

THE TORCH



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Track team prepares for successful season

Lane records victories in men's 200M and women's 4x400M relay; men take second place in 400M

BRYAN WILLIFORD
FOR THE TORCH

While a majority of students were busy finalizing their spring vacation activities, the Lane track and field squad was opening its season at the Oregon Preview at Hayward Field on March 19.

Early season marks were established as two particular groups stood out on this day. Both the men's and women's relay combinations struck gold with high finishes and fast times. The sprint events were equally fast.

On the men's side of the competition, Paris Ramsey scored a victory in the 200M (21.83). Teammates Jason McGhee placed second (50.63) in the 400M, and Phil Alexander ran third in the men's 100M posting a 10.4 mark.

"We return most of our sprinters to this year's team, and Phil Alexander is our leader and the school record holder in the 200 meters," Lane coach Grady O'Connor said. "The question this season will be how we do this season in the field events. This is going to be a fun season and we are strong in both relay events. Paris Ramsey ran strong for us at the Oregon Preview, and that is good considering we held a good portion of our team out of that meet."

Ramsey, McGhee and Alexander, accompanied by Kalin Kelly, won the 4x100M relay with a time of 42.06. A second relay team comprised of Doug McCallum, Zane Fisher, Clint Hickey and Alexander finished second (3:23.09) in the 4x400M relay.

Keegan Burnett, Michael McGarry and Nick Shannon led the Titans' charge in the field events. Burnett finished seventh in the pole vault with a

clearance of 15-07 and McGarry finished sixth in the javelin with a throw of 191-07.

Fast finishes of the sprinters as well as another strong performance from the 4x100M and 4x400M relay teams highlighted the women's team.

Leading the effort were Andrea Nelson (59.33) and Kristina Ely-Gibson (1:00.20), who finished third and fifth in the 400M, respectively. Janey Davis placed fifth (26.99) in the 200M. The 4x400M relay team of Nelson, Ely-Gibson, Davis and Devin Nichols posted a victory with a time of 4:10.55. The same team finished third (50.73) in the 4x100M relay.

Emily Brown and Judith Burnett led the Titan field events. Brown competed in the shot put, discus and hammer throws. Burnett finished second in the discus with a mark of 135-01.

"Having contenders in the throwing events will help us out this season," O'Connor said. "While we are thin in some areas we do have our team leader returning Monica Teeple in the heptathlon and she will have a busy spring. We lack depth in the distance races, but we do have two quality athletes in Katie Gilbert and Tiffany Gibson."

The Titan's only home event this season is Saturday, April 2 when they host Clark in a dual meet beginning at 11 a.m.

"April 2 will be a good indication of where we are as a team," O'Connor said. "We swept them [Clark] last year up at their place, so it is going to fun on Saturday to go out and compete against them again. We will be at full strength and the athletes can go out and compete for the team and not have to worry about their times and marks."

"In a dual meet setting is where you see some of the best times and marks, because we go out and battle for the entire team. That is where we create the sense of a team atmosphere, where everyone can go out and show team support."



PHOTO COURTESY OF GRADY O'CONNOR

Emily Brown prepares to launch a throw in the discus at the Oregon Preview on March 19. Brown and the Titans hosted Clackamas College on April 2 at 11 a.m. in the only home meet of the season.



PHOTO BY JAMES GRANT

Steve Coatsworth satisfies his "nicotine addiction" at one of the many designated smoking areas outside the center building. Designated smoking areas such as this one are ample and conveniently located throughout campus.

Smokers face little more than slap on the wrist

Public Safety seeks to inform students of policy instead of issuing citations

SUSAN WAHLBERG
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Despite the numerous complaints around campus about smokers wandering outside of the designated smoking areas, those who choose to light up this term aren't facing very harsh penalties.

According to Sandra Ing-Wiese, director of Public Safety, most wandering smokers will face little more than a brief lecture from Public Safety officers. Repeat offenders face marginally worse consequences.

"We try and just let people know of the rule and ask for their compliance, because everybody out here is an adult so that should work. For those who repeatedly need to be reminded, then we can issue them a citation for ten bucks. For people who get really insistent and inappropriate, then we'll issue them an order to appear and they'll go through the student judicial process," Ing-Wiese said.

Every designated smoking area on the LCC campus has a clearly posted sign telling the public it is okay to smoke in that area. Despite these signs it is not uncommon to see people strolling between classes with a lit cigarette or smoking in areas more convenient to their needs.

Public Safety does receive complaints about smokers on a regular basis, but they do not dispatch officers to deal with such a minor situation. When asked about the complaint frequency, Ing-Wiese said, "It varies. Nicer days, of course, yield more [smokers]. I think I see more people walking

and smoking. I suspect a lot of people don't realize it's a violation of policy. It's still exposing people who are going between classes."

Stubborn smokers, who refuse to provide their information to Public Safety officers, or about simply running away when being given a citation, are taking their chances, according to Ing-Wiese.

"It's against the student conduct code to not give your information. Usually we can find out who people are because it's a pretty small world and somebody in the area recognizes somebody. The bottom line is that if we knew who it was, then they're eluding the Public Safety officer and it's a citation on top of a citation," Ing-Wiese said.

But most smokers approached by Public Safety have no reason to withhold their information. Usually they will merely be informed of the smoking policy and hopefully adhere to it after being spoken to. "Our goal is not to give a citation, per se. Our goal is to not have people smoke inappropriately," Ing-Wiese said. "In general, all Public Safety is doing is reminding people of the rules."

Ing-Wiese encourages students to take control of the situation instead of calling Public Safety for help. She asks that students ask the smokers to simply move to a designated area, a tactic she has used in the past with success.

"We're asking that everyone on campus take responsibility. Generally when someone calls us, our first response is, 'Have you asked them not to smoke there?' If you're seeing someone smoking, we ask that you simply say it," Ing-Wiese advised.

LCC math becomes flexible

LINDA D. CORIELL
STAFF WRITER

Students have the opportunity to choose a new and innovative Math 95 course this term.

According to math instructor David Shellabarger, Flexible Sequence Algebra spells success for students. The new structure of Math 95 was implemented fall term of 2004.

Since then, it has received positive feedback from the majority of participating students who were surveyed. "The success

rate fall term was 80 percent," Shellabarger said, as opposed to last year's 72 percent in the regular Math 95 format.

The pace for the FSA matches that of the regular Math 95 classes. This allows students to repeat sections of the course, if needed, rather than attending a full term of Math 95, which would cause the student to fail the entire course based upon the section in which they were not successful.

FSA is divided into five two-week-long modules that make up the full ten-week term.

Every two weeks, students are tested on the module they have completed. The schedule allows students three days to take the test. Students who do not pass the module with a grade of 70 percent or better retake only that specific two-week module. The three-day testing period also allows students the opportunity to study and retake the exam for a better grade.

"The expectation is that students are available five days a week," said Shellabarger. The classes are scheduled

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Roast to the Bush administration and to the U.S. Legislature for becoming involved in the Terri Schaivo case. Despite senate member's insistence that they are acting out of moral responsibility, it seems painfully obvious that it's a poorly disguised political ploy to gain the respect of the disenchanted American public. Hopefully, in the future they'll stay out of the private affairs of families.

Toast to Mother Nature for finally getting down some rain after the unusually long dry spell near the end of winter. If it continues on like this, we won't be facing such a huge water shortage this summer, although some say it is already too late to recover from the dry winter. On the other hand ...

Roast to Mother Nature for suddenly dumping all that rain over Spring Break and completely ruining any chance at outdoor activities that don't involve skis. It looks like the dreary weather will continue for awhile, so all the summer clothes will have to go back into the closet for now.

Toast to SeQuential Bio-Fuels for the upcoming opening of the first completely plant-based fuel station in Eugene. The fuels are made from corn and soybeans, burn much more cleanly than fossil fuels, and work in diesel and gasoline engines. They will be marginally more expensive, but it's nice to know that if the fossil fuels ever run out, there is a viable alternative.

Roast to the two fugitives who fled the scene after crashing a stolen car into a pole supporting power lines on Easter Sunday. The downed pole caused a power outage to about 200 Eugene residents around 5:40 p.m. on Sunday, March 27, and as many as 180 customers remained without power until Monday morning. This incident is strangely similar to last Thanksgiving, when a drunk driver knocked out power by crashing his car into an electric pole. Coincidence or conspiracy? Who knows?

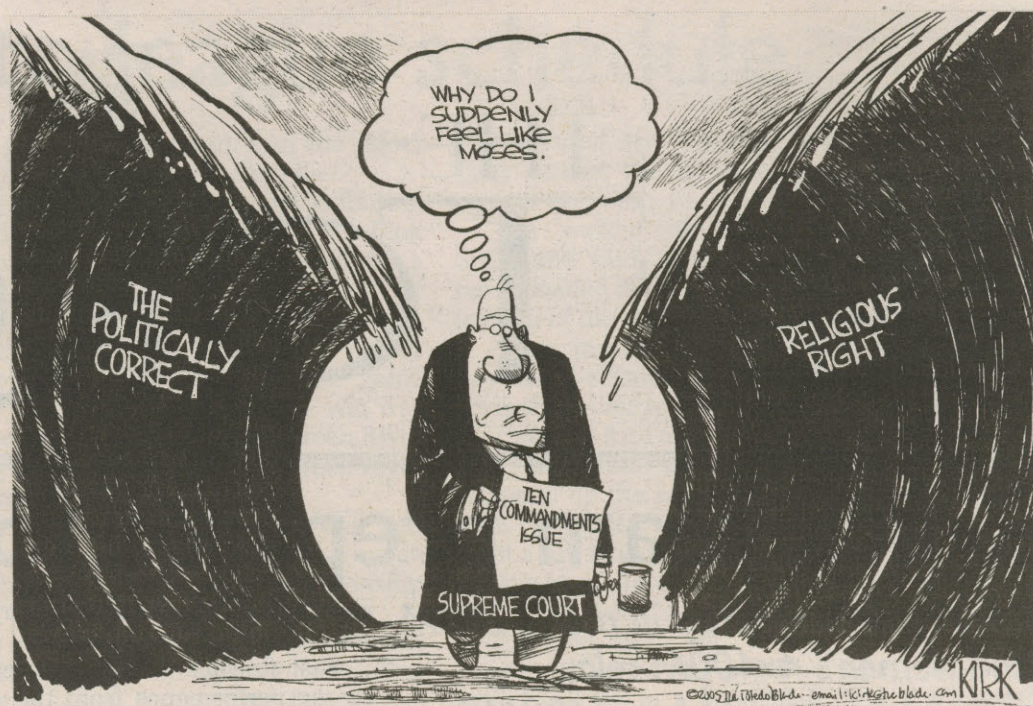
Toast to Gov. Kulongoski for setting aside \$250 million (on top of \$5 billion for which he originally planned) for Oregon schools in the coming year. Although the money has not yet been approved by the Oregon legislature, it's a step in the right direction on Kulongoski's part. With any luck the money will come through and Oregon schools, which have been declining in the past years due to funding cuts, can start making much needed improvements.

Roast to the San Jose, Calif. Wendy's that served a bowl of chili that contained a human finger. The customer, Anna Ayala, bit down on the finger and spit it out because it was crunchy. Shortly afterwards she discovered what it was she had bit down on and is now filing a claim with Wendy's insurance company. The source of the finger has yet to be determined - according to an Associated Press story, the employees of the Wendy's had all their fingers.

Roast to fans of the official Mexico soccer team who, in a recent match against the US, chanted "Osama! Osama!" at several points before and during the game. Whatever their animosity may be against the U.S. soccer team, it was extremely bad taste to start chanting that at any point during the event and is perhaps a sign of the declining approval in the international community of Americans.

Roast to the weird string of events in Florida involving teachers behaving inappropriately in class. One teacher in Perry, Fla., bit one student for attempting to steal a CD player and another teacher in Orlando taught is students how to make a bomb. The strangest occurrence of all, however, was the divorce deposition of one Boynton Beach man that claimed both he and his son had both had relations with his son's elementary music teacher. It seems that the state of education in America has passed beyond being merely "bad" and is heading at some speed for "totally ridiculous."

Roast to Cheney's most recent energy plan, which will get rid of the \$2000 tax write off for buying a hybrid car (which get as much as 50 miles per gallon). Strangely enough, the plan says nothing about the \$25,000 tax write off for buying a Hummer, a gas guzzler at 10 miles per gallon. It seems Cheney is either very bad at arithmetic or has some other interest in keeping the sales numbers for Hummers up. In the face of dire predications concerning peak oil, the inevitable decline of fossil fuel sources, and the sudden, sharp increase in gas prices, it makes one wonder exactly who is running the country.



Puppies can be dangerous

Parents need to be aware that most familiar streets, despite looking safe, can still harbor unforeseen dangers

A lot of us here at LCC are parents. It is to you, I speak the loudest. My daughter needed to talk about something that was bothering her. As the story came out I was first touched, then frightened and now appalled.

Two of her friends picked her up to go get ice cream. As they were driving along the street, they saw a small girl, 6 or 7, on roller-skates being overwhelmed by a pack of puppies. Now, the puppies were just excited to see someone and wanted to play, but the little girl was scared, near tears and losing her balance on her skates. The teenagers stopped the car and my daughter went to the rescue. I was touched. Her heart went out to that little girl and she stopped in the middle of the road to help. I was very proud of my daughter.

She went over to the little girl, held out her hand and asked "Would you like me to help you?" Of course the little girl said yes and gave her hand. They walked to the little girl's yard and she skated happily up the cul-de-sac. Here is where my daughter

had a problem. "Mom. That little girl was so scared, she would have gone with anyone. She could have been kidnapped." I had to agree. "But I didn't say anything to her parents. They should know," she said.

What about the puppies? In our town five puppies and I assume a mother, make a kennel and require a license.

It also requires that they be on a leash or in a fenced area. I think the people with the animals should have been spoken to as well.

But, the original point of this story was to alert parents to the dangers on your own street. Yes, cute puppies can be dangerous. I know, as a parent we don't like to always be the voice of gloom and doom. Try a different approach and be the voice of reason. Maybe the board game every parent should play with their children is one of scenarios. I believe that our children are capable of saving the world. All we have to do is give them the right information. And warn them that cute puppies can be dangerous.

Laura Ralston
Columnist

Heading for greener pastures

Mackworld sets off for better pay at a job in Springfield

In Texas they always eat too many pork'n'beans. They also eat too much mustard and chili powder with croissants.

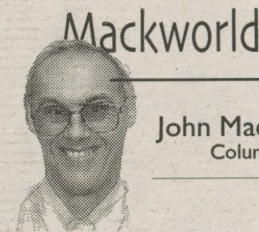
My home is up for sale soon, thanks to Cheryl. Soon it will be sold real estate.

Vote yes for the Torch next term because the Torch paper can help bind the community and students and instructors together.

The time is almost up for you to do your thinking. This is the last Mackworld story in the Torch paper. My last pay day is very soon, and I will save the money to pay for class. Fall term is paid up on time. The summer classes for G.E.D. take all day long to do. Maybe I will take a class with Cathy.

Next fall I have a class in

Springfield, or maybe I will get a job out there. I would make a lot better money than I make now. It's my choice if I want to go to class on the main campus. I am leaving after six years of eating cookies with tea and



John Mackwood
Columnist

walking to campus with an orange on my head. Mackworld will soon be off the air of the Torch Newsroom radio. Get ready for my last day. Thank you, goodbye.

Editor's Note: John Mackwood is a G.E.D. student in Springfield. John writes his column with the help of a Torch editor.

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during the same time block each day, but the four days a week that the student attends class alternates each week from a Monday through Thursday schedule to a Tuesday through Friday schedule. Arranging the classes in this manner allows for the three-day testing block.

A student retaking a module will continue to take the math class during the same time block, but will be taught by a different instructor, to avoid a conflict of schedules.

Retaking a module adds an additional two weeks of Math 95 for the students, which are scheduled for during the first two weeks of the following term. "We're breaking the term, but meanwhile, we still have to live within LCC," explained Shellabarger. Students can complete the remaining module while beginning the next math level at the same time.

Although a student can retake a module as many times as necessary, there may be other factors involved that would make that ineffective, and other alternatives should be looked at said Shellabarger. So far, not a single student has needed to retake a module more than once.

"We do want to extend this to Math 70,"

explained Shellabarger. "But for right now, we are adding another three sections to the Math 95 at 1 p.m. in the fall." Several factors must be worked out before the currently developing program can be expanded to other math levels. "The hope is that we can extend it back to the very beginning of our developmental algebra, which would be [Math] 70 or even [Math] 60," said Shellabarger.

According to Shellabarger, it is important to match class offerings to what the students need.

Another consideration for students is registering for credits. Shellabarger recommends students sign up for five credits, similar to the variable credit classes.

He also recommends that students check their financial aid requirements regarding their full, three-quarter or part-time status when signing up for the modules.

Students signing up for one credit at a time will need to register for the class every two weeks. On the flipside, by signing up for five credits, a student dropping after one module, for example, may lose out on the funds that will have already been paid. Also, for students retaking a module, there will be an additional charge for the added credit.

For Your Information

FYI...

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Lane Student Productions Association brings William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" to the Blue Door theatre. See the worlds of fairies and mortals collide on Lane's new, miniature replica of London's Globe Theater stage. The Show opens on April 1 at 8 p.m., and will continue Fridays and Saturdays through April 16, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, April 10. Ticket prices are \$10 for students and seniors. General admission is \$12. For advance tickets, call the LCC box office, 463-5202. Audience members must be mature, 10 years old or older.

WOMEN'S CENTER SPRING 2005 VIDEO SERIES

April 8, Act of War - The Overthrow of the Hawaiian Nation. A description of the events surrounding the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawai'i in 1893 as well as Hawaiian history from the perspective of the Hawaiian people. The showing begins at 12 p.m. in Building 1, Room 202.

LCC CAMPUS GREENS FREE FILM SERIES

April 5, Super Size Me - a documentary about the effects of eating fast food. The film begins at 2 p.m. in Building 1, ASLCC room 206. The film will be followed by a weekly meeting that starts at 3 p.m. and ends at 5:30 p.m.

OREGON RESEARCH INSTITUTE HOSTS RECEPTION

ORI is hosting a public reception for ALS instructor Frank Rossini's exhibit of black and white photography and poetry on April 3 from 1-3 p.m. The reception will include a poetry reading from 1:40 to 2 p.m. ORI is located at 1715 Franklin Boulevard (north side of Franklin, just east of Agate). Contact Frank Rossini, ALS, ext. 5072 or 687-9625.

CELEBRATE DESSERT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Help the children of Cambodia. Friday, April 8. Dessert is at 6:30 p.m. followed by a 7:30 p.m. Program: Moratorium on Cambodian Adoptions, by Robin Mauney of Holt International Adoption Agency. The event will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church on 13th and Pearl. Tickets are a \$10-\$15 donation, \$7 for students and those with limited incomes. The money will help go towards helping street children, orphans, and to stop child trafficking. Sponsored by Friendship with Cambodia, 343-3782.

OREGON INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The University of Oregon will host the 30th annual conference on March 31 and April 1. The cost is approximately \$125 for the two-day event. Registration is available on site. Check in begins at 7:30 a.m.

KLCC SPRING RADIOTHON

April 7, at 6 a.m. during NPR's "Morning Edition" KLCC kicks off its Radiathon in efforts to raise \$260,000. The Radiathon will continue until April 14 at 9 a.m. Listeners can contribute online at www.klcc.org.

Also, April 1, KLCC is holding a Pet Cyber Day from midnight to midnight. Contributors during Cyber Pet Day will be entered to win two tickets to Comedy Pet Theatre on April 30 at the Hult Center.

READING TOGETHER VIDEO


April 8, from 12 - 1p.m., in the Women's Center. Sandra Cisneros is the author of Reading Together novel "House on Mango Street." In the video Sandra Cisneros reads from her work and discusses her writing, her life and social issues with writer Dorothy Allison.

POLICE REVIEW BOARD


April 6, Wednesday. From 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Building 1, Room 206.

Ron Chase will address the need for an external Police Review Board; racial profiling; the history of the struggle for external review in Eugene; some components of a viable external review process; and prospects of an external review board being developed in the future. Chase is a member of Communities United for Better Policing (CUBP) a grassroots community group working to create an external review board to monitor complaints against Eugene police.

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Baseball swings into league schedule

Kellen Hobie's eight runs batted in against Green River highlight Titan offense in non-league play

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lane baseball program spent all of the non-league schedule on the road - where they earned a 6-6 record.

Toughness and experience was gained for the young Titan squad, who is favored to battle Mt. Hood for the league title.

"Mt. Hood is the team to beat in the Southern division," Lane coach Rob Strickland said. "I think we can get them."

The Titans first league doubleheader is scheduled for today at 1 p.m. - a make up from the rained out original date (March 29) - against Clackamas.

Strickland is more concerned with the effort and future, than the non-league schedule.

"One thing that needed to come out is finding out who can do what," Strickland said. "Pitching and defense has been very good, especially for a young team."

Kellen Hobie's grand slam and three-run homer provided the boost for a 15-3 victory over host Treasure Valley in the second game of the Gentry Classic on March 12. The win was sandwiched between a Lane win over Green River (2-1) on the opening day and a loss to Green River (6-3) on the final day.

"We had chances to score more runs and win, but what really hurt us was that we made six errors," Strickland said of the championship game.

The Titans picked up an 11-1 non-tournament victory over Caribou of Kamloops before heading to the Columbia Basin Tournament (March 19-22).

Wins over Big Bend (4-3) and Blue Mountain (5-1) started the tournament before a setback against Columbia Basin (6-2).

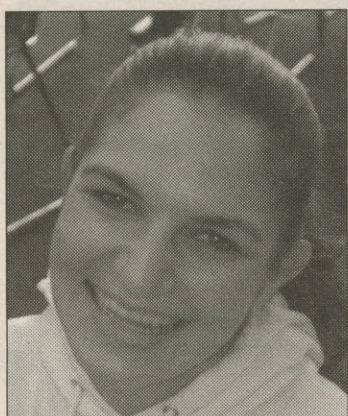
"We walked nine and hit two batters," Strickland said. "They [Columbia Basin] had a bases-loaded double that scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth."

A big inning hurt the Titans the following day as Clackamas scored three runs in the seventh inning to earn a 3-2 win which ended the tournament for Lane.

In their final non-league contest, the Titans wrapped up the schedule with a loss to Spokane Falls (5-1) and a win over Bellevue (3-1) on March 25 at a Mt. Hood tournament.

"We have played well against the better teams, but there were a couple of games that we've squandered away with errors and not driving runs in with men in scoring position," Strickland said. "We are in a good place and are moving forward."

What is the best April Fools prank you've heard?



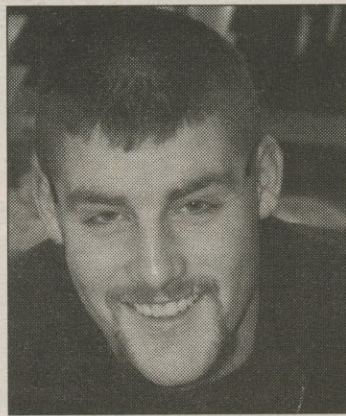
Crystal Dodd
EARLY EDUCATION

Putting Saran Wrap around the toilet seat. That's the worst one I've seen.



Edward Shu
PROGRAMMING

I've seen someone fill a car with newspaper and Saran Wrap the doors so no one could get in.



Kevin Jackson
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Day before my friends wedding we stole his car, tuxedo and wallet. Then we didn't give it back to him until the day of his wedding.



Rosa Chamberlain
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

My mom and dad had gone out one night. When they came home Saturday morning we had stuffed newspaper in clothes like people and put [them] under their sheets.

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Volunteering

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Positions begin in May or June 2005. Work as a member of a survey crew on public improvement and survey projects and can assist higher-level inspectors on such projects. Duties Include: Set survey markers and reflectors; act as a stake, rod, or chain person; work as a flag person; give line; assist in the establishment of lines and grades; check field notes; take before and after cross-sections; help to carry survey equipment and to clear brush; and perform basic elements of fundamental survey and mathematical computations. May assist with the inspection team, measuring and recording related road/bridge construction items. Requires knowledge of basic arithmetic calculations, as well as fundamentals of algebra, plane geometry and trigonometry; ability to perform physical labor in varying weather and terrain; and ability to work extended hours as necessary. Must have equivalent to completion of twelfth grade. One year of para-professional civil engineering or surveying experience is desirable. Equivalent combination of experience and training will also qualify. Applicants must be 18 or over and possess a valid Oregon Drivers License. Also, a Certified Court Print DMV record (a 5 year employment and non-employment driving history) must be attached to the application or faxed to 541-682-4290. It must be dated within 30 days of the date of application, and received by Lane County Human Resources no later than April 13, 2005. **EOE/ADA** For more detailed information about the duties and requirements of these positions and to fill out the **REQUIRED** application and supplemental questionnaire, please visit www.lanecounty.org/jobs or contact Human Resources, 125 E 8th Ave., Eugene, OR 97401. 541-682-3665. Office Hours: 10am - 5pm.

NOTE: Application period opens March 28 and closes April 11 at 5:00 p.m.