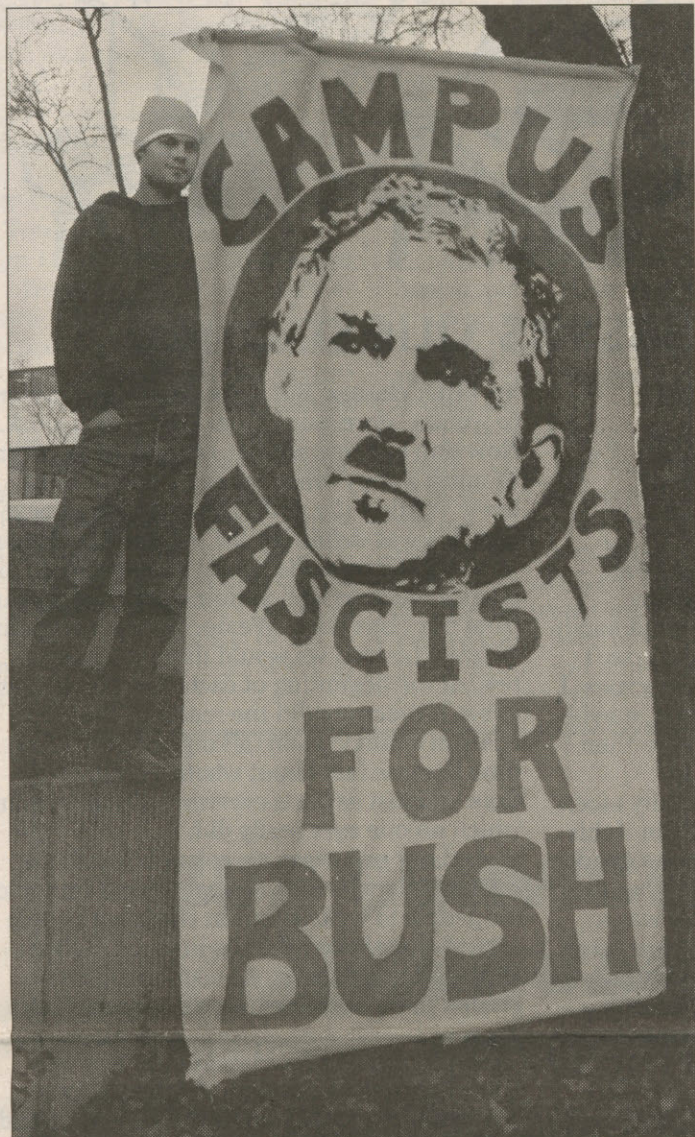


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Bush inaugural causes march in Eugene

The anti-inaugural protest last Saturday rallied students and community members to downtown Eugene after marching from the EMU to the Federal Building lawn.

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Bus negotiations fizzle; two issues cause impasse

LTD, Union still not seeing eye to eye on health care, break benefits; strike looms for next week

ELIZABETH KAHL
ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR

For months the Amalgamated Transit Union Division 757 has been holding negotiation meetings with Lane Transited District officials regarding upcoming contract renewals and possible changes. Both sides came to the table with strong proposals and have stuck with them, leading to unsuccessful negotiation meetings and ultimately a strike.

The last negotiation meeting between the two sides was held Jan. 19 and produced no results. Because they could not seem to agree on anything during the meeting, in the aftermath both sides agreed that the meeting did not go well.

LTD official Andy Vobora said, "We are pretty disappointed. We felt like we tried to address issues brought to us by the employees." Vobora went on to point out that LTD officials feel, "the union has not changed its offer since last May."

"We are not optimistic at all," said Union spokesman Jason Reynolds. The union feels LTD officials are trying to place unrealistic expectations on employees regarding break policies and ignoring the drivers' need for adequate health care.

New contracts being proposed will introduce a new health care plan and change break scheduling for many drivers. The new health plan will include more

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Mud, blood and beer: the beginnings of a kickball legacy

NWAACK gains a slippery foothold in Eugene area

SUSAN WAHLBERG
MANAGING EDITOR

It's a cloudy, cold January afternoon. The park is deserted except for a few forlorn figures standing by the baseball diamond, smoking cigarettes and waiting. They glance at every passing car and pedestrian, hopeful. There is a little conversation, but not much.

These people are the ones who show up on time.

As they wait, they look out over the field. It's got standing water in it. Their cleats squelch and sink in the mud when they walk out on it, leaving behind sloppy, water-filled footprints. The mud mostly buries home plate, but they make an effort to scrape it off with their shoes. Other than that, there are no bases on the field, only a light smattering of bright green grass shoots and a plastic bag stuck to the backstop fence.

The rest of the group prefers to show up late and hung over. Some of them started drinking the night before and don't plan to stop until the game starts. Because, you see, they're all there for the love of the game, and the game is Kickball.

But it's not the kickball of their youth. It's Kickball with a capital K. It's Kickball with Pabst Blue Ribbon and cigarettes and cursing and team names like "Bruce." It's Kickball 20-something style.

"It's an excuse to drink beer," said long-time player Daniel Eli Dronsfield. "It's been nothing but bliss. Sometimes you get mud in your mouth. There's a lot of personal glory and injury. It's an all inclusive, egalitarian game."



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH GOTSDINER

"Nothing Comes to Mind," "Footloose" and "Spanky McThunderpants" deliver a great pitch for the defensive side Sunday, Jan. 23, at the weekly kickball game starting at 1:30 p.m. at Washington and 20th Street, open to everyone.

Before the game starts, people stand around calling their friends, urging them to get out of bed. "Put down the bong and come to kickball, damn it." They are shooting for, at least ten people on each team. Then they can get rid of the cross out rule. That's when you can get someone out by rolling the ball between the runner and the base. The cross out rule is only used when too few people show.

The Northwest Association for Adult Competitive Kickball is the brainchild of Gabe Scotti, a 25-year old University of Oregon graduate, and Matt Hastings,

a culinary major at Lane Community College. Scotti spotted a post on an online community called Craigslist for a kickball league in New Orleans, and enlisted Hastings' help in establishing a regular Sunday game.

"I decided it was something we could export to the Northwest," said Scotti. "The initial idea for kickball was just to get together a bunch of people who may or may not know each other and just kick back on a Sunday afternoon. If the weather's nice, it doesn't matter. If it's nasty, that's more the better. Just an excuse to really have fun."

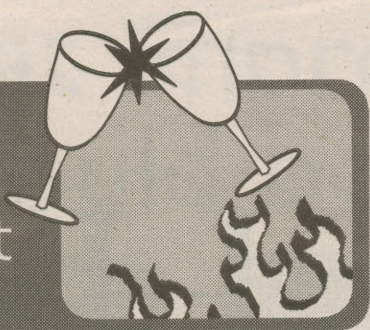
"We just wanted an excuse to play in the mud," said Hastings.

The league started with just four players on Nov. 27, 2004. They have held ten games since then, and are seeing a steady increase in attendance.

For bases, they use empty Pabst Blue Ribbon cans. For a kickball, they use a red Bratz brand ball that is never quite inflated enough. They solve disputes with rock-paper-scissors instead of umpires. They wear wigs and suits and dress like Leprechauns. They're cool.

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Toast & Roast



Toast to Ari Afrizal, a carpenter from Sumatra who was swept out to sea by the tsunami and spent 15 days adrift in the Indian sea before being rescued by a container ship. Afrizal survived by eating coconuts floating in the water and clinging to various tsunami shrapnel, including a plank, a leaky fishing boat, and a raft with a hut on it. Afrizal credits his survival to Allah, but we think anybody who can open a coconut with just his teeth is tough enough to survive without any supernatural help.

Toast to Spongebob Squarepants, who recently joined the Gay Cartoon Characters Club, along with Barney and Tinky Winky. A recently produced tolerance film starring Spongebob has the American Family Association up in arms, claiming that the film is being used to "indoctrinate children to accept homosexuality." Okay, so Spongebob holds hands with his starfish friend Patrick an awful lot, but it's kind of a stretch to accuse a cartoon sea sponge of actively participating in the gay agenda.

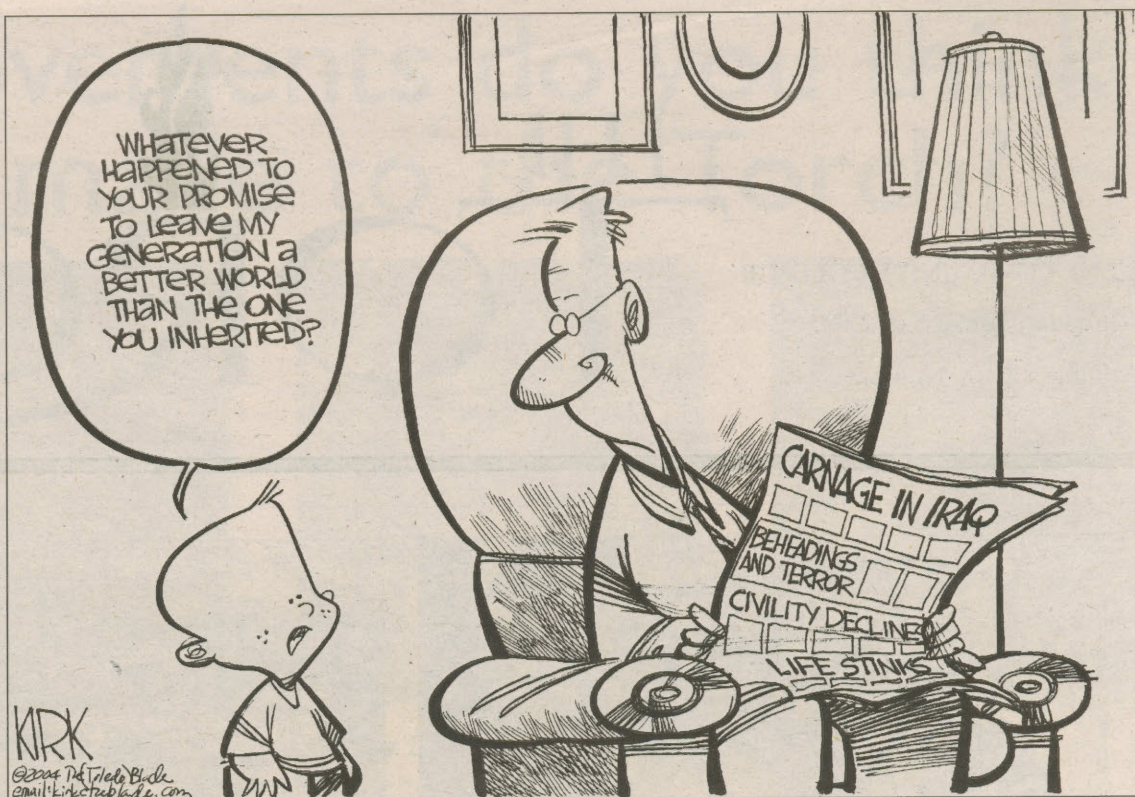
Roast to the Lane Community College administration for their lack of response to the impending LTD strike. Mary Spilde, president of LCC, has yet to announce any plan to deal with the strike aside from handing out flyers to make students aware of their options. What are their options? Find a ride or fail your classes, because they are going to continue without interruption, and the college isn't offering any kind of refund to students who won't be able to find a ride at all. Hopefully, there are some nearby campsites that bus-dependent students can stay at until the strike is over.

Toast to all the students who are offering rides to those in need when LTD goes on strike. Carpooling is not only a generous thing to do, it's also going to help cut back on congestion on 30th Street come Feb. 1. Remember, riders: treat your kind driver respectfully and offer them a few dollars for gas money. It's the least you can do for someone saving you from a blown GPA and an empty bank account.

Roast to the two individuals who yelled racial slurs at an Asian American student and then ran away the Friday before Martin Luther King Day. To those two students we have this to say: you are not any better, smarter, more special or more human than anyone else just because of your skin color, and we hope you are ashamed of your cowardly behavior on that Friday. Bigots like you are a stain on the face of American society. "We must all learn to live together as brothers or we will all perish together as fools. We are tied together in the single garment of destiny, caught in an inescapable network of mutuality. And whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly." Martin Luther King, Jr.

Roast to George W. Bush for making the sign of the Texas Longhorns during the inauguration celebration. Bush, known in the past for his extensive diplomatic skills, displayed his stunning grasp of international politics once again by making a hand sign that is generally accepted as the hand signal for Satan in Europe and at most thrash concerts. When it comes to double meanings, Bush is apparently out of his depth.

Roast to the weather for bogging down the east coast with more snow than it knows what to do with but leaving our slopes bare. The recent lack of snow has kept us all off the mountains and holed up at home, staring forlornly at our skis. The poor precipitation has kept the snowboarding class here at Lane from heading out as well. That stretch of warm weather was nice, but bring on the flakes!



Student led classes questioned

Is is a wealth of knowledge or a waste of time, money?

ELIZABETH KAHL
ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR

The first term of my college career I took Writing 121. I had taken no other writing classes in college and was warned what a harsh experience it was to jump right into 121, so I went into classes the first day a little nervous. I was worried that with my other classes, maybe people were right and I had bit off more than I could chew. Then the teacher came in.

He began to talk and he seemed really nice, which put me a little more at ease. Even if this were a hard class at least I would have a good teacher. Wow was I wrong! As he gave out the syllabus, he began to explain that this was a student led class. We would make up our own assignments, lead our own class discussions and grade ourselves supposedly all according to the class requirement outlined on the syllabus.

At first, I had no idea what to think except that this was going to be an easy A. The teacher then sat down and let us take over the class. We spent most of that day arguing about what to do and we apparently never really figured it out because most of our time all term was spent in much the same way.

At first listening to everyone argue was kind of amusing, definitely a big change from all

my other classes. But it got old quick. I began to wonder if we would ever do any real work. Now don't get me wrong; I like to slack off just as much as any other college student, but I knew Writing 122 and 123 were coming next and this was definitely not helping me prepare.

Eventually, we did set up assignments. One essay a week, as well as doing assigned reading from our class book. We decided on no reading quizzes. Instead we would discuss what we read at the beginning of each class, in groups, to see if everyone did the reading. That felt apart in a hurry; soon talking about reading time became talk about whatever you want time and just assume everyone did the reading, which no one ever really did.

And our one essay a week policy did not work much better. At first we agreed on topics for people to write about in class, but people argued that those were too limiting. So we wrote about whatever we wanted. Since we graded them ourselves, we all almost always got A's.

As you can see the classes didn't go well and were pretty pointless. People stopped coming because they knew their group would give them an A anyway. I really do not think anyone got anything out of the class. Sure, it was an easy A, but all and all it was a waste of time and money. And looking back on it, all I can think is that I paid a teacher who taught me nothing for a class in which I learned nothing.

Stranded students depend on you

LCC students with cars can help ease frustration and congestion during LTD strike

SUSAN WAHLBERG
MANAGING EDITOR

I don't know if everyone has realized this yet, but the upcoming strike is going to affect us all, not just the ones to ride the buses to school.

The majority of the students who go to Lane drive here, but that doesn't mean that the number of students using the buses is by any means small. These students are facing a serious dilemma with the upcoming strike.

But, I don't think we drivers fully realize it; the strike is going to affect those of us who drive, as well.

Remember the parking nightmare at the beginning of Fall term? It's going to happen again. Not everyone who rides the bus is without a car, and those who are will probably be riding with friends who don't attend Lane. That means congestion all over 30th Street and

not a single parking spot to be found after 8 a.m.

There is a simple solution to this problem: carpool. I know that many students plan to stand at the bus stop at the bottom of the big hill on 30th with signs that say "LCC," or some variant thereof. If you drive to school on 30th and you see them, you should pick them up. Better yet, those drivers out there whose cars are big enough or clean enough to hold more than one person, visit the LTD website (www.ltd.org) and sign up for the carpool program, or visit www.rideshare.us (use the lookup code "lcc") and look through the posts for people who live in your area that you can get to or from school.

If LTD does strike, there are students who will most certainly fail their courses. There are no tuition refunds. People who drive need to help them out. It's not unreasonable to ask people for a few dollars of gas money, and that's a lot cheaper than losing \$1,000 in tuition.

Hopefully LTD and the union can come to an agreement. Until then, we'll get by with a little help from our friends.

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Rainwater harvesting system to be tested at LCC

Building 20 will soon be the site of an EWEB sponsored project for campus irrigation

ELIZABETH KAHL
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Here at LCC we have embraced many ways of helping the environment. We have lights that automatically turn off to save on electricity, recycling bins throughout campus, and soon we will boast our own water harvesting system.

Tammie Stark, a graduate student at the U of O, is working with LCC and EWEB to start a pilot program for rainwater harvesting here on campus. EWEB will be funding the program to find out what benefits could come out of rainwater harvesting and at what cost.

The system will use the rooftop of Building 20 as a collection area, then take the water through pipes into a storage tank. Stark says the system "Will allow rainwater to be used effectively rather than allowing it to flow into storm drains where it usually becomes contaminated."

Mike Ruiz, director of Facilities, says right

now the system "is small and does not involve a lot of water. One idea for the use of the water collected is for irrigation probably on the field next to Building 20 where a few memorial places are located and where there is currently no irrigation system."

Though the project is small now, it could lead to greater water conservation efforts.

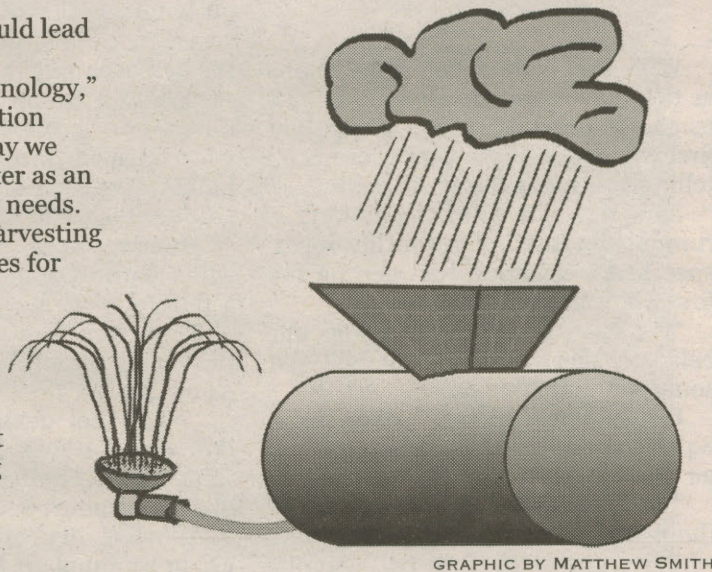
"Harvesting rainwater is ancient technology," said Stark. And with the growing population in the Eugene area, Stark believes one day we may have to revert back to using rainwater as an important source for our everyday water needs.

Ruiz said that the problem with the harvesting system being a useful resource is that uses for the water are limited. At this point the water collected can really only be used for irrigation due to strict regulations for water sanitation.

The harvesting system will begin to be assembled within the week. Once it is fully operational, Stark will be holding informational workshops for interested students and staff.

Stark believes this project will be

important to LCC because the college has set up water conservation goals and this is one way to take a step toward meeting them, as well as informing students about rainwater collection and possible use.



GRAPHIC BY MATTHEW SMITH

For your Information

The Women's Center will host a Brown Bag Talk, "Setting Peaceable Boundaries," with Lane assertiveness instructor Linda de Caccia, on Tuesday, Jan. 25, from 12-12:50 p.m., Building 1, Room 202. Learn a straightforward way to set solid, yet compassionate boundaries in any area of your life. During spring term de Caccia will be teaching an Advanced Assertiveness class that is geared for students who already have a basic understanding of assertiveness but who want to communicate even more effectively. Bring your lunch and join us for this noon hour presentation. For information call the Women's Center, 463 5353.

Tuesday Feb. 1 from 2 — 4 p.m. Reading Together presents Jim Garcia performing Corridos. Garcia will discuss and perform a bilingual presentation through song highlighting significant events and issues impacting the Mexican-American people. The standing-room only presentation will be held in Building 19, CML 102.

Due to the cancellation of the Men's and Women's Basketball games on Jan. 15, the Tsunami Relief game is rescheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 2. The Women tip off at 5:30 p.m. followed by the men at 7:30 p.m. All gate proceeds and donations from the game will go to the American Red Cross to help the Tsunami Relief Fund.

Come to the Café Français and brush up on your French every Tuesday morning in the northeast corner of the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome! Contacts: Fay D'Ambrosia, ext. 5140, or Monique Graef, ext. 3172. A bientôt!

Holidays, food and jobs

Valentine's day is Monday, Feb. 14. The college will be closed on President's Day and that's on Monday, Feb. 21. Treat your valentine and celebrate the presidents by having some fun.

Hot Dennison's original chili is 89 cents with a coupon. I drink coffee with cookies and dip cookies in my coffee and tea. Eat cookies with coffee. Eat something hot on a cold winter's day. There are eight more weeks left in winter.

The first day of spring is March 20, Palm Sunday. It warms up so fast. It's nice to see all the flowers in the spring season. Plant flowers today.

I'm too lazy to read a book all day long, or do my artwork, or write my book.

Dr. Michael Morgan premium crew socks are comfortable on your foot with warm fiber lock and deodorization action. For fit and support buy six pairs. Bigelow's I Love Lemon herb tea comes with vitamin C added. A special herb

tea blend for lemon lovers and it does not have caffeine.

I'm a full time student. Lane Community College, thank you. Go to Canada's great lodges or the Rocky Mountains when summer 2005 comes.

The Torch papers all go out all out to have a good time. They have candy bars, coffee, a cup of tea or food. Fritos Brand Original corn chips are always very good. Eat a big bag. Apply for a job in Lane County in another county or another city. The Torch paper has a lot of work to do. Apply for a job and work

for the Torch to earn money. It's your choice. Every summer, each year's budget is cut. Go to summer classes, go home, or go to work. In my mind, time has changed.

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.

Mackworld



John Mackwood
Columnist

Vendors back to main area of cafeteria

Relocation means better business for vendors

GASTON FIGUEROA
STAFF WRITER

The LCC cafeteria is undergoing more changes this term. The vendors who were relocated to the south end of the building last term have been moved back to their original location in the main area.

"I don't want to prevent them from making money," explained Tim Craig, executive director of Workforce Development. He added that the change was in response to vendors' requests. According to Craig, vendors were unhappy about their location in the cafeteria because they were making fewer sales.

"I think everybody is pretty happy," said Elizabeth Carson, who sells incense by the main east door of the cafeteria. Carson expressed her dissatisfaction concerning last term's location because, she said, it is quieter and less traffic than the main area. Carson added that vendors

are back in their location also due to student requests.

"It was slower over there," said vendor Cesar Cachiguango, referring to vendors' location last term. "There is nothing really going on," over in the south end of the cafeteria, he added. Cachiguango emphasized that the main area of the cafeteria has a greater concentration of students than the south end and that that helps with sales.

Last term's relocation was part of an ongoing effort to give the cafeteria a new appearance. Craig and the ASLCC are still working for that purpose, and he explained that there are plans to make a student lounge in the south end of the cafeteria. He added that this project would be "more of a student union" with a TV set and comfortable furniture for students to hang out.

They are also plans to transform the espresso bar area into more of a coffee shop, including comfortable furniture and making it a quieter place to study. According to Craig, everything is still at the planning and developing stage.

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Lane remains winless in league

Missed free throws, turnovers prove costly for Titans; drop to 0-5 in league hoop action

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Win. That is the focus of the Titans as they have come up short in all five league games this season. Once that first win is out of the way, there is no telling how many more will come.

Lane head coach Matt Swagerty is running out of 'win one for the gipper' speeches, but knows that getting the first win is key to a turnaround.

"We need to get a win under our belt," Swagerty said. "That will put some wind into our sails."

It was a tale of two halves in an 84-72 loss to No. 2 Clackamas on Jan. 22.

The Titans shot 24 percent from the field and committed 11 turnovers while scoring 16 first-half points. Clackamas used 11 offensive rebounds for 12 second chance points.

"Turnovers and allowing them too many offensive rebounds were our problems," Titan Josh Akwenuke said.

Despite trailing by 23 points, Lane pressed their way back into the mix for a sense of pride. The Titans scored

56 points in the second half, making seven of 16 three-pointers and turned the ball over only three times.

"We got some motivation from ourselves at halftime," said Akwenuke, who finished with a game-high 25 points. "We started doing a press, getting steals and fast break points."

Maurice Ross scored 18 points, while Aaron Collins added 10 for the Titans.

Turnovers, 20 to be exact, doomed the Titans as they fell to Umpqua 64-54 on Jan. 19.

"What kept them in the game was that we kept giving them turnovers," Titan Jarvis Thomas said. "It seemed like at one point we gave up."

Allowing 21 offensive rebounds led to a minus-20 in the rebounding category. Umpqua also shot 13 of 18 from the free throw line, while the Titans struggled with four of nine attempts.

"Umpqua was a more physical team than we were," Swagerty said.

Owen Newman scored 12 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Collins added 12 points.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH KAHL

Josh Akwenuke passes to the post player in a loss to Clackamas. Akwenuke scored a game-high 25 points and added eight rebounds for the Titans.

Fundraiser banquet to help baseball, soccer programs

Donated items key for first annual fundraiser

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Former major league baseball star Bob Boone will be the featured speaker at the first annual LCC Student Spring Spectacular on Feb. 3. The event is a fundraiser for the Lane baseball and soccer programs.

"The number one thing about it is that this is a fundraiser," Lane baseball head coach Rob Strickland said. "It is going to be a first-class event."

The silent auction begins at 5 p.m., with dinner and the live auction slated to start at 6:15 p.m. The event will be held in the Center for Meeting and Learning, Building 19.

The entrance fee is \$1,000 per table or \$100 per person.

"Realistically, \$50,000 may be a little low," Strickland said of the fundraising.

Boone's father, Ray, and two sons, Bret and Aaron, all played in the majors. Bob played locally for the Eugene Emeralds in 1972 as part of the Philadelphia Phillies program.

"There are a lot of people in this community that remember him (Boone) playing here," Strickland said. "You can't argue with having one of the best defensive catchers of all-time coming here."

Former San Diego State baseball coach Jim Deitz and former University of Oregon baseball coach Mel Krause will also be guest speakers. Bobby Doerr, a Hall of Fame baseball player and featured in the book "Teammates" is scheduled for a book signing event.

Local businessmen Dale Hartely and Dean Hansen have been working to get donated items for both the silent and oral auctions, as well as a dinner donation from Outback Steakhouse.

"It is unbelievable," Hartely said. "It is an accumulation of the great people in this community."

Auction items include a round of golf with Boone at Eugene Country Club, an authentic autographed Bret Boone jersey and bat, a special package with the Eugene Emeralds for one day, tickets and hotel accommodations for Mariners, San Francisco Giants and San Diego Padres home games as well as numerous vacation packages.

"Probably our most unique item is a three-generation baseball that Bob donated so generously," Hartely said. "For the baseball collectors, that is a pretty big item."

"The success of the event this year is very critical," said Strickland, who hopes to make this an annual event.

The Titan baseball team has sold close to 40 outfield signs and worked concessions at University of Oregon basketball and football games, in other efforts to fundraise.

"There are three main things for the money: the outfield signs, the student fee and this auction," Hansen said. "If we get those three things, we should be able to keep these two sports going."

Recruiting the future

Expectations are high, but incentive is low

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Recruiting is often lost in the acknowledgements of coaching. A coach that cannot sign the top athletes is a coach reformatting his or her resume regularly.

It is no different at Lane.

Originally, women's basketball head coach Greg Sheley and top assistant Kevin Grumbley focused on the "local athletes." After four straight winning seasons, the Titans now recruit the best athletes in the recruiting territory, which spans from the province of British Columbia south to California and includes Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

"Every player except one has had a chance to play at a four-year school after their second year here, over the course of the past three seasons," Grumbley said.

That reputation is a pushing point for the Titans, yet the question perpetually remains: What can you offer me?

Behind the Numbers

The Southern Region, in which the Titans compete, allows up to 24 terms to be funded per year for basketball programs. Lane offers the least amount of terms/credits out of all eight schools competing in the Southern Region.

Lane is able to offer 16 terms, worth up to 12 credits per term. In order to maximize scholarships, the other eight terms are up to the programs to fundraise.

By comparison, Chemeketa Community College has an ideal setup, using current Sacramento Kings head coach Rick Adelman as a donor.

Adelman started his coaching career at Chemeketa and donates six terms to the college's 18 to capitalize on the peak amount. Each term is granted up to 18 credits. Also, a \$4,000 allotment of work study money is available for each basketball team to use according to player need which they will work toward.

"We try to support what it would take a student to be able to transfer after two years," Chemeketa Athletic Director Cassie Belmodis said.

Clackamas Community College is able to provide 24 terms worth up to 18 credits each term. Umpqua Community College is also able to offer 24 terms at a maximum 16 credit hours per term.

"We all go after the same players," Sheley said. "When the bottom line is [which college] can give the most, we've always lost the athlete."

"I have never given more than 20 scholarships [in a year] in the time I've been here. It's a real battle. Every time you give a player a scholarship this year, it means you don't have it for the next year."

Matt Swagerty, the men's basketball head coach in his first year at Lane, agrees that it's a dismal situation.

"In my opinion, we are funded 13 full terms," Swagerty said. "Every athlete I am going after is being offered three terms of scholarship per year."

"Frustrating is kind of a double-edged sword. You take it going in by not getting the athlete and then take it going out when he plays against you."

Some student-athletes aren't interested solely in the financial aspect, however, putting more value in a program and its coaching style.

"We've gotten some pretty good athletes that I know were offered three terms [per year]," Sheley said. "Fortunately for us, money wasn't the deciding factor."

Current sophomore Ashley Sequeira is one of those athletes.

"I liked the coaching style better," Sequeira said. "Greg [Sheley] laid everything out. Money was never an issue."

Fellow-Titan Kellie Griner cited honesty as one of the most important deciding factors on choosing Lane over Umpqua.

"I came here because I believe in him [Sheley] and his coaching," Griner said. **Diamonds in the Rough**

Knowing the best athletes to recruit is a challenge. Grumbley says he attends 100-200 games each year looking for that future star.

"The hot season is between April, May and June," Grumbley said. "By then the Division I-A schools have made their decisions."

Sheley and Grumbley estimate that they contact approximately 50-100 athletes each year. E-mail and weekly phone calls are necessary to show interest and to narrow down the field before offering a scholarship.

The eligibility requirements are as follows: Student athletes competing in their second year of eligibility must have passed 36 credits, while all athletes are required to complete 12 credits per

(Men's standings as of Jan. 22)		
SOUTH	League	Overall
Chemeketa	5-0	14-5
Mt. Hood	4-1	15-2
Clackamas	3-2	15-3
Portland	3-3	7-12
SW Oregon	3-3	8-12
Linn-Benton	2-3	8-10
Umpqua	1-4	9-10
Lane	0-5	7-12

Titans trap Cougars, 77-73

Late three-pointers not enough for Clackamas

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lane Titans are the lone unbeaten team in league play after handling No. 4 Clackamas, 77-73 on Jan. 22.

Ashley Sequeira scored the Titan's final five points and nailed the game-winning three-pointer from the left wing with 35.5 seconds remaining.

"I shot it because I was open," Sequeira said. "I was just praying that it would go in."

"Before the game I didn't think I could hit a shot, I was just lucky that game."

Clackamas hit back-to-back three-pointers within the final 1:40 of the game to close the score to 72-71. Up one, the Titans worked the ball around until Sequeira squared up for the splash as the ball ripped through the net. Titans head coach Greg Sheley views the play as a confidence builder.

"The fact that she had the confidence to take that shot and make it, hopefully that will continue to build it [confidence] even more," Sheley said.

After a putback with 14.1 seconds cut the lead to two points, Sequeira was fouled and connected on two free throws with 13.0 seconds remaining in regulation to settle the final score.

"We were doing everything we had to do to beat them," Sheley said. "We had a couple of chances with an eight point lead to add to

it, but we didn't."

The Titans built a 56-47 lead eight minutes into the second half, but Clackamas used a 12-2 run to gain the lead. That was Lisa Fernandez's cue.

Fernandez scored eight of the Titans next 10 points in a time span of 2:28 to push the lead to 68-61 with 7:13 remaining in the game. The teams traded baskets until the pair of late three-pointers by Clackamas cut into the lead.

"Lisa was sealing and she was open," Titans point guard Kellie Griner said. "I guess if the post wants to get the ball they will get it."

Sequeira scored a team-high 17 points with nine rebounds. Fernandez added 16 points and 12 boards. Cora McVey and Ashley Weber scored 14 and 10 points, respectively. Each grabbed seven rebounds. Griner recorded seven assists.

(Women's standings as of Jan. 22)

SOUTH	League	Overall
Lane	5-0	20-1
Clackamas	4-1	16-4
Umpqua	4-1	19-1
SW Oregon	3-3	8-10
Linn-Benton	2-3	10-10
Chemeketa	2-3	8-11
Portland	1-5	7-12
Mt. Hood	0-5	1-18



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Lisa Fernandez slips between two Clackamas defenders for a bucket. Fernandez scored 16 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in the Titan victory on Jan. 22. The women play at Mt. Hood on Jan. 29 at 4 p.m., followed by the men at 6 p.m.

Special student fee election postponed to spring

Recreational Sports and Athletics department downtrodden by news

SUSAN WAHLBERG
MANAGING EDITOR

Lane Community College students have opportunities to benefit from their Recreational Sports and Athletics Department they don't know about — and come spring, they'll have a chance to decide whether or not to give another \$5 toward the program.

But that's not how Ryan Hague, the main contender for the special Recreational Sports and Athletics election to determine the fate of an extra \$5 on the student fees, wanted it to be. He's been fighting for a special election for two years.

At the Dec. 8 meeting of the LCC Board of Education, the election was moved to Spring term.

"The issue came up and it was almost immediately called for an amendment so it would happen in spring term and not winter term. It seemed almost planned how everything happened. It was so quick," Hague said.

The board reasoned that more students would be enrolled in the Spring term, and so holding the election then, along with the regular elections, would allow more students to participate in the decision making process.

Hague disagrees.

"There's a higher enrollment number in the winter than in spring. It seemed like some of

their decisions were based on things that they hadn't adequately researched," Hague said.

If the \$5 fee increase passes in the election, the Recreational Sports and Athletics department will receive double the amount they were receiving in the past from students. They've got big plans for the increase, and not just for the benefits athletes around campus.

"There is this misnomer around campus that that \$5 is athletics only, and not everybody is the athlete playing basketball or baseball. That's not necessarily what that money is for," said Brent Ellison, the main coordinator for Recreational Sports.

In the past, Recreational Sports has offered a variety of activities for LCC students and their families, including: club sports, soccer and basketball leagues, swimming, bowling, Oregon Zoo and ice skating trips, tickets to UO sports events; and open gym time.

Should the measure pass, Ellison hopes to accomplish a lot. Some of the proposed additions include offering more activity trips in Eugene, offering field trips north to see the Seahawks or Mariners in Seattle, and, ideally, setting up a student lounge somewhere on campus or opening up the services of the lone LCC sports trainer to all students instead of just athletes.

The Athletics Department receives about \$145,000 annually from LCC, including student fees. Recreation Sports receives \$24,000 from that fund — about 17 percent of the total budget.

The main bulk of the fee increase would end up funding more programs for the Athletics Department. But the Recreational Sports budget would raise as well to somewhere around \$60,000-65,000 a year, which would benefit the average LCC non-athletic student.

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term with a minimal 2.0 grade point average.

Swagerty says that talent and stability are the biggest factors in deciding the scholarship available for each athlete.

"Your read on the chance that this kid will come through for you," is all-important, he said.

Sheley and Grumbley give according to need and talent. Housing has to be taken into the equation; therefore athletes outside of the area are in more need than local students that live at home.

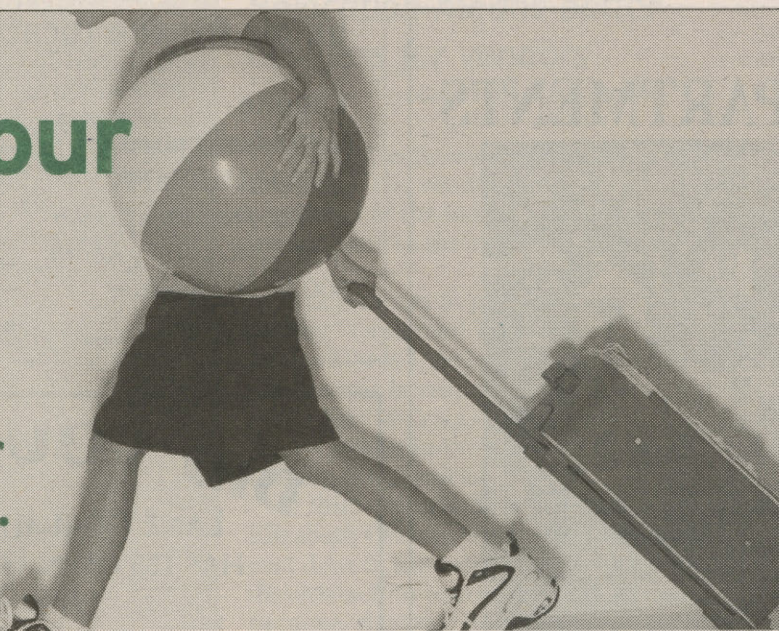
"Our [athletic] program is the most successful with what we have to work with," Lane athletic director Sean MonDragon said. "If we could have the scholarship money, it would help the coaches focus on teaching and coaching," he added.

With no budget increase in sight, the coaches will continue to dedicate more time to find the right athletes that are more interested in winning than monetary issues.

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6 The God's Honest comes to the Blue Door

An evening of seven one-act plays about the truth behind the lies

HEATHER SERAFIN
NEWS EDITOR

Lying tells us more about the truth than the truth ever does. This is the central theme in Jules Tasca's "The God's Honest", An Evening of Lies, which will be performed in February at LCC's Blue Door Theatre. The comedy drama explores murder, love, sex and, most importantly, lies.

The director of the play, Patrick Torelle, believes the audience will be pleasantly surprised with the seven one-act plays.

"You will laugh and cry," said Torelle

"Hardstuff" involves murder and mayhem. Jon, played by Dustin Capps and Pinky, played by Anton Ray, are both pharmacists. They head to a cabin for the weekend when plans change.

"Between the Lines" is about college life and trying to break the ties from home and family. Lorna Kerrigan's husband left her, so she thinks her daughter Kitty, who secretly shares her apartment with her boyfriend, should move back home. Kitty doesn't wish to move back.

Anne Kern and Kelly Kern-Craft play mother and daughter on stage as well as in real life. They have never acted together before, but jokingly say that art has imitated life. "She did move out and I do want her to move back home," said Anne. It also



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH KAHL

Actress Erica Boisemen practices along with actors Neil Herron (behind curtain) and Jacob Beus for the scene "Opening Act" part of the play "The God's Honest" being held at the Blue Door Feb. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. in addition to a matinee Feb. 13 at 2 p.m.

stars Will Jeanniton as Kitty's boyfriend Mike.

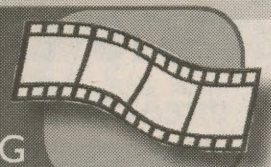
"Opening Act" is about a belly dancer Caroline, played by Erica Boisemen, and her new love Walt, played by Jacob Beas. Caroline insists on be called Serfu and believes she is a great artist when in reality she is just Caroline. It also stars Neil Herron as Louis. "Brothers" is about a very successful man named Gene, played by Spencer Mawhar, and his mentally ill brother, Benjamin, played by Josh Landis-Spur. The play includes a married woman named

Sosya, played by Erica Boisemen, and the plot twist leaves all wondering whom to believe. It also stars Anthony Hall as Mark.

"The Rape of Emma Brunch" is a love story and surprisingly risqué according to Torelle. Emma, played by Kristen McLeod, lies to her parents about being raped by her boyfriend Malcolm, played by Spencer Mawhar. She changes her story after Malcolm is arrested but in the middle of the accusations

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"BETTER OFF DEAD" (1985)

From the height of 80's comedy comes this flick about a young man (John Cusak) whose main goal in life is to either regain the love of his ex-girlfriend by beating the captain of the ski team in a race or, failing that, kill himself. A French exchange student who lives across the street and a snow-snorting goofy best friend help him along the way in this somewhat dark comedy.



"THE CUTTING EDGE" (1992)

What do you get when you combine a temperamental ice-skating diva and an ex-hockey player? One hell of a pairs skating team. But to get to that point, the two have to deal with their issues and work together, or else they both face going back to the minors.



"MIRACLE" (2004)

Starring a plump Kurt Russel as coach Herb Brooks, this movie is the cinematic recreation of the true story of the USA hockey team that went to the 1980 Winter Olympics and defeated the Soviet Union team, eventually taking home the gold. Suspenseful and well-acted, this movie is worth watching, even though you know how it ends.



"COOL RUNNINGS" (1993)

A 90's classic comedy/true story about the zany adventures and ultimately honorable, if failed, efforts of four Jamaicans who dream of being the first Jamaican bobsled team, led by a jolly fat man (John Candy).



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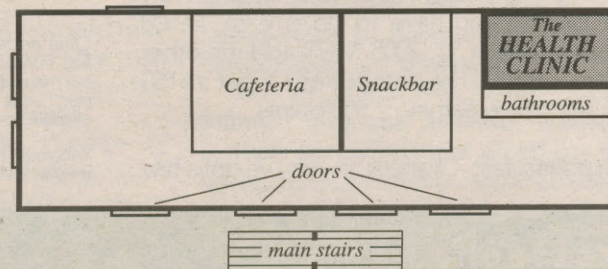
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and recriminations, it all happens all over again.

"The Twin Mendaccios" is about identical twins Tommy and Terry who usually don't give in to the deception that is the temptation to all twins. But they do, leaving Clarence, played by Aaron Ertsgaard, unsure who he has been dating. But ultimately, love prevails. The twin characters are both played by Megan Lutsock.

"Angel on the Train" is about a married couple trying to make their fantasies come true. However, they learn that chasing after your fantasies is not always a good idea. Anton Ray plays the husband, Rob, and Amy Wray plays the wife, Betsy.

"Wait till you see them, they are really good. You couldn't go wrong as far as the talent is concerned," said Torelle.

The Music, Dance and Theatre Arts Department, and Student Theatre Club, sponsors for this LCC production, warn that this play contains adult subject matter and is suitable for young adults over 16 years of age. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 senior citizens/students.

Tickets may be ordered through the Lane ticket office at 463-5202. For disability accommodations please contact Disability Services (541) 463-5150 (voice) or 463-3079 (TTY) at least one week in advance.



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deductibles and higher premiums.

"LTD will agree to pay for the entire premium all three years of the plan to help offset some costs to their workers," said Vobora. LTD officials hoped by offering to help offset some costs workers would be more willing to accept the new plan. However, even after introducing this idea, "the two sides were still just too far apart on the health care issue," Vobora commented.

Even without being able to agree on the health plan, talks had to continue and the pressing issue moved to breaks.

New plans from LTD include changing the required time between shifts from ten hours to seven hours.

"LTD is skating on very thin ice with the break issue making conditions for drivers very unsafe" Reynolds said of this proposed change. He went on to point out that with only seven hours between a shift, "by the time you get home, have something to eat and get to bed you have only six hours or less to sleep before going back to work." This leaves drivers tired on the job and creates "an unsafe work environment for drivers, putting passengers at

risk," according to Reynolds.

New break plans also include changing drivers from having several shorter paid breaks throughout an eight-hour day to one unpaid half hour break and expanding to eight and a half hour days.

LTD officials defend their break time decisions by saying they are complying with the law and feel the "union wants a guaranteed paid half hour break." Vobora commented that "the union is asking for a paid lunch break and we are not willing to give them that."

At this point the union and LTD officials have not been able to reach an agreement and as of Jan. 21 the union has officially announced a strike, which will begin on Feb. 1. All bus service will cease with the exception of RideSource. One more negotiation meeting has been set for Jan. 26, but both sides feel it will not be productive and are preparing for the worst.

If bus service is canceled, LCC students will still be expected to attend classes, so both sides and the LCC administration are encouraging students to arrange alternate means of transportation.

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- ▶ Go to the **LTD website for information** on ways to get around and links to the City of Eugene for Bike Path Maps and links to PeaceHealth and other major employers.

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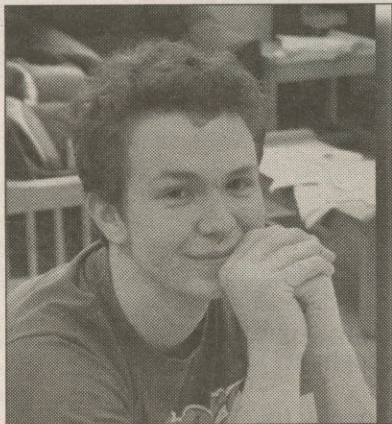
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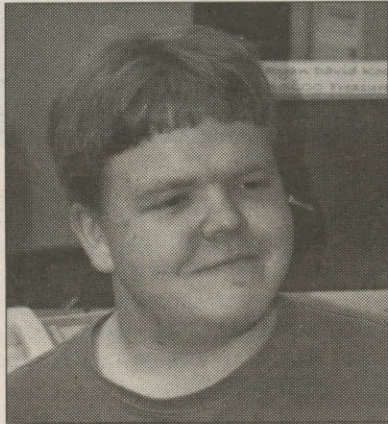
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What improvements do you think should be made to the Torch?



Micheal Flemming
BIOLOGY

I believe the Torch needs an angry hippie section for the angry hippies. They know who they are. They're under-represented.



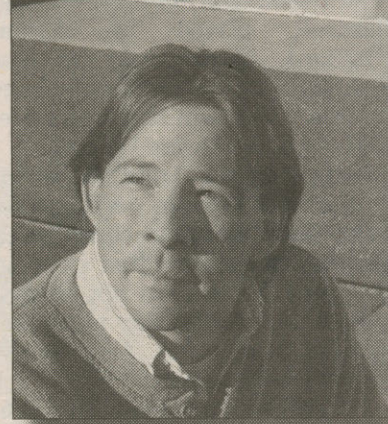
Ryan Koch
THEATRE

More feature-wise, more interviews with students, like question and answer. Getting to know your students and stuff.



Colby Sheldon
STUDENT ADVISER

Lane doesn't have a big reader board. This is a good way to communicate. Going to departments and programs and finding out what's happening next week or next month or next term, I think we'll get far more participation.



James Boraski
EDUCATION

Maybe some more cultural diversity. Seeing Lane through the eyes of cultural students who are here for only a term, or here as transfer students from Korea or something like that.

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Matt Hastings stumbles to catch his balance after receiving a pile drive from an opposing team member on Sunday, Jan. 23.

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Once the game gets going, you can hear the shouting from blocks away. Team members chant encouragement "Go Dolphin Quesadilla!" and shout derisive comments "You're ugly and shit!" all while scrambling to stay upright and relatively clean on a field surface that is slightly less slippery than a greased pig.

The gameplay is less than stellar, but that just makes kickball more entertaining. The pitching is unreliable, the batters hit more foul balls than fair, only a few of them can really throw the ball and even fewer can reliably catch. The end result is a cartoon-like scene of young people scrambling around in the muck after a muddy ball and cursing a lot.

When they leave, four hours later, the field is transformed. What once was an even, mostly grassy field has been turned into a giant mud puddle, torn to shreds by 20 people sliding around playing a game that most people stop playing at 12 years old.

It's all part of the game, though. The horrible field conditions, the awful weather, the partially deflated Bratz brand kickball. The beer, the cigarettes, the cursing, the bickering and bantering. Without these things, Kickball would be just another sport. With them, it becomes an experience.

According to Scotti, the three main ingredients for kickball are, "Mud, blood and beer."

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