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SUDDEN SNOWFALL SURPRISES STUDENTS



AAOT student Pamela Wood, inset, takes a moment to relish the unexpected snowfall the Eugene-Springfield area received Wednesday afternoon. Though the large snowflakes amounted to only a light dusting on the ground, it was a pleasant introduction to the winter season for many students. For details on what to do in the case of actual inclement weather, turn to page 8.

Photos by Travis D. Roderick



New 'Buzz' on campus offers hot drinks, jobs

The coffee cart offers coffee and treats to benefit SES.

Connie Castle
Staff Writer

There's a new place on campus where students, faculty and staff can have their first cup of "Joe" in the morning and help out a great bunch of people at the same time.

Bean Buzz is serving coffee and tempting treats with an added touch of personality from a special group of students on campus. Working with the food service program and Specialized Employment Services, a new coffee cart is located on the skywalk between Buildings 1 and 19 for those staff and students who want to grab a hot beverage and a snack.

SES provides employment training and education to adult students with

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Project for troops faces unsure future

One student fights to keep her idea alive.

Jason Nelson
Staff Writer

For months, U.S. troops have been mobilized in Iraq. Over 400 soldiers have died in the line of duty and thousands have been wounded. Recent news releases have shown that troops are not getting adequate food or hygiene products.

All this tragedy has touched the heart of LCC student Keri Imel who, like hundreds of other Americans, has a family member in Iraq. Imel's idea: put together care packages with the little necessities of life; toilet paper, baby wipes, soap, the small things most people need, but things they cannot get.

"I thought we could pack it with toothpaste, baby wipes, shower products — really inexpensive stuff," said Imel.

However, Imel's plan hasn't unfolded as she wished. Finding organizations and people to help with what she feels is a necessary project has turned out to be nearly impossible.

"I didn't think getting together the stuff would be a big deal," said Imel.

When Imel initially tried to contact event coordinators at LCC, she was told to leave a detailed message. She did, but received no reply.

She then contacted coordinator Michael Zimmerman who did return her call.

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SRC searches for new name

The renaming contest is part of a larger publicity campaign.

Aidan Keuter
Staff Writer

With a scrolling electronic sign proclaiming: "Under new management," the Student Resource Center (SRC) wants to bolster sales and attract students that may not be aware of their services.

The SRC will also be holding a raffle to find a new name starting on Monday, Nov. 24 and ending finals week of fall term. Everybody that purchases an item during that time will get a raffle ticket on which they can fill out their idea for a new name. The winning submission will get an as of yet undecided prize and so will some other entrants.

The SRC is a student-run branch of the Associated Students of Lane Community College (ASLCC), which means that

all the profits go back into the student community via ASLCC and SRC organized events.

Students and staff alike can purchase coffee, candy, water, soda, snacks, and breakfast and lunch items cheaper than at the bookstore, cafeteria, or campus vending machines.

"I just want to make it easy, convenient, and cheaper for students," said SRC coordinator Angela Stevens. "A place where students can come and get the little necessities of life."

Stevens also plans on adding new items like chap stick and expanding the food menu.

The SRC can also serve as an information center where one can register to vote, get a bus schedule, obtain help with getting childcare and finding affordable housing, as well as other student needs or problems.

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Photo by Megan Wilson

Human Resources student Brad LaMarche stocks the shelves of the Student Resource Center in the Students First building before the morning rush. The Student Resource Center provides students with a place to grab a quick, cheap bite to eat between classes.

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WEEKEND WEATHER

Partly cloudy
and cool
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Mostly Cloudy
rain at night
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Coming next week:

No issue
Thanksgiving week.
Next issue Dec. 4

OPINION

LCC students organize against local hunger

There are many ways to get involved and help out.

Oregon recently dropped from the dubious honor of being the hungriest state in the nation. We have been replaced by Oklahoma and now rank only as the seventh worst in the nation according to

GUEST COMMENTARY

David Hansen
OSPIRG

meet community needs. To highlight the current difficulties locally, FOOD for Lane County, progressive in its inception, is now running low on food in the time of most need — the holiday season. Student groups here at LCC, headed by OSPIRG, the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group, recognized the need for action and education.

a recent US Department of Agriculture survey. Unfortunately, other indicators point to more trouble for the hungry rather than relief.

The winter months, which are traditionally troublesome for those without food and shelter, are at hand. While many students prepare for finals, holiday trips and spending time with family and friends, there is a large portion of the population wondering where their next meal will come from. In Oregon, 13.7 percent of the population worries whether they can provide nutritionally adequate food for their families, according to the aforementioned survey.

The city of Eugene is struggling in their own agencies to

The week of November 16 through 21 is Lane Community College Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. The week kicked off with a door-to-door warm clothing drive. The clothing collected will go directly to the on-campus No Cash Clothing Stash, a service open to all students and faculty provided by ASLCC, offering clothing free of charge.

Monday the 17th, students held a 24-hour Fast For Those in Need. Students participating will collect donations that will go directly to the Whiteaker Thanksgiving Meal.

Tuesday and Wednesday, a silent Art Auction was held

in the cafeteria to benefit the Women's Space emergency shelter. The items for the auction were donated by students, staff and community members.

Also later in the week there will be The Great Potato Peel for the Whiteaker meal. We will be peeling approximately 800 pounds of potatoes here at LCC in concurrence with the kitchen staff.

Week long events will include a food and warm clothing drive put on by NASA (Native American Student Association) and QSA (Queer Straight Alliance), Spare Change for Social Change which will go to purchase wool socks and hats, and the LSU (Latino Student Union) will put on a clothing drive.

The hope is to make this an annual event in which all student groups can participate. It's off to a great start this year with a total of seven groups getting involved. These include OSPIRG, ASLCC, LSU, NASA, JSU, QSA and OSA. If you have any questions about the event or personally want to get involved, contact the OSPIRG office at 463-5166.

Letters to the Editor

Stereotyping offends

I am a diverse student here at LCC and was very offended by the "Metrosexual" article that was written in the Nov. 13 paper. How is it possible for such a racist, judgmental article to be printed? Do you realize how many people took offense to this article? This article is a perfect example of how diversity is not being allowed in school without judgment. In other words, it's not okay to be who you are without being judged, looked at differently, or threatened. This article could be very harmful to some men that are feminine and take things personally. My question to anyone approving of this article is, "If a woman is working a non-traditional job, doesn't wear makeup and dress in certain clothes, is she automatically seen as a lesbian? I would hope that you could see the judgment in this article and hope that you do something about it."

Cindy L. Brock
LCC student

Support student government

As a former ASLCC senator, I have an idea of the hard work and long hours it takes to be an effective student legislator. The student government works, sometimes late into the night, to make our

life easier. In their positions, they receive stipends below minimum wage. They are here to humbly serve us. It's time to help them help us!

Last Friday, while having lunch, I witnessed ASLCC president Rebecca Hill and Multicultural and Events coordinator Capone Summerfield give instructive speeches on subjects of great importance to students, such as student health-care. But very few were listening, which naturally gave me the impression that the students present must have all been independently wealthy, otherwise they would have asked how to take advantage of such services. Perhaps inexpensive student health care may even be a small dose of financial medicine that, in a way, remedies the super plague of tuition increases. But we will never know unless we listen and act with our representatives at ASLCC. And so, my fellow students, ask not what your student government can do for you, ask what you can do for the student government. Words I am sure JFK would have said if he had the honor of attending this great school of ours. Our representatives are working hard on our behalf, but they cannot do it alone. Let's give them a helping hand. If we do, the radiance of our future at Lane will be the envy of all.

Tom Bush
LCC student

Gearing up for Thanksgiving and the New Year

Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003 will be the last Torch paper this term. The Torch paper will be closed. The doors will be locked for a very good, happy holiday. Monday, Jan. 5, 2004



MACK WORLD

John Mackwood
Columnist

it will open up again. It's always very busy in the future.

Next comes winter term. Then spring term. Time keeps

going on.

They play too many movies on the T.V. set.

Everyone knows that you eat softly on your own wedding day. Get married to a turkey. Some man and his own wife love turkey dinner. Some men like holiday dinner on Thanksgiving Day. They also like to coach. Kiss your sweet, good-looking mom. Go out on a dinner date and laugh at the news.

Someone in the future laughs.

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

American Indian languages come to LCC

The new course offerings are a major step forward for the American Indian Languages Project.

For all the students who have taken AIL100, Foundations of American Indian Languages, the wait is nearly over! Next spring AIL101 will

be taught for the first time. Over the past five terms, over a hundred students have taken the foundations course,

planning eventually to actually study a native language in depth. During the 2004-2005 academic year, the entire first-year language sequence — AIL101, 102, and 103 — will be offered.

The appearance of the foundations course last winter was a major step in achieving the plans of the American Indian Languages Project here at LCC. For three years, a team of faculty and students has been working toward

the dream of teaching American Indian languages here. The plan is that eventually students can get two-year language credit by studying these languages. This will be especially valuable when Native students can satisfy the language requirement by studying their own languages.

What started out as a small group of dedicated people with a goal has grown to include the community at

large. This summer, the entire local Native community was invited to a meeting to share their ideas about the project. Local elders have come to speak at AILP meetings. The AILP team has done presentations at conferences around the Northwest, including the Oregon Diversity Institute in Grants Pass last week. They also have been working with tribal members involved in the teaching of their languages around the state and will maintain contact with people whose languages will be taught here.

Dr. Don Addison has done a

great job in teaching the foundations course, which emphasizes the relationships between language and culture in Indian traditions. This course is a pre-requisite (or co-requisite) for AIL101.

The hiring process is underway for an instructor for the language classes, so everything should be in place for 101 to start in the spring. The languages to be taught will be limited by clear criteria: 1) a good curriculum must be available, 2) native speakers of the language must be available and willing to work as mentors for the students, 3) students and prospective students have expressed interest, and 4) contact has been made with tribal representatives of the languages to be taught. The team has debated which languages fit these criteria, and it looks like a combination of Oregon languages and others will be offered. The final decision will be made after an instructor is hired.

Among the students who have been part of the planning are Michelle Morgan and Susan Moraschi.

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OPINION

Time to clear the air in Springfield restaurants



Photo illustration by Sean Hoffman

City should follow Eugene's example and ban smoking in public eateries

We were sitting in a small booth in the corner of the bar area at the Outback restaurant in Springfield, and I was eagerly awaiting my Queensland Chicken and Shrimp. We had not been there long before we remembered why sitting in the bar might not have been such a good idea. During a long inhalation, my scent-receptors notified my brain that I had indeed taken in a mighty dose of second-hand smoke, my favorite pre-dinner appetizer. Yuck.

We couldn't move to a new table since the reason we were seated in the bar in the first place was because it was the only table left. Even if we hadn't been sitting in the bar, it's unlikely we would have been able to avoid the smoke. After all, not six inches away from us, on the other side of the half-wall divider (in the non-smoking section), someone else was inhaling the same toxic fumes. So we just dealt with it, one nauseating breath after another.

For anyone who isn't familiar with the Outback, the bar is situated right in the middle of the restaurant, with half walls separating the bar from the rest of the restaurant, or rather separating the smoking section from the non-smoking section.

We all know cigarette smoke can't read the "No Smoking" signs and doesn't stop at the invisible barriers that are the half walls. So why would anyone think that smoking should be permitted in such a place?



STILL SMOKIN'

Liz Mayfield
Columnist

In 2002, Oregon passed a law prohibiting cigarette smoke in 95 percent of work and public places, including restaurants. But excluded from the smoking ban were bars and taverns, bowling alleys, bingo parlors, tobacco shops and hotel rooms designated as smoking rooms. As far as bars inside of restaurants go, according to the Oregon law, smoking is still permitted even though it permeates throughout the entire restaurant.

In 2000, The Eugene city council passed an ordinance tightening the smoking ban in public places to include bars, bowling alleys and bingo parlors.

For the past three years, Eugene restaurants housing bars contain not one puff of cigarette smoke, much to the delight of us non-smoking diners. Will Springfield or the state of Oregon follow suit? I certainly hope so.

I would like to choose a restaurant for its food, not for how clear the air is. And for the 79 percent of Oregonians who don't smoke, I think they would appreciate the same.

After all, if I spent hours spraying ammonia inside the bar at the Outback it would clearly be unacceptable and offensive to people. Who could enjoy their meal while breathing in toxic chemicals?

After my experience at the Outback, I'll think twice before going to any restaurants in Springfield. I like to breathe with dinner.

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They have also both taken the Foundations course.

"I am honored to be part of a team that understands the importance of cultural respect and education in connection with learning languages. After two and a half years of volunteering with this committee, I am personally excited and grateful that I will be here to witness the first Native American language classes taught at LCC. I am dedicated to the belief that every person has the right to have access to their ancestral languages," says Morgan.

Morasci says, "I loved the Founda-

tions course because of the history and cultural information.

One thing I really liked was learning to say 'Hello' in six different languages. I was able to utilize my new ability this summer in my teaching at the Indian Education Camp in Powers, Oregon, and again at Nearby Nature's Kalapuya Kids Camp. It is an honor to be able to greet friends in their Native languages. I am looking forward to taking AIL101 this spring."

AILP meetings are held Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in the Center Building, Room 447. All are welcome.

Graffiti expresses insensitivity

Thoughtless words on bathroom stalls can hurt.

I would like to touch on a few points today. The most important is the hate that undercurrents our student body. Before I explain I would like to express my sorrow for people always living in fear of something they don't understand.

Let me enlighten you on a conversation only half of us can see. The third stall in the cafeteria ladies' restroom has a space of about two and a half square feet of graffiti (that has been growing for three weeks) about "Hippies." First let us understand the definition of the label "Hippie."

"Hippies" were born out of the Beatniks and the Politicals in the 1960s. This combined frugality and brains. Yes, it is true that most "Hippies" march to their own drummer, but is that not true for most social groups? There is a quote on the wall that says, "But in reality, what culture promotes stinking [lack of hygiene] and fear of razors and hairbrushes."

First, no culture believes in bad hygiene. Unfortunately there are people from all cultures that do not take care of themselves. Secondly — razors? It has only been in the last 60 years that different cultures have started encouraging women to shave. This is a personal, not a social choice. If we were in France or Germany for instance, this would not be an issue.

Another quote from LCC's elite graffiti team is a much more explicit thought about headlice and "nappy" hair. The needlessly inflammatory profanity of the statement aside, I have had my dreadlocks for five years. The only people I

have ever known to contract lice were my cousin's children, who contracted it from their school, and a good friend, who went backpacking in Thailand.

There are many more quotes on this bathroom stall wall — some positive, some negative. You know, I have got to be honest when I say these harsh comments hurt my feelings. Now as I walk around campus, I think, is she thinking horrible things about me? What about her? She just looked at me. I don't like having these questions nagging at me from inside.

The second subject I feel I have to have my say in is the prejudice and categorizing of people in society. When someone walks by me, I see a person. I don't see them as "the tall, preppy boy" or "the anorexic, wannabe supermodel." I enjoy the differences, as well as similarities of different cultures and lifestyles. I am not saying that I personally agree with everything I see and experience in these different choices and actions. I also do not want to rudely voice this opinion to them through any medium, especially in a bathroom stall.

The third and final subject bothering me about this issue is the graffiti itself. If every person wrote a sentence on an outside wall, the world would look really bad. Communicate your feelings in other ways. Paint a picture, write a song or poem or even a letter to your college newspaper editor. But please, with all the pollution on our planet, leave something clean for our children to see.

As Jules Graves sings, "Just because you don't understand me, doesn't mean that I am wrong." I believe that goes both ways.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Julie Harris
LCC student

Opinionated? Upset?
**Enraged?
Outraged?**

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NEWS

A & E Calendar November 20

Kalapuya elder and storyteller, Esther Stutzman will discuss the historical and current presence of the Kalapuya in the Willamette Valley and their relationship with this ancestral land base. As part of the Reading Together Project, she will convey the culture of her people through her vivid retelling of traditional stories 9-11 a.m. in the Art Gallery in Building 11. For more information contact Ellen Cantor at 463-5118.

Cascade Mycological Society invites all to a presentation by Matsiman alias Andy Moore, entitled "Ecology of Matsutake Mushrooms." Matsiman will share his years of Matsutake research and picking experience here in western Oregon. Because he is not a commercial picker, he is happy to enlighten people with a landslide of information and research about where, when and how matsutakes grow. 7:30 p.m. in Building 16, Room 115. For more information contact Kyle Hammon at 463-5447.

November 21

Understanding Diversity: What can I do? This four-hour workshop will be a broad overview that looks at the nature of diversity and our part in it. The workshop also includes the award winning video "Blue Eyed," which deals primarily with race and ethnicity, but can be used as a vehicle to think about general diversity issues. The workshop runs from 8 a.m. to noon in the Downtown Center, Room 202. For registration and information on the workshop, contact Diversity Coordinator Jim Garcia at 463-5852.

The Real Ellen Story will be presented in the Women's Center in Building 1, upstairs at noon. This story examines the controversial television sitcom "Ellen" in which a major character reveals that she is a lesbian. Includes interviews with actors and ABC/Disney executives and Ellen DeGeneres, Anne Heche, Oprah Winfrey, Melissa Etheridge, Laura Dern and Diane Sawyer. For more information contact Paula Sena at 463-5349.

Jazz Band & Spectrum Vocal Jazz concert will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Performance Hall, Building 6. For more information contact Myrna Seifert at 463-5161 or the Ticket Office at 463-5202.

November 23

Lane Chamber Orchestra concert will be at 4 p.m. at the Newman Center at 18th and Emerald in Eugene.

November 25

Symphonic Band concert will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Performance Hall, Building 6. For more information Contact Myrna Seifert at 463-5161 or the Ticket Office at 463-5202.

November 29

"Dead Man Walking" starring Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn is based on the true story of Sister Helen Prejean and her attempts to minister to and understand a death row inmate. It shows at 5 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, Building 1, upstairs. For more information contact Susan Matthews at 463-3245.

December 2

Chamber Choir & Concert Choir performances will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Performance Hall, Building 6. For more information contact Myrna Seifert at 463-5161 or the Ticket Office at 463-5202.

Continuing

Ramadan: For the holy month Ramadan, a computer room is available as a prayer room for Muslims who wish to pray. Three prayer rugs are available. Hours are from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The room is available through Nov. 27. For more information contact Susan Matthews at 463-3245.

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 Marilyn Robert at 463-5774.

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Zimmerman said, "She expressed she [Imel] was feeling frustrated, I apologize and told her I wasn't who she needed to contact. I have directed her in the right direction."

Imel also contacted the local branch of the American Red Cross but found no luck there.

"I just figured they could help me. They gave me some websites to look at but none of them were local, and I wanted to get the community involved," said Imel.

Along with the websites, the Eugene-based branch also gave Imel an 800-number to contact. "I called the 800-number and they said they didn't do anything like that. They were just for contacting family," she said.

Daniel Jud, director of emergency services at the Eugene Red Cross said, "We used to do it but we had to stop. When mail arrives in Iraq or wherever, they then take it apart to look for weapons, or anything that would offend or disturb the country."

Despite these dead-ends, Imel continues to feel strongly about helping the troops and involving the community.

"I'm really busy this term; I know I can't do it on my own," she said.

Even if the care packages get completed, though, there is a whole new set of obstacles to sending the packages out.

"You can't send packages anymore to just any soldier for security reasons, so I was thinking maybe the Red Cross could help out with that and send them," she said.

As far as the money for supplies and postage, Imel is pondering several options.

"I thought we could do a bake sale," Imel said. "I was thinking to get some of the booths in the cafeteria together to do this."

In addition, Imel felt asking local business for help would help as well.

"I thought if we got some of the groups together like the Native American group, we could write letters to local businesses around here to contribute," she said.

Imel hopes her heartfelt project will turn out to be success.

"It's so upsetting that I haven't gotten a lot of cooperation from the community," she said.

For more information contact Imel at 935-9468.

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"If we don't know we'll find out," Stevens said.

Also, the SRC often helps student organizations with fund-raising efforts. Soon, the SRC will carry t-shirts to help raise money for the LCC Long House Project, said Stevens.

The two SRCs are located on the second floor of the Center Building by the library and on the second floor of the Building 1.

Because students staff it, the SRC has irregular hours. But, one of the two locations is open.

Stevens encourages any student who is interested in volunteering or federal work-study opportunities to stop by or call her at 463-3171.



Photo by Sean Hoffman

Psychology major Valerie Simmon scores her daily java at the new Bean Buzz.

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developmental disabilities.

"There is a sense of community and the clients who work with SES feel as if they are part of a family and are safe and secure here at LCC," said job developer Patty Parks.

SES has student workers in numerous places at LCC such as laundry, food services, recycling, custodial, grounds-keeping and mailing/packaging services. "The students who work with SES at LCC are a valuable resource," Parks adds.

Running this quiet getaway spot is employee Kurt Bagley who has been with SES for nine years. "I love it up here! It's really good to me," he said.

"It is a pleasure to work with Kurt," said his employ-

ment trainer, Josh Pierzina. "SES is a great program and I hope it grows."

Not only does the Bean Buzz provide employment and social skills for Bagley, it has a menu that includes bagels, muffins, pastries, coffee, milk and tea. These are just a few of the items they keep on hand and eggnog is now available during the holidays.

"I just heard about the Bean Buzz and came to help Kurt with the experience," said student Sara Smith.

"It's the best Chai tea I've had," said student Laura Loftus after sipping her tea.

The Bean Buzz is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. On Friday the Bean Buzz closes at noon.

Join the Student Advisory Board

The Lane Counseling Department, Students First!, and Student Financial Services are looking for students who are interested in helping us to continuously improve our services.



We want your feedback
about what it is like to interact with us
and your ideas
about how we can improve.

The Student Advisory Board will meet approximately once per month for two hours. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Dan Timberlake at 463-5321 or timberlaked@lanec.edu with your name, phone #, and email address.

Find the Titan Logo

Hidden somewhere in this week's Torch is another Titan logo, (like this one). Find it and receive a FREE can of pop from your SRC.

Last week's Titan logo winners:
Shirley Anson & Stephanie Reyes

STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER

Located in the Student's First Building, 2nd floor
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Now offering Snack Packs!

\$1.75 Morning Snack Pack

Comes with coffee and your choice of beverage or yogurt and a bagel or muffin.

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Looking for help!

Your Student Resource Center needs volunteers, Co-op, or work study helpers. Come by and apply!

SPORTS

New coach, players strive for new success



Returning player Kyle Richards attempts to block new team mate Blake Krieg's shot during practice. As one of only 5 returning players, Richards' experience will be of great value to the team this year.

Photo by Megan Wilson

Coaching staff changes creates new outlook for men's hoops

Shawn Miller
Sports Editor

A new coach paces the sideline. A handful of new players mostly make up the team, as only five members return from last season's men's basketball team. With a new system, new and returning players are learning at the same pace and are working towards specific goals.

The coaches held a meeting in early October. New head coach Ryan Orton, who has experience as an assistant coach at Eastern Washington for the past five seasons, let the team talk the majority of the time, setting their own team goals because "if they [players] set the goals, they have ownership in the team."

The goals are to hold the opponent to 50 percent or below field goal percentage, have fewer than 12 turnovers per game, get six steals per game, attempt more free-throws than each opponent and win the rebounding battle.

"Those are the five [goals] to focus on. We want to start it from the defensive end," said Orton. "If we defend and rebound, we will be there at the end of each game."

Orton focuses on an up-tempo game creating fast break opportunities.

"We are going to be more up-tempo. I try to put myself in the guys' shoes. They need to have confidence on offense and not be looking over their shoulders. I will allow them to be athletes and go play," said Orton.

Speaking about expectations, Orton encourages players to learn constantly.

"You never stay the same. You either take a step forward or one backwards," said Orton. "I just hope we are playing our best basketball in February."

With only five players returning from last season, a lack of experience is apparent.

"I've sat down and talked with each guy [returning]. I wanted to find their role. They've been through it for a year," said Orton. "They know the level to be at in practice and how to conduct themselves. They are expected to lead by example and through their effort everyday."

"The goal I challenged the guys during the non-conference games is to get better from the first game to the last. To improve the chemistry level of the team and to get into that flow with a comfort level on the floor."

The most experienced returnee is sophomore Ry Robinson. Robinson averaged 2.9 points per game and shot 42 percent from beyond the three-point arc and 82 percent from the free-throw line in playing all 29 games last season. The combined experience from the five players is 74 games and 7.7 points per game.

The fresh faces and returnees will look to shock the critics when they open the season hosting a Tip Off tournament. Lane will play the Linfield JV team in the first game at 6 p.m. on Nov. 21. The two other schools involved are Southwestern Oregon Community College and Umpqua Community College. The winners play Nov. 22 at 6 p.m., and the consolation game begins earlier at 4 p.m.

"They [players] are asked to do a lot and to sacrifice a lot. Our motto is 'how bad do you want it?' There is no reason why we shouldn't have a good year," said Orton.

Women's basketball hopes to regroup after record season, loss of leaders/injuries

The women's basketball program faces new struggles with loss of key players.

Shawn Miller
Sports Editor

Can the Lady Titans repeat as Southern Region champions of the NWAACC? Coming off the best year in women's basketball history at LCC, the Titan women will be answering these questions as well as the doubts of critics.

Last season, the Lady Titans earned a record of 25-8. They also won the Southern Region of the NWAACC and finished fourth at the NWAACC Championships, both first times in school history.

"To say that last season ended with a solid finish is an understatement. Last season was the best season in LCC women's basketball history," said Head Coach Greg Sheley.

Several players have been lost from last year's team. Talisha Rath walked on and earned a scholarship at University of Nevada-Reno and Lindsay Admire used her eligibility. Both rank in the top six in all-time scoring, steals, field goals and three-pointers made in school history. Rath is also ranked first in all-time assists and fifth in all-time rebounds at LCC.

"It will be impossible to replace Tish [Rath] because she did so much for us over the past two years. We can't replace any players that we lost from last year; we just have to reload and regroup," said Sheley. "That is the nature of Juco [junior college] basketball. You have to reload every year to stay on top."

Besides the loss of the two leaders, the team has also taken a hit with the loss of other returnees. Sophomore Danielle Rouhier is out for the season due to a knee injury. Sally

Moore is taking a year off and Kristine Hilt was dismissed from the team due to "conduct detrimental to the team."

"All three of the kids were expected back to play this year and due to circumstances beyond our control, they are not with us this year," said Sheley.

Sophomores Chelsey Brock, Kailee Short, Kellie Griner, Jennifer Bell, Jenna Cleveland, LeeAnn Genovese and Corrinne Kaleese are returning for the Titans.

"We will be looking at all of the sophomores to help lead to team by example and experience. We are not decided on a captain yet, but need all of our sophomores to be leaders," said Sheley.

With last season's success and a core of returning players, the Titans will look to continue on the winning path.

"We want to continue to be one of the best teams in the NWAACC," said Sheley. "We have a solid team with some good experience returning from last year."

"We will have to play harder than the teams that we face for the entire season if we want to remain one of the top teams in the NWAACC. We have a reputation for playing hard and we need to continue to keep that reputation going this year."

The Titans open up the season at home with a preseason match-up against Wenatchee Valley. The game is scheduled for Nov. 22 at 2 p.m.

"We have a great group of young ladies who want to be successful on and off the court," said Sheley. "We will continue to do our best to see that we are."

"Our region is the toughest in the NWAACC. We will have to play very hard and as a team if we want to be in title contention. I expect us to play hard at all times when we are on the court. If we do that, the rest will take care of itself."



Photo by Megan Wilson

LeeAnn Genovese completes a drill with a shot during practice. The Women's basketball team set a record last year by having the best season in the history of LCC Women's Basketball and this year they plan to beat it.

Men's basketball

- Only 5 players return from last season's team
- The team scored a season high 107 points against Spokane last season
- The team finished with a 21-8 record and a 10-4 league record
- The team lost two games by a combined three points to knock them out of the playoffs

Women's Basketball

- The team scored an average 74.5 points per game, 16 more than their opponents averaged
- The team averaged 20.6 assists per game
- The team had 319 more steals than opponents
- The team finished 25-8, with a league record of 11-3

SPORTS

Volleyball team wraps up season schedule; playoffs, coach/players honors announced

LCC volleyball travels north to face Columbia Basin in opening round of NWAACC playoffs

Shawn Miller
Sports Editor

First, they earned a playoff berth and now the honors are rolling in. The LCC volleyball team clinched a playoff spot with one match left, which decided the team finishing third in the league.

The match was against Chemeketa Community College, a team that defeated LCC twice earlier this season, both in five games. In the first game, the Titans won solidly 30-26. For the second game, the lineup was switched up in a combination that didn't work and LCC fell 22-30. The momentum shifted and the Titans were never seriously in the match as they lost the third and fourth games, 24-30 and 25-30.

"I think even if I hadn't changed the lineup, it wouldn't have made a difference," said Head Coach Dale Weigandt. "As a team, we blew it [the match] off a bit. We really didn't threaten them. We just didn't play as spirited."

That loss placed the Titans fourth in the Southern Region. The fourth-place finish earned LCC a game against top-ranked and number one seed Columbia Basin in the first-round of the NWAACC playoffs.

The Titans played Columbia Basin once earlier this season, winning easily 30-18 and 30-21 in the Clark Cross-Over Tournament on Nov. 1. Columbia Basin won the East Region by one match

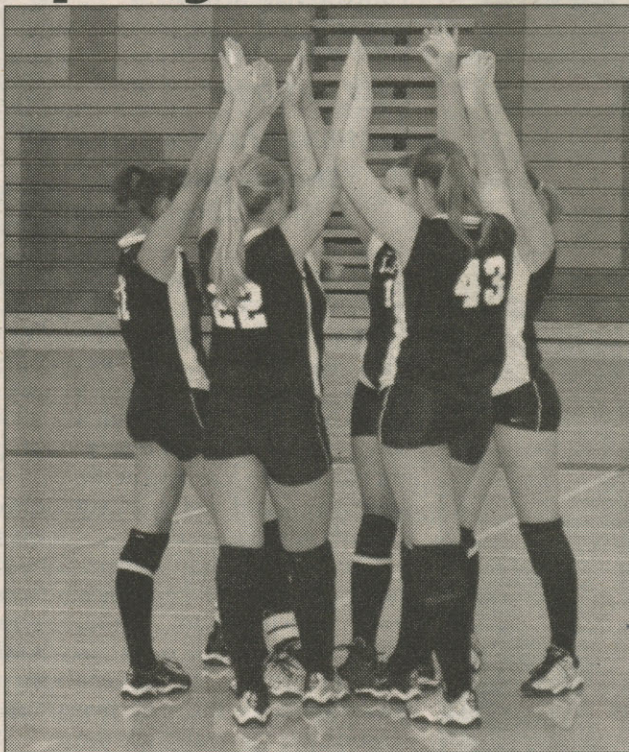


Photo by Travis Roderick

The LCC volleyball team takes a well deserved break after playing hard all season. Their hard work paid off during the playoffs, where they finished third in the league.

over Yakima Valley and Spokane.

"They [Columbia Basin] are very strong. Their program has been strong for many years and they have

won a lot of NWAACC titles," said Weigandt. "But I know of the beast. If we can dig a few, they will start to hit where we aren't and that is usually out of bounds."

The Titans also received good news when Weigandt was named Coach of the Year for the Southern Region. Also, sophomore MacKenzie Rae-Winkle earned First-team All-league. Sophomores Traci Flitcraft and Shelby Whitmore and freshmen Brianna McLeod and Kristin Diehl each were awarded with honorable mention.

"They got received by the other schools to have their work noticed; it's great for Mac [Rae-Winkle] and the other girls," said Weigandt.

By winning coach of the year, Weigandt is also coach of the All-Star games, held Dec. 6 in Bellevue, Wash. This is a round-robin event where each region plays a three-game match against all other regions. First and second-team all-leagues compete, meaning Rae-Winkle will be among the athletes on Weigandt's team.

"To have the rest of your peers saying that you are the best of the year, it is such an honor and means a lot," said Weigandt.

The Titans face Columbia Basin in the opening game of the NWAACC playoffs, held in Green River, Wash., on Nov. 21. The game is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. If LCC wins, they will play the Bellevue/Highline winner. If they drop the first match, they will play the loser of the Bellevue/Highline match.

"The confidence level is there, but I hope the girls aren't overlooking them [Columbia Basin]. There is no way they would face us without a fight," said Weigandt. "I'm hoping the morning game doesn't affect us adversely. If the kids get that confidence going early, I wouldn't bet against them."

Overtime rule works best for college football

College football's overtime system is an equal opportunity that doesn't rely on the luck of a coin toss

What is the most intense, spine-tingling, stomach wrenching and overly exciting time in any sport? Overtime. That's right, when the game is on the line and there is the possibility of one big play ending the game.

The National Football League's (NFL) overtime system, which is the team that scores first in a 15-minute overtime period wins, is out of date.

In college football, each team gets an equal chance, which is something that makes the NCAA overtime system the best solution used.

The NFL system doesn't work be-

cause it is an unfair situation. Which ever team wins the coin toss has the first shot at the ball and to put it in the endzone to end the game. Not every team that receives the ball first wins on the first possession; however they have a distinct advantage over the opposing team. They get the ball first; if they don't score, they are able to play a 'field position' game and they can run the game their way, rather than having to stop the other team first.

Many sportscasters have sided with the NFL system.

One analyst on the TV show "The Best Damn Sports Show Period" said, "If a team can't stop another team, then they don't deserve to win."

That argument doesn't make sense

because the team obviously stopped the opposing team in regulation and not every possession is about one team pounding the other to score. One breakdown on pass coverage or one tackle that was missed could lead to a touchdown.

The difference between the NFL system and college football system is the opportunity is equal for college athletes. Whichever team wins the coin toss gets to pick if they want to play offense or defense first. Each team gets one series and the team leading at

the end of an overtime period wins the game. Each possession starts on the 25 yard-line and regular rules apply, which are that a team has four downs to go 10 yards for a first down.



COLLEGE SPORTS

Shawn Miller
Columnist

First-annual LCC spaghetti feed/ auction raises \$2,000 for athletics

Shawn Miller
Sports Editor

Not bad for a first-annual. Those were the sentiments that interim athletic director Sean Mondragon voiced following the athletic department's first-annual silent auction and spaghetti feed, held on Nov. 14.

"For a first-annual it went fantastic. The help from volunteers, coaches and players and Clive [Wanstall] in the culinary department were a tremendous help," said Mondragon.

There were 59 items auctioned and nine more given away as raffle items.

The biggest grossing item was a two-night stay at Black Butte resort, which went for \$405. A blue heron weather vane was

the next highest at \$255. Other popular items were a basketball signed by ex-University of Oregon basketball star Luke Ridnour (\$95) and a football signed by University of Oregon Head Football Coach Mike Bellotti (\$60).

While 200 tickets were sold, the turnout was closer to 125-150 people. However the athletic department still brought in an estimated \$2,000.

"For our first attempt at this, I think it went well. All we can do now is get some feedback and prepare for next year," said Sports Information Director Brent Ellison.

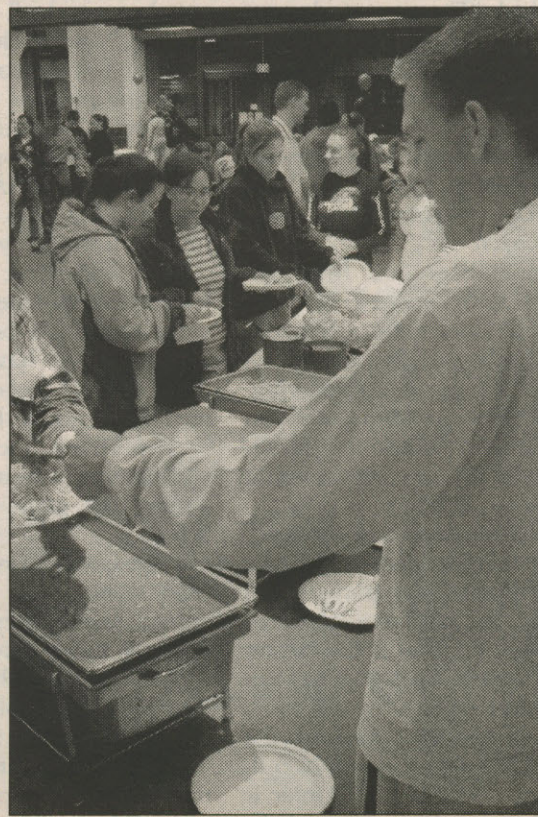
Although the idea is to make this a more regular event, it looks like it will stay only once per year with the possibility of

another big event held each Spring.

"We want to get some feedback to make next year better. I want to add some items to the silent auction, preferably weekend trips and bigger items because they seem to go better," said Mondragon. "Also, the second auction will be a lot easier because of the connections made."

"It was a good opportunity to make connections. In athletics, we haven't made many [connections] in the past and I think this event helped."

LCC athletics really appreciates the support from donors. We make money, but we also get some awareness in the community about what is going on at LCC," he said.



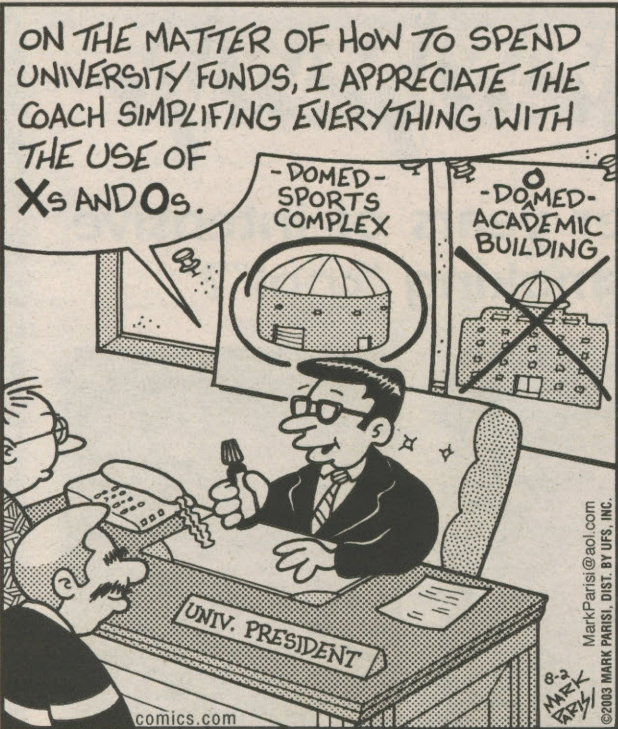
Titan basketball player Brian Wilson serves up a heap of steaming spaghetti to a hungry Athletic Department supporter at the first annual spaghetti feed and auction. Proceeds from the event will help fund programs in the Athletic Department.

Photo by
Sean Hoffman

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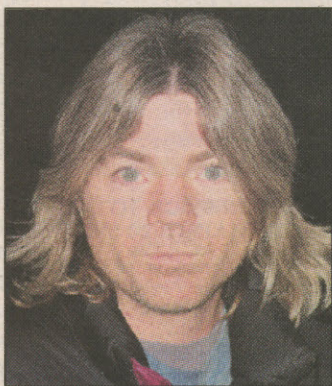
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The Pulse

Nov. 20 is "The Great American Smokeout." After years of intensive anti-tobacco campaigns, is the current status of smoking "cool"?



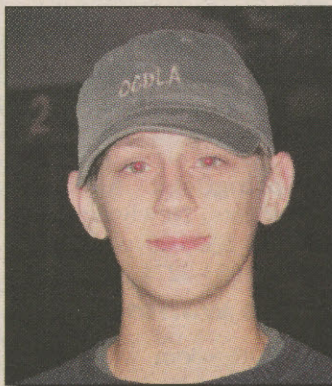
Mark Cronk
Ex-smoker
Human Services

A lot of teens smoke because their parents smoke. I first tried it because my folks told me it was "an adult thing." I wanted to grow up faster — it was exciting. I smoked for about 20 years before I could quit.



Julie Harris
Smoker
Geology

I think a lot of these kids still think smoking is cool. It's kinda the companies fault — they make it seem hip but don't let you know how hard it is to quit. It's just an image.



Patrick Hennessey
Non-Smoker
Graphic Design

Most people don't think it's cool anymore and everyone I know is trying to quit. The high schoolers are most susceptible to smoking's coolness; statistics show that most people start at 14 or 15. There's not a lot of college kids who start up these days.



Katie Matthews
Smoker
AAOT

I don't think all the advertising does much to curb smoking. Parents seem to have more influence over whether their kids start smoking. It's hard to say if it's less cool now for younger kids, but I certainly think it is at Lane with all the smoker segregations.



Nina Keehner
Smoker
Health Sciences

It's definitely not cool anymore. It's just an addiction. Lots of kids are really against it, like my son for example. He won't let me smoke in the house because it smells so bad. Young people today are getting much better education on the dangers of smoking and I think it's important to continue. In my era, it was cool to light up at a

Compiled by Sean Hoffman

WEATHER CLOSURE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

When bad weather strikes, tune in to local radio or television stations to find out if there are any college closures or delays. In the meantime, review the following frequently asked questions and answers:

Q. HOW DO WE KNOW FOR SURE THAT THE COLLEGE IS CLOSED?

A. When the decision is made to close the college, the college immediately notifies KLCC 89.7 FM and other news media. Stations make announcements as soon as they receive information. Please do not call the media because this interferes with their ability to bring you the most current information. Closures are reported to the following local news outlets and others.

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A. Weather closures or delays can be announced at any time as conditions worsen; however, every effort is made to report early morning closure/delay information by 6 a.m., and evening closure information by 3 p.m. Evening classes are those that begin at or after 5 p.m. Because conditions can improve during the day, sometimes the college will close during the day but will open for evening classes, so it is important to stay tuned to the media.

Q. WHAT DO DELAYS MEAN?

A. If the opening of classes is delayed, students and faculty should report to the class or lab they would normally have been attending at the new starting time, if at least 50 minutes of class/lab time remains. For example, if opening is delayed to 10 a.m., classes and labs that normally begin at 10 a.m. or are already in session at 10 a.m. would meet, but only if the normal ending time for that class or lab is 10:50 a.m. or later. The remainder of the day would continue on the regular schedule.

Q. ARE THERE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES?

A. When 30th Avenue is icy, some people drive in from the east via Franklin, or ride the bus. In general, LTD operates buses to Lane when the college is open; however, drivers may choose alternate routes. An LTD route change does not necessarily indicate a college closure.

THE BEAT GOES ON



Photo by Vida C. Nelson

Bassist Dan Garrett prepares for the Nov. 21 Jazz Band & Spectrum Vocal concert to be held in the Performance Hall at 7:30 p.m.