills and six blocks and was named to the All-tournament team due to her efforts throughout the tournament.

"We were able to hang with them this time. It was a better

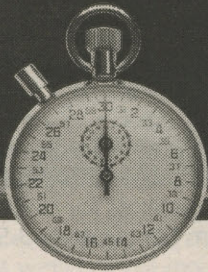
final for us," said Weigandt. "If we faced them again, I think we'd beat them."

With only two matches left in the regular season, the volleyball team feels confident with their chances.

"We know if we are placed against any other region, we'll be fine. Our region is the toughest by far," said Weigandt. "If we can get there, we will be fine."

The next match for LCC is Friday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m., when the Titans will travel to face Linn-Benton Community College. The final regular-season match is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at Chemeketa Community College.

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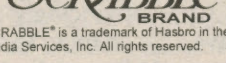
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A & E Calendar

November 1

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November 7

"Montana 1948" is a tale of love and courage or power abused, and of the terrible choice between family loyalty and justice. The show will run tomorrow and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the LCC Performance hall. The LCC ticket office is open Monday through Friday from 12 to 2 p.m. through Nov. 14. The ticket office is located inside the Performance Hall double doors on the main level of Building 6. Ticket prices are \$6 for LCC students and staff, \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and non-LCC students. Seating is limited. For more information contact Myrna Seifert at 463-5161 or the Ticket Office at 463-5202.

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"Montana 1948": See Nov. 7.

November 9

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November 10

Fighting Anti-Semitism: Learn about the Jewish people, their history and anti-Semitism in this six-hour workshop. Participate in group discussions, exercises, visual presentations and a lecture. The workshop is offered in two three-hour sessions on Nov. 10 and Nov. 18 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. To register or for more information, contact Diversity Coordinator Jim Garcia at 463-5852.

The Chemistry Club is holding two meetings on Nov. 10, one at noon in Building 16, Room 153 and one at 6 p.m. in Building 16, Room 156. For more information contact John Thompson at 463-5119 or Megan at megan.tvedt@ptk.org.

Art Exhibit: Artwork by Northwest Print Council will be on display in Building 11 in the downstairs art gallery. The exhibit runs through Dec. 3. For more information contact Nancy LaVelle at 463-5139 or 463-5411.

Phi Theta Kappa is hosting its annual Turkey/Ham Raffle. Half of the proceeds will be donated to the LCC Giving Tree. For more information contact Phi Theta Kappa at 463-3238.

November 12

"Requiem For A Dream": A controversial and graphic portrayal of drug abuse, contrasting a mother hooked on prescription diet pills and her son who is hooked on heroin. The film stars Ellen Burstyn, Jared Leto, and Jennifer Connelly and will show at 5:30 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, Building 1, upstairs. For more information contact Susan Matthews at 463-3245.

November 13

"Boys Don't Cry" stars Hillary Swank in the true story of Brandon Teena who led an extraordinary double life. The film will show at 5 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, Building 1, upstairs. For more information contact Susan Matthews at 463-3245.

AAWCC's annual conference will be held at the Greenwood Inn in Beaverton. This year's theme is "From Chaos to Creativity: Release, Relationships, and Rejuvenation." A detailed description of the American Association of Women in Community Colleges conference can be found at www.aawcc.org. LCC's AAWCC Chapter has three scholarships available. For more information contact 463-5750.

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AAWCC's annual conference: See Nov. 13.

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