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College faces budget woes

State offers \$132 million less than requested in funding

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MANAGING EDITOR

It looks like money is going to be tight in the coming years for Oregon community colleges. On Jan. 12, LCC President Mary Spilde spelled out the situation to a crowd of more than 200 stony-faced LCC staff and faculty.

Oregon Community colleges, which currently receive \$410 million biannually in funding from the state and who recently requested an additional \$110 million for the next two years, received the news that the actual amount they will be receiving is a disappointing \$388 million.

The collected audience reacted badly to this news.

"Bottom line is, we got shafted in terms of the community college budget," said social sciences professor Steve Candee. "It's going to be a tough fight. We'll be lucky to break \$400 million."

This number was arrived at by the state legislature after determining the essential budget level for community colleges around the state and then reducing it by 7.1 percent. Governor Kulongosky then added an extra \$10 million specifically for community colleges to that number.

What was not taken into consideration for the final number, however, were potential cost increases from the Public Employees Retirement System.

"The net result of all of this is that higher education, K-12, and every other state agency has more raw budget dollars on the table. Community colleges, whom

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Pell grant reductions loom at Lane

Students could see decrease of \$100-\$200

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Approximately 1.3 million students nationwide will see their Federal Pell grant financial aid decrease next year, while an estimated 90,000 students are at risk of losing their Pell grants altogether.

This is according to a study done by the American Council on Education in response to changes enacted by the Department of Education, which for the first time in a decade has updated the formula used to calculate student need for financial aid.

"No matter what the value of the Pell grant is, there is going to be a reduction in how much students are receiving," said Bert Logan, director of Student Financial Services at LCC.

The change will increase students expected family contribution (EFC), resulting in a decrease in their ability to qualify for need-based financial aid.

According to Logan, the number of LCC students affected by this change is unpredictable because income and household information do not always stay constant from year to year. Those whose circumstances have not changed, however, could see a \$100-\$200 decrease in their award amounts. For students who already receive very little from Pell grants, this could eliminate their award altogether.

In Oregon, the change affects an allowance against income for state and local income taxes. For the past ten years, the percentage was nine

percent of the student's discretionary income.

The dollar figure from this formula is subtracted from state and local income taxes based on what was nine percent of family income. That percentage has now been reduced to six percent.

According to Logan, this change "could make a \$100 or a \$200 difference in what the feds calculate that a family can contribute, and what the feds determine the family can contribute is what determines their Pell grant eligibility."

"It's worrisome for me because we are here to provide financial aid to students and every dollar counts," Logan continued. "To chip away at that is alarming and I don't see any trend to where the nations intending to dump more money into high education programs."

As for the impact to LCC students,



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Logan said he thinks "it would be minimal... But again, minimal is a relative term based on an individual student's circumstance. It is a terrible position to put students in."

ASLCC senator Adam Davis shares Logan's opinion. "Overall, the change is not very good. It's never a good thing to cut financial aid to those in need," said Davis.

Davis also pointed out that Connecticut and New Jersey are the only two states to see the Pell grant awards increase.

According to the bush administration, the advantages to the change include reducing the Pell grant deficit and saving money.

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Campus closed, King remembered Jan. 17



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous "I have a dream" speech on Aug. 28, 1963.

Martin Luther King Jr. remembered around Lane County

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Lane Community College will be closed on Monday, Jan. 17, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Numerous local and national groups will hold various events around the county to remember the slain civil rights leader.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee of Lane County will host an event titled "Collaborating Diversity Through Shared Humanity," Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Erb Memorial Union on the University of Oregon campus. Featured speaker will be author and journalist Bebe Moore Campbell. Campbell will then make a separate appearance at LCC on Tuesday, Jan. 18, from 8:30-10 a.m. in the Center for Meeting and Learning, Room 104. Campbell will present her reflections on "The Influences of Community in Her Writing and Writing as an Agent for Social Change" and take questions from audience members.

Springfield Middle School will host "Martin Luther King Jr.: Fulfilling the Dream," part of their Martin Luther King Jr. contest and celebration. It will take place on Jan. 17 at 2 p.m. and will feature a performance from the Eugene Peace Choir and more.

An event for younger children will be held at Caesar Chavez Elementary School from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Jan. 17. It will focus on the history of the holiday.

Martin Luther King Jr. day was first celebrated as a federal holiday in 1986, a time when it still faced much opposition. At the time, only 27 states celebrated it. Others chose to celebrate the day instead under the title Civil Rights Day.

In 1999, New Hampshire became the last state to

Tsunami relief set

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STAFF WRITER

In an effort to help those affected by the recent tsunami in southeast Asia, various campus groups are teaming up to collect donations.

The Student Resource Center (SRC) kiosks will be donating 100 percent of their profit to the tsunami relief efforts all throughout the week of Jan. 17-21, while the bookstore will be giving out popcorn in exchange for donations on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

"Students Reaching Out" paper dolls will be sold at the bookstore and at SRC kiosks. According to Shelley Dutton, bookstore manager, these dolls will initially be hung all over the bookstore, bearing the names of the students who buy them. Dutton hopes the dolls will spread around campus.

Lane Athletics is organizing a tsunami relief basketball game fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 15. The gate profits will be donated the American Red Cross for tsunami relief. There will be a women's game at 4 p.m. followed by the men's game at 6 p.m.

ASLCC is also working in organizing more events to help with the tsunami relief effort, though details were not ready at press time.

"Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will."

-Martin Luther King, Jr., in an April 16, 1963 letter from his Birmingham jail cell



THAT GUY BUSH PICKED TO BE THE NEW ATTORNEY-GENERAL SURE SEEMS PRETTY NIFTY, HUH?



Well, he was general counsel for Enron when they were breaking all those laws and ripping us all off, so that's not sketchy or anything.



Oh, and he was the architect of the policies that led to the horrible abuses at Abu Ghraib. So I guess he's OK with torture and sexual abuse. Neat.



He calls human rights "quaint." I wonder if he also finds our civil liberties to be "quaint"...

A Bateman Drawing-Like Item ©mmiv scott@batemania.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The McKenzie River provides water for over 300,000 Oregonians and is the sole public water supply for Eugene. Its major aquifers supply Springfield with its water as well. We are blessed to have such high quality water available for drinking.

Unfortunately, we are in danger of losing this plentiful, vital resource. The Forest Service is planning to cut over 2,000 acres of old growth forest along the McKenzie River. This is a serious hazard to the health of those 300,000 people.

Recall the 1996 flooding of the Eugene/Springfield area. The natural sediment buildup that resulted from the flood caused Salem's treatment plants to shut down for an entire week, as well as shutting down Eugene's treatment plants, causing them both to have to rely on reserves while waiting for the sediment build-up to go down. If those 2,000 acres are logged, the same thing will happen, except this time, the run-off won't simply go away. Trees are the major factor in soil retention, and when you log them and add bare roads to such an area, it will strip the fertile soil off the ground right into the McKenzie River.

A number of groups are working to

oppose this logging, including OSPIRG, ONRC, and the Cascadia Wildlands Project, and I urge people to write letters to the McKenzie River Ranger District (Attn: Mary Allison, 57600 McKenzie Hwy, McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413) opposing this dangerous and economically bankrupt endeavor.

JOSEPH BOSCH
LCC STUDENT

This is a shout out to express my gratitude to everyone who supported OSPIRG this last term. Thanks to all of your devotion and volunteer work, we were able to make this an extremely successful term.

Dozens of people volunteered their time to accomplish amazing things. We registered 2,584 voters here on campus, won the implementation of a local enforcement mechanism for housing standards to protect the rights of renters, collected over 200 public comments on the Roadless Area Conservation Rule, turned out over 50 volunteers to help prepare the annual Whitaker thanksgiving dinner, collected new information on textbook rip-offs towards the release of our next nationwide report, and trained dozens of interns and volunteers

with the skills necessary to organize and effect social change.

Thank you everyone and let's turn out more volunteers and interns to make the upcoming term even bigger and better!

TIRZAH KRABILL
OSPIRG INTERN

On Saturday, Jan. 22, the Eugene/Springfield Right to Life chapter will sponsor a memorial march/walk in memory of the Roe v. Wade decision. All people who are pro-life are invited to join us. Two people will speak about their personal experiences of having an abortion. We will be giving awards for the poster, essay and oratory contest, and refreshments will be served.

We will meet at the fellowship hall of St. Mary's Catholic church at the corner of 11th Ave. and Charnelton St. in Eugene. Students K-12 are invited to participate in the contests. The theme is "Abortion- you can live without it." Posters should be no larger than 8 1/2x11. Send entries to RTL-Contest, 564 66th St., Springfield, OR 97478, no later than Jan. 17.

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SPRINGFIELD

Ride today, gone tomorrow

JEREMY RIEL
ASLCC SENATOR

I grew up in Springfield and can still remember the first time I saw a bus. The famous Lane Transit District (LTD) buses of Eugene, Springfield, and the surrounding areas have always been in our community. Today, I use those same buses as my primary source of transportation. I ride to school and work every day with my fellow college students.

But have you ever imagined if they no longer traveled our streets? The thought of a Eugene/Springfield without running buses could be devastating. If you haven't been following the local news lately, LCC students using the buses to jump to school are at risk of not having any rides later this month. This might not be that big of deal for people who drive to school, but could be terrible for LCC students like me commuting to school every day by bus.

LTD and the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) are currently conducting contract negotiations. Both sides are hard at work to come up with solutions to prevent a strike from happening, but if nothing is reached by sometime near the end of this month, a strike could be imminent. This personally scares me. I travel to school everyday on the LTD number 85, Springfield. If a strike were to occur, number 85

would no longer run. In reality, every single bus in the entire system would cease to operate.

We all remain students and employees no matter if the bus drivers decide to strike. We are all expected to continue with our normal lives, even in the midst of a strike. Students are no exception. Your classes will continue even if you no longer have the ability to get to school. Your instructors don't have to hold your place in class if the buses are not running. This could be a pretty big problem for LCC, involving over 1500 students. Since we can't control if there is going to be a strike or not, the only thing we can do is prepare.

If you use the bus to get to school, there are many ways that you can prepare for a bus strike. The easiest thing that you could do is ask a friend if you can carpool with them to class. Offer them a couple of dollars for gas and I'm sure that they won't have a problem with picking you up. If you can't talk a friend into taking you to class, LTD has developed a program called Commuter Solutions. Check this program out at www.ltd.org.

For carpooling, LTD's program might not be the best. Lucky for us, the RideShare Alliance could be the thing that keeps you moving during a bus strike. I encourage everyone to check out this resource, even if you drive. There might be

one of those bad days when your car breaks down and you are without a ride. For those who drive to school, invite a friend that normally rides the bus to ride with you to school. During a strike, you could be essential in getting someone to school and keeping their grades up. Check out the Ride Share Alliance at www.rideshare.org and sign up. Remember, you don't have to use it but it is there in case you do need to. RideShare Alliance posters are all over campus. Look for the big yellow car posters for some more info.

Again, the best thing that students can do is prepare for this strike. Since we don't know if there will be a strike or not, get arrangements for transportation to school taken care of as soon as possible. It is much better to prepare for this than heading out to school on the day of a strike and not having a bus to get there. Let all of your friends that ride the bus know about this. Plan ahead; it will keep you coming to school, even if a strike happens. And if you drive already, invite someone to come to school with you during the strike. I guarantee that they won't forget your kindness.

(For more information on LTD's Commuter Solutions, visit www.ltd.org. For more information on the RideShare Alliance, visit www.rideshare.org.)

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Is the sky the limit?

LCC Board approves tuition increase for '05-'06 school year

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The LCC Board of Education unanimously approved a tuition increase for the college at its December meeting on Dec. 8, 2004. The approved increase will raise tuition to \$67 per credit hour for the 2005-2006 school year, starting summer term, up from its current rate of \$64.50.

The \$2.50 increase is not considered so much an "increase" as an "adjustment," however, as the Board approved a measure in 2002 that would allow it to review and adjust the tuition rate on an annual basis in order to account for inflation. The Board still has the authority to increase tuition over the "adjustment" rate, but has not elected to do that at this time.

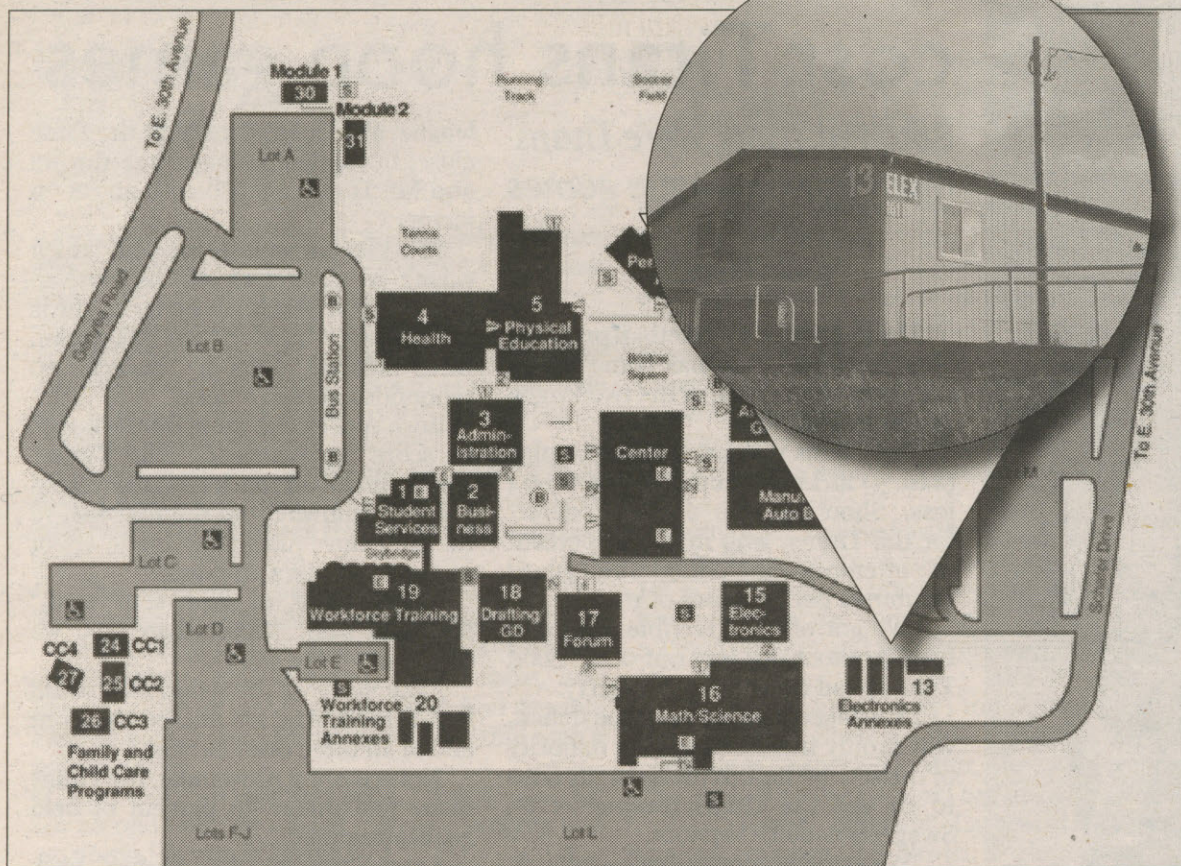
LCC's current rate of \$64.50 makes it the second most expensive community college in Oregon, behind Mt. Hood. The average tuition for all community colleges in Oregon is \$58.31.

The new rate of \$67 represents a 109 percent increase from only a decade ago, when the per-hour tuition was \$32. That amount steadily notched up over the late '90s, but was still only \$38 per hour in 2000-01.

The budget shortfalls of the new millennium, however, have drastically cut state funding of colleges and created the necessity for increased tuitions in order to survive. The 2002-03 school year saw tuition rise from \$38 to \$49, a 29 percent increase, while the following year saw it reach \$63, an additional 29 percent increase.

Future ramifications of Oregon Governor Kulongoski's proposed budget, which aims to cut state funding to community colleges by 5.5 percent, is not yet known but is being watched carefully by the college. The Oregon university and K-12 systems, meanwhile, are expecting a 4.3 percent increase in their budgets.

The Board policy on inflation adjustment was approved to last until the end of the 2004-05 school year, at which time the Board will determine whether or not to continue the policy.



Public Safety gets new digs

Space limitations in old office cited as reason for move

SUSAN WAHLBERG
MANAGING EDITOR

After placing a request for a move from their cramped offices in Building 6, Public Safety packed up and moved over the winter break to a larger and better-equipped office in the Electronics Annex behind Building 16.

According to those who worked there, the office in Building 6 was small, lacked privacy for interviews with students and offered only one workstation for the officers to submit reports.

"One of the big things that was lacking in our other offices was that when people became upset, we had no place to talk to them," said Director of Public Safety Sandra Ing-Wiese about the old office. The new office features a private interview room for just such a purpose.

"[Students] can have verbal privacy and not feel like they are stuck in a corner. This I am really happy about," said Ing-Wiese.

The Facilities committee allocated \$45,000 to Public Safety for remodeling the office to better suit their needs. Improvements include three workstations for officers on duty, improved safety measures for overnight staff and a private interview room for meeting with students who have complaints.

There is also more convenient parking for the officers and there will be 30-minute parking for students who need to speak with an officer.

Aside from the interview room, another big improvement involves the addition of two more workstations at which the officers can submit reports.

"We had officers that were crammed into a small cubicle. All the officers were sharing one little confined space. Now we have three workstations, as opposed to one," said officer Glen Goss. "It's a much easier way of coming in and getting things done."

This move is only one of many potential department moves around campus. Specialized Employment Services was moved from a leased downtown Eugene building to the portables next to Public Safety, cutting costs for the college and making SES more accessible to handicapped students.

Other departments around LCC that may move in the near future include the wood shop and the Health Center.

Although the Public Safety move is definitely a step up, Goss still feels some nostalgia for the old office.

"Like everything, it's new," he said. "I spent a lot of years at the old area. It was kind of my home. There was a lot of convenience that was there, having Facilities just down the hall. But the more room here more than compensates for that. It's going to take a little getting used to."

The phone numbers for Public Safety have not changed. The office can still be reached at 463-5558 or, in case of emergencies, 463-5555.

Spilde went on to outline a budget plan based around the hopeful \$8 million increase Kulongoski is pushing for and a 4 percent increase in full time equivalent student enrollment. How the college is expecting a 4 percent FTE increase in light of the steady decline of the past three years was not detailed.

However, the final budget plan will not be released for some time and nothing is certain.

Possible influences on the success of Spilde's planned budget include the final ruling concerning the PERS litigation, the actual enrollment next year, how much money the Oregon legislature allots to Oregon community colleges, and whether or not Kulongoski delivers on the extra \$8 million, just to name a few.

The uncertain outcome of the budget leaves staff and faculty left with a feeling of helplessness.

"There is going to be more money put back. Whether it's enough, I think, is the big question," said Candee. "We're nervous."

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the Governor was trying to help, have less raw dollars," said Spilde.

Fortunately Governor Kulongoski is not unaware of the situation and is rallying at the state legislature to add another \$8 million to the budget. While this will certainly benefit Oregon community colleges, the fact remains that the biannual budget will be cut by \$14 million.

"I believe the governor will use his influence to try and have this glitch corrected. But even with recognizing that there is a glitch, what the governor is talking about is not enough," said Spilde.

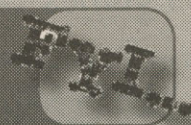
Budget projections shown at the meeting ranged from best- to worst-case scenarios. At worst, the college would be in a position to declare "financial exigency" by 2007, according to Spilde. At best, the financial deficit would sink to \$3.4 million by 2007, far better than the \$7.1 million deficit proposed in the worst-case scenario. What the college's course of action would be in either of these scenarios is unknown.

Advance Registration for Spring Term

Advising sessions for continuing students:
Wed. Jan. 12, thru Mon. Mar. 07. 2005

Registration begins Jan. 19. 2005

For your
Information



THE 2005-2006 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES BOOKLET is out now and lists nearly 300 different awards ranging from \$150 to \$5,000. The scholarship booklet contains the application forms and is available at Career and Employment Services in Building 1. Information is also available on the Foundation website at www.lanec.edu/foundation. The deadline to apply is March 1.

TERRIE MINNER FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON Advising office will be on the LCC campus on Tuesday, Jan. 18, to assist Lane transfer students with advising and admission questions. Minner will be located in the Counseling Department (Building 1, first floor) in Room 103E from 2-5 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be at the Counseling front desk.

THE LCC MULTICULTURAL CENTER AND THE CHINESE AMERICAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY are helping to ring in the Chinese New Year on Saturday, Jan. 29, in the LCC cafeteria at 6 p.m. The celebration will include traditional Chinese dinner plus special new year's treats like the nien gao (new year's pudding) and candied vegetables and fruits served with tea, a lion dance, puppet show and singing. Suggested donation is \$10. For more information or to RSVP, contact Susan Matthews at 463-3245.

CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES will hold its annual financial aid/scholarships workshop on Saturday, Jan. 15 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in Building 17, Rooms 308/309. Topics include: tips for effective scholarship applications and essays, organizing a scholarship portfolio, research strategies and resources, Oregon Student Assistance Commission and Ford Family Foundation scholarships, and Lane Foundation scholarships, as well as the federal financial aid process and tips for completing the online FAFSA. Space is limited—details for registration are listed on page 44 in the Winter class schedule.

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PHOTO BY ELIZABETH GOTSDINER

Former Titan Kyle Wortman scores two of his eight points against the Lane Alumni on Dec. 11. Wortman averaged 7.1 points and 4.5 rebounds per game before departing the team in late December due to personal issues.

Missed free-throws cost Titans hoop games

Botched shots were Titans main flaw in league games

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lane men's basketball program is battle-tested, but has come up on the short end in each of the two league games this season.

The Titans opened the league play (Jan. 5) at Linn-Benton with a 69-64 loss. Shooting was a major defect for the Titans, who made 36 percent of attempts, including the guard combined performance of 16-48.

"We got off to a terrible start and tried to shoot our way out of it," said Titans head coach Matt Swagerty.

Lane faced a 44-32 halftime deficit, which only increased for the majority of the second half. With eight minutes to go and the Titans trailing by 17, Swagerty called a timeout.

"We slowly crept back into it, brought it back within four (points), but then tried to use three-pointers and couldn't hit the broad side of a barn," Swagerty said.

Linn-Benton made free-throws in the closing minutes, while Lane shot just 9-16 from the charity strip.

"It was just a really bad shooting night," Titan's post Owen Newman said. "It was a rough night."

Newman led the Titans with 19 points, followed by Brad Kanis and Jarvis Thomas who each had 14 points and eight rebounds.

In the Titan's home opener, they faced the top-ranked team in the

league, Mt. Hood. Lane kept the game close, but failed to make free-throws and Mt. Hood escaped with an 88-79 victory.

"To play as well as we did, which wasn't great, and to still be close to the so-called best team in the league is a confidence-builder," said Newman, who finished with 11 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks.

Josh Akwenuke came off the bench to score 24 points for the Titans, which included back-to-back three-pointers midway into the first half to tie the game. Akwenuke made six of 10 three-pointers attempted.

"Josh came in and shot well," Swagerty said. "Other than him, we didn't shoot the ball well."

"The story of the game was 10-28 free-throws. And we missed the front end of all three one-on-ones."

Not counting Akwenuke, the Titans made just under 36 percent of field goals attempted.

Lane brought the game back to within four points with 3:49 remaining, but Mt. Hood connected on 19-26 free-throws in the second half. In the final minutes, the Titans were unable to hit a big shot.

Kanis scored 11 points, with teammate Aaron Collins adding 10 points, seven rebounds and five assists for the Titans.

"Three of the top five or six teams in the NWAACC are in our region," Swagerty said of Mt. Hood, Clackamas and Chemeketa. "With that being the case, we have to win all of the other games. Then do what we can against the best three."

Lane runs over competition

Titans average 82.5 points in each of first two lead games

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Week one ended with two victories, a top ranking, and enough offensive output to power the gym lights for the Lane women.

The Titans outscored Linn-Benton 85-73 defensively in the league opener on Jan. 5, but expectations were not met.

"Defensively we had a few letdowns that allowed them [Linn-Benton] several opportunities to score," Titans head coach Greg Sheley said.

Missing opportunities on offense held the Titans to a 41-39 lead at the half.

"We had three opportunities that were three-on-ones [fastbreak] and we didn't score on the transition," Sheley said.

Part of the closeness can be attributed to Linn-Benton's shooters, who made 11 three-pointers.

"They [Linn-Benton] weren't missing," Titans guard Kellie Griner

said. "They stepped it up close to our level and we didn't expect it."

With a one possession game and the clock closing in on six minutes in regulation, Tess Treinen and Morgan Zajonc nailed back-to-back three-pointers to extend the lead.

Linn-Benton was unable to establish anything offensively as the Titans forged to the victory.

Cora McVey, the Titan's leading scorer with 24, injured her right shoulder close to halftime after falling from a screen from behind. Despite the injury, McVey continued in the second half which led to an inflamed tendon that sidelined her for the next game against Mt. Hood.

McVey also recorded seven rebounds and four steals. Zajonc scored 15 points, while Griner added 13 points, eight steals, six rebounds and four assists. Lisa Fernandez scored 12 points and grabbed ten rebounds.

The Titans torched Mt. Hood 80-36 in their home league opener on Jan. 8.

By the time Mt. Hood scored their first basketball 4:41 into the game, the Titans had claimed a 16-0 lead. At halftime, Lane allowed only 11 points while scoring 46.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH GOTSDINER

Sally Moore battles two Olympic defenders for a loose ball. The Titans defeated Olympic 82-65 to win the Dale Bates Tournament on Dec. 11.

"I was very pleased with our first half effort," Sheley said. "We took care of the ball and played under control."

The second half started with a 16-3 run for the Titans and from that point on cruise control was set.

"Before the game started I just felt that it was going to be a good game," Titans sophomore Ashley Sequeira

said, who earned leading-scorer title of the game with 21 points. "They (Mt. Hood) weren't expecting us to be playing in the leads."

That difference led to 40 Mt. Hood turnovers, including 27 steals by the Titans.

Lane's Jessie Moore scored 12 points, while Fernandez added ten points and seven rebounds.

Womens Basketball Season Box Score Report

| # | Name | Shooting | | Scoring | | Rebounding | | Ball Handling | | ST |
|-----------|------------------|----------|--|---------|--|------------|-----|---------------|----|-----|
| | | G/GS | | Avg | | Avg | AST | TO | BS | |
| 45 | Lisa FERNANDEZ | 13/10 | | 15.3 | | 7.2 | 9 | 38 | 15 | 27 |
| 3 | Kassie FORTIER | 12/14 | | 1.4 | | 0.8 | 10 | 8 | 0 | 4 |
| 10 | Kellie GRINER | 18/17 | | 9.5 | | 3.9 | 83 | 61 | 10 | 71 |
| 25 | Corrinne KALEESE | 7/0 | | 0.9 | | 1.0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| 32 | Cora MCVEY | 17/16 | | 13.0 | | 7.4 | 33 | 32 | 8 | 33 |
| 12 | Jessie MOORE | 18/0 | | 3.9 | | 1.3 | 17 | 21 | 0 | 20 |
| 33 | Sally MOORE | 12/2 | | 4.4 | | 4.8 | 17 | 22 | 7 | 34 |
| 15 | Kristin NELSON | 18/9 | | 7.4 | | 3.6 | 33 | 30 | 2 | 33 |
| 22 | Amy PARKER | 17/0 | | 1.2 | | 1.5 | 22 | 19 | 0 | 14 |
| 21 | Danielle ROUHIER | 1/0 | | 0.0 | | 3.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | Ashley SEQUEIRA | 18/16 | | 12.2 | | 7.7 | 26 | 47 | 27 | 47 |
| 24 | Tess TREINEN | 12/0 | | 7.8 | | 2.6 | 14 | 17 | 0 | 15 |
| 23 | Ashley WEBER | 18/9 | | 8.4 | | 6.2 | 16 | 32 | 21 | 20 |
| 11 | Morgan ZAJONC | 12/6 | | 11.5 | | 3.3 | 39 | 28 | 0 | 36 |
| Totals | | 18 | | 83.7 | | 48.1 | 331 | 375 | 90 | 359 |
| Opponents | | 18 | | 55.9 | | 37.2 | 196 | 565 | 48 | 181 |

California road trip pays off for Titans

Lady Titans place second in De Anza Classic

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Three victories, two All-Tournament selections and a second-place finish highlighted the Lane Titans trip south as they played in the De Anza Classic in Cupertino, Calif. (Dec. 26-30).

The only team based outside of California, the Titans defeated stereotypes as well as the second- and seventh-ranked teams in the North Region of California Community Colleges.

"It was very productive for us," said Titans head coach Greg Sheley about the tournament. "We proved to ourselves that we can play against anybody and beat them."

"This tournament prepared us for the Southern Region and the NWAACC Tournament."

In the championship battle, the Titans dueled with Cypress, ranked eighth in the state, into overtime before a key injury and foul trouble cleared the way for Cypress to win the title with a 93-90 victory.

"Our first half was very solid," Sheley said. "In the second half, we settled for outside shots and we needed to attack the basket."

Lane took a 44-33 lead into halftime. However, Cypress used a 6-0 run to start the second half and later an 8-0 run to gain a 55-54 lead with just under 13 minutes remaining in the game.

With nine minutes to go, starting post Lisa Fernandez injured her tailbone in a collision and the Titans lead by two points. A rally cry was heard as Lane jumped to a nine-point lead with 5:46 left on the clock, but Cypress answered with a 12-0 run to regain the lead.

After making one of two free-throws, Cypress led by a bucket with 12 seconds to play. Lane's Kristin Nelson drove the baseline and, with a pass between two defenders, found teammate Ashley Weber under the basket for the tie to force overtime.

Cypress scored 11 of the first 15 points in overtime before needing to make their final four free-throw attempts to seal the victory. The Titans mounted a rally, without starting point guard Kellie Griner, who fouled out midway through overtime, but came up three points short as Cypress was able to run the clock out.

"They [Cypress] are a good team and executed better in overtime than we did," Sheley said.

Cora McVey led the Titans with 18 points. Weber added 15 points while Fernandez scored

14 and grabbed eight rebounds. Griner and Morgan Zajonc rounded out the double-digit scorers with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Fernandez (avg. 18 points and 7.75 rebounds per game) and Griner (avg. 7.75 points, 4.25 steals and 4 assists per game) earned All-Tournament honors for the Titans.

The Titans defeated Consumnes 97-52 in the opening game of the 16-team tournament.

Lane recorded 22 steals which led to a 46-10 edge in points off turnovers and outrebounded Consumnes 51-31, including 14 offensive rebounds to score 26 second-chance points.

"That was a confidence booster," said Ashley Sequeira, who scored 15 first-half points for the Titans.

Fernandez finished with 22 points (18 in the first half) in just over 16 minutes. Weber scored 16 points with eight rebounds. Jessie Moore finished with 14 points and six steals. Griner added 11 points and five steals and Zajonc scored 10.

"It was a great way to start a four-day tournament," Sheley said. "It gave us some confidence, especially after the way we were playing before the [winter] break."

The Titans defeated Lassen, the second-ranked team in the North Region and ninth-ranked overall, 73-70.

Lane held a 70-60 lead with 2:25 remaining, and free-throws by Griner and Nelson in the closing minutes provided the winning margin.

"They had a good combination of athleticism and height," Sheley said. "They are solid shooters. We defended them well. It was a good win for us."

Fernandez led the Titans with 26 points and 14 rebounds.

"That was the best competition we had faced this season," Fernandez said. "They had everything — outside shots, inside moves and pressure. They had everything we hadn't faced, all in one game."

McVey added 13 points and 10 rebounds, while Sequeira scored 10 points with seven rebounds.

Lane shot 26-34 from the free-throw line, led by Nelson, who was perfect on all eight free-throw attempts and corralled eight boards.

In the semifinal game, the Titans outlasted Contra Costa (seventh in the North Region) 57-49.

"We had thought it was going to be an easier game," Sequeira said comparing Contra Costa to Lassen. "We weren't as prepared as we should have been."

Women's standings (as of Jan. 11):

| SOUTH | League | Overall |
|-------------|--------|---------|
| Clackamas | 2-0 | 14-3 |
| Lane | 2-0 | 17-1 |
| Umpqua | 2-0 | 17-0 |
| Linn-Benton | 1-1 | 9-8 |
| Portland | 1-1 | 7-8 |
| Chemeketa | 0-2 | 6-10 |
| Mt. Hood | 0-2 | 1-15 |
| SW Oregon | 0-2 | 5-9 |

Men's standings (as of Jan. 11):

| SOUTH | League | Overall |
|-------------|--------|---------|
| Chemeketa | 2-0 | 11-5 |
| Mt. Hood | 2-0 | 13-1 |
| Clackamas | 1-1 | 13-2 |
| Portland | 1-1 | 5-10 |
| Linn-Benton | 1-1 | 7-8 |
| SW Oregon | 1-1 | 6-10 |
| Lane | 0-2 | 7-9 |
| Umpqua | 0-2 | 8-8 |

Next Game: Titans host Chemeketa on Jan. 15.

Women at 4 p.m. Men at 6 p.m.

The Titans scored 17 first-half points while turning the ball over 18 times in that span. Lane lost the lead with 11 minutes and trailed by six at the half. It wasn't until two Griner free-throws with 7:20 remaining in the game that the Titans regained the lead.

"For that length of time, we hadn't experienced that before," Sheley said of playing behind. "Once we took the lead we knew we had it from there."

With 2:30 to play, Zajonc nailed a three from the right wing that gave the Titans a seven-point lead and Contra Costa wasn't able to close the gap.

"That was big," Sheley said. "I had told her [Zajonc] earlier in the game that she wasn't being an offensive threat. I think she is a competitive kid."

Zajonc and Sequeira led the Titans with 11 points and 13 rebounds. Zajonc scored 11 as well, while Weber recorded a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Fernandez chipped in 10 points before the injury.

Women ranked #1 in NWAACC Region

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lane women's basketball program has reached a mark for the first time in school history: ranked #1 in the NWAACC (Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges).

The Titans received five of eight first-place votes en route to a 74-68 points edge over league-rival Umpqua. UCC ranked second in the polls despite being the only school without a loss this season.

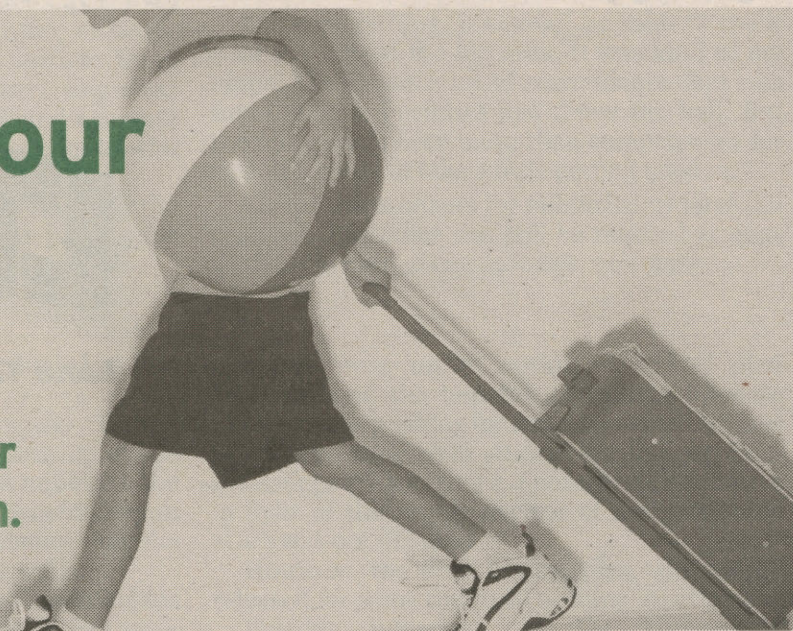
"It is a culmination of the past five years," Titans head coach Greg Sheley said of the honor. "We've been knocking on that door, wanting to get in... now we've got to back it up."

Walla Walla (47 points) is ranked third, with Clackamas (32) fourth and Centralia (30) rounding out the top five.

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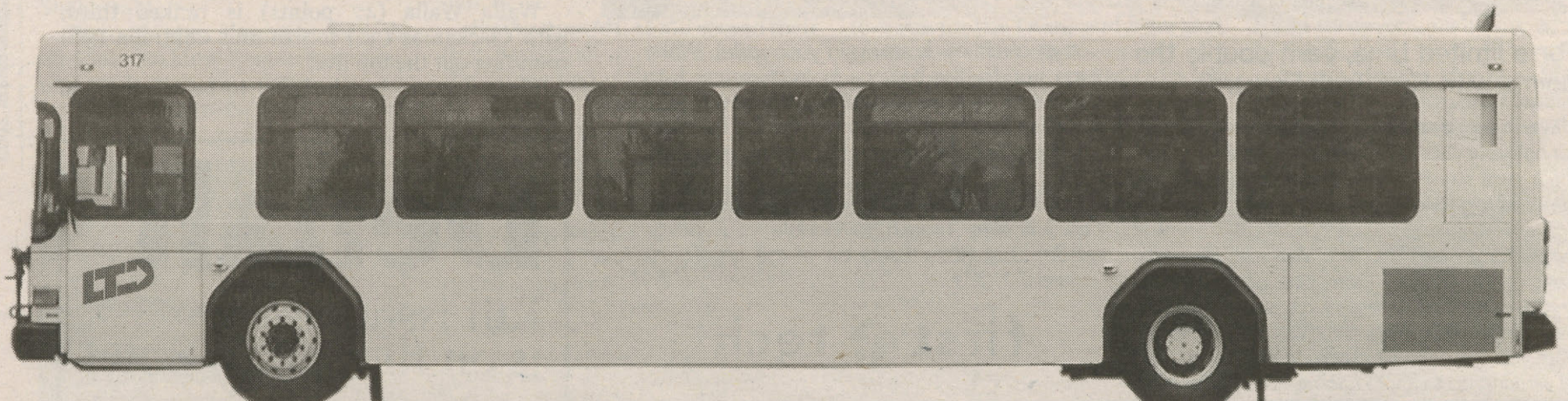
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The world's memory is getting pretty foggy

Right now, we're in between decades. Time keeps going on, and a lot more people are thinking the years keep flying by. In the next few years, we're all going to need to plan ahead. Big changes are coming.

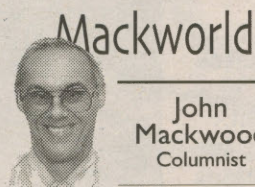
Changes are also coming to Lane Community College. The Torch is getting older. Just look at the difference we made in the world. As we reach the year 2010, we'll look back to the past by using the TV.

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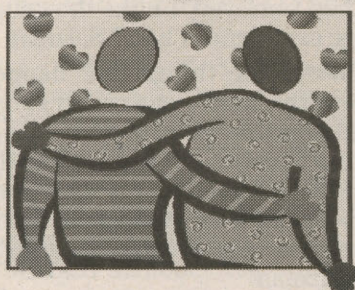
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The legislation has always been available for the Department of Education to update the formula but Congress has blocked it until now.

"These are political programs and the political process is very volatile. Right now congress is focusing on accountability and trying to manage the budget. Domestic spending is where these deductions come from," Logan said.

According to Logan, the National Association of Students Financial Aid Administration is a professional organization whose mission is to find some technical or legal way to block the change. They are not alone in their effort.

"Schools are reacting forcefully and a lot of our legislatures are trying to block this from happening. But it is legal and the provision has always been there. Whether they can find a way to block it or not the folks that are acting on behalf of the students are really pushing," Logan said.

"There is no value in pushing this provision through. We're advocating on the students behalf, but it seems to me that we are barely able to hold on to what we have," Logan said.

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Mixing the media, not the message

New art instructor Andreas Salzman featured in LCC gallery exhibit

ANGELINA MILLER
FEATURES EDITOR

The LCC art gallery is currently featuring nine works by Andreas Salzman, a new addition to the college's art department.

Salzman says he draws on life experiences, relationships and emotions for his work, and that some of his recent inspiration came from his recent move from Wisconsin to Oregon.

"Bridge" is one such piece of work on display. It is a large wooden structure that Salzman said symbolizes his family's relocation and new beginning.

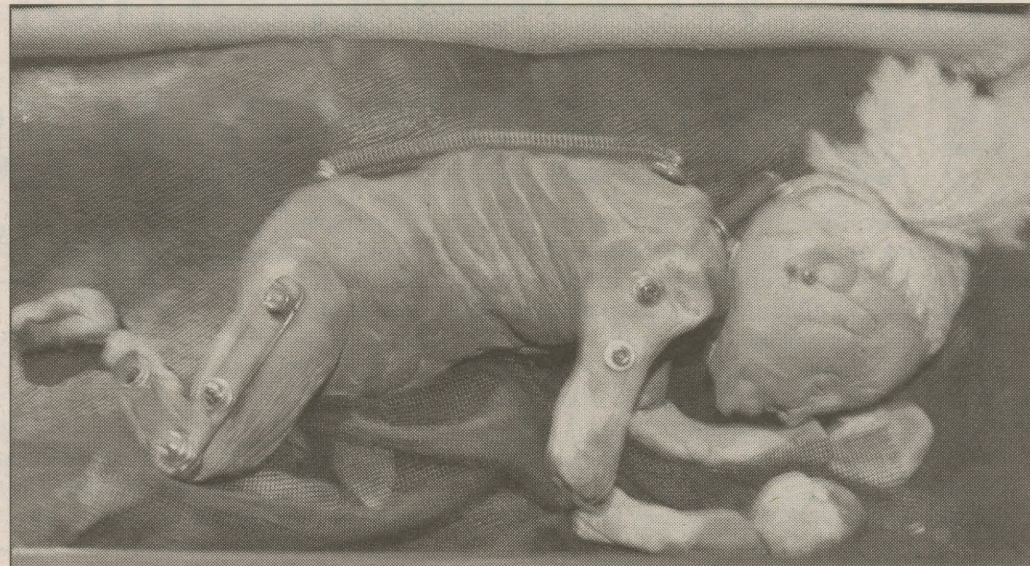
"I felt like it was a new school for me and also a new school for my kids. Everything was brand new. I was trying to figure things out. It really felt a bit like I was out of control," Salzman said.

He incorporated that feeling into the structure. "I started to put together my studio and decided to put together a new piece. It was sort of about that sense of you wanting to gain control again. The big bridge is kind of an obvious reference to transition," Salzman said.

Relationships play a large role in Salzman's work as well.

"I talk about the relationship I have with my dad and a relationship I had with a professor who died. Things I try not to dwell on but can't stop thinking about," said Salzman.

Salzman uses a combination of these experiences in his work. "I try to take different ideas that seem to be floating through my mind and move them together. For me, it paints a portrait in my mind of



Fathers Hopechest #2, above, and the untitled piece at left are two mixed media pieces featured in new art instructor Andreas Salzman's show in the LCC art gallery, running now through Jan. 27. Salzman will be giving a lecture on his creative process and the pieces themselves in the gallery on Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 2 p.m.

a certain felling I'm having at the time. It's just sort of strange feelings all put together," said Salzman.

Salzman's media choices range from glass jars to wood and even clay sculptures. "One of the things I'm really hung up on is clay. Although I work with mixed media, clay is one of the materials I'm most obsessed with," said Salzman.

Having a background in functional pottery adds to the obsession. "I like the physical quality of clay and all the things clay can do. I'm also interested in working other materials into it," said Salzman.

Before joining the LCC faculty, Salzman taught at art schools such as Carlton College, College of the Visual Arts and the University of Minnesota.

As a past community college student

himself, Salzman enjoys working at a school with a more personal touch. "I really enjoyed all those different environments but they were very unlike the community college experience I had," Salzman said.

"One of the things that happened to me over the course of years at community college was that I sort of found people that told me I had to get my act together and get focused. I hope that is something I can give people. I want students to think about the future and where they are going to go," said Salzman.

The gallery showing is taking place through Jan. 27 in the art gallery in Building 11. Salzman will be conducting an artist lecture on Wednesday, Jan. 19 from 2-3 p.m., also in the gallery. A reception will follow.

Reconnecting students with the natural world

LCC learning community links science, politics and personal impact on the planet

ANGELINA MILLER
FEATURES EDITOR

Imagine a field trip to an old growth forest. What comes to mind? Gathering data about soil and trees? Perhaps observing animals and plants? How about discussing politics, ecology and nature with an active tree sitter?

This will be among the field trips students will experience while participating in a unique LCC learning community titled "Reconnecting with Nature: Science, Spirituality and Political Activism." This learning community is in its second year at Lane and provides students with a one of a kind approach to environmental education.

The learning community consists of three classes: Global Ecology, taught by Jerry Hall; Nature, Religion and Ecology, taught by Clif Trolin; and Environmental Politics, taught by Stan Taylor. From science to politics, the many aspects of nature are discussed throughout the three classes.

However, according to the professors, they all work together to provide a combined experience. "The three classes really integrate with each other. The science provides the knowledge base about the environment that is fundamental. Once you start understanding ecology, the science of nature, that then can be used as a foundation for studying spirituality that goes along with it and the ethics that go along with nature," Taylor said.

LCC student Justin LaMasters participated in the learning community last spring and felt each class helped to further his understanding of environmental issues.

"It was interesting to discuss our relationships with nature in scientific, social/political and spiritual terms. By looking at our relationship with the environment in these different contexts,

I feel I gained a better understanding of the impact our society has on ecological systems, other animals, as well as other nations and cultures," LaMasters said.

The integrated classes explore environmental crises, resolutions and changes that could be made. "We want to open students' eyes to all sides and to provide this opportunity to experience first-hand really what is happening so that they can judge and decide for themselves what their own point of view is," Hall said.

Several field trips and student-focused activities are planned for the class. In addition to visiting an old growth forest, there will also be a trip to the Oregon coast.

"Typically we go to the coast from the scientific point of view, to look at invertebrate animals in the tide pools. We are going to look beyond that and bring in the ideas of environmental politics," Hall said.

While at the coast, Hall plans to incorporate a meeting with an individual from a local indigenous Native American tribe. "I have several individuals in mind I'm approaching to see if they will come and lead us in a ceremony. Rather than just going out there and digging through the tide pools, we can do this in a more ethical and spiritual way," said Hall.

Student-focused activities also play a large role in the classes. Activities include group work/discussion and lab work. Creativity is welcomed in the classroom as well. In Trolin's Nature, Religion and Ecology class the final is a group project.

LaMasters counts this group experience as his most memorable. "It was really fun to see what everybody in the class came up with. People did skits involving music, poetry and comedy. There was some pretty creative stuff," LaMasters said.

One of the main goals for the professors of Reconnecting with Nature is to broaden students' perspectives of the environment. "Really, what we're talking about is a transformation from viewing the earth as resource to viewing it as mother," Trolin said.



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