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## GARMENT GIVEAWAY BENEFITS STUDENTS



Mokey Gillispie and Roy Williams, inset, pick over the pile of boots donated by Columbia Sportswear to ASLCC's No Cash Clothing Stash. The company donated the boots, along with a number of other clothing items including pants and jackets, due to minor imperfections or cosmetic damage. The Clothing Stash held a fashion show on Nov. 24 to both give away the donated items and to draw attention to their services on campus, which make donated clothes available to all LCC students free of charge. Here, volunteer model Megan Tvedt, Vice President Psi Beta Honor Society shows off for the camera one of the many non-Columbia articles of clothing available that day.



Photos by Travis D. Roderick

## Fundraiser may become tradition

*The partnership between ceramics and culinary arts was a huge success.*

**Aidan Keuter**  
Staff Writer

Nov. 12 marked the beginning of a possible new tradition and partnership at LCC. The ceramics and culinary programs teamed up for a fundraiser making 250 bowls as well enough soup to fill them in order to sell their wares in the cafeteria. They donated all \$2,000 of their proceeds to the Long House Project.

Ceramics instructor Erik Land was inspired to start the project by a similar project held every year by the White Lotus Gallery

that raises money for FOOD for Lane County. Land approached Executive Chef and LCC Culinary Arts instructor (CAP) Clive Wanstall and a partnership was born.

"[The Culinary Arts Program] is just glad to help since everybody is hurting so much these days," said Wanstall.

Initially Land thought they would put soup in the bowls after they sold as an added incentive. But after considering sanitary issues, the decision was made to include a voucher that could be redeemed at or after the sale for a free bowl of soup provided by the CAP.

Both Land and Wanstall wanted to make sure that whatever money was raised stayed on cam-

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## Projections for future look good

*For the first time in years, the budget's forecast is clear.*

**Jason D. Nelson**  
Staff Writer

There will be no more tuition increases or increased college costs for the next three years, which is great news for many students.

For the first time since LCC President Mary Spilde has been in office, she is able to share some positive budget news. Spilde said

in a Dec. 1 press release that LCC will, in fact, be able to maintain its current service level for the next three years without any major deficits.

A \$2.8 million shortfall is foreseen in 2007, but Spilde is confident that four years is enough time to address and alleviate the problem through "careful planning."

The president was also quoted saying, "The decisions we made in the past two years, while extremely painful, have positioned the college to move to financial

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## Annual community dinner feeds thousands

*Volunteers from LCC and the community peel and prepare a Thanksgiving meal for the hungry.*

**Jason D. Nelson**  
Staff Writer

Hunger is a serious problem in the Eugene community. FOOD for Lane County has served 76,000 men and women plus another 30,000 children this year alone, serving up 500,000 meals totaling 6.2 million pounds of food.

And with the need growing rapidly, it takes the kind heart of people like LCC instructor Beverly Farfan to organize a place

for the hungry to go.

Farfan has been organizing the annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner for eight of the 15 years it has been running. The event not only provides great food for thousands but also a great assortment of entertainment, games and giveaways.

"It's a place where people want to feel good and come when they have no other place to go," said Farfan. "We have music, kids activities and a group that does massages. We also have a huge room that has giveaways like blankets, clothes, sleeping bags and toiletries."

Planning for the event begins in September. The weekend before

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Culinary student Chiaki Nakajima pulls steaming hot squash from the oven Wednesday, Nov. 26 in preparation for the Whiteaker Thanksgiving Dinner. LCC was host to cooking over 2000 pounds of turkey, peeling 900 pounds of potatoes, and processing over 800 pounds of vegetables.

Photo by Sean Hoffman

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### WEEKEND WEATHER

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# OPINION

## Much ado about 'I Do' – In support of gay marriage

Well, in case you haven't heard, the apocalypse is upon us. Apparently there is a segment of the population that has the audacity to demand the right to love whomever they so desire, sanctify that bond in an official ceremony, and have that ceremony and resulting relationship legally recognized and supported. Who here amongst us would dare to ask for such an absurd entreaty?

What's that? You plan on getting married someday? Oh, you're already married? Well then, I guess we know which side you're on. Or so it would make sense to me.

Unfortunately, very little in the rapidly heating debate on the issue of gay rights makes sense to me. Not that the issue is a new one, but particularly since the Massachusetts Supreme Court declared it illegal for the state to prohibit the marriage of gays and gave the legislature six months to rectify the situation, both the Democrats and Republicans have made some odd statements regarding the issue.

The conservative Republicans, not surprisingly opposed to the idea, apparently aren't making any decisions based on their religion, but instead on this thing called "tradition." Gearing up to introduce a Constitutional amendment that would define marriage as the union between a man and a woman, the formerly anti-big government party has apparently changed its tune and now fully supports the idea of legislating everything from morality to love to wearing mismatched socks.

The Democrats, meanwhile, have decided to once again let their more liberal members down by letting their wind-blown scarecrow limbs decide the direction the party is heading. Or, even more haphazardly, they're following "the polls." Gay marriage? Bad. Gay civil union? Good. Enola Gay? The jury's still out on that one. It's evident, however, that the traditional lines in this

matter have apparently been erased and redrawn, just to make it all the harder to know who's on what side.

At least Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson and their ilk, for all their close-minded, venom-spewing hateful ways, have the cajones to be honest in their opposition to the issue. I actually have more respect for someone who speaks their truth, ugly as it may be, than for someone who candy coats their argument openly while harboring the same ill will secretly. The latter is notoriously hard to debate because it's nigh impossible to nail them down to their actual platform.

### LET THEM EAT CAKE

Travis D. Roderick  
Columnist



Take, for example, the Family Research Council, one of the central players in denouncing the Massachusetts high court's decision, though for decidedly ambiguous reasons. Following hotly on the heels of the court's announcement, FRC rep. Connie Mackey fumed, "If the will of the people has anything to do with it ... the people will throw out any legislator that upholds this ruling. The culture has seen the family unit for thousands of years as one man and one woman for the purpose of raising children." This line of argument is expounded upon at length on FRC's website, all the while managing to not once admit that they view homosexuality as a Biblical sin.

To hear them tell it, they are simply watching out for what's best for the institution of marriage, by supporting the idea that anyone can get married except gays and lesbians. You're a woman hater? Get married, it'll give you some great firsthand experience to work out your differences! Marrying your betrothed solely for their looks or money? Tie the knot anyway, the world needs a few more children raised in a loveless home!

You're a child molester? Well, there we may have bad news. Because most pedophiles are men, and because a high percentage of children who are abused are boys, the FRC seems to believe that

this means most child molesters are therefore gay. But if you only molest girls, hello! Find that special someone today! Check out the FRC's website for yourself and have hours of fun watching them double back and fall all over themselves trying to prove their point that homosexuality is evil without actually saying that homosexuality is evil.

Now keep in mind that beyond everything else, the FRC actually does support the right of a gay man or lesbian to marry; the only catch is that it has to be to someone of the opposite gender. Apparently, this group calling itself the Family Research Council fully supports a loveless marriage so long as it brings children into the world. This is because the ultimate aim of marriage, according to the organization, is to continue to populate the world. Huh. And here I thought most people chose marriage ultimately for love. I guess I've misunderstood this deeply-rooted tradition my entire life.

Of course, any line of thinking that decries the court's decision on the basis of "tradition" seems not to recognize that our current Westernized take on marriage is so far out of step with the views of our own ancestors as to hardly be recognized. Once upon a time, roughly 35 years ago or so, many of the states that now have laws forbidding gay marriage had similar laws regarding interracial marriage. The U.S. Supreme Court decision that struck down these laws was hardly a popular one, and naysayers claimed that the next step would be to legalize incest and bestiality. Sound like a familiar argument?

Flash back even farther, and marriages between the classes were highly frowned upon. People were born into a certain way of life, and to move between

these invisible boundaries through marriage was to upset God's natural order of things. (Though I'm sure this approach was largely championed solely by the rich — I can't see too many peasants frowning on the chance to live the palace life.)

Farther still, and it was (or in some cultures, still is) forbidden to marry without the entire ordeal being arranged by the parents of both the bride and groom for the sole purpose of benefiting both families. What would these ancestors think of bringing home that cute guy from Economics class for Thanksgiving?

Now we have drive-thru wedding chapels in Las Vegas that promise to get you and that girl you just met at the hotel casino married in ten minutes, and if, after sobering up, you two decide it just isn't working out, you can have it annulled the next day. Or, let it last a little longer, have a couple kids, grow bored, start an affair and get a divorce — simple as that.

Is this the "traditional" marriage that conservatives throw their weight behind in an attempt to disavow same-sex unions? I doubt it, but apparently it beats the alternative: two people, of the same sex, who love each other intimately, openly, honestly and passionately, who truly desire to spend the rest of their lives together in a bold statement of trust and caring.

When I weigh these two options, there's only one viable outcome, and it isn't the quick fling. Besides, I hope to get married myself someday, and hopefully it will be to the woman of my own choosing, not some girl from the next county over whose parents have several head of cattle and some nice land my parents have been eyeing.



## Winter is almost here

The first day of winter is December 22, 2003. It will be time for a hot cup of tea or hot coffee, cookies and a hot bath. I should shampoo my hair and use my hairdryer. Out of bed or in bed. Day and also night.

My mom asked me to go



### MACK WORLD

John Mackwood  
Columnist

get myself a haircut. Honestly, hair in my face makes me go crazy.

I hope for more wonderful, beautiful women friend-

ships in the future. Believe it, ladies and gentlemen. I will be famous for love and care.

Cookies or cake orbit the planet earth. Cookies will rain soon and later on the cake will come down to the sky. Your face is always good.

LCC's Women's Center is always a very good, healthy place for every lady.

The phone rings three hundred times. I can't concentrate. I do a lot more reading. I focus on studying.

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.

## Worksite dress codes are unfair discrimination

Physical appearance is a topic that employers believe they can regulate to appease traditional viewpoints of society. As the education level of the population rises, so does the need to express the artistic and creative side of the personality. That's intellectual evolution. Whether it's tattoos, piercings, length of hair or clothing — as long as it meets OSHA safety guidelines — your body is your own property to design.

The ever-changing policy on abortion is a clear example of how the government is still having an internal revolution of church and state. The act of licensing piercing establishments identifies it as an accepted form of society. Pretty simply, tradition implies that your body is God's and not to be altered. I'm pierced. Oops. I'm tattooed. Oops again. Whether or not your boss is Atheist, Hindu, Christian, Black or Wiccan, the equality of the sexes hasn't ever been equal when

concerning appearance.

The best situation occurred to me while being unemployed. A situation where, while seeking a job, I found that I could only be eligible for this job by registering with the employment department. Part time at the grocery store near my place may not afford me Ralph Lauren but it'll get some bills paid. Upon filling the employment department's application there is a whole page dedicated to the Equal Opportunity Employer statement that outlines how sexes, genders, races and others will not be treated unequally for their attributes. Unless you ask of their sex preference, it is a sight-based judgment. If I were to be hired however, the store has its own dress policies that detail what is male or female. Excuse me, I think that should've been covered by kindergarten.

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### Guest Commentary

Michael J. Bench  
LCC Student

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# NEWS

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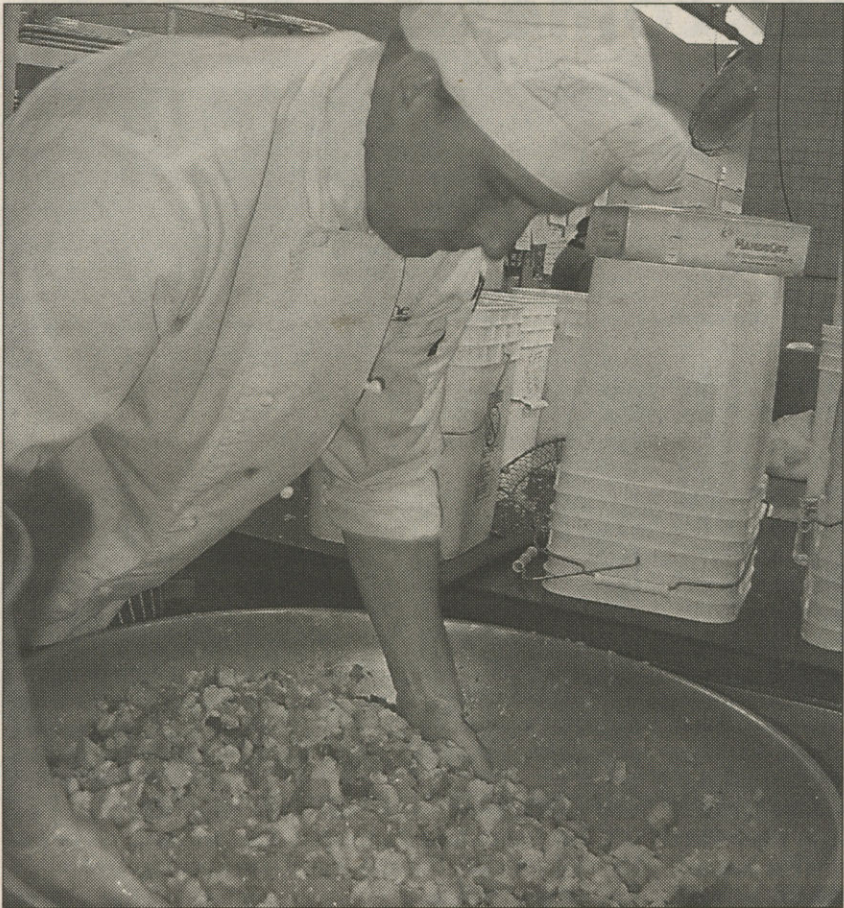


Photo by Sean Hoffman

Jon Molstad shakes it up at the annual Whitaker neighborhood thanksgiving cookoff in the LCC kitchen on Wed. Nov. 26.

Thanksgiving, the Great Potato Peel takes place and this year was the greatest turnout for volunteers.

"We had so many volunteers. There were just lots of student — lots from OSPIRG, the Jewish student union and other groups. A sorority from UO came, and lots of people from the community in general. We probably had 50 volunteers here just in the morning," said Farfan.

The volunteers peeled nearly 900 pounds of potatoes, processed 800 pounds of vegetables and over 2,000 pounds of turkey.

"We've heard from social service agencies that a lot more people are out of work, a lot more are hungry and even more that just aren't making enough money," said Farfan.

The cooking began Nov. 26. All the food except the potatoes was cooked at LCC. The food was then put into coolers and trucked over to Whiteaker School and put into a refrigeration truck to be served the next day.

Farfan said she couldn't do this without the help from local businesses such as Ambrosia restaurant, which cooks and prepares the 900 pounds of mashed potatoes and delivers them to the dinner hot.

"There are over 75 local business that donate, many local restaurants help by donating people or equipment," said Farfan. "It's really a community event. I really depend on my volunteers and donations."

High school sophomore Julie Wells came out to volunteer for the potato peel. "My mom

works out here at LCC and she told me about it," said Wells. "I thought it was a great way to help the community."

Christian McFadden, also a volunteer this year, has attended the Whiteaker dinner in the past.

"It was there for me when I needed them, and now that I am finally back on my feet and my family can finally eat a dinner in our home, I felt it was my duty to come out and help," she said.

"It is so great that there is people in this community that want to help the hungry. The Whiteaker dinner really helps not only to put food into a hungry stomach but the feeling of warmth in that building is amazing."

Farfan said the dinner fed nearly 2500 people. The leftover food was given to Saint Vincent DePaul, which prepares a huge meal again the next day.

"Everybody was happy. There was such diversity there and with all the things going on it was so mellow," said Farfan.

Next year, Farfan plans on continuing with the annual feast but says she would like to inform the public more, especially about the donations needed like sleeping bags and other items to keep the homeless warm.

This year she did have a large amount of donations, but they all went quickly.

If you would like to donate or help out next year you can contact the Hotline at (541) 485-8179.

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stability.

This positive news doesn't mean the school can coast along without a worry. Spilde said the college must move vigilantly into the next few years to address some uncertainties.

Vice President of Operations Marie Matsen said she is cautiously optimistic about the budget's future.

"It's great that our forecast looks like we can make it without reductions with no tuition increases beyond the inflation adjustment," she said.

"I don't want to downplay the news, but we can't forget that the budget isn't solved," said Matsen. "I think it would be too easy to think we've solved our problem. Understand, there are some really big problems we have to address."

Uncertainties include state funding inflation and voters' decision about the legislative tax increase. If voters overturn the increase, LCC would not be affected this year. However, it would lose around \$450,000 each year of the biennium.

A Congressional bill is also posing some uncertainties. "The bill would tie tuition increases to cost of living increase and impose sanctions on colleges that raise tuition more than the cost of living." This means some congressional members feel students have to pay increased costs beyond tuition. This bill is to restrict colleges and universities from raising those costs.

Matsen feels the legislation is not

targeting the root of the problem but feels it's a good idea.

With a fairly solid budget, the President plans to begin creating a reserve fund over the next few years that would help aid any sudden budget shortfalls. She is also planning on taking care of some maintenance and equipment jobs that were put off, as well as replacing some computers.

Spilde said she is remaining optimistic that through all the uncertainties the college will be able to increase its focus on the students and serving the community.

How do students feel about a positive budget forecast?

"It's nice to hear we won't have to pay more. It's even nicer to new students coming here, one less thing they have to worry about," said LCC student Michael Smith.

Jackie Sloan, also a student, is optimistic but a little apprehensive. "I heard about it last night on TV — it's good news. The budget is just so sensitive and so up and down there are so many things that can set it off. I hope the school is ready for it."

Bev Kellan is excited even though this is her final year at LCC. She said it is good for the family. "My sister is planning on coming here before she goes to UO, so it will be nice for her. I hope it stays this way."

For more information on budget projections log onto [www.lanec.edu](http://www.lanec.edu) and find it under College Business.

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pus. They contacted the Long House Project and it "seemed like a natural fit," said Land.

Twenty intermediate and advanced ceramic students worked in shifts and on their own time to throw and paint the bowls. Working with 450 pounds of clay that Land bought, the students weren't given any criteria for what the bowls where supposed to look like. But each beginning portion of clay was weighed equally. Culinary arts student Andrea Peake made the initial 20-gallon batch of soup all by herself — coming in early and working on her own time.

"She just saw a void and filled it," Wanstall said.

The soup, a vegetarian concoction that included autumn produce like corn, squash and beans, was made entirely out of stock the CAP had but didn't have a use for.

Displayed beautifully on tables in the cafeteria, all 250 of the bowls sold in about two hours, exceeding all expectations and raising approximately \$2,000 for the Long House Project.

Both Land and Wanstall said that they recognize their unique position as instructors to motivate students and "light the fire," as Land puts it, to want to help their school and their community.

Both instructors expressed hope that in the coming terms they could again find students willing to contribute to the project.

No firm plans are in place to hold the event again in the future but both Land and Wanstall hope to see it happen every term. "Students are really who made it work," said Land. For more information about the Long House Project go to <http://www.lanec.edu/nasa/longhouse/why.html>.

## Toy drive

The Latino Student Union/La Raza Unida is hosting a toy drive which ends Friday, Dec. 5. The toys collected will be donated to Centro Latino americano's Annual "Fiesta de los Ninos." Please bring toys to the Multicultural Center, Building 1, Room 201. For more information contact LSU/LRU at 463-3236.

## Annual pow-wow

The Native American Student Association is hosting its 14<sup>th</sup> annual pow-wow on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the LCC Main Campus. The event is open to the public and free of charge. For more information contact Frank Merrill at 463-5238.

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As the store only utilizes the employment department for its applicants, it's the first step of the hiring process. That's where I wanted to request an answer as to how this is not discrimination. I was referred to the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) with my complaint and

after a week or two of phone tag, I was spared a whole six minutes to deliver their official not-guilty statement.

The United States went through a civil war to determine that a person's skin color (and hence appearance) does not affect their ability. Shortly

thereafter, women were allowed to vote. It's a wonder why employers are even able to discriminate sexes or have a policy at all. But for the time being, hey BOLI, catch up to the times. We, the employees, are the other half of the company you represent.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## A & E Calendar

### December 2

**Holiday Bazaar** continues today at the LCC Main Campus cafeteria. Specialty and regular vendors will be selling unique and reasonably priced gift items. Items include Avon, Cookie Lee jewelry, Italian charm bracelets, gel candles, African crafts, silver jewelry, pillows and much more. The bazaar continues through Dec. 4. For more information contact Tina Lymath at 463-5336.

### December 3

**Holiday Bazaar:** See Dec. 2.

### December 4

**LCC Jazz Festival concert** will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Performance Hall, Building 6. The concert continues through Dec. 5. For more information contact Myrna Seifert at 463-5161 or the Ticket Office at 463-5202.

**Holiday Bazaar:** See Dec. 2.

### December 5

**Open Show: LCC dance students** perform term projects at 2 p.m. in the dance studio, Building 5, Room 132. For more information contact Bonnie Simoa at 463-5645.

**Dance Improvisation:** An informal showing and discussion of work in conjunction with the book "Privilege, Power, and Difference," at 4 p.m. in the dance studio, Building 5, Room 132. For more information contact Bonnie Simoa at 463-5645.

**Kwanzaa 2003** will be presented by Jefferson Middle School's Umoja Cultural and African American History Club from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 1650 West 22nd Ave., Eugene. The evening will feature African dancing, step show, African market place, raffle, food and fun. The event is co-sponsored by BEST After school Program, UO, LCC Black Student Union and Eugene Kwanzaa Coalition. For information contact Bahati Myhelatu Ansari at 687-3221 or atansari@4j.lane.edu.

**LCC Jazz Festival:** See Dec. 4.

### December 10

**Universal Declaration of Human Rights Celebration:** The City of Eugene Human Rights Commission, Lane County Human Rights Advisory Committee and the City of Springfield celebrate the 55th anniversary of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights at the Serbu Juvenile Justice Center at 2727 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Eugene, from 6:30-9 p.m. Keynote speakers: Dr. Edwin Coleman and Carla Gary. The event will include human rights awards presentations, employee awards for cities and the county and information tables by community groups. The event is free and open to everyone. For more information call 682-5177.

### December 13

**Broadway Lights & Voices** caroling procession will begin at the Eugene Public Library at 5:30 p.m. The event includes holiday tunes performed by The Cascade Community Holiday Chorus, Oregon Children's Choir and the Eugene Chamber Singers. Members of the UO Chamber Singers will lead the crowd in caroling between performances. Participation is free. For more information contact Michelle M. Emmons at 343-1117.

**Contra Dance at Kelly School:** 850 Howard Ave, Eugene. Workshop at 7:30 p.m., dance begins at 8 p.m. with Sue Baker calling and live music by George Penk & friends. The cost is \$7 and no partner is necessary. For more information call 302-2628.

## Jazz Festival comes to a close

**Melissa Vandever**  
A&E editor

The LCC Jazz Festival ends this term's parade of concerts on Dec. 4 and 5 in the Performance Hall. The 6th annual Jazz Festival begins at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday with the "Big Band Concert" featuring LCC Jazz Ensemble, directed by Ron Bertucci; Swingshift, directed by Jim Olson; The Oregon Jazz Ensemble, directed by Steve Owen and special guest, trumpet player Bobby Shew. For Thursday's show general admission is \$8 for students and \$5 for seniors.

The Festival continues on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. with performances by high school bands and special guests Bobby Shew, Randy Porter (piano), Dave Captein (bass), Gary Hobbs, (drums) and Mike Denny (guitar). General admission for Friday's concert is \$12 for students and \$9 for seniors. Tickets can be purchased at the LCC box office, Cat's Meow and Pacific Winds Music.

Shew's extensive musical experience includes playing with the bands of Tommy Dorsey, Woody Herman, Buddy Rich, Bill Holman, Louie Bellson, Toshiko Akiyoshi, Oliver Nelson, Benny Goodman and others. He has also lead his own groups and was nominated for a Grammy in 1980 for his "Outstanding in His Field" record and was awarded Jazz Album of the Year in 1983 for "Heavy Company." In addition, Shew has worked on numerous TV and movie soundtracks including "Mary Tyler Moore," "Happy Days," "Laverne and Shirley," "Grease," "Grease 2," "Rocky I and II," "Taxi" and others. He has been on the Board of Directors of the International Trumpet Guild and served as National Trumpet Chairman for the International Association of Jazz Educators for 16 years.

Jazz workshops for high school, middle school and college bands are also part of the festival. These workshops, which run Thursday afternoon and all day Friday, give students a chance to meet with local jazz teachers and guest artists from the area. High school and middle school student bands will play from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday before the concert at 7:30 p.m.

LCC Music, Dance and Theatre Arts department publicist Myrna Seifert explained that while the students are not competing, at the end of the day some will have a chance to go on stage for the main concert.

"As in the past, the festival focuses on bringing together our community of jazz students, professionals, educators and enthusiasts of all levels for one event,



Photo by Megan Wilson

Trombonist Devin Schulz belts out a sweet solo during the LCC Jazz Band's Nov. 21 concert. The Jazz band will be performing with jazz trumpet legend Bobby Shew Dec. 4 and 5 in the Jazz Fest.

sharing their art and love of music," said Bertucci in a press release.

Bertucci is the Jazz Festival Coordinator and director of the jazz program at LCC. Past concerts this term included the Jazz Band and Spectrum Vocal Jazz concert.

Spectrum Vocal Jazz performed "Moondance," "I'm Old Fashioned," "Route 66" and others.

"The group looks good this year," said Spectrum instructor Kimberly McConnell. "We have some great soloists."

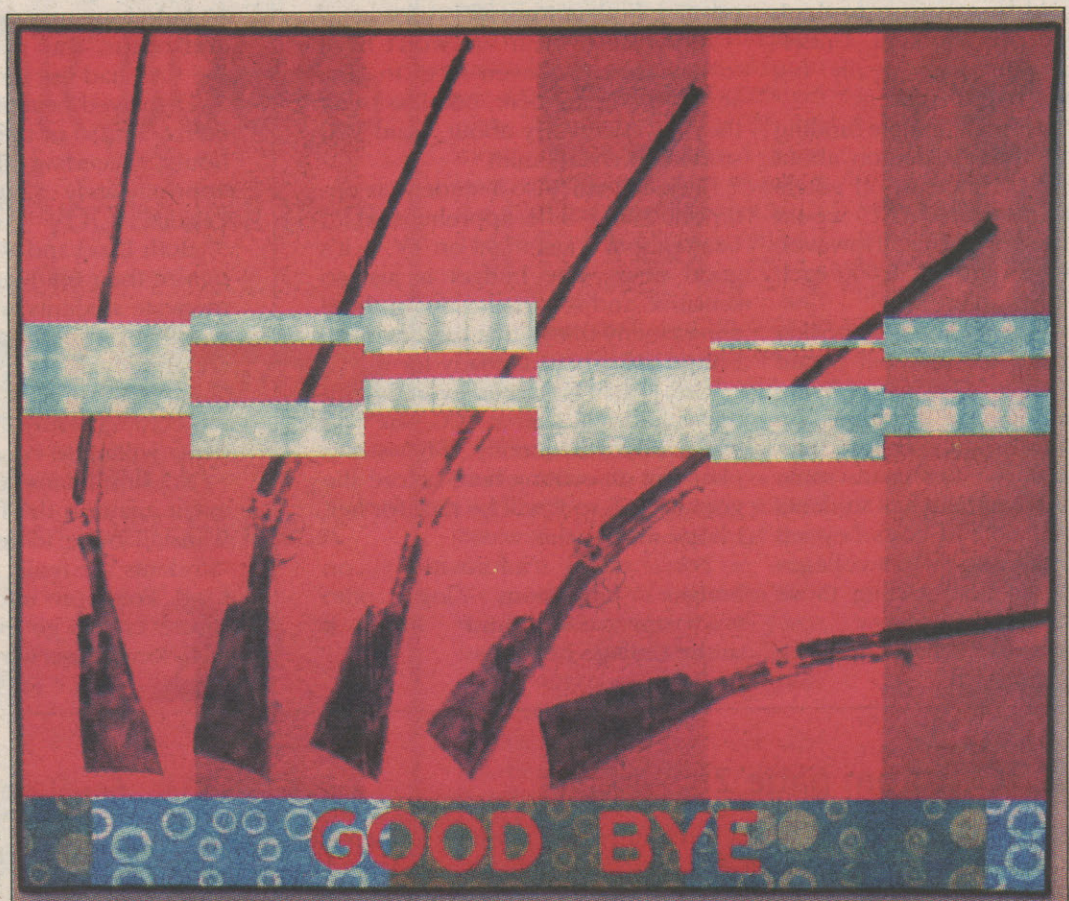
On Nov. 23, the Lane Chamber Orchestra performed at the Newman Center in Eugene. This was followed by the Symphonic Band concert on Nov. 25.

On Dec. 2, all of the LCC choirs held a holiday concert in the performance hall.

"There are a variety of pieces with an emphasis on the holiday season, including songs celebrating Chanukah and Christmas," said McConnell.

Some of the pieces that were performed include "Carol of the Bells," "Silent Night," and "S'vivor."

## 'OUIJA #2'



"The Bean Gilsdorf "Witness" exhibit in the LCC Art Gallery in Building 11 wraps up on Fri., Dec. 5 to make room for the Colorado State University International Poster Exhibit. This piece, "Ouija #2", is dyed cotton that has been relief painted, machine pieced, appliqued and quilted.



# SPORTS



Photo by Sean Hoffman

With 22 seconds on the clock and a one point lead, Coach Sheley circled the wagons to plan an attack. The Lady Titans managed to hold their cool in the final moments for a 85-80 victory in the home opener.

## King leads Lady Titans to season opening win

*Freshman Domonique King breaks the single-game school-record by scoring 42 points.*

**Shawn Miller**  
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team is searching for leadership and they might have found it in the season opening game.

The Lady Titans opened the season with a game against Wenatchee Valley. The game

was a close battle back and forth until the end. However, Wenatchee Valley didn't have one key ingredient — LCC freshman guard Domonique King.

King scored 42 points, breaking the single-game school-record of 39 points held by Maryanne Graham in 1992. Each and

every point was critical as the Titans pulled out an 85-80 victory.

King shot 15-21 from the floor and 11-16 from the free-throw line. She also added four assists and four steals to pace the Titans.

"The amazing thing was that it was her [King] first college



Photo by Sean Hoffman

Freshman point guard Domonique King's first game at LCC was one to remember. She set a new school record with 42 points in a victory over Wenatchee Valley while shooting 71 percent from the field. King also led the Titans with four steals and four assists.

game. To have the confidence and ability to do that was great. And it wasn't against a slouch either, they [Wenatchee Valley] are notoriously known to be ranked in the top of the NWAACC," said Head Coach Greg Sheley.

The Titans travel to Everett, Wash. to play in the Everett tournament on Dec. 5. Their

first game is against Spokane Community College, a team the Titans defeated last season.

"Our schedule this season is tough. When you have the kind of seasons we have had the past couple of years, none of the bad teams want to play," said Sheley. "Starting with Spokane is not an easy way to go."

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## SPORTS

## Men's basketball team suffers losing streak

The program remains winless on the season.

**Shawn Miller**  
Sports Editor

A lack of experience could be the key to an up and down season for the men's basketball team. With only five returning members and a new coaching staff, the Titans opened the season by hosting the Southwest Tip-Off tournament on Nov. 21.

In the first game the Titans faced the Linfield junior varsity team. The game started slow and ended in the same suit as LCC fell 67-79. Freshman Jeremy Starks led the Titans with 17 points. Freshman Blake Krieg scored 12 points and freshman Clark Ellison Jr. had a double-double with 10

points and 10 rebounds.

"We were nervous. Even though we had some scrimmages, it is a lot different when you pull out the stands and the scorers' table is set up," said Head Coach Ryan Orton. "[The first game] showed us we need to outwork our opponents."

In the third-place game, LCC played Southwestern Oregon Community College. The Titans' lack of experience was evident as they lost 64-77. Krieg scored 16 points and Ellison added 15.

"I keep telling the guys my main goal is just to improve each game and to be playing our best basketball in January and February. I don't care about the record," said Orton.

**"Not only are we trying to improve the Xs and Os on the court, but also our mental toughness."**

—Head Coach Ryan Orton

Following two solid defeats, the Titans regrouped and hosted cross-town rival Northwest Christian College on Nov. 28. This game was much closer as the Titans kept pace and sent the game into overtime at 55 points apiece. The start of overtime was a battle, but ended with another notch in the loss column for the Titans, losing 62-71. Krieg led the team in scoring once again with 19 points. Ellison was close behind with 18 points.

"Not only are we trying to improve the Xs and Os on the court, but also our mental toughness," said Orton. "I want our team to be mentally tough. For us to not fade, but to grind."



Photo by Megan Wilson

Blake Krieg jumps above the Linfield defense for two points on Nov. 21. Unfortunately it wasn't enough as the Titans lost 79-67.

## Volleyball earns third-place at NWAACC tournament

LCC volleyball team closes program with banner recognizing most successful season in history.

**Shawn Miller**  
Sports Editor

A new banner will be raised in Titan Court. This one was not earned from one of the marquee sports, but from a team that knew its destiny was to be discontinued following the conclusion of the season. A final performance by the LCC volleyball team ended with a third-place finish at the NWAACC tournament.

The first match for the Titans was Nov. 22 against Columbia Basin, a team that won the Eastern region with a 10-2 record.

LCC soundly won the first and third games to create a 2-1 lead going into the fourth game. With a chance to close out Columbia Basin, the Titans stumbled at the end as the match evened at two games apiece. However, the fifth and deciding game wasn't the struggle of the earlier games and the Titans rolled 15-7 to advance to the second-round and continue in the winner's bracket.

"I told the girls that I didn't want to be sixteenth. If you lose that first game, it's a kiss of death. You have to win two games for every round in which

you lost," said Head Coach Dale Weigandt. "I didn't know how much of a luxury it was to not play the rest of the day."

The Titans opened up Nov. 23 against the Highline Thunderbirds, who were 11-3 in league play.

"They were the most strange-looking, odd volleyball team I have ever seen," said Weigandt. "They really had a problem with their serve and receive and we started exploiting that."

After dropping the first game by three points, the Titans went on a tear winning the following three games by scores of 30-21, 30-27 and 30-20.

"They [LCC volleyball team] didn't think they could lose. They were charged up," said

Weigandt.

Spokane was the next team the Titans faced. This match didn't favor LCC and the outcome showed that with Spokane winning in straight sets; Spokane ended the tournament as the champions.

"They are the real deal and we didn't play too well with them," said Weigandt. "It took a little out of us, but our battle cry when we talked after the game was 'hey, we are playing Sunday and not a whole lot of teams advanced to play then. The worst we could do is finish sixth.'"

LCC did a lot better than that as they faced the Bellevue Helmswomen. After losing, the games are played the best out of three and the Titans showed they didn't need that many, winning the first two games 30-26 and 30-24 in an effort to restart a winning streak.

"We got through them quick enough that we were able to see Clark [Community College] play Whatcom in one of the most spirited matches I have ever seen. We sat and watched the third game and it went back and forth [with Whatcom edging Clark 17-15]."

Evidently, the back and forth battle took enough out of Whatcom's sails, as the Titans steam-rolled to a 30-27 and 30-20 victory.

"They [Whatcom] were absolutely relieved to have beaten Clark. The first game started out with us down 2-8, and then the kids just turned it on," said Weigandt. "All of a sudden they were handing the fourth-place trophy to Whatcom and we were watching Spokane play Clackamas."

Clackamas, which won the Southern Region and defeated the Titans three times earlier in the season, was the next opponent after falling to Spokane.

"We lost the first game. We really didn't take command of that game, we played from behind and we couldn't gain any ground from that point on," said Weigandt.

The second game was a close

battle, but in the end LCC was nipped 31-33.

"I liked our chances if it'd have gotten to a third game," said Weigandt. "There wasn't a tear shed and right away the girls got in the huddle and started clapping."

"The neat thing was that right after that, the Clackamas team cheered for us."

The loss ended the Titans season with a third-place finish against their opponent's combined league records of 61-11. More exciting news came when Rae-Winkle was named to the all-tournament team, McLeod earned second-team honors and Weigandt was voted as the all-tournament coach.

"Anybody could have coached that. The kids earned it," said Weigandt. "It was probably the most memorable weekend I've ever had. I had no designs of finishing third. All I wanted to do was go up there and not embarrass ourselves."

The season ended as the highest finish in LCC volleyball history. As this marks the final game of not only the season, but also the program due to budget cuts, the memories will never fade.

"It [the season] all just fell into place. It just fit right. We really weren't overpowering anybody; the kids just played hard and did what they know. It was like pulling rabbits out of a hat," said Weigandt. "The kids were all working together to get something done. When one would make a mistake, the others would pick up their game."

"I've done 19 years of coaching and I've had some really good teams, but I've never had a team like this, with the push and drive. It never felt like it was out of control, everything just stayed so consistent. It is like going to a casino and hitting a royal flush. You've got to know that after 19 years it is rare to get a team like this. I don't think that I will ever have such an unassuming group that worked so hard again."



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# TILT

## Unsolved obsession with the macabre

I've been watching "Unsolved Mysteries" again. The reruns air every night at eight. Robert Stack has announced so many episodes that I know his voice better than my father's. I have dreams in



**TRISH SAYS...**

**Trish Lewis**  
Columnist

which he is my father. Stack may now be dead, but his voice

still lives on: "Although I passed away 10 years ago, my voice mysteriously continues to announce this program. If you have any information..."

I'm not proud of my fixation with the show. It's like passing an accident on the freeway - you don't want to look, but you have to. And part of you hopes for the worst.

Night after night, "Unsolved Mysteries" reveals murder, abduction and bludgeoning - a grizzly parade of Jon-Benet Ramseys. If it were fiction, we wouldn't believe it. Some killers bury the body; others think that they will be the first to get away with throwing it in the river. And I just stare, unable to believe it, unable to stop.

Recently, I saw an episode about a hippie icon who, among other things, created Earth Day. Behind the scenes he suffered from Norman Batesitis and ultimately killed his girlfriend. He neither buried the body nor threw it in the river but kept it locked in his closet (talk about your skeletons).

Though the show ended, I kept watching. How did this man go about the day with his girlfriend decaying behind the wall? How does one eat one's Fruit Loops under those conditions? Evidently his hygiene was such that he couldn't smell the difference.

Then, of course, there are the stories of UFOs, ghosts and people who talk to animals. And I believe them all, every last one. Tell me more, more, more!

"Unsolved Mysteries" has given me the full-time goose bumps. I walk around campus with an uneasy feeling that I might discover a dead body. I consider anyone who drives a van to be a rape suspect. Friends won't visit anymore because of the polygraph tests.

Before I go to bed, I lock the doors twice and slip the dog a no-doz. I can't use the bathroom without hearing Robert Stack's voice: "A girl gets up to use the bathroom as she had so many times before, only to find an unexpected visitor..."

Yet I keep watching, jaw agape, addicted to the revulsion. You can't skip the reruns, either, because you never know when there will be an update.

Whereas the program is performing a service to aid in the arrest of fugitives, I feel that it has consumed my last bit of innocence. Whatever hope I had for mankind is cowering in the corner beneath a fort of sofa cushions.

My roommate has forbidden me to watch the show, so I tune in while she's at school. What if I am the one with that critical piece of information?

Researchers continue to study people like me, who just can't seem to get full. They have been unable to explain our fascination with mobsters and serial killers and horror movies. Until they do, it will remain ... an unsolved mystery.

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## The Pulse

Yeah!!! Three weeks off from school!  
What are you going to do now?



**Eric Stanton**  
Human Services

I'm going down to California, Sacramento actually, to visit relatives for Christmas. I've got to get registered for classes before I go though so I won't be stressing all break.



**Jennifer Blue**  
Culinary Arts

I'm trying to get a ticket to San Francisco to see my family because I miss them really bad. I've got a birthday and Christmas coming up which is exciting for presents and all. I don't know, I might just skip it all and sleep for three weeks straight!



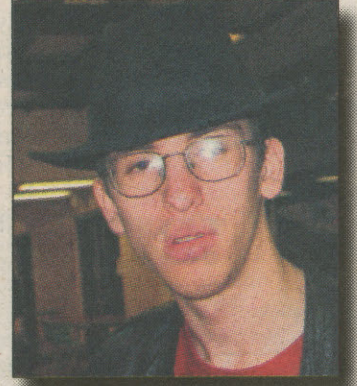
**Karen O'Rourke**  
Business Technology  
Faculty

I'm going to New York and I have an audition for "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"



**Rita Mensinger**  
AAOT

My daughter is visiting from Florida so we'll be entertaining her. It will be nice to get rid of the campus stress for a while. I also plan on taking a trip to the hot springs or the coast for a few days. Of course I'll also be looking for another job, too.



**Vince Winter**  
Computer Programming

I'm doing nothing! My family has continually done nothing on the holidays for as long as I can remember. I'll probably try to weasel my way into a friend's house or something. Wait, don't print my real name - my parents could see this!! Oh never mind, why would they ever read the Torch!?!?

Compiled by Sean Hoffman

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