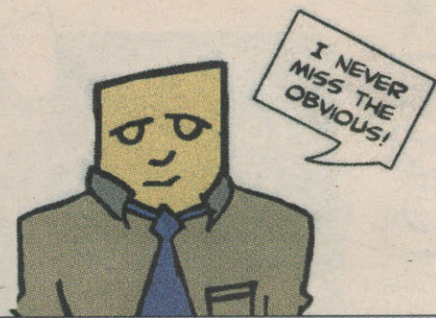




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LCC \$300,000 in the hole?

Administration makes plans to deal with small next year deficit

GASTON FIGUEROA
STAFF WRITER

New projections for the Lane Community College Budget for the fiscal year 2005-2006 indicate that there may be a deficit to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The expected shortfall will be \$300,000; that is, LCC's expenditure will be \$300,000 more than the revenues received next year.

"We believe our funding next year will be sufficient to continue the programs and services offered this year through next year," Marie Matsen, Vice President for College Operations said. According to Matsen, the LCC Budget Committee calls this the "status quo."

The budget committee met on Wednesday, May 11, for the first time to discuss the financial plans for next year. Matsen clarified that "in a budget of \$80 million, that's [\$300,000 is] a pretty small deficit."

According to Matsen, this shouldn't be a problem for LCC because the college is required by Board policy to have funds carried over to the next year's budget. These funds are used to cover the projected deficit for next year. But Matsen emphasized that

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Ditchin' classes?



PHOTO BY JAMES GRANT

South Eugene High School student Jake Soward flipped his car while driving too fast around the corner onto 30th Avenue towards Eugene. "The bumper broke. It was the only thing I liked about the car," Soward said. Public Safety reported to the scene and then left. "They gave me a card and told me to call if I wanted to file a report," Soward said. Soward, 17, is planning to attend LCC as a computer science major Fall Term 2005.

Students offer 'Hope' through song

Audio engineering students create inspirational DVD

SKYE HARVEY
MANAGING EDITOR

Several students of the audio engineering series at LCC desire more than experience and grades. Tim Cherryholmes, Tom Adams, Jackie Molen and Vince Ary are producing and engineering "The Hope Song" as part of the Hope Project, an idea that Cherryholmes first conceived last year.

Believing that the world is in short supply of positive outlets, Cherryholmes began searching for a way to help.

"All you have to do is read the newspaper to see how bad things are," he said.

He finally settled on the Hope Project, trusting that hope can extend beyond religious boundaries and appeal to the masses.

Cherryholmes' dream of the Hope Project is more than a song; the final product will be a DVD with six to seven minutes of video, courtesy of Laura Ralston, as well as "The Hope Song."

"What I see happening here is just the first step," Ary said. "If we learn to communicate and work together and then expand that, we'll go farther."

The group is currently half way through the tracking process with "The Hope Song," but completion of the song does not necessarily indicate completion of the project.

After compiling the DVD, the group plans to send it across the globe, free of charge, to its recipients. Group members are giving as much as possible from their own pockets, but they hope to receive enough donations to make the task feasible.

"At first, I thought [Cherryholmes] was biting off more than he could chew, but before this term began he was drawing up proposals

and plans," instructor Melissa Stark said. "He showed me that he was serious and I'm looking forward to the end product."

The hope song exhibits the talents of several students and staff members of LCC, including Stark herself.

"As a vocalist, I'm really excited to perform, and I think it's great that they are encouraging students and faculty to participate," Stark said.

Not only does the song include performances from people at LCC, but also the performances actually occurred in a "real, professional studio" on the campus.

"We all thank Ed [McManus] so much because it was his idea to build a recording studio," Cherryholmes said.

McManus has been highly involved with the Hope Project and students' appreciation abounds.

"It's been a real pleasure to be around someone who really appreciates music and wants to see young people thrive," Adams said.

Although McManus assisted the group, The Hope Project is really a final project for Stark's Audio Engineering series. The three-term series comes to a close with final projects during Spring Term.

"You learn the technical stuff... and learn to work the equipment that is standard in most professional studios," Stark said. "It's really a great class."

To kick off the Hope Project, Cherryholmes and his fellow musical engineers will host a benefit concert in Bristow Square.

The concert will feature three solo performers as well as two local bands, Silas and Downstream, in addition to the debut of "The Hope Song."

The concert will run from 11 a.m. through 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 26. The concert will be free, but donations will benefit the Hope Project.

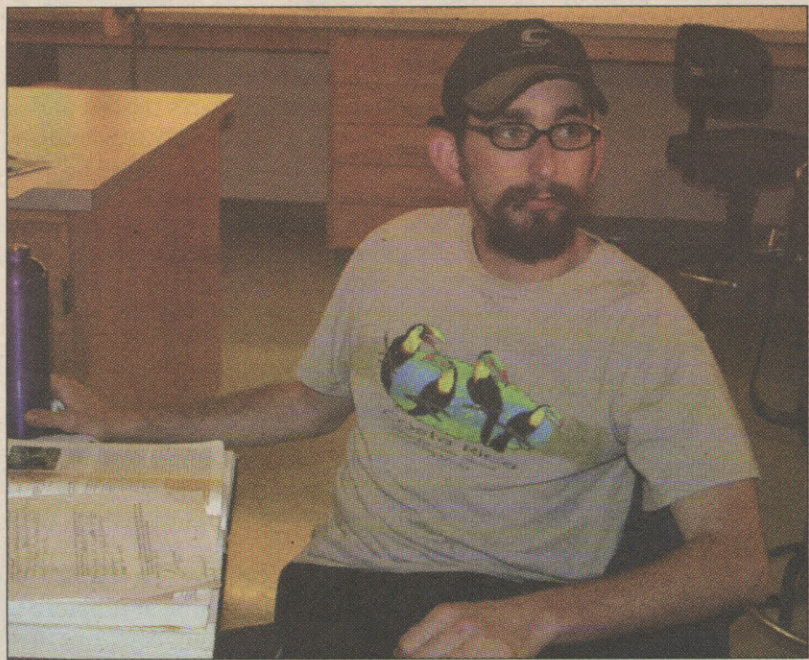


PHOTO BY ELIZABETH KAHL

Ephraim Payne, who tutors in the science resource center, was one of the recently chosen students to receive the Jack Kent Cooke scholars award.

LCC student named Jack Kent Cooke scholar

Ephraim Payne battles childhood obstacles with education to beat the odds against him

SKYE HARVEY
MANAGING EDITOR

Three cents is three percent of a dollar. The weight of a newborn is roughly three percent of the average adult's weight. Gamblers should be quick to avoid games of three percent odds, but sometimes beating the odds is about more than chance.

Mathematically, Ephraim Payne stood a three percent chance of being one of the 25

Jack Kent Cooke scholars chosen from a pool of 791 students, but because of his perpetual dedication to progression and education, Payne beat the odds.

For the first 10 years of his life, Payne grew up in what he calls a "Christian cult."

"I was separated from my mother at a very, very young age for many months because she didn't want to keep nursing me. There's a lot of power dynamics

see EPHRAIM page 5



Roast to Newsweek magazine for printing an article on Monday, May 9 about alleged desecration of the Quran by the U.S. military intelligence personnel at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Newsweek acknowledged errors in its report and offered an apology to the families of U.S. servicemen killed and injured in riots in Afghanistan spawned by the article. Newsweek retraced the article on Tuesday, May 17, but there are still 16 people dead from the riots.

Toast to the Kuwaiti government for finally approving political rights for women. For the first time in the nation's 45 year history of independence, women will have the right to vote in all parliamentary elections. Kuwait's next parliamentary election will be held in 2007.

Roast to Vicente Fox, President of Mexico, for taking a page from the George W. Bush book by saying something ridiculous near recorders. Fox commented that America needs Mexicans because they will do the jobs "not even blacks" will do. It's pretty clear Fox didn't mean it as a racial slur, but someone in his position needs to be more careful about what he says, even if he thinks he's making a joke.

Roast to the pilot of the private plane that "got confused" and ended up flying in the no-fly zone over the White House. The tiny Cessna plane flew within three miles of the White House, causing Nancy Reagan and the First Lady to be crammed in the White House basement while F16 jets escorted the plane to a nearby airport. The alarm wasn't too high, though, because the President didn't hear about it until he'd gotten back from a bike ride.

Toast to the University of Oregon's men's track team for winning the Pac-10 championship without a head coach. Headed into the tournament as underdogs, the team fought to overcome the favored host Bruins by a 17 and a half point margin.

Roast to bicyclists who do not understand how to navigate the streets. Bikes are obligated by law to obey all the same laws as cars, but it's not uncommon to see spandex-sporting cyclists swerving all over the street, going the wrong way on one-way streets, cutting cars off at turns and stoplights, and various other offenses. Not only is this illegal behavior annoying, it's also extremely unsafe.

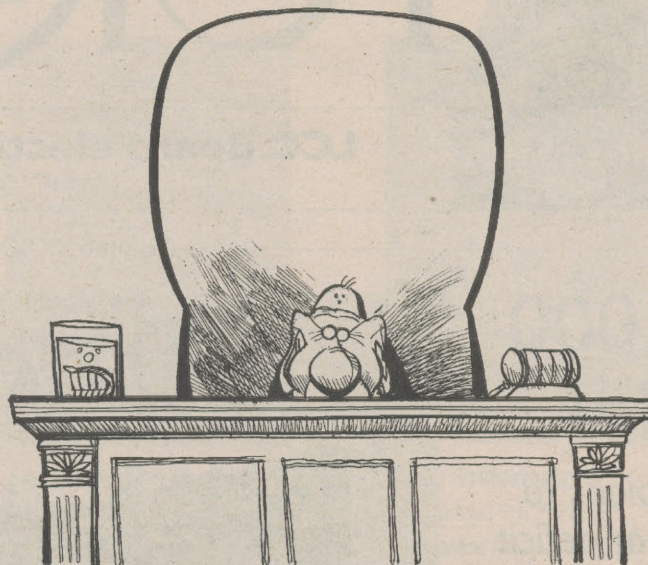
Roast to the Gwinnet County School Board, located near Atlanta, Georgia, for firing a teacher who refused to change the diminished grade of a student caught sleeping in class. The teacher, Larry Neace, gave a student athlete half-credit on an assignment because the student was caught sleeping in class. Neace was later fired for violating a school board policy that states teachers cannot use grades to punish students. Neace's lawyers plan to appeal the termination. Michael Kramer, one of Neace's lawyers, called this a case of a "pampered football athlete ... being given favored treatment on an academic grade," in an interview with the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Toast to Spc. Joseph Darby, the first soldier to report abuse of prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. Darby was honored with the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award for his "act of political courage." Because of Darby's daring confession, instigators of such heinous mistreatment and humiliation will be put to justice.

Roast to the Springfield School District's resident panel that continues to argue the right to hate. Panel members are trying to keep "gender identity" and "sexual orientation" out of classes of people protected by the district's new diversity plan. The panel's stubborn bigotry is more than condoning hate; it is encouraging it. Omitting gender identity and sexual orientation from the plan is a clear message to students that it is okay to harass and discriminate against certain people, a notion that was put to rest during the Civil Rights Movement.

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Democrats blocked Republican judicial nominees...Republicans retaliated by blocking Democratic judicial nominees... Democrats then retaliated for the retaliation by blocking Republican judicial nominees...

And on it went...

Until the entire Judicial Branch of the United States government consisted of Judge Edwin P. Partukey, 96, of the 6th District Court of Appeals.

Education key in raising children

Parenting classes save stress, helps prepare for harder times

Almost everything you do requires a permit or license in order to do it legally. Think about that for a minute. How many different things do you have to apply for? Driving a car, driving a motorcycle, driving a boat. All three of these also require a permit for the vehicle you are operating and the trailer if you are towing it.

You need a license for hunting and a license for fishing. Both of these also require a separate tag depending on which type of critter you enjoy and where you choose to go for sport.

Permits are required for building, for a gathering, for parking and to carry a weapon. OK, now we see where a lot of taxes are coming from. Do you see something strange yet? Let's keep going...

You need documentation in order to travel, get a job, to draw Social Security benefits, to buy or sell property (real or not), to see a doctor, to attend school and to bury a loved one. There, does that last one stir something up in you? If not, brace yourself, cause here it comes.

My big complaint is this: why are we not required to prove our worthiness to breed? I'm not saying we have to get a license to give birth, but from what I see in our society today, I'd say people need lessons before rearing a child.

Breeding is a physical possibility for most people and easy to do. Maybe that's why everyone is doing it. Raising a child to be a stable member of society takes a very special person and a hell of a lot of patience. More than that, it requires that the parent be a stable member of society first and that is where the problem lies. The problem is all the abused, neglected, disturbed children populating our planet. They are fast becoming adults and compounding the problem.

Television is replete with specials on methods to save the 'family', keep the children from becoming ax murderers and stabilize the struggling parent(s). I believe this is another case of 'education is the answer'. Education should come before the problem, not after. When I was in the hospital delivering my son, the young girl in the bed beside me was getting ready to go

home. She was maybe 18. The nurses piled her up with booklets, magazines, coupons and various bits of advice. You know what the look on her face said? "How am I supposed to read all this stuff while I'm taking care of an infant?" I agree.

Why wasn't all this information provided before the baby came? For nine months a woman is limited on what she can do, but reading is a no-no. Nine months of education would make one hell of a mother.

Being prepared is something we all know will help us in any situation. Why, then, do women spend nine months shopping for matching crib bumpers and curtains? That baby won't care what his room looks like, only that the milk keeps flowing and his butt is dry. But the baby's needs go deeper than physical comfort.

Everything we say and do molds the child's personality. Oddly enough the things that stick in a child's mind are the ones that we don't want them to remember. The solution? - Education! Not just for the children, for the parents!

I am a college-educated mother. I was scared to death of being responsible for another human's psyche and spent my pregnancy in school taking parenting classes. My child-rearing experience was a dream. I was prepared for almost everything, which kept my stress levels down and that, in turn, kept the child's stress levels down.

My children are much more honest and open with me than I was with my parents. My children are much more informed than others their age. I was prepared to discuss almost anything with them and when the questions came, so did the answers. My friends are envious of my relationships with my children.

I can tell you that it didn't just happen. I worked at it. I started working at it before they were born. I wish I could convince the rest of the world that education is the answer to all of our problems. Have I swayed you?

So, have you thought of any more permits we need to have? I keep coming up with them. And it is starting to bother me that we have all these methods of raising money and we're still in horrible debt. Why don't they just legalize marijuana? I believe that it's a billion-dollar crop. Oregon could be the first state to actually balance its budget. And we could add another permit to that growing stack of plastic cards filling our wallets.

Commentary

Laura Ralston
Columnist



THE TORCH

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George W. Bush's series of incredible coincidences

Bush administration disguises regression with pretty names

After this week's plane over Washington D.C. incident I was reminded immediately of the recent debate over the high tech laser beam projectors wanted by our president to ward off possible "attacks."

A raging battle has been going on about whether or not we really need flashing lasers over D.C. that would warn anybody flying in the no-fly zone over the nation's capitol.

Pilots argue that they are concerned that the beams may project past the borders of the no-fly zone, and potentially blind pilots inadvertently.

The pilots also note that all aviation maps have the area boldly marked as a no-fly zone, and there is no reason to go through that area en-route to any destination. While Bush argues that it is a necessary device to warn people who want to attack our capitol with airplanes that they are not supposed to be flying there.

So isn't it an amazing coincidence that a little Cessna airplane happens to fly right over the capitol this last week? Even more amazing is that it wasn't shot down, or that the pilot was not even given a citation for causing a "national emergency" warranting the evacuation of capitol hill.

They crammed the first lady and Nancy Reagan into the basement of the White House while the grand hoax played over the airways. Fox News reported that the president was off on a bike ride 15 miles away at the time and was not even notified of the emergency until it was all over with. I'm sure the CIA and Secret Service don't have cell phones so it's understandable that Mr. Prez would be kept in the dark.

This is just one of the many new and even bolder schemes hatched by the Bush Administration to get what they want. I'm sure now George will come on the air in a press conference saying, "See, I told y'all we needed it," and the mind-numbed masses will nod their heads in agreement. Now that we're stuck with him for another four years we can only sit and watch the fireworks and go "ooh, ahh" while the future America goes down the toilet.

Has anyone noticed that every time Gee Dubya elects a new head of department, he elects someone who vehemently despises the department's goals? He chose John Bolton as the new U.N. ambassador. This guy hates the U.N. and thinks the U.S. should be out of it entirely. Bush chooses anti-environmentalists to head environmental agencies, warmongers to head the peace coalition, etc. etc.

Bush has even learned a great trick from marketing professionals. Name your product something that people will buy. The Clear Skies Act actually set worse standards for polluters than the previous set of limits, but since it had a pretty name most of America fell for it.

Same with the Healthy Forests

initiative that plans to gut our national forests and sell the trees. If you do a Google search on any of these you will first see the links to .gov websites that have cute little descriptions like "An Initiative for Wildfire Prevention and Stronger Communities." Then the next link is to the Sierra club, which says, "The initiative is based on the false assumption that landscape-wide logging will decrease forest fires." But unfortunately the government websites get priority listing on all search engines.

Now Bush wants to allow some eight million illegal immigrants to obtain legal status as "temporary workers." Bush says, "That serves the American economy and reflects the American dream."

In other words employers can benefit from cheap labor, and have more money to spend. This won't affect business owners as much as American

workers. Every job given to an illegal immigrant is a job stolen from an American worker. This plan of Bush's directly ties into his next scam.

Offer driver's licenses to illegal immigrants. Now not only could they come and go as they please, taking our cash with them, but they can do it driving legally on our streets. They would possess legal identification now.

Perhaps one could walk into the Social Security office and explain that they lost their Social Security number and birth certificate and that they need a new one, and "here's my I.D." That would be pretty easy to do since American citizens need both of those items to get a driver's license in the first place, but an illegal would not. So now for all intents and purposes they have become AmericanS. Would we feel the same way if we shared a border with Iraq? Why not Canadians? Canadians aren't running across the border to get our jobs, health care and food stamps. excians to do their manual labor.

So keep an eye out for some amazing coincidence relating to that topic. It hasn't happened yet, but it will. Maybe there will be an enormous shortage of low wage employees in only the southernmost states that would require the emergency implementation of the temporary worker status. It sounds ridiculous now, but you can see that it's not that far off from the Bush administration's past schemes.

When it comes to bills and initiatives it all comes down to convincing the public any way necessary that the new change is good, even if the change will only benefit the largest corporations, or a very small percentage of the population. It's their job to make it sound like it's for the greater good.

So open your eyes and stop being a lazy American citizen. Don't fall for the Capitol Hill soap opera that is fed to us. It's all smoke and mirrors, and we as a majority are falling for it on a huge scale. Just because something has a pretty name doesn't mean it's good. As citizens under the Bush Administration we have an enormous responsibility to keep this plague in check. Pay attention, and fasten your seatbelts, cause we've got four more years of the big show.

Commentary



Chris Flaherty
Columnist

Mackwood peers into the future

Quentin forgot to pay. I forgot my class. Read my lips: just do it. Your new name is Quentin.

Potatoes lay mice that bite your nose. You'll get used to it. They always speak funny while they drink tea and eat cookies. Don't forget to take your pet mouse on a long walk. Don't put too many mice in your bathtub, or they will get frostbite.

The last Mackworld column of the year will be on Thursday, June 2. I will

be back, or maybe not.

I hope you have good luck staying in art class. One day I hope to get a new part-time job doing artwork.

I will keep studying and stay in the classroom.

I will be back in the last week of September. When I come back they will say hello.

Thank you for letting me work at the Torch paper.

Look ahead, deep into the future. Keep writing.

Mackworld



John Mackwood
Columnist

For Your Information

FYI...

EARTH TITHE

The nature writer's journal for LCC is now available. Copies of Earth Tithe can be found in the Center Building English Department on the fourth floor. For more information e-mail Linda D. Coriell at lindacoriell@comcast.net

CASINO NIGHT ADDS AUCTION

Casino Night, a benefit fundraiser for men's and women's basketball, will be held Friday, May 20, from 6-9:30 p.m. in the Center for Meeting and Learning, Building 19. Auction items have been added, including a Seattle Mariners Package, four box seats, two hotel rooms for two nights and a dinner for four, valued at \$1,000. Golf packages have also been added for Bandon Dunes, Springfield Country Club and Shadow Hills Country Club. Advance tickets are still available. Casino Night will include black jack, Caribbean stud poker, roulette and craps. There will be free hors d'oeuvres and a no-host beer and wine bar. Participants will get \$120 in "funny money" with tickets purchased in advance, or \$100 with tickets purchased at the door. Tickets are \$20 (\$10 for Lane students) and limited to age 21 or older. Participants may cash in their "winnings" for raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes. Contact Kimberly Gilbert at 463-5557 or Sharon Foster at 463-5599 to purchase tickets.

OSPIRG ART CONTEST

To raise awareness for the McKenzie River Protection Contest, OSPIRG is holding an art contest. The top 12 entries will be displayed at Circle of Hands Gallery the first or second week of June, and prizes will be awarded for the best entries. All artwork should be nature themed and submitted by 4 p.m. Friday, May 27, to the Art Department Office (Building 11) or the OSPIRG Office (below cafeteria in Center Building.)

FOUNDATION SEEKS NOMINEES FOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

Nominations are needed for the Lane Community College Distinguished Alumni Awards. Nominees should have demonstrated achievement in their chosen profession, service to the community or outstanding contribution to the college. The awards will go to alumni who completed at least 30 credit hours at Lane or earned an associate's degree.

The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, June 1. The awards will be presented at the Harvest Dinner on Friday Oct. 28. Nomination forms are available at <http://www.lanecol.edu/foundation/distalumni.htm> or by calling the Foundation at 463-5135.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE BIZCENTER

The Lane Community College Business Development Center will celebrate the community's small businesses at "Seeds for Success" Open House on Thursday, May 19, from 4:30-6 p.m., at the BDC offices in the Wildish Building, 1445 Willamette St. in Eugene, next door to the Chamber of Commerce. The highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the Small Business of the Year and Micro-Enterprise of the Year. Also included: hors d'oeuvres from Conference and Culinary Services, music by the Springfield High School Jazz Band and a client mini-fair. Meet business owners, BDC staff, advisors, and instructors, visit the resource library. For information, call 463-5255.

TRIO ACCEPTING ENROLLMENT

The TRiO Learning Center is opening enrollment for the 2005-06 year. TRiO provides many services to help students graduate from college. TRiO is targeted towards first generation, low-income students, or students with disabilities. Sign up for orientation in Building 1, Room 219.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GRADUATION

The LCC graduation ceremony will be Saturday, June 11. Volunteers, name readers and faculty marshals are needed for the event. If interested in taking part of this memorable event please contact Tina Lymath at 463-5336.

WOMEN'S CENTER FILM

"Everyday Use" by Alice Walker will be shown Friday, May 20, in the Women's Center, Building 1, Room 202. This video is a dramatization of Alice Walker's short story, plus a follow-up interview in which she discusses the story and her characters. The interview includes a discussion of quilting as an art form in the African American community.

FILM: HARVEY MILK

"The Life and Times of Harvey Milk" will be presented Monday, May 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., repeating throughout the day, in the Multi-Cultural Center, Building 1, Room 201. Milk was the first openly gay man elected to any substantial political office, who was shot to death along with Mayor Moscone in San Francisco, by Dan White, a troubled anti-gay conservative who later used the now famous "Twinkie Defense."

LCC CAMPUS GREENS FILM SERIES

"The Corruption," will be shown Tuesday, May 24, at 2 p.m. in Building 1, Room 206. The film is part of LCC campus Greens free film series.

BRUSH UP ON YOUR FRENCH

Come to "Café Français" Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. in the northeast corner of the cafeteria to practice speaking French. For more information, contact Monique Graef at 463-3172 or Fay D'Ambrosia at 463-5140.

Lane sprints to Southern Region championship

Alexander smashes meet record in 200 meters; Casteel and Gilbert are double winners

BRYAN WILLIFORD
STAFF WRITER

The Lane track and field programs ran away with the Southern Region Championships on Saturday, May 14.

The men earned 272 points and won by 77 points, while the women earned 234 points and claimed the top spot by 51.5.

Phil Alexander set a meet record in the 200-meters (21.11), previously held by Kevin Hutchison of Clark in 1998 (21.34). Alexander also captured the 400 title in a time of 48.35 to finish his day as a dual champion.

"I wanted to go out and run 21 seconds again today," Alexander said. "But I guess I can settle for 21.11 and the meet record. The strange thing was that, I just broke down on that last 50 meters, but I had a great 50 meters to start the race. I try not to think about times. But, being honest, they are always in the back of my mind."

Alexander joined teammates Paris Ramsey, Bart Maney and Kalin Kelley in the 4x100 relay to earn first place in a time of 41.82.

"We could have challenged our season best (41.60) in the 4x100 relay," Ramsey said, "Our handoffs were just terrible. It is still a credit to our running skill that we could turn in a fast time with poor exchanges today."

A.J. Casteel was a double winner for the Titans, as he ran a personal best (4:01.39) in the 1,500 for the championship. Casteel would follow with a second win in the 800 (1:55.83), a victory where he came from four places down to trump the field late in the race.

"It was a good day for Doug [McCallum] and me because we

went first and second in the 1,500 and then first and third in the 800," Casteel said. "We all had a pretty strong day and I set a PR in the 1,500 by a second and a half. Then to follow that up with a win the 800, I proved to myself that I could earn the double without making myself sick."

Keegan Burnett captured the regional championship, clearing 16 feet three-quarters in the pole vault, and teammate Tyler Richardson won the javelin with a winning mark of 189-04.

Clackamas finished in second place with 195 points, followed by Clark with 100. Fourth place went to Southwestern Oregon 89 and Mt. Hood ended fifth 67.

On the women's side Katie Gilbert continued her first-year success on the oval, as the converted basketball player earned two key wins to assist the Lane women in its Southern Region title.

Gilbert collected victories in both the 3,000 (11:14.28) and 5,000 (19:02.98).

Andrea Nelson won the 400 with a time of 58.95, while teammates Judith Burnett and Kristen Brogden also earned regional champion honors. Burnett was the victor in the shot put (38-06.25), while Brogden cleared 5-3 3/4 to win the high jump.

Clark collected 182 1/2 points to earn runner up, while third place went to SWOCC with 97. Mt. Hood got 95 1/2 and Clackamas had 78 and rounded out the top five, respectively.

Lane coach Grady O'Connor was awarded both the men's and women's Southern Region Coach of the Year honors, and was complimentary of both his teams on the afternoon.



PHOTO BY JAMES GRANT

Long jumper Philip Schliep and the Titan men won the Southern Region Championship on May 14. Lane outscored runner up Clackamas 272-195. The Titan women also won the title, defeating second-place Clark 234-182 1/2.

"It is fun when we can finally get down to championship season,"

O'Connor said, "We are forced to rally together and we had the meet in hand for most of the day, but we didn't let up."

"Today was about preparing ourselves for the NWAACC Championships in two weeks, so that was our main objective. We needed to come in prepared for this format, where everyone is tired and there is lots going on and compete

for every point possible."

Individual honors went to Monica Teeple of Lane, who shared the high point performance award (36) with Brittany Driver from Clark College. Titan Clint Hickey and Dave Arndt from Clackamas shared the men's award (28) to round out the post-meet awards presentations.

The Titans will train and prepare for the NWAACC Championships in two weeks, hosted by Mt. Hood in Gresham, Ore. on May 26-27.

Baseball wraps up; key sweeps earn second place

Lane faces Chemeketa on May 21 to advance to the NWAACC playoffs

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

What a difference seven days makes!

A week ago the Lane baseball program was slumping through a five-game losing streak and holding on to a slim lead of third place in the Southern Region standings.

Winning five of six games, including sweeping Chemeketa (15-3) and Southwestern Oregon (5-23) last weekend wrapped up second place in the league standings.

The Titans (17-11) host Chemeketa on Saturday, May 21 at 1 p.m. to decide the second seed from the Southern Region at the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Tournament (May 26-30). Lane needs to win one game during the doubleheader, while Chemeketa is forced to come away with the sweep to earn the seed.

"We've proven that we can hit their pitching," Lane coach Rob Strickland said. "It is a matter of showing some dominance right away."

The Titans split with Linn-Benton (12-16) on May 12, with each team winning a 1-0 decision.

Wednesday, May 12, Tyler Brown hit a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the first inning, which was the only run support that Evan Scandling needed as he picked up the victory in the first game.

"We took advantage of the one opportunity that we were going to get," Strickland said. "We were fortunate to not give up a run ourselves."

Linn-Benton had a runner at third base in the first, third, fourth and seventh innings.

The Titans weren't as lucky in the second game, as they were held to only one hit — a single by Drew Humphrey in the fifth inning.

Linn-Benton scored the games' lone run in the top of the seventh on a bases-loaded fielder's choice. Johnny Hirko pitched 6 1/3 innings in the loss for the Titans, giving up only three hits and one walk. Hirko had a no-hitter working through 5 1/3.

"It was disappointing in the fact that at the time, it was going to be a missed opportunity,"



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Drew Humphrey watches a called strike during a 1-0 victory over Chemeketa on May 14. Lane hosts Chemeketa on Saturday, May 21, at 1 p.m. in the Southern Region playoffs.

Strickland said.

Lane fought back with a shutout sweep of second place Chemeketa on Saturday, May 14.

"When we score early, we usually come out on top," Strickland said. "For the first time all season, all four of our runs were scored with two outs."

Ian Hodge slapped a two-RBI single in the second inning, which scored Jack Mehl and Humphrey, who each got on base with a two-out walk. Sean Martin added an RBI double in the fifth inning that plated Jordan Bousquet, who leadoff the inning with a walk.

"These guys wanted to prove that they are a good team and they aren't going to let another good team win in their house," Strickland said of the Titans.

Chemeketa had the bases loaded in the sixth inning, but was unable to score a run as Lane finished with a 3-0 victory.

It took extra innings before the second game was decided, a pitching battle between two of the

best in the Southern Region. Matt Duryea earned the 1-0 win, throwing 130 pitches with five hits, three walks and four strikeouts.

"They [Titans] just didn't feel like they were going to lose that game," Strickland said. "And it proved to be true."

A bases-loaded two-out single by Mehl scored Bousquet in the bottom of the ninth.

The Titans didn't have many chances against Chemeketa pitcher Austin Dirxx, who finished with 136 pitches, allowing six hits and three walks — which were all intentional.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Lane had the bases loaded with one out. However, back-to-back ground outs produced no runs.

Lane jumped on SWOCC early and often during 3-1 and 15-8 victories on May 15.

The Titans scored two runs in the first inning to open the doubleheader and later tacked on an insurance run.

this practice "is not something we can afford to do year after year."

The upcoming fiscal year looks less optimistic. This is due to a considerable deficit expected in the budget. According to LCC President Mary Spilde in her Budget Update message sent on April 25, a \$2.7 million deficit was projected for the year 2007.

However, these projections are not definite and are subject to the decision of the 2005 Oregon State Legislature, which designates community college funding for the next two years. This decision by the legislature will greatly affect LCC's budget. The legislature was scheduled to make its decision public on April 4, but the announcement failed to take place due to a disagreement between the House and the Senate.

"Future years will bring very challenging financial challenges unless the legislature significantly reverses its recent pattern of disinvestment in community colleges," Matsen said.

LCC's budget is also dependent on the community college funding formula. The formula determines how much state funding community colleges in Oregon receive. State funding is one of the main sources of revenue for LCC, and 53 percent of LCC's general funding comes from the formula.

Matsen asserted that next year's deficit would not have a negative impact on the lives of students or staff members at LCC. This means that LCC will be able to offer the same programs and services as this year. She added that the college hopes to have enough funds to open more class sections where there is demand, cautioning, however, that "no one can make promises at this point in the process."

Matsen encourages students concerned about the current trends in funding for community colleges to contact their legislators.

at work there," Payne said.

Surprisingly, years later, Payne is not bitter about his trying childhood and still maintains respect for the Christian religion.

"What I talked about a lot in the Jack Kent Cooke process was my childhood... It was hard for me to talk about that because I didn't want to disparage the Christian religion because I think there are good things there," he said.

Even after leaving said cult, Payne faced further adversity as a lower-class child growing up in an upper-class neighborhood in California. He turned to graffiti for expression and creative outlet, and slowly fell into the dark world of drug abuse. After high school, Payne decided on art school, but a financial shortfall put an early end to his first college stint.

Art school left Payne starving for something more and after he left, he found more. He moved to Chicago, leaving his criminal art form behind. But perhaps the biggest change in Payne's life was his wedding, and eventually, the birth of his daughter.

"Being a father has helped with [investing in myself] a lot. It's made me mature in some ways. It makes you take serious responsibility for other people," Payne said. "Just having a daughter who depends on me really motivated me to take every opportunity and really make some sacrifices."

Now in Eugene, Payne is highly involved with the LCC campus and the community as a whole. On campus, Payne works as a tutor in the Science Resource Center and has been very involved with the Reading Together program. He also volunteers at the Food For Lane County Grassroots garden. Most notably, however, Payne is part of the Eugene Biocarshare Car Cooperative. For his work with the independent car cooperative, Payne was highlighted in the Eugene Weekly.

Payne's 180-degree turnaround and incessant dedication to bettering the community is not solely to credit for the scholarship.

"I spent all of Winter vacation writing essays," he said.

Fortunately for Payne, winter's labors paid off in a big way. The Jack Kent Cooke scholarship pays up to \$30,000 a year, covering tuition, fees and living expenses for the remainder of the scholar's degree.

Thirty thousand is undoubtedly a big number, but before he could rely on big bucks, Payne had to trust in himself and the number three.

"The one run we gave up, we shouldn't have," Strickland said. "It was a passed ball."

Lane started the second game with four runs in the first inning. SWOCC scored one run in the third and two in the fourth to close the gap, but the Titans added five runs in the fifth.

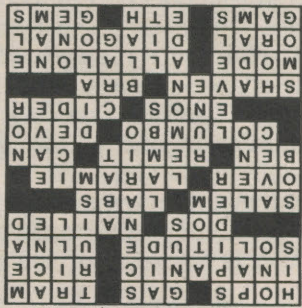
"We swung and we were aggressive," Strickland said.

The Titans added six runs in the ninth inning to blow open the game.

Humphrey earned the victory in his first pitching start of the season, which Strickland used to rest up the usual starting crew.

"It was the right opportunity to put him in for a start," Strickland said. "We didn't play particularly well, but we got done what we needed to get done."

With the sweep over SWOCC, the Titans locked up the second seed and hold the tie-breaker over Chemeketa, by virtue of winning the season series 5-1.



Answers
King Crossword

Acting tough



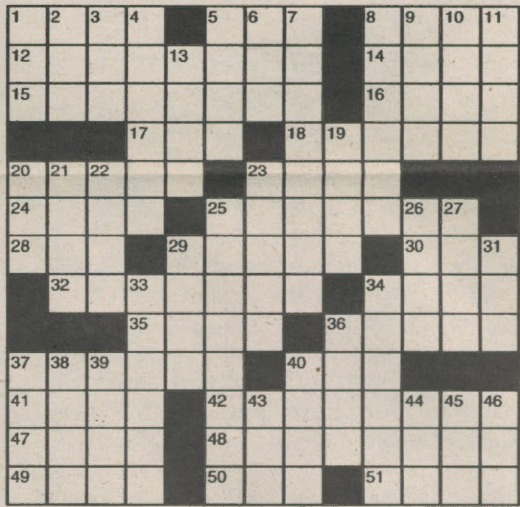
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Shelly Jones throws down Peter Watkins during a rehearsal for "Nachos," one of the plays being presented in Spring Inspirations, a series of one-acts written by LCC students and produced by the Student Productions Association. The show will feature seven one acts that all have something to do with the relationships between people. Spring Inspirations will run on May 20-21 and May 28-29. Tickets are available at the door and cost \$6.

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- 1 Beer ingredi-ent
- 5 Pump pur-chase
- 8 Streetcar
- 12 Extremely anxious
- 14 Houston uni-versity
- 15 Seclusion
- 16 Radius neigh-bor
- 17 Two, in Tijuana
- 18 Caught red-handed
- 20 "The Crucible" setting
- 23 Science shops
- 24 Finished
- 25 Wyoming city
- 28 Franklin or Stein
- 29 Send payment
- 30 Recyclable item
- 32 Unkempt sleuth
- 34 "Whip It" band
- 35 Grandson of Eve
- 36 "The - House Rules"
- 37 No longer bearded
- 40 Monokini's lack
- 41 Fashion
- 42 1924 Irving Berlin song
- 47 Exam format



- 9 Streamlet
- 10 Dermatology subject
- 11 "Coming of Age in Samoa" writer
- 13 Teensy bit
- 19 Blind as -
- 20 Turn on the waterworks
- 21 Opposite of "sans"
- 22 Carson's suc-cessor
- 23 "The Silence of the -"
- 25 Summertime cooler ...
- 26 ... and how it's usually served
- 27 Icicle location
- 29 Mysterious character
- 31 Postal Creed word
- 33 Bulldozes
- 34 Actors' con-versation
- 36 Projecting rock
- 37 Urban pall
- 38 Circle dance
- 39 Leading man?
- 40 Mediocre
- 43 Illuminated
- 44 "A Chorus Line" song
- 45 "Platoon" set-ting
- 46 Golfer Ernie

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SALOME'S STARS For the Week of May 16, 2005

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be a bit shaken by a friend's request. But before the Lamb leaps to conclusions, insist on a full explanation. You might still say no, but at least you'll know what you're saying no to.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Seeing red over those nasty remarks by someone with an ax to grind? Of course you are. So get out there and give your supporters the facts they need to get the truth out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A changing situation should get you to reassess your vacation plans and make any adjustments as soon as possible. And don't fret — the change will most likely turn out for the better.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't put off dealing with any negative feelings that might be left over from a recent confrontation. The sooner all is resolved, the sooner you can move forward with fewer complications.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Leos and Leonas might feel the urge to redecorate their dens, and that can

turn into a good opportunity to strengthen family ties by putting the whole pride to work to make it happen.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Look for the most efficient way to get a job done quickly and well. Taking more time than you need to make it look more challenging is a short-sighted move you might regret later on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Travel remains strong in your aspect. And this time, it could involve someone traveling a great distance to come to see you. Meanwhile, an important matter could suddenly need your attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A workplace situation becomes a lot more bothersome than you'd expected. Be careful not to be pulled into all that anger. Look for support among others who also want to avoid trouble.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Cheer up, lonely lovers, wherever you are. Just when you thought you'd been deleted from Cupid's database, the chubby cherub proves that's just not so. Congratulations.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A casual relationship could take a more serious turn. Are you ready for it? Your stars say you are. Paired Sea Goats will also find a renewed richness in their relationships.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Meeting a collaborator with new ideas seems to be a dream come true. But for both your sakes, be sure all your legal i's are dotted and t's are crossed before you start working together.

PISCES (February 19 to March 21) A romantic overture flatters the usually unflappable Fish. But since it's a sincere from-the-heart gesture, go ahead and enjoy it. A minor health problem responds well to treatment.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have the warm heart of a Taurean and the sensitivity of a Gemini. You would make a wonderful leader. So go ahead: Run for office.

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B-movie and B-actors make Mindhunters an 'A' film

Thriller keeps moviegoers guessing until the very end

MATT DICHIRICO
STAFF WRITER

As the spring release movie season continues on, each week moviegoers are treated to one or two "B-movies" to go along with the star-laced, multi-million dollar releases. Such is the case with Dimension Films' "Mindhunters."

"Mindhunters" hobbled in at tenth place at the box office over the weekend. It grossed just over \$2 million, whereas the wreck that is "Monster-in-Law" (starring Jennifer Lopez) took in over \$24 million in first place. "Mindhunters" is everything that it's cracked up to be: a fast-paced murder-mystery thrill ride.

"Mindhunters" follows a group of FBI agents who are placed on a deserted island as part of a training exercise where they must track a serial killer. Once the agents arrive on the island, an unexpected series of events unfold, starting with the murder of one of the agents, seemingly by a real serial killer. From there, the remaining agents must quickly solve the puzzle of who the killer is before he or she strikes again.



HTTP://MOVIES.WN.COM/MOVIE/MINDHUNTERS_2005.HTML

The cast of "Mindhunters" keeps audiences on the edge of their seats as suspense builds throughout the movie.

The storyline moves very quickly and there is little downtime as the killer stalks the agents. I found myself completely emerged in trying to figure out who the killer was and constantly listened carefully to each character looking for any small clue. I never solved it, and when the killer was finally revealed, I had no clue it was coming. The movie definitely succeeded in being a thriller, as I was on the edge of my seat for most of the elaborate death scenes.

My only real complaint about the film was Christian Slater. Slater, not known for his amazing acting ability, falls flat on his face in his role as J.D. Reston. Keep in mind that while moviegoers can be expected to temporarily suspend reality, it's still quite the stretch of the imagination

to accept Slater as an FBI agent. Blame the script, or maybe blame Slater for not calling it a career after "Pump Up the Volume."

Slater does nothing to merit any praise. I found myself questioning why Slater was cast for this movie for the opening 30 minutes, right up until Slater dies. Following his gruesome murder, I was able to focus on the spine-tingling story that makes "Mindhunters" worthwhile.

The rest of the acting found in the movie was fine, but nothing extraordinary. "Mindhunters" didn't require anything great in terms of delivery. This could be considered a hidden gift for moviegoers, as you can only expect so much out of LL Cool J. However, it was nice to see Jonny Lee Miller (Sick Boy in

"Trainspotting") in a prominent role again.

Those who are interested in "Mindhunters" for Val Kilmer will be mildly disappointed. The sad but true reality is that Kilmer was last seen at his best as Iceman in "Top Gun." Kilmer barely has 20 minutes of screen time in "Mindhunters." I find that justification enough considering Kilmer's unforgivable portrayal of cult hero Batman in "Batman Forever."

"Mindhunters" is a welcomed newcomer for mystery-thriller fans. A thought-provoking storyline and amazing visuals outweigh the movie's shortcomings. Although the coming weeks have plenty of movies being released that most will anticipate more than "Mindhunters," I suspect that "Mindhunters" will have a small following by the time it makes it to DVD. Hopefully "Mindhunters" will be picked up at the \$1.50 theater because it's certainly an entertaining way to spend a couple of hours.

"Mindhunters"

Distributor: Dimension Films

Rated: R

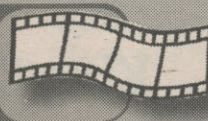
Time: 106 min

Directed by: Renny Harlin

Starring: LL Cool J, Jonny Lee Miller, Christian Slater, Val Kilmer, Kathryn Morris, Eion Bailey, Clifton Collins Jr.

Late Fees

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My Best Friend's Wedding (1997)

Years of friendship and a promise of future marriage isn't enough to prove to Julianne (Julia Roberts) that she loves Michael (Dermot Mulroney). However, Kimberly Wallace (Cameron Diaz) is convinced she's ready to take the plunge. When Michael tells Julianne that he has fallen in love with Kimberly and will marry her in four short days, Julianne sets out to secretly sabotage the wedding.



My Big Fat Greek Wedding (2002)

This romantic comedy manages to address sensitive cultural issues without losing humor. Toula Portokalos is a Greek woman, now 30 years old, still single and avoiding her family's urges for her to settle down and marry a nice Greek boy. Much to her family's dismay, the nice boy she settles down with is not Greek, and they set out on the task of understanding each other's very different cultures.



The Wedding Planner (2001)

Jennifer Lopez plays the perfect wedding planner until, like all great romantic comedies, love intervenes. Mary's (Lopez) ultra-organized and uncomplicated life turns upside-down when she falls head-over-heels for the groom (Matthew McConaughey) in the biggest wedding of her career.



The Wedding Singer (1998)

Rocking a mullet and bringing the '80s back to reception dance floors, Robbie (Adam Sandler) is the life of the party. Event after event, however, Robbie finds himself working alongside a lovely waitress named Julia (Drew Barrymore). After Robbie falls in love, he discovers that Julia is engaged – and to the wrong man. This endearing movie is better than most Sandler flicks.



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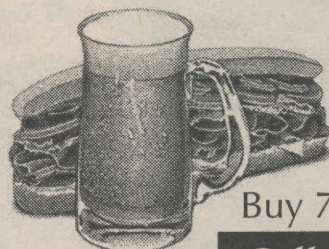
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Get to Know

Patrick Lanning

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THE
TORCH

Torch: What is your role here at LCC?

Lanning: I am the Associate Vice President for Instruction and I support the transfer and the professional/technical instructional areas. The areas I cover are Advanced Technology, the Arts Division, Business Technologies, Language, Literature and Communication Department, Family and Health Careers, Mathematics, Health, P.E. and Athletics Department, Science and Social Science, which are all technical programs. So, the instructional areas are the areas that I support directly.

Torch: How do you work with students?

Lanning: If there is an issue within a class the best thing to do is to talk to the instructor. If there is an issue that isn't resolved they have an opportunity to meet with one of the division chairs, who are really directly supporting the areas they are involved with. Then there is a formal complaint process, but I also support those areas so coming to me could be another option for students.

Torch: So, your work is done more directly with division chairs?

Lanning: Yes, I support a lot of the committee work that takes place on campus, so I do work more with faculty members and the support staff through the committee process, though my direct support is with the division chairs.

Torch: What decision-making power do you have that directly affects students?

Lanning: I think it's my direct responsibility to communicate the needs of the division to the executive team, which is the President,



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH KAHL

Recently hired Patrick Lanning will be filling the job of Associate Vice President for Instruction, a position he has held as the interim for the past year.

Vice President and Associate Vice President.

It is my job to communicate the needs of the divisions so that the board understands. It's also part of my responsibility to support the plans that come out of the governance committees like the

governance council, the technology council, the facilities council and so on.

I also like to take a more active role in knowing what the needs of the programs are, to get out and learn the needs of the programs you have to get out and meet the

students, faculty and staff. There are a lot of things I help support and help connect like resources.

Torch: What is the biggest project you are working on right now?

Lanning: There are a few things that are big right now. One is the budget issue. I'm trying to support the enrollment management effort to make sure that we can provide by directly providing services to students through classes, what we can do with enrollment to help the budget. So, that's making sure that we can maximize the opportunities for classes, student services, etc. Another area is the Governance Council. I work in developing the learning plan. And also just the day-to-day activities of supporting the divisions and their program needs.

Torch: Before you were hired, what was your experience here at LCC?

Lanning: I was Interim Associate Vice President for Instruction and prior to that I had been the division chair for the Arts Division and the Health, P.E and Athletics. And prior to that I had been a faculty member.

Torch: What are the major differences between being a division head to your current position?

Lanning: Many of the challenges that we face within the division are shared across the campus, and now it's my responsibility to make these issues better. I think there is definitely a learning curve. But since I have already been here so long the curve is not so steep. If you had asked me what I missed in transitioning from division chair to this job, it would be I have a lot less contact with students.

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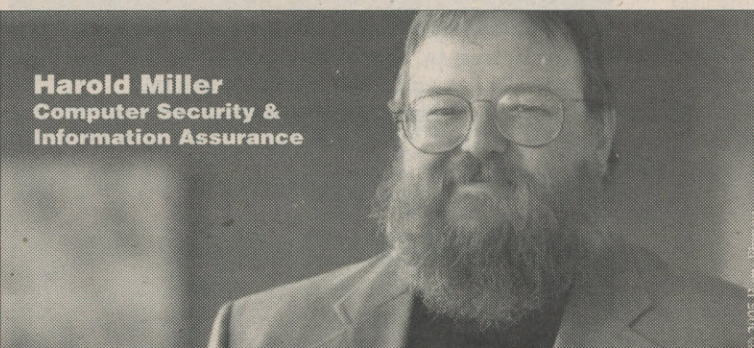
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David Best
GEOGRAPHY
My favorite place to visit in Oregon is Crater Lake. It's our only national park and I like the color.



Garrett Kirsch
CULINARY ARTS
My favorite place to visit in Oregon is the WOW hall. I like it for the concerts.



Jessica Rojas
AAOT
My favorite place to visit in Oregon is Opel Creek. It's the last intact water shed in Oregon, and it's a beautiful place.



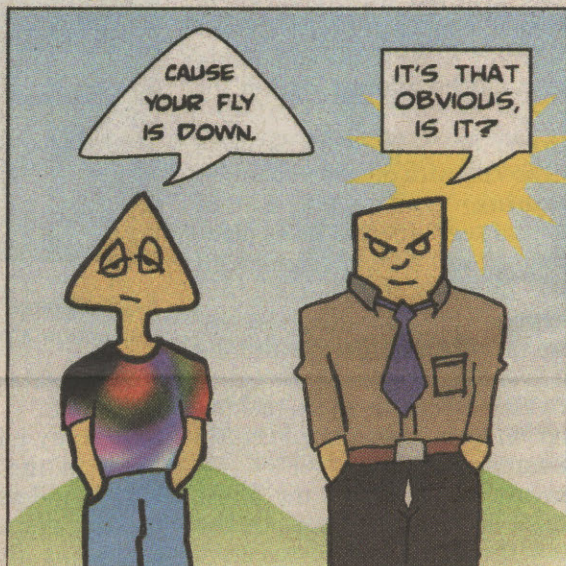
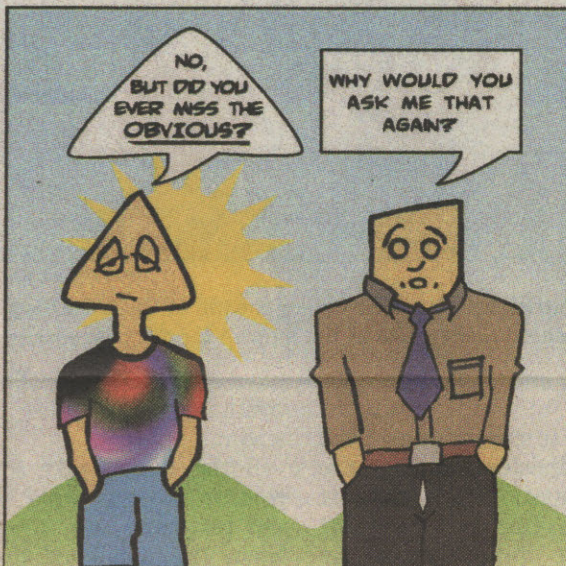
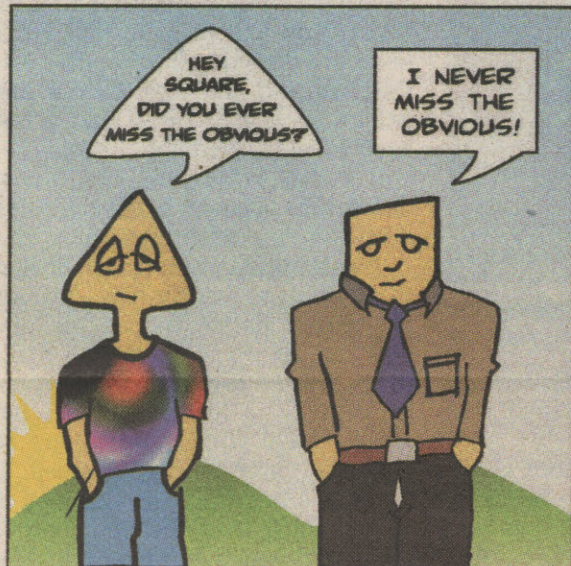
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My favorite place to visit is the Oregon Coast. Either Yachats, Newport or Lincoln City. I like them all. I like the climate of the coast, and it's fun to bring my daughter there.



Mike Christensen
AQUATICS
My favorite place to visit in Oregon is the Wildlife Safari because the animals get all crazy and come at my car.

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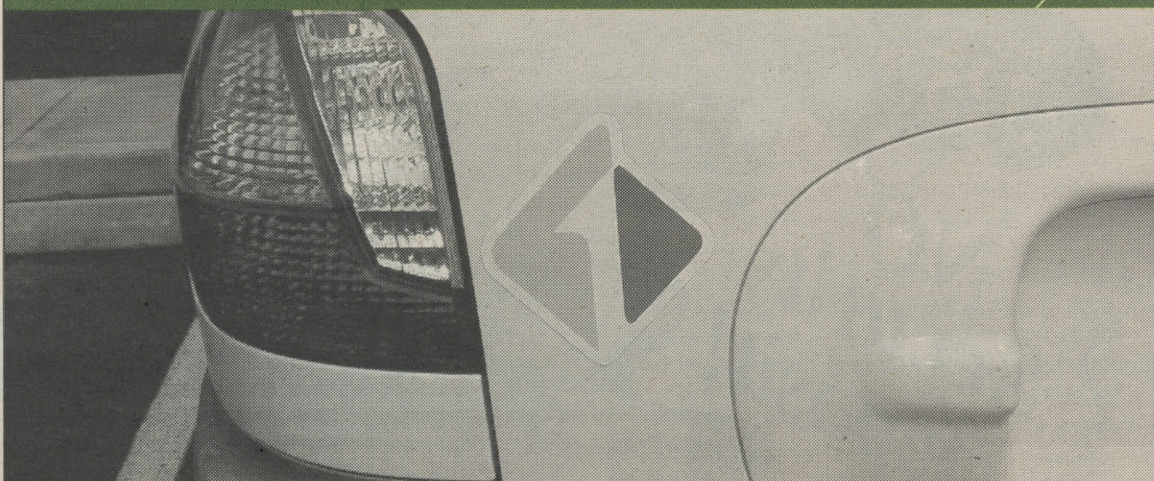
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