



Little teeth can make a big smile

Dental sealant clinic for children returns to LCC.

Travis D. Roderick
News Editor

LCC will open the doors of its Dental Hygiene Program facilities to children ages 7 through 14 who do not have access to adequate dental care. On Saturday, Feb. 21.

The clinic will open at 10 a.m. and will continue to accept new patients until 12:30 p.m., though it may take another couple hours to finish all who have started the process. A parent or guardian must be present to fill out and sign the child's health history and to authorize treatment.

Mary Ellen Volansky, chairperson for the sealant clinic, said that the endeavor is a cooperative effort between many organizations.

"It's a collection of dental professionals," she said. "So we have representatives from the Dental Society, from the Front Office Executives Association, we have people from the Dental Assisting Association, the Dental Hygiene Association, and

we're working with Head Start, Centro Latino Americano, the Children's Dental Clinic and of course Lane Community College."

The focus of the program will be on applying dental sealant in an effort to prevent tooth decay. This is because it's a preventive measure rather than a restorative measure. Volansky hopes to one day be able to provide dentistry services at the clinic as well, however.

Each child will have x-rays taken and be given an examination to determine which teeth will receive the sealant.

To qualify, a child's teeth must be adult teeth, primarily first and second molars, with no signs of decay. Each tooth is treated separate from the others, meaning that one tooth in a child's mouth may qualify for the sealant while other teeth are refused due to decay.

"Last year, we had 92 children come to the clinic, and 47 kids we were able to provide sealants to," said Volansky. "The rest we could not... That's a lot of decay."

One reason for this high percentage of decay, according to Volansky, is Eugene's lack of fluoride in public drinking water. "The aver-

age rate of decay in a community with fluoride in the drinking water is one cavity per child," said Volansky. "We don't have that in Lane County... A lot of what's happening, the pain, the loss of class time, even the loss of work time for adults would be much less than the thousands of hours currently lost, if we had fluoride in the drinking water."

Volansky isn't sure what exactly to ascribe the aversion to fluoride, dismissing ideas that it is either a matter of money or a fear of ingesting chemicals into the body.

"People see it not so much as it being a toxic chemical mixed in with fluoride, but that they don't want 'them' putting something into our bodies," she said. "But we have 50 years of use with this product and we don't have any signs that this is causing people problems."

In addition to sealant, the clinic will also this year begin offering an application of varnish to all teeth, regardless of status, which remineralizes teeth and helps to stop the rate of decay.

The number of children the clinic sees has grown each year. Two years ago the

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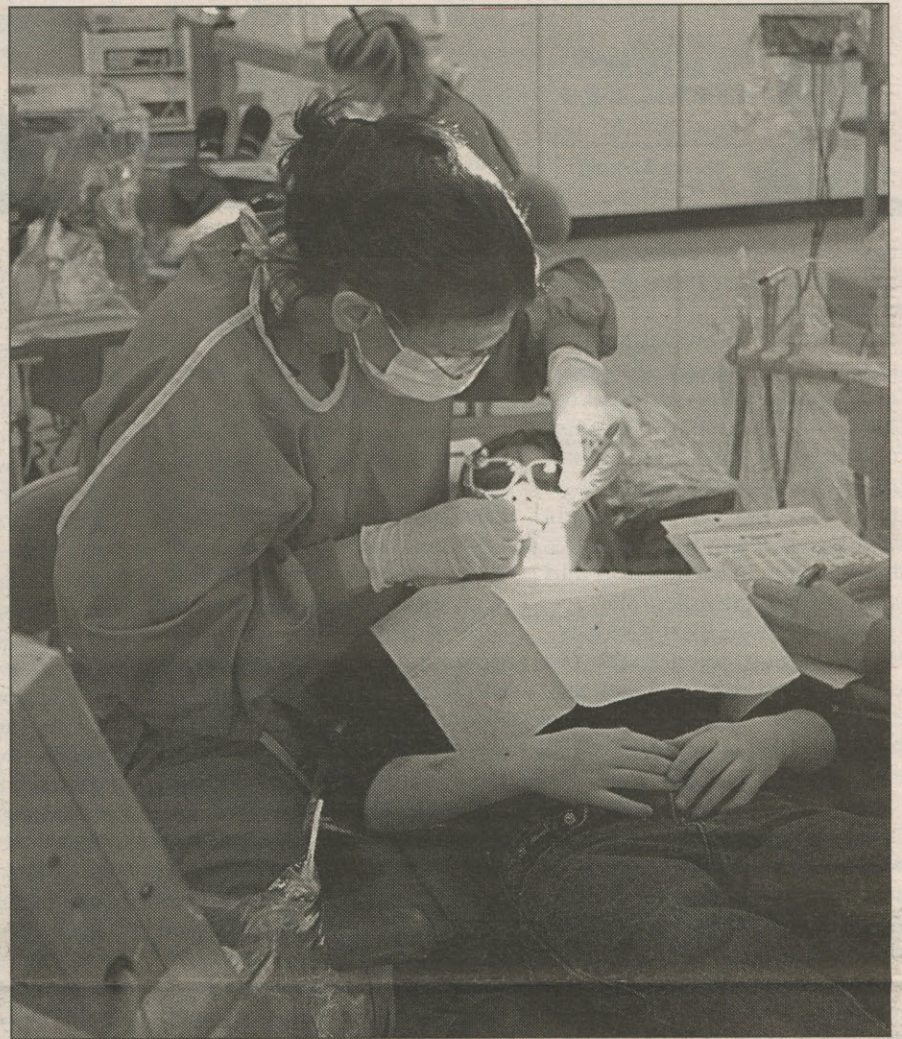


Photo by Megan Wilson

Dental student Jennie Gould worked on one of the many low income 4J kids that came into the LCC clinic for free preventative care Tuesday, Feb. 6. A dental sealant clinic for children without access to adequate dental care will be held on campus Feb. 21.

Added scholarships gives financial hope to students

Don't miss the March 1 deadline for scholarship opportunities.

Aidan Keuter
Staff Writer

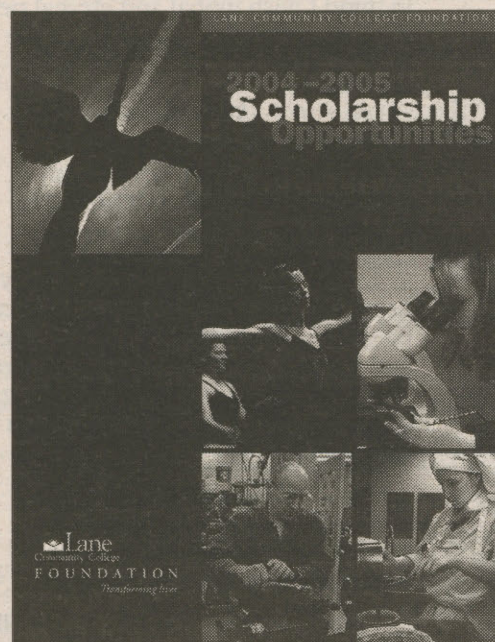
"Transforming lives" is the LCC Foundation tag line for its second annual Scholarship Opportunities book. The pamphlet is a list of all the scholarships available to LCC students from the Foundation along with an application and instructions for applying.

The deadline for all applications is March 1.

Scholarship applicants are on the rise. The first year the book was published the Foundation saw a spike in the number applications presumably due to the ease and the streamlining of the process the book offers.

Jackie Bryson, a Career and Employment adviser who works closely with students applying for scholarships, said, "Our goal is to help students stay in school and one of the major barriers to that is financial. The book has been a great tool for us to give to students; it's something concrete we can give them to show them what's available."

Bryson added that there are a lot of other scholarships available to LCC students that



The second annual Scholarship Opportunities book is now available in the Career Center. Deadlines apply, so pick up a copy today.

are not through the Foundation. For information on those, go to Career and Employment Services in the counseling department in Building 1.

And although the numbers are not in yet, one can safely assume, considering the harsh economic climate of late and how

easy the book makes the application process, that this year there will also be a rise in scholarship hopefuls.

The scholarship book is a resource for students but it is also proving to be a helpful tool for the Foundation in its fundraising efforts. Donations are up about 25 percent or about \$86,500 with about 90 new scholarships added this year.

Janet Anderson, LCC Foundation Director, says the increase is due in part because the Foundation took last year's book to local businesses as LCC's example of generating scholarship funds.

"People give scholarships because they believe in education and they believe it's the most important thing a person can do to further their lives. Many of the scholarships reflect a story of the individual who gave the money," Anderson said.

This year the LCC Foundation has about 300 scholarships ranging from \$150 to \$5,000.

Anderson puts the donors into three categories: local businesses that want to support their employee pool, people who want to remember or memorialize somebody and make a scholarship in their name, or people who simply care about education.

PSC, a local company that manufactures UPC scanners, has two \$1,000 scholarships

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LCC plans to revamp main entrance to campus

Leaking fountain to be replaced by lawn or labyrinth.

Miranda Broadbent
For the Torch

A meditative labyrinth of greenery could soon be replacing the empty water pond at the west entrance to the main campus.

The administration, the Facilities Management Team (FMT) and a design committee are considering a variety of uses for the dried up fountain. There is a possibility it will be a simple lawn with some trees and shrubs. However, the option under the most consideration right

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WEEKEND WEATHER

Mostly Cloudy
chance of
showers
47/35



Mostly Cloudy
chance of
showers
50/38

Coming next week:

LTD service reductions

LCC will be closed on Monday, Feb. 16 for Presidents' Day

OPINION

U.S. and Cuba continue strained relationships

Now that it's 2004 and the world is safer for all Americans thanks to the almost elected president's color-coded terrorist alerts and the restrictions of our zealous freedoms continue, I



HIGH FIDELITY

Lance Strang
Columnist

have to consider a new restriction that we are "blessed" with as citizens.

In order to protect all of us, we are no longer allowed (as of Jan. 1, 2004) to travel to Cuba, the island made famous for revolution and cigars. If you have relatives there, you can travel once per year. You might wonder what's in the cigars that requires the restriction and warrants this conspicuously "good" measure by our elitists. However, I am relegated to inveigh against this, and instead entertain iconoclastic views that pertain to the revolution and its effects.

It is with this in mind that I ask persons so rhapsodized with the dominant ideology and entrenched in their belief biases to try to entertain these views as well.

First off, in any popular revolution there is a reason that the masses are mobilized. Revolutions do not happen as chance would have it or other

coincidences. The case is not different in Cuba. The people, led by Fidel Castro and Che Guvera, overthrow the hated repressive police state and the Bautista dictatorship that was backed and installed by the U.S. Just two years later the CIA backed "Bay of Pigs" invasion fails, allegedly due to bad air cover. But all accounts of this ignore the fact that the people of Cuba wanted to be free from industrial dominance and were unified together, fighting against a common foe.

If we are to choose to accept the U.S. leader's notion of those power hungry reds, who lust for power, for powers sake, one has to wonder why they time and again side with those who are powerless, instead of finding a niche perpetuating the existing system of ruling class domination. The notion certainly doesn't make any sense when you actually examine the reforms enacted under their governments.

Prior to the 1959 revolution, only eight percent of the farmers controlled 70 percent of the land. U.S. interests controlled most of the Cuban economy including most of the large plantations, a controlling interest in the sugar production, the mining industry, oil refineries, electrical utilities, the com-

munication systems, and the majority of banks.

At this time the majority of the rural labor force consisted of landless seasonal peasant farmers who were without schooling, healthcare, electricity or running water. At the time of the revolution,

most of the wealthy landowners fled to the US with their previous holdings being expropriated and given over to laborers.

This was the first of three periods of agrarian reforms. These reforms worked because the government was set on a true redistribution of the wealth and towards a more egalitarian society. So what happened in Cuba's isolation?

With all the agrarian reforms came investment in social programs to attempt a massive social transformation. This emphasized education and decent health care for the population. By the 1980s, Cuba had surpassed nearly all of Latin America in nutrition, life expectancy, education and per capita GNP. With only two percent of Latin America's population, Cuba contains 11 percent of the scientists in all of Latin America. With the most teach-

ers per capita and doctors per capita among numerous other professions. The literacy rate was an astonishing 96 percent, and 95 percent of the population had access to safe water. The large degree of success in Cuba was due in large part to industrialization through a trade regime that has highly import-dependent on the Soviet Union.

Thus, when the Soviet Union moved precipitously into the "free market para-

dise" (in effect, relegated back to the third world, a place it knew well during the Tsarist ruled pre-revolution days), Cuba lost 85 percent of its trade.

Sugar and its derivatives, constituted 75 percent of its exports which were sold almost exclusively to the Soviet Union, Eastern and Central Europe and China. State-owned sugar plantations covered three times more farmland than did food crops. The imports of 60 percent of the food consumed, all from the Soviet Bloc vanished overnight. Fossil fuels, coming primarily from the Soviet Union were halved by the fall.

By 1994 this amounted to a 55 percent drop in agricul-

tural production of the 1990 level. During this crisis, the U.S. compounded the effect by clenching its already stringent economic blockade. Estimates have this as causing an additional 7,500 deaths per year attributed to this measure.

Cuba took measures to reduce the damage of the the U.S.'s destructively capitalistic policies. But the U.S. won't quit until they've fully ostracized and alienated their other neighbor to the south.

In sum, the U.S. propaganda machine wants the manufacture of consent to subvert any nation defying U.S. multinational corporate capitalism, an ongoing mission that began in Cuba at the end of the 19th Century and has continued to the present day. So don't read any more about Cuba; the terrorist acts of the CIA; the U.S. holding Cuban "spies" who've committed no crimes; don't worry about travel restrictions; ignore anything having to do with the c-word such as class perspective or class interest; and principally anyone named Marx.

Correction

The Torch incorrectly spelled the name of Titan basketball star Domonique King in an article in the Feb. 5 issue.

Time travel on freaky Friday

Friday the 13th is this month. Be honest, every now and then the computers are down or turn themselves off. Maintain calm. The black cat gets up or two black dogs get the people down every now and then? Welcome to the dark side.

In a cartoon gray hair also goes dead or turns your hair marine blue.



MACK WORLD

John Mackwood
Columnist

The new countdown on the clock to Y3K begins now.

Only 996 years to go. The new year is ahead and the new millennium and the 31st century. Let the people know the next millennium time is remaining.

Set your clock 10 hours ahead to the 31st century and time travel. Don't worry. Too muck clock is going to take its easy, sweet time, thank you very much.

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.

Letters to the Editor

Cooperation needed in human race

Even with the advent of the twenty-first century, it's amazing that there still remains a handful of angry people from every race, culture and ethnicity that seem to make a career of pitting one race or ethnicity against another, thereby spreading fear, division and hate. This is counterproductive to our common goals of civil rights, unity and peace.

Humanity's destiny lies in its ability to overcome petty differences, fears and intolerance. After all, we all come from the same higher power, whomever or whatever you hold that to be.

Let's evolve and take the responsible path and adopt a more positive outlook working together, if not for our sake then perhaps for future generations. In this way global peace might be obtained.

In our hearts, let's resurrect the spirits of great visionaries such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., President John F. Kennedy and his future thinking

brother, Robert F. Kennedy. With this in mind I wish global and eternal peace to all my brothers and sisters of the human race.

Tom Bush

Eugene resident

Thanks to the Torch and OSPIRG

I wanted to thank you about your story on the OSPIRG textbooks campaign. I spent \$250 on books this term, and I think OSPIRG rocks for taking a stand for students. It would be great if you would keep us updated on the campaign.

Elsie Wieseke

LCC student

Textbooks Overpriced

I want to thank you for the excellent coverage on the textbook overpricing. At the beginning of the term, I basically have to decide between paying rent on time, eating or buying unnecessary

bundles of textbooks — half of which I'll never even open.

In the past two years, textbooks have risen in price at twice the rate of inflation, and students keep paying. I hope that students will one day realize that they are being unjustly charged and won't hesitate to stand up and do something about it.

Ben Fry

LCC student

Coverage Helpful

Thank you for your coverage of issues such as textbook prices, that are important not only to students, but to the larger community as well.

As a student of Lane and a member of this community, it's easy to recognize the urgent need to address the issue of overpriced textbooks.

By reporting issues significant to students, your publication does a great service. Keep it up.

Sandin Riddle

LCC student

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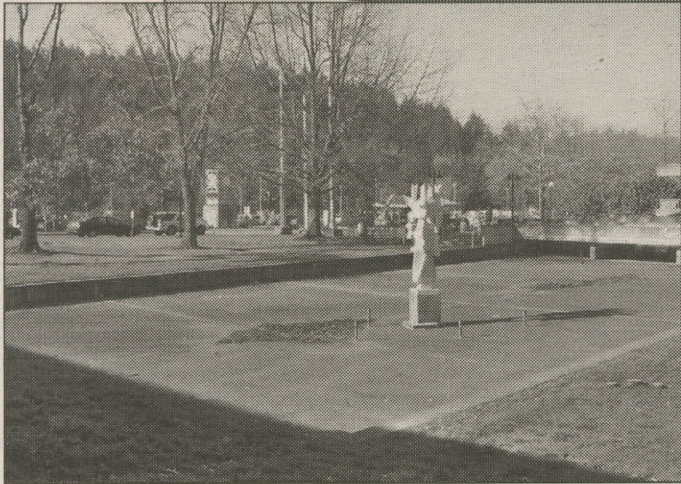
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News



Up and running in 1972, the fountain was drained several years ago when it began to severely leak.

The fountain at the main entrance to campus maybe soon be undergoing changes. A proposal has been made to turn it into a wilderness maze.

Photos by Emily Sachs and Megan Wilson

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now is that of a meditative labyrinth or wilderness maze.

The estimated cost of the project is in the range of \$25,000. It will be funded mostly by donations, according to Director of Facilities Management and Planning Michael Ruiz. Filling in the large concrete hole left by the water pond, putting in irrigation and planting the vegetation are all part of the cost.

The administration and the FMT would like to see the landscaping completed by fall term of 2004. They hope that LCC will be in the best shape possible for the upcoming accreditation visit, according to Ruiz.

Frank Drengacz, the head groundskeeper for LCC, is leading the design committee for this project. Also on the committee are the director of the LCC foundation Janet Anderson, art and sculptor instructor Lee Imonen, work-study student Lisa Kroner, landscape architect Brad Strangler and a woman named Judith Kreklau to assist in ensuring accessibility to everyone.

The plans are in their infancy, according to Drengacz. In order for anyone to make a big change on campus, they have to present their idea to the FMT.

About a year ago, Drengacz pre-

sented to the FMT the idea of a maze or labyrinth for installation in place of the fountain.

Kroner, who is hoping to be accepted into the University of Oregon's landscape architecture program, did some conceptual drawings of the idea. The FMT approved the concept last year.

"I was expecting it to take three to four years, but the administration gave directions to go from the conceptual to the planning stage," stated Drengacz.

The reason that the fountain is currently dry is because it has been leaking for several years now. "We used to put caulking into the corners, but it didn't seem to cure the problem," stated Ruiz. When the LTD station was put in, the college drained the pond when they realized that it was leaking around 2000 gallons of water per day.

Ruiz feels that the campus is lacking in quiet, outdoor sitting areas for the students and there needs to be a more intense focus on the appearance of the entrance to the main campus.

"I would like to see our entrances improved and that they are very accessible to people with disabilities," said Ruiz.

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for engineering transfer students. Similarly, Hynix has a scholarship for women and minorities in the math and sciences.

One of the more endearing stories is that of the Gilma Greenhoot scholarship. Ralph Greenhoot was a man who never graduated from college but nevertheless still became a successful businessman. Before he died he gave \$2 million to LCC to help people like himself

have a chance that he never had, to go to college. One of the eligibility requirements is that the applicants have a GPA between 2.0 and 2.99.

Brandon Biggs a Gilma Greenhoot scholarship recipient says it makes a big difference in his life. "The scholarship enables me to focus all of my time on school because I don't have to worry about money."

The decision of who receives

the scholarships is made at the departmental level by a committee that includes instructors and staff. The 20 largest scholarships are the Sataton Scholarships which are each \$5,000. Those recipients are selected by the Foundation.

Every scholarship requires a separate application and many also require for the student to have submitted a FAFSA form. Also the students who receive

scholarships are asked to write a thank you letter to the donor.

Anderson encourages every student to go and get book and look through it. There are copies available at the counseling department, in the Students First Building, and at the department offices.

Some scholarships were not included in the 2004-2005 Scholarship Opportunities booklet. They are the Shin-

ing Star Scholarship for Health & Physical Education majors, the James and Lelia Paschall Endowed Nursing Scholarship and the George Alvergue Scholarship for students committed to becoming teachers. To find out more about these and all the other Foundation scholarships, get the book or go to the LCC Foundation website at www.lanec.edu/foundatn/foundatn.htm.

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clinic saw only about 50 children, though that low number is partially attributed to a power outage in the clinic midway through the day. Last year the number of children seen topped out at 92. This year Volansky expects to see about 130 children.

In order to match the rising number of children seen in the clinic, the number of volunteers each year has also been on the rise. Last year, 68 volunteers participated in the clinic, comprised of dentists, technicians, front office support and LCC dental hygiene students. Both Volansky and Sharon Hagan, coordinator for the LCC Dental Hygiene program, expect to see an increase in that number this year, as well.

In addition to dentists, technicians and assistants, front office specialists will be on hand to help the children and their parents through every step of the process. Spanish-speaking volunteers will also be available at every level of the clinic to assist parents not fluent in English.

Dental hygiene students at LCC are strongly encouraged to participate in the clinic, both for the experience and to help complete the requirements for their degrees.

"The dental hygiene students do community health projects, and because we don't have very many public health opportunities for our students, we sort of

made some," said Hagan.

Because the LCC free dental clinic normally only focuses on adults, for many students the upcoming children's clinic will offer an opportunity to work with a segment of the population not normally seen in the campus chairs.

"I'm doing it to get the experience with kids," said dental assisting student Coreena Gauderman. "Kids are a lot harder [to work on] than adults, which I figured out firsthand with my own kids."

Susie Doerfler, a second year dental hygiene student at LCC, participated in the sealant clinic last year and is looking forward to being a part of this year's clinic. "I loved it, it was great," she said. "It's just so fun to help out with the kids that just wouldn't get help otherwise."

"One of the problems we have in our local community," says Hagan, "is that the Oregon Health Plan is going away for many children, and even children who have had OHP have not had access to dental care. This is a prevention program. What we're trying to do is to prevent big problems for children."

She said, "In Portland, they treat 10,000 children a year where they do sealants and they have public health hygienists to do those things. We don't have any of the money or the manpower to do those things in this

community. I think that we're using the college as a means to contribute to the community for preventative care."

Volansky agrees. "The need far outweighs the volunteer services available in Lane County and in the state," she said.

More information on the clinic can be obtained by calling Linda Eichner at 687-3232.

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The Student Health Clinic will be closed for in-service in the morning of Thursday, Feb. 12 but will open at 1:30 p.m. In case of emergency, students are advised to contact Public Safety at 463- 5555.

A second LCC and Oregon Student Assistance Commission scholarship workshop will be held Friday, Feb. 13, 3-4 p.m. in Building 19, Room 250. OSAC administers a variety of state, federal and privately-funded programs for students who are attending college. More information on OSAC scholarships can be found at <http://www.osac.state.or.us>.

Child Care Co-op will be holding a Valentine's bake sale on Thursday, Feb. 12 and Friday, Feb. 13 in the Center Building from 9:30-2:30 p.m. Items being sold will include cookies, cupcakes, candies, turtles, rice crispy treats, pies, etc. The group will also hold a book sale on the same days, with a large variety of new books available.

OSPIRG reports that in direct response to their "Rip-off 101" report on exorbitant textbook prices, combined with demand by students and faculty, textbook publisher Thomson Learning has launched a new line of reduced cost textbooks for some of its books that the company says will be at 25 percent cheaper than the original hardcover text. OSPIRG offered a conditional endorsement of Thomson Learning's efforts and has requested a meeting with company officials to learn more details.

Students First will close services on Friday, Feb. 13 at 4:30 p.m. to allow removal of carpet from several rooms in the building found to be moldy. The entire building will be closed to all users until Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Cafeteria new forum for discussion

ASLCC open-mic forum gives students and staff a chance to be heard.

Aidan Keuter
Staff Writer

Tuesday is the day to be heard. For the remainder of Winter term, ASLCC will host an open-mic forum every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Open to every LCC student and employee, the forum is a chance for people to share their opinions, have a debate or make announcements, just to name a few uses. To participate, all someone has to do is sign up at the event.

LCC Multicultural and Events Coordinator Kapone Summerfield, host of the open-mics, says that last term's forums were generally a success, with about six to ten people speaking each time.

"I really like for students to engage in conversation with each other, whether it's about measure 30, something that's going on around school, politics, whatever," says Summerfield. "I just feel like it's important for people to talk to each other."

The open-mic sessions began at LCC about three years ago, Summerfield says, under the direction of former Events Coordinator Gregory Duncan. When Duncan became ASLCC president he continued with the forum, but inconsistently. "One of my goals is consistency," says Summerfield, stressing that it's important for people to know exactly when the events will happen so they can plan for it accordingly.

Summerfield says that the open-mic-style forum has a history of giving people an opportunity to be heard that otherwise may not find an outlet for their voice. He also feels that public discourse is an important part in affecting change and expressing new ideas and that the open-mic is a great opportunity to continue the tradition.

Summerfield expects the Black Student Union to take advantage of the forums during February to recognize and celebrate Black History Month.

On Feb. 3 Paul Davis, co-chair of the BSU, posed the rather pointed question,

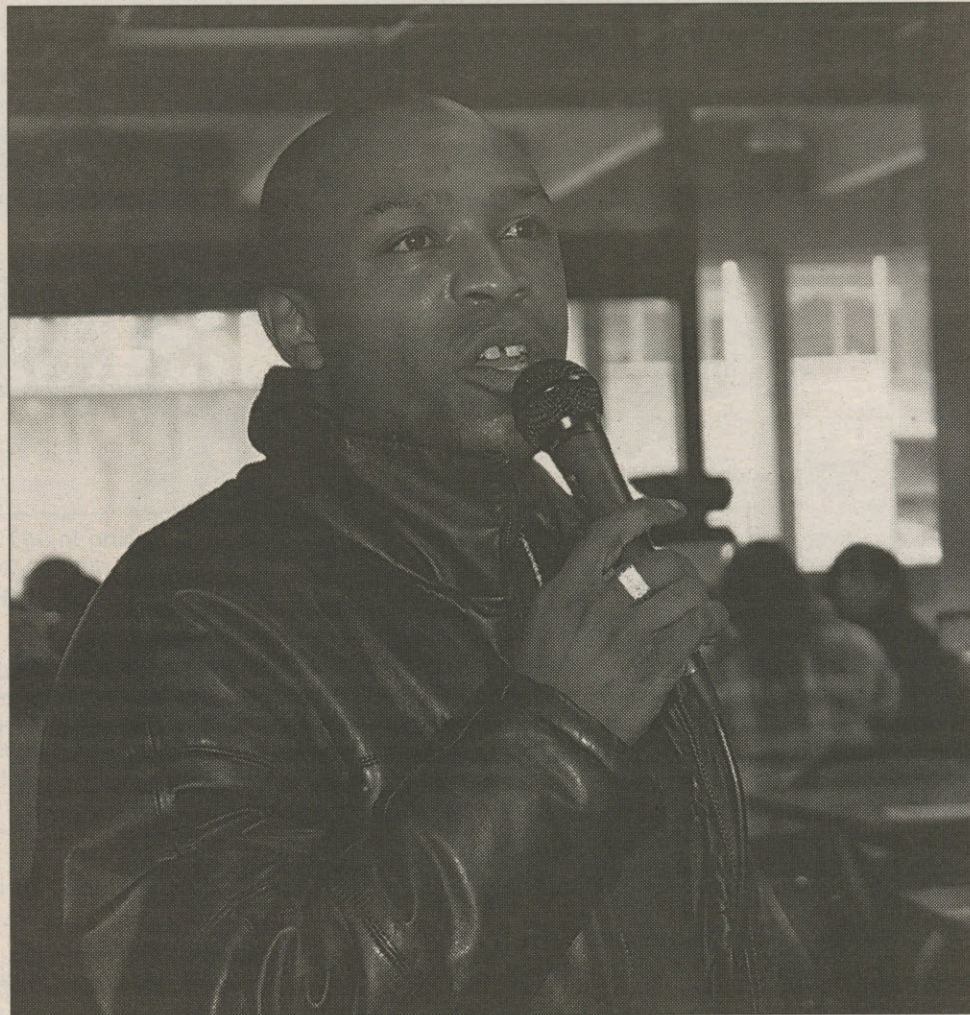


Photo by Travis D. Roderick

Black Student Union co-chair Paul Davis used his time at Tuesday's open-mic forum to draw attention to issues of race relations in America. His questions prompted a number of responses from audience members, creating an entertaining and informative dialogue on the difficult topic.

"Why is it that the United States of America hates the Black man so much?" This prompted a handful of varied responses from people in the audience, mostly about the need for all races to accept one another and get along.

Davis said he asked the question because he was curious about the response it would generate and that he wanted to get people talking. Davis said that he plans to address other race-based issues in the following weeks, including questions on affirmative action and slave reparations.

Summerfield expects a lot of debate on political and other current-event issues in the coming months, including the presidential campaign and

state budget cuts.

The forum is not limited in its scope to just include such heady issues. Participants will often share their poetry at the events, and Summerfield says he would even like to see amateur comedians give their craft a shot.

Other plans in the works for the open-mic include a special Fat Tuesday edition, and Summerfield is considering having a theme each week to further initiate debate and discussion. "I'm interested in people who like change," he says.

For further information on open-mic times or to suggest a theme or question, Summerfield can be reached at 463-5332.

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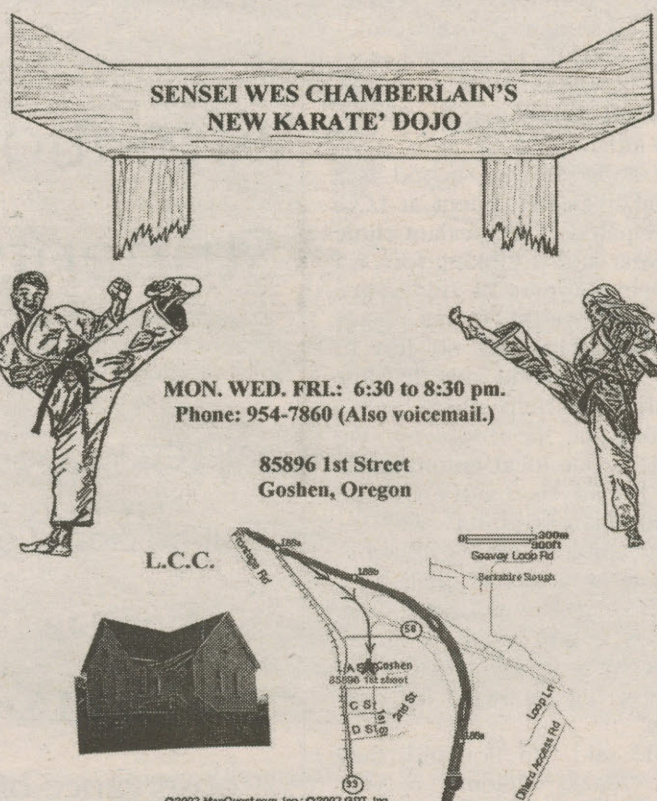
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February 13

Frederick Douglas' Birthday: The Multi-Cultural Center will show a video about this anti-slavery activist from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information contact Susan Matthews at 463-3245.

Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter: The video will be shown at noon in the Women's Center, Building 1, Room 202. In the video, a care-giving daughter discusses various stages of her mother's dementia and how she dealt with each stage. For more information contact Jill Bradley at 463-5298.

February 17

Reading by Novelist David Bradley: The event is part of the Reading Together project and runs from 1-3 p.m. in the LCC Art Gallery, downstairs, Building 11. For more information contact Ellen Cantor at 463-5749.

February 18

Readings from Toni Morrison and Audre Lorde: Readings will run from noon to 1 p.m. in the Multi-Cultural Center, Building 1, Room 201. For more information contact Susan Matthews at 463-3245.

Ongoing

Six Degrees of Separation: The stage comedy by John Guare and directed by Patrick Torelle shows in the Blue Door Theatre on Feb. 13, 14, 15, 20 and 21. All shows begin at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. For more information contact Myrna Seifert at 463-5161.

Printmakers: The works of Tallmadge Doyle and Ken Paul are on display at the Hult Center's Jacob's Gallery from now until Feb. 28. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and during all Hult Center performances. For more information e-mail jgallery@teleport.com or visit www.lanearts.org/jacobsgallery.

LCC Gallery Art Exhibit: "Presence: Absence" features work by Kathleen Caprario and James E. Ulrich and will be on display now through Feb. 25. The LCC Art Gallery is located downstairs in Building 11. Gallery hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. For more information contact Caprario at 463-5775.

Nature Writers Group Meetings: The LCC Nature Writers Group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Center Building, Room 246. For more information contact zimmermark@lanecc.edu or cstrat17@hotmail.com.

"Understanding Diversity" Registration: A four-hour workshop looking at the nature of diversity and our part in it will be held on Friday, Feb. 20 from 1 - 5 p.m. in Building 1, Room 212. To register please call 463-5852. For more information contact Jim Garcia at 463-5852.

Politician portrayed in one-man show

Discussion follows the dramatized speeches of an education advocate.

Melissa Vandever
A&E editor

"I am that gadfly which the gods have attached to the State, and all day long and in all places am always fastening upon you, arousing and persuading and reproaching you ... You think that you might easily strike me dead ... but then you would sleep on for the remainder of your lives, unless the gods in their care of you sent you another gadfly."

These words were spoken by Socrates in his own defense but are also relevant to an influential American gadfly whose life and ideas is the topic of an upcoming LCC play.

Charles Deemer's "American Gadfly: The Story of Wayne Morse" deals with the former Oregon Senator's controversial views on a variety of subjects including education, use of natural resources and the Vietnam War.

KLCC's Claude Offenbacher portrays Morse in the one-man play, which will show twice on Feb. 22, at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., in the LCC Performance Hall. The 40-minute play will be followed by a discussion led by Caroline Forell from the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics at the UO Law School.

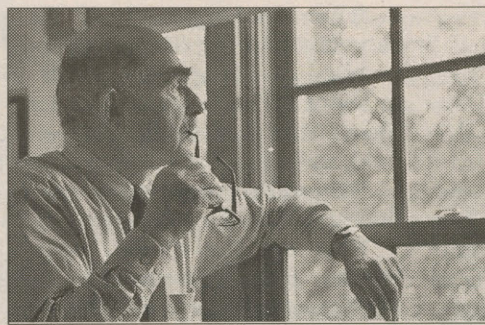
"Morse was never discussed as a politician; he was folksy," said director Judith "Sparky" Roberts. "He loved children and loved seeing them in schools. He had a very big passion for education."

Because of this, Roberts said she was pleased the first full production of the play would be done at a school, a way of carrying on the legacy of "education for democracy" that Morse established.

"LCC would probably not exist without Morse advocating education for everyone, especially young people," said Roberts.

Morse was asked to run for public office while he was Dean of the Law School at the UO. He was elected in the state of Oregon at first as a Republican, then as an Independent and Democrat.

The play is based on speeches Morse made during his 24 years in the Senate, many of which are still relevant in today's



Photos by Tim Lanham

KLCC's Claude Offenbacher plays Morse in the one-man production of "American Gadfly." The play is on Feb. 22 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the LCC Performance Hall.



political situations.

"These are the same kinds of things he would be saying if he were alive today. These are the same issues he was objecting to in the 50's and 60's. His words are painfully relevant today," said Roberts.

"Foreign policy belongs to the American people, not to the President of the United States. Under our constitution all the President is is the administrator of a people's foreign policy," said Morse in one speech.

"What has happened to us? What has produced the kind of national psychology we have in the United States today? Are we surprised at all the criticism being shot at us from all around the world? Does it really come as any surprise that we are becoming the most feared country in the world? I don't care if people don't want to hear this - it's the truth!" said Morse.

Remarks like these earned Morse supporters and enemies as well as the nickname "Tiger of the Senate."

"Morse was known for how outspoken he was. He was bold about expressing his views, even when they were not popular ones," said Roberts. "Morse got fed up with the Republicans and the White House during the Vietnam War. He was a constitutional lawyer and found injustices in what we were doing; he did not believe in our involvement in Vietnam."

"Morse was also concerned with preserving our natural resources. He could see the creeping takeover of big corpora-

tions," said Roberts. "He once filibustered for 22 hours trying not to let natural resources be given to corporations."

"What is missed most is his political courage - he was a man who stood on principles before party loyalty. He was a rare political bird, a true maverick. He was just as Socrates described it, a man sent by the gods to keep the State honest."

We desperately need that kind of gadfly today. Without someone playing this role with clarity and skill, the government gets away with too much [as now]," said Deemer in a press release.

Although this is the debut performance of the play, it was originally written in 1984 to be shown on Oregon Public Broadcasting.

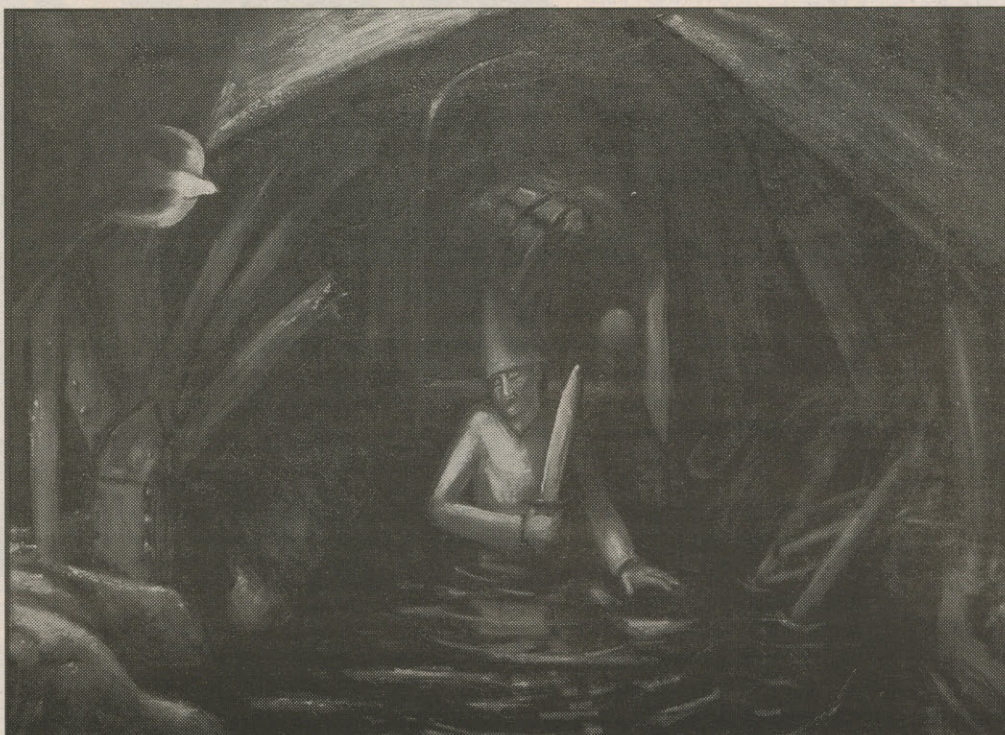
"OBP never ended up doing anything with it, so the copywrite eventually reverted to the playwright," said Roberts.

This performance will be in memory of George Alvergue, who taught political science at LCC and was a board member for LCC and the Wayne Morse Historical Society.

Admission is free for LCC students and the first 75 UO students, and suggested donation for the general public is \$5 to \$10. LCC students who plan to attend should contact ASLCC for an advance ticket.

Supporters of the play include LCC, the Wayne Morse Center at the UO, Concerned Faculty for Peace and Justice and the Wayne Morse Historical Park Society.

FOOL'S PASSAGE



"Fool's Passage" by the late James Ulrich, is among the many pieces on display in the art gallery through Feb. 25. It is a joint show with works by Ulrich and his widow Kathleen Caprario. See A&E Calendar for more info

Photo by Megan Wilson

SPORTS

Men's basketball fights through losing streak

Titans nearly knock off league-leader, losing 61-57.

Shawn Miller
Sports Editor

Despite a three-game losing streak, the Titans continue to grow on their court. The timing couldn't be better as the season's end is nearing the toughest competition. The next

Men's Basketball

Titan game is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. when Chemeketa Community College, ranked fifth in the NWAACC, will visit Titan Court.

The Titans (Feb. 4) visited Linn-Benton Community College to avenge a six-point loss earlier in the season. The game started without defense as Linn-Benton ran out to a 21-12 lead just a little over nine minutes into the game.

"We didn't guard the first 10 minutes of the game," said Head Coach Ryan Orton.

However, by creating turnovers and picking up defensive intensity the Titans rallied to take a 28-27 lead into halftime. Unfortunately for LCC, the second-half started much like the first and Linn-Benton jumped back out to a double-digit lead 12 minutes into the half.

"We couldn't finish some plays inside," said Orton. "They made the plays you have to to win and we didn't."

The game ended with the advantage to Linn-Benton, 64-57. Freshman Justin Glover scored 21 points, while fellow-freshman Blake Krieg added 18 points and eight

rebounds, six offensive.

When looking back at the game, poor shooting hurt the Titans. Although the Titans grabbed 21 offensive rebounds and were able to shoot 16 more shots than Linn-Benton, the Titans shot just under 38 percent from the field, including 2-14 from beyond the arc.

"We will try to improve on executing and timing within our offensive sets," said Orton.

Next up, the Titans hosted league-leading Mt. Hood Community College (Feb. 7). Perhaps the biggest surprise of the NWAACC Southern region, Mt. Hood came into the game having beaten the Titans by 13 earlier in the season and losing only one conference game out of nine.

Both teams battled back and forth and with the Titans leading by one at halftime, things looked good. However, the problem LCC has faced this season has been playing two solid halves. Turnovers, 26 to be exact, and the inability to finish led to the Titan second-half demise, losing 61-57.

"We didn't handle their pressure very well," said Orton. "We still had opportunities and at key times we just didn't get it done. If we could just finish plays and not turn the ball over."

Sophomore Kyle Richards scored a team-high 14 points along with five steals. Krieg scored 13 and Glover added 10 points and seven rebounds to pace the Titans.

"We want to finish [the season] on a positive note for two reasons," said Orton. "One, to send our sophomores out on a positive note because they've been with the program for two years and we owe that to them and the other for the freshmen to end with a positive. In the off-season and when they are working out toward next season, I want them to see the bigger picture."



Photo by Sean Hoffman

Guard Tyrel Wardle charges through Mt Hood's defender Jeremy Wyatt. Unfortunately Wardle's efforts were not enough to win on Saturday, Feb. 7, as the final score was 61-57.

Women fourth in NWAACC poll

Shawn Miller
Sports Editor

The Titan women ranked fourth on the newest NWAACC poll, released Feb. 8. The next and final poll will be released Feb. 22.

The top eight teams in the conference are ranked in three separate polls throughout the season.

Ahead of the Titans in the polls are three teams that have defeated the Titans this season. League-foe Clackamas Community College is first, followed by Walla Walla Community College and Chemeketa Community College.

The Titans fell to Clackamas by eight points, to Walla Walla by eight and to Chemeketa by three points and later by nine in league play.

On the men's side, three teams from the Southern region were ranked in the most recent poll. League-leader Mt. Hood is ranked fourth, with Chemeketa four votes behind in fifth-place. Clackamas rounds out the poll in the eighth spot.

Titans battle for league championship

Narrow losses early in the season help motivate Titans to repeat last season's championship.

Shawn Miller
Sports Editor

A confident Titan team heads into the final stretch of league play with an 8-2 league record and 17-5 overall. Tied for second-place with Chemeketa Community College, one

Women's Basketball

game out of first, the Titans host Chemeketa on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 4 p.m.

In a crucial game to establish a hold on third place, the Titans traveled for a match-up with Linn-Benton Community College (Feb. 4). The contest started with a slow-paced first-half, as the Titans led by seven going into the break.

Early in the second half, LCC established a solid lead and maintained, never letting Linn-Benton close within one basket. In the closing minutes, Linn-Benton had to foul to try to get back into the game. The Titans made their free throws and that is where the



Photo by Sean Hoffman

Point Guard Domonique King goes in for an easy shot during the Saturday, Feb. 7 game against Mt Hood. King finished with 15 points, 11 steals and five assists.

biggest discrepancy came, free throws, making 16. "That gave us a little cushion," said Head Coach Greg

Sheley. "The fact that we played them twice before - to beat a team three times in a year is pretty tough, especially when the last one was on their court."

Freshman Domonique King scored 19, dished five assists and added five steals. Sophomore Kailee Short had 13 points, including 7-8 from the free throw line. Sophomore Chelsey Brock had 11; also shooting 7-8 from the charity stripe and freshman Ashley Sequeira scored 10.

Following the significant win, the Titans played host to Mt. Hood Community College (Feb. 7). This game was a tale of two halves, as LCC didn't execute and went into the half trailing by seven.

However, the second half was filled with an array of Mt. Hood turnovers and Titan fast breaks. LCC used a 37-19 edge in fast break points to outscore Mt. Hood by 25 in the second-half and roll to a 90-72 win.

"We came out and really clamped down defensively," said Sheley. "We made a few adjustments. It was nice to see the kids re-group."

Brock scored a season high 33 points to pace the Titans and nearly recorded a triple-double, falling one assist and one steal shy of the coveted mark. King added 15 points, 11 steals and five assists. Short had 14 points and 11 rebounds and sophomore Jennifer Bell added 14 points.

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Messages

Volunteers are needed to fill vacant seats on the ASLCC Election Board. If interested, contact Rustie Redmon at 463-5335 or come by the ASLCC offices.

ASLCC, Your student government has extended it's deadline to apply for student senator and the judiciary board. Deadline to apply is Friday, Feb. 13 at 5 p.m. Pick up an application in Bldg. 1, Room 210.

Events

Ski & Snowboard trip to Willamette Pass Feb. 28. See Brent in Rec. Sports or Colby Bldg. 1 / 210B for details. Inexpensive Group rates!

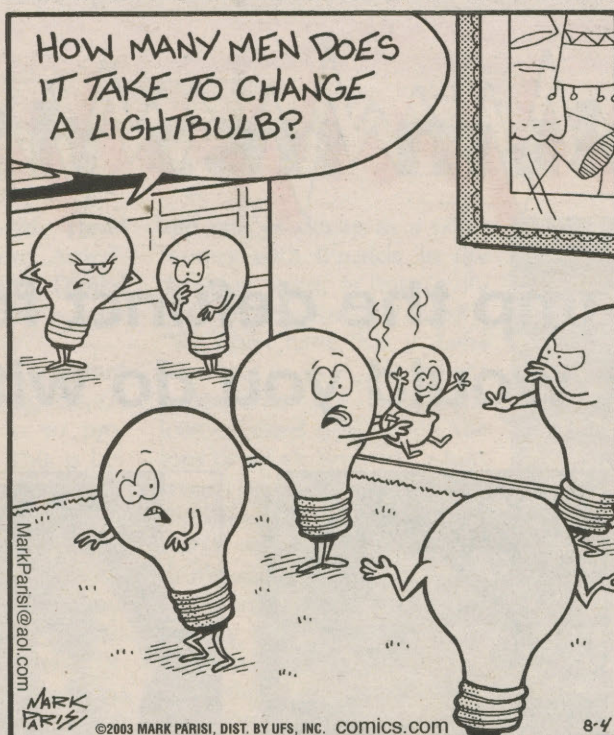
New Day & Time: International Tea & Chat is now Fridays, 12-2 p.m. All are welcome to come! Bldg 1 / Rm.206

ASLCC is seeking qualified candidates to represent Lane Students at The USSA 2004, LEG-CON. Each person interested in attending must have a 250 word essay on why they should be chosen to attend. The essays will be reviewed by three impartial judges. Any additional club or organization support such as additional funding will be considered. Please visit Bldg. 1, room 210 for further information. The last date for submitting applications and essays is Monday, February 16, by 3 p.m.

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by Mark Parisi

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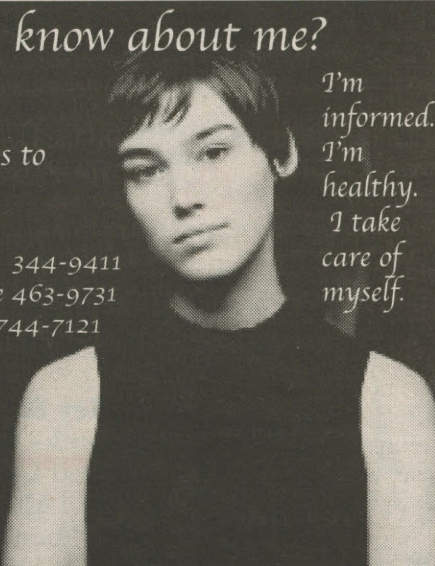
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healthy.
I take
care of
myself.

BACK PAGE

The Pulse

LCC is planning to revamp the defunct fountain outside the PE building. What would you do with that space?



Ashlee Heinecke
Pre-med

It looks like there's supposed to be water in it, but a garden would be nice.



Jesse Howard
Fitness

I would build a skate park with half pipes and ramps.



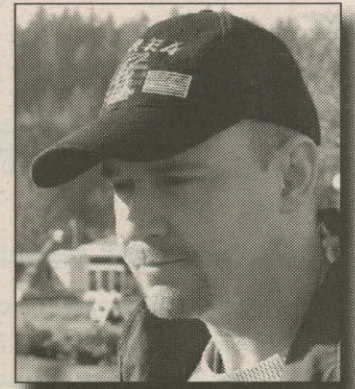
Shanara Lenox
Fitness Specialist/
Dance

I would turn it into an outdoor dance performance area.



Amy Eisenstein
Undeclared

I think we should build an indoor dance club with a dome ceiling, strobe lights and a cage.



Frank Uhl
Future Student

I would do the same thing, put some water in there, clean it up. Turn it back into a fountain.

Compiled by Sean Hoffman, photos by Megan Wilson

Lushious Love muffin: Let's get busy with some muffin making.
Truly hungry,
~A

To my Rock Hunter Extraordinaire,
Let's go find us some more bones.
LOVE, Your hunny bunny

Hey Handsome,
Thanks for all your
Love and Understanding!
Always,
"Tiny" bendable buddy

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Meathead,
I love you more with each passing
day. Happy cupid day!
Love Schnookums

Jare Bear-
In the words of my favorite
seasonal candy:
"It's Love" so "Kiss Me!"
-Snook



Sara,
I love you, my honey bunches
of oats. Here's to the second
of many Valentine's Days
together. Love you forever,
Gabe

Can you believe it's been 4 years??
From stairway descent to endless couch
stares. Let's expand the Parameters.
Ha ha, I love you.

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I love all Torch staffers who know
and use AP style.
Frank

Happy Valentine's Day sweetie! You're
the husband of all my wildest dreams,
you sexy thing you. Smoooooch!
Love, Liz

Colby,
Even though you chew up all our stuff, we
wouldn't trade your furry little face and floppy
ear for even the best behaved dog. We love you
Sweet Pea, and we'll miss you on Valentine's
Day! Be good to Megan.
Love, Mommy and Daddy

Hugh
Until you send me away...
You are my Valentine.
Maria

To my best clubin' partner,
Missin' you dearly.
Can't wait for your return!
~Spirit chaser~

B & V
Happy Valentine's
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