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PHOTO BY NOAH RADEMACHER

Student Lisa Davis uses her guide dog Pechula to help her navigate the college. A number of students who use service animals on campus have reported undue harassment this term.

Be aware of dog

Guide dogs are workers, not playmates

ANGELINA MILLER
FEATURES EDITOR

LCC student Lisa Davis was sitting quietly on campus recently with Pechula, her guide dog. Davis is blind and relies on Pechula for sight and direction. On this particular day, Davis noticed that something had very suddenly frightened Pechula, though she could not detect anyone else around her. She suspects that someone intentionally scared her dog, a prospect that Davis claims has grown more frequent on the Lane campus this year.

Indeed, several students with service or guide animals on campus have grown increasingly frustrated with fellow students distracting, or even harassing, their animals

in recent months. Even when the harassment is not meant to be mean, many students do not recognize that simply approaching the dog or making an offhand comment such as "Hi doggy!" can have an immense affect on the partner and dog working relationship. Disturbances such as prolonged eye contact, gestures and mouthing things to a service animals is sometimes enough to cause confusion.

"Students think it's acceptable when they are walking along side of me to start talking to my dog," said Davis. "This is a problem of course, because my dog will turn to look at them. When she turns to look at them, she is not guiding me. This distraction can prove to be a dangerous one at some point."

Student Krystle Green and her service dog Nova have

also experienced disruptive student behavior. "They call her, they whistle, they yell at her and do just about anything," said Green.

One of the reasons that these problems occur is that individuals seem to forget that service dogs are working animals. Green's mother, Dawn Green, said, "[Nova] is here to work and that's it. She is not here to socialize. She's not here to meet new people. She is here to work."

Leigh Alice Petty, a Disability Services counselor for the college, noted that irregular behavior affects the handler as well as the dog. "The service animal's behavior has an immediate effect on the partner and can exasperate some disabilities in some cases. I think it is a lack of understanding and education of what might

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Housing code proposal sparks community debate

SHALENA RASMUSSEN
& MAYO FINCH
NEWS EDITOR / STAFF WRITER

Eugene city councilors gave implications of approval for a plan to adopt a Housing code for the city of Eugene at their regular session meeting on Monday night.

The audience at the meeting was made up largely of members from Eugene Citizens for Housing Standards, property owners and landlords. The two sides came together at the meeting to speak their sides of the issue before Eugene mayor Jim Torrey and city council members.

The housing code proposal for the city of Eugene would allow for local enforcement of state housing standards. To cover the cost of enforcing the regulations, rental owners and landlords would be required to pay a yearly fee of approximately \$10 per housing unit.

Under the proposal, tenants could lodge a complaint with the city if housing standards are not met. An inspector would investigate the complaint and could fine the property owner if the housing unit is not repaired to meet state standards. The investigator would have authority to impose fines up to \$250 a day per issue.

Opponents of the proposal argued that state law protects renters, and to add a city housing ordinance would be a duplication of laws that are already in place.

"Let me say that we are not opposed to housing standards. What we are fighting here, and what we have opposition to, is the duplication of process," stated Jon Tronrud, president of both the Rental Owners Association and Valley Investment Properties. "These rules are already there and covered by ORS 90."

Oregon does have a state mandated ordinance, ORS 90,

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Calling all specters, poltergeists, or plain ol' ghosts

Search for the supernatural: LCC begins offering 'Ghost Hunting 101' class starting winter term

SHALENA RASMUSSEN
NEWS EDITOR

Halloween has come and gone, but those in the spirit for, well, spirits, have the opportunity to learn about the paranormal here at Lane starting winter term.

Ghost Hunting 101 will give students a chance to study with long-time paranormal investigator Martina DeLude. DeLude hopes to give her students the tricks of the trade to launch a successful search for the unknown.

"I feel that ghost hunting is getting very popular ... [but] there are a lot of do's and don'ts before someone jumps right into it," DeLude said. She hopes that this course will provide a good starting point for those serious about the subject of the supernatural.

Jeff Davis, director for Continuing Education & Extended Learning at Lane, states that the 10-week course will focus on the theories and history of the paranormal, as well as critical thinking and parapsychology. Parapsychology is explained by the Parapsychology Organization as the scientific study of paranormal or ostensibly paranormal phenomena.

"Parapsychology and paranormal sciences are taught by some major research universities around the U.S. While it might seem counter-intuitive to some, this topic is considered a legitimate area of scholarship by some people," Davis explained. He stated that study of the paranormal is becoming

more widespread, and will undoubtedly catch on more and more.

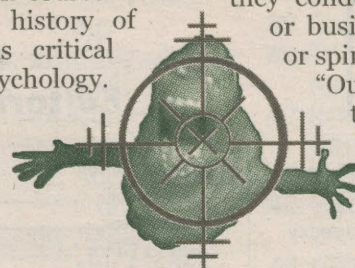
DeLude and her husband, Todd, are the sole members of Pacific Paranormal Research Society. Upon request of a frightened, interested or irritated patron, they conduct investigations in homes or businesses, searching for ghosts or spirits.

"Our goal is to try and calm things down - to verify, to investigate, to empower the residents," DeLude said.

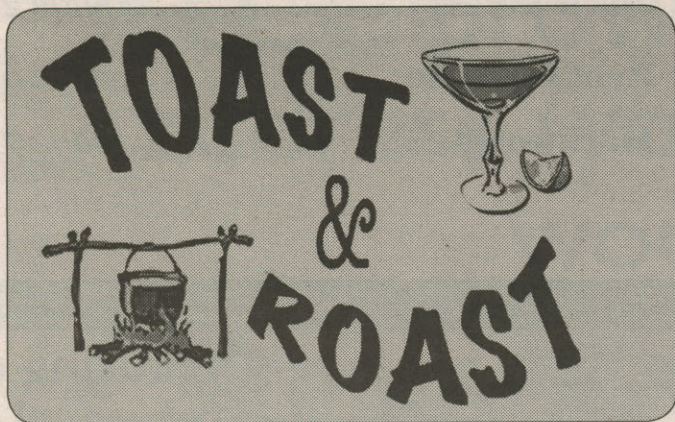
But "Ghostbusters" they are not.

"There are some people who claim to be able to come in and immediately clear out homes of any ghosts. Since ghosts are people with personalities and agendas, I do not know if I subscribe to that," DeLude

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COMMENTARY & LETTERS



TOAST to Attorney General John Ashcroft for announcing he'd be hanging up his hat at the official end of Bush's first term. Ashcroft has constantly treaded along the fringe of the right-wing agenda, a dangerous activity for the top government litigator; one who puts his own ideology before the law of the land surely is unfit for the role. Perhaps as his curtain call before leaving (at Bush's urging, no doubt) Ashcroft is revisiting Oregon's "right to die" law in order to assert his own morality over the will of the state's voters. Odd that an administration that so gleefully sends to die those who want to live, wants to keep alive those that would rather leave this world. Now, Mr. Ashcroft, if you wouldn't mind taking Rummy, Condie and Dick on your way out and shut the door behind you, we'd be most appreciative.

ROAST to Senator Orrin Hatch (R., Utah) for taking up the fight to amend the U.S. constitution so that persons not born in the United States are able to run for president. While the idea itself has perhaps reached its time, Hatch's reasoning for pushing the amendment is less than altruistic: California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is reportedly considering a bid for the office in 2008. Arnie is surely not the worst Republican we could have in office (we believe that distinction falls to the current administration), but it is the idea of amending the constitution itself arguably for the benefit of one man that seems slightly askew. Amid cries for constitutional amendments to limit the definition of marriage to one man and one woman, perhaps it is necessary to recall that the constitution has only been amended 27 times in 225 years. To propose amending such a stalwart document with solely one individual in mind is disrespectful to those who crafted it.

TOAST to local media company Churchill Communications for bringing liberal talk radio network Air America to the Eugene/Springfield area. You'd think that a region where nearly 60 percent of the voters in the last election sided with John Kerry would have been among the first markets to pick up the fledgling network, but the fact that it wasn't perhaps says something about who controls the media in this town. Hopefully plans to bring local talk show hosts back to the airwaves at some point in the future come to fruition. In addition to Air America (now on 1450 AM), Churchill last week also started a full-time Spanish-speaking station, another idea well past its time in the area.

ROAST to Lane Community College for not yet having finalized policies or procedures for dealing with guide and service animals on campus. We understand that it takes time to sort out details on how any introduced element will affect the campus and how, but this isn't exactly new technology we're talking about here. For the college to have only begun discussing the issue a year ago shows a lack of vision on how it would affect students who need the animals. Confusion among staff and faculty on how to deal with a student with an animal in class or in the cafeteria only leads to confusion among other students on how to behave around the animals; perhaps this is partly to blame for the problems currently being experienced by those with service animals. Would the college allow harassment of students in wheelchairs, whether by blocking ramps or pushing those in the chairs without their permission? We doubt it. Come on, LCC, let's get this baby approved. Then maybe in another 20 years or so we'll see a policy on the pressing issue of cell phones in the classroom.

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Letters to the Editor

Civil debate impossible with hateful phrases

I happen to find the comments made by Jeff Harrison [letters, Nov. 4] the height of irony (at best) and perhaps hypocrisy (at worst). Given that Mr. Harrison is an English instructor, perhaps he was providing an example to his class.

The theme of Mr. Harrison's letter seems to be one of reconnecting, or as he says: "Pay attention to each other. Listen. Find ways to love." Yet I must ask Mr. Harrison how he expects to achieve this by throwing around phrases such as "the forces of evil and idiocy," "barbarian hate-mongers," and "the Anti-Christ and his sycophants."

I would like to ask Mr. Harrison how he expects to have any civil and substantial socio-political dialogue via the tossing around of cliché and passé phrases found in any partisan political primer. If the idea is to listen and find new ways to love, then I suggest Mr. Harrison start practicing what he preaches as soon as possible.

SCOTT ZEPPA
LCC SCIENCE INSTRUCTOR

Tears for a torn country

Two dates are linked in history. On Sept. 11, 2001, my brother Bill had just gotten off the commuter train at the base of the World Trade Center when the first plane hit. He sat in his office across the plaza from the twin towers and watched the tragedy unfold. Every image you saw on CNN, he saw live.

New Yorkers vowed not to concede their city or their ideals to Osama Bin Laden. They returned to their city and offices in defiance.

On Nov. 3, I spoke to Bill many times. From the same office window, Bill told me he could now see signs which read, "No Blood for Oil" and "Dissent is Patriotic" posted in the skyscraper windows. He and most New Yorkers were shocked by Bush's re-election. In Eugene, people worked with tear-streaked faces. One woman said, "I don't understand why I am so sad. I've been crying for hours."

We, "the liberals," are crying because we are in mourning. For three years, we have refused to believe that Osama Bin Laden could tear the fabric of our country. We were determined to preserve the America of Sept. 10, 2001. Our goals were to restore civil liberties, American prestige, and find a solution to our unjust war. We mourn the loss of those ideals.

New Yorkers refuse to allow September 11 to change them. And we, the liberal faction of this country, stand with New York. When we are done crying, we will take our country back.

KATHY THOMAS
LEABURG

Rolling backpacks save backs

I am responding to Heath Weimer's discussion [Heath's Row, Nov. 4] about rolling backpacks on the LCC campus. I am a nurse practitioner working at the LCC Health Clinic. I frequently encourage

students to use rolling backpacks to avoid carrying heavy backpacks around campus. The packs that I have weighed can be 25 pounds or more. Heaving these several times a day onto a shoulder can really aggravate or cause back problems.

I would hate to see people that are conscientiously trying to avoid back problems being harassed because this has somehow become uncool.

DOROTHY KRAMER
NURSE PRACTITIONER
LCC HEALTH CLINIC

Nov. 4 letter begs for a closer read

An open letter to Jeff Harrison, LCC Instructor:

Hello Jeff, I thought I would share an idea with you after reading your letter in the Nov. 4 issue of The Torch. I would like to see you go to your English class and read the first paragraph of your letter. Then I would like to see you quickly read the penultimate paragraph.

Follow that with a second reading of your first paragraph, and then the penultimate one. Then do the same thing a third time and keep going until three minutes are gone. Make no comments other than to keep reading the paragraphs over and over again.

I am willing to bet that at the end of the three minutes, either the point of your own letter will dawn on you, or you will disappear up your own syllabus. Either way, it should be a sight to behold.

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Cold water tough on hands, not on flu

Design flaw in the water system leaves campus searching for hot water

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Cold water, soap, and flu virus prevention are not necessarily a cohesive combination.

With recent concerns over the lack of flu vaccines, emphasis has been put on the necessity of proper hand washing. However, as many students and staff at LCC have noticed, finding a restroom with hot water can require walking to a different section of the building, a different floor, or even a different building altogether.

Four years ago, LCC paid System West Engineers (SWE) to investigate the plumbing system. The findings were to be part of the Plant Upgrade Project. The report stated that "the existing pump and inlet piping are marginally sized." SWE recommended a three-phase plan to update that plumbing.

According to Ted Flory, the head plumber at LCC and an employee of the campus for 26 years, the first phase was set to cost approximately \$10,200, and the second phase was set to cost approximately \$4,900. The cost for the third phase has not been determined.

"All have always had hot water and still do," said Mike Ruiz, director of Facilities Management and Planning, in reference to bathrooms in all of the buildings on campus.

"We have no plans to upgrade," Ruiz said, because "it has already been done."

The work on the Plant Upgrade Project began in 2002, and it was completed in 2003. However, it has not been verified exactly what work was included in the project. It is unclear if the return pipes were found to be undersized or whether the undersized re-circulation pump was replaced or updated.

Marie Matsen, vice president of operations for LCC, said that the college has been dealing with several structural deficiencies that are plaguing the buildings. Matsen stated that the hot water is certainly an important issue, but in comparison to fixing leaking roofs that are currently covered with tarps, the priority is not necessarily at the top of list.

"It's one of those things we have to juggle with all of our facilities priorities," Matsen said.

According to Matsen, the instructional portion of the college has been utilizing Facilities Management and Planning funds for quite some time in order to continue offering its education programs.

Flory stated that the hot water has been an "ongoing issue for quite a long time." "Sometimes I have to run the water 15 minutes to get hot water and that's terrible because we're wasting water," Flory said.

In some buildings, the hot water takes five

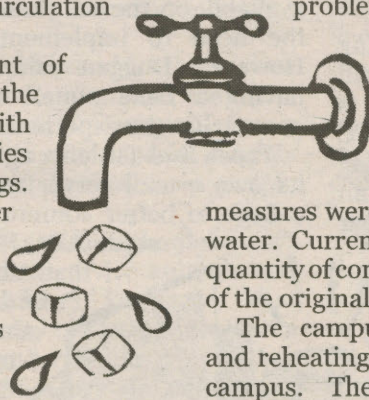
minutes to reach the lower level and even longer for higher floors. "The problem is not due to a lack of hot water, but how the water reaches each sink," Flory said.

Issues surrounding the hot water began as early as 1992. Flory explained that in addition to the hot water in the sinks, there has been a problem getting hot water to the showers in the P.E. building within a reasonable amount of time.

As buildings were added to the campus, splicing of the initial plumbing was implemented, but no other measures were taken to increase the flow of hot water. Currently, the size of the campus and the quantity of consumption outweigh the usefulness of the original system that is in place.

The campus boiler is continually heating and reheating water for distribution around the campus. The hot water is circulated through each of the buildings via one-half mile of underground piping, beginning from a hot water tank behind Building 12. The unused hot water is cycled back into one of the two water heaters where it will be reheated back up to 130 degrees and circulated again.

Automatic sinks pose a larger problem due to the 30-second average timer on them. There is not enough time for hot water to reach the sink even in areas that do not lack hot water. Also, there is no actual setting to the hot and cold water flow through these faucets. The only adjustment that can be made is to the timer.



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but proposal supporters feel there are changes that need to be made to protect renters in the Eugene area.

"There are few methods that tenants can use with the current state law in order to pursue the violations of the habitability standards," said Brett Rowlett, member of ECHS and Oregon Student Association representative for Lane. He explained that renters can only withhold rent until repairs are made or take the landlord to small claims court.

"It is typically a long process for renters that can take up words of two months," Rowlett said, criticizing the small claims court solution. "In the year 2003, because of budget cuts [to the court system], it wasn't even an option for 4 months."

Tronrud explained that he feels the court system is fair and that the option of withholding rent is very effective.

"I guarantee you, as I'm standing here, that if the landlord doesn't get the rent, the landlord will stand up and pay attention," he said. "[ECHS] has said, very blatantly, that tenants do not want to be in the court system. If the landlord has a claim against him on a city level, they will be in the court system. [Landlords] are not going to roll over and not

file a court action."

Members of the public waited patiently for their turn to let their opinion be heard. There were 37 speakers on the topic, and each had three minutes to state their argument. So much time was attributed to testimony on the topic that the councilors had to postpone other agenda items, such as Measure 37 and property rezoning near Interstate 5 and Glenwood Boulevard from residential to commercial use.

Many of the speakers in opposition to the ordinance said they doubted their efforts would halt the proposal from being passed by the city council.

After hearing testimony from the public, the councilors made recommendations for changes to be made to the proposal. City Councilor Gary Pape suggested that the housing code include a sunset law. A sunset code would reopen the ordinance to review at a later time. The suggestion indicated that the council was willing to enact the proposal if these changes were made.

The ordinance is based on a similar housing code that was recently adopted by the City of Corvallis. Corvallis has approximately 8,000 rental properties that are covered by the ordinance, and the fee for each unit is \$8 per

year. Opponents say that the fees imposed on each unit will undoubtedly raise housing costs for renters, and that the ordinance hasn't generated a significant amount of calls to the city. Supporters of the proposal say that the Corvallis ordinance has been successful and should be looked to as an example, and they have not seen a notable rent increase.

According to the proposal written by Marsha Miller, the city's building and permit services manager, initial seed money would come from the city's general fund. The financial resources would be needed to implement the program in Eugene until a stable fee is established, as was the case in Corvallis. General fund resources would be dependant on implementation options.

Implementing the program would cost \$170,000 through June 2005. The money would cover advertising, public outreach, rental housing inventory, database creation, rent, a vehicle, equipment, printing and postage, one employee, a hearings official and annual billing to landlords.

The city manager recommended that the city apply the code to multi-family dwellings first and expand the program to single family dwellings later on.

LCC launches new laundry service opportunities for staff

LAYLA ULAM
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Lane Community College is now offering on-site laundry services for college staff members and hopes to eventually expand its services to include the student population as well.

"We're doing a trial to see how well it works," said Jane Pierzina, LCC laundry coordinator. If there is enough interest expressed by staff members for laundry services, the facilities will consider offering the same opportunity to the student body.

The LCC laundry facility, located in Building 7, is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Their services include washing, drying and folding. Starching is available upon request.

LCC's laundry services currently fill the laundering needs of the various departments on campus. In addition, they have earned many off-site community contracts, including work for the Springfield School System and the University of Oregon.

The laundry facility is staffed primarily by contracted workers from Specialized Employment Services, a community agency that matches workers who have developmental disabilities with employers in need of their assistance.

Service rates and additional information about LCC's laundry facility is available online at www.lanec.edu/ses/laundry.

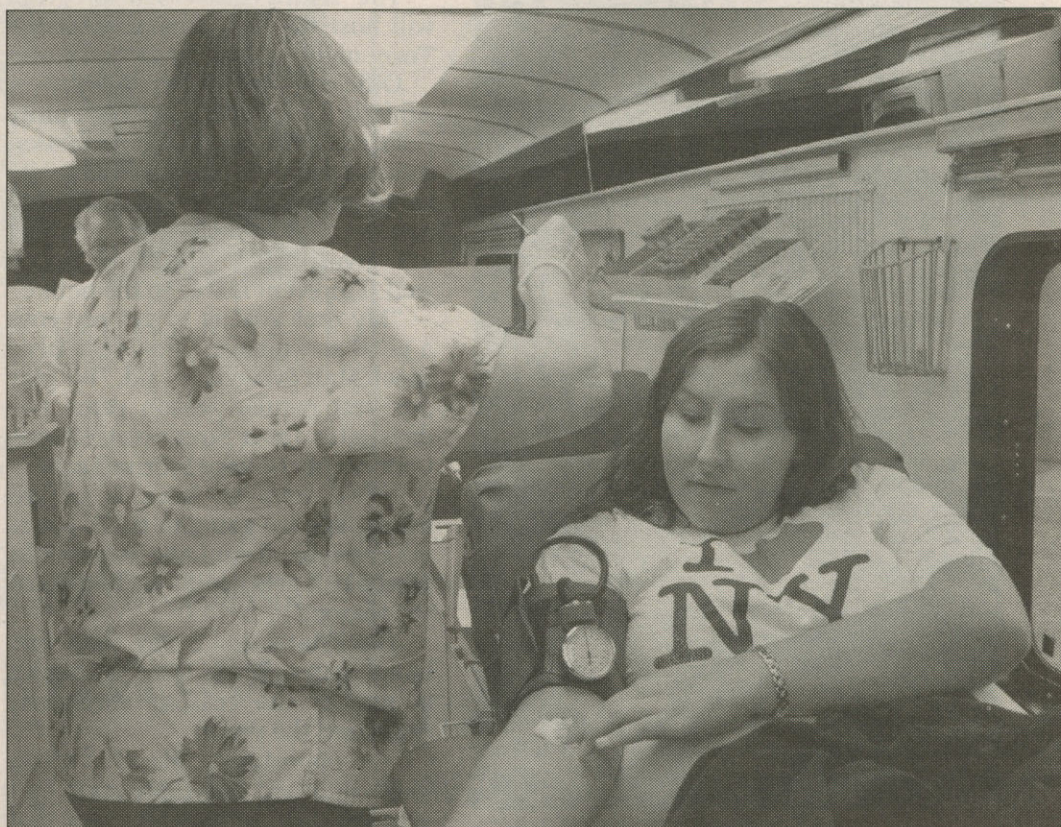


PHOTO BY ELIZABETH KAHL

LCC student Libby Stark relaxes in the blood mobile as attendant Carole carefully packages her blood donation. The mobile Blood Bank will return in winter term for a two-day blood drive.

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

Got e-mail?

LCC considers providing student e-mail accounts

GASTON FIGUEROA
STAFF WRITER

Students who have been attending Lane for more than a year will understand the statement "Lane is going electronic." Two years ago LCC employees began entering their working hours, sick days, and vacation days on an electronic time sheet, and only one year ago students started using the Internet-based ExpressLane to register for classes, pay for tuition, and other applications.

Lane is now considering also providing its students with college-hosted e-mail accounts.

According to Stephen Pruch, associate vice president of the Information Technology Department, the decision would "depend on the degree of interest from students."

Pruch said that nothing has been decided and that he doesn't yet have any information about whether students need or would use Lane e-mail accounts.

ASLCC senator Justin Tittlefittz said that this is an idea that might be realized "if students want [LCC e-mail accounts] enough." But the demand would have to outweigh the cost of software, staff, implementation and maintenance. "Personally, I'm not convinced," he said.

Tittlefittz said that he already has his own e-mail account outside of the college and that having a second account would make checking e-mail more laborious. He believes that students in his situation

might not be interested in having a second e-mail account.

LCC student Cornelius Duggan thinks that with so many free e-mail accounts available on the net, Lane doesn't have the need to implement this change. However, Duggan said he feels that having a Lane e-mail account would personalize the experience at Lane.

Pruch and Tittlefittz agree that having its own e-mail server would allow the college to better communicate with its students. He pointed out

that students would be able to receive almost instant information if they have an unpaid balance, last-minute course information, or any other situation that requires a quick response.

"Not all students have the same kind of access to computers," said Pruch. Students without computer or Internet access at home are at a disadvantage, when registration for classes begins early in the morning and they have to come to campus to use a computer, he explained. However, he warned that, as with ExpressLane, students without access to a computer or Internet at home might not receive as much benefit from the proposed e-mail accounts as students with home computer access.

Pruch also confirmed that the Technology Council is also considering implementing Luminis, a software packet that will give students online access to their grades, class notes and assignments on the net, similar to the "Blackboard" system used at the University of Oregon.

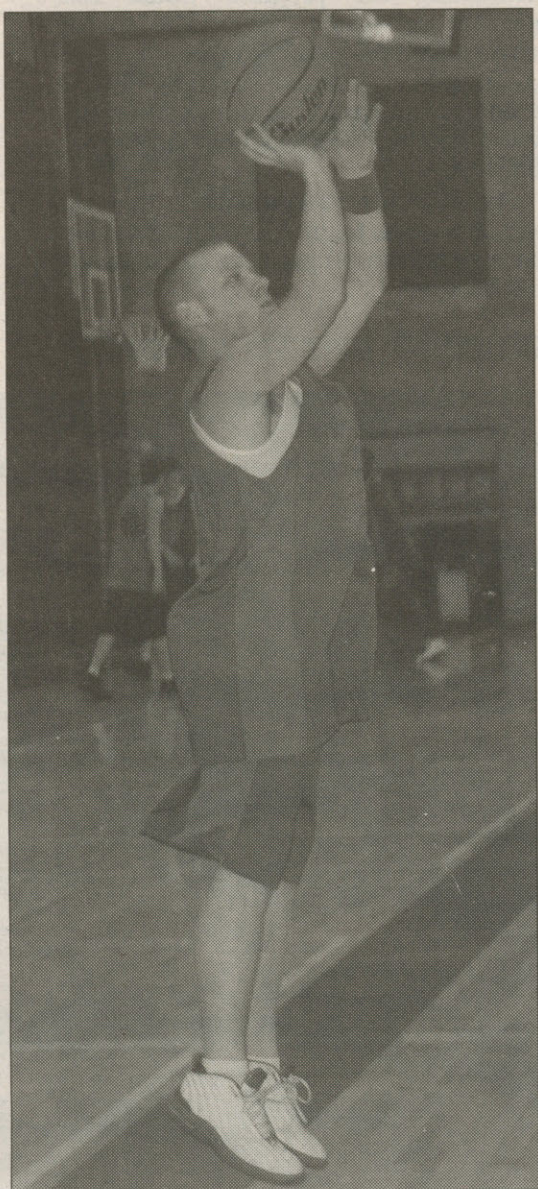
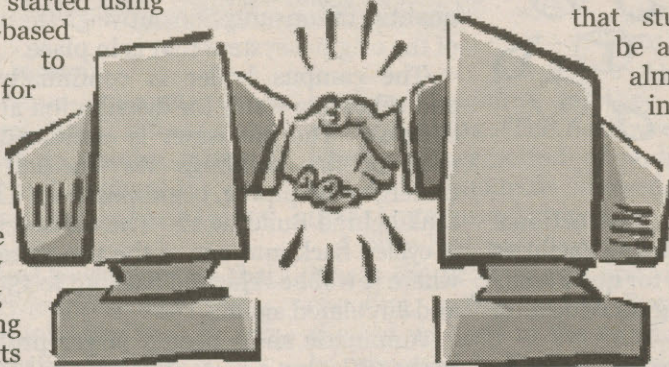


PHOTO BY ELIZABETH KAHL

Aaron Collins practices his shooting skills during one of the Titans' daily practices.

Titans host hoop preview

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's basketball program will host the first annual Meet the Team night on Nov. 17 at 7:15 p.m.

Officials from the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges will work a regulation intra-squad scrimmage, and dunk, three-point and crowd participation contests will be held. An announcer will give insight to each player as well. The event is free to the public.

"My first goal is to get my guys a good scrimmage," first-year head coach Matt Swaggerty said. "We play our first regular season game two days later [at a Southwest Oregon Community College tournament]."

"We'd love to have a packed house. We are going to try to get as many people from Lane as possible. I feel like it gets people excited about the season."

The Titans don't play their first home game until Dec. 11, which is one of the reasons Swaggerty organized the event.

"An opportunity like this sticks in [fans'] head," Swaggerty said. "It's also the only time of the year that they get to hear about the players in depth."

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said, adding "...ghosts are not pets that you can take to the Humane Society when they become a menace. It would be nice if that were the case, but I have yet to see instances where a 'ghostbusting' or an 'exorcism' was 100 percent effective."

She explains that while ghosts are typically not violent beings, one had best heed their warnings, or they could get angry.

"One time I got slapped," DeLude stated. During an investigation of a Portland apartment complex, notorious for its past as a gambling hall, brothel and crackhouse among other things, she and Todd encountered a particularly aggressive male spirit that told her to get out. When they did not leave when asked, the spirit left his mark.

DeLude says that she has

had the ability to see and communicate with ghosts and spirits since she was a child. Her first experience with the supernatural occurred while growing up in a house haunted by the spirit of a blind man.

"He got angry when we remodeled," explained DeLude. "He kept bumping into things."

DeLude hopes that this course will give students a greater appreciation for the unknown.

"It is important to have at least some understanding of a mystery," DeLude said. She added that it is important to remember who they are dealing with. "We are dealing with people after all."

The non-credit course will be held on Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for a 10-week period starting in January. The cost of the class is \$101.

FYI...

STEVE CARTER, faculty member in **ADULT BASIC AND SECONDARY EDUCATION** for more than 14 years, died Sunday, Nov. 7. He was diagnosed with brain cancer 10 months ago. Carter was loved by his colleagues and students. A memorial service honoring his life will be held Sunday, Nov. 14 from 2-4 p.m. in the Center for Meeting and Learning on main campus, Building 19, Room 104.

The **LANE MULTICULTURAL CENTER** invites everyone to join them as they celebrate Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, on Friday, Nov. 12, starting at 5 p.m. The festival symbolizes the human urge to move toward the light and is traditionally celebrated with gift exchanges, fireworks and festive meals. The event will include traditional Indian food, music and dancing, followed by a "Bollywood" movie (Hollywood-style movie made in Bombay). Some traditional Indian and Nepalese food will be provided and everyone is asked to bring some vegetarian food to share. The Multicultural Center is located in Building 1, Room 201.

The Lane Community College chapter of the **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES** is awarded its AAWCC scholarship to Amber Tillett, a dental hygiene student. Tillett was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship and was recognized at the fall AAWCC meeting/luncheon. Each year the Lane chapter awards one \$1,500 scholarship to a deserving student at Lane. The AAWCC membership is open to any student, staff, faculty or administrator who supports women in community colleges. The annual dues are only \$5 and the proceeds work for activities to enhance leadership skills and professional development. Contact Shirley Lukacs at 463-3244 for a membership application.

A NEW "MORNING EDITION" OF THE **SPANISH-ONLY TABLE** will meet Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. near the coffee bar in the cafeteria for the remainder of fall term. The regular afternoon meetings will continue to be held on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. near Student Health. For more information, contact Judy McKenzie at 463-5073.

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Getting off on the right paw

Guide and service dogs must train intensely before they're allowed to take the lead

Elizabeth Kahl
Asst. Photo Editor

For guide and service dogs, work starts almost as soon as life itself. Guide dogs are raised by volunteer's known as, puppy raisers. Their first round of training begins at a mere eight weeks old. During this time, the dogs are housetrained and learn the basic good manners of a guide dog.

Formal Training begins afterwards and varies for each dog. The training is dependent on whether the dog will be used as a service or guide dog.

The difference between guide and service dog's is that guide dogs are specifically used for the blind. Guide dogs are selected from three different breeds Labradors, Retrievers or Standard Poodles.

Service animals can be used for a variety of capacities and disabilities.

Service dogs are specifically trained according their owners' needs. This may include learning to pick things up, open doors, and other activities an owner may need assistance with.

Guide dogs learn to obey verbal commands such as forward, left, right or whatever else is necessary to help their owner get around.

"The dogs must also be trained when to disobey commands," said Pat Cook, a regional guide dog trainer for the blind. "When

these dogs are working they can see things their owner cannot."

Therefore they may see something like a car backing up when their owner tells them to go forward. The dog must know to disobey the owner to keep them out of harm's way.

After formal training, guide dogs spend one month of intensive training with their future owner. "It's the equivalent of guide dog boot camp and it's really intense," said LCC student Lisa Davis. "It's a month long training program. You live in a dorm setting, so you are away from family and friends."

"Basically, owners are exposed to everything that might come up in the real world," said Davis. "You go off on routes, learn how to cross the street, how to navigate around buildings, how to do stairs, elevators and public transit." The goal is to get thoroughly prepared before leaving the training session.

But that is not the end of the training. For many dogs, new skills are learned all the time. Service dogs especially may need to go back to training centers for additional training or to buff up on their skills.

"A service dog is never done with their training. There is always something new that they need to learn. It takes a lot of time and energy," said service dog owner Krystle Green

The dogs do not work all the time. Often when they go home, they get to run, play and just be regular dogs.

In the end, the service the dog provides its owner is invaluable. The relationship between the owner and the dog is one of mutual respect.

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happen to the partner. There are repercussions," Petty said.

Petting may seem innocent but can also have adverse affects and be intrusive to the owner. Some owners allow petting, while others due not. "To me the distinction is when she is actively engaged, when I am expecting something from her and she is communicating something to me," Davis said.

"People should conduct themselves under the assumption that they [the dogs] are off limits," Davis said. Green has even had to order special patches that say "Don't Pet" to keep people away.

"I'm not sure if other people haven't been exposed to service animals and invisible disabilities," Petty said. "That piece of diversity is where there isn't a whole lot of understanding."

To date there are no policies or procedures involving service animals at LCC, though the college has worked for more than a year drafting guidelines.

"We have written and are waiting for final approval on service animal policy here at school," said Petty. "We

have done a lot of research and did a lot of writing and rewriting. Now, there are individuals on campus in management positions that need to make the final decision."

The guidelines and procedures would not pertain only to students but to staff as well. The policies would lay out guidelines involving the handling of service animals around campus and in classrooms.

Currently students who wanted to file a complaint of harassment involving their dogs would have to do it citing the student code of conduct. The complaint would then be investigated by the college.

However, the pestering and irritation of the dogs often cannot be pinpointed to one particular individual or group. "When we get these policies and guidelines out, it will be easier to file formal complaints," Petty said.

"I'm hoping that people will read this article and help those who are having problems with inappropriate behavior. I hope that they will speak up to these individuals and model appropriate behavior for those that do not have it," Petty said.

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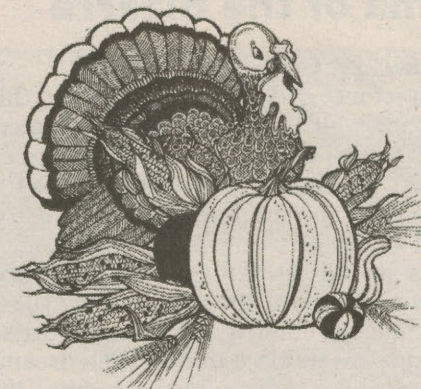
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To reach for the stars, or at least see them

An insider's look at two movies recently shot in Eugene.

People are enticed by the prospect of being in a movie. If only for a moment, they long to see themselves walk through the frame, committed, eternally it seems, to a narrow strip of celluloid that millions will see. They want to be close to the action, see the real process, be discovered, become big.

Oh, the glamour of it. Our culture is so enamored by wealth and fame, informed by Hollywood, it's no wonder. With all our preconceived notions, the very idea of it draws throngs like a tractor beam inexorably.

Over the past seven months, that opportunity twice presented itself as two feature films were shot in and around Eugene/Springfield.

It surprises me. Granted, Oregon, with its pastoral lure and spectacular vistas, is, for the most part, beautiful. Eugene has a calm, an idyllic, Anytown, U.S.A. quality; the University of Oregon, where parts of both were shot, can fill in for the quintessential campus east or west (it was used as an Eastern college in one movie, Western in the other).

Oregon isn't exactly an industry hub. This spring and summer, though, it felt as easy to be a part of the process as it might in Los Angeles. It was practically one after the other. The funny thing is, my involvement in both were on whims.

When I auditioned for the first, "The Sisters," based on Chekov's play "The Three Sisters," I'd stumbled upon a newspaper clipping about it the previous evening, and stumbled (more or less literally)

into the Chambers Media Building where auditions were being held the next morning with my best friend, both of us semi-drunk still from that prior night.

Following a wait in the holding room with a lot of fresh, sparkling hopefuls, we were called individually, and without doing much but handing over our headshots and résumés, cast as extras.

The same held true for most who showed up that day — all those excited people with perfectly set coiffure and precision-picked

couture, beaming as they held glossy 8 x 10s. (The next weekend when another round of auditions was held, hundreds showed, and many were turned away.)

I only had one day on the set. It was the production's first day of shooting, at the U of O. Everyone showed up early in the morning to be processed, to Franklin Boulevard where the big white trailers and equipment trucks were parked in a vacant gravel lot. We had breakfast, small talk, forms to complete, hair and wardrobe to be examined.

We were to be paid minimum wage; were to be students at a trendy East Coast university, carry accessories, and wear no logos, no white or red. It was April but meant to be chilly autumn.

Leaves were scattered. The day's principals, Mary Louise Parker ("Benny and June") and Erika Christensen ("Traffic"), made up to the hilt, waited on their marks; we were assigned our own and waited dutifully.

Repetition, repetition, repetition. Patience, exactness, exhaustion. Such is the nature of the science of film magic.

Each shot took hours to set up and film, every functioning piece of



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The gritty business of the biz; crew adjusting lighting on the set of "Zerophilia."

the mechanism busy with a crucial task, no matter how small: female leads primped and re-primped; extras already utilized, disguised and re-placed; camera moved; lights repositioned; people scurrying with food, with coils of cord, some warning passersby from passing through.

Just as much of the job, though, was waiting, sitting at desks in a white-walled classroom with the reading material we'd been told to bring.

This part was pretty dull. Once we were called to set, given a path to walk, perhaps a partner to walk it with, and an exact cue (usually "Background!"), things livened up — at least until we were herded back to our pen, perhaps remembering and understanding why Hitchcock dubbed actors "cattle." (But if the "talent" is cattle, then extras, a group all their own on this particular totem pole, are the lowliest breed, necessary but unloved.)

Nonetheless, when the first shift of the long day was over and we

were shuttled back to base camp and the next wave of actors and others arrived or emerged, I was glad to have had the experience, and looking forward to the day next spring that I, or maybe a blur unrecognizable but only to me, would grace the screen.

And a very good thing came my friend Brian's way when the shoot, produced by local Carolyn Chambers and directed by Arthur Alann Siedelman, a veteran TV director, headed into town: he was cast as star Chris O'Donnell's stand-in, and was there each day of the production, following it from soundstage to Sacred Heart to the old Cottage Grove Hospital, through a strike by the crew and into the month of May.

He's since moved to L.A.

My own more substantial involvement in filmmaking, on the set of "Zerophilia" late last summer, was yet to come.

to be continued...



Do sitcoms make you stand up and walk out? Reality TV got you looking for an escape? Hit your local video store and pick up the following.

Cinema of the Bizarre

"The City of Lost Children" (1995)

From the director of and predating "Amelie," this quirky French title boasts an array of odd characters to make Lewis Carroll and Stan Lee equally green with envy. Those looking for something akin to the aforementioned film may perhaps be drawn by the touching relationship between One (Ron Perlman) and Miette (Judith Vittet), if they can get over the subtle tones of pedophilia. Then again, the cyborg cyclopes, the talking brain in a fish tank or the mad scientist who kidnaps children to steal their dreams might turn away these potential viewers from the start. Absolutely gorgeous throughout, it's like a scary bedtime story your scantily older uncle might have told you had you misbehaved all night. -TDR

"Eraserhead" (1977)

David Lynch's first film. One man's private nightmare is a continuous barrage of maddening sounds and distressing images in the industrial hell he shares with a worm-child. A black, enigmatic, merciless assault on the senses. -NS

"Gummo" (1997)

A disquieting depiction of poor white trash living squalidly in tornado-devastated smalltown Ohio. Its youth are played predominantly by inexperienced actors and occupy themselves in disturbing or asinine fashion, including killing cats and huffing glue. Plays like a documentary at times. Depressing, yet enjoyably unique. -NS

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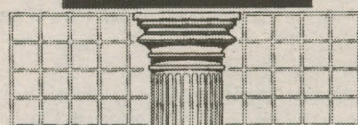
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JOHN MACKWOOD
COLUMNIST

I finally see a good great spirit flying in my bedroom every night while I sleep, and sometimes when I'm awake. A happy Christmas Day is coming up very soon in your city, just like in the holiday movies.

Sometimes my mind is

like scrambled eggs. Have more of my fries, Mom. You've heard of second-hand smoke? Well I'm a victim of second-hand fat. I always think I have a fat stomach, so I work out a lot more every day. A good flat stomach in the future always feels good.

My sister Royal Queen Diane Mackwood stays healthy by drinking a cup of tea and eating all of my cookies. Either that, or John Mackwood is a very good king.

I work at the Torch every day at 2 p.m. and it's always OK to come in or stop by. It's very nice.

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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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It could be a problem dealing with unfamiliar people who do things differently from what you're used to. But rely on that strong sense of purpose to get you through this difficult period.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) To avoid neglecting a personal matter because of a demanding new workplace schedule, start prioritizing immediately. Knowing how to apportion your time takes a little while to set up.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It won't be easy to avoid some of the pressures that come with change. Best advice: Take things a step at a time, and you'll be less likely to trip up while things are in a chaotic state.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A much-talked-about workplace change could be coming soon. Be sure to get all the details involved in the process, and once you have them, you can decide how you want to deal with it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might still believe that your trust was betrayed, although the facts would appear to prove the opposite. But by the week's end you should learn something that will help set the record straight.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Holiday plans could be a challenge because of shifting circumstances. But

a more settled period starts by midweek, allowing you to firm up your plan-making once and for all.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The facts continue to be on your side. So make use of them in dealing with any challenge to your stated position. Also, open your mind to the offer of help from an unlikely source.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) There could still be a communication problem holding up the resolution of a troublesome situation. Stay with it, and eventually your message will get through and be understood.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A possible change in your workplace schedule might create a chaotic situation for a while. But once things begin to settle down, you might find that this could work to your advantage.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A recent job-linked decision might need to be reassessed because of the possibility of finding benefits you might have overlooked. Check out all related data to help in the search.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A personal situation you agreed to might not be as acceptable to the other person involved in the matter. Avoid pressuring and bullying. Instead, seek common ground by talking things through.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for touching people's minds as well as their hearts. You would be an outstanding educator.

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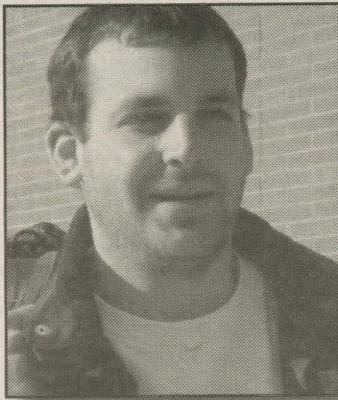
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- Goose egg
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- Story of a life-time
- Baronet's address
- Accompanying a drummer?
- "Mean Girls" star Lindsay
- "No seats left"
- The start of something big?
- Tramcar con-
- tents
- Eccentric
- California mountain
- Severity
- Cartoonist Tex
- Terpsichore's realm
- Emulate Sarah Hughes
- Not green
- Stale Italian bread?
- Chapeau
- Appomattox VIP
- Mag. Staffers

If LCC provided you with an e-mail address (yourname@lanecc.edu) would you use it?

**Joe Young**

PRE-MEDICAL

Probably not, simply because I have an e-mail address. In case I quit going to Lane for some reason or another, then I still have my mail collected at one convenient local place. I'm not sure I would prefer to be represented by a lane.edu address anyway.

**Kari Hudson**

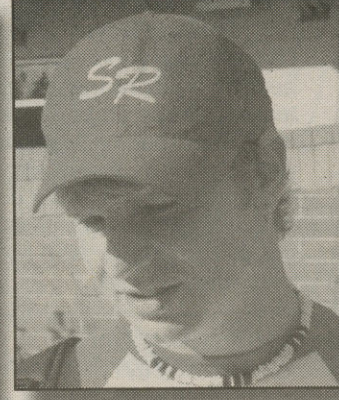
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I don't think that I would use it because Hotmail's good enough for me. I don't think that I need the extra site because I think their website gives enough information for what I need it for.

**Melinda Beane**

PSYCHOLOGY INSTRUCTOR

Yes, I would use it. I would use it for communicating with the students.

**Eric Severance**

UNDECIDED

No, because I never check my e-mail anyways.

**Wendy Michalk**

PSYCHOLOGY

Yeah. BSU operates that way and it's easier to get test results, it's easier to keep up with what's going on at the college, and it was easier just to keep touch with the other college students.

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When I turned 18, I swore on the life of my tarantula to try to make a difference for my friends and myself, to make this increasingly hostile world a better place to live in. So I graduated from high school, headed to LCC, and had no clue as to what I was doing.

It was daunting, just planning things out and getting things done in class, let alone organizing politically. But one day I found some people in toxic green t-shirts trying to get others to vote and thought I might help them out a bit, despite my apprehension that the clothing would give me radiation poisoning. And so, I joined OSPIRG. Since then, I've done some amazing things and worked my ass off, a certain columnist's comments aside.

Among one of our most recent successes has been the Get Out the Vote Project. Through registering over 10,000 new voters between the UO and Lane, and contacting over 9,000 people, we've helped bring thousands of voters to the polls. In Lane County, there was a near 90 percent voter turnout. It was ridiculous. Additionally, it's been estimated that on average 51.6 percent of 18-24 year olds voted in this election, compared to 1968's 58 percent. This doesn't even take into account the millions of college students using absentee ballots. Nor does it account for the amount of effort put into swing states like Oregon compared to non-swing states.

Restricted as I am by the non-partisan requirements of the group, I can say that even if the election didn't turn out for you, this age-group will have an even stronger effect in the next election. Politicians are being forced to listen to our views, to take what we want seriously, or they risk losing this rapidly growing voter base.

We are the future of our nation, and we will make the decisions. The fact that we have

gone against all tradition and raised voter turnouts scares them. The future will be of our making.

The campaign I've been working on most has been to protect vital areas of wild forests in Oregon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule, enacted at the end of the Clinton administration, was met with one of the most unified bi-partisan approvals in the history of America, and garnered over two million public comments on its creation, 95 percent of which were in favor of it.

However, just this year, the Bush administration repealed this rule, which protects our most important watersheds, old growth forests, endangered species and most beautiful recreational areas in Oregon.

I went on a hike to Hardesty Mountain, a beautiful roadless area, set to be cut. It's small, like all of the protected areas are, but with incredibly diverse environment, and the entirety of it is awe-inspiring. Yet our descendants will never see it.

Instead of using eco-friendly

fast-growing trees, they will cut our last old growth, which is used not only for its beauty and recreation, but for its ability to restore an ecosystem faster. It's so little to ask for, to protect these areas, yet the Bush administration deemed it less valued than the logging it would provide. Yet even corporations such as Nike and Columbia state that it would hurt the economy more through the loss of outdoor equipment sales than could ever be gained through the logging.

So we've been fighting to have it reinstated, gathering hundreds of public comments opposing the repeal, and will be working even more to get hundreds more before the Nov. 15 deadline.

We've worked on many other issues and will work on even more. If you don't see something that you think we should take a closer look at, then it's all the more reason to volunteer and help out. We're student run, and the issues we focus on are the ones that affect us most.

OSPIRG is always looking for students with a passion for improving the way they live, protecting the things they care about, and making an impact in this state and in the nation. If you want to make an impact on your life and the lives of others, this is the way to do it.

It's been a month and a week since I joined up in this bunker down in the basement of the Center Building, and my tarantula's died since then, but I've already gotten enough experience to change the way I look at life forever.

SAM HEDIGER
GUEST COMMENTARY