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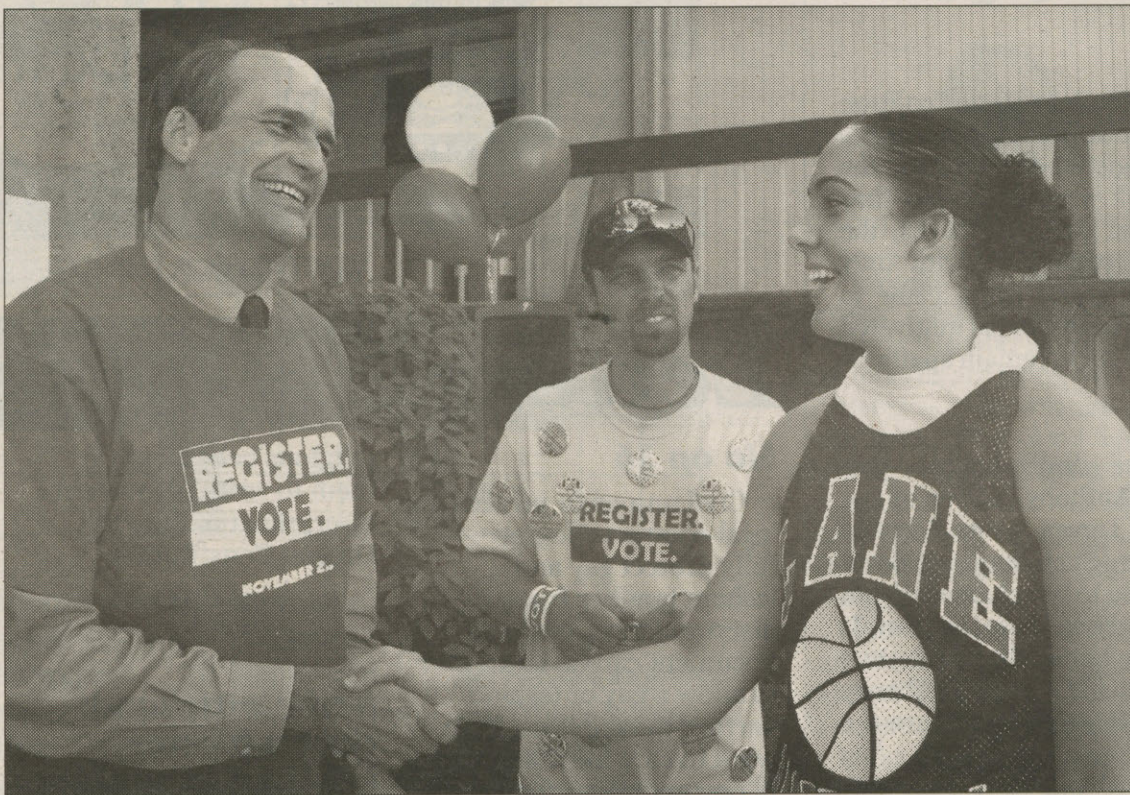


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Sec. of State Bill Bradbury shakes hands with Oregon's two millionth registered voter, Lisa Fernandez, while SVC member Alvin "Boomer" Gooley looks on.

2,000,000th Oregon voter registered on Lane campus

Bradbury, DeFazio turn out to hype registration

SUSAN WAHLBERG
MANAGING EDITOR

Look out; there are two million of them now.

With the help of Secretary of State Bill Bradbury and Congressman Peter DeFazio [D] 4th District, the two millionth Oregon voter was registered on Oct. 11, right here at Lane Community College.

Lined up in their neon-green and navy blue shirts, the Student Vote Coalition team passed the two millionth registration form from the hands of Lisa Fernandez, the two millionth regstree, to Bill Bradbury, who placed the form into the collection box. Peter DeFazio stood by his side and looked on.

The gathered crowd roared their applause

when the two millionth registration form was placed in the collection box, and Bradbury addressed the crowd, holding up one arm triumphantly.

"All of you who have worked so hard for the student association should feel really, really good about increasing voter participation in this state. It's incredible. Thank you so much," Bradbury said.

"You're sending assistance to the people of this country who are not well-represented in the current system. We need to get more people registered to vote so we take back America for all of us, not just a privileged few," DeFazio added.

The Student Vote Coalition, which
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PHOTO BY TRAVIS RODERICK

LCC student Tiffany Pope said she definitely plans on trying out for Lane's women's soccer team next year.

Women's soccer kicks off fall 2005

To better comply with Title IX, soccer selected over other sports

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Local high schools have something new to look forward to in the near future. For the first time in the college's history, women's soccer will be added as a varsity sport at Lane Community College.

Soccer is the clear-cut choice for the reinstated women's sport at Lane. After much debate, the Athletic Department was able to push back the start date until the fall, 2005.

"That gives a full year to recruit, instead of trying to piece together a team this year," Athletic Director Sean Mondragon said. "It's one of the growing sports in the NWAACC (Northwest Athletics Association of Community Colleges).

"If we are going to put together a team, we want to hire someone that is a good coach, have quality kids and field a team that is good right off the

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Parking, parking everywhere, and not a spot to take

College looks at long-range goals for overflowing lots

MAYO FINCH &
TRAVIS D. RODERICK
STAFF WRITER/EDITOR IN CHIEF

Every fall term, Lane students, faculty and staff attempt to fit roughly 4,000 cars into 3,340 parking spots on the main campus, making for an obviously significant overflow.

Of course, this is during an era when student enrollment is reportedly down.

How will the college cope with this problem 5, 10 or even 20 years from now, when they hope and expect enrollment to rise?

Short-term solutions will remain the same, primarily consisting of increased parking lot patrol and ticketing by Public Safety. Long-term solutions are harder to come by, though the college is beginning to discuss them.

Tickets and fines

"It's been that way or worse every fall term for the 20 odd years I've worked here," said Sandy Ing-Wiese, Director of Public Safety, of the parking dilemma.

Such recurring themes have caused Public Safety to put in increased efforts during the first three days of fall term in order to make parking more manageable. During these days, every Public Safety officer is on campus helping direct traffic to the various lots. As each lot fills up, they close the lot and move on to the next lot until all of the lots are full.

A completely full lot doesn't stop some drivers from making their own parking spaces, however. In an effort to get to class on time, drivers often park alongside the road, in landscaped areas or along the edge of a yellow area, thereby making themselves susceptible to a \$20 fine from Public Safety.

Public Safety has come to the realization that this same problem occurs almost every year, and as such does their best to issue warnings during the opening days of class as opposed to tickets.

However, these warnings are typically only for improper parking issues. Drivers will

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TOAST to the Student Vote Coalition crew for reaching their seemingly-impossible goal of 2500 new registered voters on the LCC campus. The clock was ticking, but they managed to meet their goal on Oct. 12, the final day for getting registered, with only minutes to spare. The grand count came to 2573, proving that the youth *can* get motivated when they feel their liberty to remain apathetic is threatened.

ROAST to the individual(s) that assaulted UO student Anthony Warren at last Thursday's speech by Teresa Heinz Kerry at the McDonald Theater. Such suppression of free speech is something to be ashamed of, not glorified, and I really thought we, as liberals and progressives, were better than that. Just because we are assaulted at a Bush or Cheney rally does not mean that we should return the favor. But, then again...

ROAST to UO student Anthony Warren for getting himself assaulted at last Thursday's Heinz Kerry speech and then crying about it, while ignoring the assault of liberal dissenters at last month's Dick Cheney rally at the Eugene airport. Warren told the Oregon Daily Emerald that those who attacked him were "hypocrites," but unless he was just as morally outraged over other recent assaults at political rallies, he's just as fit to wear the moniker. Hey Anthony, you've gotta admit that it was nice getting in to see Ms. Heinz Kerry without first signing an oath of loyalty to her husband and running mate, wasn't it?

ROAST to Oregon grocery stores for fighting Gov. Kulongoski's proposal to start a registry of cough syrup buyers in an effort to curb methamphetamine production. Kulongoski would like to see people show ID and sign a form every time they buy cough syrup, a key ingredient in the meth creation process. Retailers claim that it will create a hassle in time and energy by forcing their clerks to act as police or enforcers. If that's truly the case, shouldn't we also do away with alcohol and tobacco ID checks? After all, that's also a time burdern, isn't it? Or is it just that superfluous cough syrup sales will drop?

TOAST to the lovely Oregon weather that's been allowing us to pretend summer lasts longer than three weeks up here in the great northwest, while the rest of the country suffers intolerable downpours. We know Winter's coming, but we'll hold our breath and cross our fingers as long as we possibly can.



WHY TERRORISTS DON'T DEBATE

Letters to the Editor

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Civil unions or private legal contracts do not fully protect gay and lesbian families from discrimination. No legal document can be written to allow a gay or lesbian partner to take leave from work to care for a seriously ill partner under the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act. This law only applies to married couples. No legal document can give the surviving partner of a gay or lesbian couples the right to receive their deceased partner's Social Security benefits, or to inherit a retirement plan without suffering a major tax penalty. Gay and lesbian couples cannot sue for a partner's wrongful death if the partner was killed in a workplace accident. Gay and lesbian couples are not guaranteed the right to refuse to testify against their partner in court.

There are 1100 federal rights that apply only to married couples. Civil unions are not transferable between states and are not recognized by the federal government. Even living wills and power of attorney do not always hold up in court if challenged by disgruntled family members.

In order to be fully treated as equal citizens, Gay and Lesbian families must have access to the rights of civil marriage. Please consider what it would be like for you and your family if you were not entitled to these rights. Do not let people convince you that their

religious beliefs entitle them to write permanent discrimination into the Oregon Constitution.

IRENE HENJUM
SPRINGFIELD

Kerry withstands Bush's bluster

John Kerry withstood the bluster and fury of a very desperate President Bush in tonight's second debate. The debate held little surprise as both candidates basically repeated charges from the first debate.

Bush tried to do so with more energy in a debate format that he was more comfortable with. However, Kerry had a more refined response that at the same time was articulate, clear and concise.

Bush was often blunt and blustering, and at one point overruled the facilitator of the debate, virtually ignoring his attempt to steer the debate to another question. This more than anything else helped show the difference between the two.

Kerry was far more presidential, both in his demeanor and with a deeper understanding of the issues in this election.

MARK SCHWEBKE
PORTLAND

HR4231 lends aid to hospitals, tax payers

Page 6 of the Community College Journal for Aug./Sept. 2004 contains an article regarding the Nurse Recruitment and Retention Act of 2004 (HR4231), presently before the

House Veteran's Affairs Subcommittee on Health. If passed, this act would allow VA hospitals to hire RNs with associate degrees, such as those graduates of LCC's nursing programs, that are presently being hired by other hospitals across the U.S. LCC nursing graduates have a 99 percent success record of passing the licensure exam and are presently working at most hospitals in Oregon and qualified to work at VA hospitals.

Due to the present war, over 7,000 injured veterans have been added to the load of the already underfunded and understaffed federal nursing staff of VA hospitals. Despite this fact, Gordon H. Mansfield, Deputy Secretary of Veteran's Affairs for the Bush administration, stated that he would oppose HR 4231.

At present, the VHA faces a nursing shortage and has a 7 percent vacancy rate at this time. It costs the taxpayers of the U.S. \$11,000 more to educate an RN to the bachelor's level, not to mention the extra two years required. Why not pass this bill that would provide the VHA with a workforce of quality RNs quickly in order to meet the increasing demands resulting from this war?

If President Bush, like Senator Kerry, had been wounded in defense of this country, he would not be opposing this bill. Count on me as one of the veterans who will be voting for Kerry.

G. DENNIS SHINE
SPRINGFIELD

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Diversity conference at LCC will address social justice

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Lane Community College will be hosting the Oregon Diversity Institute's 10th annual conference Nov. 5 and 6, an event that LCC diversity coordinator Jim Garcia hopes will be well attended by staff and students of the college.

"It's providing opportunities for people for different ways of seeing and doing things," said Garcia. "Folks who attend ODI, they know it's a unique experience, because we focus on social justice and diversity issues. That's what's missing in many diversity conferences."

This will be the first ODI conference held at LCC. The format of the event will be different from conferences of the past, reacting to feedback from previous attendees.

"A major change is that we're trying to provide more learning for students. We have the conference center so we will be able to hold more participants," Garcia said. "It's related to our theme, which is successful diversity strategies. The theme here reflects people sharing ideas that have worked in the past."

Much of the conference will consist of workshops, open forums and keynote speakers. Topics to be covered include student leadership and empowerment, promoting social justice and diversity for policy makers, and diversity training.

A certificate of completion will be awarded for attending all of the workshops of any particular institute, but this is not a requirement to attend. The certificate does not come with any specific rewards.

The conference is designed around Lane Community College's CORE (Creating Our Respectful Environment) values of providing a safe environment for learning and discussing issues of diversity as well as ODI's goals and objectives.

The move to campus is providing much needed space to more than double previous years' attendance.

"We are expecting more people because we're in the Lane area. There's a number of agencies here that can send participants," Garcia said.

Keynote speakers will be former LCC counselor and teacher Steve Hanamura of Hanamura Consulting, a firm that provides consulting, training and public speaking services to small and large businesses, government agencies, cities and schools; Roscoe Caron, social studies teacher at Jefferson Middle School and co-founder of the Ganas Project; and Claire Oliveros, Student Fishbowl Coordinator and Coordinator of the Portland Community College-Sylvania Multicultural Center.

Fees for registration vary depending upon attendance. For those attending full days, breakfast and lunch will be provided and is included in their registration fee. A late registration fee of \$10 will be charged after Oct. 22. For specific fee amounts refer to the ODI website or contact Garcia.

Students who would like reduced or waived registration fees may volunteer to work during the conference. Interested persons should contact Sabrina Davis, Volunteer Coordinator, at 915-9226 or send email to daviss@lanecc.edu.

ODI's website address to download forms for registration, calls for proposals and obtain award nomination forms is www.lanecc.edu/odi. This website provides a schedule of events, detailed information on the keynote speakers and other important information. Forms and information may also be obtained from Garcia.

"We're hoping that folks who attend ODS. I will come away with successful strategies for their organization," Garcia said.

Garcia may be contacted at 463-5852 or garciaj@lanecc.edu. Completed forms may be returned by mail or dropped off at the Human Resources office.

FyI...

OSPIRG will have its general interest meeting Thursday, Oct. 14 from 3-4 p.m. in Building 5, Room 206. This is an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to not only learn about the public interest group's campaigns - from working for more affordable textbooks, to saving Oregon's old-growth forests, to getting out the student vote - but also to participate in planning them. Guest speaker Kitty Piercy will discuss the effectiveness of student activism.

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A FORUM on the relationship between American power and global security over the last four years of the Bush administration will be held on Friday, Oct. 15, at 11 a.m. in Building 17, Room 308. Panelists include mayoral candidate Kitty Piercy, ASLCC President Tony McCown, social science instructor Stan Taylor, forensics student Edward Niedermeyer, and student Eric Maroney. The forum will last approximately 40 minutes with a brief question and answer session following. This event is sponsored by the Lane Forensics Team and the English, Foreign Language, and Speech Division.

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ON TUESDAY, OCT. 19 there will be a panel discussion in Steve Candee's "Problems in US Politics Through Film" class at 7 p.m. in Building 19, Room 257. The discussion will be on the "Voting and Elections: What's Still the Matter with Florida?" section of the class and will feature Annette Newingham, chief clerk of Lane County Elections; Dan Isaacson, chair of the Lane County Democrats; and Holly Knight of the Mainstreet Moms Opposing Bush (MMOB). Please call 463-5188 if you would like to attend.

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LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE will hold a 40th Anniversary Community Open House on Tuesday, October 19, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Center for Meeting and Learning, Building 19. Lane President Mary Spilde and Founding President Dale Parnell will present remarks at 12:15 p.m. Photo and video reminiscences will be presented, and refreshments will be provided by Lane's award-winning culinary arts students. Commemorative 40th anniversary calendars will also be available.

Lane Community College was founded Oct. 19, 1964 by a 5-to-1 margin in a Lane County special election. More information can be found by visiting www.lanecc.edu and clicking on the 40th Anniversary link.

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still receive tickets for violations such as speeding, illegal lane changes, ignoring stop signs and parking in handicapped parking spots. Tickets for these violations vary depending on the crime, some reaching as much as \$120.

Get on the bus

In an effort to curb the number of students driving to campus each day, the college last year began charging a mandatory \$15 transportation fee to any student taking a credit class at the main campus. This fee allows the college to offer a Lane Transit District bus pass to every student that wants one, with leftover monies being reserved for parking lot maintenance and improvements.

In the past, LCC students were offered an LTD FastPass three-month bus pass, of which the college was only able to procure 2,500 a term. The FastPass was much cheaper than other passes of similar duration available to the public, but its \$58 price tag was still hefty enough to cause many students to opt to drive.

Looking at similar programs offered to area businesses such as Sacred Heart Medical Center and the Register-Guard, LCC decided to implement a group rate plan that allowed them to purchase

passes from LTD at a greatly reduced rate. Under the current system, the cost is only \$10.13 per pass.

In an effort to analyze current transportation trends, LTD will in the next few weeks begin conducting counts as students deboard at LCC to determine the future transportation needs for the college. LTD will then adjust its bus schedules accordingly.

"We know demand is strong," Andy Vobora said, marketing director for LTD. "Last year we were moving about 1150 students a day."

According to an informal survey conducted by Bob Mention, member of the LCC sustainability sub-committee on transportation, the number one reason students drive to campus is convenience.

Mention said he found that many adult students are weaving class schedules in with childcare and work, and the need to shift the purpose of their transportation multiple times during the day necessitates the use of a car as opposed to taking the bus.

Thinking outside the box

When it comes to the future of parking at LCC, the college has only begun looking at the issues and discussing viable alternatives. Looking at increased

parking also necessitates looking at the college's sustainability goals, which preclude expanding beyond the parking lots' current boundaries.

One proposed solution that has come up repeatedly has been to set up a paid parking system.

It was concluded that the proposal would be too costly to implement and would create more problems than it solved. This also holds true for parking permits of any type, an idea that few at the college are willing to claim support for.

"I'm not sure it's a valid use of tax payer money when the parking is only an issue during the first few days of the term," Ing-Weise said.

The college has turned down proposals in the past that include developing a parking structure and developing parking lots.

"The Board has been very clear that they want the atmosphere and the environment to retain a suburban feel to it rather than an urban feel to it," said Marie Matsen, vice president of college operations. "So, the idea of building parking structures is not real appealing, and it's also not very cost effective."

Matsen said she would like to this year put together a long-

range transportation planning committee for the college, though details are still being firmed up. "We've done all of our campus planning assuming that every person is going to have a car, except for students and employees who take the bus, which we're trying to encourage. But at some point we're going to run out of space," she said.

One of Matsen's ideas involves remote parking "hubs" that feature frequent pickups by LTD. "LTD has always been more than willing to talk to us about alternatives. They're the ones that suggested the bus lanes out here," she said.

Other potential ideas involve creating a bike path to campus or somehow rewarding students for taking the bus instead of driving.

In the meantime, the college simply plans to continue maintaining and upgrading the lots the campus currently has.

For example, the service path running along the north side of campus between the northwest and northeast lots has recently been renovated with curbs and sealant, and the college also plans on installing safety lights and phones in parking lots around campus in the near future.

Living journey of the soul

Musical of descent, rebirth and union reverberates in Blue Door

BY NOAH STEPHENS
A & E EDITOR

A special presentation of "To Shine at Last," part of the annual faculty concert series, comes to LCC for one performance only this Sunday, Oct. 17 at 4 p.m. Proceeds for the Music program-sponsored event will go toward individual lesson-scholarships for Lane students.

The piece, which runs about two hours, was written by Peter Armetta and is performed by he and wife Kristina, who play multiple roles: male and female, human and divine. Both have a long history on the Oregon stage and Kristina has taught at LCC since 1997.

Previously developed at Mount Hood Community College and elsewhere, "To Shine at Last" is a deeply personal story told in spoken word and song, and features seven solos and thirteen duets accompanied by original synthesized orchestrations.

Armetta's music/theatre odyssey is based on a series of dreams and "encounters in active imagination" over the course of four years, which culminated in meeting and wedding his wife—but, says Armetta, it's also universal.

"A story [was] in progress on the mythological plane, parallel to our own, and I let the figures in it speak for themselves, without shaping it to any conscious conception of my own," Armetta says.

"... Initiation, sacrifice, encounters with the ancestors and with animal guides, and a devouring demon who begs to be transformed" are the stuff of this netherworld voyage, a tale of "how a world that was dead came to life again, because two powerful spirits trapped in the earth... found each other at last and were united."

Armetta says he was inspired in part by C.G. Jung and Joseph Campbell, who observed, "A dream is private myth, and a myth is a public dream."

"In other words," explains Armetta, "what comes unbidden to us in our most private imaginative life is made of the same fabric as the great stories, the great spiritual and religious symbols of the world."

"By consciously participating in them, giving them form, letting each other hear and see them, we help them to unfold further. Then we and they can draw nearer to a form that was somehow intended from the beginning."

And, Armetta believes, "There is a widespread and ever-growing craving for the experience of soul, which is the mythic arena."

Promising to be unique, the production is a reading and vocal performance, with the Armettas using music stands and only minimal sets and lighting.

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



Attack of the killer 'B's

"Mars Attacks!"

Director Tim Burton's absurdist raving homage to B sci-fi flicks of the '50s and '60s concerns an Earth invasion by malevolent green Martians with oversized craniums. A hilariously stinging comment on American arrogance and jam-packed with celebrities the likes of Jack Nicholson, Glenn Close, Pierce Brosnan and even Tom Jones, it's a wonderful cornball. Enjoy the vaporizations and popping brains. -NS

"Zardoz"

Sean Connery is something called "a brutal" (a killer who rides around in red diaper) who's infiltrated a utopian community of immortals called "the Vortex." The message, or one of them, is "living according to our nature is better than not really living at all." Chock-full o' free-love sexuality, it's one of the worst—no, one of the most bizarre movies ever made. Think acid trip. Best quote: "Guns are good! The penis is evil!" -NS

"Barbarella: Queen of the Galaxy"

If you've ever wondered if aerobics could save your life in a pinch, look no further than this Jane Fonda rock'em sock'em science fiction fantasy. Featuring a sexuality that can't quite decide its identity between erotica and camp, the movie's opening contains one of the best/funniest stripteases ever recorded



to celluloid. Also gets bonus points for usage of the terms "tonguebox" and "terra-screw," not to mention a bit character named "Dildano." Fur-lined spaceships never looked so good. -TDR

"Robot Monster"

A quintessential example of our category: the last eight Earthlings vs. Ro-Man the Monster, a guy dressed up like a portly gorilla with what looks like a circular TV for a helmet. He arrives during a lightning storm, ushered by bubbles and falling reptiles (don't ask) and becomes infatuated with the voluptuous only woman. Really, really bad. -NS

"Plan 9 From Outer Space"

Last and always certainly least is this gem of perplexity from famed director Ed Wood, Jr. Affectionately known as "The Worst Movie Ever Made," "Plan 9" crosses boundaries, genres, themes, plots and actors so many times that fan Tim Burton (see above) was able to make one of his trademark movies about the life of Ed Wood without any embellishments whatsoever. Aliens? They're in there. Flesh-eating zombies? They're in there. Sets that collapse on screen? They're in there. In fact, the only thing not in there is a modicum of shame. See it with someone you love today. -TDR

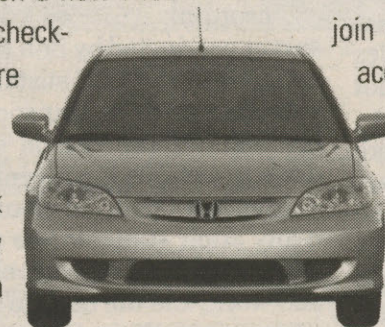


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Kitchen Cabinet

BY ANGELINA MILLER

Indian curry with cashews

Rachel Schwartz is in her second year of studies in LCC's Culinary Art's Program. She said she went into the program because she has always loved cooking.

After graduation, Schwartz aspires to open a cooking school available to the general public. She would like to educate her customers and let them know that "good food is not hard to make". "Everyone likes good curry," she said of this recipe, adding that it's not too challenging to prepare either.



Makes 4 servings

Ingredients

- 2 t. ground coriander**
- 2 t. ground cumin**
- 1 t. coarsely crushed black peppercorns (If you don't have a spice grinder, put peppercorns in Saran Wrap or a baggie and hit with a rolling pin, meat hammer or anything that is hard and won't break)**
- 1/2 t. turmeric**
- 1 t. salt**
- 1 3/4 lb. skinless boneless chicken**

thighs cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces (or winter veggies such as celery root, carrots, potatoes, butternut squash, turnips and parsnips, all in 1/2-inch pieces)

- 1/4 cup plus 2 T. vegetable oil**
- 2 medium yellow onions, thinly sliced**
- 1 large clove garlic, minced**
- 1 T. minced fresh ginger**
- 1 Thai chili, minced (remove seeds from the center by cutting chili in half lengthwise and scraping out the seeds with a knife)**
- 3/4 cup unsweetened coconut milk**
- 1/4 cup water**
- 1/2 cup raw cashews**
- 1 t. fresh lemon juice**

Chef's Comments: It may seem like a lot of ingredients, but don't be overwhelmed. I make rice to go along with this dish to absorb some of the spice; any kind of plain rice does the job. I highly recommend doing step one before you worry about getting the rest of your ingredients ready.

Directions:

1. Combine coriander, cumin, crushed peppercorns, 1/4 teaspoon salt and chicken or vegetables in a large bowl. Coat the chicken or

vegetables with the spices and then cover the bowl and put it back in the fridge for 20-30 minutes while you get everything ready.

2. Heat the 1/4 cup of vegetable oil in a deep non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Add the onions and stir occasionally until golden brown. This should take about 8 minutes.

3. Add the garlic, ginger, chili, and chicken or vegetables to the onions and stir occasionally until the chicken or vegetables are golden brown and cooked all the way through. This should take about 10 minutes. Add the remainder of the salt.

4. Stir in 1/4 cup coconut milk and add the water, lower the heat, cover and let cook for about 15-20 minutes.

5. Meanwhile, using a smaller frying pan, heat the 2 tablespoons of oil over medium heat. Add the cashews and stir occasionally until golden brown. This should take 4-5 minutes. Drain the cashews of oil on paper towels.

6. Back in the big frying pan, add the remaining coconut milk and the lemon juice, bring to a simmer, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle the curry with the cashews when you serve it, and you're done!

Recreational fun on \$20, it's worth the break

ANGELINA MILLER
FEATURES EDITOR

Are you a financially challenged student who likes to have a good time but not spend a lot of money? I am, and I have good news for those of you who are as well. I set out on a mission to find recreational activities that could be done on a mere \$20 budget. You'll be surprised at what fun you can have on little to no money.

As an LCC student, you can receive a free bus pass that takes you anywhere LTD travels. Bus Route 91 goes out all the way to the McKenzie Bridge area, taking you along several scenic areas. The trip is approximately 1-1 1/2 hours one way and ends at the McKenzie Ranger Station. The bus doesn't run that often down this route, so plan ahead. Contact LTD at 687-5555 for more information.

I began my adventure at Belknap Hot Springs, a private lodge and garden. It is a 2.7 mile walk east of the ranger station. For a mere \$4.50 an hour, you can swim in their hot mineral pools. This was truly a relaxing and luxurious way to spend the afternoon. The main pool is located close to the McKenzie, so you can hear sounds of the rushing river as you soak. Afterwards, a changing room and shower facilities are provided for guests.

As an added bonus, this lodge also contains beautiful nature hikes and gardens. Lorie Yarger, a customer service representative, told me that the public can view the gardens at no charge and that the lodge welcomes picnickers. Did I hear no charge? That's great!

I proceeded to the main garden, a short walk from the lobby — spectacular landscaping and architecture make it a must see. There are several picnic tables conveniently located. I packed a lunch, brought a good book and basked in the beauty of the McKenzie. There is a small convenience store located in the lodge, if you opt to buy snacks instead. For more information on Belknap Hot Springs, call 822-3512 or check out their website at www.belknaphotsprings.com

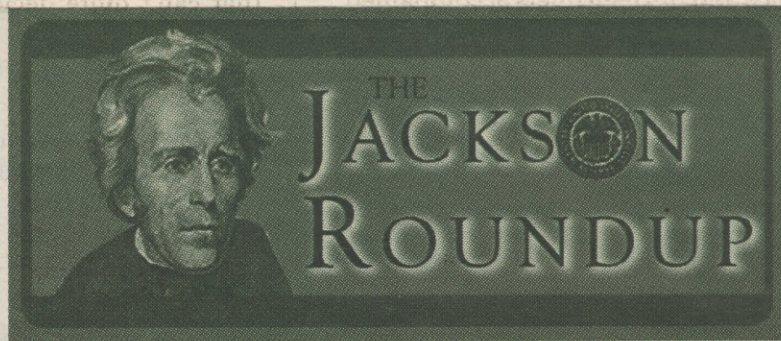
If mineral pools are not your thing, there are several hikes located about one mile away from the ranger station. Maps and information regarding the trails can be found inside the station. I caught a trail along the McKenzie and went for a short hike before bringing my day to an end.

Teresa Harbick, an information receptionist at the ranger station, recommends calling to find out weather conditions before planning a day at the McKenzie Bridge area. I didn't call and found myself caught in the pouring rain.

If you want to spend money eating out, The Log Cabin Inn is approximately two miles west from the ranger station. It's a quaint little restaurant that has a moderately priced menu depending on what you order.

The next activity on my list is a local favorite. Mt. Pisgah is known for its steep trails and beautiful views of Eugene, but there many activities that take place at Pisgah that people don't know about.

I participated in a Medicinal Herb Walk which began at the Arboretum



Visitor Center.

For a mere \$3 donation, I learned about medicinal plants in and around the Willamette Valley. The walk was informative and a great way to be outdoors. I packed a lunch and headed up Trail 1 afterwards for some exercise and good sight-seeing.

There are several upcoming outings at Pisgah, such as the Fall Ecology Walk, Fall Bird Walk and Mushroom Walk. The annual Mushroom Festival and Plant Sale is also coming up on Oct. 31. The Mt. Pisgah Educational Manager noted that there will be various events including mushroom displays, plant sales, exhibits and events for children. Call 747-1504 for more information.

After a couple days of classic Oregon dampness, I came to a realization: Indoor recreational activities can also provide an inexpensive rainy day alternative. I had a few bucks left over from my previous outings, so I headed on over to Emerald Lanes. Prices range from \$1.60-\$2.75 per game per person. Shoe rental is an additional

\$20.00 Budget

- \$4.50.....Belknap Hot Springs Fee
- \$3.00Picnic Snacks at Belknap
- \$3.00Medicinal Herb Walk Donation
- \$7.00.....2 Bowling Games and Shoe rental
- \$2.00One round at batting cages

Total \$19.50; there was even some change to spare.

\$1.50. I had a great time playing two games, but I didn't want to blow all my money so I headed out after two whopping scores of 85 and 97.

Emerald Lanes is across the street from the Oakway Shopping Center, behind Reed and Cross. For more information call 342-2611. LTD Route 64 stops at the Oakway and the bowling ally is a short walk from there.

I spent the last of my cash practicing my swing at Grand Slam USA Batting Cages. It's a great sports-oriented place. For a few bucks I got advice on my swing and had a good time. Tokens are \$2 and will get you 16 pitches.

Grand Slam also runs regular specials such as Unlimited Hitting from 6-8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cost is \$8 per person. For more information call 747-8660.

Three days of recreational activity on a student budget can be entertaining. I had a great time and didn't have to spend a lot of money

NASCAR doles out unjust penalty for Earnhardt's language

Once again, old, out-of-the-loop bureaucrats are taking the focus from the real story and penalizing whomever they can. Blame it on the FCC or NASCAR, but the bottom line is that Dale Earnhardt, Jr. was robbed this week.

Earnhardt was penalized 25 points and \$10,000 after swearing in a post-race television interview following his victory on Oct. 3. The word slipped out and wasn't used in a vulgar tone, but nonetheless rules are rules. Earnhardt has appealed the decision.

I disagree with the rules. I do not have a problem with the fine, but taking away points is ridiculous. Earnhardt worked hard and earned those points and his use of a swear word did not take away from himself or anyone else on the track.

Fellow NASCAR driver Tony Stewart agrees. "The last time I checked, we had freedom of speech, correct? What he said didn't cheat anybody on the racetrack. It didn't have any effect on how the race was run," he said.

NASCAR's President Mike Helton acknowledged a debate concerning free speech, but likened the rules on swearing to restrictions imposed by homeowners associations.

"This is another community that you participate in. This is the rules of the community and this how we have to live in it," Helton said.

Are you kidding me?! If NASCAR is a community, then the hundreds of thousands of fans that pay a lot of money to watch the events and buy the merchandise are part of the community. As a matter of fact, the fans are the heart of the community and to be true to the community, NASCAR should take the input of the fans, not just their money.

Earnhardt learned from his mistake and obviously regretted letting the word slip.

"It's kind of difficult in those situations," Earnhardt said. "It's really hard, actually—especially when you win a race like that. But that's the rules and, unfortunately, we've got to play by every one of them, not just a few."

"I hope they understand that it was in jubilation and I know me and those other guys that got fined let it slip, but it's two different circumstances," he continued. "I think that when you're happy and joyous about something and it happens, I think it's different than being angry and cursing in anger."

As soon as a driver enters victory lane, a microphone is shoved in his face and he is barely able to hug his family and pit crew. Now everybody wants to hear about the trials and triumphs of the race from the driver's point of view. The drivers don't have time to cool off. Maybe everybody shouldn't be so shocked that in the heat of the moment, a swear word slips out.

"I told NASCAR that, in my opinion, if not this time but the next time for the next guy, change the penalty," Earnhardt said. "Make it \$100,000, \$200,000. Taking points off the scoreboard, whether it's fair or not, is not something I believe in."

It's not something I believe in either and in the event that the appeal is denied, NASCAR should review its rule concerning swearing so that it penalizes the driver off the track, not on it.

Opinion
SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

SOCCER page 1

the bat."

The Titans have never had a varsity women's soccer program, although they had a strong club program from 1995-2002. That team competed against other clubs at the University of Oregon, Western Oregon University as well as scrimmages against other NWAACC schools.

The Athletic Department is currently searching for a head coach, but there is no deadline.

"As we get in applications and resumes, we will go from there," Mondragon said.

So far no applications have been turned in, while approximately a "half dozen" inquiries have been made. Characteristics the athletic department is looking for in a coach include, "experience, knowledge of the Northwest and ideas of local soccer, certification and a background in soccer," Mondragon said.

The school is looking at handing out 15 scholarships, but would like to have a team of close to 20 members.

"The 4-J district (Eugene) is huge for soccer," Mondragon said. "We have a good area of recruiting and hopefully it will carry over to us."

Women's soccer became a varsity sport in the NWAACC in 1994 and has grown to hold 19 teams. Most likely the Titans will join the Southwest division, although that division already holds 10 teams.

Several other schools are also looking into adding women's soccer programs, so realigning the two divisions might not be out of the question.

"One of the first things we did was look at the numbers to see if it was feasible," Mondragon said about retaining volleyball. "We would have only had possibly one returning player, maybe two. Plus the coach was gone."

Another factor in the decision was Title IX, which enforces schools, colleges and universities to have an equal opportunity for men and women student athletes, calculating the rate of each gender within the total number enrolled in school.

"If we were to look at volleyball, we'd have 12-15 people," Rodger Bates,

interim division chair of Health, P.E. and Athletics said. "Our numbers would go up (with soccer) and we'd be working toward full or complete compliance with Title IX."

Softball and golf were also looked at, but timing was a deterrent for softball and numbers were equally dissuasive for golf, thereby eliminating both sports from the discussion.

"We had possibly thought about bringing in softball, but at that point, the season had concluded," Mondragon said.

"We are committed to building a successful program," Mondragon said. "We know it's going to take a little while to build the program, but with the background of the local high schools, we should be successful sooner than later."

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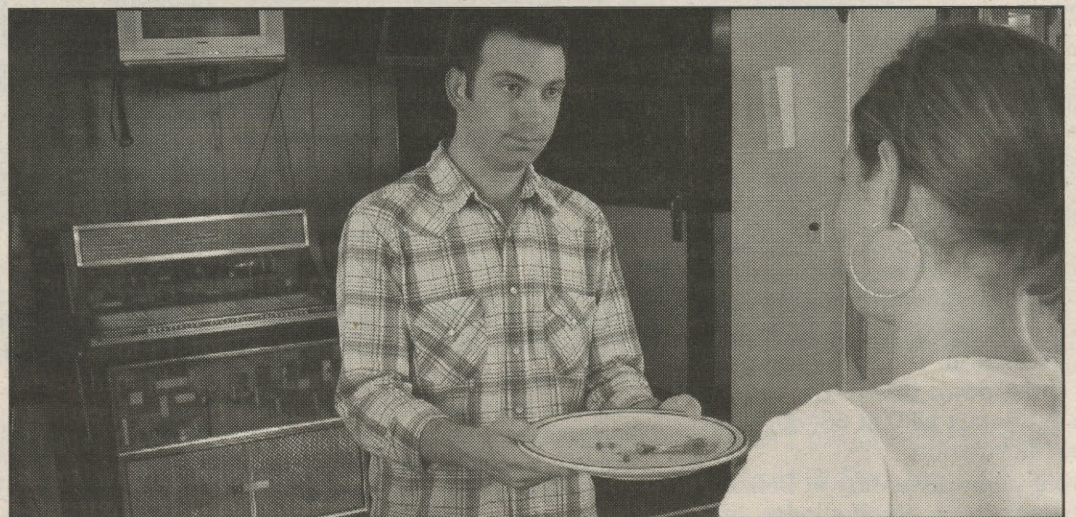
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Andy Pernsteiner, above, cautiously approaches counter with chicken bone and a few peas.

By POLLY BROWN

Checking his dignity at the cash register, college student Andy Pernsteiner recently presented a local diner cashier with a plate of picked-over food, demanding money for the vittles he didn't ingest. The cashier—who wishes to remain anonymous—was flabbergasted by the whole incident. "It was both sick and sad at the same time," she said. Pernsteiner had a different take: "I didn't eat the bone, so why should I pay for it?" Pete Woychick—a childhood friend of Pernsteiner's—said it was monthly fees tacked on to his friend's checking account that drove him to the shameless act. "Andy has been pounded for months by fees on his

checking account. He's pathetic. I never really liked him when we were kids either." Woychick—who says he personally was financially saved by Washington Mutual's

"I didn't eat the bone, so why should I pay for it?"

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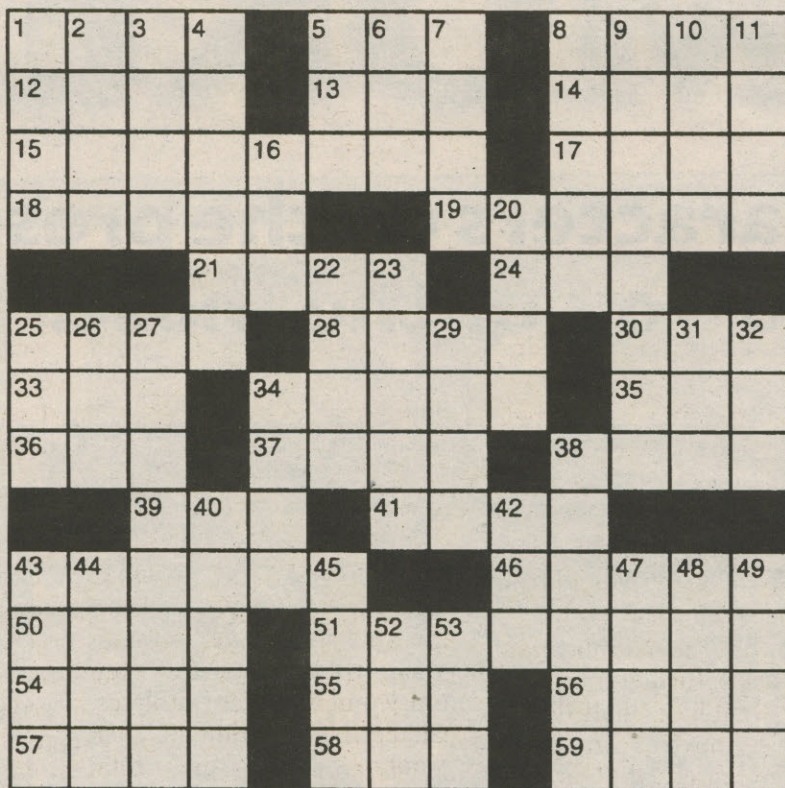
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MACKWORLD

Low-carb diets or sushi — which makes more sense?

JOHN MACKWOOD
COLUMNIST

Pumpkin pies are in the grocery store now. So are turkey dinners, getting ready for the holidays. Holiday shopping time is almost here—the months are flying by.

Nabisco Nilla Wafers are simple goodness with milk. They have low cholesterol. A low carb diet is always good and healthy. Get in the program and work out all day. Low carb diets make me want to eat the art project on the wall like Pringles potato chips. Go buy your own Pringles.

I like strawberry banana drinks better than a can of Diet 7-Up. Go out to another galaxy and catch it later on, next lifetime or next century. Welcome to the dark side of night.

Make sure to get your flu shot in October, or else your head will feel like an icebox. The flu bugs are coming out, their production is up this year. If you go outdoors there are definitely more colds and more wild cartoon flu bugs.

The science teacher has been cooking a lot of jellyfish. I see him working in the restaurant where a lot of people love to eat. The science teacher works in the kitchen all day long. He's paid to work but likes to eat out once in a while. The woman is always cute, cooking seafood while listening to classical music.

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.

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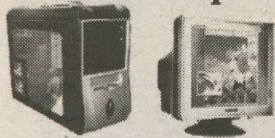
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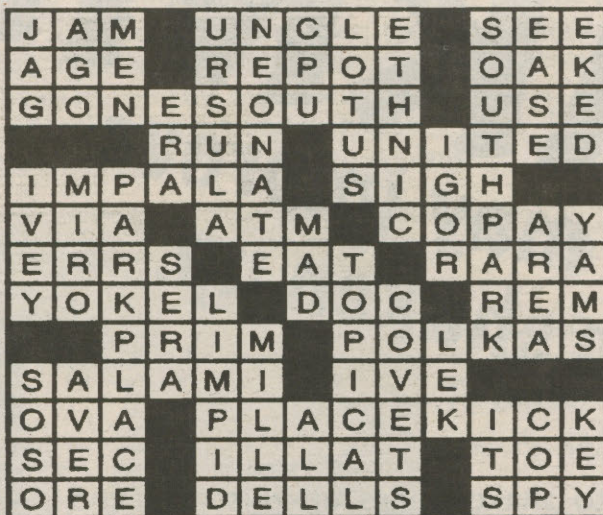
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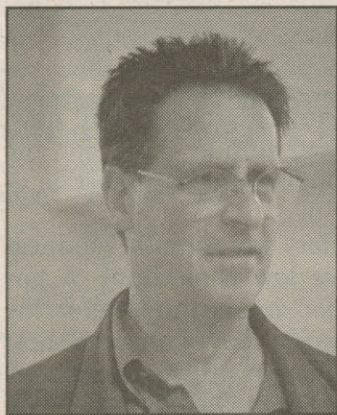
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Which cartoon characters do the presidential candidates remind you of the most?



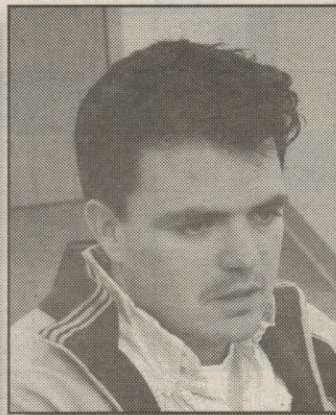
Bruce Sedgwick
PSYCHOLOGY

George Bush reminds me of the executive in Dilbert. John Kerry reminds me of a Doonsbury character. I don't know which one, somebody that's a little bit more self-critical.



Karen Krumrey-Fulks
SPEECH INSTRUCTOR

Bush reminds me of Calvin in Calvin and Hobbes. I like Calvin, I think he was kind of a funny kid. Kerry reminds me of Stretch Armstrong. You could pull his arms and he would stretch all distorted, and then he would snap back into place.



Jose Chaves
ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR

[Bush is like] Mickey Mouse, because they both represent what is wrong with this country. John Kerry is Homer Simpson, because he's the only hope.



Micheal Flemming
BIOLOGY

I would go with Elmer Fudd with a shotgun for President Bush and I'm going to go with John Kerry as Donald Duck. It's the elongated face.



Ann Marie Prengaman
ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR

I think President Bush sounds like Dorie in Finding Nemo. You know, Dorie, with the short-term memory. John Kerry is kind of like the donkey in Shrek. He sort of comes in from the outside and doesn't let himself be discouraged.

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consists of OSPIRG, the Oregon Student Association, ASLCC, the Oregon Community College Student Association, and the New Voters Project, have been working all month to register at least 30,000 students statewide to vote. Here at Lane they met their goal of 2500 students.

Usually out on the sidewalk asking students if they are registered, the SVC volunteers were easily identifiable in their neon-green shirts. They also worked with faculty and the administration to reach students in the classrooms and tell them that registering through the SVC was the easiest way to get registered.

"We've had a lot of support from the administration here and the faculty," said Caitlyn Scholl, the LCC OSPIRG campus organizer.

"It's important letting people know that we are a non-partisan group," Scholl stressed.

When asked to comment on all the effort the SVC has been doing statewide, DeFazio replied, "It's just fabulous. Here you have young people taking away from their free time to go out and register people to vote. They aren't being paid for this, unlike some on the other side who are paying ten bucks a vote to register Republicans in Lane County, that's how desperate they are. These kids are earning nothing and they're doing a better job."

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