

ESL students on the move

Night classes will remain downtown while other classes in the ESL program will move to the main campus starting fall term, 2004.

By Elizabeth Kahl
Staff Writer

Lane Community College's English as a Second Language Program will be moving from the downtown campus to the main campus Fall term. This will bring an approximate 325 additional students to the main campus each term.

The move will only affect those students taking daytime classes. The ESL night classes will continue to be held at the downtown center.

One of the main reasons for this move, according to LCC Diversity Coordinator Jim Garcia, is that it will provide easier access to many important resources that ESL students currently have limited access to at the Downtown location. Garcia emphasizes that better facilities, a more extensive staff and a wider range of available classes

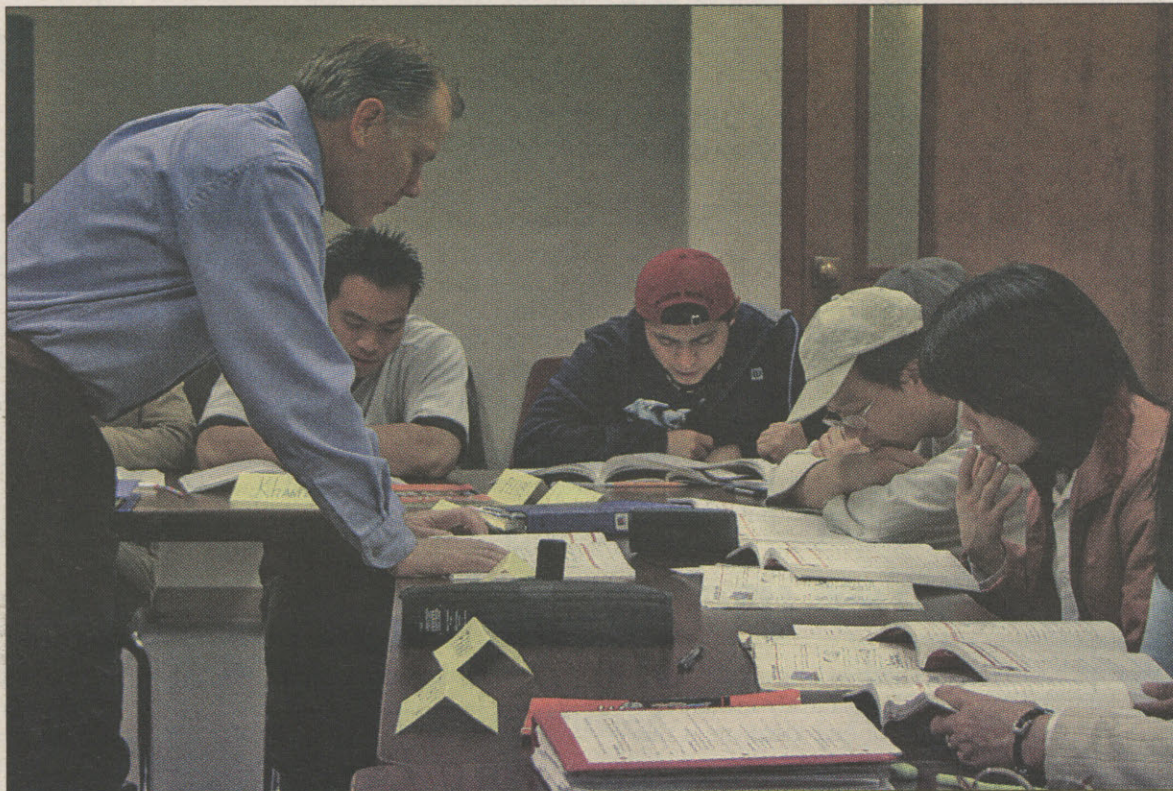


Photo by Megan Wilson

LCC instructor Norm Johnson helps ESL students complete their workbook assignment. Beginning Fall 2004, the daytime ESL program will be located on the main campus rather than the Downtown center.

will all be more available to the students making the move with the program.

One less-tangible benefit that administrators feel will be extremely helpful for the ESL student on main campus is the

everyday experience they will get on a campus filled with native English speakers. Spending more time around students who speak only English will hopefully help them learn the language as they hear it, said Garcia.

LCC's ESL program currently provides language-training classes for over 500 students a term. The majority of the students, nearly 75 percent, come from Hispanic backgrounds but the program includes students

from all over the world, including Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

Aside from the opportunities presented, however, Garcia noted that moving the students also presents a challenge. Part of this challenge, said Garcia, is trying to gauge whether or not the LCC main campus is ready to handle a community of predominantly non-English speakers.

Garcia also questions whether or not LCC will need more bilingual staff to be able to help the incoming influx of ESL students, and if so how many would be needed and where exactly they would be needed. Another issue is where the funding would come from for these additional staff in a time where college budgetary resources are scarce.

Despite the challenges, the program intends to press forward with its changes as scheduled. As Garcia put it, it will "enhance diversity" at the still "intensely segregated" LCC main campus. Having the non-English speakers around will give everyone on campus a chance to interact in a way they may have never experienced. And having students straight out of other countries will bring in an intensified cultural diversity.

Volunteers needed to help Camp Quality Oregon

Camp Quality lets young cancer patients become little buckaroos for a week

By Heather Serafin
Staff Writer

Camp Quality Oregon, a non-profit organization that offers a weeklong retreat for children who suffer from cancer, is currently seeking volunteers willing to be work at this year's summer camp. Internship credit may be possible for college students.

Camp Quality takes place this year July 25-31 at SKY Camp in Fall Creek, which is located southeast of Springfield.

Camp Quality Oregon is open to children between the ages of 5 and 17 years old who have been diagnosed with cancer. The only exception would be limitations set by a doctor. All campers are required to have a doctor's note in order to attend. Nurses are on staff at all times to give medication, but mostly they attend to the normal bumps and bruises that any camper may acquire.

The camp provides a one-on-one atmosphere that gives campers the opportunity to have their own experience within the boundaries of the camp's stated goals. "What makes our camp unique is it provides one companion for every camper who attends camp," said Kathryn Mogstad, camp development coordinator and volunteer recruiter.

The focus of the camp is not about cancer, said Mogstad, but about normalcy. The purpose is to give encouragement to the campers and to simply let them be kids.

Mogstad said that one important goal each summer is to allow campers to make new friends and to foster continuing relationships between the child and companion outside of camp. "It is good for the children and their families to have another source of support in case the child is hospitalized," said Mogstad.

Another goal is to help the campers rediscover their childhood. Mogstad said that many times the child's life outside camp can leave them feeling isolated.

According to Mogstad, the organizers' main focus right now is recruiting companions- forty volunteers are still needed

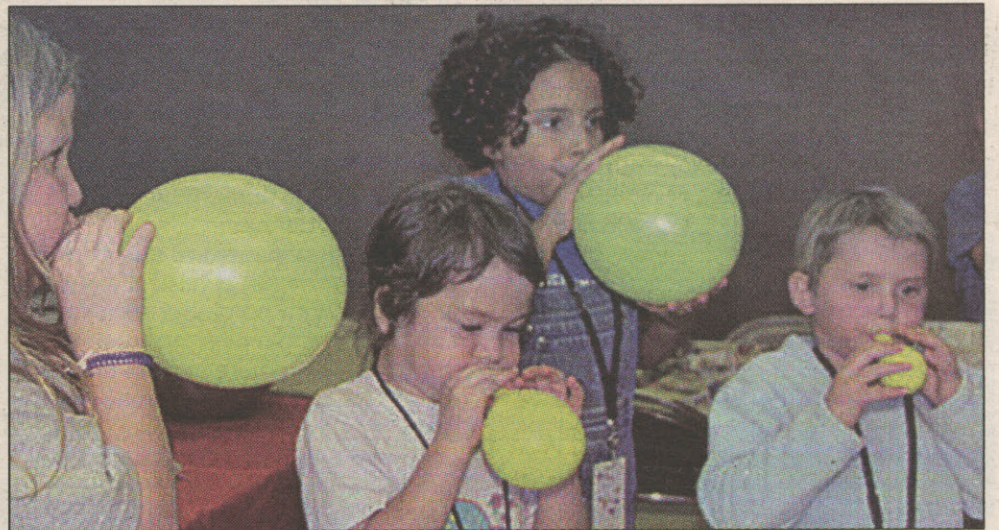


Photo courtesy of Gary Richardson

Campers participate in a craft session during last year's Camp Quality retreat. Forty volunteers are still needed for this year's camp, which takes place July 25-31 at SKY Camp in Fall Creek. More information about volunteering or internship credit can be obtained by calling 866-632-5278.

for this year's camp. The group is hoping to recruit college students to work at the camp as both companions and camp staff. Students who volunteer have the possibility of earning an internship credit as well.

Gary Richardson is the activities coordinator for Camp Quality Oregon and is in charge of keeping the campers entertained. Richardson became a volunteer last summer and said he fell in love with

it. "For one week of the summer, I get to be a kid," he said, stating that he knew he had to do it again.

Each year the camp adopts a new theme, with the 'Wild West' chosen as this summer's focus. Richardson said that the schedule will therefore include Native American dances and that he hopes to work with the Native American Stu-

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OPINION

Responsibilities must go hand in hand with rights

I hear an awful lot about rights. I see it on TV a lot; I see it around here a lot: people who whine about their rights being infringed upon. The part that really irks me is that a lot of the time people are complaining about rights they pretty much made up. The Constitution guarantees no one the right to a toilet. I checked. It guarantees no one the right to happiness. The pursuit is what we're guaranteed. Want a gun though? Help yourself.

It all adds up to people not taking responsibility for themselves, their actions and their lives. Who has to be responsible for themselves when the blame game is so much more convenient? Lamenting about fake rights, lost rights and rights that we should have

keeps people from action because it's always someone else's fault. It's the government's fault; it's the school's fault. It would be refreshing to just hear "It's my own fault."

Wouldn't we have a more proactive, positive society if we all would just stop blaming others for the things we want but don't have? At the risk of sounding like a 70-year-old man, the citizens of our country need to pull themselves up by their bootstraps and take some responsibility. That is when great things could happen.

Be responsible in choices and daily decisions. They all determine the rest of your life. If you make the wrong choice,

don't blame it on the easiest target. Also, take some responsibility for the welfare of others. Kindness goes a long way.

It's just greed and selfishness on every side. The rich who sacrifice their families for money are greedy, as are the poor people who curse them for being rich. The only difference is one has money and other doesn't.

Responsibility dictates that the poor do all they can to support their family, not think they can get by with no job bumping off the government and that they deserve rich peoples' money. The rich, on the other hand, have the responsibility to help those who are less fortunate

than themselves because it's the right thing to do.

It's all so simple. It's just based on the things our parents taught us when we were little – share, be nice, be responsible. Somehow as we grow up we let go of those things and yell "gimme" and cry when we don't get things.

I would love to see not a Bill of Rights, but a Bill of Responsibilities that would start out like this:

1. (Corresponds with Bill of Rights Amendment 1) I have the responsibility to let others practice their chosen religion whether I like it or not. I have the responsibility to let others say what they want and print what they want, whether or not I agree with it. I have the responsibility to let others

assemble for whatever reason they choose. I have the responsibility to deal with others petitioning the government about things that I disagree with, and I'll be nice about it. More importantly, I have the responsibility to choose wisely how I practice my religion so I don't unreasonably bother other people with it. I have the responsibility to carefully choose what I am going to say and print because words can be very powerful. I have the responsibility to assemble peacefully or not at all. I have the responsibility to determine the effects on all of society, not just myself, before petitioning the government.

So remember what your mom taught you — share, be nice and don't pinch.



JUST A THOUGHT

Liz Mayfield
Columnist

Big brother will educate us in the future

It's possible that new people will come in very soon. Every Wednesday there's free coffee at the Student Resource Center. Also, pay for your own food. The staff of the Torch paper will be back come next fall, 2004, thank you.



MACK WORLD

John Mackwood
Columnist

It's better to stay in Springfield all the time.

The world is going to be a lot more different in the year 2053. A barcode on your head will test your thinking skills to see if you can pass an educational test. If you have a very good memory after graduation you get a new barcode on your head. Down the road, people will say, "Yes." Study strategies will involve concentrating very hard. Doesn't everybody know?

In the future, with a barcode on your head the world will always change. There will be new goals in the future. They will be serious about school, career or progress. There will be a barcode on your head for your lifetime in the 21st century.

Some people in a very good mood use the barcode to keep on your head all the time. Doesn't everybody know? Take a month or a few number years for new goals on the world.

Always change in the 21st century, thank you. It's up to the state.

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.

Timber industry feeds Oregon families

I have sat here in this school and listened to more blatantly incorrect, bleeding heart liberal idealism at this school for way too long. I hear it daily from teachers and students that either don't know or are not willing to state the truth. They would rather subject their students and peers to their own political agendas. I am specifically referring to the letter to the editor for April 29 by Elizabeth Hope, Becky Evans and Takahashi Chikako. They heard someone tout an extremist agenda, which is in abundance in this place and spat it back to all of us in this newspaper. Can we please talk about the real facts that these people did not state? It's their apathetic posturing that is leading this school and state to the same terrible ideas we're constantly getting spoon-fed. These ideas have not been getting the job done in this state for years. Why would this year be any different?

Timber is what makes this state run. Without it, Oregon is basically dead and gone. With no timber then we have nothing. No jobs, no money for the state government and no tax base for the schools. Now everyone complains that the timber industry wants to cut down every tree. That is an absolute lie. According to the Northwest Forest Plan, 14 percent of the timber should be available for harvest. That's all. That leaves 86 percent for all to enjoy. Apparently for some people that isn't enough. Instead they would rather complain and put people out of work, so they make up false environmental crises like the spotted owl and the snowy plover. There has been absolutely no real proof that the spotted owl was ever in danger. If it can't now find a home in the remaining 86 percent of the forest then maybe Darwin

was right and natural selection is just taking hold.

Under the Northwest Forest Plan, a plan constructed by President Clinton, the timber industry in Oregon would be allowed to harvest about one billion board feet a year. Right now, because

of all of the additional regulations that have been heaped on, they are only harvesting a fraction of that, around 300 million board feet.

All the timber industry is asking is for the one billion feet they are guaranteed under the Clinton plan. Is that really too much to ask?

The 14 percent of the forest that timber is allowed to log is not being used all at once. It gets continually recycled. Timber is like any other crop. Once you cut it down you can replant it and come back to re-harvest it again in the future. That 14 percent of the land can be harvested continually for an unlimited amount of time, never running out of fresh logs to cut. This will never interfere with people taking walks, camping or fishing. There will always be plenty of forest land for all of that. Please get your facts straight before you try to force feed all of us your opinions.

Your loyal leader, Peter DeFazio, in all of this, has done nothing to protect the people of this state. While you are worried about saving trees, why don't you worry about saving a child. With all of the lies you have spread, let's talk about what shutting down the timber industry does to people in this state. Schools have less money. Oregon has the highest unemployment rate in the continental United States. There is a rampant drug problem across the state. Alcoholism, child abuse and spousal abuse are all skyrocketing. This is because of Mr. DeFazio and his

brand of lies have left people without jobs and has forced industries in the region to close down or relocate. If timber was up and running with just this 14 percent, then people would be working. More people working would mean more people back to work. Mr. DeFazio cannot do that because he is being bought by out of state environmentalists that don't understand our problems. He would rather see a tree saved; a tree that doesn't need saving, then a child fed.

Let's look at this from an economic point of view. If timber is creating jobs then companies that support timber and the rest of the community is growing. Every timber job creates roughly three non-timber jobs economically because timber salaries go to families, predominately. That means more jobs in this state across the board. This is how we need to strengthen our communities.

But thanks again to our lack of leadership from Mr. DeFazio, that isn't happening now. Our communities are falling apart because he is too beholden to environmentalist special interests to help the people he supposedly represents. Our forests are not going anywhere with President Bush's economic plans. He wants to get people back to work. He wants to work with people like Jim Feldkamp to renew Oregon and get the people back to work while saving its natural resources. Let's get rid of the man that is destroying our state and replace him with a congressman that will make Oregon great again – a place it hasn't been in a long time, with parents at work and children in great schools. So instead of spouting the same old stuff with no facts or information, do your research. And please stop worrying about petty issues and work to protect the most important endangered species: the employed Oregonian.

GUEST COMMENTARY

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OPINION

Alexie wastes grand opportunity

A captive audience sat awaiting the arrival of Sherman Alexie Wednesday, May 12 at Columbia Hall on the UO campus. Sherman, a successful author appeared about half an hour late but was well received by an anticipating crowd. It was standing room only to enjoy the Native American speaker.

Sherman dove into a Leno-esque monologue and began to present a racist delivery that bored me all the way back to Oklahoma. He raised a few points with the audience when he talked about the absurdity of homophobia and the stupidity of people who thought he was babysitting when he spent time with his own children. He even spoke briefly and powerfully of the sacredness of all things. However, this was not the main course of the meal. I have not read Sherman's books nor now do I think that I will, as I see no great message coming from Mr. Alexie.

There are so many immediate prob-

lems of concern to us in today's world, Native and universally Human. 'Ethnic cleansing' for a kinder word other than manifest destiny is still going on in America, today. Native people in this country are still being relocated from their homelands by this government in the name of corporate business issues. It is easy to check out. Just go to

Big Mountain or down to the Rio Puerto and see just how savage this country is to the first Americans. By the way, Natives indigenous to this land had no voice in the writing of the constitution. Do you think that Native Americans sent out messages around the globe inviting foreigners to populate and govern over their lands? Beg them come and take their sovereignty? Maybe I'm stupid but I don't even believe the Iraqis want this. Do you believe that the People of the Earth living here then wouldn't have fought down to the last man, the last mother, the last grandparent to stop the destruction we have wrought upon this

fertile land for the purpose of glutting the supra-rich? I daresay that largely those founding fathers would also have taken up arms against such a legacy to come of the debauchery to the country – to the planet. Wasn't it written, "when man goes against the laws of God and Nature, it is our duty to..."? I believe that as human beings, not only are so many of the things we are doing bad, but so much more to the point is the fact that we are doing so little to stop these things once we know of them. We all have a job to do. Firstly, that job is to wake up!

Whenever a speaker, such as Sherman, hits the podium I hope such issues as these come forth in the conversation. How many of us get the rare opportunity to address such an audience? Perhaps, if he did present these issues we would not find him so funny or so entertaining. Perhaps then he would not seem so interesting to a jaded society. I asked a young man of about nine years if he had enjoyed the talk. He laughed and said, "Yeah, I liked it when he

talked about people pooping." Is this what you want the coming generations to remember of you when they talk of Uncle Sherman? Perhaps when we learn to become responsible enough to demand of such speakers to share more of their experience and intelligence they will tell us more. Until then, it seems we will be glued to the tube and remain transfixed within the poisonous deceptions of the medium, raving over reality television and the perils of the divas.

Someone, years ago coined a phrase which states that "beauty is only skin deep." I believe this could not be further from the truth. True beauty resides in the heart from which all communication should flow. I hope to think that we soon will awaken to realize that the Great Creator made us all – all of us perfect. We have the ability to grow and to learn to be better no matter what our handicap. The potential is always there for spiritual evolution.

Yes, Sherman, all life is sacred and is deserving of respect. Even the spiders, the 'white people' and the 'skins.'

GUEST COMMENTARY

Light Dixon
LCC Student

Rios-Stull disqualification unfair

Lately student politics seem to resemble the voting practices of third world dictatorships. ASLCC has encouraged students in the past to vote and participate. Yet all the students that voted for the Rios and Stull campaign were robbed of their voices and choices. These candidates were disqualified at the last minute of their hard fought campaign because of alleged minor infractions, which other candidates were also guilty of. Yet the Rios and Stull ticket was the only one implicated. Is this justice or discrimination? And why at the last minute, leaving no time for their side of the story? Why was this based on alleged information, rather than proven facts?

This was influenced by the ASLCC judiciary board, a body not directly accountable to the students. But, it is directly appointed by the student senate, and they make decisions that effect our lives without our permission. We students finance this so-called student democracy with our mandatory student fees.

We have a right to the truth! We also have the right to know where, and how our money is being spent. We must protect the rights of students as well as the integrity of our campus.

So therefore I call for a full independent investigation and audit of the entire student gov-

ernment. After all deception, lies, discrimination and dirty politics have no place at LCC. The election winners Tony and Shauku are exceptional, intelligent, and gifted people; but so are Rios and Stull. Unfortunately, we will never know

GUEST COMMENTARY

Tom Bush
LCC Student

about their qualities since there are those in the ASLCC that simply do

not trust the wisdom of student voters. So what I'm wondering is how can we promote free Democratic elections elsewhere in the world, like Iraq, and yet deny them right here at LCC? At the very least Rios and Stull deserve an apology for the public humiliation they received.

Letters to the Editor

Failed athletics fee misunderstood

Although I do agree with the selection of the new officers for ASLCC next year, I was disappointed that the proposed athletics fee was shot down. I have been involved with the athletics committee for about a year and it becomes frustrating when I open The Torch on a regular basis to hear, what has become "the" phrase at Lane apparently... "I don't play sports...I don't want to pay for sports." Sometimes I want to ask about the other fees and whether or not students use them or not but still pay for them. What's sad is that the athletics fee wasn't just going to go to athletics but to family trips as well that is non-

athletic related. Who would of thought? Trips to the zoo, bowling, skiing, etc. are all included. These kinds of programs are a valuable asset to the campus. It gives the school a chance to hold family events that wouldn't normally get on a regular basis but without the money it's up in the air and it's extremely disappointing. I hope that by next year's elections at LCC, people will ask questions about proposed increases instead of making assumptions because many people could lose out on great opportunities they didn't know they could have because they thought "the" phrase. Hopefully, everything will work out.

Ryan Koch
LCC Student

Teachers need the upper hand

For more than 20 years, "lack of discipline" has been creeping toward the top of the list of challenges facing education. Now teachers in a national poll say the problem keeps getting worse because the balance of power has shifted, giving kids the upper hand.

Teachers feel isolated and at risk because overcrowded classrooms, permissive parents and cowardly administrators are allowing rebellious kids to turn classrooms into battle zones. More than three-quarters of teachers say students are quick to threaten that "my parents will sue!" when teachers try to rein them in. Nearly half say they have been accused of unfairly disciplining a student, and one-third have considered quitting or know colleagues who have left the profession because student misbehavior made their jobs intolerable.

The teachers lay much of the blame on parents — from overwhelmed, low-income parents who fail to provide the kinds of homes that foster respect and self-control to

arrogant, wealthy parents who bully teachers and intimidate principals when Junior is threatened with punishment. Fifty-five percent of teachers complain that school districts back down when teachers' decisions are challenged by angry parents.

But parents too, feel their hands are tied. Seventy percent of parents polled in the Public Agenda research group's survey said disrespect for au-

thority had become such a cultural norm that it undercut whatever lessons in civility they tried to instill at home. More than half complain that they are ineffective because "society has put too many limits on parents' rights to discipline their own children."

All students lose when an entire class is held hostage by a single disruptive individual. They and their teachers should not have to pay the price for a societal problem. Cutbacks in counselors and nurses, campus overcrowding and more "mainstreaming" of special ed students all have overburdened teachers. But the solutions the sur-

vey suggests — alternative schools for chronic cutups, changes in laws so as to limit parents' legal options, more zero-tolerance rules — deal with symptoms, not the problem.

Chronic misbehavior often masks fear of failure; the class clown might need help in math or reading, not a special school that confirms his failure. The parent of a child who misbehaves ought to be required to accompany Billy to class; that might embarrass the kid and educate Mom or Dad. Principals ought to walk the halls, visit classrooms and stay on top of discipline problems; their leadership sets the tone on campus. And teachers ought to help one another. Mentoring new teachers is essential, because there's only so much you can learn about classroom management in college.

These are difficult times behind classroom doors. Letting teachers know "we've got your back" would help shift the power back to where it belongs.

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DETAILED ASLCC ELECTION RESULTS FOR 2004/2005

A total of 773 Scantron ballots were cast, approximately 10 percent of eligible voters.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES: Tony McCown-Shauku White, 304; Jeremy Riel-Kevin Glenn, 211; Saul Rios-Shana Stull, 77; Sabina Davis-Harla Olson, 154. (Vote totals include write-ins.)

TREASURER: Adam Davis, 309; Ryan Koch, 341.

MULTICULTURAL AND CAMPUS EVENTS COORDINATOR: Elizabeth Rosso, 612.

SENATOR CANDIDATES: (10 senators needed for full senate): Joseph Bosch, 465; Moriah Demers, 459; Marcia Sexton, 463; Chika Takahashi, 484; Justin Tittelfitz, 468; Krystine Watkins, 466; Tom Casey; Sandin Riddle.

BALLOT MEASURE 11: Student Activity Fee for Athletics and Recreational Sports, \$5: Yes, 339; No, 348. Did not pass.

BALLOT MEASURE 12: Student Activity Fee for ASLCC Child Care Co-op, \$1: Yes, 449; No, 225. Passed.

BALLOT MEASURE 13: Student Activity Fee for Child Development Center, \$1: Yes, 453; No, 224. Passed.

BALLOT MEASURE 14: Student Activity Fee for Student Clubs and Organizations, \$1: Yes, 346; No, 325. Passed.

BALLOT MEASURE 15: Student Activity Fee for International Student Program, \$1: Yes 377; No, 290. Passed.

BALLOT MEASURE 16: Student Activity Fee for Women's Program, \$1: Yes, 389; No, 270. Passed.

BALLOT MEASURE 17: Student Activity Fee for ASLCC Legal Services, \$1.44: Yes, 365; No, 285. Passed. Information courtesy of Barb Delansky, Director of Student Life and Leadership Development.

NEWS

GRADUATION DAY



Washington Post photo by Jahi Chikwendiu

Before commencement, Kakenya Ntaiya, left, jokes with her mother, Anna, center, and Noonkuta Nangeya, also from their village in Kenya. The trip from Africa to Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Va., took the women 60 hours of nearly nonstop travel.

Far from home, a mother shares triumph

Amy Argetsinger
The Washington Post

KILGORIS, Kenya—Anna Ntaiya stumbled on the moonlit road as she raced for the late-night bus to Nairobi.

She already was 20 miles from Enoo-saen, her village in western Kenya with no running water or paved roads, a place where cattle outnumbered people. There, she always stepped surely, in the muck of her barnyard or on the rocky path to the market, in sandals or barefooted.

But at the bus stop in Kilgoris, the town where the paved road begins, she was wearing a kind of shoe she had never worn before. Dark shoes, with a strap and a buckle and a hint of a heel. Shoes she had been given for her journey to the United States.

And so she struggled to gain her balance and climbed aboard. Torrents of rain had fallen all week across Kenya, and the bus convulsed every few seconds as it hit another pothole on the 300 miles of highway to the capital. Ntaiya would sleep little that night. She expected to sleep less the next one, on the flights from Nairobi to London to Washington. This was the path her eldest child had traveled more than four years earlier in pursuit of a degree from an American university, an ambition their neighbors had once mocked as folly. Now it was Ntaiya's duty to travel the path as well.

This month, more than a million students will graduate from colleges across the United States, and for most who embrace the ritual of cap and gown, a parent or two will travel to witness it. Usually it requires a couple hours on the move—usually by car, sometimes by air—and a dent in the checkbook, all made worthwhile for the chance to bask in the glow of a child's accomplishment.

For Anna Ntaiya, 43, the trip to her daughter Kakenya's graduation from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Va., required months of deliberation and weeks of preparation and prayer. She had to leave her struggling farm and her six children still at home for more than two weeks. And she endured 60 hours of nearly nonstop travel from Enoo-saen into what would seem like a different century altogether—from a culture where no one owns a refrigerator or a television to one

where everyone seemed to have a cell phone and a car.

Ntaiya, a dryly pragmatic woman, said she was going to the United States for three reasons: to see the daughter she had born at 17, to witness an educational triumph that far eclipsed anything ever achieved by a woman from Enoo-saen, and to personally thank the many Americans who had made it possible.

"I have a lot of work to do," she said.

Like the buckled dress shoes, the trip had been a gift. Never could she have afforded it on her own, the \$1,300 round-trip plane ticket alone costing more than what her cows and cornfields might gross in a good year. And this had not been a good year. There had been a drought and floods, and hyenas devoured one of her cows and its calf.

Some Americans had decided to sponsor Ntaiya's trip to Lynchburg—people whose names she did not even know, supporters of Kakenya's college who had heard the story of the young Masai woman who was the first girl from her rural community to seek a university degree. And so the suitcase trembling on the bus rack above her seat was stuffed with tributes to the sponsors' generosity: a bracelet hand-beaded in the pattern of the Kenyan flag, a horsetail switch used in tribal ceremonies to administer blessings, a long skirt embroidered with medallions and tiny beads, gifts she intended to deliver as thanks.

For the college president who had given Kakenya a scholarship, Ntaiya packed a bracelet on which one of her sisters-in-law had beaded the woman's name. There was also a four-kilo bag of millet in her suitcase as a favor to a friend whose sister in Delaware was pining for such stuff.

But most essential was the dress for Kakenya. Red, close-fitting with a beaded neckline, it was the height of Masai elegance, and Ntaiya hoped her daughter could wear it at the graduation ceremony. It had taken her a week to sew.

"Is Kakenya huge?" Ntaiya asked in the English she had been practicing. Kakenya hadn't been home in two and a half years. There was no post office in Enoo-saen, so their letters took months to arrive, and there were no phone lines to

enable them to talk, so there were many things she just couldn't know about her daughter anymore.

"I just imagined the size," Ntaiya said. "I don't know if I will still remember her. I just imagined."

The bus was speeding now, trying to make up for a four-hour delay. Now and then it would stop in a featureless dark town and rowdy young men would board, their bags clogging the narrow aisle and their laughter roiling the night.

But she had a companion. The male elders of Enoo-saen had selected one for her after the sponsors agreed to pay for a second ticket. Noonkuta Nangeya, a handsome woman with honey-colored eyes and a pair of beaded cuffs in each of her stretched earlobes, was married to a half-brother of Ntaiya's late husband. While Ntaiya was fluent in Swahili and capable in English, Nangeya spoke only Maa, the language unique to the Masai. At 48, she had never traveled more than 20 miles from Enoo-saen or left her seven children, the youngest of whom was 2, for more than a day. Now here she was in the seat next to Ntaiya, heading to the United States.

"It's a difficult thing," Nangeya acknowledged through a translator. "I know I'm going, but what to expect?"

In the eyes of their community, the journey was an epic event. A week earlier, Ntaiya spent the night with her fellow church members on top of a mountain, fasting and praying for her safety. A couple of days later, the congregation returned to her home and prayed and sang and blessed both women again. And the day before the pair climbed on the bus, more than 60 neighbors showed up at Ntaiya's three-room mud-walled house to wish them well. They each received a plate of hot food and lingered for hours chatting in Ntaiya's front yard, the goats and the chickens squabbling for scraps.

What to make of such an adventure? Some harbored concerns. "We are mixed up" about her journey, confided her pastor, the Rev. John Sancha. "The plane, you know."

Ntaiya's oldest son, 18-year-old Bernard, said his mother was perhaps a little fearful but mostly excited about her trip.

FYI . . .

Today is the last day to nominate a faculty member for a Faculty Recognition Award. All nominations are due by 4 p.m. and can be completed online at <http://staff.lanecc.edu/fra>. Paper nomination forms can be obtained from Student Services or Department Offices and turn it in to designated drop off stations. Ballot boxes are located at the Student Resource Center, Downtown Center and the Office of Instruction and Student Services.

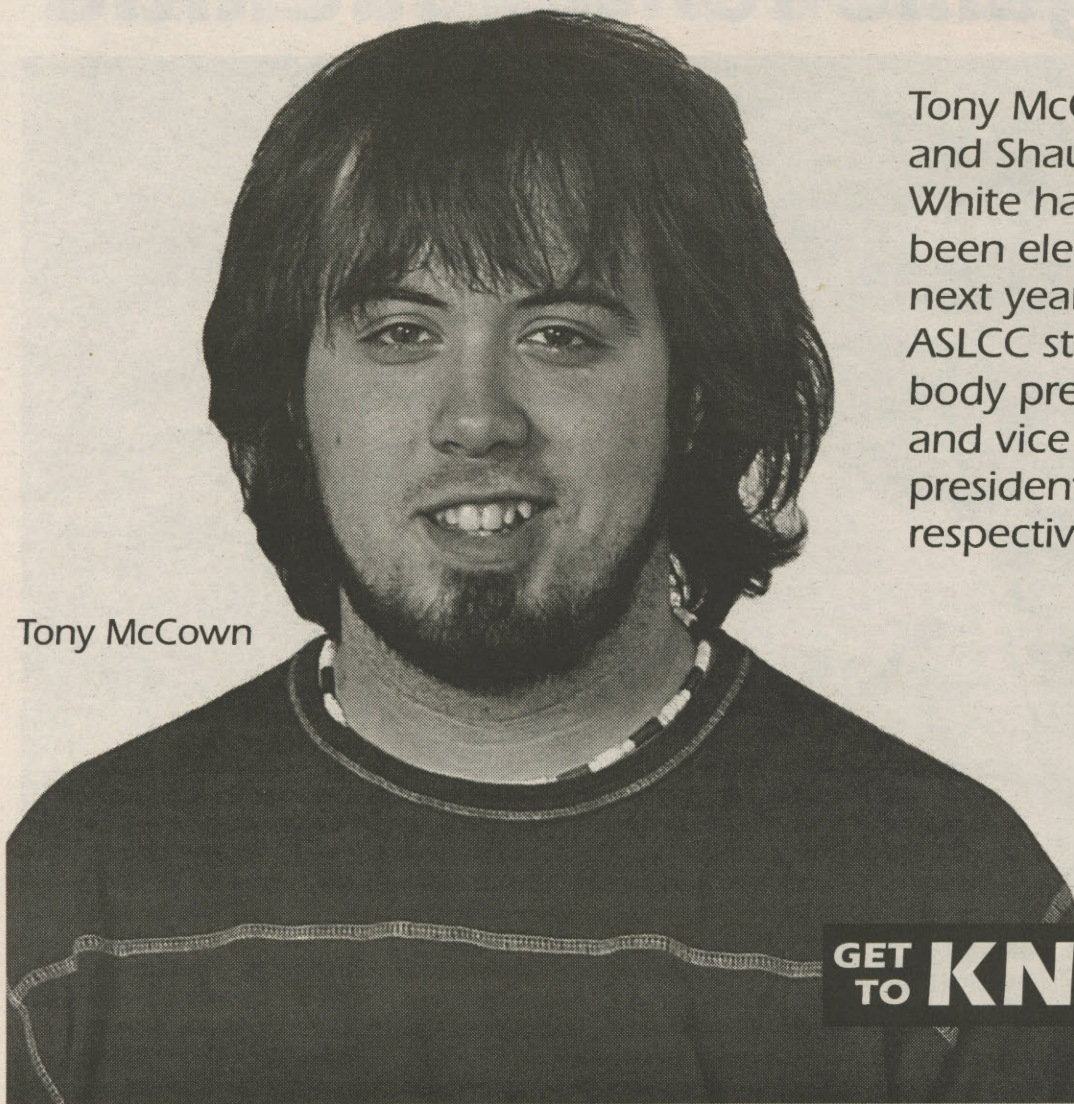
The Snack Bar, Taco Time, and the Grab and Go Grill will be closing at 2 p.m. for the rest of the term. Food Court hours will be 7-10:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fridays.

Phi Theta Kappa is hosting its formal Induction Ceremony on May 21, 2004 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Building 19, Room 103. A dinner and silent auction will be held from 6:30-7:30 and will cost \$5 per person to attend. The induction ceremony will be held from 7:30-8:30 p.m. with LCC President Mary Spilde as guest speaker. This event is to honor the achievements of PTK's newest members and to pass the torch onto the new officers as well as to help raise money for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and The LCC Long House Project. Donated items for the silent auction include: advertising from the Springfield News; a laptop carrying case; a set of 2003 collector's coins; and gift certificates to Abby's Pizza, Bed Bath & Beyond, Dot Dotson's, Euphoria Chocolate Company, Hutch's Bicycles, and more.

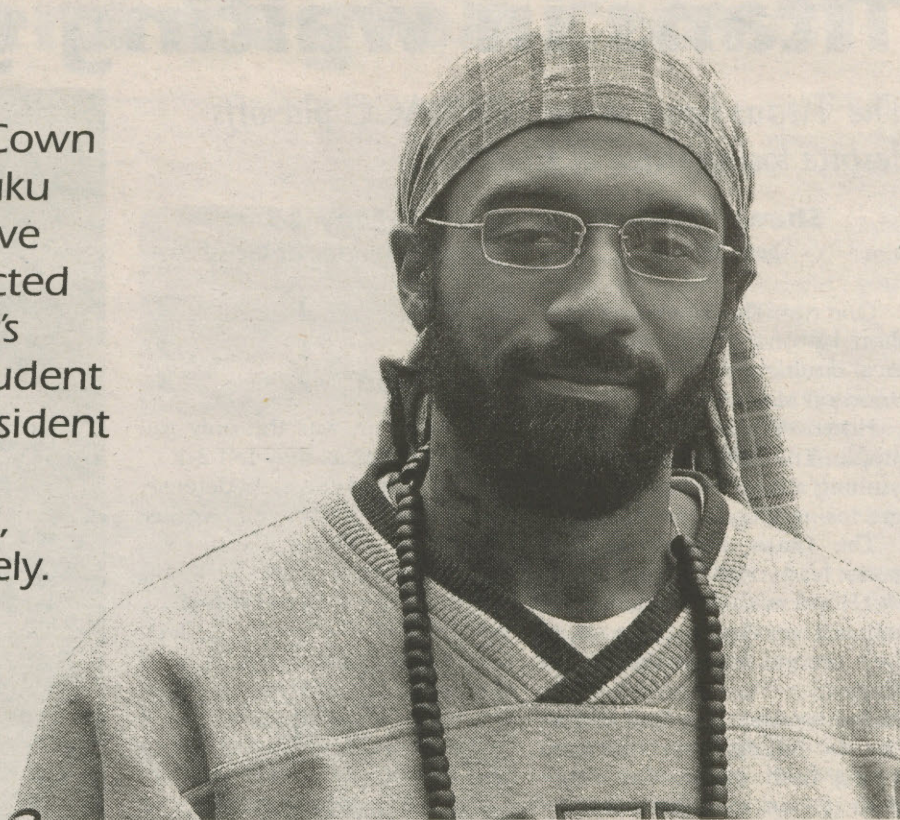
A memorial service for former teacher and counselor Carol Lynn Morse will be held Sunday, May 23, at 1 p.m. in the Center for Meeting and Learning, Building 19. Donations may be made in her memory at the Lane Foundation or in care of Musgrove Family Mortuary in Eugene. Carol Lynn passed away April 28 from colon cancer. She taught and counseled at LCC since July 1978, including coordinating the Center for Family Counseling program (Saturday Circus) and counseling for various academic programs through the Counseling Department since October 1992.

Alex San Pedro, a second-year art student at LCC, has been awarded a \$30,000 transfer scholarship from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. San Pedro has been accepted to the Pratt Institute of Design in New York City and will begin his studies there this fall. He overcame childhood abuse, teenage homelessness, and alcoholism to graduate from high school and achieve a 4.0 grade point average at LCC. He has majored in fine arts, with an emphasis on painting, but also worked in ceramics and as a sculptor. San Pedro is one of 27 scholarship recipients selected from among 863 nominees at two-year colleges across the United States. Selection criteria included academic excellence, financial need, will to succeed, leadership ability, service to others, and interest in or appreciation for the arts.

FEATURE



Tony McCown



Shauku White

GET TO **KNOW**

Tony McCown & Shauku White

The newly-elected ASLCC pres and VP expound on D.U.E.

TRAVIS RODERICK
NEWS EDITOR

THE TORCH: How do you make students care in today's day and age, particularly when dealing with college students, who are notoriously apathetic towards even issues that directly affect them? How do you actively pursue new avenues of reaching students when they have opportunities to be informed but choose not to take them?

TONY MCCOWN: I think you need to get at them with what they're used to, and we're working on our ASLCC website right now, which I think is excellent in the sense that so many youth surf the web daily. They may not read something on paper, but if you put it on their computer, they'll check it out. Getting the information in places where it's more accessible so they know who we are and what we're about.

SHAUKU WHITE: Strategically, I think that if you isolate your attention to some of the leaders that represent particular communities as well as particular interests, and you encourage them and strengthen them in their efforts, that's one way that you at least have an avenue to them. Everything else is just content. I believe that there's not enough interest in actually building leaders. Student government has access to everything they need to learn to be leaders in this community. I think if we take that same energy and focus it into student unions, such as BSU or LSU or the Women's Center, that represent different people on campus, people will start to think that we really have an interest in them. It's a science.

THE TORCH: The voter turnout this year was under 10 percent. How do you feel about that, and how do you feel about a Board of Education suggestion that for any ballot measures to take effect, a mandate of 40 percent is needed?

SW: How people respond to elec-

tions is predicated on how the prior year went. Throughout that year, if there's not a deliberate and intense interest in getting people involved and interested in how the student government affects their lives, you're going to see that apathy or lack of interest reflected in the elections. But if people see in the course of the year how it all matters, based on the works and what's actually taken place, then you would see that they are willing to go vote next time. I felt like it was quite a few people that are typically not interested in voting that voted.

THE TORCH: Your flyer mentioned that you are not politicians and that "Diversity Unity Excellence" was not a political campaign. Do you think this attitude towards professional politics or politicians helped you to win the election?

TM: Honestly, what I think helped us to win the election was that we got out to talk to probably two or three times as many people as everybody else did. We were out for the last week and a half campaigning and introducing ourselves to not just groups, but we also got out and shook a couple thousand hands, I bet. There was still a pretty low turnout, but I think that the best gauge of what our campaign did and what we do over the course of the next year, will be next year's turnout.

SW: Politics in any fashion has been given a black eye, so I think that definitely had a lot to do with why people don't want to go out there and vote. I think by placing us in a category saying that it's not our nature to be politicians, but rather to be concerned about reaching people, that also affected people in a different way.

THE TORCH: It was obvious that several tickets running this year spent some real money on their campaigns. Why would anyone want to use their own resources to win a position of limited duration and arguably very limited power? What does this net someone in the long run?

SW: This is an academic environment and we are all pursuing careers, so to have a title of president or vice president of student government is something that's going to assist our academic careers. Knowing some of these candidates, they sincerely wanted to be put in a position where they could actually exact change. I sincerely believe that's the reason why such an effort and so much energy were placed in these campaigns.

THE TORCH: Does such spending send the wrong message to a financially-strapped campus and a student body facing ever-higher tuition and fees?

TM: I think it can, but on the other hand it could show that there's at least four couples of people on this campus who care enough about where this campus is headed to throw down a few of their own dollars in order to see the changes that are necessary for everybody. I think people confuse all this money spent with just wanting the power or wanting the title, rather than all this money spent because we sincerely care about the state of this campus. Everybody knew that, once in office, they'd be able to help this campus in a way that was worth spending some money. I don't think anybody spent too much.

SW: To speak a little bit on being "financially-strapped," Lane Community College is one of the most financially stable community colleges in Oregon. The only other college that has money even remotely close to us is Portland Community College, and they have a higher population than us, but we still have more financial stability than they do. We also want to bring that to the table, to understand what type of position we're in financially. I went to a conference and I saw a few of the financial issues other community colleges in Oregon are going through, and it's quite humbling. We're in a very, very good position, and we want to bring that to people's attention as well. Obviously a lot of money is

coming out of their pockets and tuition is constantly being raised, but I believe that funds are being properly distributed. If students saw that, they'd be a little more respectful of our financial situation.

THE TORCH: Without trying to offend any particular campaign, it seemed that most campaigns for all positions this year had pretty homogenous platforms. Do you feel that minority groups being excluded from equal education opportunities is really a problem at Lane, or is cultural diversity simply a buzzword on campus these days that is safe for candidates to get behind?

SW: That was a point of our campaign. I believe that it is a buzzword on this campus, and I think that it could be addressed a little more intimately and a little more seriously. In this particular case, knowing some of the candidates, I don't think that they used cultural diversity to try and win the election, but I have seen a lot of people try to piggyback off of that on this campus. That's not necessarily a bad thing, but it needs to be counterbalanced with a sincere and intimate addressing of cultural diversity, something that we want to bring to this campus.

THE TORCH: What's the first item on the agenda for your administration?

TM: I think the first thing we need to do is to unify our senate and our executive body. Traditionally the groups, especially within the senate, have just kind of been let loose over the summer and they return with half the members. I think through centralizing them and us working on what we need to over the summer, we're going to be able to step into the Fall term with a lot more energy, a lot more excitement and direction. Like Shauku mentioned earlier, we need to get at groups to create better community on this campus or to create more knowledge throughout this campus, but the first group we need to work on is our own.

SPORTS

Titans in waiting game for league title

The Titans head to the NWAACC playoffs despite losing three of final four.

Shawn Miller
Sports Editor

One run. The Titans came up short by one simple run twice in a doubleheader against Mt. Hood on May 15.

However, it was anything but simple. The difference between winning a league championship and losing it could be one run.

The Titans, holding a three game lead over second place Mt. Hood with four games remaining, needed a split to earn their second league title in six years.

The weather was foul and so was the hitting. Only one time during both games did either team get an extra-base hit, by LCC's Sam Kirby stroking a double to left-center.

"I felt really confident going in," said Kirby.

The first game was scoreless at the half-way point. However, in the bottom of the fifth inning starting pitcher Garrett Stenbridge ran into some trouble.

"With the conditions as wet as they were, if they [Mt. Hood] didn't get hits I told the team they'd go to the bunt, which they did," said Head Coach Rob Strickland.

Mt. Hood reached base safely on back-to-back bunts and that is when the big hit came in. Following a sacrifice bunt, a single plated both runners.

Reliever Jordan Boyd entered the game and pitched the following two-plus innings without allowing another run.

In the top of the seventh, with runners on second and third and one out, Charlie Wright hit a fielder's choice that scored Matt Skundrick to pull the Titans to within one run.

May 15
Doubleheader at Gresham

Game	1	2
LCC	1	2
Mt. Hood	2	3

That one run was the only run for the Titans as they fell 2-1.

"We played excellent defense. We pitched pretty well, we just didn't hit," said Strickland.

The second game was just as close. The defense was there and so was the pitching. Even the hitting picked up, at least enough to double the run and hit total of the first game.

Mt. Hood scored one run in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings while the Titans got two runs in the top of the sixth to tie the score at the time at two runs apiece.

Donny Bradetich hit a single, followed by a James Compo walk. Kirby then laced an RBI single that scored Bradetich.

James Compo
Titan outfielder

"We had our chance and there is no excuse that we didn't get it done."

Skundrick beat out what would have been a double play in the next at bat, which scored Compo to even the score.

"We had momentum," said Strickland. "We thought we really had a chance."

That chance was crushed in the bottom of the inning as Mt. Hood scored the winning run and held on in the seventh to secure the sweep of the Titans and edge closer to first place in the league standings.

"[Mt. Hood] did a good job," said Strickland. "When they had their best chances, they came up with big hits. Whereas when we had our chances, we didn't."

The Titans managed only seven hits on the afternoon, five coming in the second game.

In the final league season



Photo by Mike Barkin

Titan pitcher Mike Bauman pitched six strong innings, giving up only two runs in the May 8 game against Clackamas at home.

series, the Titans traveled to Southwestern Oregon on May 18 where a sweep would win the league title.

May 18
Doubleheader at Coos Bay

Game	1	2
LCC	5	8
SWOCC	6	4

After traveling through a rainstorm, the Titans arrived ready. Or at least ready for half of the first game.

In the first inning, the Titans loaded the bases with three walks, but were unable to score. Phil Ouellette hit an RBI single which scored Wright for the Titans in the second inning. Once again, the Titans had a chance in the third inning to add to the lead, but were unable to score when Kirby was thrown out at home.

The fourth inning turned out better as Bradetich hit a sacrifice fly that scored Wright, followed by Compo hitting an RBI single. The Titans led 3-0, but had missed out on opportunities that needed to be capitalized on.

In perhaps their worst inning

of the year, the sixth inning against SWOCC turned out to be down right ugly. The Titans gave up six runs on five hits, two errors and two hit batsmen. The seventh and eighth innings produced nothing, but the rally Titans had made it close in the ninth.

Derek Bodeen walked to load the bases and Tyler Brown came up with a huge RBI infield single and as he dove head first into first base, the ball was thrown away allowing another run to score. With the tying run on third base and the winning run on second and two outs, Wright struck out ending the rally and game as SWOCC came out victorious 6-5.

"We had chances early and we didn't take advantage of that," said Compo. "We dug ourselves a hole we couldn't get out of."

"We had our chance and there is no excuse that we didn't get it done."

"Usually we come through then," Bodeen added.

The second game started off quite different than the first for the Titans. Bodeen nailed an RBI triple to the left-center gap and was brought in on Scott

Corbett's fielder's choice. Ouellette then singled and after stealing second base, made it safely around the bases to score after Kellen Hobie hit a sharp single up the middle.

"I was really pleased with the way they came out and swung," said Strickland.

The Titans got another run when Kirby scored off of Bodeen's single in the third inning. Kirby singled in Hobie in the fourth inning to run the score to 5-0. However, SWOCC answered with two runs in the bottom of the fourth.

The Titans true character showed in the fifth, when Ouellette sacrificed Bodeen and Corbett into scoring position after both hit singles to start the inning. Bradetich then drilled a two-RBI triple to push the lead to 7-2.

SWOCC got one run in the fifth and Jared Rascon entered to relieve starting pitcher Cole Chapman, who pitched a no-hitter through three innings and left the game giving up three runs with four walks and two strikeouts. Rascon struck out the side in the sixth inning and five

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Photo by Shawn Miller

Donny Bradetich slides under the tag after hitting a two run triple in the fifth inning of game two against Southwestern Oregon on May 18.

SPORTS

Titans capture Southern Region crown

Sophomores shine for Titans while hosting Southern Regions.

Shawn Miller
Sports Editor

Drama surrounded the Southern Region Track and Field Championships held May 14-15 at LCC. Risks from the coaches. Guts from the athletes. And down to the wire finishes capped a spectacular event hosted by the Titans.

"It is really an important meet in that we want to win the championship," said Head Coach Grady O'Connor, who was named men's coach of the year in the Southern Region. "It's one of those [events] that you want to win and have some momentum."

The Titans certainly did that, sweeping the men and women's crowns. The men defeated second place Clark 221-195 with Clackamas close behind scoring 192 points. The women edged out Clark 244-241. Clackamas remained 115 points back followed by Mt. Hood and Southwestern Oregon rounded out the final two spots for both the men and women.

Cody Fleming finished with 43 individual points for the Titan men, which earned him the honor as most outstanding athlete. Mackenzie Winkle scored 51 points for the Titan women, but astonishingly didn't earn



Photo by Mike Barkin

Logan Serra of Lane competes in the steeplechase with only one shoe in the NWAACC Southern Regional at Lane Community College. Serra's right shoe disappeared a few laps into the race.

the most outstanding athlete as that award went to Clark's Katie Miller, who earned 71.5 points for her school.

"That's unheard of," said O'Connor about Miller's performance. "Most years that [Winkle's score] would blow everyone away."

Winkle won the triple jump, placed second in long jump, third in the high jump, 200M dash, 100M hurdles, fourth in the 100M dash and helped the 4X100M relay team finish second.

Fleming led the men's side with his strong performance. Winning the discus highlighted his performance, however, he scored points in seven events. Also, Fleming competed in the triple jump and hammer throw for first time this year, earning third and sixth places finishes, respectively.

"[Fleming] basically did a decathlon for me," said O'Connor. "He had almost every field event there was."

Notable performances were:

Paris Ramsey won the 100M dash and placed second in the 200M dash. Tyler Richardson won the javelin. For the women, second place finishers were: Janey Davis in the 400M dash, Erin Gerhardt in the 5000M run, Katie Nusbaum in the 10000M run, Megan Confer in the 400M hurdles, Kristin Brogdon in the high jump, Judith Burnett in the discus and Jaala Osban in the javelin. Burnett also won the shot put.

"Courageous performance

from our distance crew," said O'Connor. "There were points there to be had and we knew that."

The women's title came down to the wire as LCC came from 14 points behind with three events remaining.

"It was the Katie Miller machine that was keeping us from running away," said O'Connor.

That is when the 5000M race started. And when it finished, the Titans jumped into the lead thanks to placing first, second and eighth in the event.

"It was really an exciting finish," said O'Connor. "I feel really good about how the girls fought through."

Stephanie Carter scored 28 points in three events, winning the 5000M and 3000M runs and finishing second in the 1500M.

"We wanted to hold her out of the 5K," said O'Connor. "But knowing she is one of the better distance runners in the region, she was willing to go after the five." Fleming, Winkle and Carter, all sophomores, will rest and be ready for their final track competition for LCC at the NWAACC Championships in Spokane, Wash., held May 27-28.

"The northern schools [Highline and Spokane] are very tough," said O'Connor. "We have to look at what events we can maximize points."

"Just because we won this event doesn't mean we are a favorite to win the NWAACCs. It's a whole new event with many different variables."

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of his seven outs before Stembridge was brought in with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning. Stembridge struck out two batters to close the game as the Titans won the game 8-4.

"After the doubleheader with Mt. Hood, we were reeling and it showed," said Strickland. "I take blame for it because I thought I had done a good job of preparing for this situation; to win a series against the last place team to win the league title."

"That's [the loss in game one] in the past and you've got to prepare for that first game," said Kirby in reference to the NWAACC tournament. "The mindset is to go out and play our best performance of all year."

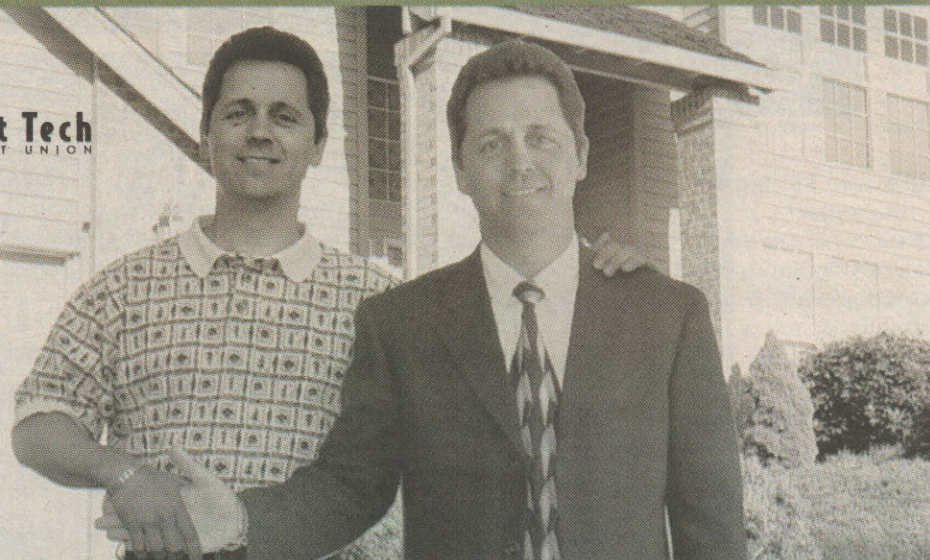
"That first game is key," said Strickland. "We have to win that first game."

The Titans' first game opponent won't be revealed until the Mt. Hood/Linn Benton series is concluded on May 20, which will determine first and second place in the final league standings. The first place team from the South region will play the second place team from the West region, which is expected to be Centralia. The number two seed will face Lower Columbia, the winner of the West region. Both games will be held May 27 in Pasco, Wash.

NWAACC Baseball Southern Region Standings

	League	Overall
Lane	22-8	30-13
Mt. Hood	20-8	24-12
Linn-Benton	17-11	20-17
Chemeketa	16-14	21-18
Clackamas	9-21	13-28
SW Oregon	4-26	5-34

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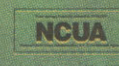
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"Maybe she will like it there," he speculated. "She will want to stay."

Impossible, declared Ntaiya. "I have my children," she said. There was 4-year-old Nashipai and 8-year-old Seenoi, still impish little girls, and quiet 13-year-old mother's-helper Noomali, and lanky 16-year-old Daniel, still at home and in school like Benard. And there was 3-month-old Leshoo, the son that vivacious 21-year-old Naserian had by a boyfriend Ntaiya disapproved of and refused to let her marry.

But neither would she acknowledge any fears about leaving them for two weeks. God, she asserted again and again, would protect her.

She had shown no fear when the crowded pickup truck in which she and Nangeya had begun an earlier errand to Nairobi drove through the rain-swollen river that flooded the road out of Enosaen. And she had remained cool when they approached the counter at the U.S. Embassy to ask for a visa, hardly guaranteed, to enter that distant country. Like many tribal people, they lacked the bank statements and land titles that could prove their intent to return.

It was only after the moment of triumph that day--when a kindly embassy staffer believed their story and granted them visas--that an atypical emotion drifted across Ntaiya's face. A photographer who was chronicling her journey tried to banter with her: So, you're going to the U.S., you're going to see your daughter. Are you excited?

Ntaiya skipped past his question and focused on the one that gnawed at her.

"Will you be with us?" she asked him. "All the way?"

Yes, he told her.

"So we will not get lost?"

No.

"That," she said quietly, "will make

me very happy."

Twelve hours after the bus deposited them in downtown Nairobi, she and Nangeya entered Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. They surrendered their bags to a woman behind a counter and then passed through a gantlet of police officers. They went up a moving staircase and past more guards and gates.

There, Ntaiya and Nangeya stared at big glass windows reflecting a celestial expanse of ceiling lights and peered out to the white bulk of a wide-bodied British Airways jet with an ant farm of mysterious activity around it.

That was their plane? It was so big! How would they get up to it?

Where had their bags gone?

Could they ever find their way out of this place if they had to?

Ntaiya's eyes grew wide.

"Already," she said, "I feel like I'm in another country."

In America

The woman walked from the plane in Virginia in American shoes, but it was clear from her clothes that she was not from this country. She wore a polka-dotted shawl over a long, orange wrap and at least 20 brightly beaded necklaces. They were the formal clothes of the Masai, the kind of clothes that women from her home wore for business, or ceremonies, or reunions.

She had been traveling for days, and her steps were slow under the weight of her suitcase, but they were steady. Her skin was a clear dark coffee, and her cheekbones had an aristocratic tilt.

She walked toward a set of double doors at Dulles International Airport, and on the other side a young college woman darted her eyes to the clocks overhead and craned her neck to try to catch a glimpse beyond. She was wear-

ing jeans and a white logo T-shirt from her stint as a camp counselor. Her skin was a clear dark coffee, and her cheekbones had an aristocratic tilt.

And now the doors swung open for Anna Ntaiya, and she turned left around a pillar, and suddenly there was Kakenya, swooping onto her mother in a collapsing kind of hug.

Kakenya was talking in Maa for the first time in ages, and she was crying so hard she could barely talk and wiping away tears. And so it was her mother who finally found the words for both of them, and delivered them in English.

"Very happy," said Ntaiya.

Over the next week, Kakenya introduced her mother to her world, and Ntaiya found many things to ponder.

Like the stunning variety of dishes and beads at Wal-Mart, and the mysteriously lighter color of the Virginia soil. And the way that the sun sat differently in the sky than it did over her home near the equator, and the way that American women walked around with their legs and shoulders bare. And the softness of the wall-to-wall carpet--someone could sleep all night on it!--and the ridiculous number of steps (faucet, soap dispenser, paper dispenser, trash) that go into washing one's hands.

She found Kakenya's campus very impressive--as clean as she had expected and even more beautiful, with dense gardens and sun-kissed hills and century-old buildings that looked as solid as new ones. "If man could make this so beautiful," she mused, how much more beautiful could heaven be?

But by Sunday, the morning of graduation, the heavens above campus were gray and damp, and it was decided to move the ceremony inside. For Kakenya, weakened by a lack of sleep and frustrated in a scramble for shoes and seats, it was the ultimate blow.

"I'm not excited about my graduation," she announced to her mother as the crowd moved toward the auditorium. She was near tears now.

"I want to go home!"

But a homecoming would remain beyond the horizon. First there would be a job in the United States and a graduate degree or two, she had determined. In another week, her mother would get on a plane to return to Enosaen. Without her.

Ntaiya was ready. Of course her daughter wouldn't be bringing this degree back to their tiny village, she said. "There are no offices" in Enosaen. Kakenya would be out in the world from now on, she predicted, "bringing good things" to their home town--but belonging elsewhere.

"She's a big girl now," Ntaiya said, beaming triumphantly. "I cannot tell her what to do."

As a brass quintet struck up "Pomp and Circumstance," two lines came shuffling into the auditorium. Students on the right, with black robes over sundresses or slacks. And by their side, the person each had chosen to accompany her. Mothers in church dresses. Brothers in shirtsleeves. Fathers with a camera bag on the shoulder.

And midway through the lines, two Masai women, both of them smiling. One with an intricate headdress and pink and purple skirts that jingled with every step. The other in the traditional black robe--but under the robe, a long red Masai dress, with a pattern of beads on the body and delicate filigree at the neck.

Her mother had made it. And Kakenya said it fit her well.

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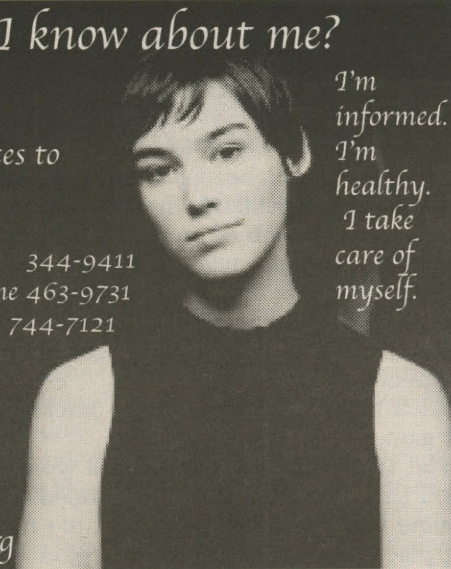
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

TEXTures dance concert opens May 20

The dance features faculty choreography based on books from the Reading Together Project.

Melissa Vandever
A&E Editor

May 20 at 8 p.m., the spring dance concert, TEXTures, opens on the Performing Arts Building's main stage. TEXTures is a collaboration of faculty choreography based on the two books from the Reading Together Project — "Montana 1948" by Larry Watson and "Privilege, Power and Difference" by Allan Johnson.

TEXTures runs May 20, 21 and 22 and features choreography in a variety of styles dealing with issues of diversity discussed in the books.

The Lane Dance Company will perform four modern pieces: "Domestic Tyranny," choreographed by Tim Cowart to music by Philip Glass; "Locked and Thrashing," choreographed by Ellie Klopp to music by Eno, Lanos and Brook; "Response: Shrink, Join, Push," choreographed by Corrie Cowart to music by Tin Hat Trio; and "Listen," choreographed by Bonnie Samoa.

Samoa's piece will be performed to music by David Bernard Roumain mixed with an audio recording of a boy reading sections from the book "Montana 1948."

"All of the dancers read the book and highlighted sections that were inspirational to them," said Samoa. "They made movement material based on those passages and I choreographed the dance based on their material."

Esther Garcia created costumes for the Lane Dance Company and James McConkey designed lighting.

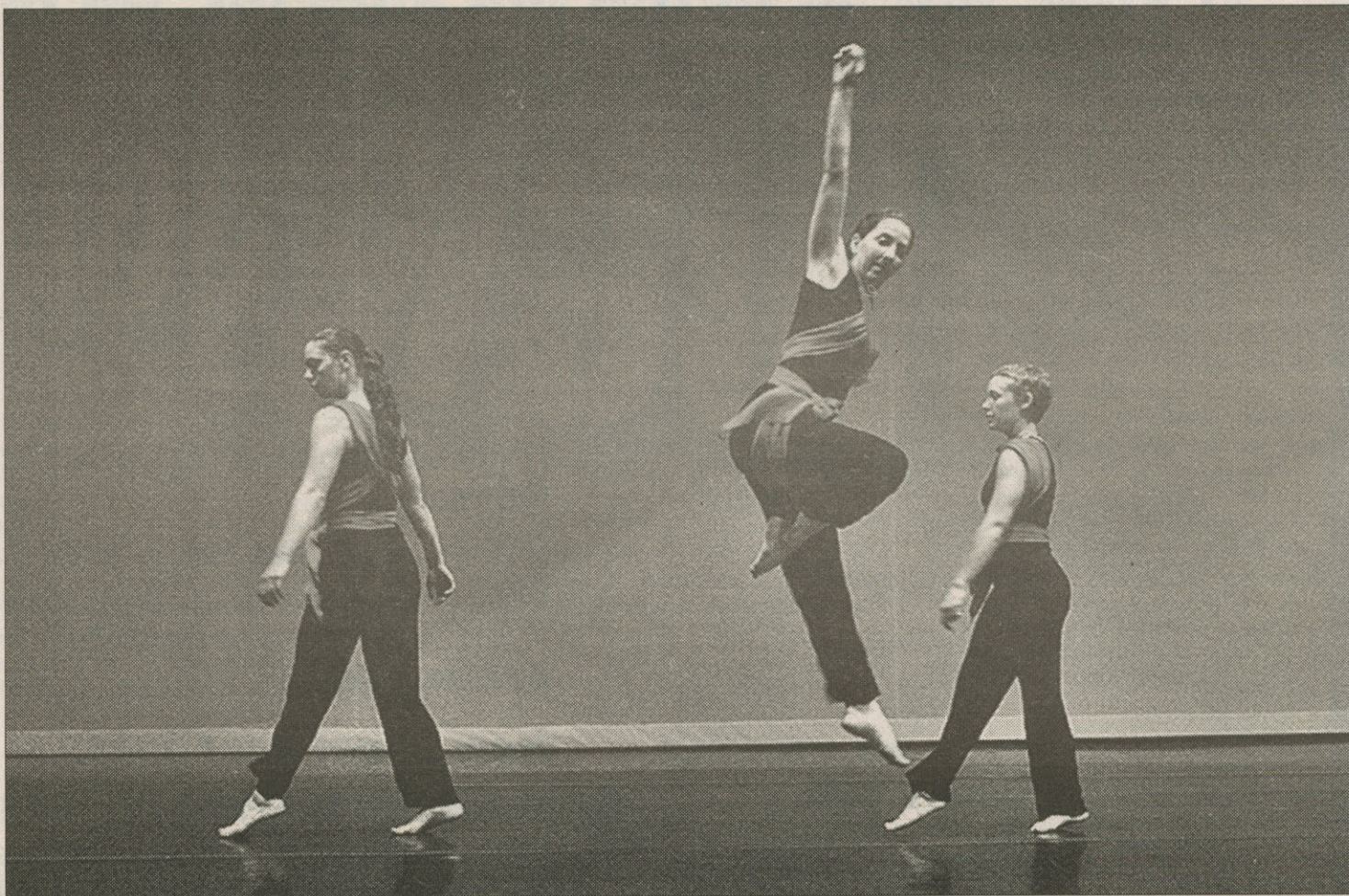


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LCC students Lisa Spence, Teri Page and Lauren Madden practice their routine, choreographed by fellow student Ellie Klopp, for the upcoming TEXTures Spring Dance Concert. Performances will be held May 20, 21 and 22 at the LCC Performance Hall.

Cheryl Lemmer will present two new jazz pieces, "Blue Moon Eyes" to music by Alabama 3, and "Soar" to music by Christina Aguilera.

"Soar" is about being more than what someone else thinks you are, working beyond limitations, being an individual and having a positive outlook on nega-

tivity," said Lemmer. "If something bad is thrown at you, don't give into it, instead turn it around and make it into something good. It's also about overcoming status or social class and how you don't have to fit into the mold society says you should."

Anita Sanford presents a new piece,

"Breath," to music by Mystic.

In addition to faculty choreography, dancers from the local company Zapp will perform "The Story to Music," choreographed by Cindy Zreliak to music by Mark Allan.

Tickets for TEXTures are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors.

A & E Calendar

May 20

Hip-Hop Concert: Campus Events Coordinator Kapone Summerfield uses his own Ninth Wonder of the World Entertainment to bring LCC the first Campus Soundcheck at 1 p.m. in Bristow Square, weather permitting. Featured local acts include The Option, Lil' T, Greedy and Kane. The possibility exists for an open mic as well. Admission is free.

TEXTures Dance Concert: A variety of dances choreographed by LCC dance faculty. Begins at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Building. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. For more information contact Myrna Seifert at 463-5202.

May 21

Women's Center Video: "Dying to Be Thin" addresses the disturbing truth behind anorexia, bulimia and America's body obsession. The video depicts women who are seeking recovery and those who have conquered the disease. For more information call the Women's Center at 463-5353.

May 22 & 23

Theatre Workshops: Andrew Harmon, a noted improvisation teacher, will conduct two workshops, 12-3 p.m. each day, in the Blue Door Theatre. The Saturday workshop is for experienced actors who have done improvisation, or who want to improvise. Participants may bring a memorized monologue or scene for development, but rehearsed material is not required. The Sunday workshop is open to people with the courage to experiment. The methods are fun, but not always aimed toward comedy; the exercises increase self-awareness and creative interaction. Workshops are free to LCC students, \$10 for the general public. The size of each group will be limited, so participants must reserve a space in advance. Leave name and number at 463-5647.

May 26

Multicultural Center Video: "Smoke Signals," a bittersweet comedy about two young Native Americans who leave their small town for an adventure in self-discovery. For more information call 463-3245.

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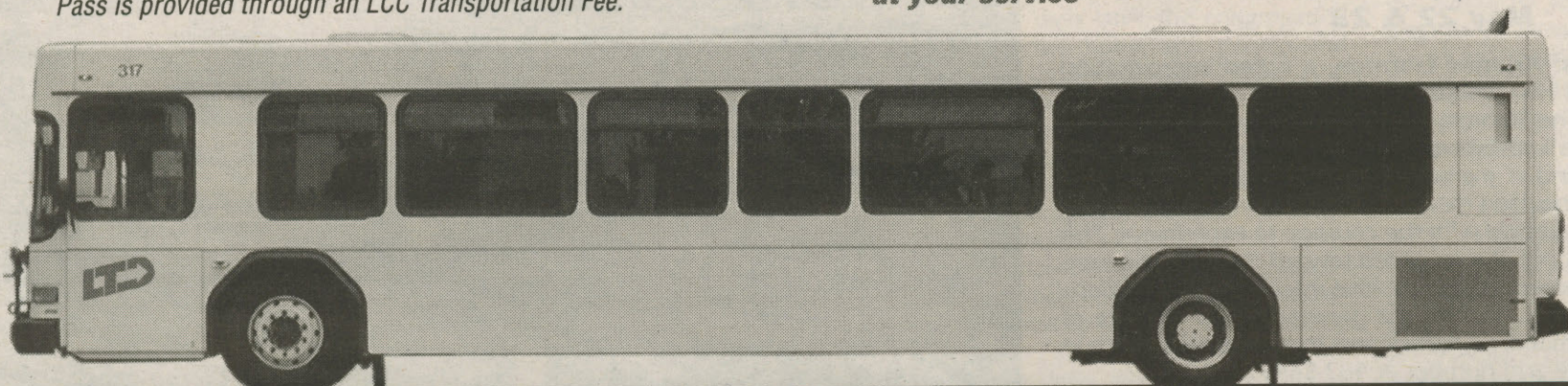
See www.ltd.org for more details.



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by Mark Parisi

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Positive affirmation of the week

I am strong and confident and I can achieve anything

TAKE YOUR PICK

Negative affirmation of the week

I am weak and afraid and I can't do anything right

HEAT IT UP



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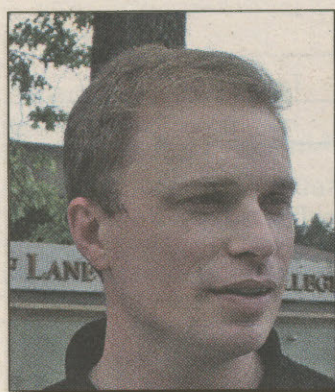
LCC chef instructor Clive Wanstall, Adam's Place Chef Owner Adam Bernstein and Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce President Dave Hauser sample the pork tenderloin prepared by the NW Youth Corps team at the Lane County High School Culinary Competition.

BACK PAGE

The Pulse



What issue would you like the new ASLCC president and vice president to focus on next year?



Eric Andersen
Network Administrator

Work out the wireless solution for the students, meaning providing wireless access for students with laptops on campus.



Kidessa Young
Physics Major

Parking has been quite difficult. It'd be great to have a parking structure rather than paving more wildlife habitat. We'd have to get a grant for it but I think we could do that.



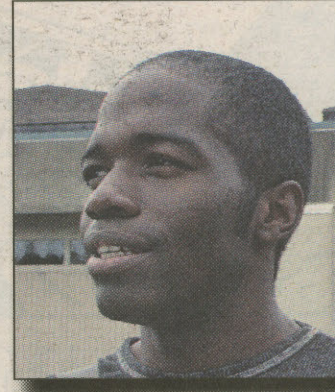
Mike Wood
Medical Office Program

Tuition. Keeping tuition manageable as much as possible. Getting outside funds for programs.



Michelle Arno
Chemistry Major

The budget more than anything else, and figuring out student activities.



Ressard Sloan
Music & Theatre Major

We need to focus more on the arts. Schools get caught up in sports. Being able to express yourself lets you have independent thought and that equals a better existence.

Compiled by Colette Lazinski, photos by Megan Wilson

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