

## Instructors create new learning experience

Three courses will combine to create a new community.

**Jason Nelson**  
Staff Writer

Three instructors are forming an all-new informal learning community on LCC's main campus intended to enhance students' knowledge and understanding of similar subjects. Currently, nine formal learning communities are offered this term. Courses range from applying for scholarships in the "Show Me The Money" community to learning how your body works in the "BioBonds" community.

A learning community is a series of related courses that is taught to intertwine with one another to give students a broader understanding of the content.

The new community is being designed to connect three popular courses and give students a better understanding of how each relates to the world around us. The community is entitled "Reconnecting with Nature: Science, Spirituality and Political Activism." It is set to begin spring term 2004.

The three classes being linked together to create this new community are Global Ecology taught by Jerry Hall, Environmental Politics taught by Stan Taylor and Nature, Religion and Ecology taught by Clif Trolin.

This learning community differs from those offered currently in one main way. This is an informal learning community rather than a formal community because the organizers began planning the group too late to have it endorsed by the campus' learning community committee.

"The timing wasn't right to have a formal community. We are working with the Learning Community Committee, but this year we are on our own," said Trolin.

"Learning communities give [students] the opportunity to look at a subject from many perspectives," continued Trolin, "It is more complete because often in college



photo by Megan Wilson

A new informal learning community, headed up by LCC instructors Jerry Hall, Stan Taylor and Clif Trolin, will be offered next term. The community "Reconnecting with Nature: Science, Spirituality and Political Activism" is designed to help students better understand the world around them.

we divide our course work into discreet subjects, which is not how life really is."

Hall's course is taught from the standpoint of Native American points of views and also satisfies LCC's diversity course requirement.

"There are tons of learning communities around us," said Hall. "Lane is a learning community that intervenes with other communities."

Hall has been teaching in learning communities for four years and says students

really enjoy them.

"The main thing is it gives students the information to cross-relate what they are learning to broaden their outlook a great deal, rather than if they came in expecting a single course. Students are very appreciative of learning communities and the way they introduce them to other situations," said Hall.

Each class is worth four credit hours, making the trio worth 12 credits total. The See **COMMUNITY** page 6

## College mourns veteran teacher, Board member

George Alvergue eulogized by those who knew him.

**Travis D. Roderick**  
News Editor

"When calamity happens in your life's seas then capitalize on calamity!"

So went the lyrics to a song written and sung by former LCC student Peggy Hoecker (nee Northup) in honor of mentor and teacher George Alvergue on Friday. Entitled "The Wind in My Sail," the song was a testament to the assuring influence Alvergue exuded. Alvergue died from cancer on Jan. 12 at the age of 69.

Sung to a standing-room-only crowd at Alvergue's memorial service on Jan. 16, the song contained lines coined directly from Alvergue himself. "I've always remembered that line [about calamity,]" said Hoecker, "and I always share it with people and I always give George the credit."

Similar sentiments seemed to be echoed from everyone present at the memorial, as the man touched the lives of many people involved with LCC. Beginning his career at LCC in 1971 as a professor of history and political science, Alvergue served many roles at the college over the course of his 27-year tenure.

While Alvergue is more recently known as a member of LCC's Board of Education, everyone agrees that he was involved with the Board long before he became a member. Serving as both faculty grievance and president of the faculty union at various times during

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## Titans quick to score league wins

The Titans answered critics early by earning victories in their first two games.

**Shawn Miller**  
Sports Editor

Every league has a cellar team and it just so happens the Titans first league-opponent was Portland Community College, the doormat of the Southern region of the NWAACC.

The Titans jumped out to a 55-35 halftime lead and didn't let up once the second-half started. Solid defense and unstoppable of-

fense helped LCC roll to a 104-58 victory. Every Titan player who entered the game scored, grabbed a rebound and played at least 13 minutes.

"It was good [to play PCC] because the kids got a lot of playing time," said Head Coach Greg Sheley.

"It was pretty well balanced and it was nice to have that balance all around. Every player competes hard in practice and it was great to see the players who usually don't get a lot of game time, get out there for awhile."

Sophomore Jennifer Bell scored a team-high 22 points and added four steals. Sopho-

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Linn-Benton's Megan Sutfin and LCC's Dominique King scramble for a loose ball that would eventually wind up out of bounds during the final minutes of play Wednesday, Jan. 14.

Photo by Sean Hoffman

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### WEEKEND WEATHER

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### Coming next week:

- Culinary competition
- Measure 30 commentary

# OPINION

## Board of Education members voice Measure 30 opinions

### Avoid tax myth, vote yes on 30

Oregon's anti-tax fever continues. Unfortunately, too high a fever can kill the patient. On Feb. 3, Oregon voters will make an important decision - let the fever run its course and gamble on the outcome or provide the medicine necessary for a healthy state. Tax myth says Oregon is a high tax state, but according to The Public Policy Institute of New York State, Oregon ranked 37 in 1998 for total state taxes per capita. Oregon has dropped further since then.

Citizens demand services but don't want to pay for them and blame public employees for the problem or blame government waste. With budgets being cut over the last ten years, little "waste" exists, certainly not \$800 million. What is waste to one person is a necessity to another. The following observations will assist in putting Measure 30 in perspective.

In considering Measure 30, voters should avoid automatic no tax responses and look at outcomes. Individuals with higher incomes pay more and those with lower incomes pay little to no additional tax.

If voters reject Measure 30 they can expect higher fees for mandated services. Also, further reductions in state services will mean additional job losses and higher unemployment rates. Oregon needs tax reform, but that will not happen in time to address current state needs.

State income taxes are deductible from federal income taxes and keep more of the funds in the state, providing local services. According to the Oregon Department of Revenue, "in general, the federal tax cuts and Oregon taxes are not changed by Oregon's disconnect bill." An editorial in The Oregonian States, "\$120 million in reduced federal income taxes, due to the deductibility of state income taxes on federal taxes, would be available for Oregon's economy."

Some citizens will pay more for necessary services with the defeat of the tax measure than they would with the ap-

proval of the measure. The Oregonian editorial (1-04-04) concludes "the small tax increase is much better for the Oregon economy than big reductions in spending."

Oregon's infrastructure is breaking down. Roads and bridges require repair, the criminal justice system can not fulfill mandates of Measure 11 and offenders are being released because of lack of space. Some schools no longer provide full years or important programs like art, music, counseling, and libraries. According to the Oregon Center for Public Policy, the defeat of Measure 30 would draw \$1.9 billion from the state economy whereas only \$347 million if it succeeds.

While I will not speak to the conditions of the K-12 districts or those of the University system, I do know how reduced state funding impacts LCC. In the previous two years LCC's share of state funding has dropped seven and a quarter million even though enrollments remain stable. In response to loss in state support, the college eliminated programs and increased tuition by twenty-seven percent in each of the last two years. In addition, the college has added fees. Students are finding education less affordable and the college is less flexible and able to meet requests for programs from the community. If Measure 30 fails, LCC will lose another \$900,000 this biennium and possibly more if the legislature diverts more funds to rescue K-12. An educated workforce is the key to economic development in the community and state.

Concerned with the negative impact upon education and the community college in particular, The LCC Board of Education passed a resolution in support of the legislative tax package. We urge voters to look beyond anti-tax myth and vote yes on Measure 30 to help return Oregon to a healthy state. Youth now in school cannot wait until the economy prospers or serious tax reform goes into effect.

**Michael Rose**  
LCC Board of Education chair

### Taxes our price for civilization

The Voters' Pamphlet for the Feb. 3 election has been mailed and the ballots should arrive very soon after. On page four of the pamphlet is a somewhat brief description of Measure 30 and a statement of the results of a "Yes" or "No" vote. According to this description a "No" vote on Measure 30 would "trigger \$544.6 million in budget cuts to areas including education, health care, senior services and public safety." A "no" vote on Measure 30 would overturn a bipartisan agreement arrived at by all 25 of our Democratic and 11 of our Republican representatives. This agreement was designed to address the State of Oregon's budget problems. Citizens for a Sound Economy, a Washington D.C. lobby group, plus a few large Oregon businesses seek to overturn the hard work of our elected representatives in arriving at this agreement.

Take the time to read the arguments in favor of Measure 30 in the Voters' Pamphlet as well as those against very carefully and please note who has paid for the printing of each argument.

I am a senior, a retired educator and I represent Springfield on the LCC Board of Education. Therefore Measure 30 is an important issue for me as it should be for all Oregon voters. After reading all the arguments, it is my opinion that a "No" vote on Measure 30 would constitute a major threat to Oregon's education system, including higher education and community colleges as well as K-12. I also see a "No" vote on Measure 30 as presenting a threat to senior services and health care as well as public safety.

Therefore, I intend to vote "Yes" on Measure 30 and I wholeheartedly urge all other Oregonian voters to do the same. Remember taxes are the price we pay for our civilization and the high quality of life we enjoy so much in Oregon.

**Dennis Shine**  
LCC Board of Education member

## Drop deadline extended only on case by case basis

Between Disneyland, the DMV and a midnight showing of "Return of the King," I thought I'd seen all there was to see when it comes to lines. But the lines at the campus bookstore and the Students First! Building on the first Wednesday of the term must have been the grandparents of all lines.

That marvelously beautiful and treacherously scary snow/freezing rain storm we had in the first couple days of 2004 delayed classes at all LCC locations except in Florence for the first two and a half days of the term.

That meant there were only two and a half days in which students couldn't buy their books or fix issues related to their financial aid, etc. You've got to give it up for the patience and hard-work of all the people who serviced those lines as well as they did as well as to the students who were patient enough to make the long-line ordeal as pleasant as possible.

One issue related to the snowstorm that some students might have noticed is that the

deadlines for dropping a class with a full refund were not extended. In order for students to get their financial aid on time, it was important that these deadlines remain preserved. However, since some students were not able to address certain scheduling issues because of difficulties posed by the weather, students may submit requests for an exception to the refund deadline that will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

One exception that will not be allowed is for students who go "shopping" as Director of Enrollment Services Helen Garrett says. Students who registered for more classes than they planned on taking with an intent to drop some before the deadline will not, on these grounds alone be granted an exception, says Garrett.

But the main point of this brief article is just to let you know that exceptions are being considered and you better get your requests in soon if you're having refund issues. Enrollment services can be reached at 463-5693. Good luck and have a good term.



### RALLY FOR REFUND

**Gabe Bradley**  
Editor in chief

## Go to work and avoid mad cows.

Mackworld Cartoon sees long neck man walk to the store. There is no meat allowed. Mad cow disease at your grocery store. Go to the Taco Time and eat there or to go job and stay put. Lots of work to do. Rain comes down and cat or mice warm up fast. Hair will dry up sooner or later at home. Be honest. My sister and her new man friend go out on a dinner date or lunch date. They will get married sooner or later. I'll be writing all the time. Always busy cartoon writing. People read the Torch paper and Mackworld cartoon. Lots of classes to go to also to get milk.

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.



### MACK WORLD

**John Mackwood**  
Columnist

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# OPINION

## Fatten your wallet while saving the planet

I know how easy it is to point the finger at the Bush administration and big business when it comes to the destruction of our environment and the depletion of our natural resources. After all, administration officials and energy industry executives, including those from big oil, gas, electric and nuclear have become nearly indistinguishable.

It's becoming ever more clear that if left unchecked, Vice President Dick Cheney and associates would gladly trade every last wild place, drop of clean water, and breath of fresh air for a quick buck.

Before placing the easy blame on an evil conspiracy and feeling self righteous, however, every American needs to take a closer look at his or her own



**CHECK  
YO' SELF**

Sean Hoffman  
Columnist

role in the energy game and explore what steps we can take to curb our own greedy consumption habits. The citizens of the United States constitute only five percent of the world's population, yet we consume nearly a quarter of its oil supply. Whether driving to work solo in our seven-passenger SUVs or year round heating/cooling of an un-insulated home, our lavish lifestyles are creating the conditions that cause much international strife and cause our biosphere the greatest harm. Yet instead of seeking ways to alleviate this destruction and inequality, most Americans are too busy complaining about how expensive their power bill has gotten. In response to this public sentiment, and of course a bit of greed (OK, a LOT of greed), a group calling themselves The National Energy Policy Development Group, led by Dick Cheney who amassed some \$50-\$60 million while he was chief executive of Haliburton Oil Company; Commerce Secretary Donald Evans, who held stock valued between \$5-\$25 million in Tom Brown Inc., the oil and gas exploration company he headed; and Christine Todd Whitman, former administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency who owns interest in oil wells in Texas and Colorado valued at \$175,000 co-authored the National Energy Policy of

2001. In it, they lay out a plan to spend billions of dollars boosting domestic energy production through research for cleaner burning coal technology, greater oil exploration including the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, tax subsidies for new nuclear plants and electric grid upgrades. They claim that this is an attempt to patch short-term supply shortages such as the recent blackouts in California and to ensure a steady supply of cheap energy for what they see as inevitable future use increases. While

It is important to ensure America has uninterrupted power, these tactics act to line the pockets of energy suppliers while ignoring long-term needs and the environment. The proposed NEP does nothing

to curb energy consumption. But why should it? Consumers are consistently sending clear signals that we want bigger cars and noisier, flashier gadgets. And we want them now. Placing blame on the shoulders of big business and their governmental protectors is to ignore the basic principles of supply and demand. The social and environmental impacts of unchecked energy use may be staggering now, but are minuscule compared to what is soon to come. According to The Energy Information Administration, world energy demand will likely increase up to 60 percent over the next 20 years, spurred on by expanding economies, burgeoning populations, and new technologies. As a group, humankind has become far too dependent on an abundance of cheap energy. If we consider the value of environmental health into the equation, cheap energy doesn't turn out to be such a bargain after all. If Americans wish to preserve the last remaining wild places from the destruction caused by drilling, oil spills, nuclear accidents, climate change, or a host of other associated problems, it is time to take a hard look at our options and carefully consider the most effective methods of reducing our global footprint on Planet Earth. Instead of arguing about how to produce more and more affordable energy, I propose that we

find ways of consuming less and less.

The billions of dollars in the NEP earmarked for boosting production would be much better spent preparing for the future by investing in energy efficient technology and researching ways to harness sustainable sources of energy such as solar, wind, and geothermal, which today make up only

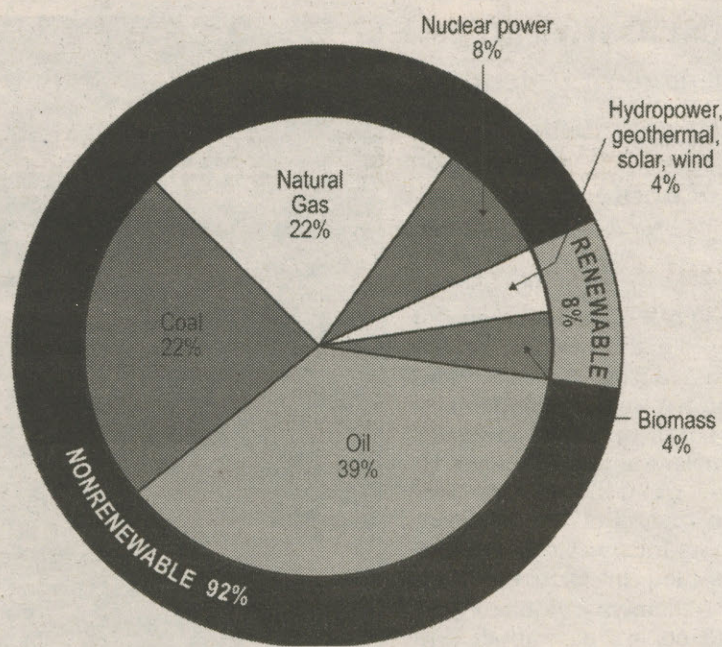
2-3 percent of energy production.

So what can Joe Blow do to save the world?

- The biggest single step we can take to curb our oil dependence and global warming pollution is to make our vehicles go farther on a gallon of gas. Auto companies have developed a host of new fuel saving innovations, but most have not been implemented. Using current technology America could easily move to 40 mpg for cars, SUVs and other light trucks by 2012. According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, this alone would save consumers billions each year at the gas pump and save nearly two million barrels of oil per day, three times the oil we import from Iraq.

- Simply replacing worn tires with those that match the quality of the originals, we would save 5.4 billion barrels of oil over the next 50 years- more oil than would likely be pumped from the Arctic Refuge.

- Our homes are another place with room to improve. According to Department of Energy reports, insulating buildings to super-efficient standards and utilizing Energy Star appliances would slash energy needs by as



much as 90 percent and eventually pay for themselves. What a deal! It is clear that much more can be done to reduce our need for energy without giving up our standard of living. With this administration, sitting by idly waiting for things to get better will not happen. They have too many vested interests. Public awareness campaigns, like those initiated in the 1970s in response to the oil crisis can help and are a great first step that each one of us can participate. But the real gains from conservation, especially in the decentralized residential and consumer sectors will probably require a push from regulation. It is time to challenge the status quo and the leaders who perpetuate it. It is time to demand that our country become a model for the developing world to follow as they expand their infrastructure and comforts to match those of our own. Before it is too late, we must press for a future that along with plentiful and affordable energy includes a healthy environment. Contact your congressman today and demand that they pass an alternative energy policy, one that includes greater research into efficiency, conservation, and renewable sources, and one with less tax breaks for big business.

## NEWS

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his long career, Alvergue gained quite the reputation for standing up for fellow instructors and helping them to present their grievances to the Board.

Former instructor Jill McKenney related a story in which her salary was greatly increased due to Alvergue's interceding on her behalf.

"[Looking at my salary scale,] I wasn't receiving credit for about five years of work," claimed McKenney. "George said, 'Let's appeal this.'"

Due to a death in her family, however, McKenney was unable to complete the appeal process in time. "George said, 'Give me the paperwork, and I'll take care of it...' After that, thanks to George, I was given credit for the work I had done for those five years," she added.

College President Mary Spilde first came to LCC as Vice President while Alvergue was still an instructor and later became President with Alvergue on the Board. "He was just a great believer in the community college mission and had such a passion for students," Spilde said. "He will be missed."

Passion is a word that comes up repeatedly when speaking about Alvergue. In remembering Alvergue at January's Board of Education meeting, more than one Board member spoke of the man's passion for his beliefs, and also remarked that they didn't always agree with his opinion, but they always respected it.

As Board chair Mike Rose put it, "George was always very political. He was full of passion and energy



photo by Megan Wilson

An altar was set up in honor of former LCC instructor and Board of Education member George Alvergue at St. Jude's Catholic Church. Family, friends and former students gathered together to remember him on Friday, Jan. 16.

for many things. He worked continuously on benefiting the college, such as on the passage of budgets... I could always count on George. His energies will be missed."

John Klobas, professor of sociology at LCC for over

33 years said, "George could disagree without being disagreeable, and could be disagreed with... there was always the reciprocity of respect."

"[When I first met George,] Klobas continued, "I thought, 'how utterly brash, how really loud, how many jokes, how redundant.' But after a while of watching, I realized that there was a lot of froth and noise on top, while the good work he did was quiet and discreet, caring and compassionate. And that was the part he didn't talk loudly about or advertise. It was very quietly done. There were always that many levels of functioning with George."

Alvergue resigned from the Board due to his illness in August of 2002, but was honored with Resolution 476 in October of that same year. He was, "saluted as an uncommon advocate for the college, a distinguished instructor who inspired thousands of students, a strong spokesperson for the Center fourth floor remodel, and other contributions," according to the minutes of that meeting.

Alvergue was also honored by having a conference room named for him on the remodeled fourth floor of the Center building.

As LCC instructor Bill Burrows summarized, "George was always very passionate. You never had to wonder what George's opinion was on something. One thing George was not was subtle... There are people that pass away that you love dearly, but they start to fade in your memory. That's not likely to happen with

# News

## Settlement millions provide housing for students

*Aurora apartments offer modern amenities for an affordable price.*

**Connie Castle**

*For the Torch*

A lawsuit filed nearly 14 years ago has finally come full circle with the opening of the Aurora Housing Apartments in downtown Eugene this January that could help LCC students.

The lawsuit against Fred H. Bender and Philip A. McClenan, operators of Adult Student Housing, Inc., was filed in 1990 and settled in October, 1992. The settlement required the defendants to pay about \$10 million over a period of five years to either by rent stipends or housing construction.

LCC was one of six Oregon schools where ASH obtained low-cost federal loans to build student housing facilities and the Aurora Housing Apartments are the culmination of that project.

Funds were dispersed to the following schools: Oregon State University for \$2.95 million, Southern Oregon University for \$2.91 million, Mt. Hood Community College for \$1.8 million,



Photo by Sean Hoffman

Along with commercial space on the ground floor, St. Vincent De Paul's new \$7.5 million Aurora Building in downtown Eugene holds 54 residential units, with 14 dedicated to exclusive use by LCC students.

Clatsop Community College for \$892,000 and Lane Community College for \$1.96 million.

Student Activities Director

Barbara Delansky said that under the Aurora Housing Apartments, LCC students would have 14 units set aside.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for students to access beautiful, high quality, affordable housing downtown which

is close to the bus lines," Delansky said. "Together with units at Bagley Down, St. Vincent DePaul has been an excellent partner with Lane in working to provide low-cost housing specifically for Lane students."

Some LCC residents began moving to the new facilities this past weekend. Located at 11th and Oak Streets in downtown Eugene, the apartments offer all the amenities including a wired computer lab with DSL, new appliances, heating pumps and a laundry room and storage units. Residents are not allowed to have pets.

St. Vincent DePaul property management employee Serena Miller said that apartments start at \$304 per month for a studio and up to \$474 for an apartment with two bedrooms. The complex also include a play structure for children.

Students can apply for the nine remaining apartments by contacting Miller at 687-5820, ext. 130.

"Residents are very excited and pleased with the building," Miller said.

St. Vincent's has been building affordable housing since 1988 and have over 600 rentals available throughout Marion and Lane counties.

## NEWS BRIEFS

Compiled by Travis D. Roderick

**ASLCC and OSA** will be sponsoring a Get Out the Vote rally on Wednesday, Jan. 28 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Center Building. The purpose of the rally is to emphasize to students the importance of turning in their ballots in all elections, including the upcoming Ballot Measure 30. Administrators, legislators and students will be on hand to talk about the importance of voting.

**LCC will be hosting the Bloodmobile** on Thursday, Jan. 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donors must be 16 years of age or older, in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and not have given blood for at least eight weeks prior to their appointment. The entire process takes about 45 minutes. To make an appointment, contact Judy Ann Fuller at 463-5564. For questions about eligibility requirements contact the Lane Memorial Blood Bank at 434-9111.

**The Coalition Against Environmental Racism (CAER)** will hold its annual conference this year at UO's Erb Memorial Union beginning Friday, Jan. 23 and continue through Sunday, Jan. 25. The theme of this year's conference is "The Power of One," emphasizing grassroots strategies and effecting change in local communities. The conference is open and free to the public; breakfast and lunch will be provided for attendees. For more information, access the CAER website at <http://gladstone.uoregon.edu/~caer> or call 346-2402.

**Early registration** for Spring term is now underway. Early registration is available to students who have consulted with and received approval from their advisers. Students who are approved may register through ExpressLane, the college's Internet-based registration system. ExpressLane and the Spring term schedule of classes can be found on LCC's website, <http://www.lanecc.edu>.

**The Oregon Students of Color Coalition** will hold its third annual conference at UO from Jan. 30 to Feb. 1. The conference will include workshops on environmental racism, labor justice, reproductive rights, the prison industrial complex and more. Featured speakers and performers include Yuri Kochiyama, a Japanese-American advocate for civil rights for over 40 years and Womb Dialectic, a spoken word duo who use their poetry to create open dialogue about critical political issues. OSCC is also looking to form a chapter at LCC. A general interest meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 22 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, Building 1. For more information about the OSCC conference, visit <http://www.osccjustice.org> or call 503-286-0477.

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## SPORTS

## Winning streak begins league play for Titans

*Titans meet off the floor to decide how hard to play on it.*

**Shawn Miller**  
Sports Editor

After a challenging non-league schedule, men's basketball Head Coach Ryan Orton discussed commitment to the team.

Orton led a team meeting before league play started and brought out a list. He asked all of the players who could recommit for the rest of the season to sign the sheet. Orton also told the players it wasn't mandatory to sign, he just needed five players willing to work hard until the season ends. He left the meeting and upon returning, saw every player signed the sheet and committed to work for each other.

"The biggest thing is we've recommitted ourselves for the whole league season," said Orton. "Believing in each other and having trust are important. You gotta know your compadres have your back."

Orton also installed a point system which gives +1.5 for a league victory on the road, +1 for a league win at home, -1 for an away league loss and -1.5 for a home league loss. He said the teams that will "finish on the plus side will be the teams headed to the NWAACC tournament at the end of the season."

After their first chance of league competition was rescheduled due to a snowstorm

in early January, the league-opening opponent was Portland Community College on Jan. 12. The Titans started the game with defensive intensity and held PCC to only 26 first half points, seven points below the season goal of allowing 33 points per half. Offensively, the Titans weren't dormant, scoring 38 points to take a double-digit lead into the half.

"Defensively, we jumped on them in the first half," said Orton. "I think when we defend well, it allows us to gain more confidence offensively."

To start the second half, PCC gained momentum quickly and cut into the lead. From that point, the game was a battle and with the Titans up one, they were intentionally fouled with four seconds left in the game. Sophomore Kyle Richards hit the first free throw before Orton called a timeout.

"It was a mistake on my part as a coach to call that timeout. I thought one of the assistant coaches was calling for a timeout, so I called it," said Orton. "As a coach, you never want to ice your own players."

Richards, who scored 20 points, missed the second free throw. However, PCC's last second shot fell short and the Titans started the league schedule with a 76-74 victory.

Freshman Justin Glover scored a team-high 23 points, while freshmen Clark Ellison, Jr. and Owen Newman had 10 points apiece.

"The biggest thing when you hold an early lead is if you can

sustain and not become complacent," said Orton. "We didn't, and thought it was going to be easy. However, it was nice to see some guys step up at the end of the game."

On Jan. 14, the Titans returned home against Linn-Benton Community College. The game started off with the same fury the Titans have showed recently, as LCC jumped out to a 40-30 halftime lead.

"We came out like game-busters," said Orton. "Once again, we looked up at the scoreboard and thought [winning] would be easy."

LBCC closed in to as close as three points, but Richards helped turn a key momentum swing. Halfway through the fourth-quarter, Richards nailed a tough 12-foot leaning jumpshot and followed it up with a steal and layup on the next play, pushing the lead back to seven.

LBCC would never challenge again as the Titans rolled to a 71-65 win to remain undefeated in league play.

"We came out in the second half and showed a lot of character," said Orton. "We really answered ourselves."

Freshman Blake Krieg scored a game-high 20 points, while Richards added 14 points and nine rebounds. Glover also had 14 and Newman 11 points.

"As good a start as we've had, our two wins are against teams that are 0-3 in league play," said Orton. "We are going to see what we are made of soon. To be the best you've gotta play the best."



Photo by Sean Hoffman

Forward Blake Krieg of Roseburg charged the lane all night in the Titans 71-65 victory over Linn-Benton Community College on Jan. 14. Krieg led all scorers with 20 points.

### The next game:

**Clackamas Community College**

**Saturday, Jan. 24.**

**Women at 4 p.m. - Men at 6 p.m.**

## Fantasy leads to reality in online activities

Come join our fantasy games.

It sounded kind of erotic and maybe a bit on the wild side, but when I first heard of this opportunity to participate in something I'd never forget, I immediately thought of rigging a game of Twister or playing touch football with the high school head cheerleader.

After those initial thoughts (and a moment of giggling), I realized fantasy games could be a lot of fun.

The first thing a person needs to do is go to the webpage. Next, make sure nobody is looking because you will need to create a user name and password. Finally, pick the activity you enjoy the most against stiff competition. Sometimes thousands of people compete for the top prize, which ranges from a new television to a trip for two to a venue of the champion's choice.

I first got interested in fantasy games last fall. Wait ... I probably should clarify what type of games I am talking about. I signed up to join four separate leagues, two college

football and two pro football. Although fantasy games can cost money to join, I chose the free activities.

My favorite was College Pick'em on espn.com. Each week I would pick the winner of 15 to 20 college football games, except there was a catch. Each team had a percentage and if I picked the winner, I would get that percentage as points.

At the beginning of every week I would choose as conference rivals battled and after the final week, I finished in the top seventh percentile. I was very proud of myself, but mostly I couldn't wait until next August to start another campaign.

My other leagues were College Football Pick'em at yahoo.com, Pigskin Pick'em and Gridiron Challenge, both affiliated with espn.com.

I didn't do very well on my pro football leagues, as each week I seemed to pick against the upsets. However, one surprising aspect was my growing knowledge of the top players at each position.

See **FANTASY** page 7

## TITANS from page 1

more Chelsea Brock had 20 and freshman Dominique King's line was: 17 points, 11 steals, eight rebounds and six assists.

The Titans returned home against Linn-Benton Community College on Jan. 14. The solid team play continued, however, shooting was the story of the game for the first-half. Both teams shot a combined 37 percent from the field, including only seven percent from three-point range, as the Titans led 32-28 going into the break.

The second-half started better for the Titans as they pushed their lead to double-digits and held most of the game. LBCC cut the lead to eight early in the fourth-quarter, but the momentum was turned back to the side of the Titans following several solid offensive possessions.

"We played really well, but hit a cold spot when they cut it to eight," said Sheley. "But we put the lead back to 12."

The final scored ended with another Titan win, 77-71.

"The reason the score was so close at the end

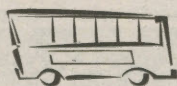
was because of missed free-throws," said Sheley. "All of a sudden we miss a few and they score and get a little momentum."

The Titans shot just 50 percent from the free-throw line, making only 16 of their 32 attempts. However, that was countered by solid defense with the Titans forcing 26 turnovers and capitalizing with 24 points off of those turnovers.

King led the way once again, scoring 24 points, grabbing eight boards, dishing seven assists and stealing the ball four times. Sophomore Kailee Short had a double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds. Freshmen Kellie Griner and Ashley Sequeira each scored 10 points apiece.

"This year's start is different from last year's (six straight league wins) because of the schedule," said Sheley. "This year we've started with a weaker schedule while the last couple of games could decide if and where we are in the playoffs."

Clackamas Community College is the next challenge for the Titans on Jan. 24. The Titans are away, with the game scheduled to start at 4 p.m.



## College Tour 2004

The following college representatives will be in the Lane Community College cafeteria on Monday, February 9, 2004 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lane students, staff, and local high school students and staff are invited to stop by their tables for admissions/program information.

Art Institute  
Concordia  
Eastern Oregon University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical  
Linfield  
Marylhurst  
Northwest Christian  
Oregon College of Art and Craft  
Oregon State University

Pacific  
Portland State University  
Reed  
Southern Oregon University  
University of Oregon  
University of Phoenix-Portland  
University of Portland  
Western Baptist  
Western Oregon University

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## European photos exhibited at local winery

*Architecture and life of Western Europe featured at exhibit.*

**Melissa Vandever**  
A&E editor

A LCC employee has had the opportunity to travel extensively in Europe. Along the way he photographed much of the culture and heritage through architecture and statues.

Dan Moret's photo exhibit this month at the Eugene Wine Cellar's winery gives him a chance to share his experiences.

Moret, marketing coordinator at LCC, said the pieces in the show were shot during several trips to Europe and include photos from Italy, France (especially Paris), and Portugal.

"Statues figure prominently in the pieces in this show," said Moret.

The exhibit is made up of mostly color photographs — eight color and one black and white.

"I love to photograph European cities and villages," said Moret, "wandering the streets looking for interesting architectural features, fountains, statues, cemeteries, steps and people on the streets."

"I hope people will gain an appreciation for architecture and art and the wonderful things that surround when you look nearer," said Moret, "things you wouldn't normally see with your eyes."

Moret has been interested in photography ever since high school.

"I took a class and a year later I got a good camera and have been shooting ever since," said Moret.

Moret has been in a number of group shows and also some solo shows, including his photography display at the La Follette gallery in Eugene last year.

Moret also has a piece on campus in the Library's permanent Morning Star Collection located on the second floor.

"I recommend people go see the whole collection," said Moret, "It's an artistic treasure a lot of people don't know about."

The Eugene Wine Cellar's winery is located at 255 Madison St. in Eugene.

The winery's tasting room and exhibit space are open on Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 6 p.m.

Anyone interested in purchasing one of Moret's photographs on display may contact the winery for more information.



"Fountain by Bernini", Piazza, Navona



"The Three Graces," Palace of Estoi

Eugene Wine Cellars is hosting a photography exhibit by local artist and LCC employee Daniel Moret. The shots of European statues and architecture will be on display through the end of January.

## A & E Calendar

### January 23

**Promoting Chicano/Latino Student Success on Campus:** A presentation by Joaquín D. Galván will begin at 10 a.m. in Building 3, Room 216. For more information contact Jim Garcia at 463-5852 or Michael Samano at 463-5186.

**Women's Center Video:** "Celebrating Menopause: What Every Woman Needs to Know Before Turning 50." begins at noon in Building 1, Room 202. For more information contact Paula Sena at 463-5349.

### January 26

**Break The Chains:** A presentation and discussion about the growth of the prison industrial complex, social trade-offs being made to support it and the prison's new place in the global economy will be held at noon in the Multicultural center, Building 1, Room 206. For more information contact Susan Matthews at 463-3245.

### January 28

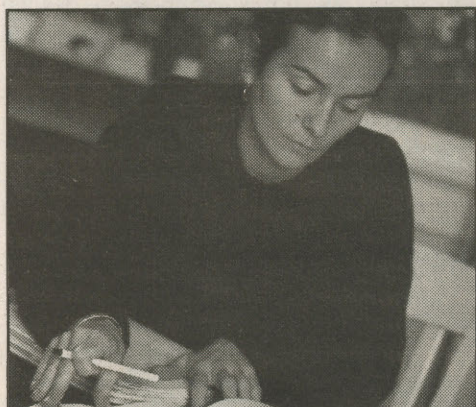
**Multicultural Center Video:** "The Tibetan Book of the Dead" begins at 5 p.m. in Building 1, Room 206. For more information contact Susan Matthews at 463-3245.

### Continuing

**Poster Exhibition:** The LCC Art Gallery will be exhibiting selected posters from the recent Colorado International Invitational Poster Exhibition through Jan. 29. Posters include work by artists from the Northwest and around the world. The LCC Art Gallery is located downstairs in Building 11. Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact Susan Lowdermilk at 463-5413.

### Photography

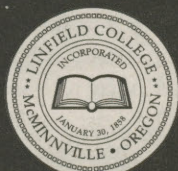
**Art by Daniel Moret** of Marketing and Public Relations will be exhibited during the month of January at the Eugene Wine Cellars winery at 255 Madison St. in Eugene. The exhibit displays photography of Europe and is available for purchase. The winery's tasting room and exhibit space are open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Wednesdays and noon to 6 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information contact Eugene Wine Cellar at 342-2600.



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## COMMUNITY from page 1

instructors encourage interested students to sign up for all of the courses to get the most out of the experience.

One obstacle that the instructors must face is marketing the courses. Because it is not a formal learning community and because the spring term schedule is printed in January, this learning community will not be printed in the Spring schedule. However, the three courses will be posted individually.

"We haven't had time to completely develop and market it, but we will be getting the word out," said Hall.

They hope to find interested students through flyers and posters that will soon be scattered around the campus.

Taylor feels students will leave this experience with a consciousness of their relationship to the environment with three key perspectives in hand. "The first will be a scientific un-

derstanding," said Taylor. "The second will be how environment informs a person spiritual orientation, and the third will be how to utilize these scientific and spiritual orientations to engage in politics and action."

This is Taylor's first involvement in a learning community. He said he was drawn to it by the direct connection to the themes of the three courses, "All three focus on the importance of the environment as a transcendent value around which to organize our knowledge, our spiritual orientation, and our actions in the world."

Students interested in taking the three-course community can simply sign up for Biology 103G, Environmental Politics 297 and Nature, Religion and Ecology 243.

For more information on these courses contact Trolin at 463-5834, Taylor at 463-5820 or Hall at 463-5084.

# TILT

## Classifieds

### Tutoring

Enjoy the **FREE** drop-in tutoring on main campus. Come to Center 210 for subjects/locations.

### ASLCC

Your student government has extended its deadline to apply for student senator and the judiciary board. Deadline to apply is Friday, Jan. 30 at 5 p.m. Pick up an application in Building 1, Room 210.

### For Sale

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### Events

**All are welcome** to join International Tea & Chat every Tuesday 1-3 p.m. (new time), Bldg. 1/201 (MCC).

**Ski & Snowboard trip** to Willamette Pass Jan. 31. See Brent in Rec. Sports or Colby Bldg. 1/201B for details. Inexpensive group rates!

**Chinese New Year Celebration** Tuesday, Jan. 20 1-3 p.m., Bldg 1/201. Join the international students and celebrate.

## FANTASY

I am currently involved in College Hoops Pick'em at espn.com. On this site, I pick the winner of 10 games and put a point status next to each game (1-10). I am having a par score so far, but I am looking forward to the next eight weeks to up my ranking.

I encourage all sports enthusiasts to participate in a fantasy game in the near future. They can be not only exciting, but also a great activity to enhance hand-eye coordination as hands are constantly on the mouse when online.

## off the mark

by Mark Parisi

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## Happy Chinese New Year! Year of the Monkey

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People born in the Year of the Monkey are the erratic geniuses of the cycle. Clever, skillful, and flexible, they are remarkably inventive and original and can solve the most difficult problems with ease. They have a disconcerting habit of being too agreeable. They want to do things now, and if they cannot get started immediately, they become discouraged and sometimes leave their projects. Although good at making decisions, they tend to look down on others. Monkeys have a deep desire for knowledge and have excellent memories. Monkeys are strong willed but their anger cools quickly. They are most compatible with the Dragon and Rat.

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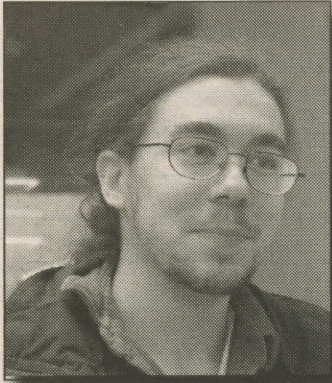
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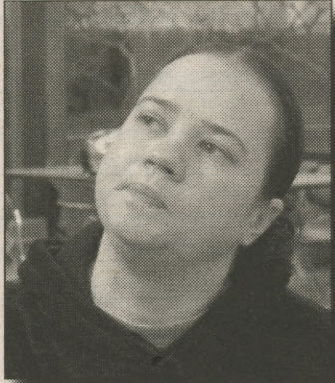
## The Pulse

What kinds of questions  
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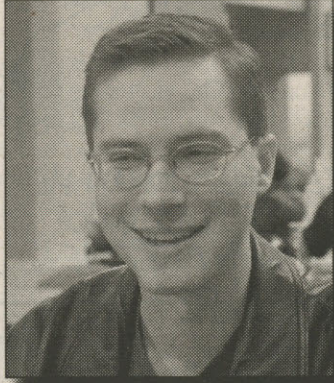
**Daniel Williams**  
Anthropology

If our government were a sandwich, what kind would it be? Reuben on rye? A nice grilled cheese with soup? Or, a greasy pork chop on white?



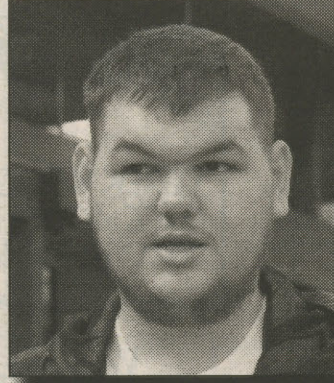
**Sela Sandow**  
Criminal Justice

I'd like to see more questions about how the recent campus budget cuts have affected students. Also, I want to know how students would deal with a racist instructor.



**Michael Brinkerhoff**  
Multimedia Design

Why doesn't the cafeteria bring back the spaghetti bar? Mmmmm, spaghetti!



**Jon Conway**  
Elementary Education

I have two questions for the students of Lane, one humorous and one serious; If you were magically transported to J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle Earth, what type of species would best suit you? Elf? Hobbit? Dwarf? Seriously though, do you believe our country is leaning more toward fascism or communism?

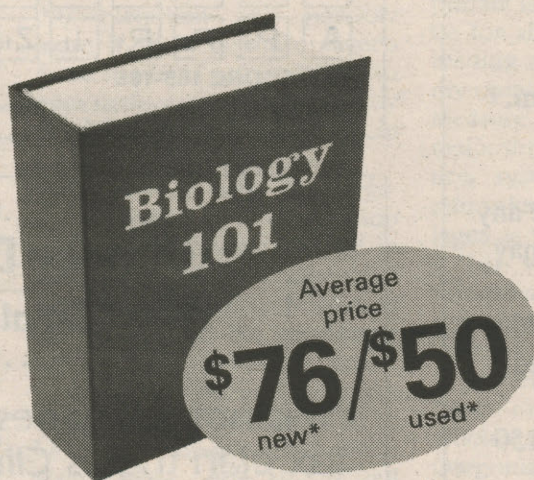


**Stephanie Morelli**  
Psychology

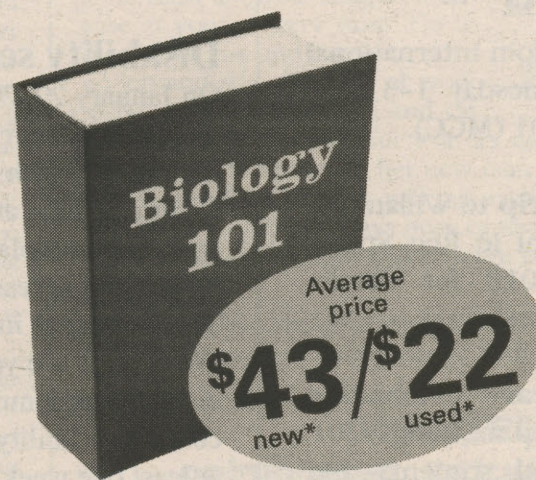
It would be nice to have more political issues covered - anything besides the lame question you just asked me!

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