



Strike postponed

LTD officials to move forward with new contracts while union observes a 35-day cooling-off period

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The Amalgamated Transit Union Division 757 and Lane Transit District officials are still unable to agree on anything, even after a union proposed 35-day cooling-off period.

Late Sunday night the union announced that it would not be walking out on Feb. 1. Instead, they asked LTD officials to agree to a 35-day cooling-off period. During the cooling-off period a group of seven individuals chosen by local politicians would be investigating both sides and attempting to help with a solution.

LTD received official word Monday morning of the union's decision not to strike yet. In a board meeting held late Monday

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Time will march on, for now. Bus service continues due to an eleventh hour union decision in favor of a 35-day cooling-off period.

OSPIRG releases national survey of textbook prices

Students in a two-year college spend 43 percent of their tuition costs on textbooks

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The Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG) released the results of the survey "Ripoff 101, 2nd Edition" Thursday, Feb. 1 at 11:00 a.m. in the UO Bookstore.

"Ripoff 101, 2nd Edition" is an update on a document released in January 2004 which analyzed the price of textbooks from 10 public colleges and universities in the Northwest. The second edition is a national study of the most frequently purchased textbooks at 59 colleges and universities.

The survey's findings suggest that the price of textbooks is increasing greatly. "Ripoff 101" emphasizes that the unnecessary updating to new editions and the bundling of textbooks with other material such as CD-ROMs and workbooks contribute to the increase in textbook prices. The study also reports that American students pay more for the same textbooks than students overseas.

"It is important that we recognize the role that textbooks play in the expense of education," declared Adam Petkun, ASOU President, at the press conference. Chris Standish, UO Bookstore Team Leader, and Stephen Gladfelter, LCC Math Instructor also spoke at the conference. Meanwhile, OSPIRG members from University of Oregon and LCC stood in the background near coffins full of textbooks, dressed in black and mourning the short life that textbooks have before being replaced by a new edition.

"The [LCC] math department is pretty supportive of the campaign," declared Gladfelter. "I personally raised the issue myself," said the instructor when explaining that publishers don't make it easy for professors to choose books based on their price. Gladfelter added that a common problem in his experience is when students enroll in the wrong class and

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LCC flight school receives FAA safety award

Lane Aviation Academy recognized for 300,000 hours of safe flight

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The Federal Aviation Administration presented Lane Community College's Board with an award for nearly 300,000 hours of safe flight instruction at the Lane Aviation Academy in an early January ceremony.

Harvey Birdseye, Director of the Lane Aviation Academy, accepted the award on behalf of the Board, reading aloud a letter from Congressman Peter DeFazio commending the performance of the academy, saying, "It is comforting to know many LCC graduates are now flying for airlines at home and abroad."

The safe flight hours have been accumulating since the initiation of the program in 1967. Birdseye stated that according to the FAA, the academy's record is "eight times better than the national average."

Birdseye, with 42 years of flying under his wings, has been officially performing as director of the flight academy since December 2004, but has been involved with the program for several years.

Birdseye and two full-time staff members are the core of LCC's flight program on location at Eugene's Mahlon Sweet Airport. The supporting staff includes 17 flight instructors.

Flight instructors for the program are usually former students who have graduated from the academy. According to Birdseye, the graduates are "continuing to add value to their education while becoming marketable to the airline industry." Instructors have obtained their commercial pilots licenses and completed the flight hours as required by the FAA, but continue to add flight hours while instructing to complete the flight hours required by many commercial airlines.

Birdseye credits several factors for the safety



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You would never know by looking at these two broken down planes kept at LCC that classes held at the Eugene Airport by LCC's flight program just received recognition for 300,000 hours of safe flight instruction.

record of the training program, including ideal weather and geographic diversity. "Weather is absolutely ideal for professional pilot training," said Birdseye, because there are all types of weather in this area. The location of the academy allows for all types of conditions, from a windy coast to a high peaked mountain range.

According to Birdseye, even bad weather is still "very safe" in this area because there are no tornadoes or hurricanes, but those conditions will be encountered by professional pilots. Birdseye says that his students are not being dependent upon ground facilities and that he is training the pilots by real instrument approaches in real instrument conditions.

"There's never going to be an absolute guarantee that says the automatic system will always work. If it doesn't, it's really no big deal if pilots have been

prepared for that," Birdseye stated.

Other flight schools are generally established where the sun always shines, such as in Florida or California, but "professional pilots don't fly in the sunshine all of the time," Birdseye said. His current outlook for this academy includes cooperative education with Oregon State University and University of Oregon, and he is slowly working toward developing a full aviation campus.

Birdseye team-teaches an aviation psychology course at University of Oregon, which is also tied in with the Aerospace leadership program at Oregon State, offering a double degree for future aerospace leaders. This is a new degree from the School of Education. For more information about this double degree, contact Oregon NASA Space Grant Consortium in Corvallis at 541-737-2414.



TOAST to the LTD/ATU Community Committee for convincing the bus driver's union to delay the strike for 35 days. It seems that the LTD administration refuses to accept the delay and is forcing the contract anyway, but at least we've got another couple of weeks to figure out an alternate way to school. Remember, kids: be nice to your bus driver.

ROAST to the Recording Industry Association of America for launching another round of John Doe lawsuits. They are litigating 717 cases at the moment, making sure those celebrities can buy that fifth mansion they otherwise wouldn't be able to afford. Most of the John Doe lawsuits are against students at universities or colleges who almost certainly have the money to pay \$15,000 per downloaded song. Thanks, RIAA, for caring about the leaders of tomorrow and making sure they learn their morals, even if they learn nothing else because they can't pay their tuition anymore.

TOAST to the Iraqi people for being brave enough to vote with bombs exploding around them everywhere. Hopefully that whole democracy thing works out better for them than for us. Here in America we won't vote if the elementary school we're supposed to go to is too far away. Maybe if we started a civil war and put land mines around all the voting locations we would get more people turning out.

TOAST to the hardy souls who have been sitting in the cafeteria trying to set up rides for people who would have been stranded by the strike. They earn extra kudos points for going out there even after the strike was delayed by 35 days. Hopefully they will stick around for those people who really want to be over prepared in case the strike ever actually happens.

ROAST to the City of Springfield for allowing the American Nazi Party to participate in the Adopt-A-Street program. City officials claim that all groups are welcome to participate and that not allowing the ANP to adopt a street would have been infringement of their First Amendment rights. We think not allowing the ANP to adopt a street would have been prudent good taste. Posted on the Adopt-A-Street sign that features the ANP endorsement is a smaller sign that says, "Do they only pick up white trash?"

ROAST to whatever airline dropped a chunk of frozen human waste onto Nina Gambone's car in Leominster, Massachusetts. The mass hit her car early in the morning on Feb. 1. Not only is Gambone's car totaled, but also her local fire department refuses to clean up the mess because it is technically classified as hazardous waste. To add insult to injury, Gambone cannot receive any kind of compensation unless they can determine from which airline the frozen waste came. If Gambone and her son had not just climbed out of the car, we think the frozen human waste would be hitting the fan a little bit more for the airlines. Does anybody else think it's just not right for airplanes to empty their toilet tanks in flight?

TOAST to good old Gee Dubya for his plan to propose a giant increase in the amount of money given to the families of soldiers who die in Iraq. It is currently a modest \$12,000. We don't say it often, but this time Bush really has a good idea. He will be proposing to Congress an increase of \$88,000, bringing the grand total to \$100,000. This money is tax-free and, while it won't bring back the lost family member, it will help any families who depended on that person for income.

Bush's Social Security plan symptom of a deeper disease

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Well, for some people, at least, Bush's proposed Social Security reform is good.

Unfortunately, those people are the extreme upper class, and that's not a good thing for the rest of America.

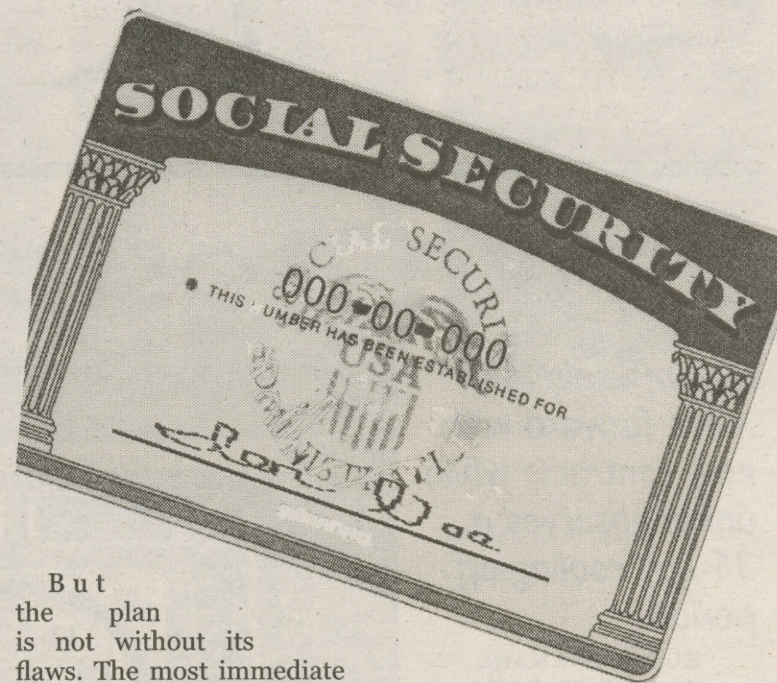
The Social Security program was created because the country felt a need to take care of those citizens who could no longer take care of themselves. It was an institution set into place in the spirit of giving and benevolence. But those times seem to have passed.

Looking around I see people who have no concept of how Social Security actually works and who think that the proposed "privatization" of Social Security is a good idea. They buy into the Bush administration's propaganda-like preaching about how Social Security will be bankrupt by 2054 and that this reform will save the day. Instead of actually making an effort to understand the situation, they follow blindly.

Of course, many against it are just as uninformed as their counterparts. The Democratic party claims there is no crisis and that the reform is unnecessary. Whether or not this is true, many people choose to believe it without any kind of personal research.

The reality of the situation is that Social Security will not be "bankrupt" by 2054, and the reason the Bush administration says this is because their forecast models use current conditions with no possibility of change and are projected into infinity, literally an endless model. If the economy follows the trends of today - which could change - by 2054 Social Security will be paying out only 75 percent of what it is now paying. Remember; this is only if we follow the current economic slump.

Another half-truth currently circulating around is that this plan would be a complete privatization of your Social Security funds. In actuality, what Bush is proposing is the option to have one-third of your Social Security money invested into a mutual fund. There are some advantages to this new system, including that the money invested in the mutual fund will not be dissolved into the general Social Security fund when you die. It can be passed on to your children or spouses. Additionally, if you have a good grasp of fiscal matters, you can probably make quite a nest egg for yourself. Thus you see the advantage for the rich and the well educated.



But the plan is not without its flaws. The most immediate is the accounting nightmare that would be caused by the shift to the new system, at a cost of approximately \$4 trillion dollars. Why would Bush propose a plan that costs that much to implement with the federal deficit and national economy where it is, while at the same time sinking \$86 billion into Iraq each year? If he's assuming that the economy will get better, which must be his assumption if he thinks that investing Social Security money in private funds is a viable option, why is he projecting current conditions into infinity?

Additionally, those who are not rich and educated - the ever-growing lower class, for example - could be suckered in by promises of big money and lose one-third of their Social Security benefits, especially if things continue to slump economically. With the model proposed by Bush, that means they would only be getting 50 percent of what is being received today. That leaves everyone but the upper class literally working until they die.

Social Security is not a program put in place to take your money or rip you off. It's something established for the betterment of society. When people complain about contributing to Social Security from their paychecks, they are showing what America has become: a nation that is all about the individual and not at all about the greater good.

When Social Security was created it was intended as a supplement to a retirement fund, not as a retirement fund all by itself. But with the disturbing trend by employers to not offer a retirement plan at all, Social Security sometimes becomes the only option. Even with the amount of money available now, it's not enough to live above the

poverty line, much less comfortably. Those people whose only income currently is Social Security - the sick, the elderly, those unable to care for themselves, basically the people who need our kindness the most - will be the ones to suffer from this proposed change. That one-third could mean life or death for these people. They depend on us.

Bush's plan is not the solution: it is merely a diversion. The real solution lies with employers and giving assistance to people so they can establish retirement funds that would make Social Security reform unnecessary.

The decline of all great societies starts with the apathy of good men. This Social Security plan is just another symptom of how America is slowly slipping away from us. You can see it in other places - on television, in the street, in the news. The widening gap between the rich and the poor. The way protesting is labeled terrorism instead of patriotism. The deep divide between political parties that has this nation ready to turn on itself. Our selfish foreign policies and practices. Our love of money over the environment. If this world were a party, America would be the guy who is drinking everyone else's beer and stealing stereo equipment.

What it all boils down to is cruelty, arrogance and ignorance. We are cruel to think that it is okay to change the Social Security program and abandon those who need us the most, we are arrogant to assume that we have the right to use politics and gun power to control the rest of the world, and we are ignorant to think that things can continue this way without America feeling the consequences of its actions.

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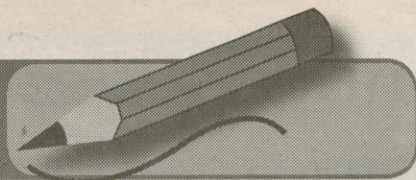
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Kudos to groups raising money for tsunami relief efforts

Thanks to the Bookstore, OSPIRG and Student Government, Students Reaching Out for Tsunami Relief was a huge success. Lane students have raised over \$1,000 so far to aid those affected by December 26's disaster. Proceeds from the SRCs amounted to over \$500 which will be combined with funds raised at tables and the Bookstore.

We will be having another day of action Tuesday, Feb. 8 so bring your wallets and extra change from home to school. We will be in the cafeteria collecting donations. If we raise \$2,000 total on campus our contributions can provide a water purification system which would provide clean drinking water for 750 people per day through Oxfam America.

Oxfam America is a Boston-based relief organization that bolsters the economy of countries by working with local agencies. Ninety percent of donations to tsunami relief go directly to providing clean drinking water, emergency shelter and medical care.

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STUDENTS AGAINST HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS

Meandering smokers at Lane and a Snickers bar addict

I have to comment on the article praising smokers for behaving rather well considering the lack of designated smoking areas. Are we on the same campus?

It seems like every time I walk between classes, anywhere on campus, there is at least one smoker walking about with lit cig in hand just puffing as they stroll to the smoking area,

or their next class. Unfortunately I am usually walking behind them, so I am stuck huffing and puffing their toxic fumes as they get a quick fix between classes. Look around any and all buildings on campus and you will see cigarette butts on the ground near all the doors.

You know, there are designated peeing areas on campus, too. But you don't see us peeing wherever we want to. We have the common courtesy of taking a whiz where we're supposed to, and in doing so we're not bound to offend anyone in passing. But we're not talking about a natural body function here. It's a choice, or addiction the smoker has.

I seem to be addicted to Snickers bars, but I can seem to contain myself enough not to eat a Snickers bar in the computer lab, or on the bus where I'm not supposed to. Why is smoking so different? Besides, no one has ever died from a second-hand Snickers.

About the campus safety officer whining about the nearest designated smoking area being about 100 yards from her building, boo hoo! She says it cuts into her time dedicated to work. We pay them by the hour, right? Why should we be paying them to smoke on duty? If smoking cuts into their break time then so be it. That's a choice they make as a smoker. As a student I can't excuse myself from class for a Snickers bar.

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Transportation to/from LCC is a student responsibility

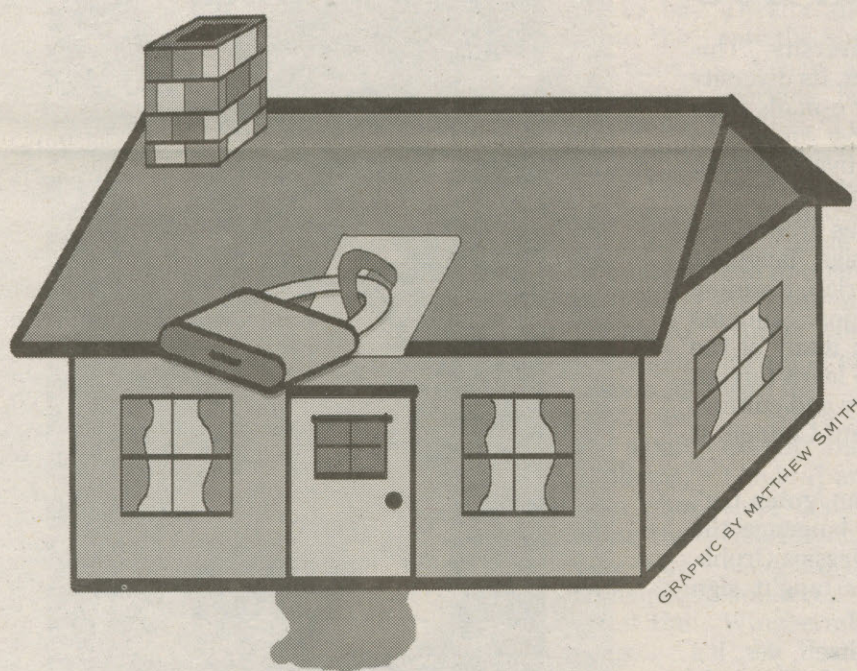
This is in response to the roast of the LCC administration concerning the possible LTD strike. It is true that LCC provides a LTD bus pass as part of the transportation fee that

students pay. What is false is that this makes LCC responsible for getting students to LCC or in giving students a refund if they are unable to attend class due to a strike by LTD. It is the student's responsibility to get to their classes, just as it would be for them to get to their jobs. LCC is under no obligation to provide transportation to students back and forth from the campus.

The roast said that the LCC administration lacked a response to the potential strike, this is false. The administration has responded by providing information on alternative ways for students to get to the campus. Simply because this is not a solution that the roaster wanted does not make it a lack of response. Why is LCC responsible for providing a plan to the students? Think of this in terms of a job, if LTD were to strike leaving you unable to use the bus this does not mean your employer is responsible to pay you for the days you missed or not to fire you if you do not show up to work. As someone that used to depend on the bus as my only source of transportation (besides walking) I knew to have a backup plan if the bus was ever unavailable. Nothing in this life is certain and you should be as prepared as possible for random possibilities when you depend on someone or something else.

LCC is caught in the crossfire between LTD and the students. They have done what they can to assist the students by making them aware of other ways to get the classes and warning them up front that classes will continue as planned. Why not roast the negotiators for failing to reach an agreeable arrangement to prevent a strike? Place the blame where it belongs and take responsibility for yourselves.

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Here today, crack tomorrow

Prevention, identification are the two magic words in protecting, recovering your personal belongings

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The majority of the population is hard working individuals with a limited income, but we still can't trust anybody. Why? Because of a small percentage of the population who feel they have the right to take anything they like. The thought of some stranger or, even worse, someone I know, coming into my house to take my belongings frustrates me to no end. There's the obvious reason, of course; I like my stuff. However my true hatred comes from the moral spectrum. How can someone just steal, without regard with what it takes to get those things? Thieves are just sewer rats personified. So in this untrusting world where nothing is sacred, what are we to do?

Recently a rash of drug driven burglaries occurred in my neighborhood. This got me thinking, even though I hold thieves right below rapists killers, and assailants. I hadn't taken steps to protect my own belongings.

So I went to work that very night. I took digital pictures of every electronic device, collectible, and piece of jewelry. Visual reference was a step in the right direction, but still pretty useless to the police.

Next, I recorded every serial number I could find. This task was semi-tedious, but it drastically increases your odds of recovery.

The next thing to do was engrave electronics. I used my fiancé's initials, because they are less common than mine and noted their location on a separate piece of paper. Now with the every piece of information I needed down, where to store it? Embracing technology, I created three separate CD's with the photos, serial numbers, and general notes on them, one for my house and two for separate locations. Even with this I didn't get it perfect.

I found out that you need to engrave your driver's license number into everything you want to identify later if needed. This helps the police out greatly. Make sure to do so in a

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A footnote to student-led classes

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GUEST COMMENTARY

In Elizabeth Kahl's commentary of the Jan. 27 Torch, she wrote an article about student led classes; "a wealth of knowledge or a waste of time, money?" I too have taken a student-led class, and the student-led class I was enrolled in (ENG 231 Non-European: Native American Lit.) faced some of the same problems that Kahl explained in her commentary. Our class couldn't decide on a number of things, and it seemed that when the class finally did come up with a decision, the task wouldn't be carried out by some of the students. A lot of people didn't attend class regularly, and the people who did show up were in confusion throughout the entire term.

I knew that I wanted an A out of the class and I wanted to feel like I earned it, which is more than I can say about those who didn't do the work and still received A's. In the essays that I completed, I put a lot of time and work into. I attended class every day, did a book report (which was listed on the syllabus), when other students did not attend class or do a book report. Basically, while everyone else was in confusion, I set reasonable limits for myself which related to the class guidelines and literature books assigned to the class. If the students weren't going to lead the class, I would be a leader for myself. I set my own rules for completing my assignments, discussing the literature, providing a book report, and being in group settings. For once I actually enjoyed a literature class and was amazed that I could do all that work without teacher guidance.

As I read Kahl's quote,

"...at least I would have a good teacher. Wow was I wrong!" I thought back to when I felt the same way about my ENG231 teacher. I knew this wasn't the same old cookie-cutter class that students are familiar with - "I just do what the person in the front of the class tells me to." So I had to ask myself, "What is the teacher's intent for this class? What can I get out of the experience? How can I make it educational and fun for myself?" Teachers get that title for a reason, but it's up to the students to understand why.

Although Kahl has some legit arguments about student led classes, I think she's looking at the intention of them all wrong. I learned from taking a student led class that life isn't fair - there will be many people who will be handed the gold when they don't deserve it. Students who don't attend class and have incomplete or no work might request an A and get it. But they know as well as you and I do that they didn't earn it by showing that they've excelled. I've also learned that my parents aren't going to hold my hand through life and make all of my decisions for me. The teacher and students of the ENG231 course didn't set the class rules functionally, so I learned how to be self-motivated and responsible to myself. Sometimes life doesn't offer a full deck of cards, or even a very good hand. You've still got choices: you can fold (drop the class and take it with a different teacher), or you can work the cards you've got. Even if all you get are a few words, and a syllabus with a class outline.

Note: Cassondra Williams is an education major at Lane Community College.

Long House Project needs funds to provide results

Recently on campus construction of seven totem poles has begun striking student interest in the Long House Project

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For many years, the Native American Student Association has been trying to raise money for its Long House Project. Recently on campus, plans for the long house began with the carving of seven totem poles.

The seven poles will stand at the backside of the long house, which will overlook the track loop, when it is completed. Each of the poles holds its own meaning, including one for each branch of the military (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard,) one for prisoners of war and one for those servicemen killed in action.

"These poles are important because our veterans and servicemen are important," says Tony Twocrows, who is carving the seven poles.

Frank Merrill, a retired Native American Student Program Coordinator, added, "Those in the service are really important people who no one really thanks."

Though Twocrows is not a major planner for the Long House Project this piece of the project still hits home for him. "My father was a war veteran from Vietnam and in some ways this is my way of honoring him," Twocrows said.

The Long House Project has been in the works for at least ten years and has had its fair share of trials. The biggest has been raising enough money to actually put together the building. The estimated cost is somewhere around \$800,000.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH GOTSDINER

Tony Twocrows uses authentic native tools to construct the Totem poles.

Merrill points out that the totem poles, the classroom and all aspects of the building are equally important. No one factor should take away interest in the overall meaning for why the building is being constructed.

"This building means something to people and when the long house is built it could really help the community," Merrill said.

"We are trying to put together a building for the community," reiterated Merrill and in order to do that, "money is needed." An overwhelming sense of frustration looms as the project planning continues on producing no results.

As Merrill puts it, "We need to start building this place and stop talking about it."

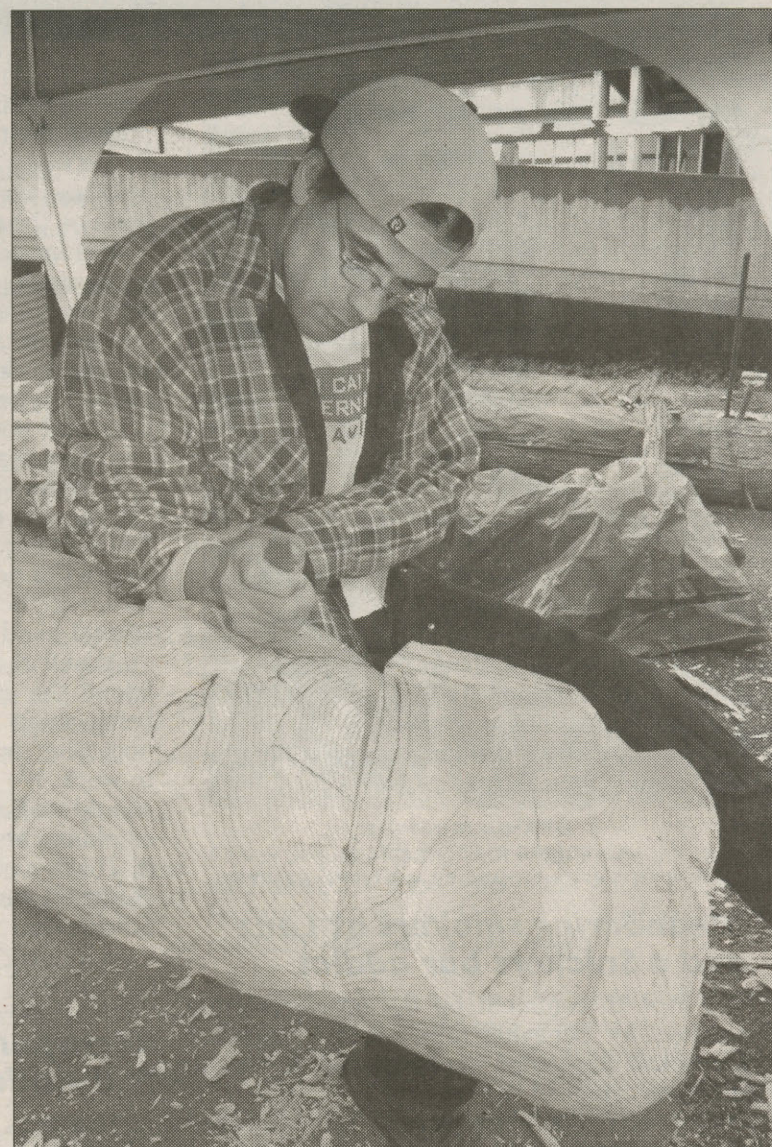


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Totem Poles are in the process of sculpting in front of the center building by carver Tony Twocrows.

American Sign Language not offered at LCC

Despite national recognition as a foreign language, an ASL course is not accepted at

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Should American Sign Language (ASL) be considered a foreign language? More and more students are beginning to take courses in sign language instead of spoken languages.

It is being accepted as a language requirement at universities like the University of Oregon. The reason for the increasing interest is students wanting an alternative to learning foreign languages.

LCC currently has no courses for sign language regardless of the growing attraction to ASL.

"Oh, I believe it is very valuable. I would love to see that taught here," said Don Addison a Native American Language instructor at LCC.

"I think all languages are very valuable but I don't know how one language may be more important than another," Addison said.

According to Addison, LCC is well known

for its attraction to cultural diversity. "This place has a very good reputation. Its diversity amazes the Indian world. I get e-mails from all over the country from Native Americans about how they are amazed Native American classes are being taught at LCC."

The overlap of sign languages around the world is extensive. French sign language and ASL have a 70 percent overlap, meaning they share many of the same signs. Students who learn sign language learn many of the same things that students who learn foreign language do, such as vocabulary and culture, according to the Undergraduate Council at the University of Oregon.

"In Spanish 'hola,' In German 'guten tag,' in English 'hello' but in sign language the symbol is still the same," said Jessica Grubb, a student at LCC. Grubb was taught sign language when she was younger.

"It is a language in and of itself, yes, it's a foreign language," Grubb said. The only states who do not consider ASL as a foreign language are Idaho, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico and Wyoming, according to Gallaudet University in Washington D.C.

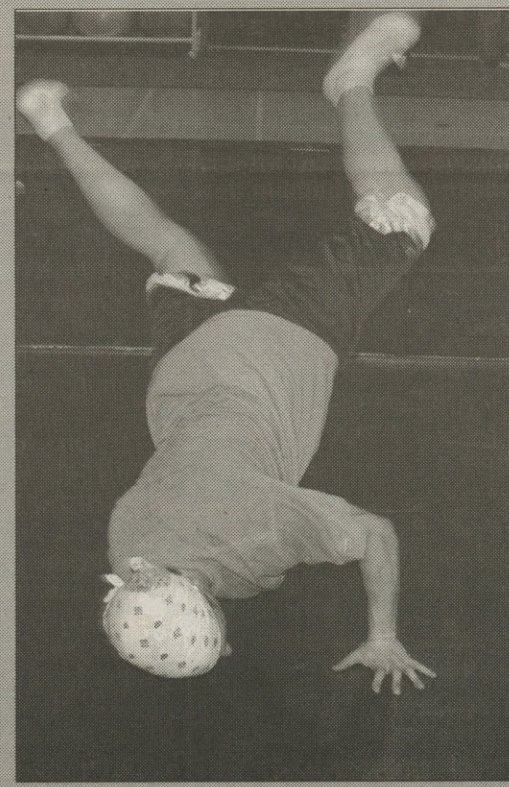


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Lionel Lynner takes time out from his required Phys. Ed. workout to practice some break moves.

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unwrap the textbook. As a consequence, those students can't return the textbook for the original amount they paid.

Survey Highlights:

- The prices of textbooks are increasing at a fast pace. According to the survey, the rate at which the price of textbooks increases is four times that of all finished goods.

- The survey determined that on average, a new edition would be published three years after the previous edition. The new edition would be on average 12 percent more expensive than the previous one. According to "Ripoff 101, 2nd Edition," 76 percent of the faculty surveyed thought that only half of the time the new edition was necessary.

- Fifty percent of the assessed textbooks were sold bundled. When books were available both bundled with other material and unbundled, the study determined that the average bundled book was 10 percent more expensive than the "a la carte" version.

- "Ripoff 101, 2nd Edition" also concluded that "the average textbook costs 20 percent more in the United States than it does in the United Kingdom." Some of these textbooks are also cheaper for students in Africa and the Middle East.

Copies of the entire report can be obtained at www.pirg.org/highered.

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night, LTD decided not to agree to the 35-day cooling-off period.

Andy Vabora, a spokesman for LTD, said, "The district has decided to move forward with the new contracts because members feel that bringing in a group of new people will not serve the process well."

He also included that the union and LTD have already observed similar cooling-off periods and, "the district feels it needs to follow the negotiation process outlined in state law."

The union spokesman Jason Reynolds said, "The independent commission of seven people is interested in fact finding and the union hopes it will help come up with a creative solution that can work for both sides," but also pointed out that, "if LTD officials do not agree [to the 35-day cooling-off period] the union will still hold off on any action for 35 days."

Both sides have agreed to attend another mediated negotiation meeting in hopes of finding a solution before it really becomes too late.

Similar negotiation meetings over the past

months have made little advancement towards a solution.

Talks began nine months ago on the possible contract changes and few of the meetings since have made any real progress. The union is upset with possible changes to health care plans and changes in their break schedules.

Vobora said, "The district can no longer afford the health care plan they had before since it would cost over 100 percent more than in the previous five years." By changing break times LTD is trying to better comply with state laws.

The union feels like the new health care plan has fewer benefits for them at a higher cost. And Reynolds said "New break proposals will be unsafe because drivers will only have seven hours between shifts instead of their current ten."

Vobora said "The district feels like it has made reasonable changes to its plans by listening to employee input."

Reynolds pointed out "The union feels that the management has made no changes."

Construction to start soon on Globe replica

Two years of hard work finally pays off for SPA group

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February 16 is the long awaited date when the Globe Theatre replica construction will finally get under way.

For more than two years the Student Production Association, a group composed entirely of students at Lane dedicated to theatre arts and production, has been fund raising and working toward the goal of being able to build a portable, collapsible replica of the Globe Theatre.

The replica, which will be more like a facade, will be able to fit into the Blue Door Theatre in Building 6 and will be used for the first time during the performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream this spring.

"We've been wanting to do it for a while, a couple years, but we didn't know how to go about it or, for that matter, any money. Two years ago we were no money, just started," said Lisa Marie Wingbermuehle, director of productions for the SPA.

The Student Productions Association formed three years ago through the efforts of Wingbermuehle and Anton Ray, an LCC theatre student. It was created to help continue the theatre productions at LCC after the theatre budget was completely cut due to funding issues. Over the past two years the organization has grown from a handful of members and very little money to a fully functioning theatre production group that is almost entirely responsible for the continuation of the theatre program at Lane.

"The building of that piece to me is really significant in that it's the first time since I've taught at this school that the students have had a thought for what comes after them. They usually don't think about a legacy, and this is the first group that's ever had that concern for a legacy," said Judith "Sparky" Roberts, a Theatre Arts faculty member who is heavily involved with assisting SPA.

Since its formation, SPA has worked to raise enough money to be able



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SPARKY ROBERTS.

LCC will begin the construction of a Shakespeare's Globe Theatre replica. The rebuilt Globe Theatre exists today in London, England thanks to the funding of American writer and director Sam Wanamaker.

to accomplish their three main goals: to get SPA started, to build a Globe Theatre replica, and to be able to move back into the main stage for productions. Fundraising efforts involved selling concessions at shows and soliciting support from Student Life and ASLCC. SPA has finally raised enough money to be able to afford the materials and labor necessary for construction.

SPA wanted the facade to be collapsible and portable so that it could be transported to other locations for performances. This is a tall order for Art Scott Williams, the volunteer carpenter who is in charge of building the set. Williams is a long-time friend of Roberts and helped build the main stage at the LCC theatre 30 years ago.

"[Williams] called me up and said 'Well, I just retired. I'm going to do some interesting projects that I want to do now.' And I said well there's a project that you might help us with," said Roberts.

"I've made some drawings. It's a pretty simple set. It will be built in maybe 20, 25 days," Williams said of his current plans for the set.

Williams' task is not

impossible, though: the replica will only be the inside stage portion of the Globe Theatre and will fit entirely into the Blue Door Theatre.

When asked why he is working for free, Williams replied, "I'm retired, I get to do things like this. I've never built one before."

Williams will be modeling the facade as closely as he can to the real Globe Theatre in London. A professional painter will be hired to paint the set after Williams is done with it.

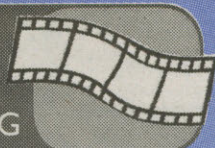
"We're going to do it exactly the way it is [in London] and try to get it as close and as perfect as we can. I think for everybody it's just going to be an all around wonderful experience," Wingbermuehle said.

"It will be a total environmental piece," Roberts said. "People will be around you and among you."

In addition to constructing the Globe facade, Williams will also be building set pieces specifically for the Midsummer Night's Dream performance.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" and the Globe replica will both be premiering the night of April 1 at 8 p.m. in the Blue Door Theatre.

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Black History Month

"To Kill A Mocking Bird" (1962)

A remake of the novel by Harper Lee, this movie is about the struggles of Atticus Finch to defend the life of a black man accused of rape in a small southern town. Seen through the eyes of Scout, Atticus' young daughter, this story is a good example of how you never really know someone until you have been in their shoes.



"Malcolm X" (1992)

The biography of a great man, Malcom X, portrayed brilliantly by Denzel Washington. Entertaining and educational, this film about the life of El-Hajj Malik Al-Shabazz, born Malcom Little, is a captivating picture of the determined efforts of Malcolm X to establish independence and identity for African Americans in America.



"The Color Purple" (1985)

A film adaptation of the book by Alice Walker, The Color Purple is the story of a young girl just trying to survive. Despite being constantly surrounded by abusive, misogynistic men, Celie, a young black woman in the early 1900's, learns from her experiences and, through trial by fire, comes to find herself and her strength. The cast features such names as Whoopi Goldberg, Danny Glover and Oprah Winfrey.



"Amistad" (1997)

Based on a true events that occurred in 1839, this is the somewhat slow but extremely historically accurate film recreation of a mutiny aboard a slave ship bound for the Americas and the trials of the mutineers after they reach New England. While violent and definitely not a children's movie, it accurately portrays the horror and indignity of forced slavery.



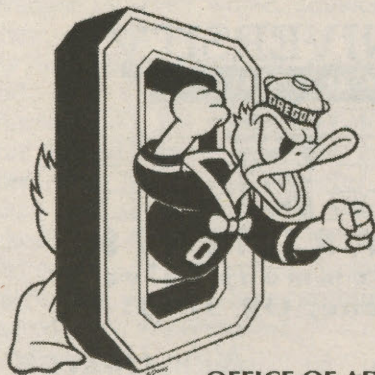


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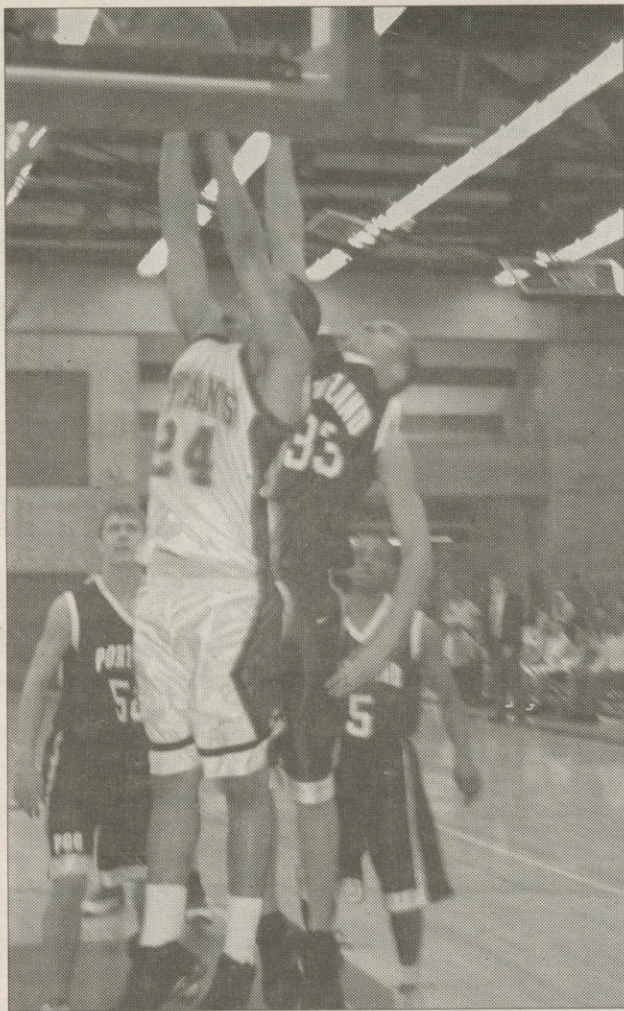


PHOTO BY ELIZABETH KAHL

Anthony Williams misses a putback against Portland. It didn't cost the Titans as they used 12 offensive rebounds for 10 second chance points in a 96-68 victory on Jan. 26.

Lane breaks 10-game losing skid in hoop win

Titans connect on 11 three-pointers to defeat Portland, 96-68

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

It's all over. The 10-game losing streak that is.

Entering the midway point in league play the Titans were yet to win a league game until Portland showed up on Jan. 26. A 96-68 victory later and a smile finally crept across Lane head coach Matt Swagerty's face.

"It wasn't pandemonium, it was a relief and happiness," Swagerty said.

Maurice Ross hit from the outside, making four of six three-point attempts, while Owen Newman used four offensive rebounds to build 12 points with eight rebounds. The Titans also scored 15 points off 14 forced turnovers to lead 49-31 at halftime.

"The differences were heart and defense," Newman said.

Portland crept to within 12 points midway through the second half.

"When you haven't won in so long, to see it slipping away was kind of scary," Swagerty said.

The Titans stepped up and finished the win for the first time in over a month.

"It is hard to study when you have a 10-game losing streak on your mind," said Newman, who finished with a game-high 24 points and 13 rebounds.

Lane had assists on 27 of 28 made baskets, led by Langston Revada with nine assists.

Josh Akwenuke finished with 23 points, while Maurice Ross chipped in 18. Jarvis Thomas added 13 points and six assists.

Team play lasted only one game, as the Titans fell to #1 Mt. Hood 99-70 on Jan. 29.

"They just came out ready to play and we weren't ready," Newman said.

Mt. Hood grabbed 32 offensive rebounds, which they converted into 28 second chance points.

"We got absolutely demolished on the boards," Swagerty said. "I didn't feel that we did a good job of finding someone to box out."

The Titans turned the ball over 23 times, which led to 35 Mt. Hood points.

"We weren't getting back on defensive transitions," Swagerty said.

Ross scored 16 points, while Akwenuke added 13 and nine rebounds. Revada and Joel Wright each scored 10 points.

(Men's standings as of Feb. 2)

SOUTH	League	Overall
Chemeketa	7-0	16-5
Mt. Hood	6-1	17-2
Clackamas	5-2	17-3
Linn-Benton	3-4	9-11
Portland	3-5	7-14
SW Oregon	3-5	8-14
Umpqua	1-6	9-12
Lane	1-6	8-13

Lane outscores opponents by 99

All Titan players score in wins against Portland, Mt. Hood

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Winning has a way of making everyone happy and after a week where the Lane women continued to dominate the Southern region bottom dwellers, there are no complaints.

Every Titan played at least eight minutes and scored in dominant victories against Mt. Hood and Portland.

Lane swept the season series against Mt. Hood with a 90-42 victory on Jan. 29 to remain undefeated in league play (7-0).

Defensive pressure held Mt. Hood to 34 field goal attempts, which the Titans matched with 35 field goal makes to the pleasure of head coach Greg Sheley.

"If we made mistakes, they were hustle mistakes," Sheley said.

The Titans forced 41 turnovers, 32 of which were steals that were converted into 54 points.

"All I tried to do was get in the passing lane, deflect the ball and play hard defense," said Titan Morgan Zajonc, who scored 12 with nine steals and eight assists.

Lane jumped to an 11-0 lead early and led 48-16 at halftime. Nearly half of Mt. Hood's second half points came at the free throw line, where they connected on 12 of 17 attempts in the final half.

Kristin Nelson scored a game-high 13 points. Cora McVey combined 12 points with 12 rebounds, including nine offensive. Jessie Moore added 12 points, while Lisa Fernandez neared a double double with 11 points and eight rebounds.

Continuing its dominance, Lane dismantled Portland by 51 points — an 89-38 shellacking on Jan. 26.

"We don't go into a game wanting to win by 50," Sheley said.

The game didn't start out with such a big margin. Five minutes after tip-off, the Titans used a 24-3 run to escape from a 10-4 deadlock. The Panthers were unable to score more than two baskets between Titan scores and fell behind 44-13 at halftime.

"We knew our defense could cause some turnovers," Sheley said. "We held them to a low shooting percentage which busted the game open."

The Titans scored 47 points off 44 forced turnovers, while allowing only two points in 18 committed turnovers. Offensive rebounds, 19 to



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH KAHL

Ashley Sequeira's jump shot from inside the key gave the Titans a 51-18 lead early in the second half against Portland on Jan. 26. Sequeira finished with seven points, six rebounds and two blocks.

be exact, created a 21-6 edge in second chance points that the Titans took advantage.

"It was important for us to get an early lead so we could be unselfish and let other players play as well," said Titan Kellie Griner, who finished with 13 points and four steals.

Ashley Weber scored a game-high 18 points off the bench. Lisa Fernandez added 12 points and seven rebounds and Sally Moore totaled nine points with six steals.

(Women's standings as of Feb. 2)

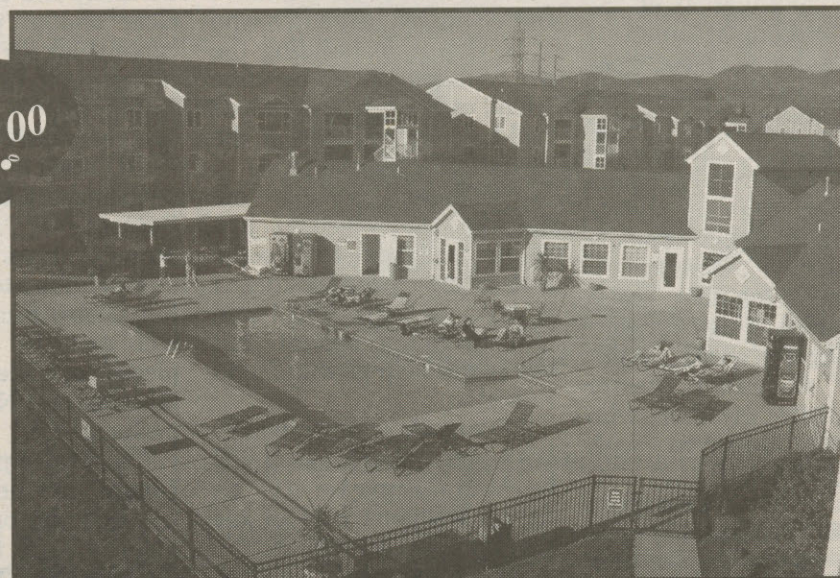
SOUTH	League	Overall
Lane	7-0	22-1
Umpqua	6-1	21-1
Clackamas	5-2	17-5
Linn-Benton	4-3	12-10
Chemeketa	3-4	9-12
SW Oregon	3-5	8-12
Portland	1-7	7-14
Mt. Hood	0-7	1-20

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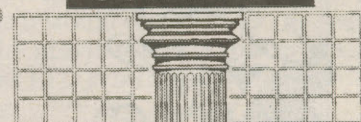
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February sports: hello baseball, goodbye football

February. It sounds funny. It's hard to spell. It's an odd month.

February is not the month of love and presents thanks to Valentines, nor is it Black History month or the shortest month. February is the month to be a sports fan.

It is a month of preparing for the season and a month of preparing for the postseason.

Professional sports such as baseball and NASCAR are beginning, while basketball reaches its midway point.

Locally, high schools are winding down the season and Lane rounds out the month with league games to set up a run toward a championship.

It all begins with the Super Bowl on Feb. 6 - a match-up of two potent offenses against two stingy defenses. The New England Patriots, playing for its third Super Bowl victory in four years, is a touchdown favorite over the Philadelphia Eagles.

Two Sundays later, the NBA (National Basketball Association) All-star game and Daytona 500, the feature and first NASCAR race of the season highlight the day.

Full Court Press



Shawn Miller
Sports editor

Collegiately, schools are fighting for positioning for conference tournaments and postseason play.

The Lane women's basketball program is closing in on a perfect league record and its second conference championship in three years. The Titans are currently ranked first in the NWAACC (Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges) and will most likely be the favorite to win the championship for the first time in school history.

As one Titan sport edges closer to an NWAACC championship, another is preparing to defend its title. The Lane baseball program, fresh off last season's finish, is working closer to the first doubleheader, Mar. 5 at Lower Columbia.

February is an exhilarating month for the avid sports observer and what is even more exciting is knowing that it just keeps getting better.

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FYI...

The Women's Center video will be shown at noon on Friday, Feb. 4, featuring "Affluenza."

This video discusses: are you spending more money and enjoying it less? This video explores how Americans are filling their lives with things, but are left feeling empty inside. Uses personal stories, expert commentary, and historic advertising film clips to illustrate the causes and consequences of consumerism in American society. Bring your lunch for this weekly video series. Call Jill Bradley ext. 5298.

Evolution & Intelligent Design:

A forum on Evolution and Intelligent Design (the current form of creationism-evolution discussion) will be held Friday, Feb. 4, from 7-9 p.m., in the Fir Room of the EMU at the University of Oregon.

The aim is a respectful, constructive conversation among people with diverse views. Participants in this Veritas Forum, sponsored by local university/Christian organizations, are Tom Alderman, attorney; Paul Engelking, UO chemistry faculty member; Dennis Gilbert, LCC physics faculty member; Geoffrey Simmons, M.D. and author. Richard Beswick of the University Christian Fellowship will moderate. Additional people with specific relevant expertise, including LCC biology faculty member Stacey Kiser, will be on hand during the question-answer period. For more information, contact Dennis Gilbert at gilbertd@lanecc.edu.

Scholarship Application Workshops: Lane Foundation and Oregon Student Assistance Commission Scholarship application workshops are being offered in Building 19, Room 250 on the following dates. Essay writing tips, activities charts and general application questions are the focus. Scholarship deadline for both is March 1.

- Feb. 7, Monday, 4-5 p.m.
- Feb. 11, Friday, 3-4 p.m.
- Feb. 18, Friday, 2-3 p.m.
- Feb. 24, Thursday, 4-5 p.m.

Please stop by the Career Center, Building 1, Room 102 to sign-up, e-mail brysonj@lanecc.edu or call 463-5164.

Microbrew Festival: KLCC is having a Microbrew Festival Feb. 11 and 12

from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Lane Events Center Exhibit Hall. All proceeds will benefit the radio station. Admission is \$10 and includes a souvenir glass and one drink ticket. Guest must be 21 and over.

Free tax help will be available in the cafeteria beginning Feb. 1. AARP volunteers will be here on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the south end of the cafeteria. Please remind students to bring their W2s, financial aid and school information for educational and hope credits and if a child tax credit was received in 2004, bring documentation on that, too. Tax help is first come first serve. They will be here through April 15. For more information call Tina Lymath at 463-5336.

Bloodmobile Schedules Two-day Campus Visit: Lane's winter blood drive takes place next week on both Monday, Feb. 7 and Friday, Feb. 11. Lane Memorial Blood Bank's Bloodmobile will park on the main campus from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the east end of the Foodservice area, near the espresso bar.

If you're eligible to donate - if you're 16 years of age or older, in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and have not donated within the last eight weeks - please call or email Judy Ann Fuller (463-5564, fullerj@lanecc.edu) to schedule an appointment.

The entire process takes only 45 minutes. If you aren't eligible or don't care to donate at the present time, ask how to volunteer some time to help LCC's blood drive committee - call or e-mail Pete Peterson (344-0486, petersonpr@lanecc.edu.)

Singing Valentines: Give your favorite person a gift they'll never forget. For this Feb. 14, reserve a Valentine Quartet from the Greater Eugene Chorus (Sweet Adelines, Intl). We'll sing two endearing songs and present a charming bouquet and card to your favorite person for only \$30. We'll travel to any location in the Eugene, Springfield and Cottage Grove area as well as the Albany and Corvallis area. For Information or to make your reservation contact: Greater Eugene Chorus (541) 344-7020.

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OPPORTUNITIES

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EVENTS

Valentines day market-Cafeteria. Feb 7,8,9,11 and 14.

College Tour 2005

The following college representatives will be in the Lane Community College cafeteria on Thursday, February 10, 2005 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lane students and staff, as well as local high school students and staff are invited to stop by their tables for admissions/program information.

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Concordia
Eastern Oregon University
George Fox
Linfield
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Portland State University
Reed College
Southern Oregon University
University of Oregon
University of Phoenix-Portland
Western Baptist
Western Oregon University

If you were ill or injured, would you consider using the Health Center?



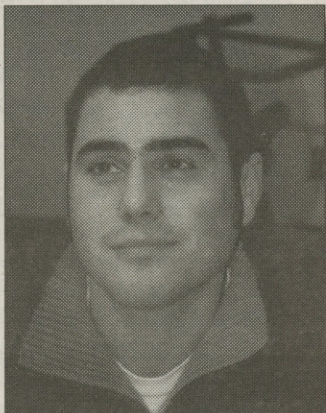
Chelsea Prine
AAOT

It's a wonderful facility that provides a great opportunity for people without insurance or other types of coverage and I would consider using it in the future.



Blake Taylor
CULINARY

Yes, definitely. It's free and they are very helpful there. I've never been there before but I know people who have.



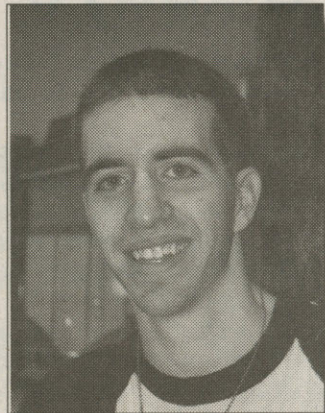
Adam Mears
UNDECIDED

Probably not, because I'm insured and my dad is a teacher. I can go to Kaiser for free.



Eli Goodwin
MUSIC

Yes, I have. I thought it was nice. I think I had the stomach flu.



Romny Prat
UNDECIDED

What's the Health Center?

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LCC unaware of various Health Center services

Students can receive free birth control through the Health Center FPEP

ELIZABETH KAHL
ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR

The LCC Health Center provides many services of which staff feel the students are not taking full advantage.

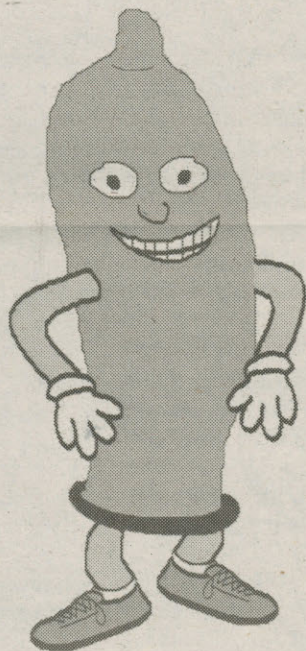
The variety of birth control options that the Health Center offers is one of the most beneficial services it provides but students are not taking advantage of it notes Mona Arbuckle, a family nurse practitioner in the Health Center.

LCC receives funding through a program called the Family Planning Expansion Program, or FPEP, to help students obtain free or low cost birth control.

Arbuckle said, "This is a great program that allows students who are eligible to get free help with birth control and other related services."

The goal of FPEP is contraception. It is funded through the government to help eliminate unwanted pregnancies and to help reduce the number of pregnant teens. FPEP obtains research data from questions participants must answer to receive contraceptives services.

A certain amount of money is first given by the state to the county, which then divides the money between Planned Parenthood, Lane County Health Services and the LCC



Health Center.

The Health Center has to re-apply for funds every few years and the amounts given may vary by year, but they feel the program is worth all these uncertainties.

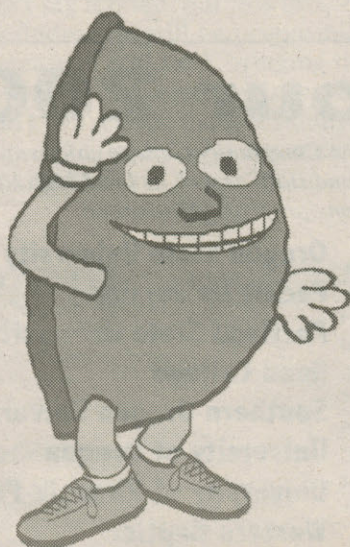
"We have been so lucky to have FPEP," Arbuckle said. "It widens the availability of services to so many people and students who are taking advantage of it love it."

The Health Center provides several types of birth control options so that students may choose what they are most comfortable.

The Health Center is encouraging as many students as are interested to get involved. Most Health Center visits are free to students who pay their student activities fees. Programs such as the FPEP make other services free or low cost as well.

The Health Center is not a primary care facility and therefore sometimes must refer patients out to other clinics for further medical attention. The Health Center can handle minor injuries, diagnose most illness, treat minor symptoms, and provide birth control services, which include annuals, supplies, HIV/Aids and STD tests.

The Health Center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday except Thursday 9:40 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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BURGLARY PAGE 4

non-conspicuous place to reduce the chance of it being scratched out.

Thieves want items that can be turned into quick cash. That statement seems obvious, but sometimes what we deem valuable and worth stealing is completely different from what a thief would take. Basically, if you paid a substantial amount for it, protect and identify it. Of course identifying your belongings is only that.

Prevention is key to making sure you never need to rely on identification. Prevention starts outside. How easy it is for a burglar to get into your house is key. If you have poor lighting, shrubs right next to entry points, unlocked windows and doors, how are stopping someone from breaking in?

Motion detected flood lights with a wide coverage area is a great option. Don't forget about your backyard either. Shrubs act as a shield for burglars, so get rid of them. There are plenty of pretty thinner plants that add beauty to your yard without aiding that potential invader.

Windows and doors are the last defense. Windows should be locked and have curtains or blinds drawn to prevent peeking. Doors should be locked and, if you have a dead bolt, use it. Sliding glass doors can be taken off rather easily, even if locked. A wooden mop handle can be jammed into the bottom inside gutter to make this more difficult.

A more high tech option to add to these is surveillance cameras. You can get real ones or fake ones, depending on your budget. A burglar probably won't want to test to see if it's real or not. Remember, a seen burglar is a caught burglar.

Another thing burglars look for are easy pickings. If you leave something in plain view in your car, it's likely to be taken. If you can park your car in the garage (which can also lower your car insurance) do so.

If you can afford to do so, replace your windowed garage door with a windowless one. If you don't have a garage, leave valuables out of sight, especially in your car. Big stickers slapped across your back window stating what kind of stereo system the thief will be stealing tonight is a bad idea.

Items left outside while you go inside also can attract unwanted

attention. People think it's safe to be gone a couple of minutes, only to come back with their bike or car gone.

If you're leaving for more than five seconds, you're leaving it too long. This rule also applies to items on the body too — a set down cell phone, for example.

Inside the house, keep electronics and valuables out of plain sight if possible. This means putting smaller items in a drawer or closet. Bigger items that can't be hidden easily should be away from windows to prevent easy viewing from outside.

Fully enclosed entertainment centers provide a great view blocker. Thieves tend to pick houses that they know will give them a good haul. If a burglar can't judge your house then they're likely to move on.

Assessing your own house is easy. Just pretend you don't live there and walk around your house trying to spot potential problems that leave your house at risk. Don't assume you're safe from being victimized.

If thieves can steal bikes left on third story balconies, they can probably figure out a way to get to your stuff.

Another part of prevention is informing the police of suspicious activity. It doesn't have to be the physical act of stealing to report it. Suspicious activity can range from noticing a person just watching a house for hours pointlessly to footsteps (not yours) in your front yard in the morning.

Letting the police know of such things doesn't mean you'll have to wait until a police officer comes to you to file a report. It can take a couple of minutes on the phone and helps the police develop patterns and recognize potential problem areas. This also goes for if you're burglarized and don't feel reporting it will help.

Even if reporting it only gives you a slim chance of recovery, not reporting it gives you no chance.

I know this stuff takes some effort. However it is a lot easier to prevent something than recover from it. You can't take pictures, engrave your driver license number, and record serial numbers after the fact. Take a proactive approach and at least increase your odds of recovery.