

# THE TORCH



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## Bus drivers set to strike

Proposed cuts to health benefits have LTD union members on their feet and in the streets, trying to raise awareness of their plight. LTD administration claims the cuts are necessary due to a lack of funding. Negotiations fell apart Wednesday night and the union plans to announce the strike today, which means bus services, with the exception of RideSource, will cease on Jan 30. LCC has announced no official plan to deal with the strike, but the administration has made it clear that classes will continue as usual. Those affected by the strike can look for rides at [www.rideshare.us](http://www.rideshare.us) or at [http://www.ltd.org/site\\_files/options/carpooling.htm](http://www.ltd.org/site_files/options/carpooling.htm).

## LCC diversity coordinator receives MLK award

*Garcia feels honored, appreciative of workplace Lane provides*

MAYO FINCH  
STAFF WRITER

Jim Garcia, Diversity Coordinator for Lane Community College was presented with an award on Monday night. The Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Award is given to community members that demonstrate leadership that was modeled by Martin Luther King Jr.

The Eugene Human Rights Commission presented Garcia with the Martin Luther King Jr. leadership award during the 2005 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on the University of Oregon campus.

"The theme of this event on Monday was about shared humanity," Garcia said. "I was really pleased to receive an award with such a message, because this is a message that I'd like to promote in my efforts and my work in the community."

Garcia has 30 years of experience working in academic settings. His first contribution was working with migrant field workers seeking an education through the High School Equivalency Program at the University of Oregon.

"I certainly feel honored that I am being recognized for what I have done in this community that mirrors or reflects the message of Martin Luther King," Garcia said. "I also respect the folks that work on the commission and what they do in the community. I feel there is a genuine feeling of thanks in terms of the recognition that I have received."

Misa Joo, who nominated Garcia for the award, had this to say in her nomination letter, "I have known Garcia for 30 years. I first heard about him from some of the young men from my hometown in Idaho. Garcia was their Social studies teacher in the UO - HEP program. They learned more than how to pass the GED from Mr. Garcia. They learned about pride, their potential and their entitlement to all the rights and privileges of this society. They also burned with the newly gained sense of responsibility to

struggle for justice and the new ability to focus their young leadership. They returned to their communities stronger."

Garcia has since worked at a number of institutions including the University of Oregon, Oregon State University and New Mexico State University.

In his acceptance speech, Garcia named 57 people and 46 groups to thank. Garcia said that he wanted to show that this wasn't an individual achievement or accomplishment.

"As you can see, the award that I am accepting tonight is much greater than one person. All of the names that you heard tonight, and there are many more, have had an impact on me as an educator and a person. There is

only a single name on this award; Jim Garcia." Garcia said, "I have attempted to show that I am a creation of my ancestors, my family and extended family, my colleagues, my teachers and community. I accept this award on their behalf."

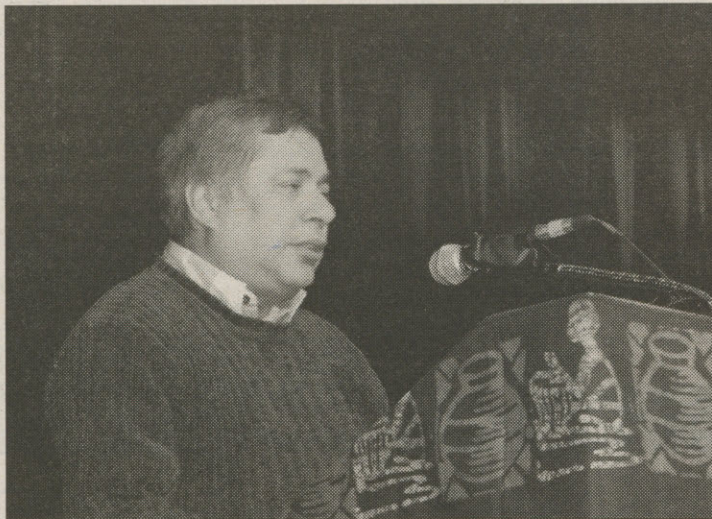
Garcia expressed a note of gratitude and respect to Lane Community College administrators and staff in his letter replying to being notified of his selection for the award.

"Lane Community College provides me with a tremendous and rewarding work environment. Lane

certainly allows me to express my abilities, talents and ideas to its fullest," Garcia said.

"My supervisors, Dennis Carr, Executive Director of Human Resources; José Ortal, Director of Affirmative Action and President Mary Spilde, display trust and support in allowing me to do what I feel is best for the college. I appreciate their guidance, trust and support and share this recognition with them. Without their courageous and visionary leadership for social justice, I would not be able to express my full potential as an educator and as a person."

The award has been given out for the past 18 years to many predominate community leaders. Garcia joins a list of past award winners that includes Lane County Commissioner Bobby Green, retired 4J educator and community advocate Misa Joo, former 4J Natives Program Director Twila Souers and internationally recognized human rights leader Bahati Ansari.



Jim Garcia

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## Smoking on campus is double-sided issue

*Smokers encouraged to keep up the good work*

HEATHER SERAFIN  
NEWS EDITOR

Four years ago, LCC established a smoking policy which states that smoking and other tobacco use is prohibited indoors in all college facilities. In addition, smoking outdoors on college property is permitted only in designated areas.

According to Dennis Carr, Director of Human Resources, smokers are moving the ash urns from the designated smoke areas to other areas that are more convenient. Some are simply not using them at all.

"This is a really important public health issue for smokers and non-smokers," said Carr.

Statistics from the American Lung Association state that secondhand smoke causes approximately 3,000 lung cancer deaths and 35,000 heart disease deaths in adult nonsmokers in the United States each year.

"Stepping outside of doors and not complying with the designated smoking area guidelines or simply walking about campus with lit cigarettes is not consistent with the policy," said Carr.

Student Amanda Welch thinks the smoking policy on campus is offensive. "As a smoker, we should not be kicked off campus. We smoke outside. I am a courteous smoker and I don't smoke near the doorways, but I am also handicapped. I shouldn't have to climb down three flights of stairs to have a cigarette," said Welch.

"It is frustrating to feel like we are being forced out just because somebody doesn't like to deal with the fact that it stinks," said Welch.

According to Sandy Ing-Wiese, director of Health and Safety, there are not enough public safety officers to monitor smoking.

"No one has been ticketed so far," said Ing-Wiese.

The goal, however, is not to penalize smokers, but instead to have voluntary compliance, and "more respectful behaviors in terms of using the designated smoking areas and not violating the policy by just smoking anywhere," said Carr.

According to Carr, the campus has reached a point in time where there is not enough voluntary compliance or there hasn't been enough education provided. "We just want them to go to the designated smoking areas and follow the policy," said Carr.

Lynn Atkins, trades coordinator of Facilities, confirms that urns are being moved to different places. "But overall what I am hearing from the grounds department, who cleans the urns and the grounds, is they are amazed by the students' response to the smoking shelters; they are doing a good job," said Atkins.

From Atkins' perspective, he is seeing compliance and he encourages smokers to "keep up the good work."

"I don't think it's a bad policy. Everybody has one of some sort, I just think they need more areas," said Betsy Bliss, who works for Public Safety. Bliss walks from the ELEX 13 to Building 16 in order to smoke. "It's not too convenient. It takes more time out of your work," said Bliss.

Seven more covered shelters will be put in during the spring and summer. "They are already purchased, sitting and waiting for good weather," said Atkins.



Thursday, January 20, 2005

# Lane women win battle of top two



PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH KAHL

**Above:** Danielle Rouhier posts an Umpqua defender. Rouhier drew the double team and passed to a slashing Cora McVey for the basket.

**Left:** Lisa Fernandez maneuvers around an Umpqua defender to score two of her 21 points before fouling out in the final minutes of the game.



**"What makes us the number one team is that we play together."**

— Lisa Fernandez

*Titans force 29 Umpqua turnovers to steal a win.*

SHAWN MILLER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lane women's basketball program solidified itself as the top team in the NWAACC (Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges) with a 66-57 victory at Umpqua Wednesday night.

Ranked first in the coaches' poll, the Titan's defensive execution led to 20 points off 29 forced turnovers against the second-ranked Timberwomen.

"It was a big win because it was number one versus number two," Lane head coach Greg Sheley said. "The ranking is nice, but it really doesn't matter. We needed to win tonight to come closer to one of our goals, which is to win the league."

Lane answered its biggest deficit (21-15 with eight minutes to play in the first half) with an 11-0 run capped by three Lisa Fernandez baskets.

"I just had so much more intensity than I have ever had," said Fernandez, who finished with 21 points and six rebounds.

Morgan Zajonc hit a three-pointer from the right wing as the buzzer sounded to put the Titans up 34-27 at halftime. Zajonc opened the second half with a steal and lay-in during the first nine seconds.

Umpqua closed the game to four points, but Lane scored 10 points while holding its opponent scoreless during a six-minute stretch. The closest Umpqua would get was six points after a lay-in with a minute left in regulation.

The Titans connected on 10 of 14 free throw attempts in the final 1:32 to close out the victory.

"I'm just proud of the way the girls fought through the adversity," Sheley said.

One key moment happened at

the 3:02 mark when Fernandez was called for her fifth and final foul. Fernandez wasn't in the area and after asking the official about the call, Sheley was told to put a sub in because he had wasted too much time. As Kristin Nelson entered the game immediately thereafter, the technical was called on the Titans for taking too long.

Umpqua made two free throws for the technical and two more for the foul to close to within 56-48.

"We came out and played together the whole game," Fernandez said. "What makes us the number one team is that we play together."

Cora McVey scored 12 points with seven rebounds. Ashley Sequeira added eight rebounds, six points and four assists for the Titans.

## LCC v.s. SWOCC Jan. 13

Lane earned its third league victory at Southwestern Oregon (62-52).

Fernandez led the Titans with 28 points and seven rebounds.

"We took advantage of their height," Fernandez said of one strength. "We'd get so caught up in their tempo, that we'd turn the ball over."

The Titans lost 24 turnovers, but the luck of the three-point shot proved to be the element holding SWOCC together as they made eight attempts.

"They [SWOCC] did everything they could to slow down the tempo," Sheley said. "They were obviously trying to keep the score down."

McVey, the only other Titan in double figures, scored 13 points.

**Next game:** Titans host Clackamas on Jan. 22. Women tip-off at 4 p.m. Men at 6 p.m.

## Titan men fall by 10

SHAWN MILLER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lane men's basketball team is losing ground on the playoff race after dropping their third league game Jan. 12 at Southwestern Oregon (76-63).

"They [SWOCC] got off to a quick start and a lead they held for most of the first half," Titans head coach Matt Swagerty said.

The Titans tied the score at 33 with just under a minute to play in the first half. Following two made free-throws, SWOCC made a defensive stop and the desperation shot from half court went in as the buzzer sounded. Lane was unable to get the lead in the second half and SWOCC made free throws to close out the victory.

"We battled back and forth, getting it to two points, then it'd go to 12," Swagerty said of the point spread in the second half.

SWOCC managed to make nine three-pointers and shot 54.5 percent for the game, while the Titans struggled with 43.1 percent.

"I felt like we played well, we just came on a team firing on all cylinders," Swagerty said.

Aaron Collins led the Titans with 13 points, while Brad Kanis added 11 points.

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# Giving back through good grades

**LCC student organizes sponsorship program for soldiers and their families.**

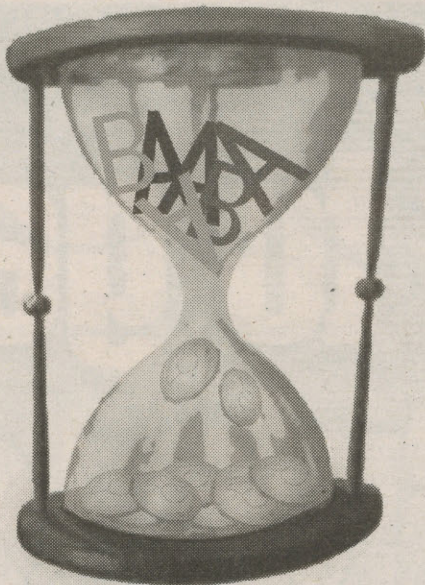
ANGELINA MILLER  
FEATURES EDITOR

Tune into the news and radio these days and it's common to hear about the war in Iraq. Newscasters give the grim details of those wounded or killed in battle. Radio personalities talk about the families left behind and the mounting fatalities. It's hard to get away from the harsh realities of the war. One LCC student has taken up the fight to help the people we hear about everyday, the service men and women fighting in Iraq and their families.

Sarah Allgood, a current LCC Hospitality Management student and U.S. Army Sergeant, has had first hand experience in Iraq. Allgood was stationed there from February until July in 2003, where she worked as an Army cook. Now back home, Allgood's experience has generated the desire to assist those who have been injured in Iraq and families that have lost relatives in the war.

"I'm always striving to give back to the soldiers and I was looking for a way of doing that," said Allgood.

In her pursuit to help, Allgood came across a non-profit organization called Operation Family Fund, which assists individuals who have been disabled or helps family members of those who have died in either Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom. Allgood initiated a sponsorship program where donations would



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be given to this organization and specified exclusively for Oregon troops and their families.

The sponsorship program is geared towards students and is grade based. An individual would sponsor a student a specific amount of money for receiving a grade such as an A or A B in a class. "They would sponsor the amount they wanted to pledge and at the end of the winter term, you would go back with a copy of your transcripts and the money would be donated to the fund," said Allgood.

Allgood has been working closely with Joe

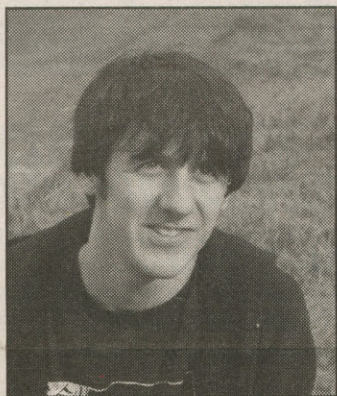
McCully, a Hospitality Management teacher and U.S. Army veteran, to get the word out to students. McCully suggested broadening the program to all Culinary and Hospitality students and assisted Allgood in organizing class presentations. "The thing I like about this, besides helping people who have given their limbs and in some cases their lives is the fact that it's tied into grades. It reinforces the academic importance of why we're here and it reinforces the community involvement of helping others," said McCully.

The sponsorship program is not limited to Culinary and Hospitality Management students. It is open to any student who would like to be sponsored or those who want to help. "It would be great if we could spread it around campus," said McCully. "My goal is to get more of the community involved," said Allgood, who hopes to raise a total of 10,000 dollars for the organization.

Allgood believes, "It's more about supporting the troops than supporting the war. They're two completely different and separate things. These men and women are doing their jobs and they're sacrificing life and limb. Although the money can't replace any of those things at least it will be able to help the family members."

If you would like to be sponsored or sponsor a student call: Joe McCully at 463-3516 To find out more about Operation Family Fund visit their website at [www.oefamilyfund.org](http://www.oefamilyfund.org).

## What were the best and worst events in 2004?



**Zach Bondi**  
UNDECIDED

Worst would be Bush being elected, definitely. The best would be, personally, my one year anniversary with my girlfriend.



**Monica Bay**  
MULTIMEDIA DESIGN

The best was Bush won. The worst was voting. I hated that, the waiting to see who won.



**Steven Coatsworth**  
LITERATURE

I would say that the best thing that happened in 2004 was the release of the movie "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind." The worst thing that happened, was I went through four cars.



**Kristy Williamson**  
LITERATURE

The war is the worst thing that happened. The best thing is that people are getting pissed off enough to do something about it.

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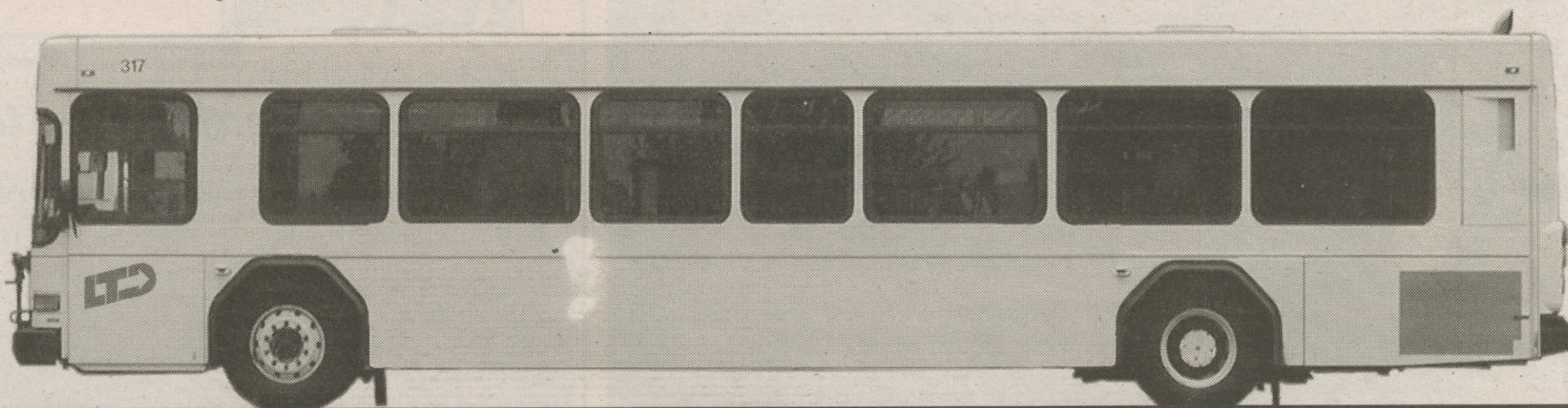
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