

WE DON'T NEED NO WATER...



Photo by Megan Wilson

Brent Livesay, owner of the Honda Accord, said smoke started coming out of the driver's side door while he was driving down 30th Avenue. Livesay pulled into LCC's north parking lot and started pulling fuses, hoping to stop the fire. Livesay's friend Russ Bowden said it took less than 15 minutes for the car to become engulfed in flames.

LCC Foundation seeks ideas for Title III grant

\$1.5 million award would allow LCC to improve infrastructure.

Travis D. Roderick
News Editor

"Lane needs your ideas on how to spend \$1.5 million. Do I have your attention?"

So began an e-mail to LCC staff and faculty last week from Grants Coordinator Lori Bumgardner Steger with the LCC Foundation in an effort to alert employees from all departments that LCC was planning on applying for a hefty Title III Strengthening Institutions grant from the federal government next year.

LCC receives \$10-15 million in grants on average each year, which amounts to approximately ten percent of the college's annual operating budget, according to Steger. Steger said she works on about \$5 million of that each year, which typically amounts to 50 grants a year. "What I'm interested in is, what are the needs out there? Faculty will come to me with ideas, or I'll hear something bubbling up on campus ... and I'll take that and try to find funding for that," she said.

A typical grant proposal is roughly 50-75 pages. Most grants that the college receives are program-specific, as opposed to aiming at the entire college. The Title III grant, however, would be aimed at college-wide programs grounded in infrastructure rather than innovation.

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Athletics fee increase down but not out

Athletics Commission feels uneducated voters were the cause of loss, plans to continue campaigning.

By Heather Serafin
Staff Writer

Almost 800 students voted in the ASLCC elections this year, making sure their voice would be heard at a time when many issues face the LCC campus. New leaders were chosen to hopefully guide the school in the interests of the student body next year, and all ballot measure initiatives received the okay to increase fees next year. All measures, that is, except for the recreation sports and athletic fee proposal.

The measure failed to pass by a slim margin of only nine votes, with 339 students voting for and 348 voting against. This, of course, was a devastating blow to the LCC Athletics Commission who had championed hard for the measure over the course of the year.

"Students didn't do their research," said newly elected treasurer Ryan Koch, also a member of the Athletic Commission. Koch said he feels the measure

failed in large part because students didn't fully know what the measure had to offer.

According to Koch, the recreational sports and athletic student fee provides money not only for actual intramural sports, but also provides recreational activities to over 5,500 students and their families each year. Such activities this year have included open gyms, trips to Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, miniature golf, bowling and more.

Koch said he feels as if students were not fully aware of what all the sports fee funds and what programs would lose out if the ballot measure lost. Koch's message to students is to do more research and not make assumptions.

"I hope when next year comes around, they pay attention to the issues," he said. "They could miss out on a lot of opportunities."

Fellow athletic commission member Ryan Hague agrees with that sentiment. Hague said he believes that there was a lot of confusion and misinformation on the issue. According to Hague, those who did not want the measure to pass felt that they shouldn't have to pay for an activity that they didn't use, and some students also thought it was a \$5 per credit increase rather than per term.

"In all voting you have to be educated

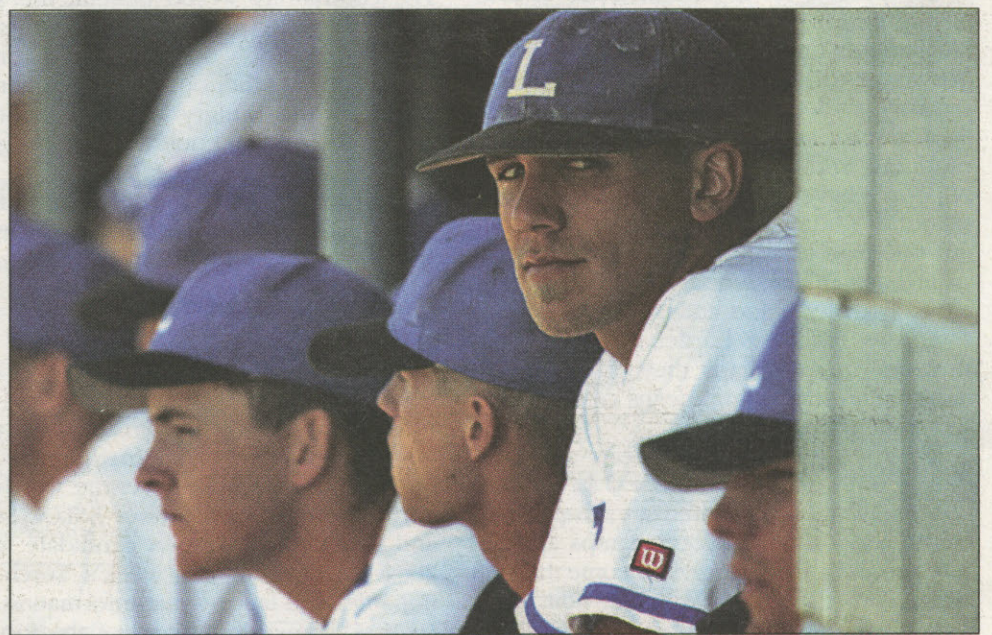


Photo by Sherry Whitmore

Despite winning the Southern Region championship this year, the Titan baseball team will cease to exist after this season due to budget cuts in the Athletics Department. A ballot measure that could have restored some of the Athletics budget was narrowly voted down in this year's ASLCC election.

on the issue. If you are not educated, don't vote," says Hague, who then added, "Voting is the one real voice students have." However, Hague feels that the campaign did err by not getting the information out regarding the full breadth of

programs covered by the athletics fee.

This was the only time that Recreational Sports and Athletics have asked for a fee increase in ten years, which

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Special coverage of the NWAACC track and baseball championships

OPINION

Outdoor recreation industry feeds Oregon families

I would like to respond to the guest commentary that was written by Mark Alpers in the last issue of the Torch entitled "Timber Industry Feeds Families," in which he referred to a letter to the editor I wrote concerning Oregon's last roadless forests.

First of all, I would like to say that I am not against logging or the timber industry. I did not say we should stop all logging in the letter I wrote. I would like to see the timber industry use more sustainable methods of cutting down trees, but that's not even the issue I was addressing in my letter.

My letter was specifically referring to something called the Roadless Area Conservation Rule, which was finalized in 2001 after decades of scientific study, 600 public hearings, and a record 1.6 million comments that came from the public in support of it. This rule protects 58.5 million acres of national

forest, and nearly 2 million acres of which are here in Oregon. It may sound like a lot, but it is actually only protecting 3 percent of our state. 22 percent of Oregon is unprotected land, and 75 percent is unregulated, according to the federal forest service website, www.roadless.fs.fed.us.

The Roadless Area Conservation Rule focuses on protecting the remaining specific pristine

areas of Oregon from being mined, drilled, logged and having roads built in them. Many local and national businesses and their employees have recently signed on to a letter addressed to the Bush Administration in favor of keeping the Roadless Area Conservation Rule intact. Nike, Adidas, Columbia Sportswear and seven others have told the Bush

Administration to firmly enforce the Rule. As they say, what has long been seen as a black and white jobs vs. environment argument is now changing. Hotels that people stay in before and after hiking, the towns and stores near to the forests, the parks and recreation, outdoor and sporting gear suppli-

ers, camping, hunting and fishing suppliers all benefit financially from Oregon's roadless forests and

so does Oregon.

People are beginning to see that Oregon's forests not only add to the beauty and health of the state, but to our economy as well. According to the Oregon Employment Department, in 2002 the recreation industry provided 1,572,300 jobs to Oregonians, and that number is going up. Total recreation and related activities generated

more than \$300 billion in 1996 according to the American Recreation Coalition.

There are many reasons for wanting to protect these forests. They provide recreation such as hiking, camping, hunting, backpacking and fishing. Many jobs are created for Oregonians which then benefit our economy. Half of Oregon's economy comes from recreation and tourism, with logging and everything else in the other half. The forests provide precious animal habitat and they supply clean drinking water to millions. 30-40 percent of America's clean drinking water comes from the forests.

The guest commentary mentioned that timber is just like any other crop. That may be true for forests that are intentionally planted and then harvested at the proper time in the right way. But old growth and roadless forests are a completely different thing. They

are ancient lands, places many people think of and associate with Oregon. We should be proud to have such beautiful, pristine places in our state and we should protect them from being destroyed, as they are our heritage, and they are something to leave for our children to enjoy as well.

I understand what the guest commentary said about homelessness, alcoholism, child abuse and unemployment. These are issues that our state clearly needs to address as they affect every one of us. But I don't feel that chopping down the last of the old growth trees and roadless areas will solve all of these problems, nor will it provide any lasting jobs.

As a human being I am concerned for the welfare of all beings — people, trees and animals. I do not feel that this is an "extremist viewpoint" at all. None of the issues discussed are petty issues to me.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Elizabeth Hope

LCC student

Letters to the Editor

Help combat hunger

We are all aware of how small forces can unite to create larger things. Tiny raindrops gather to form streams, which flow together to create rivers. Rivers eventually pool into larger bodies of water, like lakes or oceans. A community can work on the same principles. Small changes can produce big impacts. Currently, Oregon is ranked as the second hungriest state in the nation. Many Oregonians who have jobs don't make enough money to feed their families three times a day. There are also plenty of non-working Oregonians who have to strive against increasingly greater numbers of competitors for minimum wage or low-paying jobs. These people still need to eat and shouldn't have to worry about where to find dinner on top of where to find work.

Many students here at LCC are caught in a similar situation. With tuition prices escalating and textbook costs soaring, a lot of people have to choose between going to school or finding work. Some people solve this dilemma by opting to live in their cars or in tents in the woods so that they can afford both food and college. If there were a way to ease the burden of hunger on students, then perhaps they could devote more time establishing means of becoming self-sufficient.

This is a problem that affects all of us. People who can't afford to eat have some options available to them (for example food boxes, soup kitchens, food stamps and the WIC program.) These services come through agencies that are stretched to the limit as far as how much help they can provide. Once these agencies are no longer able to meet the demand for food, hungry people are going to turn to less desirable methods of finding ways to feed themselves. So, what can you do to start affecting a change locally?

I feel that the establishment of a food

pantry at LCC could help alleviate some of the pressure on hungry students, as well as the overburdened relief agencies in the area. Nominally, there would be few requirements for access to the food pantry beyond enrollment as a LCC student. Hopefully, a reduction in hunger among LCC students could lead to positive changes in the community at large. The less that students are hungry, then the less they will have to utilize food supplies from outside agencies, who could then provide more support for hungry people who don't attend LCC.

Less hunger means less desperate actions on the part of the hungry. Conceivably, crimes related to hunger could be reduced. The community would benefit, the school would benefit (people who might not be able to attend now due to financial concerns could have another option to consider), and definitely the hungry would benefit. The small acts of a few could equate to a greater good for all.

People who would be interested in helping establish a food pantry at LCC can send e-mails to www.OSPIRGstudents.org.

Mattie Cagle

LCC student

Letter biased, inaccurate

I'm breaking away from my usual policy of not getting involved in dramatic situations, mainly because I feel the words written by Tom Bush, a former ASLCC Senator and Presidential write-in candidate for the 2004 elections in last week's Torch were impartial and lacked vital information. Now I consider myself a friend of the Rios-Stull ticket, and I was a supporter of them, but I won't deny that there were some campaigning tactics that did go against election rules and campus rules. The "77" students who voted for Rios-Stull, did not get their full vote disqualified. Whatever votes they made to-

ward the ballots and other candidates were still counted. The votes that Rios-Stull did accumulate were still counted even though they were disqualified. You can see that in the ASLCC office and last week's Torch. You do have a right to know how and where your money is being spent and you can exercise that right by requesting a copy of the budget and going to meetings. The Judiciary Board acted in what they viewed as the best decision and this decision has been called to question. But even if it wasn't, the announcement of their disqualification did not play a factor in their loss.

Adam Davis

LCC student

Bravo, Torch staff!

Winning the First Place Award for General Excellence in the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association's annual college competition is a significant honor. The professional journalists who examined your work applaud the way you serve your readers. They are saying your product is the best of Oregon community college newspapers.

This is a "team" award for the dozens of students who contribute their time, talent and energy each week. It acknowledges the successful communication and careful planning orchestrated by editor in chief Gabe Bradley and the several associate editors and managers. And it affirms the superb teaching and advising work from Dorothy Wearne, Frank Ragulsky and Shannon Browning.

And it's a big win for the Lane campus, because Torch readers benefit from the news, information and images prepared by a fine campus newspaper.

Pete Peterson

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Torch News Adviser



**MACK
WORLD**

John Mackwood
Columnist

Looking forward to the Fall

Lights, camera, action! A new PG movie is being filmed in Eugene. It's a very serious movie.

Cartoon music is on the air.

A new class catalog will arrive very soon for the 2004-2005 school year.

People are leaving the Torch for good very soon. Give them all a bear hug goodbye. Everybody cries over spilt coffee with milk. Doesn't everybody know?

I will get a part time job as soon as possible. Next week will be the last Mackworld of the year. Cartoon writing will go off the air. Goodbye or good luck.

Also, besides cartoon writing, thank you, being off the air, the new Torch radio will come next Fall 2004. Doesn't everybody know?

Maybe Colette will take Maria's job at the Torch next year. Wait and see in Fall, 2004.

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OPINION

Columnist fails to accept responsibility

The following is a response to last week's article by Liz Mayfield, entitled "Responsibilities must go hand in hand with rights." After finishing her usual regurgitation of conservative orthodoxy, I felt more than compelled to inveigh against this ever-present babble; the widely propagated ideology fantasized by so many conservative pundits who chant this tautological chorus.



MARX THE SPOT

L.C. Streng
Columnist

In contrast to the chorus which Ms. Mayfield embraces, I will point out that the poor and unemployed are not so because they lack the responsibility to be exploited, rather, in fact, they have always existed under our prevailing capitalistic social order, and will continue to as long as it remains.

Marx once wrote, "The tradition of all the dead generations weighs like a nightmare on the brain of the living." Indeed, as we saw last week, the traditional conservative propaganda continues to weigh on those who speak to change. Nonetheless, we can expose profound ignorance by denying the grace of impunity on which the nightmare lies.

Apparently, Ms. Mayfield hears a lot about rights and, after doing so, felt inclined to bless us with a relay of what she's been told.

Following an insight regarding the lack of a constitutional right to a toilet (which incidentally, is where her article belongs), Ms. Mayfield concludes that, "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?" Certainly not Ms. Mayfield as she evades her own philosophy, conveniently blaming the victims (who are irresponsible blamers) of a system dedicated solely to the accumulation of capital.

Ms. Mayfield poses another question: "Wouldn't we have a more proactive, positive society if we all would stop blaming others for the things we want but don't have?" One might ask, proactive and positive for whom? Who benefits? The prerogatives of the owning class are constantly threatened by the democratic potential and gains which we have seen in the 20th century-amounting, for a short while-towards a more democratic distribution of resources. The owning class dreams of such a place where persons could not voice real grievances or organize and collectively bargain. In short, a retrogression back to the late 19th Century third-world conditions of the U.S-true capitalism and the true face of an unrestrained "free market."

But, what do we really need, Ms. Mayfield? A response is in order: 'the citizens of our country need to pull themselves up by their bootstraps and take some responsibility.' Once again, the banal capitalist ideology is spewed forth by the ever mesmerized conduit (Ms. Mayfield), referring to the traditional and undying image of "Jack the

Bootblack" who magically pulls himself to riches via the proper protestant work ethic; an often alluded to trivial exception that proves the rule.

After which, Ms. Mayfield pinpoints (misses) the problem, asserting, "It's just greed and selfishness on every side." Must I choose to accept the notion of greedy minimum wage workers; the greed of 15 percent of the U.S. population living under the poverty line; the selfishness of over 40 million Americans without any health insurance?

However, certainly-according to Ms. Mayfield-we should rely on responsibility of the rich, which dictates that they "help those who are less fortunate because it is the right thing to do." This assumes a capitalist class which fails to present one historical example of voluntarily conceding anything to the working class without the threat or implementation of strikes, slowdowns and other union tactics attempting to secure living wages, benefits, and a 40-hour work week (which took the great depression to induce).

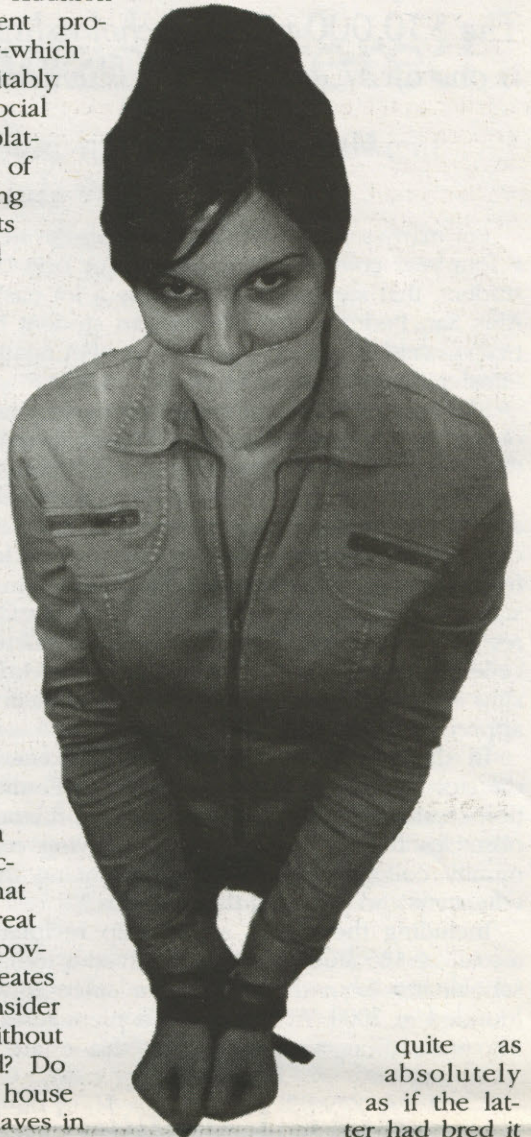
Finally, in Ms. Mayfield's world, "It's all so simple. It's just based on the things our parents taught us when we were little-share, be nice, be responsible. Somehow as we grow up we let go of those things and yell "gimme" and cry when we don't get things." That is, the amelioration we seek is, or course, traditional family values.

Instead of a "somehow," I would argue that it is a system which rewards the pursuit of self-interest and the rational systematization of human endeavor for the accumulation of wealth for a few, at the expense of the rest, which prefigures a

capitalist mentality. Additionally, the ever-present pro-capitalist ideology-which Ms. Mayfield indubitably idolizes-dominates social institutions and the plat-forms of discourse of our society; relegating alternative viewpoints to an under-funded and slighted fray.

Ms. Mayfield asks that we accept some relative equilibrium of "responsibility" which will quell the poor, while conveniently perpetuating the rich. In fact, wealth and poverty do not occur in sterile juxtaposition dictated by responsibility; instead, one might charge that wealth and poverty are dialectically connected. That is, you cannot have great wealth without great poverty--great wealth creates great poverty. Consider it. Do lords exist without serfs tilling the land? Do masters relax in the house on the hill without slaves in the fields? Do capitalists exist without workers creating surplus value? One cannot exist without the other.

The unemployed are not created from a lack of responsibility; rather, "But if a surplus labouring population is a necessary product of accumulation or of the development of wealth on a capitalistic basis, this surplus-population becomes, conversely, the lever of capitalistic accumulation, nay, a condition of existence of the capitalist mode of production. It forms a disposable industrial reserve army, that belongs to capital

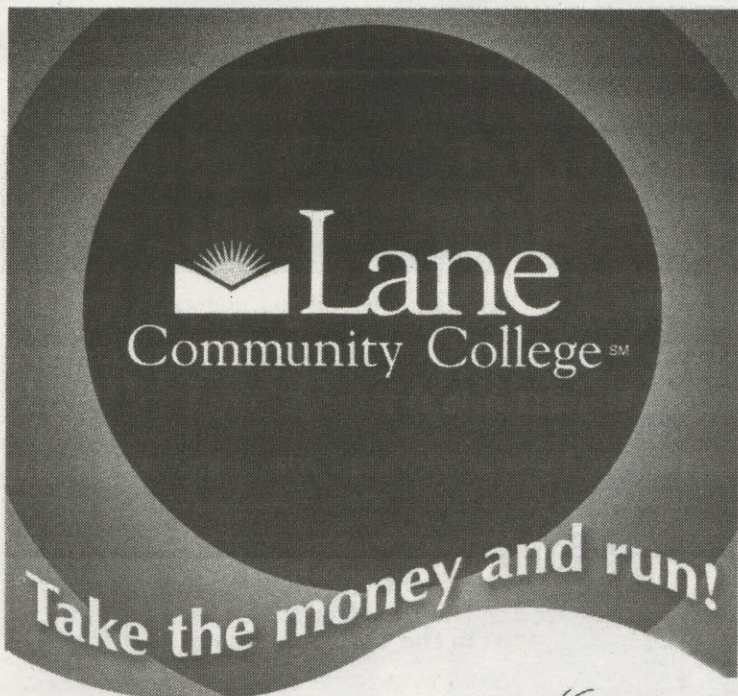


quite as absolutely as if the latter had bred it at its own cost.
(Karl Marx, Capital,

vol. 1)

Such dissemination of the ruling ideas by Ms. Mayfield is scary perhaps. However, it is not shocking. In chanting the tautological chorus-the traditional ideology which seeks to justify and perpetuate an existing system of ruling class domination and the whole capital accumulation process-it seemed Ms. Mayfield didn't stray a note. Oh, what a right-responsibility: to write (a constitutional freedom) and not think (a responsibility).

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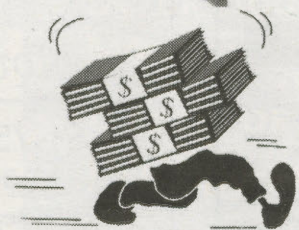
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News

Scholarship sends Lane student to a prestigious art school

The \$30,000 transfer scholarship is one of 27 awarded worldwide.

Melissa Vandever
A&E Editor

For many students, LCC is a steppingstone to a four-year college or university. For one LCC student, that step recently became a lot easier. Alex San Pedro, a second year art student has been awarded a Jack Kent Cooke Foundation transfer scholarship for \$30,000.

San Pedro, a fine arts major with an emphasis on painting and ceramics, has been accepted to the prestigious Pratt Institute.

San Pedro is one of 27 students to receive a transfer scholarship from the foundation. According to a press release, these 27 were picked from 863 nominees from two-year colleges in 17 states and eight foreign countries. Scholarship recipients were chosen based on academic excellence, financial need, will to succeed, leadership ability, service to others and interest in or appreciation for the fine arts.

In the release, the Foundation's executive director Matthew J. Quinn said, "The Foundation created the program to make sure financial obstacles do not prevent high-achieving community college students from advancing their education and pursuing their dreams."

Including the recent scholarship recipients, a total of 136 students have received a transfer scholarship from the foundation since it was founded in 2000. According to a press release, the foundation was started by the estate of

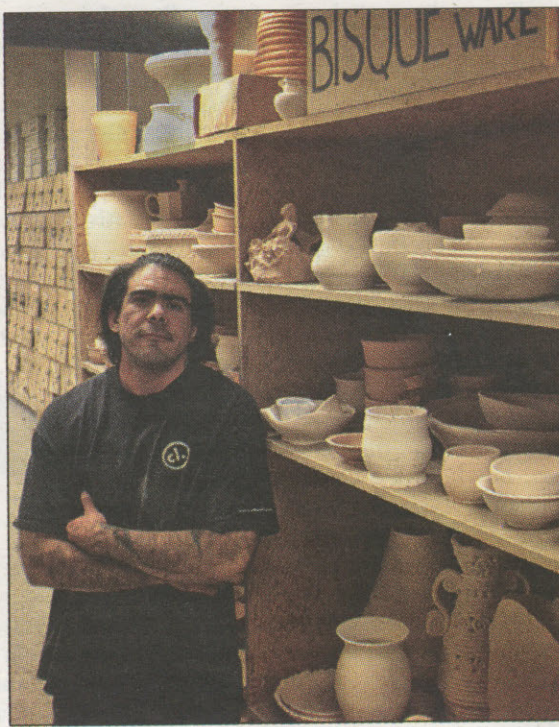


Photo by Noah Rademacher

Fine Arts major Alex San Pedro is on his way to the prestigious Pratt Institute after being awarded a \$30,000 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation scholarship.

businessman Jack Kent Cooke to "help young people of exceptional promise reach their full potential through education."

The foundation also awards scholarships to students in graduate and professional school and high school.

Despite LTD bus fire, new schedule changes will go on as planned

Investigation leaves articulated buses out of service until cause is determined.

Elizabeth Kahl
Staff Writer

Despite a recent fire onboard one of the new articulated buses bought by Lane Transit District, plans are still in effect to institute the recently approved changes to the fall LTD schedule according to LTD spokesperson Andy Vobora.

The articulated buses, put into service in order to reduce the number of trips to LCC each day, began running in early March. They were quickly pulled from their routes soon after, however, due to a fire aboard one bus en route to Cottage Grove on April 20.

An investigation is currently being conducted to find out the exact cause of the fire. So far the investigation shows that the problem started in a hydraulic hose that was not properly installed. Investigators believe that it was a problem caused during assembly, not a manufacturing defect.

Throughout the nation there have been many accidents reported with newly designed articulated busses. However, the particular model that LTD bought has only had one other reported accident.

The other accident with this type of bus took place in Hawaii. That investigation concluded that the fire was caused by an assembly flaw in the engine, as opposed to a manufacturing defect.

Vobora said that everything is looking good in the other buses and that students can expect a return of the articulated vehicles soon.

"The investigation will be completed in the next couple of weeks and the buses should be in service again in June," he said.

After the investigation is complete LTD plans to put the buses back on the originally planned routes. They include Route 98 Cottage Grove, Route 79x UO/Kinsrow and Route 82 LCC/Pearl. Buses will also be used for shuttle service to special events such as the Oregon Country Fair, Lane County Fair and UO home games.

For LCC students who ride these buses this could mean a need for a change in schedule next fall. The ability of the articulated buses to carry more passengers means that LTD will run buses less often than before on these routes.

The perceived schedule for next fall has these buses running to LCC four times an hour. Exact times have not yet been decided, but Vobora assures that "the buses will be timed in a way to coordinate with class times."

A&E Calendar

May 27

Jazz Band/Symphonic Band: Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Building. Requested donation is \$4-6. For more information contact Myrna Seifert at 463-5202.

June 2

Chamber Choir/Concert Choir/Spectrum Vocal Jazz Ensemble: Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Building. Requested donation is \$4-6. For more information contact Myrna Seifert at 463-5202.

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SPORTS

Mondragon hired as Lane's new athletic director

Nationwide search ends with interim named as new athletic director.

Shawn Miller
Sports Editor

"Interim" has been removed from Sean Mondragon's title. Mondragon, who spent the past 16 months as interim athletic director, beat out all candidates in a nationwide search for LCC's permanent athletic director.

Mondragon first came to LCC in 1998. He spent the better part of two years as assistant athletic director of student services before being named interim athletic director in January 2003 following the retirement of Harland Yriarte.

"I'm excited to be here," said Mondragon. "The whole program we have here is top notch and to be associated with that full time is a good feeling."

A six-person committee narrowed 17 candidates down to six. Each of the finalists were interviewed, asked to demonstrate a teaching lesson and had to provide an example of fundraising.

Each candidate received points based on a point value for every category. They were also graded on the application packet and resume.

"The interview was pretty intensive tied to the essen-



Photo by Megan Wilson

After 16 months as interim Athletic Director, Sean Mondragon is now fulfilling his dream of being an athletic director and teacher at the college level.

tial functions of the job," said Patrick Lanning, chairman of physical education, health and athletics as well as a member of the committee. "We actually score the person on the depth and clarity of their answers. We have a threshold."

"It does come down to the points," said Lanning. "There was enough separation that it was clear who was the top candidate."

"Sean, given that he is a strong teacher, has been here for awhile and his previous coaching experience, had the total package."

The position is half athletic director, half physical education instructor. Mondragon will teach 10.5 courses per year, which is fine with him due to his extensive background in teaching. In 1994, Mondragon earned his bachelor's degree in physical education.

Two years later, he received his master's degree in physical education with an emphasis on sports administration and curriculum.

"My dream job has been teaching and being an athletic director at the college level," said Mondragon.

'Madness' golf set for area hackers; fun, prizes offered

First annual glow-in-the-dark tournament scheduled for July 9.

Shawn Miller
Sports Editor

Fore!

That word will have new meaning as golfers signed up for LCC's golf tournament will be hitting the deck when they hear that on July 9. The athletic department will put on the first annual glow-in-the-dark tournament, held on a course called "Short Ridge" at RiverRidge Golf Course. The first group is scheduled to tee-off around 9:30 p.m.

The nine-hole event is a fundraiser for the athletic program and features prizes, a trophy with "a twist" and contests for the entrants. 'Closest to the pin' and 'longest putt' are the two contests most likely to appear.

"A lot of people play golf and a lot of people play in tournaments," said Athletic Director Sean Mondragon. "But this will be different. It will be fun."

Pacific Continental Bank is the official sponsor and was given an automatic foursome, leaving room for 17 more groups. The event costs \$140 per foursome. There will be barbecue style food and a free glow-in-the-dark golf ball for each contestant.

"The goal is obviously fundraising," said Mondragon. "I didn't want it to be too expensive though."

"Also, the goal, like the silent auction, is to have this as an event for us each year."

Mondragon got the idea for the format while attending a tournament a year ago. He has since been working with the RiverRidge staff to finalize details.

"I actually got the idea from when RiverRidge did a tournament with the 20-30 Club a year ago and I saw the sign," said Mondragon. "I wanted to do something a little bit different; to make sure people said 'I want to go to that tournament.'"

The format is still up in the air, although Mondragon would prefer to have a 'scramble' type. Scramble is where everyone plays their ball until they make their putt and the lowest score in the group is the total of that hole.

"I want to do the scramble, but I'm open to suggestions," said Mondragon.

Titans repeat as Southern region champions

The Titan baseball team will face Centralia in the first round of the NWAACC playoffs.

Shawn Miller
Sports Editor

The LCC baseball program is scheduled to be dismantled following this season. However, the Titans are not going away quietly. Actually, they want to make a lot of noise when they head to the NWAACC playoffs as the top seed from the Southern Region.

The Titans ended the regular season 30-13, with a 22-8 league record. Their first round opponent is Centralia Community College, which finished second in the West Region. The game is scheduled for 12:35 p.m. on May 27 in Pasco, Wash.

One game behind and in second place sits Mt. Hood Community College, who will face Lower Columbia Community College in the opener of the first round of the playoffs.

"There is a whole new life and enthusiasm in this team," said Strickland. "The energy we need and the momentum that could spark us."

The Titans were crowned the NWAACC champions in the 1999 season and look for another performance worthy of the title to show everybody that despite knowing that this was the college's final baseball season, there was still something worth playing for: hardware stating who the best team of the season was.

The Titans
Southern Region Award Winners

MVP: Donny Bradetich

FIRST TEAM ALL-LEAGUE:

James Compo – Outfielder

Matt Skundrick – Utility

Garrett Stembridge – Pitcher

Jordan Boyd – Reliever

SECOND TEAM ALL-LEAGUE:

Sam Kirby – Catcher

Scott Corbett – Infielder

Phil Ouellette – Outfielder

Derek Bodeen – Outfielder

Mike Bauman – Pitcher

COACH OF THE YEAR:

Rob Strickland – Head Coach



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Sophomore Donny Bradetich slides into second base after hitting one of his three doubles on May 4 against Chemeketa.

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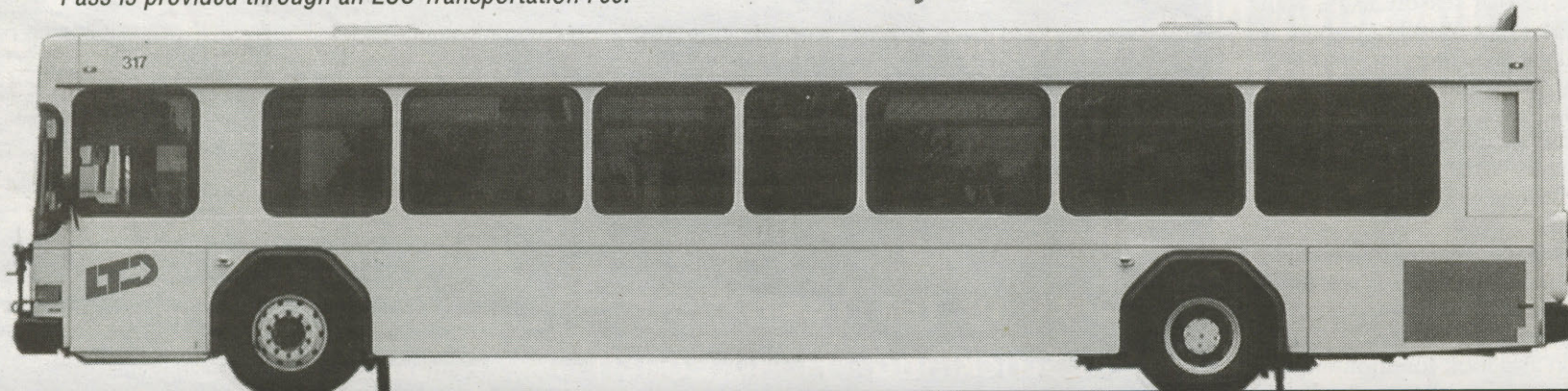
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made the measure's failure especially disappointing to the commission.

If the ballot measure had been successful, it would have allowed Recreational Sports and Athletics to double their student services. As it is now, however, 120 full-time students will lose 25 percent of the program offerings.

"I would venture that Rec. Sports serves more students than any of the other student fees out there in terms of usage. I would also say that it's a shame that we funded three new programs through the student fee before we made sure the funding was adequate for our existing student funded programs," said Hague.

Hague said that the plan for now is to try to bring the issue back in October during the special elections. Hague may attend the upcoming LCC

Board of Education meeting to support the measures that did pass, but mentioned that there has been some doubt as to the Board's position on the failed measure. "There was a question whether they would let the sports fee pass anyway," he said.

Hague wants to thank the students who supported the measure and added, "Personally, I don't plan to leave this school till it's done."

LCC policy requires that all measures be approved by the Board of Education before they take effect. All measures will go before the Board on May 26 for final consideration.

According to Barb Delansky, ASLCC adviser, there is no history of the board going against the wishes of the voters in these matters. She added, however, "The Board is the legal entity who sets the fees."

off the mark

by Mark Parisi
www.offthemark.com



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Steger said that one top candidate for the grant proposal at this point includes materials that would solve what she called a problem of "uneven technology," referencing that various classrooms on campus have a wide gap between their available technology.

Some classrooms, such as most of those on the fourth floor of the Center Building, are fully equipped with computers and projectors for display purposes, whereas teachers in some other classrooms must still wheel in a television and VCR when a visual aid is required.

Another leading idea is to analyze and revamp the Students First program in an effort to serve students quicker and more efficiently. Steger said that the upcoming "DMV-style" numbered waiting system is part of that envisioned change.

Title III guidelines stipulate that the institution of higher learning must be a "high need" college, said Steger, "which means that you have over a certain percentage of students on some form of financial assistance, and that overall your instructional cost-per-student ratio is lower than the average in the United States. We meet that criteria."

Steger said that while grants are awarded in part on the basis of idea presented and need of the college, another dominant factor is how well the proposal is written. Steger said that once the infrastructure idea is confirmed, the Title III proposal will take approximately six months to write. The deadline is in February 2005.

In an effort to increase the number of potential ideas to list in the grant proposal, the college will holding a "brainstorming session" on June 8 for

staff and faculty. Steger said that the forum is not specifically intended for students, but that there are other means available to share ideas.

"Students are usually brought in on a much more individual basis in the planning," she said. "Once we know we're going to go for something, once we see that what we really need is the voice of a student, we often use students almost in a focus group-type way."

As an example, Steger credits the scholarship booklets distributed on campus to students who presented their needs to faculty members who then brought the idea to the Foundation.

"We've now found that it's an excellent recruiting tool for more money. From my side, it's a nice fund-raising piece. But that was clearly a student need that we just never gave much thought to before, he said."

FYI

LCC will hold a student nursery plant sale May 26-28, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Items for sale include a five-gallon arborvitae for \$7; one-gallon plants for \$2; 3-5 gallon plants for \$5; 4" herbs for \$1. The sale will be at the southwest corner of campus at the greenhouse behind the childcare buildings. All proceeds go to support the student nursery.

The last speaker panel of the year in Steve Candee's "Problems in US Politics" class will be Tue. June 1 from 7-9 p.m. in Building 19 Room 257. The topic will be "Gay Marriage and Civil Unions" and will include UO law professor Dominic Vetri, Harriet Merrick of Basic Rights Oregon, and a speaker to be announced from the Defense of Marriage Coalition. Guests are welcome.

For more information, contact Steve Candee at 463-5188.

The LCC Green Chemistry Club will hold its final meeting of the year on Wed. June 2 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Building 16, Room 153/154.

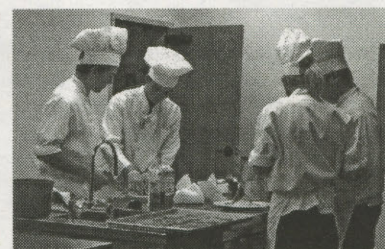
Guest speaker will be Kevin Lewis, who has years of first-hand knowledge of chemical usage in the industry field. Lewis has been involved in the efforts to "green up" the processes and will speak on how Green Chemists can influence industry in the future.

Refreshments will be provided. The group will also be conducting elections for a leadership team for next year. More information can be obtained by e-mailing current president Megan Tvedt at greenchemlcc@yahoo.com.

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NW Youth Corps Team I members Jake Telford, Jack Nichols, Brandon Burrows and Joe Strub put the finishing touches on their entrée before presenting it to the judges at the Second Annual Lane County High School Culinary Competition May 17.

CORRECTION

We ran the wrong caption for this photo in the May 20 issue of the Torch.

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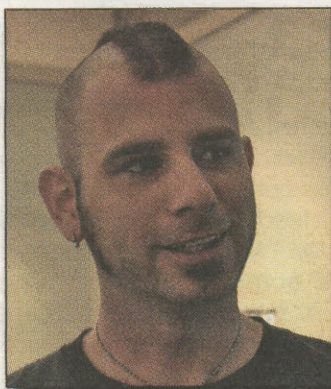
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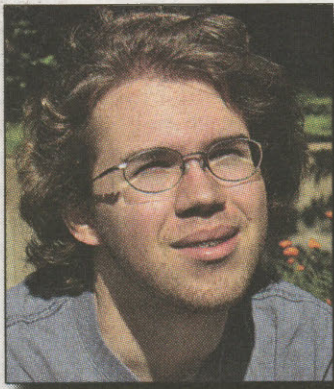


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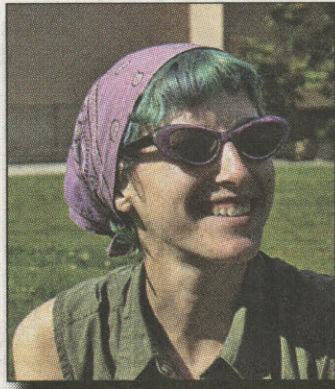
Jaymz Woodworth
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I threw a cigarette out the window. It came back in and landed in front of me on the floor. I bent over to pick it up and slammed into a parked car at about 55 miles per hour.



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Somebody tried to carjack me in San Francisco, then the light turned green.



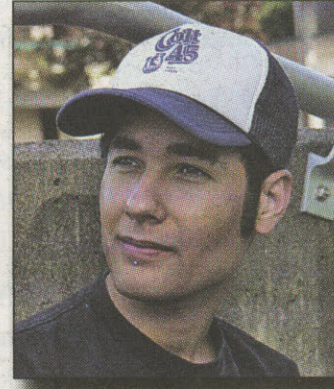
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We went to Burning Man and I was in a car that accidentally ran over a man on a bike. The biker's wheel got caught underneath the boat that was welded to the front of the car.



Nicole Kiser
Business Major

I was smashed on my 21st birthday and I decided to get up on the moon roof of a limo. The driver made a quick stop and I chipped my tooth on the roof.



Logan Bourdon
Biology Major

I was driving on the freeway and a tire fell off a semi and bounced over my car, just missing me.

Compiled by Colette Lazinski, photos by Megan Wilson



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