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## Advance registration blues

*New policies on past-due accounts cause confusion and leave some students without classes.*

**Travis D. Roderick**  
News Editor

Advance registration is normally a way to reward students with a sense of direction about their college aspirations by giving them a 'first shot' at the classes essential to their education. Due to a change in procedures and computer programs used by Lane Community College, however, things did not go so smoothly for 803 students who pre-registered for spring term but were subsequently dropped from their classes.

Those 803 students were dropped because they owed money to the college and because LCC, like most colleges, has a policy of refusing to allow students to register if there is a past-due balance on their account. This has been an LCC policy for a number of years, but part of the confusion this term stemmed from the college's switch from CoCo to Banner as its administrative computer software.

"Because of the new system, unlike the old, we didn't have to have a confirmation process where [students] had to go in and confirm their classes," said Helen Garrett, director of enrollment ser-



Illustration by Colette Lazinski & Noah Rademacher

vices for the college.

"In the old ClassLine system, if students [owed money on] a bill they would be told, 'you can't confirm your classes because you owe an outstanding amount,'" she added. The current ExpressLane registration utilized by Banner has no such confirmation procedure.

Another problem arose from a change the college made in how it handles its

past-due accounts. As opposed to the older method of giving delinquent accounts up to six months before turning them over to a collection agency, LCC now operates like most businesses and uses a '30-60-90' schedule. This means that past-due accounts are turned over to a collection agency once they reach 30 days past due and are tracked on how many months they continue to remain delinquent.

"It suddenly occurred to us, and it was an error just as we were trying to implement two different parts of the system, that if we didn't purge registration [of past-due accounts], we were going to send students to a collection agency who were sitting in winter term classes," said Garrett. "You can't be [taking classes] and be at collections [at the same time]."

"There's another change in practice that once your account has been sent to collections, you cannot pay the bill here," Garrett continued. "It takes 6-8 weeks for the funds to come from a collection agency. So my phone is ringing right now with students just now realizing that they can't walk up to us and pay past debt."

Garrett said that the original list of past-due accounts comprised 1073 students but that she made the decision to shorten it by allowing a 'grace amount.' "I took the list home and compared it against people who were waiting for a refund request; I looked for students who might have had special circumstances. I literally went through every name to do an analysis," she said.

"Then I sorted it by what they owed. We used to have a \$25 threshold. That is, if a student owed less than \$25 we let them register anyway. We don't have it anymore because [now] we have to send everybody [with delinquent accounts] to collections. When I saw that I had [almost

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## LCC reaches out with Business After Hours

*Outreach program allows community to explore what LCC has to offer.*

**Erik Olin & Travis D. Roderick**  
Staff writers

Lane Community College's Business Development Center is trying a new method of reaching out to the local community this year.

"Business after Hours," an event that gives local community and business members the opportunity to sample the array of courses LCC has to offer, will be held Thursday, April 29 from 5-7 p.m. in the Center for Meeting and Learning, Rooms 102-104.

The theme is, "Transforming Learning: How Can Lane Help You?" The idea is to highlight the focus of individual departments using demonstrations, music, objects or visual displays that convey the excitement of learning.

"It's an opportunity for LCC to let the [local] business community know what's happening at LCC," said Business Development coordinator Deborah Reedal. "It's a networking opportunity," she said.

The Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors similar after-hours events once a month at different Chamber member venues. This past year's locations have included the Hult Center, Copytronix and Wild Duck Brewery, among others.

Dave Hauser, President of the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce, said the Chamber talked about new locations to hold the event and LCC came to mind.

"We initially approached the college last year, but they said that the timing wasn't right for them since [the Center for Meeting and Learning] was new and not quite ready," said Hauser.

The Chamber hopes to give the college's individual departments a chance to show the business community what their

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Photo by Megan Wilson

New men's basketball Head Coach Matt Swagerty made a trip up from Aptos, Calif. on April 14 to observe and meet his new team. He will finish the school year in California before joining the Titans in the fall.

## New men's hoop coach hired

**Shawn Miller**  
Sports Editor

It's official. After two days ducking questions about naming a new men's basketball head coach, the athletic department has confirmed Matt Swagerty as the fourth head coach in 30 years at LCC.

Swagerty comes to Lane from Cabrillo College in Aptos, Calif., where he served as an assistant coach for the last year.

Swagerty played three seasons at Western Washington University (1990-93) and earned his bachelors and masters degrees in physical educa-

tion. The next three seasons were spent as head assistant coach at WWU (1994-96).

Since leaving WWU, Swagerty has coached at Azusa College (1997) in Pasadena, Calif., Bethany College (1998) in Scotts Valley, Calif., Aptos High School (1999-2003) and

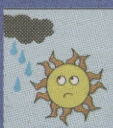
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### WEEKEND WEATHER

Mostly Cloudy  
chance of  
showers  
60/40



Partly Cloudy  
chance of  
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### Coming soon:

Committee established to arbitrate traffic citations



# OPINION

## Money should not be an end in itself

Many people will graduate from LCC at the end of this term. From here they will go any number of places — the job market, a four-year college or even back here to get another degree or certification.

In periods of transition, people have to make many difficult decisions. With those in this position, I would like to share something I've learned in my short time on earth: If at all possible, never do anything just for the money.

This seems simple. To some it seems naïve. To others it seems obvious. But whatever your first reaction to this statement, please stick with me as I explain why this statement is not as simple as it may seem.

First of all, I am a true-blue capitalist. I love the free market. I love business and economics so much that I recently subscribed to the Wall Street Journal even though I don't own a single share of stock

(I'm thinking about getting into it, though). On top of that, my favorite TV show is Donald Trump's The Apprentice.

I believe money is a powerful motivator. People will do incredible things in pursuit of money.

Examples of people going to the negative extreme in pursuit of money are plentiful. However, I believe that if properly channeled and regulated, the desire to earn money can be a powerful force for good in our society.

I say this not to get into a debate about any of the political issues regarding the role of the free market in our society but rather to set myself up as someone who understands and appreciates the positive power of money. I know money, I appreciate money and I believe in money.



**MONEY,  
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MONEY.**

**Gabe Bradley**  
Columnist

And yet still I say: If at all possible, never do anything just for the money.

Money is an emotional subject for many people. Money represents security in our

current lifestyles as well as our hopes and fears for our futures. But for many, there is a point where money be-

comes an end in itself. Money is then sought for its own sake and these people lose sight of their priorities in life. It is emotionally and spiritually devastating to live without a clear sense of purpose and a definite set of priorities.

There's nothing wrong with pursuing money, but we must always remember what money represents for us and why we're pursuing it. We should never let money or the emotions surrounding it control

our lives. We must control our feelings about money, be they positive or negative, lest they control us.

Never underestimate yourself or sell yourself short. Living and working without a sense of purpose can make you feel trapped. If you feel trapped in your current job or path of study, it's never too late to make a positive change in your life. That's the reason that many of us are here in the first place — to gain the skills and experience we need to make positive changes in our lives.

If you have a determination to improve yourself, there are few, if any limits, to the positive changes you can make in your life. For many of us, this means we need to take responsibility and initiative for this change — being willing to pick up where school leaves off or is inadequate.

Times are tough and many people are pursuing money just

to survive. Survival is important, no doubt. But if we are living to work and working to live, we're not leading much of a life. Even those of us who are barely making enough to get by still need to subordinate our needs for money to a sense of purpose and a set of priorities in our lives.

If we're working where we work in order to feed our kids, that's great! But we need to keep that purpose in mind when making decisions. Only in remembering our purpose will we find meaning. And that is the first step to finding a lasting joy in our jobs, investments and business ventures.

So I say again: If at all possible, never do anything just for the money. Instead, do something because it is in accordance with your personal sense of purpose and set of priorities. Use money as a means, not an end. Trust me, you'll be happier.

## Athletics vital to education

Not every student is driven by academics. Other interests often bring students to college. This is a story about one young athlete, but it could be one young music major, drama student, or auto mechanic.

This young man needed direction and some reason to keep him motivated to go to school. Baseball is his passion and after having some success in high school, he had some physical setbacks — a broken leg and broken wrist. He lost a critical year and was discouraged. This fall he was able to try out for the LCC baseball team. He made the team and his joy in being a part of a successful team is evident. His grades have improved dramatically.

This story is typical of how athletics and school activities

help young people feel like a part of a team and keep them happy and motivated to succeed in school.

This story is no longer going to be possible for many young people at LCC. Because of budget cuts, volleyball and baseball will be eliminated at the end of this year.

I am writing about how important baseball is, but imagine if other LCC programs were to become jeopardized in the future.

Not just varsity athletes should be able to compete in sports at LCC. Team sports, competition, and social interaction should be available to other students as well. The campus has a softball field, soccer fields, and tennis courts. Why not use these facilities for recreational sports for students? One of the major problems in our country

today is the cost of health care. We all need to be concerned with wellness and staying fit. A healthy mixture of academics and physical activity would benefit many LCC students.

As a community member, I support Lane Community College. It is a vital educational institution in the Eugene/Springfield area. My hope is that it will continue to be a place for students to grow socially, mentally, and physically. There is no other place in Eugene for young men to participate in college level baseball. I am working diligently to gather community support for all athletics at LCC.

In May the LCC student body will have the opportunity to vote for a \$5 fee increase to maintain athletics and increase recreational sports for the entire student body. This is your chance to do a healthy thing for Lane Community College.

### GUEST COMMENTARY

**Dean Hansen**  
Eugene

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### Bill of Rights

The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."*

Enjoy it while it lasts!

*"Were it left up to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter"*

— Thoman Jefferson

## Letters to the Editor

### Bringing awareness through silence

Do you know what it is like to be afraid to voice your opinion? Afraid to let others know whom you really are for fear of repercussions (being fired from your job, getting beaten up or having your family turn you away)? Have you faced eminent danger because of your sexual orientation? If you don't know how it feels, then National Day of Silence will give you a chance to feel what millions of people feel everyday. Being silent not only allows you to

feel how someone who is being oppressed feel, but it also allows others to see what they are missing when they oppress others so that they can't speak out.

In order to stop the silence we must all come together and fight for equal rights and opportunities for everybody. On April 21, join in on the crusade to break the silence. Stop by the Queer Straight Alliance's table in the cafeteria to show your support and learn about ways you can help make a difference.

**Elizabeth A. Rosso**

President, Queer Straight Alliance

## Partying sober with 7UP

Whether it takes a few months or it takes a few more years, the cafeteria food prices won't go down. I've got no hope left. Please and thank you.

My classical music woman tears up and my new classical music woman cries real tears as a man goes out on a dinner date.

In a cartoon, I have pink spaghetti hair and smaller hairs on my back.

During ladies' night out, some women go out and drink lots of pop in a bar. They see a man walk on the table and they all go crazy. They go out on a date and have a good time.



**MACK  
WORLD**

**John Mackwood**  
Columnist

In a cartoon, April showers bring Liz Mayflowers. Drink please 7UP pop.

It takes a lot of artwork to make a man's body hair look good.

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.

## THE TORCH

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## NEWS

GET TO KNOW

Jim Garcia

Jim Garcia is the Diversity Coordinator for LCC.

Garcia has recently received a human rights award for his service to the community.

Travis D. Roderick  
News Editor**THE TORCH:** Tell us what your role consists of here at LCC.

**JIM GARCIA:** I serve as the Diversity Coordinator here in the office of Human Services, and part of my responsibilities is to have a bird's-eye view of diversity efforts from an institutional framework. That would encompass where students are, where staff is and where community relations are in terms of diversity in respect to this campus.

The diversity plan has been a major part of my position here, just making sure that lines of communication are clear, offering

assistance to student groups as they engage in conferences or their activities. I do a lot

with diversity training, consulting with some of the departments here about how they can best be more inclusive in their service delivery. So I've done a lot of networking with folks in this community in regards to diversity training.

This position appealed to me because I'd heard about the work environment that [LCC] had here. I usually have worked with students either as a classroom instructor or student service professional and so this experience here is more in line with working with staff or an institutional viewpoint. So it's been an interesting experience for me.

**TORCH:** You've just been awarded the Human Rights Leadership Award by the Springfield Alliance for Equality and Respect (SAFER). Congratulations. How do you feel about being recognized publicly for your participation in and contributions to the Latino/Hispanic community?

**GARCIA:** I felt really honored because it was a big surprise. It just feels good to be recognized, in the sense to know that I'm doing something right because I don't know that unless people tell me.

The award was very special to me because the quality of the individuals who are part of SAFER. They're very quality and genuine folks who are doing the right thing. Also, the award is trying to highlight folks who have similar qualities or a similar vision to what Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks and Cesar Chavez had, so that was especially rewarding for me.

**TORCH:** You're very involved with local community groups, particularly with the youth, including Ganas, Mecha, helping with productions of Los Vendidos, etc. Why do you feel that such community outreach is so important? How do you recommend others get involved?

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Jim Garcia  
Diversity Coordinator

**GARCIA:** I have always tried in my professional career to create opportunities, or tried to bring awareness to folks on campus, about meeting the needs of students who are underrepresented or first-generation college students. Coming to LCC, it's an open-access college with a lot more support, services and programs that the community is better able to take advantage of. Not necessarily because of who they are, but due to the fact that the K-12 system is not serving all students. I see a desire from a lot of Latino students who want to go to college, but these kids are not being given the tools and if anything they're being dissuaded, they're being discouraged from attending a four-year university. Community colleges really play an important role in providing access [to college]. It's really helped me as a personal and professional goal to provide access to those students that have been excluded for various reasons.

**TORCH:** How do you feel about the 4J school board's initial hesitation about and eventual decision to name the Southside school after Cesar Chavez?

**GARCIA:** It's really interest-

ing because the community advocates were trying to say that it would be great to have a school named after Cesar Chavez for diversity's sake. All the schools are named after white males. The initial response from the board was, even though they saw community presence and support for the idea, that Chavez wasn't going to be on their list [of potential names]. That spoke to the very issue that we're trying to bring up about multicultural education. The board wasn't aware of who Cesar Chavez was. It wasn't a bad intent on the part of the school board to discriminate or be racist, but it was a matter of their limited education in terms of European-American experiences.

**TORCH:** Lane County, despite its reputation of acceptance for diversity, is still roughly 90 percent Caucasian.

There is, however, a rising number of Latino immigrants to the area. What problems do you feel minorities in general, but particularly Latino Americans, face here, and how can they be overcome?

**GARCIA:** Bottom line, it's the European-American folks who are still in positions of power. A lot of us are so involved in day-to-day direct service delivery to Latino folks, but very few of us are in those positions of power to make decisions saying, 'yes, we should make them more inclusive.' I really value the leadership at this campus because there's a vision of inclusiveness and recognition that the leaders have the power to make changes. That's what we're doing. We're addressing cultural assumptions. Eugeneans are aware of the limitations of their service delivery. Now the next step is for them to make the decision to make the leadership be more inclusive.

**TORCH:** You have also worked in various roles at numerous other colleges in the state, including UO, PSU, OSU and Chemeketa CC. What issues have you seen college-wide that you think tend to re-

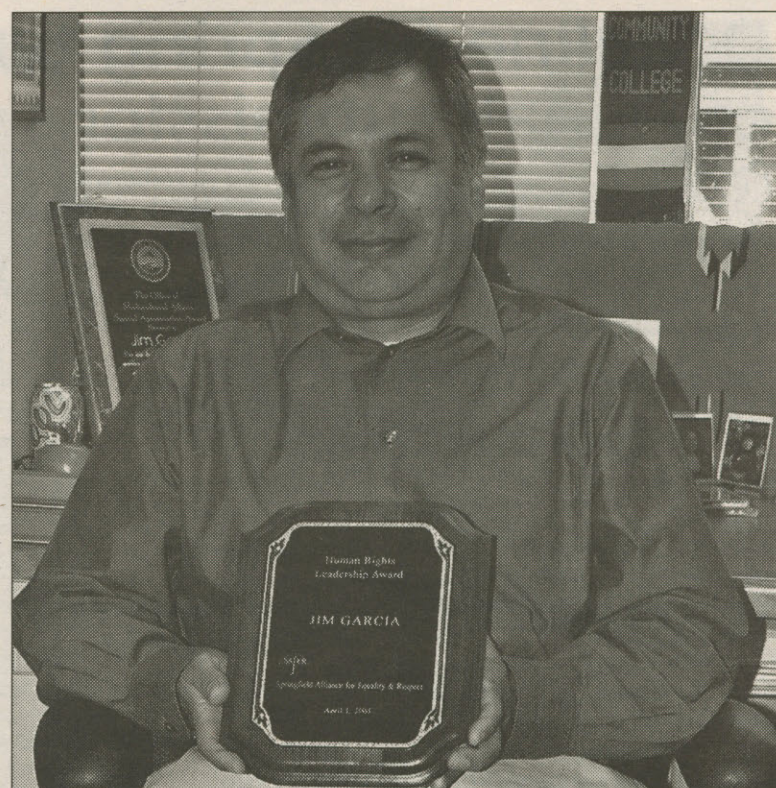


Photo by Megan Wilson

For his dedication to helping students and the community, LCC Diversity Coordinator Jim Garcia was recently presented with a human rights award.

flect cultural or generational biases that need to be overcome?

**GARCIA:** I teach part-time for Portland State University in the Chicano studies program, and what I've noticed is that there's always an interest on the part of all students, not just Latino students, to know about Chicano studies because they've never had this information in their K-12 schooling. As I was an academic adviser at UO, I worked with [Latino] students who were leaders, who were recipients of scholarships, but never had a chance to explore their ethnic identity or know their own history. Or if they did, they didn't feel that they should be bicultural individuals. There's a need that students themselves are showing, and in the workplace too. There's a need to have culturally competent folks, that's all there is to it. Not only people who can speak more than one language, but people who are capable of encountering difference on a positive level. I think there's a big need for K-12 educators, or anyone in education, to be really aware about their own assumptions about people and to be engaged in learning.

**TORCH:** You mentioned a lack of knowledge or comfortability some American Latinos might have with recognizing their own culture or history. Do you feel that the Latino community is slightly behind other cultures in that respect, for example the African-American community? Do you see any changes happening in that view?

**GARCIA:** I take it from the framework that the Hispanic community has always been here, and it's just a matter of those people with the power to initiate changes to ac-

knowledge that. The Hispanic community is not waking up; we've always been here. But we have to recognize that there are power dynamics in our society and there are gatekeepers. We're trying to address those gatekeepers and say 'Include the Latino community as part of what we view as Americans. Include the Latino community as part of what we see as LCC students or staff.'

**TORCH:** How does LCC rate compared to these other colleges and what particular issues do you think LCC will need to address in the future?

**GARCIA:** I think LCC is doing a better job than most institutions in the valley, even on a national level. Given the demographics of this community, which is predominantly white, we still have an acknowledgement and an awareness that we are to provide programming not based on [racial demographics], but based on [a commitment to diversity]. We have the Rites of Passage program, we have an outstanding women's program, we have the multicultural center, we have an ethnic studies coordinator, we have a diversity team. When you look at the other community colleges, they really don't have any of that. I think there's a recognition that we're doing a number of things, and a recognition by the [college administration] that we need to do more things. We're not going to just rest on our laurels. Not just for diversity's sake, but because this is what LCC should be about.

Do you want to get to know someone making news on campus? Make suggestions to the Torch at [torch@lanecc.edu](mailto:torch@lanecc.edu) or by calling 463-5657.



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Deadline for Spring term edition of Denali submissions draws near

*LCC art students have the opportunity to compete for space on LTD busses.*

In the fall of 1978, LCC's art and writing communities collided violently, never to be the same again. Such was the genesis of LCC's literary arts journal, Denali. This first Denali had a cover price of one dollar, a tradition that has not followed our beloved publication into more modern times.

Tana Gardner, a student of the fine photographic arts, declares Denali the "object of [her] affection" and desires nothing less than to "sink [her] teeth into its ripe flesh." However, in order for her to have that opportunity, there must first be submissions, which can be provided by both LCC's student body and residents spanning the whole of Lane County. The deadline for submissions for spring term is April 20 or 4/20.

Denali editor Jayce Barnhart insists that there is nothing implicit in the choice of deadline. "It's funny," he says. "It's just the kind of thing that sticks in people's minds for some reason."

But why submit? Recognition would be the most obvious answer, but that isn't all. There is a certain beauty in putting the proverbial "blood, sweat and tears" into your art — written or

otherwise — and watching it come to fruition. Think years in the future. Maybe you haven't had five anthologies published or an exhibit at the Guggenheim, but you said something, it meant something and people saw it. That's where Denali comes in. Denali makes it possible to broadcast your creativity to a wide range of people throughout Lane County and colleges across the nation, which is always a possible springboard for further publication. Granted, this doesn't happen with astonishing regularity, but if you wrote it, drew it, painted it, or took a picture of it, there's always that chance. And all it takes is a couple of minutes and a pen.

### GUEST COMMENTARY

**Ryan McGill**  
Denali

Denali, partnering with Obie Media, is also sponsoring a fine prospect for getting wider recognition in the community. In an arrangement with Lane Transit District to provide artful scenery in their buses, Denali and Obie Media are promoting a contest open to all LCC art students. Submissions must be 11"x17", landscape-aligned, and may be any form of printable art: paintings, drawings, photographs, et cetera.

Denali is available free to students at various locations across campus. For more information about Denali or the LTD contest, contact Barnhart at 463-5897 or stop by the Denali office, Building 18, Room 213.

## A&E Calendar

**April 15**

**Artist Lecture:** Mineo Shimada and Yoshiki Kawada, two Japanese sculptors participating in a cultural exchange program with LCC, will present a lecture from noon to 2 p.m. in Building 17 (Forum), Room 309. The lecture will focus on their work and the tradition of woodcarving in their hometown of Inami, Japan. Shimada and Kawada are currently working with students of art instructor Lee Imonen on a new sculpture for the LCC campus. The piece, to be installed at the end of the term in Moskus Square, will go in the currently dry fountain. For more information, contact Lee Imonen at 463-5412.

**April 16**

**Women's Center Video:** "Safer Love" deals with issues of safe sex and relationships. Begins at 1 p.m. in Building 1, Room 202. For more information contact the Women's Center at 463-5353.

**April 21**

**Multi-Cultural Center Video:** "Peace is Every Step" Building 1, Room 206. For more information contact Susan Matthews at 463-3245.

**Ongoing**

**MEM: Memory=Memorial/No.3 earth:** The exhibit features sculpture by Naomi Kasumi and will be on display in the LCC art gallery through April 22. The art gallery is located downstairs in Building 11. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact Mary Jo Workman at 463-5411.

## Earth Day Calendar of Events

**OSPIRG** will hold an Earth Day celebration on Thursday, April 22 from 11-4 in Bristow Square on the LCC main campus. The Green Chemistry club, Ecology club and Student Vote Coalition, among others, will have booths present to inform students on their various causes. Full details on speakers, vendors and entertainment were not available at press time.

**LCC Recycling Coordinator** Jennifer Hayward will conduct a waste audit of 1 day's worth of the college's garbage on Earth Day, Thursday, April 22, in Bristow Square. The purpose is to allow people to actually see how much garbage is generated on campus every day, which is close to 1 ton. Volunteers will be sorting out the trash and pulling out items that can be recycled or composted. For more information or to volunteer, call Jennifer Hayward at 463-5594.

**Earth Day Celebration 2004** will be held Saturday, April 17, 2004 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on West Broadway and Willamette Streets. Activities include:

A variety of non-profit, government, and commercial groups will host environmental and educational booths in the Earth Action arena. The booths will present information, hands-on activities, and demonstrations related to local and global issues. Earth-friendly products and services will be presented to educate the public on eco-sensitive practices and sustainable principles.

**The Worm Digest Booth** is returning this year with its fun-filled Children's Worm Bin Workshop! One hundred children will be invited to paint a small plywood worm bin, then shred and dampen newspaper for budding. Just before the kids are sent home, a brief, entertaining lesson

on worm care and feeding will be offered.

**Tour EPUD's Short Mountain Facility Plant,** where landfill gases that cause global warming are captured and turned into electricity! Plan on a one hour round-trip, which includes travel to and from Short Mountain, and an informational tour of the plant. LTD is sponsoring the bus service, and a bus will be leaving the downtown LTD Station at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

**The Procession of All Species** is an artistic celebration where participants honor all species of life on Earth. Anyone can join the Procession if they don a costume, mask, or other representation of their favorite plant, animal, ecosystem, or other natural wonder (but NO live animals, motorized vehicles or written signs). The Procession will begin at 2:00 p.m. departing at Broadway and Willamette. Face painting, mask and costume-making for the Procession will start at 11:00 a.m. on the west corner of Willamette and Broadway.

All this plus performances by the Café Ramblers, Sugarbeets and more! For more information on events and times, visit <http://www.eugeneevents.com/earthday/>.

**LTD Earth Day ride promotion-** LTD will run the entire bus system at 25 cents for each trip to encourage people to try public transportation in recognition of Earth Day on Thursday, April 22. Day passes will be available for \$1 (50 cents for reduced fare).

**Earth Day nature readings** - Share works by John Muir, William Stafford, Barry Lopez, Gary Snyder, Mary Oliver and other environmental writers, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mount Pisgah Arboretum. Free. 747-1504 for more information.

# THE TORCH

## is looking for

writers  
photographers  
artists  
designers  
editors

Stop by the Torch in Building 18, Room 218 every Monday at 2:15 for our general staff meeting, which is open to everyone. Or call us at 463-5655 or e-mail us at [torch@lanecc.edu](mailto:torch@lanecc.edu).



# SPORTS

## Titans one game out of first after split

LCC sweeps Chemeketa, splits with Clackamas.

**Shawn Miller**  
Sports Editor

Only two teams advance to the NWAACC playoffs from each region. The LCC baseball team has been bouncing around the top three spots since league play started and they find themselves in good position after the first NWAACC poll of the season was released on April 11.

The Titans were polled fourth (24 points), behind Columbia Basin (80 points), Edmonds (78 points) and Lower Columbia (49 votes). Mt. Hood, ranked sixth (14 points) was the only other Southern region program receiving votes.

LCC swept Chemeketa on April 10, by the scores of 7-1 and 6-2. Freshman Mike Bauman put together a complete game for the Titans in the first game and sophomore Jared Rascon won the second game.

One of the 10 Titan hits in the first game was a home run by freshman Tyler Brown that sealed the victory.

Tied with Mt. Hood and Linn-Benton for the lead, the Titans completed the first full circle of playing all of their Southern region foes when they faced Clackamas in their home opener on April 13.

In the first game, sophomore Garrett Stembridge took the mound for the Titans. Stembridge also took the challenge of shutting down Clackamas and did so with a complete game, giving up five runs on



Photo by Megan Wilson

Sophomore Cole Chapman pitched a perfect game for the Titans through 3 innings against Clackamas in the home opener on Apr. 13.

five hits.

Sophomore Donny Bradetich blasted a two-run double to the gap in left-center in the first to give the Titans a 2-1 lead. Clackamas tied the game in the fourth inning with a run on an error.

The Titans got five runs in the seventh to pull away with a 7-5 victory.

"We came through with some hits late in the game," said Head Coach Rob Strickland. "The momentum just fed through there."

The second game didn't turn out so well for the Titans. Sophomore

James Compo belted a three-run homer in the third inning to give Lane a 3-0 lead. However, that was most of the offense for the game. The Titans manufactured only four hits and were shut down the rest of the game. Clackamas evened the series with a 6-3 win.

"They [Clackamas] outplayed us in the second game," said Strickland. "They did everything they needed to do to win."

"We had chances early in the game that we didn't take care of. We can't afford to be playing one and one."



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Freshman Judith Barnett qualified for NWAACC championships in the shot put with a toss of 41' 2 1/2" at the Linfield Icebreaker held on March 6.

## Titans work on personal marks at UO mini meet

**Roland Ford**  
Staff writer

The LCC men's and women's track teams took advantage of a low key open meet on Saturday, April 10, at Hayward Field in Eugene.

The Titans continued to post solid marks as they draw closer to the Southern Region Championship Meet.

"This was a chance for us to compete on a great facility and we made the most of it," said Titan coach Hal Werner.

"However, these types of meets can be tough," Werner explained. "The athletes were forced to make extremely quick shifts between events."

"They had no time to mentally prepare themselves before each event," he added. "That always makes it hard for the athletes to perform at their best."

Despite the rushed format, LCC managed to finish the day with many notable marks.

Sophomore decathlete Cody Fleming continued to throw the discus with authority, placing first in the event with a mark of 143 feet. Fleming is expected to use the discus as a major point-getter for the Titans next month in the NWAACC Decathlon Championship.

Fleming also faired well in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.3 seconds. Miles Lehto, a decathlete as well, finished just ahead at 11.2. Titan sprinters Phil Alexander and Eric Dahl ran 10.7 and 10.9 second races respectively.

The Titan men, who might have the fastest group of sprinters in the NWAACC this year, also shined in the 200 meter race. Lehto's performance was, perhaps, the most impressive. He jumped near the top of the NWAACC standings with a time of 22.3 seconds.

Highlights for the Lady Titans were also plentiful. Thrower Judith Barnett showed improvement in the hammer, finishing second with a mark of 139'7". Barnett, currently atop the NWACC standings in the shot put, is working a new throwing technique which, Werner says, should make her more consistent. She used the 'rotary' technique Saturday and threw 38'10".

Kristen Brogden had a fabulous day for the Titans in the jumping events. She finished first in the triple jump with a personal best 34'4" and also placed first in the high jump with a mark of 55'4".

Other notables for the women were Monica Teeple, who ran the 400 meter race in 62.2 seconds and Mackenzie Winkle, who finished the 200 meter in 26.1. Stephanie Carter has a fine day as well. She ran an NWAACC best 18:57.7 in the 5000 meter race.

The Titans will try to add more names to the list of conference qualifiers as they head to Clackamas on Saturday, April 17.

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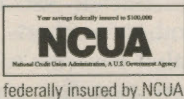
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Cabrillo, both located in Aptos, Calif.

"For the past couple of years I've coached high school basketball, I've missed college ball," said Swagerty. "I started to realize I really wanted to get into college coaching."

Swagerty was on campus to presumably ink his contract, visit with players and observe an unorganized shoot around on April 14.

Swagerty's boss at Cabrillo College, athletic director Dale Murray said, "He wanted to advance. He was here all of the time, worked well with the big guys and truly knows the game of basketball."

After a nationwide search and several interviews with five finalists, Swagerty was named head coach on April 14 ending a one-year interim contract for Ryan Orton.

Orton, who grew up in the area and left his lucrative job as an assistant coach at Spokane last summer for his "dream job" is frustrated by the decision.

"I left two great situations [Eastern Washington and Spokane] to come to what I thought was a great situation," said Orton. "This was my chance to come home and put my own stamp on a program with a pretty rich tradition."

"I question the leadership and decision-making in the administration."

Orton, whose team went 8-16 and barely missed the playoffs, would have liked more time at Lane.

"Let us bring in a recruiting class and give us a chance. For the circumstances we were dealt with, we did a great job."

The decision came down on April 1, but the athletic department wasn't fooling. Orton was on his way to the NCAA Final Four, when he answered his phone to hear what would amount to his not being re-hired.

"They [athletic department] told me there really wasn't a reason why they didn't hire me. They said he [Swagerty] had a better teaching lesson and more breath to his answers," said Orton. "To me, I just think that means he talked more."

Health, physical education and athletics department chairman Patrick Lanning, who was also a member of the search committee, said, "Not addressing any particular candidate, an interim has the benefit of knowing the mission, vision and values that the department is looking for."

"Typically, it comes down to the strengths that match the program," Lanning added.

Orton is not happy with the decision, but has decided to set an example.

"I practice what I preach. I told the

kids that the decision is like a bad call in a game. You can dwell on it or move on."

"I'm going to fulfill the contract that was given to me this year. After that I'll find a situation that is a positive one and one that will fulfill my coaching capacity."

Orton's prospects look good. He has been contacted by three NWAACC Southern region coaches that want him on their bench, but is looking to advance in a four-year school.

When asked if he would coach next year, Orton replied, "In some capacity. It's hard to say at what level."

"I will be very selective. I want to find a situation that will have some stability."

Freshman Justin Glover said, "When I first heard, it was tough to take. He [Orton] basically took me from a bad situation and gave me a second chance."

Fellow freshman Blake Krieg added, "It wasn't a fair decision, but life's not fair. We've just got to welcome the new coach with open arms."

While Orton is gone, he still wishes the team the best.

"The program is always going to be here. No one person is bigger than the program. I'm not the first [to go through this process] and I'll definitely not be the last."

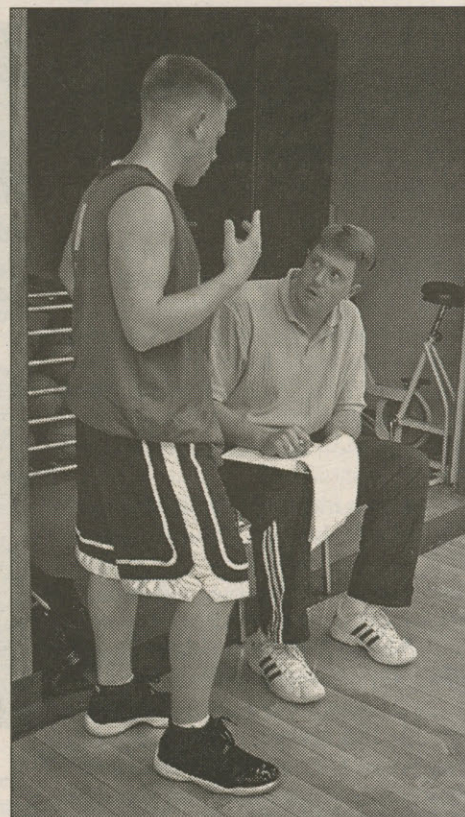


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Matt Swagerty goes to work immediately after his hiring was finalized. Swagerty observed an open gym with former players, returners and recruits.

## BUSINESS from page 1

programs consist of and how those programs might possibly benefit a company's workforce.

"We're providing an opportunity for businesses to explore the host's location and new facilities," said Hauser. "These are business-to-business network events, and [LCC was a] logical choice."

The participating LCC departments include Business Development, Lane Student Life & Leadership, Health & Physical Education, Lane Family Connections, the Workforce Network, Specialized Employment Services and radio station KLCC.

Business After Hours is the first event of its kind at LCC.

Reedal said students are welcome and encouraged to participate within their respective programs. While specific details are not yet available regarding each program's contribution to the event, it has been confirmed that culinary students are lined up to do the catering.

Reedal suggested other ideas for various programs to showcase their work: music students could perform a song; art students may display paintings for the event; or someone from Advanced Technology could bring in a motor for repair. Reedal feels the more dynamic the presentation, the more interest it is sure to garner.

"The more hands on, the better," she said.

Students interested in participating in Business After Hours should contact their department to find out if they have anything scheduled for the event and how they can get involved.

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300 people that owed less than \$25], I made a judgment that for this one time only I wasn't going to purge classes for people who owed less than \$25."

Garrett stresses that this was a one-time occurrence and that students with similar circumstances in the future shouldn't count on such an allowance.

Several students reported to the Torch that they received no advanced warning that they would be dropped from their classes.

Student Jon Hampton, for example, claims that not only did he receive no prior notification of his status, but that he was purged for owing only \$20. "I got a notification in the mail after it happened. I didn't really know what it was about," said Hampton.

Hampton said that when he reenrolled, he chose to take only those classes that were still open for registration so as to avoid the process of asking each instructor for an add slip. "I think they should send a warning out before they kick people out of class so that students have time to pay it and take care of the situation," he said.

Garrett disputes these claims, however, saying that students were given multiple opportunities to rectify their accounts prior to the drop period.

"A letter went out to [those 1073 students] who had already gotten into the process of advanced registration," she said. "It told them about having to pay their bill for winter term; furthermore, it told them that starting spring term, we were going to be doing this [purging the registration lists]."

Garrett also emphasizes that other methods were used to alert students to the new policy on past-due accounts and the penalties for not doing so. "We

missed the deadline to get this letter into the winter term class schedule, but we did put it in the spring term class schedule. But, again, it's possible that a student wouldn't think to go look in the class schedule."

"Because I was concerned that this message might not be getting out [to students] in the way that it was," continued Garrett. "For two months I ran an item [on ExpressLane] saying that if students did advanced registration but didn't pay their [past due] bill by midnight on March 9, their account would be purged. For two months I ran it here, trying to find a way to reach students."

Garrett feels that on the whole, the methods used were successful.

"There were 5273 people who participated in advanced registration, and 803 got dropped. Most of the people got the message," she said.

Garrett continued, "I [was still concerned that we were dropping] 800 people... That's why I sent [another letter] out to...739 people that still hadn't registered. I did that because I wanted students to still have the two weeks to get themselves back in classes. My greatest fear was that there were going to be 739 people that were going to show up on the first day of spring term and not know this had happened."

A number of students, like music major Dusty Locke, were purged from registration for owing money from fall term and were confused as to why none of this had happened during advance registration for winter term. In addition, Locke had received a check from financial aid winter term, indicating to him that his account was settled. Garrett had an explanation for this as well.

"Many students don't realize

it, but there's one part of financial aid that has to do with Title IV funds, which are funds that come from the federal government," she said. "Students have to tell us whether we're allowed to use those Title IV funds to pay non-institutional charges. If a student says, 'don't pay my bookstore charges, or my parking citation, or my library fine,' we can't. [For those students with that type of] past-due balance, we couldn't touch it; they told us we couldn't... Our hands were tied."

Spanish instructor Sylvie Matalon-Florendo said that while she had a few students affected by the purge, it didn't affect the Spanish program much since most students taking the spring term sequence are the same ones that took the winter term sequence.

"In second year Spanish, we had a couple people that this happened to," she said, "but because [the Spanish program] was committed to keeping them for the year, we were really flexible about taking people in who got bumped... It wasn't a problem for me because my class was small. I was able to give [those students] an add slip."

Garrett said that new policies are being instituted that will hopefully keep these problems from surfacing again, including a statement that students will have to sign with their adviser when they sign up for advance registration. By signing, the student agrees that he/she understands the advance registration process and that a past-due account will cause the student to be purged from registration.

"I am in this business because I am a student advocate," said Garrett. "The system may not [currently] be perfect, but we are trying our hardest to make it work for the student as well as the college."



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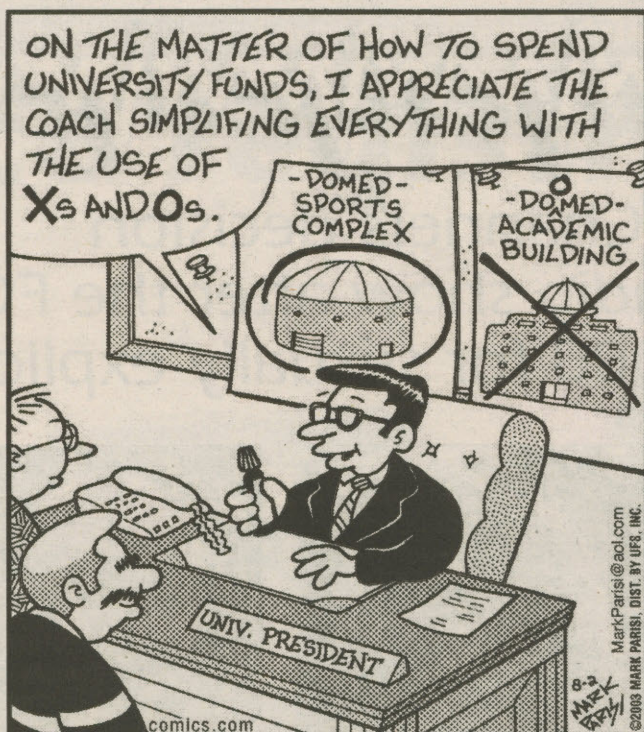
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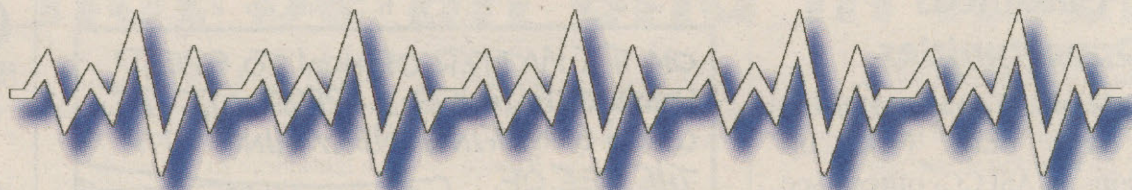
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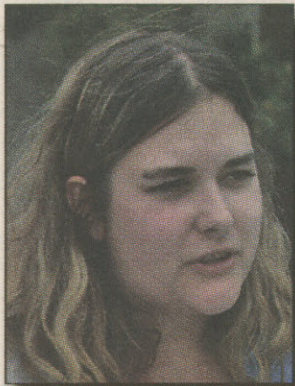


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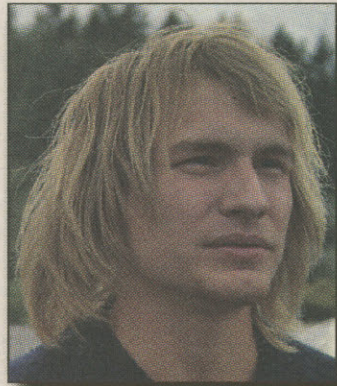
**Maleah Ashe**  
Theatre Arts

Everyone has a right to say what they want to say. I don't think they were right in dropping him.



**Amy Robillard**  
AAOT

I think he's funny and I'm kind of bummed they dropped him.



**David Hansen**  
Secondary Education

Traditionally I don't agree with Clear Channel policy. I don't feel they have the right to censor.



**Forrest Bailey**  
Chinese

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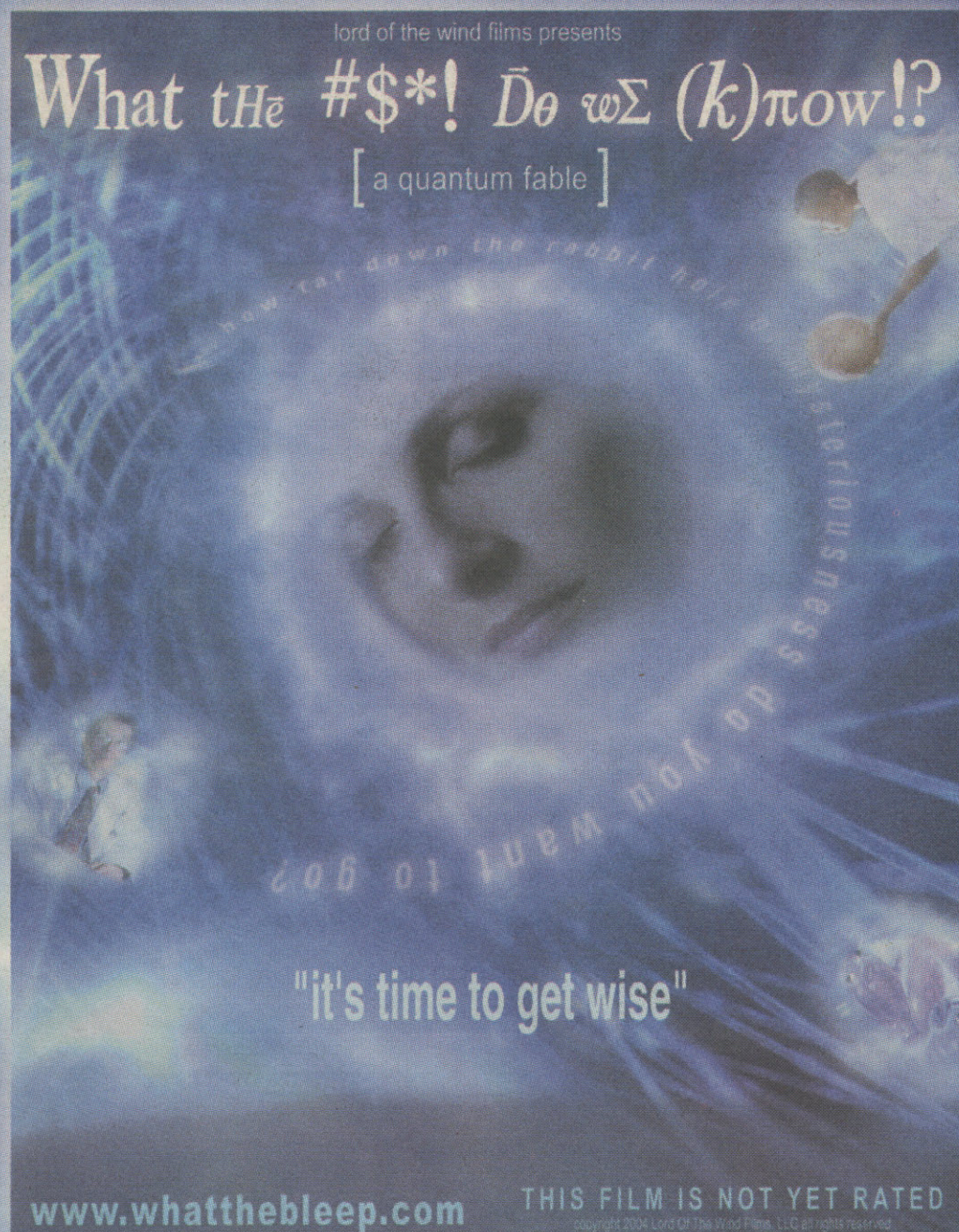


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