

Necktie parties

Oregon's hangings make for an interesting read

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Women Titans head to NWAACC with high hopes

Titans co-champions of Southern Division

ZACKARY PACHOLL
SPORTS EDITOR

The women Titans travel to the NWAACC Tournament with the hope of bringing home Lane's first women's basketball title.

Last season, the Titans looked almost unbeatable heading into the tournament with a 28-2 record. On March 5, 2005 the team suffered a loss that would haunt them for some time.

It was a ten-point loss to Columbia Basin in the championship game.

Players still don't like to talk about the game because of the disappointment they feel from it. It sent a message to players who didn't want to suffer that experience again.

"The (current) sophomores vividly remember how bad they felt following that game," head coach Greg Sheley said.

"Cora (McVey) worked all spring and summer to improve her game, Morgan (Zajonc) wanted to get back (to the championship game) and make sure it didn't happen again and Domonique (King) wanted to prove that loss was a fluke," assistant coach Kevin Grumbley said.

Now the opportunity the players and coaches have been waiting for has arrived, this time with the knowledge and experience from players and coaches.

"I don't know how this season would be right now if we wouldn't have lost that championship game...there is just that hunger and tenacity that



PHOTO BY SEAN HOFFMAN

LCC's women's basketball team is headed for the NWAACC Tournament. Tied for first in the Southern Region with only one loss all season, LeAsia Jones attempts to pass the ball in a recent game. The Titans hold a 28-1 season record going into the tournament.

you have to have now because of that bitter taste is in your mouth," Zajonc said.

The Titans are the only team in the NWAACC who has played in a four-day tournament this season (De Anza Classic back on Dec. 27-30). The Titans won that tournament; beating Cypress who was last year's California State champions.

"The winter tournament was extremely beneficial for us because we saw the type of competition that we are not even going to come close to facing in the Northwest. We

played teams (down there) who would flat lay teams out up here," Zajonc said.

The Titans wrapped up a successful regular season winning 29 of 30 games and keeping the home winning streak alive at 44 straight.

On Saturday, March 4, the team held a players-only meeting that King said "went really good."

Players met to talk about the tournament and the need for improved play on the court.

"We have had practices (re-

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Crisis takes its toll

Even modern science can't escape cuts

PEGGY GREEN
NEWS EDITOR

In response to the administration's request, the Science Department at LCC met Friday, March 3, to discuss possible ways to save money for the remainder of the school year. No decision was made at that time about specific budget cuts.

"We are faced with grim decisions. There is no such thing as fat; no such thing as

a cut that won't have an impact on the students," Kyle Hammon, Division Chair, said.

Referring to cutting part-time staff: "If we cut the people that means that we cut the service," he said.

The department's goal is to save one third to one half of its remaining budget for part-time employees, to aid them in being operational for the rest of the school year, which ends June 30.

Part-time staff in the science department aid in the operation of the offices as well as the labs.

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Moving out? Check with Student Legal Services first

Free legal service available to students

PEGGY GREEN
NEWS EDITOR

By moving out of a rental at the end of Winter term or Spring term, many LCC students will have to face the inevitable task of cleaning their rental and returning it to the landlord in the same condition in which they found it for the purpose of getting their deposit back. Sometimes, students find at the end of this process that a landlord has unfairly charged them for cleaning or damage.

For all LCC credit students there is free legal help available for this issue as well as other legal issues at the Student Legal Services office in Building 1, Room 210A. Bette Dorris is the legal secretary who runs the office and helps



PHOTO BY NAOMI REICHMAN

Bette Dorris, ASLCC secretary, looks through a LCC student's divorce file. The Student Legal Services helps students for free.

tody, divorce, name changes, wills, bankruptcy and ex-

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Voter registration a waste of time

Usually around this time during election years, campus is a-scurry with little busybodies hoping to convince ambivalent students to register to vote. This time it's for the May primaries.

As mentioned in this issue of The Torch, good citizens from the ASLCC and OSPIRG will have seeded locations like the Bookstore, Enrollment Services, the library, Food Services, Human Resources, Disability Services, the Health Clinic, the MultiCultural Center and LCC President Mary Spilde's office with voter registration cards. Here in a democracy, they tell us, we need to register to voice our opinions as to whom we want representing our interests in the halls of power.

That's how it's supposed to go. We vote for whichever stuffed shirt opportunist is least likely to sell us out to the first lobbyist that approaches them with contributions to their re-election campaign and a "fact-finding" trip to the Bahamas. We pull a lever once every few years and whichever lawyer receives the most lever-pulls gets to decide public policy on behalf of all of us too busy with real jobs.

And that's great. It seems to work, in theory. I don't know about you, but I'm way too busy earning a sub-living wage to bother with legislating municipal guidelines or deciding foreign policies. If the working class were meant to seriously interfere in the business of running

the country, we wouldn't spend most of our time at work.

So, why bother registering all of us plebeians to vote? Considering how little time or inclination any of us have to go over the issues, what makes anyone think that we'll be able to make legitimately informed choices when it comes time to cast our votes? Seriously, after pulling a double shift bagging groceries or landscaping, who's really got the energy to do much beyond staring blankly at the television? Can anyone really be expected to spend

COMMENTARY
Randy Woock
A&E Editor



all day, every day, going from work to school, to problems at home, to maybe back to school for that one last class and then still find the time to educate themselves - much less participate - in the important political topics of the day?

Maybe if we had a national labor system like some of the Western European countries. Maybe with 30 to 35 hour work weeks us lower-class types would have the extra time and energy available for educating ourselves politically.

Maybe if, like some of our European brethren, we worked that average of six-

weeks less a year than Americans tend to do, maybe then there would be time and energy for knowing political issues. Maybe then we could understand candidates beyond enjoying their TV ads or appreciating how they seem to hate the same people we do.

Till then, why do we bother to vote; let alone bother to register for the deed? If we can't make an informed choice, should we even bother to vote? How many of us have stepped into a voting booth and played 'eeny-meeny-miney-moe' when our uninformed selves didn't recognize any of the names?

I mean, yes, it's great that financially struggling junior college students are allowed a vote in this country. Considering that when things started out back in the 18th Century you had to be a white, property-owning male, it sounds like we've made some

progress. However, until all of us lower class types are educated enough about the issues to cast our votes in a responsible manner, why don't we give it a rest? Why not leave the voting, and the running of the country, to the more responsible parties? Let those with the time and interest and money to educate themselves on the relevant issues catch congressional ears and shape our nation.

After all, we know that the upper classes and the lobbyists have plenty of time to spare.

The Easter bunny is on its way



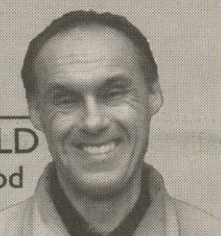
Ring the doorbell on April 17 for lots of hugs on Easter Sunday. Rent some PG movies.

Pick up your phone and call the Easter bunny. Tell the bunny that you want kisses, kisses, kisses.

There are going to be budget cuts at LCC. Don't forget to pay for your classes every term. But don't worry; the Energizer Easter bunny car will keep on going.

We need a lot more money, but the State of Oregon is all the hope we've got left. Thank you.

MACKWORLD
John Mackwood
Columnist



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

Letters to the Editor

Cutbacks to resource centers unacceptable

Is it just me, or does no one else think it's more than a little coincidental that after eight months without a contract for our teachers and staff at LCC, the only answer to the problem of a "surprise" deficit is to cut back on our valued resource centers? I am wondering who the person was who has made this "error?" I would presume that their job has been terminated.

I would challenge the administrators of LCC to look beyond the easy answer and allow all of us to work together on finding ways to make this work. I have highly valued the help I have received at the resource centers on this campus and when you start cutting away at our services you cut away at the fiber of the student body. The people at LCC care about what they do. They enjoy watching us grow and learn.

When will we, as a people, stand up and look over the clouds to see the right way to proceed? The administration of our school needs to stand up and take responsibility for their mistake and not hold the rest of us hostage to repair the damage.

Linda Cathey

Poor service in LCC's cafeteria

Recently I had an experience inside the Lane Cafeteria that was appalling. It is not the first time I, nor thousands of other students have been subjected to.... poor service! I ordered biscuits and gravy then turned and stood in line for almost 10 minutes! I asked two employees to please summon another cashier to help the other cashier. Both times I was ignored; in fact one person just looked at me, smiled and said, "It's not my job." Fuming I paid for my food

and sat down to eat it. I took one bite and was disgusted. The biscuit was hard and the gravy was cold.

I asked for the manager, but two ladies informed me that the manager was not there. So I told them my dilemma regarding slow service and cold food. One offered to refund my money while the other tried to justify the situation by making an excuse. She stated that "people had called in sick for the day and that there were only three cashiers." "Okay," I said. "Then why wasn't one of the other cashiers out there working?" She was never able to reply, because some other employee, I think he was the dishwasher interrupted and told me to go use the microwave! Jerk! First of all there is no excuse for poor service on any level, and beyond that, who wants to microwave their food? You buy hot, fresh food for a reason, because it's hot and fresh.

Don Noffsinger
Computer Science

Donated books help incarcerated women

Torch Editorial Board

Clean off your bookshelf and dump it all in the donation receptacles located around campus. Your cast-off paperbacks, old textbooks and unread classics will be sent to grateful prisoners at an Oregon women's prison.

Catholic theologian St. Thomas Aquinas delineated assisting those in prison as one

of his Seven Corporal Works of Mercy. Aquinas actually phrased it as "ransoming the captive," and with the simple donation of a used book you can help ransom the captive minds of Oregon's women.

Think of how much the gift of a good book would mean to someone trapped inside prison walls. Aren't you relieved

the doctor's office comes with magazines to peruse? Doesn't it help pass the time better than just staring at the walls, impatiently willing the clock to move faster? And if reading material is so useful to you in such situations, just think how much more it would mean to someone with months or years of time to burn.



PHOTO BY JAMES HOLK

Marci Parker (left) and Patricia Colaizzi are two of several employees at the Disability Services Center. The center is located on the upper floor of Building 1 and provide students with physical, mental and emotional accommodations to be successful in school.

Disability Services offer a wide selection of programs to students

Students can find options and support when help is needed

ARIEL BURKHART
COPY EDITOR

Disability Services at LCC is one of the most challenging works in progress designed specifically for students with a disability. LCC is a great example of a complex population of students

who may or may not have individual needs that must be met in order for them to succeed.

Nancy Hart, director of Disability Services, is constantly working towards an ideal "equal access" for students with disabilities so they can be more independent and have an equal opportunity to learn. It is Hart's hope to "empower people to be as independent as possible."

It is the Disability Services' job to provide

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LCC does not permit harassment

Counselors offer support, confidential place for staff, students to voice complaints

PEGGY GREEN
NEWS EDITOR

Harassment on any LCC campus will not be tolerated. That is the official word from the college. LCC has a procedure in place to deal with harassment complaints that involve the LCC community, its employees, management and students.

Kate Barry, Judicial Adviser

for formal complaints, wants students and staff to know there is both a formal and an informal complaint process.

In the informal process, a complainant can simply talk to trained counselors. The college provides a list of counselors, some of whom are bilingual. These lists are posted at locations throughout campus including outside the Women's Center in Building 1, and in

the kitchen of the Workforce Network in Building 19.

The counselors "can help them think through their complaint...before (they) move to a complaint level," Barry said.

Pointing to the list, Barry said "These people were chosen for their ability to deal with people."

The informal process is confidential and offers anonymity. Anyone wanting to discuss a perceived threat, discrimination, or dysfunction in the classroom can sort through

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News Flash

LCC AND OSU ANNOUNCE DEGREE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Lane Community College and Oregon State University are entering into a degree partnership program. LCC President Mary Spilde and OSU President Ed Ray will sign a memorandum of agreement finalizing the partnership on Thursday, March 9, at 10 a.m. in Building 3, the Boardroom.

Previously known as dual enrollment, the degree partnership program is intended to increase access, improve student success, and encourage completion of a four-year degree. Under the program, students will be jointly admitted and concurrently enrolled. They will be able to attend classes at and apply for scholarships at both institutions. In addition, LCC and OSU will work to increase the number of LCC courses and programs that meet general education and program requirements at OSU.

PRESENTATION: FIELD BIOLOGY IN COSTA RICA

Joe Russin, biology instructor, will offer an informational seminar about his summer "Field Biology in Costa Rica" class (BI103B) on Thursday, March 9, from 5-6 p.m. in Building 16, Room 111. There will be a slide-video presentation and refreshments will be served.

DYEING FABRIC WITH MUSHROOMS

The Cascade Mycological Society will present a special demonstration by Beth Miltko on dyeing fabric with mushrooms on Thursday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Building 16, Room 115.

CHANGE IN HOURS FOR COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Effective March 1, Counseling Department hours will be Mondays 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesdays 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wednesdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Fridays 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Effective April 3, the library will be open 10 fewer hours per week. The new schedule will be: Monday and Tuesday - 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday - 7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.; Friday - 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Closed Saturday and Sunday.

PRACTICE YOUR FRENCH

Join Cafe Francais every Tuesday from 7:30-8:30 a.m. in the northeast corner of the cafeteria. Come even if you speak only "un peu."

TAX HELP AVAILABLE

Free tax help is available through April 14, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the south end of the cafeteria. This service is provided by AARP volunteers. For more information call 1-888-227-7669 or see website www.aarp.org/taxaide.

GRADUATION DATE CHANGED

Due to a conflict at the fairgrounds, LCC graduation has been moved from Saturday, June 17, to Saturday, June 10. For the updated Academic Calendar 2005-06, see <http://www.lanec.edu/instadv/calaca.html>. If you have questions about graduation, contact Student Life and Leadership Development, 463-5336.

Voter registration encouraged on campus

ASLCC, OSPIRG and the Student Voter Coalition begin their annual drive

INGA WATNESS
TORCH REPORTER

In preparation for the May 16 primary election, the Student Voter Coalition, OSPIRG and ASLCC will begin their annual voter registration drive the first week of Spring term, complete with campus-wide class visitations, registration boxes and volunteers with clipboards encouraging stu-

dents to get involved.

Beginning this week, there will be voter registration cards available at various locations around campus including the Bookstore, Enrollment Services, the library, Food Services, Human Resources, Disability Services, the Health Clinic, the Multicultural Center and LCC President Mary Spilde's office.

"The reason we have these drives is that we are the main group on campus that provides a voice for the students. Congressmen listen to votes," ASLCC President Jeremy Riel said.

Of the 3,000 LCC students registered in 2004, 90 per-

cent voted in the elections, Riel said.

According to Riel, the ASLCC collaborates with statewide community colleges to get students registered.

In order to be eligible to register, students must be 18 or older and be a citizen of

Voting is one of our most important rights, this is how we, the people, choose the course our government takes. The student government is doing a drive to get students to vote in the LCC elections.

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY JARED MILLS

Lane County. Voters must be registered 21 days before an election, making the deadline April 25.

In Oregon, in order to be eligible to vote for a party candidate in a primary, voters must

be a registered member of that particular party. For example, if a voter wants to vote for a democratic gubernatorial candidate such as Ted Kulongoski or Pete Sorenson in the May primary, the voter must register as a member of the Democrat Party by April 25.

Although there are numerous statewide political parties, including the Democratic Party of Oregon, the Oregon Republican Party, the Constitution Party, the Libertarian Party of Oregon, and the Pacific Green Party, the only partisan candidates in the May primary will

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It's always BYOB at the necktie party

Oregonian writes book on history of legal hangings

MICHAEL KURCICS
FOR THE TORCH

From 1851, when Oregon first became a territory, to 1903, there were at least 60 Oregon hangings. The hangings were social events, marked by formal invitations and held in public forums.

Rambunctious audiences would gather at the gallows, drunk and restless, to watch as men were publicly killed. The history of these executions is explored in Diane L. Goeres-Gardner's "Necktie Parties." The book explores the controversial subject of capital punishment through its chronicling of Oregon's history of public hangings.

"We need to know our past in order to know our future," Gardner said. Each chapter in "Necktie parties" investigates a single case and its circumstances. "(I tried) to find one thing in each case that made it unique," Gardner said. Her in-depth look at these events transports the reader back to the time of frontier justice. "When you read these stories, these people come alive."

Gardner compiled her book with the use of legal files, newspaper reports, letters from governors and a wide range of other primary sources. "What you find in here is true," she said.

She is hoping that her book will serve as a springboard to bring the discussion of capital punishment back into the spotlight.

Do not, however, expect "Necktie Parties" to preach about the moral implications of capital punishment. The book is written objectively. It delves into the specific histories of each case; its jury members, presiding judges and its ultimate outcome.

"It's like being a detective," Gardner said, who spent five years investigating the subject and writing the book.

By withholding her personal opinions on such contentious issue, Gardner made publishers very reluctant. They pressured her to incorporate her beliefs, but she was adamant about keeping the book objective.

"My audience can read this and make up their own opinions," she asserted. The book's title is derived from history. "Necktie Party" was the actual phrase used to describe public hangings in the 19th Century. People would gather from miles around, sometimes

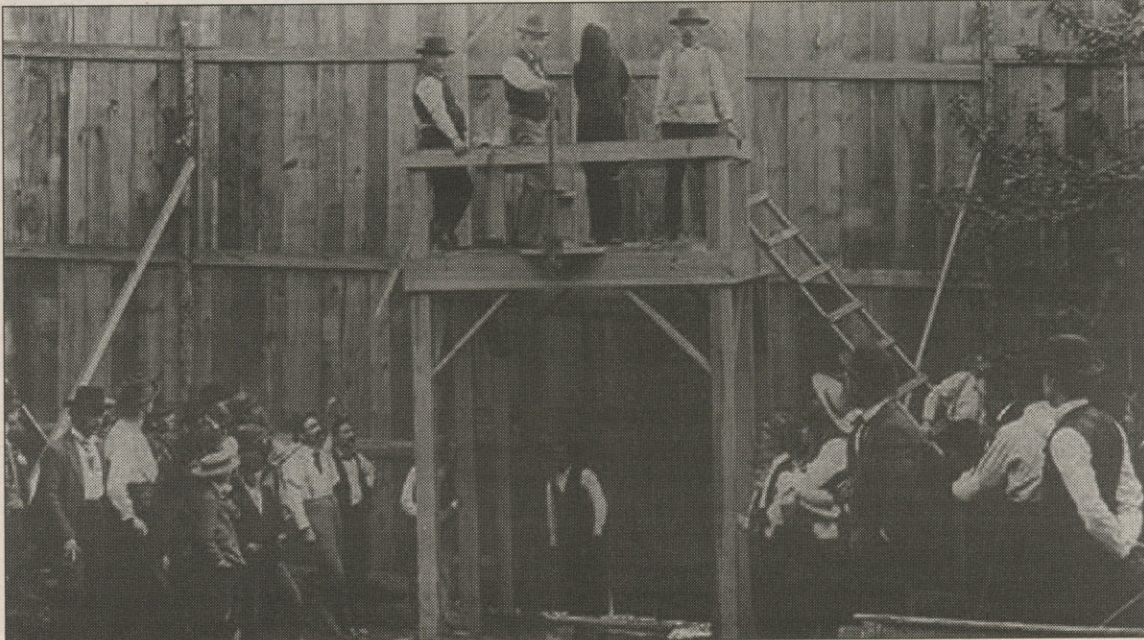


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Public hangings, as detailed in "Necktie Parties," were a pervasive form of frontier Oregon's justice and entertainment.

in the thousands, to attend these 'parties.'

As the years progressed the gatherings grew increasingly rowdier. By the late 19th Century towns had to erect massive fences to keep unruly crowds away from the gallows. Alcohol-fueled mobs would gather outside and sometimes try to tear the fencing down to get in.

Even children were sometimes brought to these events as a form of

moral education.

"Necktie Parties" is the first book of its kind. "No one has ever put together a complication about the hangings in Oregon," Gardner said. By scrutinizing individual cases, she was able to paint a picture of an era in our history. "Each story stands alone," she said, "But it's tied together in a whole."

One of the stories in the book is that

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Digging out films for a festival

Movies continue through the weekend

DREW HUNT
TORCH REPORTER

During March 7-11 the McDonald Theatre will play host to the third annual "The Archaeology Channel International Film and Video Festival."

Five days of juried films and videos on archaeological and indigenous topics will be shared with each film ranging in wide areas of topic. The festival's mission is simple: "To exhibit for our audience the wonderful diversity of human cultures past and present in the exploration of our place in history and in our world. To promote the genre and the makers of film and video productions about archaeology and indigenous peoples."

The festival began in 2003 as an outlet to the organization's website, www.archaeologychannel.org, whose popularity had been skyrocketing prior to the inaugural event, festival organizer Rick Pettigrew said.

"We had gotten to a point where almost 400,000 people were visiting the site each month," Pettigrew said. "So we decided to advance our information theatre, and give it local roots."

Since its inception, the festival has in fact become the largest archaeology-themed film festival in the western hemisphere, and is continuing to expand as both the websites and festivals grow.

While the main focus of the event is to inform and enter-



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FESTIVAL WEBSITE

The Archaeological Film Festival plays at the McDonald Theater on March 7-11 in Eugene.

tain, it is, at its core, a competition, where 56 videos and films from 15 different countries have been entered.

"Our festival is a world-wide competition, and we certainly treat it as so," said Pettigrew.

Films were selected based on how they related to archaeology and indigenous people. Each film must fall in line with what the organization is trying to accomplish, leaving Pettigrew optimistic that the crowd will respond very well to each film selected.

"We have a film based on forensic archaeology, which is a method used to solve crimes like the show CSI, to films about global warming and back again," said Pettigrew, "these are issues people are interested in."

Five films have been shown thus far in the festival, two of which are from the United Kingdom while the remaining three were made by American filmmakers.

"Queen of the Mountain" chronicles the story of Theresa Goell who became an archaeologist despite numerous hardships, most notably her

lack of hearing since Goell was deaf. Despite her condition, Goell still managed to reach a life-long goal at 50 years old by leading the excavation of Nemrud Dag, a burial site in southeast Turkey where King Antiochus of Commagene, the man who controlled Euphrates River-crossings in the century before Christ, is said to be buried.

The first film in a two-part series, "Blood of the Vikings, Episode 1: First Blood" is the examination of the Vikings in Britain from their initial raids to the settlement of the British Isles. Filmmaker Julian Richard's first episode examines evidence for the Vikings' violent raids while the second episode, "Invasion," documents their eventual overtaking of neighboring colonies.

Also to be shown is professor Manfred Korfmann's "The Truth of Troy," in which Korfmann examines the legend of Helen of Troy and its factual evidence. Excavating the city of Troy since 1988, he tells a story of great passion, but not, as it usually seems, about love.

Bukowski documentary a must-see for author's fans

'Born Into This' is a fascinating film on the infamous poet

REVIEW BY DREW HUNT
TORCH REPORTER

Considered to be one of the top American poets of the late 20th Century, Henry Charles Bukowski Jr. was a man of great infamy.

Notorious for his drinking, cursing and womanizing, Bukowski's poetry surpassed his rough and tough persona, portraying the labors of a man who simply loved to write.

In prose and poetry, Bukowski illustrated life's innumerable heartbreaks - alcoholism, bad jobs and turbulent relationships - in an eloquent and left-of-center fashion. Some were taken aback by his brash logic and humor, but what lay beneath the gruff exterior was a sensitive man looking for truth in a world he often failed to comprehend.

"Born Into This" is a fine documentary on the man's life; perfect for long-time fans looking to further understand the man they loved. Director John Dullaghan shares interviews with those who knew him best (including wife Linda Lee Bukowski, friend and publisher John Martin and actor Sean Penn) along with vintage footage of the man himself, depicting him during the highs and lows of his career and life.

What's Great:



PHOTO COURTESY THE INTERNET

Charles Bukowski was a hard-living poet whose documentary is showing at DIVAs through March 9.

Bukowski's story is fascinating. Though born in Germany, he grew up in Los Angeles, raised by an abusive father and an indifferent mother. His novel "Ham on Rye" tells the story of his childhood, which he frequently referred to as a "horror story." The film spends a fair amount of time showing how his youth made an impact on not only his writing, but also his life in general.

Footage shot in the late 70s shows Bukowski standing in the bathroom where his father would punish him violently. The glazed and indifferent look on Bukowski's face does not show an indifference to the room, but

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The third installment in the Mega Man X series is the first in which fan-favorite Zero is a playable character. Due to the release of the PlayStation in September of 1995, Capcom limited the number of cartridges produced.



PHOTO COURTESY
OF MEGA MAN X3
PLAYERS MANUAL

Capcom reinvents the Blue Bomber...again

X3 combines delivers side-scrolling perfection

REVIEW BY
EDER CAMPUZANO
MANAGING EDITOR

Dashing in the air? Zero as a playable character? Ride armor?

Well, fans of the Mega Man franchise certainly had their prayers answered when "Mega Man X3" made its North American debut on Nov. 30, 1995.

The game begins with a montage explaining the events leading up to the first mission. The revered robot Dr. Doppler had created an antidote to the virus that caused Reploids (robots that could think and make decisions) to go berserk, or Maverick. For a time peace ensued and the doctor's followers created Doppler Town, a Reploid utopia. Suddenly, the Mavericks that were thought to have reformed have turned violent and, under Doppler's orders, attack Maverick Hunter HQ. Enter X and Zero.

The game plays like the previous two X titles. There are eight stages and each boss is weak against another bosses' weapons. The stage layout is easily the most difficult in the series.

Another new feature is the addition of four ride armors. The first armor (Chimera) is just like the ride armor found in the first X title. It's a big robot that can jump inside and can punch through walls. The Hawk armor flies for short periods of time; the Frog can leap and shoot missiles and is the only armor that can operate underwater; the Kangaroo can shoot a ball-and-chain type weapon about four inches in front of it.

As in X2, Mega Man can dash without equipping any

special parts and can attain a leg enhancement that allows him to dash in the air. This time, however, he can dash vertically as well as horizontally.

The music in this game is, as is tradition with X games, excellent. Lead composer Toshihiko Horiyama must be a Guns N' Roses fan, because Neon Tiger's theme sounds an awful lot like "My Michelle." In fact, in Mega Man X5 the Mavericks have names like Axl the Red, Grizzly Slash and Duff McWhalen.

MEGA MAN X3
Platform: SNES
Publisher: Capcom
Released: Nov. 30, 1995

Graphics in some scenes are enhanced with the cartridge's C4 chip, first used in Mega Man X2. It allows some 3-D effects to take place during a few select boss battles. And, they are done beautifully.

The only noticeable difference in the game's physics is when playing as Zero. He is slightly slower than X but more powerful. Also, if Zero is defeated during a stage he will no longer be available for the player to control.

My only complaint is that when a player assumes control of Zero, he cannot be used to defeat mid-level bosses. Well, he can defeat one mid-level boss, but because of the storyline Zero will die if he faces this particular foe.

It's a shame more people couldn't appreciate the game for what it was. Due to the release of the PlayStation later that year and the Nintendo 64 the next, Capcom only published a few million copies. You'd have better luck tracking down a yeti. The cheapest I've found this title used is \$30. But why drop that much on

one cartridge when it can be picked up from Mega Man X through X6 for the same price? "Collection" also includes the cut scenes from the Japanese PlayStation release of X3.

Still, the cartridge brings memories of a simpler time, a time when the kid who could beat X3 was the hero of the neighborhood. I'll save that for another time.

LCC Winter Ensemble promises a night of musical excitement

Presenting Lane Symphonic Band and The Lane Chamber Orchestra

DEJAH MCDUGALL
TORCH REPORTER

LCC's music program will end its Winter term music studies by giving a performance Thursday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held in the Building 6, Performance Hall.

In the first half, the Chamber Orchestra will perform Ludwig Von Beethoven's "Symphony No. 5." Hisao Watanabe, director, chose this piece as a continuation of the Fall performance in which they played "Symphony No. 4."

The second half will include performances from The Symphonic Band, directed by Ron Bertucci. They will play "Prelude, Siciliano and Rondo" by Malcolm Arnold, "Sleep" by Eric Whitacre, "Colas Breugnon Overture" by Dmitri Kabalevsky, and "Variations On 'America'" by Charles Ives.

Watanabe hopes that the overall feel for the night will be "a critical excitement." He feels the audience will take away from the performance a "Discovery and excitement of



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Orchestra conductor Hisao Watanabe leads players.

classical music."

Watanabe said there's no particular section of the orchestra that is strongest.

"Each section is so special," Watanabe said. "As an orchestra, we are one unit."

Ticket prices are a requested donation of \$2-8. All proceeds go towards funding for music major scholarships for LCC students.

There will be a second performance on Sunday, March 19, at 3 p.m.

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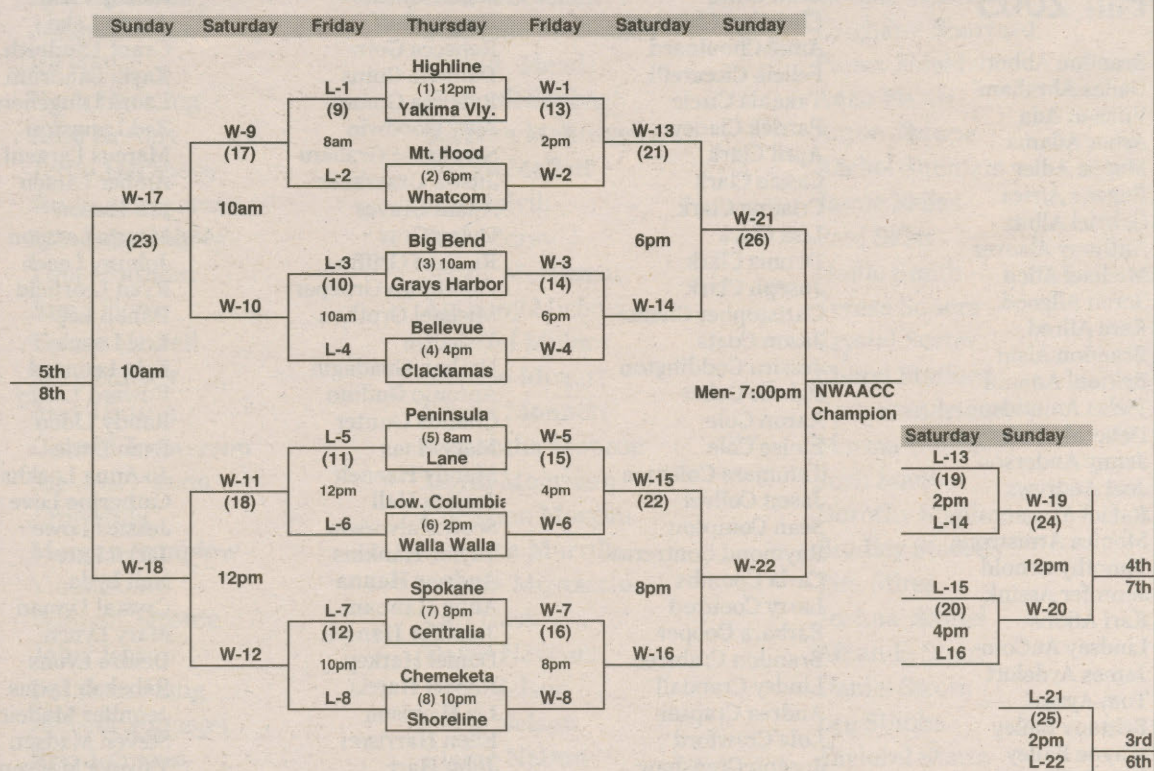
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The Titan men's basketball team have its first NWAACC Tournament game at 8 a.m. Thursday March 9. Guard James Clark has scored 292 points this season.

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Titans gain third seed in NWAACC playoffs

Men look to prove their worth in the Kennewick Wash. big dance

ROBERT JONES
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Going into the NWACC playoffs the Titans are headed for tournament play with a mixed season record of ups and downs. Of the 14 league games this season, Lane has

won five games by ten points or less and lost four games by the same margin.

The heart-stopping Titans have been in four games that were decided by five points or less. What does that do to a team? It makes them stronger.

The Titans have shrugged off uncertainty and battled adversity to their finest ability. With one sophomore on the team, the Titans gained the number three seed in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges playoffs and will face Peninsula in the first round.

"I would just say that it is quite an accomplishment for a team made up of almost all freshmen to end up behind only Mt. Hood and Chemeketa in our region," coach Matt Swagerty said.

After the Titans' 98-93 win over SWOCC on March 1, Lane waited to find out what seed they would become. It came down to the Mt. Hood vs. Clackamas game. If Clackamas had upset the Saints then they would stay the third place team.

Unfortunately for the Cougars, they couldn't muster enough to get the win and lost in Gresham 82-66.

Against SWOCC, the Titans jumped out to an early lead, 11-2, to start the game. After a sloppy pass led to a turnover with just five seconds left in the first half, the Lakers scored a layup and went into halftime down 49-45.

There were six lead changes and five ties throughout the game and Josh Akwenuke finished with 21 points in his final game at Titan Court. Tim Nelson of SWOCC led all scorers with 35 points.

The Titans' lone sophomore, Akwenuke finished first in the NWAACC in points scored with 618.

The closest to Akwenuke's point total is Michael Marek's with 312.

Peninsula will not be an easy task for the Titans.

They are the seventh ranked

team in the NWAACC and have come out of nowhere to gain the second seed in the North. Before the last poll was released, they were an unranked team before jumping up to third. After the final poll of the season was released, Peninsula fell to seventh. They are 13-3 in league play and 19-7 overall.

They won their first 10 league games before losing the next two to Shoreline (88-78) and Bellevue (79-72).

The other league loss came at the hands of Whatcom on March 1, which essentially knocked them from the first place spot they shared with Bellevue.

Peninsula had drawn the better number and would have been first had they tied for first. They finished the season by beating Seattle 85-74.

The tournament is double elimination format, so if the Titans lose they still have one more shot. Last year's winner, Lower Columbia, would most likely be the Titans' second opponent if they win. Lower Columbia has lost only one game this season.

The Titans' freshman Travon Mouton feels good about getting to the tournament. "I feel just confident to tell you the truth, confident as hell. We are going to play as a team and the same outcome is going to come out of it," Mouton said.

Mouton came from Texas this year to play ball and feels like Lane has really opened up their doors to him. "I want to tip my hat off to the whole team for the whole season. I want to thank all them for taking me in. I'm so far away from home. Everyone just took me in as a family and I love these guys," Mouton said.

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All the stars are projectors: 21st Century Astrology

Aries- Slightly Passive (March 21-April 19)

You are getting along very well with others right now and your friends can't help but notice how passive your attitude has been lately. Just do whatever makes you feel good right now, Aries. You deserve it.

Taurus- Smooth Preparation (April 20- May 20)

You are contemplating everything you hope to get done before your birthday arrives (so close!), and as long as you can keep yourself motivated enough, your endeavors will most likely be successful.

Gemini- Optimistic Energy (May 21-June 20)

You're feeling pretty good and every aspect of yourself seems to be working together in harmony, and everything in your life seems to be in order. You are getting ready to take on whatever you may need to.

Cancer- Expanding Creativity (June 21-July 22)

Jupiter is currently located in Scorpio, thus meaning that it is making a trine to your Sun. Your creativity is at its peak, and now would be a great time to delve into an area of study relatively new to you.

Leo- Reverse Reflection (July 21-Aug. 22)

Life sort of seems to be going in reverse at the moment, which is making you slightly discouraged. Reflect; think about what changes you may need to make in order to make your life less difficult.

Virgo- Irritable Interaction (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

All of your tensions are coming to surface and you may face some sort of a challenge pertaining to your daily life. You are likely to become cranky (or irritable) during this time, so be wary of the way you interact with others.

Libra- Positively Active (Sept. 23-Oct. 21)

You have been feeling very healthy, active, energized and just plain good. You long for some change in your daily structure, something that may challenge you. Jogging, or going on a hike will help.

Scorpio- Challenging Energy (Oct. 22-Nov. 21)

Feeling slightly more energized than you are used to, you are secretly hoping that something may come along that presents itself as a challenge. Nothing big, you just want to be able to overcome some sort of a difficulty.

Sagittarius- Relaxing Consumption (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You just want to surround yourself with beautiful, lavish things and have a nice time. You will probably be presented with the chance to consume nice, rich food or drink... in which case you may want to exercise some self-control.

Capricorn- Mentally Stimulated (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

It's going to feel like everyone you know is trying to get into contact with you all on the same day. Consider taking a day trip or just going somewhere you've never really been to, whether it is a new part of town, or just a new bookstore.

Aquarius- Attractive Events (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You're feeling pretty good and you're most likely going to attract fun, interesting events to your life, with little or no effort on your part. Now is a time to enjoy living any way that you deem as being worthwhile.

Pisces- Aggressive Manifestation (Feb. 19-March 20)

You're full of energy, high vitality and self-confidence. Utilize these energies in order to overcome some sort of a challenge. You are feeling super aggressive right now, too, meaning you are willing to go as far as you need to have everything your way.

Lainey Bloom
Torch Astrologer

Dear Pele

Dear Pele,

I am the only person in my family who hasn't committed suicide. My Dad overdosed on booze and pills when I was four. Neither of my brothers made it through their teen years without swallowing a hunting rifle. My twin sister cut her wrists open with a straight razor, and my mom died of carbon monoxide poisoning after sitting in a running car in our garage.

I am the only surviving member of my family. Yet, despite all this tragedy, I maintain an essentially optimistic outlook on life. What's wrong with me?

Nobody likes to feel abnormal, and in a family composed of people who clearly couldn't handle life's little disappointments, I'm essentially a freak. Nothing fazes me, the little things don't bother me and when anything negative happens in my life on a large scale I greet it with a philosophical shrug of: "C'est la vie!"

I suppose that having such a built-in coping mechanism is a positive thing. Sure beats how the rest of my family handled life, but I can't help but feel somewhat bad about it. Why didn't I turn out to be more like the rest of my family? Why did I get to have the sort of attitude that shrugs away life's problems while everyone I grew up with seemed to reach for the noose whenever things turned sour?

I guess what I'm trying ask here is, why did I get to survive and not them?

Alive but Confused

Dear Confused,

While I understand that you don't want to feel like a freak or an abnormality, rest assured that you're the normal one. It is abnormal to commit suicide, and the fact that you've been surrounded by it through the course of your entire life would of course have a profound effect on you. Don't stoop to thinking that your positive outlook is a bad thing, the trying situations you've had to deal with undoubtedly makes you a strong individual and if you can get through those things, you can get through anything.

Don't feel bad about being a survivor; celebrate your optimism. I'm thinking that maybe you've realized bad things happen, even to the best of people, and as a result you're able to handle those disappointments in a much more mature way than the rest of your family.

Dear Pele,

I'm a 21 year-old male in a new relationship, and I still live with my parents. Between school

Dear Pele is an advice column written by a Torch staff member, and should not be taken literally. Send your problems or questions to us at askpele@hotmail.com and the Goddess of Fire will do her best to give you some advice.

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Zak-ESPN called to wish you a happy 23rd birthday! From The Torch staff

and other bills (car insurance, cell phone, etc.) there's no way I could afford my own place. Knowing that this is a pretty common occurrence (among most college students, at least) doesn't make my lack of independence any less embarrassing.

My parents and I get along okay, but there's still a few drawbacks to the living situation beyond occasionally hearing my parents have sex. My biggest concern right now is this: my new girlfriend lives with her parents, too. There's nowhere private for us to go. As you can imagine, this makes the act of physical intimacy rather difficult. Having to worry about bedsprings creaking too loudly or having my mom knock on the bedroom door at just the wrong moment really kills the mood. Not to mention how much "less of a man" it makes me feel to have to sneak around my very-religious parents about the sex I'm having in their house.

I feel like my girlfriend deserves better than quietly shagging in the bunk beds I still have from childhood. And I'm afraid that she's going to realize just how much better she deserves and leave me for someone who doesn't have to worry about parents investigating those funny noises coming from the bedroom.

I can't afford my own place, and I can't afford sixty bucks for a motel room every time being physically intimate sounds like a good idea. Are there any cost-effective solutions to my situation?

Desperate for Intimacy

Dear Desperate,

Since you mentioned you have to pay car insurance I'm going to take a leap here and assume that you have a car. If you haven't already taken to making that a habitual place for your intimate events, maybe you should consider it. While the situation you're in is unfortunate, I don't know that cost-effective is in the books.

Where there's a will there's a way, my friend. Get creative. Go camping, or to the beach, send your parents to go out for the night to a movie. If she's worthwhile, she won't leave you because you live at home, it's not as if you're a 40 year-old deadbeat. Plus, she lives with her parents too. Are you considering leaving her because you feel you deserve better?

I thought not.

This situation is surely only temporary, pending getting your degree and working on your career. Besides, some people think it's only fun if you can get caught.

George Simmons - How the heck are you? Good, I hope.

Thanks for the new wheels mom & dad-it was well worth the time and money!

Events

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Last week's puzzle answers

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Students qualify for national forensics tournament

Team grateful for LCC community's financial support.

LARRY COONROD
TORCH REPORTER

For the nineteenth consecutive year LCC's forensic team will compete in the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament championship. The University of Florida will host this year's championships starting March 31.

Steve "Skippy" Coatsworth and Kendra Taylor qualified for the national championship at the regional qualifying match held at Willamette University on Feb. 26. This is the second year in a row Coatsworth has qualified for the

national event.

Of the thousands of students involved in speech and debate tournaments nationwide, only 600 qualify to compete in the national championship. Forensics coach Andy Kemp likens it to reaching the NCAA college basketball tournament.

Kemp called LCC's appearance at the AFA-NIET championships over the past 19 years an "incredible feat, statistically and academically for any college, especially a two-year institution with limited fiscal and human resources."

LCC received an additional honor when District 2 students selected Coatsworth to be their student representative at the AFA-NIET student meeting that is held in conjunction with the AFA-NIET champi-

onships. The AFA divides the United States into 10 districts with District 2 encompassing Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho, western Montana, eastern Wyoming and northern California.

Qualifying for the championships proved to be only half the battle the forensics team faced. Despite cost-cutting measures that included Kemp and his students paying for tournament entries and meals out of their own pockets, the team found its limited budget depleted at the end of the season.

Through its own fundraising efforts the team raised more than \$300 by soliciting donations from local businesses while Kemp went in search of the rest of funds needed for the trip to Florida.

"This clearly shows we have a community of students who understand the importance of discourse, especially in a society as divided as our country is."

-Andy Kemp

Despite an on going budget crisis, the LCC community responded to Kemp's solicitations with overwhelming support. On March 6, ASLCC voted to give the forensics team \$2,000 from reserve funds to cover the costs associated with

attending the tournament in Florida.

Janet Anderson of the Lane Foundation offered the team \$240. The Office of Instruction and Student Services, through Associate Vice President for Instruction Patrick Lanning, pledged an additional \$2,000 toward getting the forensics team to the Nationals.

"The whole campus reached out to help us get there," Kemp said. "The forensics team is ever-grateful to a very supportive campus."

According to Kemp, because of the generous support they received the team will not have to use the full amount pledged by any one group.

"We will be able to spread the cost around," Kemp said.

Blasts from the past



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY:
March 9 - March 15
Krystle Johnson
Features Editor

March 9, 1959, Barbie debuts, more than 8 million sold.

March 9, 1964, First Ford Mustang produced.

March 9, 1981, Dan Rather becomes primary anchorman of CBS-TV News.

March 10, 1933, Nevada becomes first state to regulate narcotics.

March 10, 1971, Senate approves amendment lowering voting age to 18.

March 11, 1953, First woman Army doctor commissioned.

March 11, 1967, Pink Floyd releases first song.

March 11, 1986, NFL adopts instant replay rule.

March 12, 1945, New York prohibits discrimination based on race and creed in employment.

March 12, 1990, Los Angeles Raiders announce return to Oakland.

March 13, 1869, Ar-

kansas legislature passes anti-Klan law.

March 13, 1925, Tennessee makes it illegal to teach evolution.

March 13, 1961, Old type black and white notes cease to be legal tender.

March 14, 1950, FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" program begins.

March 14, 1967, JFK's body moved from temporary grave to permanent memorial.

March 14, 1978, NFL permanently adds seventh official (side judge).

March 15, 1892, First escalator patented by inventor Jesse W. Reno.

March 15, 1901, Horse racing banned in San Francisco.

March 15, 1955, U.S. Air Force unveils self-guided missile.

March 15, 1991, Four Los Angeles police officers charged with beating Rodney King.

Book donations needed for Oregon's prison for women

Reading books helps inmates cope and re-enter society

DEJAH MCDUGALL
TORCH REPORTER

You may have seen some extra bins around campus and wondered, "Can I throw my apple core in there?" These bins serve a higher purpose than the collection of trash. Their purpose is to collect book donations for the women inmates at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.

Located in Wilsonville, CCCF accommodates nearly all female inmates in the state of Oregon. It has both minimum and medium security facilities and includes inmate work programs and skills training.

Lynn Vasquez, an LCC student, got involved with this project as part of her Introduction into Human Services class. Each student was given a list of

available projects and assigned to choose one as their Service Learning Project. Vasquez chose the book drive. "One of the mothers of the inmates called my teacher and said that there was a need for books," Vasquez said.

CCCF houses up to 460 women. While they have a collection of books, they are circulated throughout the units repeatedly. Women are standing in line when the next round of books come to their unit. Often by the time they get to new inmates they are tattered with wear.

Gabrielle Ewing, former inmate at CCCF, is currently a student at LCC.

"There wasn't a large selection. Some of the books were falling apart," Ewing said.

Ewing, an inmate for 18 months, said that reading and writing letters was the only thing there that passed the time. "It kept my mind free...I was able to find some freedom in reading...I

could put my mind outside of the fences."

There are some restrictions on what kind of books should be donated. Both soft and hardback will be accepted, but the facility has requested that no books with erotic content or of a violent nature be donated. Also, true crime stories are not allowed. Preferences include poetry, educational and self-help books. "Something that will benefit them while they're in prison," Vasquez said.

Donation bins can be found on the second floor of the Center Building outside the library or outside Room 231 in Building 19. This can be an important way to contribute to society. Women inmates can pass their time expanding their minds while incarcerated, giving them a better chance for reformation when they re-enter society. Ewing spent her time in prison reading and went straight into college after leaving CCFO.

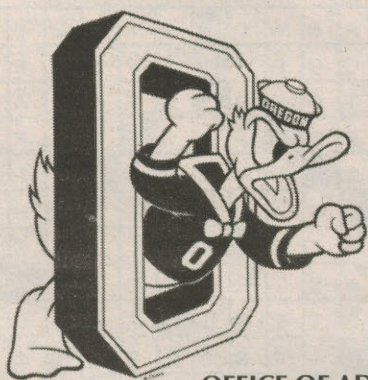
VOTERS from page 3: Big measures on May ballot

be republican and democrat.

Oregonians will be voting on a number of important and controversial issues in the May election, including Measure 33, which would require medical marijuana dispensaries for supplying patients and raises the possession limit and Measure 36, which would state that only marriage between one man and one

woman is valid or legally recognized as marriage.

If students are interested in volunteering, contact Andy Price, Director of State Affairs, by phone at 463-5334, in person at the ASLCC office, Building 1, Room 206, or by e-mail at pricea@lanec.edu. "Get registered if you haven't already done so," Price advises students.



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LEGAL SERVICES from page 1: LCC attorney can only advise, not act

and expunging criminal records.

"We get a lot of women in transition here. Some criminal cases," Dorris said.

"If you've got a child, you really need a will. The court can hold up the estate for four to six months if you die," Dorris said.

Students come in wanting to know about filing for bankruptcy. "It's advisable to get an attorney for bankruptcy," Dorris said. The cost is an average of \$750 plus a filing fee (Any court costs, such as filing fees must be paid by the student, these are not included in the basic cost covered by student fees). Although students have to get their own separate at-

torney for bankruptcy, Legal Services has a list of low cost attorneys for that purpose.

Before starting down a chosen path to a career, any student with a misdemeanor in their past needs to think about whether or not it will prevent them from getting a job in the field: it will show up on a criminal background check.

According to Dorris, any career that involves working with children, whether it be in education or human services will require that a criminal background check be made on the applicant. Other areas where this is a factor include nursing, law enforcement and EMTs.

"We've had people who had to change their majors" due to

a misdemeanor or felony in their past, Dorris said.

Legal Services can help with expunging a misdemeanor or from a criminal record: "It must be at least three years since the crime has been committed and there must be only one misdemeanor within the last ten years," Dorris said.

She added, "Most felonies stay with you for the rest of your life. There are a few that can (be expunged) and it's usually a 9-12 month process. This office can guide them through the (expungement) process."

Recently, legal services has mostly dealt with the rental problems.

"We've had a lot of landlord/tenant problems lately.

They (the landlords) have to give money back within 30 days of your moving out. Renters need to be particularly vigilant for their own protection: we've had things like charging \$100 to clean out the fireplace when there wasn't a fireplace in the house," Dorris said.

Dorris has these suggestions: walk through the rental with the landlord and a check-in list when you start. Before vacating and after cleaning, get a disposable camera and take pictures of the inside of ovens and refrigerators, rooms, closets, showers, etc. Walk through the apartment when you're ready to leave with the landlord and the check out list.

Dorris warns, "You have to

really cover your tracks to protect yourself. I've seen foreign students move back to Japan and it's difficult for them to deal with anything after that."

Have your deposit check mailed to a local address, if you can. Dorris has seen it influence the result if the landlord or manager sees there is a local presence.

"Judges are very much on the tenant's side these days. Keep the key until all your cleaning and inspecting of the apartment is done. After you've returned and vacated, you're not allowed back in. The best thing is a walk-through with the landlord or manager," Dorris said.

DISABILITY from page 3: LCC tends to the handicapped

students with anything they need to equalize themselves with students who may not have their disabilities. Some students who, for example, may be deaf, can have another person take notes with them in class using laptops in which they can converse back and forth, add notes and have the opportunity to ask questions of each other if the student is confused or needs specifics.

Technology has made the learning possibilities endless. If a student is blind or dyslexic, instead of listening to half a dozen tapes, he or she can now download or transfer an MP3 file containing a whole textbook to which they can listen.

Assisting someone with a hearing device or speech or sign language interpreter does not damage the credibility of the class, the teacher or the student by offering an alternative to learning, nor is it supposed to.

Disability Services started in 1982 through the Counseling Department but then became an independent department that is open to all students who are eligible for the services provided. If students feel they need assistance of any kind they can

go to the service's office in Building 1, Room 218, display their testing scores and talk with advisers to find a specific and unique program to help them. There is an elevator just 20 feet from the office.

Not everyone's disability is as obvious as seeing someone in a wheelchair or wearing a hearing aid. Disability Services works with students who have psychological, mental or emotional issues as well and makes referrals to counselors on the LCC campus.

The American Disabilities Act has been in effect since the 70s and helps disabled people with employment, transportation and communication. LTD busses with wheelchair accommodations are an example of how the laws have affected both the community and the transportation system in order to help disabled people gain independence and access to more opportunities such as college.

There is a wide variety of ways for Disability Services to help students. To know more, go to the department on campus, call them at 463-5150, or visit the LCC website <http://www.lanec.edu/disability>.

HARASSMENT from page 2: Informal harassment reporting process provides anonymity

these ideas in the company of a counselor who can also offer support.

If a student feels an instructor has not treated them fairly, there is a formal process for handling that.

Sometimes Barry will do an intervention in a classroom when the problem lies within classroom dynamics. She has gone into a classroom and explained the college's philosophy of fair treatment to the class when there were complaints about a student treating the other members of the class unfairly, resulting in a dysfunctional classroom dynamic.

"We try to solve the problem at the lowest possible level," Barry said. Which is why having the informal process is so valuable. Another advantage to the informal process is the anonymity it offers. In a formal

process there is no anonymity: the "defendant" has a right to know his or her accuser.

As far as fear of reprisal, Barry emphasizes "This is a safe environment to bring problems forth." That means that at the lowest, informal level of complaint, there is complete confidentiality, and there is such a wide variety and number of staff who deal with the problems with harassment that a student or employee should be able to find someone they can trust.

What about the example of unwanted advancements by a faculty member towards a LCC student outside of college? Does LCC get involved? Barry says it depends on whether or not the harassment "follows them back to college." In other words, it may depend on whether or not that student has that faculty

member for a class at that time. If the answer is yes, then it fits the criteria of harassment at LCC.

Barry said that students tend to be polarized in their thinking: they might decide on their own that some behavior towards them does not qualify as harassment and be quiet about it. She urges students to talk it over with a counselor rather than dismiss it on their own.

In the past, there was an incident of some racist flyers posted on the walls of LCC. No one saw who did it. The ASLCC organized a public speak-out against racism and hate crimes. Although the perpetrators were not caught, the message sent back to them by LCC was clear the college community would not tolerate an environment of disrespect, discrimination, or hatred.

NWAACC from page 1: Titans expect to go all the way

"We have had practices (recently) that have been better than ever," King said.

One thing that the team is becoming conscious of, is the lack of respect given to them by other teams.

"We are beginning to realize how hated we are by other teams in the Northwest. I think it's because of our ranking, our size...(and) we are good and talented. People don't want us to win because we are a power-

house," Zajonc said.

The Titans enter the NWAACC Tournament as South Division co-champions with Clackamas. The only blemish to the season is a 92-80 loss at Clackamas. Lane is currently on a 12-game winning streak. The team will be taking on Whatcom in the first round. If the Titans make it to the championship game the likely opponent will be the winner of the Clackamas and Yakima Val-

ley game.

The team confidence level is high and players know they have the ability to bring home the title.

"We are unstoppable, the only team who can beat us is ourselves," Zajonc said. "I have a lot of confidence (right now). We are going to pull it out this year."

BUKOWSKI from page 4: Even while sober Bukowski can be artistic

rather a reaction to the numbness he felt upon entering. The scene ranks among the film's most intense.

As a young adult, Bukowski was more or less a drifter, traveling from L.A. to Texas to Illinois and back again, all the while drinking excessive amounts, screwing random women, and constantly fueling the fire of his passion for writing. Though he was sometimes published by small, regional literary journals, acceptance of his work never took off in those days.

After ten years of exploring the country and himself, he settled back in Los Angeles. For the next fifteen years he would do four things, and usually in this order: drink, write, make daily trips to the horse track and work in a post office. Over time, his work was published more frequently.

His weekly column in the

L.A. Free Press, "Notes of a Dirty Old Man," was growing more popular and eventually he was able to publish his poetry in great amounts. The film portrays this period of Bukowski's life wonderfully. Footage of his poetry readings are nothing short of stirring as his voice is raw and hoarse. He lingers slowly over his words; gracefully, almost tenderly reads his works, contrasting sharply with blunt, dark imagery.

The end of the film, however, ends up being the most poignant: Dullaghan emphasizes the influence Hank's wife, Linda, had on his eventually softened edge. A scene where he tears up when reading an emotional poem is strong, almost contradictory to the persona he typically puts forth (and the one his fans are used to seeing). As he got older, the womanizing lessened, and near the

end of his life, so did the drinking. But losing these aspects of himself never seemed to blunt the rawness of his poetry.

What's Not So Great

There are times during the film where it seems Dullaghan's angle is to portray the negative side of Bukowski's life. The footage he chooses to share is sometimes downright unnecessary. Most people even vaguely familiar with Bukowski know he was boozier, so the occasional over-exposure of his faults can be discouraging. To see more of the down side of a man's work rather than his genius is disheartening, even more reason for new-

comers to not grasp all that is Bukowski.

Despite the emphasis on his faults, "Born Into This" is an amazing portrayal of the man who gave hope to thousands. The man, like his writing, is timeless and pure, brutal and honest. Though he is often criticized as a second-rate Hunter S. Thompson, Dullaghan's film will show you how Bukowski quietly defined the twentieth century and created the last great poetic reinvention. Eventually you'll see that anybody can do a bunch of drugs and write about bats: it takes a real artist to shine light on such grim situations.

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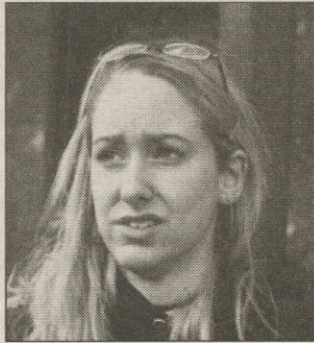
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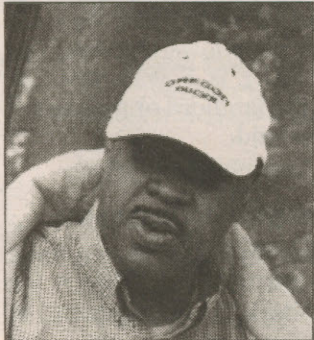
How would you cut \$6 million from LCC's budget?



"We definitely can't cut the resource centers or the tutors."
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"I'd definitely shell out a couple of extra bucks to use the resource centers."
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Chris Simon
MATH



"Realistically, I would start with the non-priority (programs). Fire half the administration."
Carl Pesek
ENGINEERING

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NECKTIE from page 4: Book explains Oregon hangings

of Charles Fiester. A Josephine county resident, Fiester killed his wife and was convicted of first-degree murder. After the hearing, his lawyer filed an appeal in Salem, during which he went catatonic.

Fiester could not speak, dress himself or feed himself. He was deemed crazy and the Oregon Supreme Court dropped the case against him. Left in his jail cell but spared execution, Fiester's condition persisted for 515 days before his son was arrested and put in a cell next to him.

The night of his son's arrest, Fiester was overheard speaking to him from an adjacent cell. Af-

ter 515 days of being catatonic, he was holding a fluent conversation. Other prisoners reported Fiester's ruse. The next day a bitter sheriff stormed to his cell and said he would never feed him again, to which Fiester replied, "It was a good try."

This and over 50 other cases can be found on the pages of "Necktie Parties."

More information about the book and its author, Diane L. Goeres-Gardner, can be found at www.necktieparties.com. The book can be found at various bookstores throughout the area, and is also available in the LCC library.

BUDGET from page 1: Deficit impacts department

The discussion involved whether or not to lay off part-time uncontracted employees. Hammon said that it would be more likely that their hours would be reduced rather than being laid off.

Hammon understands the possible impact on the workers by taking this route in that it can lead to attrition as employees leave to get more work elsewhere.

The department has already cut back by using the Printing/Graphics' services instead of their own office printers. When printing teaching material that method has its disadvantages: the service has a 24-hour turn-

around requirement and an instructor may find they have to print 30 copies of something for a class that very day.

The science department has made other changes to save money, but at a price.

"We're not engaging in travel as much as we might. Often we use our travel budget to aid in professional development of faculty and staff," Hammon said. He is concerned that the quality of the teaching profession at LCC remains high.

"We need the message to get our there that any cut impacts the students. The state needs to step up and fund the students," Hammon said.

Winter Term Final Examination Schedule

For the week of March 20-24

To find exam time, find the day, then the time the class is held

Class Days: MWF or M, W, F, MW, WF, MTuWThF, MTuWTh, MWThF, MTuThF, MTuWF

Class starts at:	Exam Day:	Exam time:
7 a.m. or 7:30 a.m.	F	7-8:50 a.m.
8 a.m. or 8:30 a.m.	M	8-9:50 a.m.
9 a.m. or 9:30 a.m.	W	8-9:50 a.m.
10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.	M	10-11:50 a.m.
11 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.	W	10-11:50 a.m.
12 p.m. or 12:30 p.m.	M	12-1:50 p.m.
1 p.m. or 1:30 p.m.	W	12-1:50 p.m.
2 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.	M	2-3:50 p.m.
3 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.	W	2-3:50 p.m.
4 p.m. or 4:30 p.m.	M	4-5:50 p.m.
5 p.m.	W	4-5:50 p.m.

Class Days: TuTh or Tu, Th, TuWThF

Class starts at:	Exam Day:	Exam time:
7 a.m. or 7:30 a.m.	F	9-10:50 a.m.
8 a.m. or 8:30 a.m.	Tu	8-9:50 a.m.
9 a.m. or 9:30 a.m.	Th	8-9:50 a.m.
10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.	Tu	10-11:50 a.m.
11 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.	Th	10-11:50 a.m.
12 p.m. or 12:30 p.m.	Tu	12-1:50 p.m.
1 p.m. or 1:30 p.m.	Th	12-1:50 p.m.
2 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.	Tu	2-3:50 p.m.
3 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.	Th	2-3:50 p.m.
4 p.m. or 4:30 p.m.	Tu	4-5:50 p.m.
5 p.m.	Th	4-5:50 p.m.

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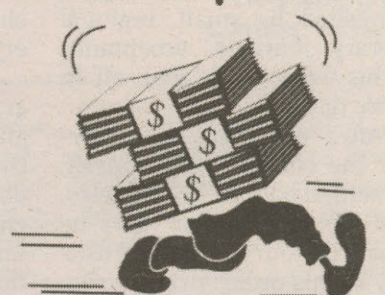
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8:00 am - 7:00 pm

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