

THE TORCH



Teepie leads team

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LCC celebrates Earth Day with festivities

Earth Day Events

Monday, April 18

Presentations and Discussions

- Cascadia Wildlands Project, Oregon Natural Resources Council, and OSPIRG will do a presentation and panel discussion on protecting old growth and mature forests on public lands in the McKenzie River Watershed. 11 a.m. Building 3, Boardroom.
- William L. Sullivan will do a presentation, "Wreckreating or Recreating?" about the McKenzie River Protection Project and hiking in our area. 12 p.m., Building 3, Boardroom.

Music

- Andrew Kurtz Band – powerful elegance, classic riffs mixed with a poppy new sound. 11 a.m., Bristow Square.

Films

- "PickAxe," a documentary film about how a group of dedicated activists can save a forest. 3 p.m., Building 3, Boardroom.

Tuesday, April 19

Presentations and Discussions

- Lane Community College annual Waste Audit. 10 a.m., Bristow Square.
- Green Bag Lunch to learn about composting, led by Anne Donnahue, City of Eugene's Composting Specialist. 12 p.m., lower level behind the Center Building (outside.)
- Green Bag Lunch discussion on peace and sustainability, led by LCC instructor Stan Taylor. 1 p.m., courtyard north of Building 1. Free food and prizes.
- Green Building Seminar: Water Conservation and Rainwater Harvesting. Led by Tammy Stark, coordinator of LCC's rainwater harvesting project. 3 p.m., Building 16, Room 211. David Harris on prose and poetry and turning language into fine art, painting colorful pictures with words and melodies. 11:30 a.m., Bristow Square.

Films

- "Exporting Harm," a documentary look at E-waste, the most rapidly growing waste problem in the world, and where it's being dumped. 3 p.m., Building 1, Room 210.

Music

- Open Drum Circle. Anyone with a drum welcome to come play. 1:30 p.m., Bristow Square.

Wednesday, April 20

Presentations and Discussions

- Green Building Seminar: "Light & Health" – the relationship between providing daylight in schools/offices and the health and productivity of the occupants, led by EWEB. 10 a.m., Building 16, Room 211.
- Green Bag Lunch on reducing car dependency and becoming car-free, led by Jef Stout. 12 p.m., courtyard north of Building 1.
- Green Bag Lunch on the how-to's of using biodiesel fuel for vehicles, led by Sequential Biofuels. 1 p.m., courtyard north of Building 1.

Films

- "End of Suburbia: Oil Depletion and the Collapse of the American Dream." A documentary that explores the American way of life and its prospects as the planet approaches a critical era, as global demand for fossil fuels begins to outstrip supply. 3 p.m., Building 3, Boardroom.

Music

- Armored Frog – music fit for populists and politicians. Experimental Indie Folk. 11 a.m., Bristow Square.
- Fast Computers – modern, percussion-driven pop, Electro Indie Rock. 12:30 p.m., Bristow Square.

Thursday, April 21

Presentations and Discussions

- Green Bag Lunch – defining sustainability and how it applies to every day life. 12 p.m., courtyard north of Building 1.

Films

- "Blue Vinyl." A documentary look at vinyl, the world's second most selling plastic. 3 p.m., Building 3, Boardroom.

Music

- BubblerBros – Reggae/Grassroots. 11:30 a.m., Bristow Square.

Music, films, guest speakers will be on campus April 18-21

THADDEUS WOZNIAK
STAFF WRITER

For the first time LCC will recognize Earth Day with a weeklong celebration during the week of April 18-21.

Many events will be available to students and community members. The events include environmental films, seminars, guest speakers, music, discussion panels, workshops and the Annual Waste Audit. Some events will even provide free prizes and food to those interested.

"I think it's going to be a powerful move toward the students coming closer to the environment," Vice President of ASLCC Shauku Mlijaji said. "Our relationship to the environment is very important."

Senator Moriah Demers began working on the project early Fall Term. "All events are free of charge and completely open the public throughout the entire week," Demers said.

Other events include a drum circle, poetry readings,



EWEB seminars and sustainability workshops

"I'm really excited about the bands," Courtney Anglin of OSPIRG said. Anglin is the Chapter Chairwoman of OSPIRG, an organization that has aided ASLCC with its network of connections. "This is going to be a spectacular event. This is bigger than it ever has been before. A lot of exciting things are going on," Anglin said.

One of the main events is the Annual Waste Audit in Bristow Square. Garbage

is collected throughout the school and brought to the square where it's rummaged through to find recyclables. The purpose for this is to bring attention to how many recyclables go to waste throughout campus.

"It's important to learn more about how sustainability can apply to everyday life. It shows people sustainability isn't difficult but it's a lifestyle that can be fun," Demers says.

Assisting ASLCC is Education for Sustainability, a respected group striving for ecologically sound communities. LCC has recently been recognized by the EFS, and is on the front page of their website at <http://www.efswest.org>.

"I really think people should attend these events," Senator Stewart Contreas said. Contreas is hoping this will show ASLCC's participation in LCC's school activities and events. "There's a lot going on behind the scenes that the students don't know about," Contreas said.

Senate fails to overturn veto

Much debated venue gets the ax in heated debate

ELIZABETH KAHL
PHOTO EDITOR

The ASLCC senate failed to overturn the first presidential veto of the year at its regular meeting on Monday, April 11.

Select members of ASLCC had been planning a student event that was to occur at the end of Spring Term. The event was supposed to feature Portland Wrestling and would have been the first event of its kind at LCC.

The event, first approved by the senate, was vetoed by ASLCC president Tony McCown on April 4.

The senate needed a two-thirds majority to overturn McCown's decision. With eight people voting this meant the senate needed six votes in favor of overturning the veto. After a long and heated discussion, the senate voted 4-3-1 in favor of the veto.

"I don't think it fits the mission of Shauku and me, of ASLCC and of the school," McCown said.

His decision to veto the event was due to concern over funding which consisted of student fees, general student interest and issues concerning the prejudices that surround professional wrestling. One of the event's opponent's big issues was the sexism portrayed by the wrestlers toward women. Student interest was another issue of concern in planning this event. McCown felt there would not be significant student interest.

The event was originally for students but later took on the heading of a family event and a charity event for Looking Glass, an organization that helps run-away children and at-risk youth.

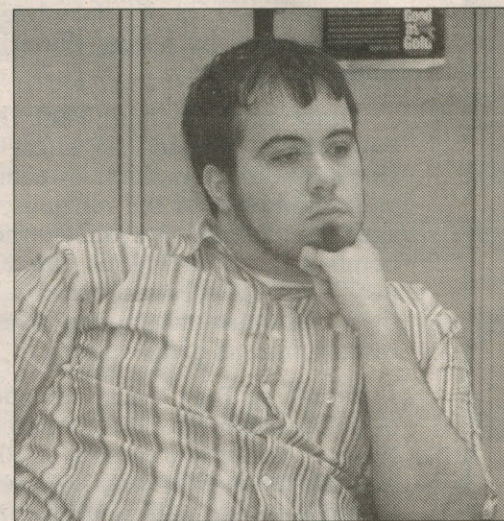


PHOTO BY SKYE HARVEY

ASLCC president Tony McCown listens respectfully in ASLCC's Monday meeting to complaints about his decision to veto an earlier ASLCC decision to hold a wrestling event on campus.

"Charity was second in the decision to attract more of the people who don't normally come to these things," ASLCC Treasurer and one of the event's main planners Ryan Koch said.

Koch and others were hoping that this event would happen for students and their families.

However, concerns were raised as to whether a wrestling event was suitable for families, especially those with young children. Wrestling contains violence, and studies have shown children cannot understand the difference between staged violence and reality, which can lead them to play wrestling and serious injury.

In response to the violence claims,

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Toast to a Rome, Ga. high school that has instituted a system of payment for tips about crime on campus. Students who supply information to the administration about thefts, gun or drug possession can receive anywhere from \$10 to \$100 for the tip, depending on the severity of the allegation. The money comes from candy and soda sales.

Roast to the school bus driver from Osecola County, Fla. who was caught drag racing (in her own car) with her own children. The bus driver, who drives for special needs students, was caught racing her son while her daughter was in the car. The police raid of the drag racing resulted in six arrests and 159 traffic citations.

Toast to the March of Dimes on finding the cure for polio, a crippling disease that presented a major problem for most children before the release of the vaccine on April 12, 1955. Since the vaccine was invented 50 years ago, the polio virus has disappeared from both American continents.

Roast to the recent trend of exceptionally bad driving in Eugene. Over the past few weeks, local drivers have seen highways and streets closed from accidents involving fatalities and amputations, not to mention colossal property damage. Take a tip and start being a little more careful driving. Each time a driver gets behind the wheel, he or she needs to recognize they aren't just risking their own lives by driving recklessly.

Toast to Julia Clark for pushing for more stringent requirements concerning the rescue equipment that river guides carry. Clark's father drowned two and a half years ago in the Rogue River and she feels that the death could have been avoided if the guides were carrying the appropriate rescue tools. Those include: personal flotation devices and an inflatable bag that can be thrown to people struggling in the water. The bill, which will also include more intensive training for the guides, will be on the Senate floor within weeks.

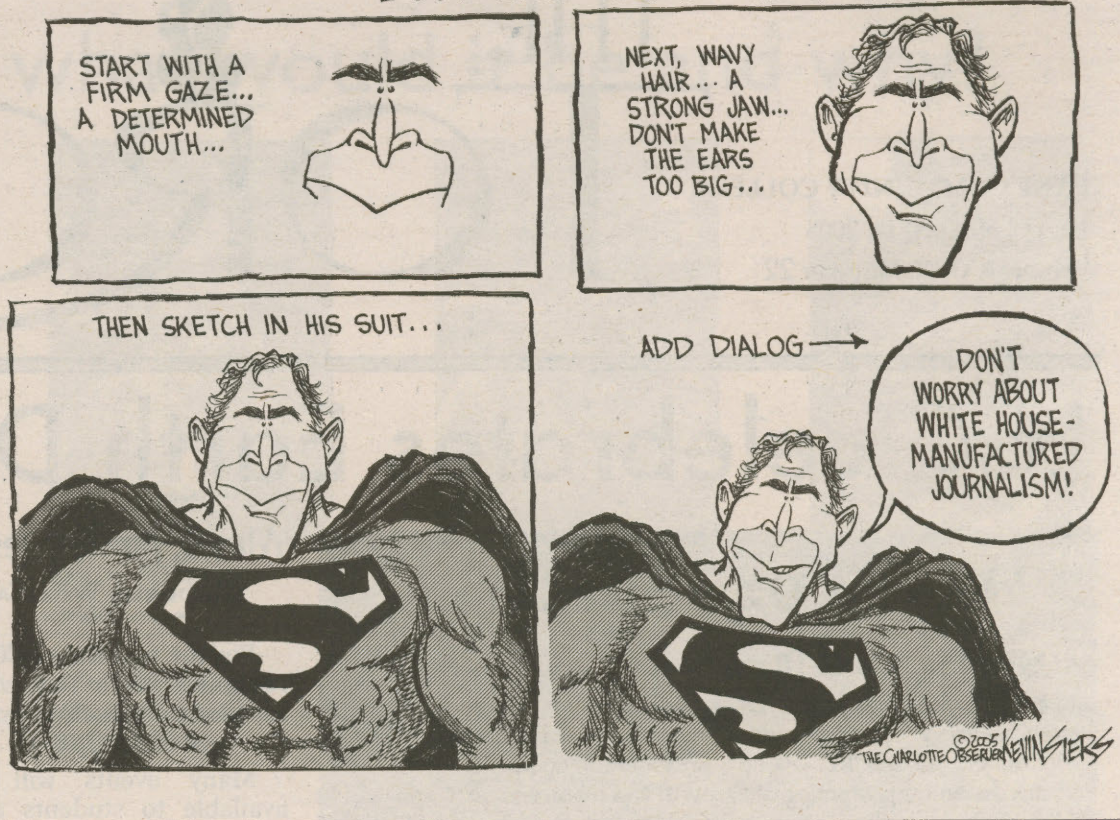
Roast to Senate Bill 435, which would shorten the prison sentences of Oregon inmates so that there is enough room and money to cope with all the prisoners coming into the system. The bill would have people convicted of second degree rape, home invasion and driving under the influence out on the streets as much as a year early. Some inmates are looking at having their sentences cut by as much as one-third of original sentence. Somehow, saving money by letting the criminals out seems counterproductive.

Toast to Pope John Paul II for proving that one solitary human can affect the entire world. Not only did he manage to command the respect and admiration of the religious; he also awed the agnostics. Even the terrorists, who could have easily bombed Rome during his funeral, with millions of people as targets, behaved themselves. The leaders of the world should take notice. John Paul commanded respect, instead of demanding it.

Roast to Tom DeLay for adding to his string of political foul-ups. The congressman and House Majority leader was recently in Rome for the Pope's funeral. DeLay was late, however, because he had to finish up his golf game before he could get to the Vatican. DeLay has long been a thorn in the Republican's side and has had such a bad political reputation that he's actually formed a response team for any negative media coverage, of which he gets quite a bit. How much more will it take for DeLay to resign? Only time can tell.

Toast to the ALSCC Senate for voting down the pro wrestling tour on Monday, April 11. The event would have cost \$4,500 from student funds and, while it was a good idea in theory, was too expensive and appealed to too few students. Hopefully the Senate can find a more appealing, less expensive event to help out the Looking Glass charity.

HOW TO DRAW PRESIDENT BUSH:



Reckless motorcycle driver shouldn't receive community's aid

'Get well soon' fund sends wrong message about carless behavior

On Tuesday, April 5 at about 10:30 p.m. my wife and I were driving on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Eugene on our way to an evening out on the town.

Up ahead we saw a few cars turn in odd directions as if to avoid something in the road, but then the cars just stopped all crooked in the street. The closer we got, it became clear that there was some horrible accident up ahead, and that it would be better to just turn around and find another route. As we went down Garden Way through Commons Dr., back toward the former Centennial Blvd., three patrol cars and one fire truck whooshed by in the opposite direction. A cop car was stationed at the intersection of Marche Chase Rd., and had MLK Blvd. blocked off to eastbound traffic already. It seemed like something big had happened.

It turns out that Kip Elgin was riding a motorcycle at insane speeds and crashed into a car that was making a turn into the Chase Village apartments. The crash was so violent that it ripped his leg off on impact. Kip was piloting the bike so fast that he and the bike were hurled through the air and landed about 100 feet down the road. The white compact car he hit looked like a tree landed on it, and Kip's bike lay in a wadded up heap. The cops blocked off MLK Blvd. so that a Life Flight helicopter could land in the road and whisk him off to the hospital.

At the time, and for the following couple days, I was just mad that someone could be so reckless and endanger the lives of innocent people on the streets. What if he had hit me and my wife, or what if my kids would have been in the car too? Luckily, the people in the other car came away with less critical injuries and will be OK, but he could have just as easily killed them.

Then KMTR had a story on the news that really got me in an uproar. As it turns out, there is a local group of people raising money for Kip, the motorcycle pilot. It turns out good ol' Kip was not only flying his rocket bike at

low altitude, but he was doing so un-insured. So they are raising money so that Kip can pay his medical bills. Unbelievable.

But it gets worse. They continued to describe Kip as a 21-year-old Sheldon High School grad. Then showed two pictures of him: one being his high school yearbook photo and another of him red-nosed with bloodshot eyes clinging onto some girl at what looked like a party. His nickname is "Fizy" and that makes me wonder if he earned

that nickname while doing a keg-stand. KMTR reported that so far no one was being accused of driving while intoxicated at the time of the accident.

Apparently Mr. Elgin was just driving while incredibly stupid.

His buddies Adam Fury and Mark Manning are selling bumper stickers that say "Get well soon Fizy" to help fill poor Kip's medical fund. You can go to a few local banks and make a deposit to help support the reckless biker as well.

Meanwhile, the newscasters don't say anything about the victims of the crime. How are they going to pay to fix their cars since Kip had no insurance? No one has set up a special fund for the victim, and un-insured motorist coverage is only good for medical bills, not property damage. That costs extra, of course. This all means that you, me and every other responsible driver with insurance is going to pay for Kip's good time on the rocket bike, and therefore shall feel exempt from donating to the Kip Elgin medical fund.

So far, KMTR says that the doctors could not re-attach Kip's leg, and that he is in critical condition up at OHSU in Portland. He's lost a lot of blood, and that we should all go donate blood to restock the blood banks that Kip depleted Tuesday night. I'm pretty sure the blood mobile is going to be on campus soon, so now's your chance.

I grew up knowing that I had to be responsible for my own actions. And now there's a whole generation of kids growing up that we are sending a different message to. The message is that if you act incredibly irresponsible, someone else will step in and pick up the bill for you. I won't be sending that message. I feel sorry for the victims of the accident, but Kip? You're on your own, buddy.

Commentary

Chris Flaherty
Columnist



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Earth Day celebration recognized around the world

Tree friendly holiday preserves planet for future generations

April 22, 2005 is the 35th anniversary of Earth Day. A senator from Wisconsin, Gaylord Nelson, concerned with the world he would be leaving his children, organized Earth Day as a protest. I am one of those grown children he was fighting for. I remember the first few Earth Days but not the way I probably should. In those days we hugged trees and thought we did our part. I remember 1970 for other things like the Kent State shootings or the death of Jimi Hendrix (forever "the man") or the almost horrific disaster of Apollo 13. All are pieces of history for me.

Thirty-five years has seen Earth Day grow to be a planet-wide movement. It led to clean water, the protection of endangered species and the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency. That's history for the world. Today over 100 countries participate in celebrating Earth

Day.

I see the results of Gaylord's protest everywhere. Recycling is an everyday occurrence. I do not have to put a trashcan out every week. I put two bins of recyclable items on the curb every week, but a trashcan only once a month. I see trees being favored over the ever-growing cement jungle. I see people finding other modes of transportation and leaving their gas guzzling vehicles at home. I see fewer chemicals being used on vegetation. And I see a celebration every year to commemorate an idea that started as a seed and grew into a planet.

Celebrate Earth Day however you want, but please do celebrate. Every town in every state in almost every country has a myriad of events to enjoy. Raise a glass to Gaylord Nelson and then get involved. The world you save is the one your children will enjoy.

Laura Ralston
COLUMNIST
Opinion

Parking problems denied much deserved staff attention

Ahh, morning, every college student's favorite time of the day. Maybe not, but we deal with it. We force ourselves out of bed, make our best attempt to look decent for the day even after getting up a half-hour late, and then begin the morning commute to school.

We arrive with just enough time to run to class – if only we could find a place to park. Once around the parking lot, no luck. That's okay. We're tough college students, we'll keep our cool and try it again, yet still nowhere. After about 15 minutes of this we start to feel a little frustrated and that's when we begin to ask ourselves one very important question. Why hasn't anyone done anything about the parking problem?

After realizing how late we are for class most of us have to settle for one of the oh-so-glamorous parking spots in the far back gravel lots where we can only hope our car won't sink into one of the enormous, dirty, water-filled pot holes which we will then have to trudge back over in the long hike to pavement and, eventually, our classes. This based on the assumption that we can actually make it through the parking lot in one piece to be able to get to our classes.

The combination of poorly marked parking lots and not-always-so-safe college drivers, it's amazing we all actually make it to our classes everyday. If administration at LCC insists on crowding so many cars into so few spots the least they could do is make the parking lots safe. This is definitely not the case.

The lots are filled with confusingly marked spots and stops in addition to potholes and speed bumps in the most ridiculous places. For example, the set of three speed bumps on the way up the hill to the back parking lot from the front parking lot. It's up hill. Some college students are lucky just to afford a car that makes it up hill at all; adding speed bumps to the equation doesn't help.

So, with all the problems there is with parking why hasn't something been done about it? There have been some proposals, two in particular that seem very reasonable: build a parking garage or car-pool. What an easy solution to the problem. It would be paved, easy to light and wouldn't require students to take a 10-minute walk to class.

So, it makes sense. Why not do it? Well, some people at LCC seem to think that a parking garage would make the campus look too urban. Hum, too urban.

This seems odd to me, seeing that the entire campus consists of a number of multiple-story concrete buildings, which, in themselves, look pretty urban to me.

The parking problem just keeps getting worse and building more single-story lots would require cutting into the forest area around campus, which, it seems, would make the campus look more urban than adding a second story to the back parking lot that would add hundreds of new spaces.

Now students are left stuck. The administration refuses to build more spots, so what can we do about it. Well, a car-pooling system would be nice.

Unfortunately, there isn't really a reliable one set up. This brings up the next question: If school officials refuse to build more spots why wouldn't they help students make the best of those existing?

Setting up a really efficient car pooling system to LCC would take a lot of time and thought. These two things students don't have a lot of left over after classes and other daily tasks. So, why can't the school designate someone on staff to create such a working system?

Simply answered, because they don't care. They're not the ones bearing the brunt of an angry professor's evil eye when they are ten minutes late for class because they had to park out in Timbuktu. Besides, running out of their offices at 5 p.m. makes it easy to miss the dark trudge back to their cars.

Elizabeth Kahl
PHOTO EDITOR
Opinion

Time keeps on moving forward

Next month is May, and there is a Friday the 13 in it. There will be a black cat in the dark room. There will also be honeybees in the dark room. Next month we'll vote again, and not so long down the road is November.

Too many movies are rated R nowadays. Listen to music; don't worry, be happy. Play cards, like Go Fish or Poker or Jumbo Pinochle. My toothbrush is jumbo, too.

Bi-Mart has been open for 50 years now. They will stay open into the next life, or the 21 Century, either one. Thank you, Bi-Mart.

Maruchan Instant Lunch is always very good, but you have to eat with caution



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John Mackwood
Columnist

and handle the hot container carefully, especially when serving it to children. California Original since 1914. 2005 – 1914 = 91 years. Mother's cookies go well with English tea because they are proper cookies. New Mother's cookies are coming in soon, in the next few years. Probably in 2014.

Time keeps on moving and it will be the future very soon. But take a week or a month. I am concerned about my work and I try very hard to be a good journalist. I take my work very seriously and am always writing very carefully.

For Your Information

FYI...

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

APRIL 15 AND 18

Sign up early for the blood drive to get the time that best fits your schedule. If you're eligible and want to donate, please call or e-mail Judy Ann Fuller at ext. 5564 or fullerj@lanecc.edu with your preferred appointment time. Volunteers are still needed to staff the check-in table on both days, so if you'd like to work an hour shift, please call or e-mail Pete Peterson at 344-0486 or pete97405@yahoo.com

WOMEN'S CENTER FRIDAY VIDEO

"In The White Man's Image" will be shown Friday, April 15, at noon in the Women's Center, Building 1, Room 202. The video addresses the establishment of boarding schools for Indian children and the cultural losses they experienced. Students who attended help tell the story and the consequences. Contact: Jill Bradley.

SCHAFER GRANT WRITING TIPS FOR RECOVERING ACADEMICS

Be careful not to write sentences that sound pretty but don't say anything. "We will put the project to the test by studying factors that have some opportunity of enhancement of its various facets to lead to successful working partnership." Huh? How about this? "Project evaluation will include a pre- and post-questionnaire of participants with questions specifically designed to measure their perceptions of the effectiveness of the college partnership." Deadline is May 1. To apply go to www.lanecc.edu/foundation/schaferawards.htm.

RECRUITING STUDENT SERVICE ASSOCIATES

The Counseling Department and Career and Employment Services are encouraging students to apply for Student Services Associate positions for the 2005-2006 year. SSAs are Lane students who work 10-15 hours per week, primarily assisting students with career information and employment resources in CES, as well as helping students with enrollment, class scheduling and ExpressLane functions. Interested students should come to CES, Building 1, Room 102 to sign up on the interest sheet. Information sessions will be held on Friday, April 15 from 1-2 p.m. in Building 1, Room 222 and Tuesday, April 19 from 3-4 p.m. If students cannot attend a session, they can pick up application materials starting April 15 in CES. The application deadline is Friday, April 29 at 5 p.m. Please help us get the word out about these highly coveted and rewarding student positions. Questions can be directed to Beth Landy, ext. 5295 or Tammy Simpson, ext. 5296.

COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT FOR LATINO STUDENTS

LCC and Springfield Public Schools have teamed up to offer a college information night for Latino/a middle and high school students on May 11, 5:30-8 p.m. at Springfield High School. The bilingual English/Spanish event is called Infórmate, Prepárate, Educate para el colegio/ Inform yourself, Prepare yourself, Educate yourself for college and will feature student speakers, entertainment, snacks and college information. There will also be an awards ceremony to recognize outstanding Latino/a students in Lane County, acknowledging their unique contributions and motivating them to take el paso siguiente (the next step). ¿Preguntas?/Questions? Karen Edmonds, 463-5688 or edmondsk@lanecc.edu

BUDDHIST RETREAT

The Eugene Buddhist Priory will be holding an introductory day retreat offering instruction in Buddhist practice. Retreat includes seated and walking meditation, a vegetarian meal, class on daily mindfulness practice and questions and answers. For more information call Rev. Master Oswin at 344-7377.

LAST WEEKEND TO SEE "A MIDSUMMERS NIGHT'S DREAM"

Lane theater arts program and the Student Production Association continue Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Friday and Saturday, April 15-16 at 8 p.m. and an extra matinee showing at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 16. For tickets and more information, contact the Box Office, ext. 5694.

GALLERY PRESENTS WORKS BY GERMAINE BENNETT

Lane's art department gallery is proud to present works by Germaine Bennett. The theme of "Nora's Bar" is the focus of this show of prints, watercolors and ceramic pieces. The art department gallery is located in Building 11. The show will continue through April 19. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Contact Mary Jo Workman, ext. 5409.

Veterans teach how to win

Lane baseball program is alive and ready to repeat last season's championship performance

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

It is finally baseball season and the Lane Titans are back for another swing toward the championship.

There are no more financial worries. The baseball program isn't scheduled to be cancelled at the end of the season and the weather has been nice enough for the Titans to practice on the baseball field — rather than in a gym during the off season.

Lane's first double-header of the season is Saturday at Lower Columbia, beginning at 1 p.m.

With only eight returning players from last season's NWAACC (Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges) championship team, the coaching staff is bringing along the heralded freshmen class quickly.

"I think the biggest thing that we have this year is our flexibility," Lane coach Rob Strickland said. "The freshmen class is very talented. They have adapted very well to our coaching philosophy and coaching style."

Matt Duryea, from Coos Bay, Ore., highlights the freshmen class.

"He is an unorthodox left-handed pitcher,"

Strickland said. Duryea's most active pitch has been his fastball.

"When he throws it for a strike, he throws it hard and with a lot of movement," Strickland said.

Sophomore Tyler Brown, who will battle Duryea for the team's top pitching role, emphasizes how important it is for the Titans to pitch well this season.

"Pitching is where every game is won or lost," Brown said. "If you don't have guys up there throwing strikes, you aren't going to win."

The pitching staff isn't the only area that has added strength. Sophomore infielder Sean Martin believes the winning teams will have the best defense.

"We have a good defensive team with the pitchers and the defense behind them," Martin said. "We almost have a better defensive team than we did last year."

"We are the team that everybody wants to beat," Martin said. "Overall, we have the talent to repeat. It is whether we can mesh together."

The test will be answered as the Titans face off against one of the best teams in the NWAACC and the team they faced in last season's championship game — Lower Columbia.

"Everybody is itching to go," Titan outfielder Kellen Hobie said. "We will have our one and two guys pitching. It is going to take pitching and hitting to get them on the road."

Titans storm the field

Throwers, distance runners lead the charge at Oregon Mini Meet

BRYAN WILLIFORD
STAFF WRITER

The Lane track and field squad took the Oregon Mini Meet as a chance to improve on the season's early times and marks. The athletes in the field events led the charge, as the Titans took advantage of the early 9:30 a.m. start time.

Judith Burnett was a double winner in the shot put (39 feet - 4 1/2 inches) and in the discus (140 feet - 4 inches). Emily Brown won the hammer throw at 159 feet - 4 inches, and finished second in the discus at a mark of 127 feet - 7 inches.

Keegan Burnett won the men's pole vault competition, clearing a height of 15 feet even. This height was an improvement of over four feet from his victory in the Clark dual meet on

April 2.

Chris Duffitt secured a win in the triple jump (41 feet - 4 1/2 inches), and Tyler Richardson captured second in the javelin (172 feet - 1 inch).

Highlights from the track included Tyler Gifford's first-place time of 23.40 in the men's 200-meter race and A.J. Casteel's second-place finish (1:55.43) in the 800. Clint Hickey placed second in the 400 hurdles in a time of 58:29 and Matt Barnhart finished second in the 5000 (15:22.20).

On the women's side, Katie Gilbert placed second in the 5000 (18:21.35) and Monica Teeple finished fifth in the 400 at 1:01.76.

The Titans return to action Saturday, April 16, when they travel to Oregon City to participate in the Cougar Invitational.

Women's soccer coach resigns

After a month on the job at Lane, Kiester takes a Division-II position in the Midwest; search launched

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Jon Kiester has stepped down as the Lane women's soccer coach. Kiester, who was hired less than five weeks ago, phoned in his resignation to Lane athletic director Sean MonDragon on Monday, April 11.

"It was pretty quick, pretty basic and there wasn't much conversation," MonDragon said.

Details were not released and Kiester was unable to be contacted for comment.

MonDragon immediately began making phone calls and sending e-mails to earlier candidates who were interested in the position. He also received some fresh inquiries.

"The sooner the better," said MonDragon of when he hopes to have a new coach hired. "But we also want to make sure that the person is right for the job."

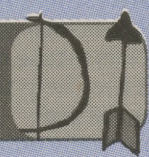


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Heptathlete proves faith can move mountains

Teeple has conquered more in life than on the track

BRYAN WILLIFORD
STAFF WRITER

For anyone who has walked by Monica Teeple on campus, there is one trait that stands out: her infectious smile, which usually brims from ear to ear.

Teeple is the Titan's top returning scorer in the women's heptathlon with a mark of 4,114 points at last year's NWAACC championship meet. However, a different score should speak louder in the life of Monica Teeple.

Teeple: 2 - Stomach Cancer: 0.

In the fall of 2002, shortly after the start of her academic career at Lane, Teeple was diagnosed with stomach cancer. At first she was in shock, which was soon absorbed by flat-out denial.

"I still felt strong physically and at first I thought it was all a joke when I heard the news on Nov. 25, [2002]," Teeple said. "But the following day I rushed up to Portland and began treatment immediately."

Having to take incomplete grades for her fall schedule seemed to be the least of Teeple's worries. Soon the treatments were leading to stomach problems. Then, the first outward physical signs followed for her, as the loss of hair brought cancer full circle.

With the cancer now almost two and a half years in remission, Teeple issues credit to her mother for keeping the Teeple home under control. She also thanks her doctors for the support and work that they were able to accomplish during her treatments. Teeple has a firm faith in spirituality that pressed her through the difficult times, and her teammates on the track have taken notice.

"I wish more people had a chance to get to know Monica," Lane sprinter Paris Ramsey said. "People can learn a lot from what she has been through. We need more people like her in this world. She really is a source of strength for this team."

Fellow teammate Jaala Osban credits Teeple's leadership skills for her own development.

"Monica helped to teach me how to keep my weight forward in the long jump event, and not to lean backward when I jumped," Osban said. "She is one of our team captains and she is just a good leader for the rest of us."

Lane coach Grady O'Connor agrees.

"Monica isn't a vocal leader, but instead



Monica Teeple lands in a spray of sand at the long jump event. Teeple is Lane's top returning scorer in the women's heptathlon. She's also a stomach cancer survivor who plans to write a book for younger people about her health experiences.

PHOTOS BY JAMES GRANT

she leads by example and in her work ethic," O'Connor said.

Teeple has deep aspirations for her life after track and field, where she hopes to either educate middle or high school students, or practice some form of medicine. In addition, Teeple hopes to someday have a book published, focusing on help for teenagers and young adults in dealing with the battles of cancer.

"When I was going through my treatments there wasn't a lot of helpful books for people that were my age," Teeple said. "I mostly found books that help to parent children through the struggles of cancer. I believe my experiences could help others in the fight."

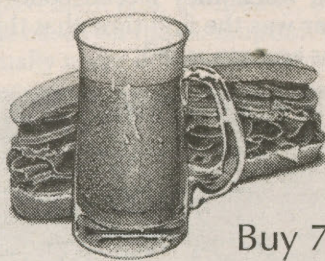
For this season, Teeple wants to top the 4,400

point barrier in the NWAACC heptathlon meet, held May 13-14 along with the Southern Region championship at Lane.

When she isn't consumed with school and track responsibilities, Teeple can be found in numerous other places. You might find her off the Oregon Coast, where she has been known to surf. Or in one of the Willamette Valley's many campsites, because she is an avid outdoor lover. The second-year athlete enjoys watching the TV show "The Simpsons" and listening to country western and Jimmy Buffet music as well.

Her to do list today seems much more simplistic than the adversity she has already defeated. Monica Teeple is an easy person to root for on the track and in life.

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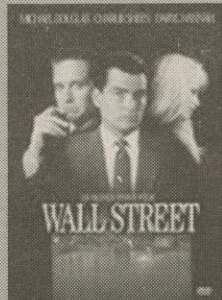
Oceans Eleven (2001)

This movie features eleven men trying to rob a series of casinos in Las Vegas. The movie has a great cast who really keep the suspense alive until they reveal what has really been going on at the very end. The twists and turns make the movie interesting and entertaining as well as making a surprise ending.



Wall Street (1987)

Charlie Sheen plays Bud Fox in this movie about a stockbroker who is willing to do anything to get to the top. He even gets in so far that he gets involved with illegal and shady money deals as well as emerging himself in the underground life of fast money and fast women.



A Perfect Murder (1998)

When his business is ready to fall through a desperate husband, played by Michael Douglass, plots to kill his cheating wife, played by Gwyneth Paltrow, for her money. Not wanting to do the deed himself Douglass's character heirs the Paltrow lover to do it for him. In the end she lives, but her men are not so lucky.



6 Professor Ronald Takaki to visit LCC campus

Reading Together hosts lecture, book signing, art show reception

JORDAN LAIRD
STAFF WRITER

Acclaimed diversity scholar, Professor Ronald Takaki will visit LCC's campus Thursday, April 21.

Takaki will lecture on a topic entitled, "America in a Different Mirror: Re-Visioning Our Nation's Past." A book signing event and a question and answer session will follow the lecture. Takaki will also attend Reading Together's Student Art Show Reception.

Takaki expressed excitement about his upcoming visit to LCC and he was not the only one.

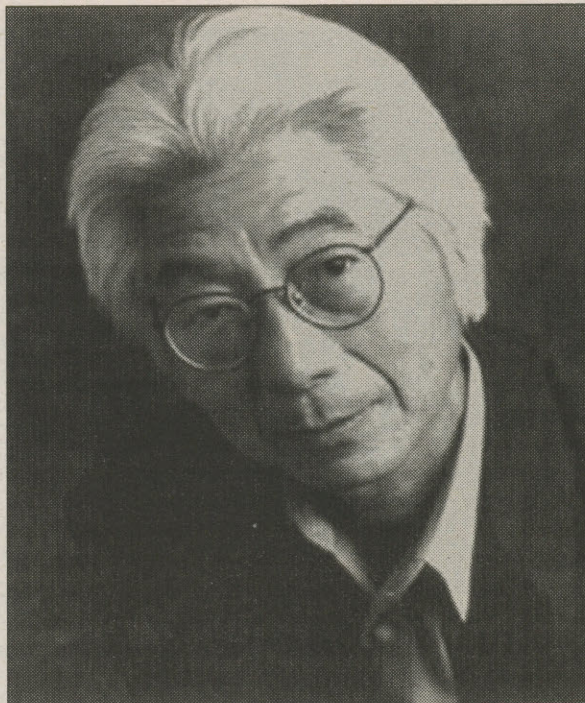
"I'm really excited, and this is a terrific gift for Lane," Ellen Cantor, head of LCC Reading Together program, said. "This will be a terrific learning experience for everyone at the college and the community."

The Reading Together project chose Takaki's novel "A Larger Memory: A History of Our Diversity with Voices," as one of its two book selections this year.

For his novel, Takaki gathered stories that had not been taught before. Some of them came from his job at the University of California, Berkeley.

"Ronald Takaki helps honor those different voices. He helps present them so we can hear and learn and think and feel others," Cantor added.

"I had to dig. Go through archives, oral histories, immigration archives, all the way from



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Ronald Takaki, author of "A Larger Memory," will speak to Lane faculty, staff and students on April 21 as part of the Reading Together program.

1900," Takaki said. "These life stories encourage my students to find their own history, some that they may not even know."

But not all of the stories came from his research.

Planned appearances

Thursday, April 21

• 10 – 11:30 a.m., Building 6, Performance Hall

Takaki will present a lecture entitled "America in a Different Mirror: Re-Visioning Our Nation's Past."

• 2 – 3:30 p.m. Building 6, Performance Hall

Takaki will hold a Q & A session.

• 3:30 – 5 p.m., Building 11, LCC Art Gallery

Takaki will attend the Reading Together Student Art Show Opening Reception.

"Three of the stories are from my students. I try to give them interesting ways of doing research, and they accomplished it," Takaki said.

Not only is Takaki one of the foremost teachers of ethnic studies, he has also helped shape policy for the Clinton White House and Vice President Al Gore.

"I was very impressed with the way both men presented themselves about ethnicity. I had two

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Churchill High students to converge on campus

Lane offers high school students from diverse backgrounds perspectives about college life

GASTON FIGUEROA
STAFF WRITER

Students from Churchill High School will visit the Lane campus on Friday, April 15, to prepare for college by meeting staff and students.

The event is part of the program Lane to Your Future, organized by the high school and the Community Relations office in cooperation with Diversity Coordinator Jim Garcia and Multicultural Center staff.

The program focuses on students from diverse populations in high schools with the goal of informing them about college in general and about opportunities such as financial aid.

Lane to Your Future "is an effort to provide information to folks who

really, for some reason, are not receiving [it]," Garcia said. According to Garcia, minority students in high schools are not well informed about college, and that discourages them from attending.

"There are a lot of attitudes . . . in the school districts whether they don't like a person because they are black or they don't like a person because they are gay or lesbian . . . and students don't get the information [about college]," Garcia said.

Garcia feels that LCC's vision of diversity is very inclusive.

"It's beyond just students of color," he said. Lane's core values and diversity plan, "speak to those folks who are excluded from opportunities because of the isms in our society."

He went on to explain that those isms could be related to race, gender and disability-related issues.

Included in the agenda for the high school students' visits to Lane are a tour of campus, a visit to the Multicultural Center, a presentation about admissions and other programs, as well as a panel with Lane students.

The high school students will also attend a college class that day to provide them with a sense of college life. The visit "is really experiential [and] interactive," Garcia said.

LCC will also host a program of summer academies focused on middle and high school students from the community, called Rites of Passage. The program has four components: African American Rites of Passage, Pan Asian American Rites of Passage, UMISTA Native American Rites

of Passage and Puertas Abiertas Latino/Latina Rites of Passage. The summer academies provide courses on literature, writing and history designed for each specific culture to give students an enriched sense of culture.

"What we are set out to do is to teach them [the students] about their own culture . . . about their own history," Connie Mesquita, Multicultural Center Coordinator and Coordinator of Puertas Abiertas said.

Mesquita also said that this program encourages its participants to attend college because it exposes them to a college atmosphere. Mesquita added that another goal intended for Rites of Passage is that students who attended the summer academies would end up assisting teachers when they attend college. Last year was the first time that this goal was accomplished.

Reduce, re-use and recycle

After a year in running, supporters call composting program successful

ELIZABETH KAHL
FOR THE TORCH

Everyone is familiar with the term reduce, re-use and recycle. At LCC it's taken to a new level with a composting system designed to be a mix of all three.

The project for composting on LCC campus began just over a year ago. Since then, over six tons of vegetable waste has been saved from the garbage and converted into over four tons of useful compost.

Mike Sims, recycling and surplus property coordinator said, "The wonderful thing about this project is that we're doing it all right here on campus."

During their prep time students in the foodservices department are saving their vegetable scraps in buckets, which at the end of the day get taken out to put into a composting machine.

"We take out four to five buckets of scraps a day," Greg Winslow, one of the head chefs for the culinary department, said.

The scrapes are mixed with woodchips and sawdust, which come from the nearby woodworking department on campus. For like Winslow said, "This is the combined effort of a bunch of people." The combination of woodchips

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TRiO gains large grant due to student success

LCC's program is in the top ten percent nationally

NATHAN KIRBY-GLATKOWSKI
FOR THE TORCH

LCC's TRiO Learning Center received a \$1.25 million grant for the next five years from the Department of Education for ranking in the top ten percent of TRiO programs in the country.

"Our Learning Center is consistently one of the best performers nationwide. We got this extended grant because of our success rate and our well-written grant request," Mary Parthemer, director of LCC's TRiO said.

TRiO is a federally-funded program that generally receives its grants in four-year increments. The Department of Education recognizes exceptional TRiO programs by awarding them with five-year grants.

According to Parthemer, nearly 89 percent of students in the TRiO program earned a grade point average above 3.0 in the 2002-2003 school year, compared to 71 percent of TRiO eligible students not in the program who received a grade point average above 3.0.

Student retention rates between the 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 school years were 15 percent higher for TRiO students compared to students eligible for TRiO but not in the program.

TRiO was originally a three-part program introduced during President Lyndon B. Johnson's administration to help middle school students, high school students, and college students from particular backgrounds to succeed with education.

TRiO has since evolved and is



Nursing student Dee Lauzon takes advantage of study-related resources available in the TriO Learning Center. Lauzon has relied on Lane's TriO program for tutoring since 2002.

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ELIZABETH KAHL

also known as Student Support Services. Students in the program receive individual tutoring, personal counseling, mentoring, career and academic advising, transfer assistance, special workshops and classes and specific study groups.

The staff of TRiO is committed to intensive personal advising of its students, says Parthemer. They help by keeping in frequent direct touch and working with each student's individual needs throughout their educations.

"We help students graduate," Parthemer said.

"It's [TRiO] very beneficial, come sign up," says Dee Lauzon, a Nursing student who has been in TRiO since Spring of 2002. Lauzon is the first

of her immediate family to attend college and has relied heavily on TRiO for tutoring with math, writing and anatomy.

TRiO also directly teaches some classes at LCC that are designed to help a student with life- and school issues. Lauzon took Coping with Stress and Eliminating Self Defeating Behaviors and says that both have helped her significantly in her personal life and as a student.

As it is a personnel driven organization, nearly all of TRiO's \$250,000 yearly federal budget goes to payroll. LCC provides the space and support, and the rest of the federal budget covers office supplies and miscellaneous materials.

Students eligible for TRiO must meet the following requirements: be a United States citizen or permanent resident; be enrolled or accepted for enrollment at Lane; be seeking a two-year degree at Lane, or plan to transfer to a four-year college or university; and must have parents who did not receive college degrees, or qualify for financial aid, or have a documented physical or learning disability.

The TRiO office is in Building 1, Room 219, and since only 200 students are admitted each term, interested students who meet the criteria should stop by their office or check out the website for more information. www.lanec.edu/stuser/trio.htm

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dinners at Mr. Gore's home, and he wanted ideas for his campaign. We talked for a very long time about ethnicity in today's America," Takaki stated.

But he felt that he had a bigger impact on President Clinton.

"When President Clinton was able to come to California, I said you've gone from the majority to the minority. Welcome to the club," quipped Takaki, who is the grandson of an immigrant Japanese Hawaiian plantation farmer.

The professor has been described by the Los Angeles Times as a minority everyman, a rare hybrid and a multicultural scholar.

Takaki has written 11 books and has received many awards, including Cornell

University's Distinguished Messenger Lectureship, the university's most prestigious lecturer appointment.

Along with many awards from Berkeley, his course, Ethnic Studies 130, "The Making of Multicultural America," provided the conceptual framework for the bachelors program and the doctoral program in Comparative Ethnic Studies as well as for the school's multicultural requirement for graduation.

Born in Hawaii in 1939, Takaki went to high school in Oahu, and graduated from College of Wooster in 1961. Six years later received his doctorate in American History from UC Berkeley.

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"Then the compost is used in flower beds, the herb garden and wherever it's needed on campus," Sims said.

"The final project is very nice and our contribution of four tons is a pretty great thing on campus," Winslow said as he reflected on the work he and many others in the foodservice department put into the project.

Those involved feel the project has been very successful and that it was worth any work put into it. Originally, the foodservices staff had to get out of their normal routines of throwing all waste away and into a new habit of saving what what would, but Winslow said, "It was pretty easy to get started and not to much extra work."

Both Sims and Winslow hope the project will be able to expand and someday hope to buy another composting machine. In the plan while one is in its waiting period the other can still be in use. Hopefully with the extra space, all the kitchens on campus could recycle the vegetable waste instead of adding to the already high amount of waste LCC produces.

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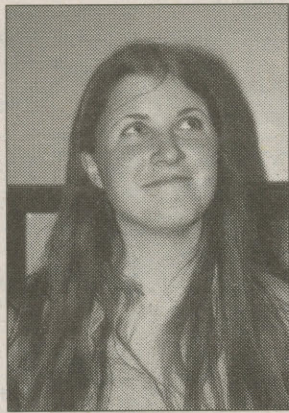
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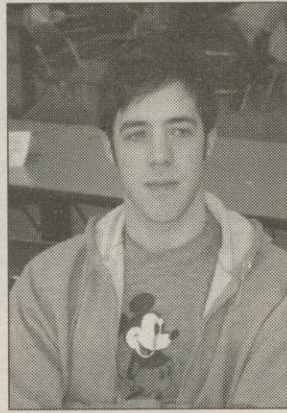
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some senate members responded that ASLCC was not responsible if parents who chose to bring their children.

McCown responded by saying, "We want to call this a family event, but we say we're not responsible if people bring their children."

Not only was McCown forced to defend his position on the wrestling, but he was also accused of threatening senators to try to persuade their votes. According to McCown, the accusations stem from him telling senators that the vote would affect their election status in the upcoming election and could persuade students not to vote in favor of them.

"I never made anything close to a threat," McCown said, adding, "There is no evidence that I threatened them."

Allegations made against McCown early in the discussion were later dropped and apologies were made for the frustration as well as a break down in communication and rumors among ASLCC members.

"At first, I thought the work [put into planning] was a waste of time, but in the long run I don't think so because the event will still happen," Koch said. He plans to continue the event without the financial support of ASLCC.

Koch holds no hard feelings toward McCown for his decision to veto the event

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