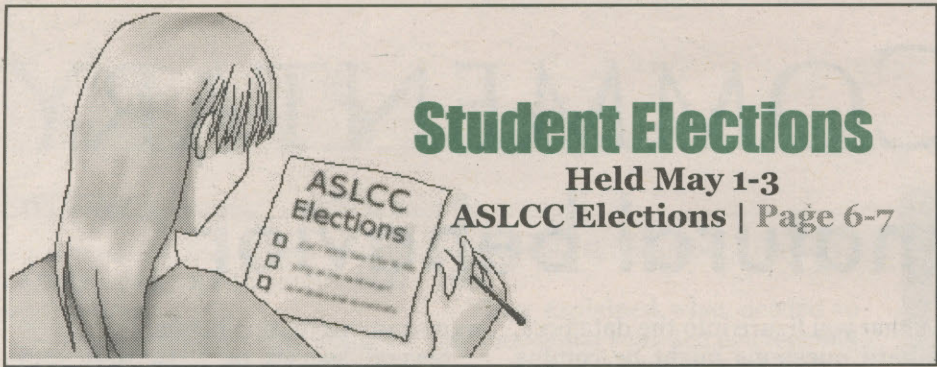
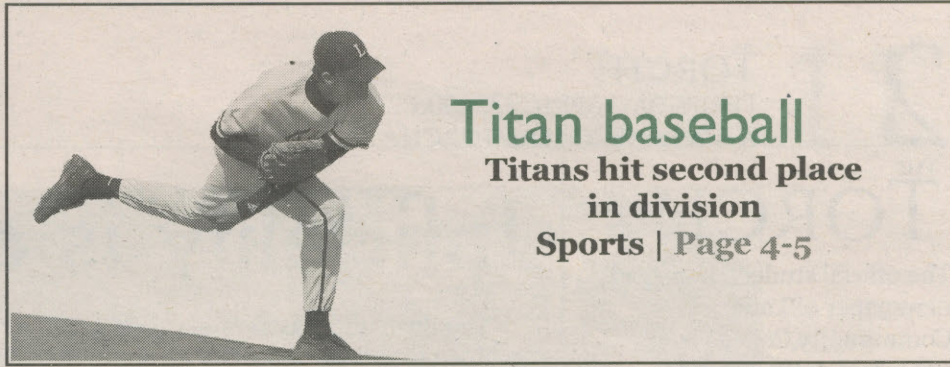




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Budget Crisis

Proposals reviewed by Budget Committee

Next meeting scheduled for May 3

PEGGY GREEN
NEWS EDITOR

The LCC Budget Committee held a work session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, in the Boardroom, Building 3 on the main campus, to review the 2006/2007 budget proposals which will be forwarded to the Board of Education for adoption.

There will be another work session on Wednesday, May 3, at the same time and place. In addition, official meetings have been scheduled for each successive Wednesday during the month of May. The meetings, open to the public, will be held on May 10, 17, and if necessary 24 and 31, all at 5:30 p.m. and all in the Boardroom.

At the May 17 meeting, public comment will be accepted. There is a sign-up sheet at the entrance to the Boardroom and each person who signs up will be allotted three minutes to speak.

It was announced by LCC that the Board of Education is expected to make decisions on the proposed budget in May. The Board is required to adopt the budget no later than June 30, 2006.

The Board will have its regular Board of Education meetings May 10 and June 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom.

Faucets get face lift, save energy

LCC student initiates water saving project

PEGGY GREEN
NEWS EDITOR

The value of education and the difference one student can make to LCC was demonstrated Friday, April 21, in Building 16 on the main LCC campus.

Kaytlyn Brown, Energy Management student, Steve West, Water Conservation Manager for EWEB, Ted Flory, LCC plumber, and volunteer students from LCC's Energy Management program replaced the aerators from more than 50 water faucets in the Science and Math Building in less time than it takes to watch a movie.

The expected result is a decrease of water use by one third, resulting in a savings of LCC money spent on water consumption, heating hot water, and waste water treatment.

The aerators, donated by EWEB, govern the amount of and the pressure behind water coming out of faucets. An aerator is that little part that can be unscrewed, at the outflow of the faucet head.



There are more faucets in Building 16 that still need retrofitting, but first they will need adaptors, which have been ordered and will also be donated by EWEB.

According to West, the out-

flow of water improved from an average of 2.2 gallons per minute (gpm) to 1.5 gpm. One faucet in the building was flowing at over 22 gpm.

How much money will LCC save after the retrofit was not



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A group of Energy Management students have replaced the water faucet aerators in most of Building 16. EWEB donated the aerator on the left, which reduces flow by nearly a gallon per minute.

Above: Kaytlyn Brown, front, LCC Energy Management student initiated a student project to replace water faucet aerators. Front to back, students Jake Soto, Talitha Bridges, Brendan Lynch and Kris Elsbree worked on the project.

readily determined, and it is impossible to determine exactly the difference in the volume of water use in Building 16 before and after the retrofit because there is currently no

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A train car full of logs rumbles past the new leaves of a tree downtown. The decline in membership of The Nature Writers Club may force this Spring's issue to be cut. Nature enthusiasts are encouraged to participate in the Nature Writers Club.



PHOTO BY NAOMI REICHMAN

Giving back to nature through writing organization

Nature Writers Club trying to stay afloat

ASHLEY BORJESON
TORCH REPORTER

The Nature Writers Club is close to being an endangered species and with a dwindling membership this year the club may not be able to produce its seasonal magazine, Earth Tithe.

The club started five years ago, inspired by Jeff Harrison's Nature Writing class. His stu-

dents were enjoying the in-depth discussions on writing.

Jeff Harrison and Ken Zimmerman became the advisers for the Nature Writing Club. They helped the members of the club produce "Earth Tithe." It started out as a newspaper and then grew into a magazine. The magazine features poems, stories, drawings and photographs inspired by nature.

"The title of the magazine, "Earth Tithe," suggests the fact

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COMMENTARY

Infidelity is a natural behavior

The Bush administration's 2006 budget includes the proposal for an additional \$300 million for social programs to promote the idea of us peasants getting and remaining married. Government-sponsored eugenics may have stopped back in the 1970s, but they're still trying to keep us unruly plebians from getting too out of hand.

Father knows best, after all.

However, human beings are evolutionary works in progress. We scampered down from the trees a while back and we've still got a ways to go before reaching whatever it is we're headed towards. Being in this half-way state of ours — between angel and ape, as it's been phrased — it follows that while there's plenty our species is skilled at (computers, genocide, etc.), there's also a lot we've yet to master.

Take monogamy, for example. Homo sapiens seem to have real trouble with the practice of confining sexual attentions to only one other person and yet so many of our moral codes and laws insist that we're required to do exactly that.

All the major Western religions condemn what biologists refer to as Extra-Pair Copulations and the rest of us call "screwing around." In some countries under Sharia law you can get stoned to death for copulating outside of your assigned dyad. Hell, even here in the "land of the free" so-called adultery is illegal in 26 states and a felony in four of them.

Yet, enforceable by law and socially condoned though it may be, people can't seem to remain within the one-partner, one-love bounds of monogamy. This may be a troubling assertion to some romantic idealists, but to social scientists it's no surprise.

The Kinsey Report announced back in the 1940s that seven out of 10 men and one out of four women had "cheated" on their partner. Apparently, we're a little less frisky these days, as a more recent study suggests the percentages to be somewhat lower.

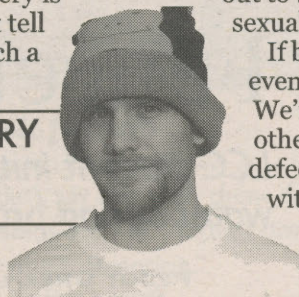
We're still screwing around, mind you, just not in the volume we were six decades ago. Or maybe it's that we're just more careful to whom we admit such behavior. After all, if a study comes out saying that everyone cheats and your spouse

knows that you figure into the data pool, some hard questions might be coming your way.

That does mess with the statistics some. Dries them down a bit. People tend to give interviewers socially desirable responses. Guess we're either just eager to please. That, or not get found out for the naughtily little mammals that we are. Sociological studies try to adjust for this sort of squeamish dishonesty, but there's no way to catch it all. Or, as female relationship website womansavers.com puts it, "The problem with obtaining accurate statistics on adultery is that most people will not tell the truth because it is such a sensitive topic."

COMMENTARY

Randy Woock
A&E Editor



The Kinsey Report's update in the early '90s had almost half of all men and almost a third of all women admitting to extra-pair copulations.

Another study released around the same time, the Janus Report, put the numbers at more than a third of men and more than a quarter of all women.

Those numbers may be a little low since they only cover married people. Including data on infidelity in non-matrimonial relationships would probably drive the numbers up even higher. However, extra-pair copulations in non-married relationships doesn't get quite the scientific attention that the ringed-finger variety does. The general gist is that there is an awful lot of us doing a thing that law, religions and social mores tell us we shouldn't.

To some this would suggest that large amounts of people are filthy little sinners. A more rational response, however, would be that if our laws and moral codes conflict with our natural behaviors, then it's the mores and the laws that need changing, not us.

And infidelity is definitely a natural behavior. It's our heritage as a proud member of Kingdom. Anamalia. Not a single other species of animal manages

monogamous mating habits.

Several species of birds were once thought to be monogamous mated, but DNA testing of offspring tends to reveal the presence of multiple fathers. It turns out that up to 40 percent of offspring born to species once considered monogamous are traceable to extra pair copulations. These recently discovered statistics suggest that all the "cheating" was occurring behind the backs of both the animals' mates and all the scientists.

So, like a lot of us, these creatures previously thought monogamous turned out to be only socially monogamous, but sexually they were polyamorous.

If birds do it and bees do it, then why even bother pretending like we don't? We're just animals, too, same as any other hairy creature. We eat, breathe, defecate, die and yes, tend to copulate with more than one partner. Just like every other animal.

And if all of God's creatures, great and small, engage in extra-pair copulations, there's got to be some sort of reason for it, right? It wouldn't be so widespread a behavior if it weren't some sort of evolutionary success.

The biological justification for infidelity as a behaviorally advantageous trait varies between the sexes. Multiple partners allows the male animal to entwine his genetic code with as many varying gene pools as possible, thus improving the chances to "project their genes into the future." Females biologically benefit from extra-pair copulations by gaining access to a wider genetic selection while retaining the material support of their primary partner (who think they're providing for a mate and offspring they mistakenly believe to be theirs). It gives females the best of both worlds.

This has worked advantageously for millions of years. Why do we think we can change it now?

Face it, people; it's in our blood. No matter how much extra-pair copulation may be proscribed, damned or condemned we keep doing it. When laws and morals conflict with our human tendencies, it's the former that are incorrect. Natural behaviors are beyond good and evil, right and wrong.

Turn off your TV and do your homework

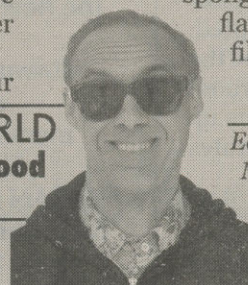
Advanced registration begins May 3 on Wednesday at 4 a.m. Use your home computer or go to Building 1 after they open at 8 a.m. Get in very fast, there can be a lot more people in summer classes.

Cat school has a playroom so your cat can have a good time and sleep.

There is too much T.V. this spring. Turn it off, thank you.

Do your homework. It may take all day and night, but do your own work.

MACKWORLD
John Mackwood
Columnist



I own King Kong on DVD and I love to eat bananas. I also love Hostess Banana Twinkies. They are a golden sponge cake with artificial flavored banana cream filling.

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.

Letter to the Editor Vote for Sorenson for governor

I read with great interest the series written by David Steves of the Register Guard's Salem office, which profiled the six major candidates for Governor of Oregon.

I would like to add my voice to that of Pat Riggs-Henson in support of Peter

Sorenson. I have worked on a number of Peter's campaigns and I have known him since 1992 and I know he is a very strong supporter of education and especially of community college education.

It was Peter who first gave voice to the idea of eliminating the corporate kicker and devoting that money to Oregon educational needs. Peter understands the key economic role played by community colleges and, if elected governor, I believe he would be the strongest of the candidates as an advocate for additional funding for these colleges.

In the last five years, the percentage of support from the State of Oregon has declined from 65 percent of the total budget of LCC to the present 54 percent. This decline has forced the college to increase student tuition to compensate for the decline in state support.

A vote for Peter Sorenson is a vote for education and, specifically, for Oregon's community colleges.

G. Dennis Shine
Member
LCC Budget Committee

KLCC Radiothon campaign raises \$250,195 in Spring events

But falls \$26,805 short of projected goal

ASHLEY BORJESON
TORCH REPORTER

National Public Radio affiliate KLCC is pleased with the generous and continuous support of its audience, even though it fell short of its goal of \$277,000.

KLCC reported that 3,111 listeners, including the "Thon Busters," contributed to the Spring Radiothon to raise a total of \$250,195.

Before the Radiothon began, during the six-week mail-in, 1,472 members dubbed "Thon Busters" contributed \$115,400 to give the Radiothon a head start.

The Radiothon lasted from April 6-13. During the final hours, 350 listeners called in to pledge over \$31,000 of support. But KLCC still fell \$26,805 short of their goal.

Held twice a year, in April and October, the Radiothon is a fundraiser for operations. The contributions help cover the cost of NPR news, nationally syndicated programs, locally programmed music, community information and live broadcasts of special events.

Gayle Chisholm, marketing director for KLCC said, "A lot of our members contributed to the Capital Campaign in the last few months, so some of them could not give as much for the Radiothon. That may be why we were a little short. But it is hard to say."

The Capital Campaign is the fundraiser for moving the KLCC station to downtown Eugene, into a building three times larger than the current facilities. The goal is to raise \$2.3 million and currently the campaign is at 63.7 percent completion. The station will be moving by the end of the year.

"We don't want people having to figure out which fundraiser to contribute to, so when the Radiothon is running we try to stay quiet. It would be too much asking of our members to participate in both at the same time," Diannah Anavir, Campaign coordinator, said.

Anavir observed that the Capital Campaign

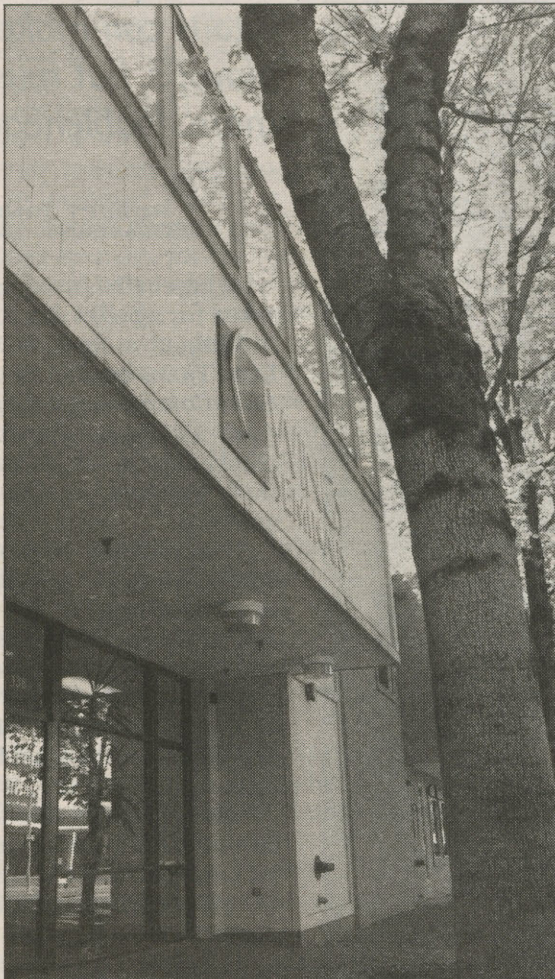


PHOTO BY NAOMI REICHMAN

The KLCC radio station has been raising money for its move to downtown Eugene. The new location will be in the current Wings Building on 8th Street near the Olive intersection.

may be a small cause for the shortage of the Radiothon but said, "Everyone is hopeful that a solution will be found. KLCC will make up the difference."

"The Radiothon gives KLCC a chance to talk with our audience, it's very rewarding for everyone," Chisholm said.

News Flash

DENALI DEADLINE TODAY, APRIL 27

Get published! Calling all painters, illustrators, poets, actors, sculptors, design students and prose masters: April 27 is the last day to submit art and literature for LCC's Literary Magazine, Denali. For over 25 years, Denali has done its best to publish the best and brightest of Lane County, and each year it gets better! Submissions may be dropped off at the Denali office, which is located Building 18, Room 213. Submissions may also be e-mailed to denali@lanecc.edu.

LUCILLE CLIFTON DISCUSSION GROUP INVITES PARTICIPATION

Poet Lucille Clifton will be the main speaker at this year's Spring Conference on May 4-5. She will give presentations and readings from her book of poems "Blessing the Boats." Reading Together is sponsoring a Classified Discussion Group to prepare for Clifton's visit. We invite you to come and share your favorite Clifton poems or to read Clifton's poems for the first time. There will be an informal discussion on Friday, April 21, 12-1 p.m., in the Archives in the basement of the Center Building, Rooms 18-19. Bring your lunch.

FRIDAY VIDEO SERIES

The Women's Center Friday Video will be shown at noon, April 28, Building 1, Room 202. "Against the Odds: Artists of the Harlem Renaissance" (60 min) covers historical events leading up to the arts movement in Harlem from 1920-30. Including coverage of a retrospective showing at the Whitney Museum in New York City.

POLITICS AND POETICS

On Tuesday, May 2, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in Building 1, Room 206, writer, poet, teacher and reproductive justice activist Judith Arcana will read from her new book, "What if your mother," and lead a discussion around the themes it addresses. "What if your mother" is a collection of poems and monologues examining a constellation of motherhood themes including abortion, adoption, miscarriage and sexuality. Arcana will also discuss the history of the movement for women's reproductive health and justice, including her participation in the underground "Jane" collective in Chicago from 1969-1973, which helped over 11,000 girls and women obtain safe illegal abortions prior to the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision. The reading and discussion will be followed by a reception for Arcana in the Women's Center from 1-2 p.m. All are welcome to either or both events.

Childcare Center could potentially lose funding base

Despite money saving efforts the Center will be facing heavy cuts

ARIEL BURKHART
COPY EDITOR

LCC's Early Childhood Education program is designed to be a way for pre-education students to gain vital experience working with children and to further their skills while working towards an associates degree in Early Childhood Education.

Despite a \$100,000 proposed budget cut to the ECE, the Center still follows the state's teacher/child ratio requirements of 1:4 for six week-olds to 23 month old children, 1:5 for two year-olds and 1:10 for children aged three to five years old.

Judy Haines, an ECE teacher, feels that a \$100,000 budget cut would be devastating. Reducing a program that is not only an on-site child care facility, but also provides a place to educate future teachers for children's development and education, would deliver a serious blow to the community.

Research shows that child

development centers that hire students with prior experience tend to provide the best quality of care for children.

"We're going to be in trouble as a society if we don't take care of our children in their formative years," Haines said.

The college council was going to cut the Early Childhood program in 2002 completely, but students, faculty and parents went to the board directly and told them how devastating that would be. The board over-turned the councils proposal and let them keep their program.

Despite the lucky break, a budget cut is coming and the ECE is finding new ways to save money. They have let go of one staff member who had worked there for 12 years, substitute hours were cut, a moratorium was placed on the hiring of substitute teachers and their director also substitutes for the childcare regulars. They have shifted meeting times to coincide with the children's naptime and have saved \$65,000 for their department.

Unless the ECE collaborates with the Co-Op program they might be cut until they are eliminated. Despite the ECE falling under the same category as the nursing program and



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

Two children play in an indoor sandbox at the Childcare Center located in Building 26.

the dental program, neither of those two face any proposed cuts, according to Haines.

"This is an emotional time all around the campus (because of the budget cuts), people should be aware that we just keep getting nailed," Haines commented.

"I think the program exceptional," Academic Learning skills teacher Adrienne Mews said. Mews has a 19-month-

old daughter who she enrolled in the ECE program. "Because I needed to work, I visited many childhood centers and there are few that provide early childhood programs. There are very few high quality centers in this community. Most give priority to staff and students at the attending institutions."

Mews commented that it was essential for people who

provide care for young children to be trained and prepared for early childhood development skills.

Mews was looking at a recent analysis of an Oregon population survey from 2000 about childcare and education in Oregon.

The report said that 16 percent of children do not always feel safe and secure in their
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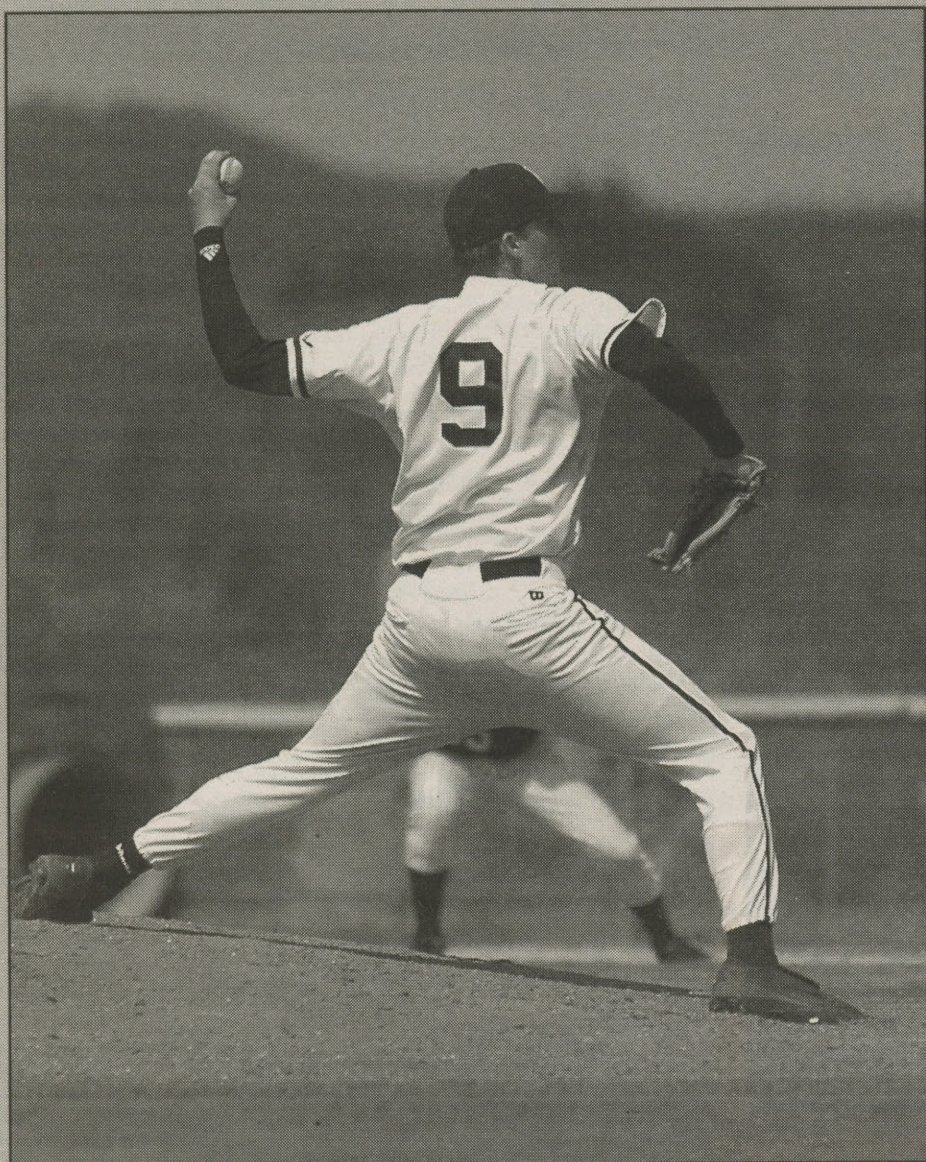


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Lane sophomore pitcher Scott Jacobson throws a complete game during a home series against Mt. Hood April 20. The Titans are currently in second place in the division.

Titans win home league opener against Mt. Hood

Jacobson throws complete game for Titans in doubleheader split

ZACKARY PACHOLL
SPORTS EDITOR

Titans played great team defense and got a solid pitching performance that proved too much for Mt. Hood.

The Titans beat league-leading Mt. Hood 2-1 in a doubleheader split on April 20.

Sophomore Scott Jacobson pitched a solid game for the Titans, giving up only one run in nine innings of play.

"It was his second best pitching performance of the year. We played great defense in the game and that was the difference," Head Coach Rob Strickland said.

To lead off the second inning, freshman infielder Travis Larson got on base from an error by Mt. Hood. Up to the plate came freshman Ryan Escalera. He tried to bunt twice, missing both times. Then he slammed the ball into the outfield, sending home Larson to put the Titans up 1-0.

In the bottom of the fourth inning the Titans put up another run from a base hit from freshman outfielder Russ Razor. It was a shot into shallow left field, scoring infielder Ryan Jordan.

In the seventh inning the Titans loaded the bases and looked to make

a big move with only one out in the inning. Mt. Hood's pitcher gave the ball to the first baseman.

The pitcher took some time and began to walk to the mound. The runner stepped off first, not knowing the first baseman had the ball, and was tagged out making it two outs. The inning ended on a line drive shot to the outfield that was caught.

"I think I've seen that two or three times in my entire career," Strickland said.

It caught us sleeping and we paid for it. It wouldn't have mattered if the line drive would have dropped (because it could have cleared the bases)."

Mt. Hood really didn't want this one to get away from them. In the bottom of the eighth, Mt. Hood freshman Billy Clontz blasted a homerun over the left center wall. It was the lone run for Mt. Hood.

"The solo homerun wasn't that bad of a pitch. The kid just made a great swing on it," Strickland said.

The game ended on a double play, giving the Titans a much need victory.

"Everything was working, all four of my pitches, fastball, curveball, slider and changeup. My offense put up two runs and that's all we needed," Jacobson said.

The Titans got smashed in the second game of the day 9-0.

"For us to get one win against Mt. Hood in that doubleheader was critical," Strickland said.

Baseball team splits with SOCC, Chemeketa

Titans can make playoffs, but must win more doubleheaders

ROBERT JONES
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

A baseball fan could not have asked for a better day for a game.

Without a cloud in the sky the Lane Titans beat Southwestern Oregon Community College twice on April 22. Even with an extremely windy day, the Titans bats powered their way to a 7-2 win in the first game.

Lane hit two homeruns in the second inning to take the lead 3-2. Scott Jacobson hit the first homerun of the game off the first pitch, and it sailed in just barely over the right field wall. In the Titans' half of the sixth inning, Frank Moon scored on a wild pitch to put Lane up 4-2.

SOCC had a chance to move one run closer but left a runner stranded the top half of the eighth inning. Sergio Magallanes doubled off the center field wall to lead off the bot-

tom of the eighth.

After moving to third on a passed ball, Magallanes got caught up in a rundown between third and home plate before finally outrunning the third baseman to score. Lane added one more run to that and took the win 7-2.

Jesse Sweet pitched a complete game to guide Lane to a 4-2 victory. Both teams traded runs in the first inning to tie the game at one apiece. Ryan Escalera singled in the bottom of the fourth to put Lane up 2-1. Moon also scored in the inning to put the Titans up 3-1.

SOCC stranded two runners in the sixth inning and scored their second run on a fly ball to center with the runner tagging.

Lane moved to 9-5 in its league after the wins and stayed in second place behind Mt. Hood.

The Titans have played in one-run games for the majority of the league season, but on April 25 Lane took advantage of the Chemeketa Storm in the first game of a doubleheader on a sunny day in Eugene.

The Titans were led by Ryan Jordan's two doubles and a two run

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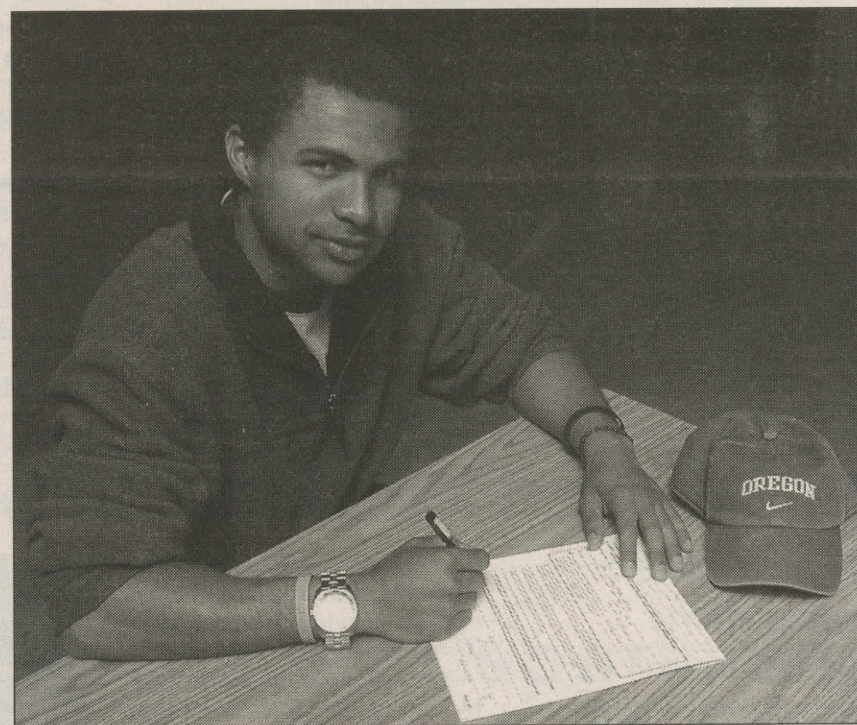


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Phil Alexander, who ran track for Lane from 2003-05, has signed a letter of intent with the University of Oregon.

Track record holder signs with Ducks

Phil Alexander breaks 200-meter record set 28 years ago

ZACKARY PACHOLL
SPORTS EDITOR

Lane Community College athlete Phil Alexander signed a letter of intent to run track at the UO.

Alexander, from McNary High School in Salem, said he is really excited for the chance to compete at Hayward Field at the Division I level.

"You know there is going to be good competition at that level," Alexander said. He attributed coach Grady O' Connor with a lot of help getting him to where he is at to-

day.

"Grady has been a big influence has helped me put races together," Alexander said.

He said his goal is to make it to the Pac-10 championship while at the UO.

"Just making it to the championship would be amazing," Alexander said.

He plans on majoring in ethnic studies at the UO.

Alexander broke the 200-meter school record in 2005 that stood for 28 years with a time of 21 seconds. Alexander competed for the Titans for two seasons and is currently practicing with the team using his redshirt year to stay eligible.

He will have two seasons to compete for the Ducks.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

Titans sophomore Marcus Dillon (right) leads Matt Scherer (left) in a 200 meter event. Dillon was named Pac-10 Track and Field athlete of the week. Dillon finished fourth in the 400 meter race at the Oregon Invitational at Hayward Field on April 22 and placed second in the 200 meter.

Track team competes at Hayward Field; Alexander places second in 200 meter event

Coach O'Connor pleased with Titan performers, overall team caliber

ZACKARY PACHOLL
SPORTS EDITOR

On a bright and sunny day at historic Hayward Field, Lane athletes shined against the competition.

Phil Alexander possibly had the best performance for the Titans on Saturday April 20. He won his 400-meter heat and placed second in the 200-meter.

In the 200 Alexander, who struggled out of the starting line, was in fifth place

coming around the turn but poured on the speed to finish second, four one hundredths of a second behind the winner. Alexander beat University of Oregon three-sport Jordan Kent who placed fourth in the event.

"The headwinds were strong, it takes more energy out of the athletes," Grady O'Connor said.

Sophomore Marcus Dillon competed for the first time ever in a Titans singlet and placed fourth in the 400-meter competition. Nathan Ingrao placed 11 in the 400-meter but was battling the flu.

O'Connor said he was very impressed with freshman David Morgan's performance on Friday's distance events. Morgan finished with a time of 31:01 in the

10,000-meter. That mark ranks him fifth on the all-time list at Lane.

In the 110-meter hurdles Dan Stowers finished fifteenth.

In the men's pole vault Darryl Evans finished fifth and Colin Cram tied for sixth. As a team in the 4x100 the Titans finished sixth.

On the women's side, Heather Frigaard finished in sixth place in the 400-meter hurdles and teammate Megan Steube finished in ninth place.

Ericka Stratton finished a half-inch short of the school record in the pole vault with a jump of 11-5 3/4.

"It was pretty amazing considering the high caliber competition on hand," O'Connor said.

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homerun to give them a 12-2 victory. Lane would have preferred that to be the only game of the day but instead had to play another.

Lane scored its only run in the bottom of the first and for the next five innings kept the Storm in check.

Scott Jacobson threw masterfully until getting some bad breaks in the sixth inning. "I was throwing basically a no-hitter until the fourth inning then they laid a drag bunt and got on. And then from there we kept competitive and kept after them. I was pitching good, then they got a couple of bleeders, a couple of baby base hits together," Jacobson said. With runners on first and second with one out in the top of the sixth, Chemeketa's Kyle Melton smacked a shot to center which forced a play at the plate, but the ball didn't get there in time and the runner scored to tie the game.

The storm then loaded the bases with Matt Hilgers up to bat.

Hilgers forced a walk to bring in the winning run and the Storm escaped with a 2-1 win. After the game, Head Coach Rob Strickland expressed disappointment after the second game loss. "You just ten-run a team, I know they're pretty demoralized but (if) that team's good enough that they're going to come back and at least fight you," Strickland said. "We get one run in the first inning then don't do anything after that. (In the sixth inning) we didn't make two plays, one of them was not throwing them out at home plate which I thought was going to be an easy play and then we walk in the winning run."

The Titans are still in good shape to make the playoffs but have to win more of the doubleheaders down the stretch. "They still haven't played at their potential, they've played pretty good baseball all season long but we're going to have to string key doubleheaders together to put another team out of the race. We still have second place, but the problem with it is we're 1-3 against Chemeketa right now and that could come back and haunt us at the end especially if we don't play well towards the end of the season," Strickland said.

**NWAACC
Track and Field
Tournament
at LCC
May 1
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
1 a.m. - 4 p.m.
May 2
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

ASLCC Candidates 2006-07

Elections will be held May 1-3 from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Ballots will be available online

CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT:



Joseph "Happi" Matthews
PRESIDENT

My Vice President and I want to work on the issues of diversity and student representation on campus. Making sure that vital programs are not cut with the present budget cuts, hold the diversity plan accountable, hold the staff to the forum for which they were hired and find a way to report problems and bias incidents, and promoting a better campus climate. Having better representation on the Governance Council.

As an example:

What is going to happen with the old Health Center?

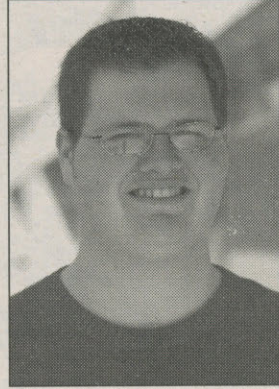
Getting involved in state and national lobbying. Talking to the Governor regarding budgets for community colleges and funding for "need based financial aid," when students can't afford to work and go to school at the same time.



Rosa Martinez
VICE PRESIDENT

Happi and I will be focusing on diversity as a whole as well as better student representation throughout campus.

We believe that every Lane student should have access to the appropriate resources when it comes to questions, problems or concerns by holding the Diversity Plan accountable. We will be sure to have more student input when it comes to making important decisions such as construction and remodeling issues. Happi and I will be working closely with the Administration to prevent crucial programs from being cut, along with working to offer a better campus environment to prevent bias incidents. One of our priorities will be state and national lobbying to get more financial aid for community colleges as well as support for those students who can't afford school because they have to work and vice-versa.



Benjamin Hanks
PRESIDENT

Joint Statement

Hi, my name is Benjamin Hanks and I believe this election is about you. Therefore the Benjamin Hanks/Laura Hanks ticket is about your interests. Recently Congress voted to cut 14 billion dollars from student financial aid. At LCC, we are facing a recurring 5.9 million dollar deficit. Politicians have made their priorities clear. It is time we made OURS clear to them. I have devised a strong platform that will protect student interests from further attack.

Promote Diversity: The Benjamin Hanks/Laura Hanks ticket calls for a Social Justice Framework that will address core components of diversity



Laura Hanks
VICE PRESIDENT

in student government. These core components will address adversity and non-traditional students interests.

Advocate Student Interests: The Benjamin Hanks/Laura Hanks ticket stands committed to protecting interest relevant to the student body, such as financial aid and tuition increases.

Ensure Accountability: The Benjamin Hanks/Laura Hanks ticket believes that it is critical that our leaders in Congress and in the ASLCC be held accountable for representing the interests of their constituency.

CANDIDATES FOR TREASURER:

KARI ATKINS

If elected to serve within the ASLCC I hope to help foster an environment of respect and understanding within student government that welcomes all students. Beyond the various political considerations, I understand that this position is primarily an important responsibility that requires significant organization and dedication. I just want to help out and make certain that each financial report is put together effectively and efficiently—essentially, that what needs to get done gets done.

In addition to fulfilling the required duties of the Treasurer, I will also make it my personal goal to help facilitate an atmosphere of safety and respect that is extended to all members of our student community and actively responds to any attempts of exclusion on the basis of race, class, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, or other subjected social identities.

AMBER DOYLE

My name is Amber Doyle. I am applying for The Associated Students of Lane Community College Treasurer. To date, I have served two years as an ASLCC Senator. I have learned, explored and helped to create many unique and diverse events and activities at Lane. As an ASLCC Treasurer, my goal will be to accurately conduct financial and economical budgets.

As an individual, I understand the primary duties and responsibilities in accordance with being an ASLCC Treasurer. As a student, I understand the importance of an educational experience and within such experience lies many extracurricular opportunities. The position of Treasurer will enable me to enhance my educational experience while creating the opportunity for future success.

If I, Amber Doyle, am elected as an ASLCC Treasurer, I will uphold my duties to the best of my ability. I will also continue to learn, explore and help in all ASLCC functions. I truly appreciate your consideration and your vote.

MATTHEW YOOK

Using LTD to commute to and from school, I know how little time there is to go elsewhere to buy food in between classes. As Treasurer I will continue the current Treasurer's plan to have a community garden that will work with the cafeteria to cut down food costs. We also have a great renewable energy program on campus that is working on projects to cut down our water and electrical consumption, and both EWEB and the Federal Government provide tax breaks to help make our campus more independent and self sustainable.

CANDIDATES FOR CAMPUS EVENTS AND MULTICULTURAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR:

STEVEN BABKIRK

Hello! My name is Steven Babkirk and I am running for the position of Campus Events & Multicultural Program Coordinator. I believe that LCC is a very diverse community and it is my desire to see that diversity is reflected in the events and programs available to students. If elected, I will work hard to bring new and innovative events to campus throughout the coming year. I also pledge to do everything possible to support the creation of new clubs on campus as well as continue to support the clubs that are already in operation. I will work with the Multicultural Center to support their programs such as afternoon Tea & Chat, hosted by the International Student Program. This position includes the responsibility of serving on the ASLCC Student Senate. In that capacity I will work to finish the projects that this year's Senate has already stated, such as the creation of a "Student Union" space in the cafeteria. As a member of the Senate I will also use my vote and voice to address the needs of students at Lane. With your support I truly believe that I can help make LCC more exciting, dynamic and an enjoyable place to get an education. Thank you for your vote.

CHRISTA CURFISS

My purpose for seeking office is to enhance the daily lives of students by coordinating educational and entertaining events on campus. I would like to bring in my past experience with events programming and my passion for social education to the Lane student community. If elected I would bridge the gap between educational and entertaining events that would enrich, involve and recruit students to the ASLCC.

ASLCC proposes activity fee increase

Fee will fund leadership training, special projects and stipends, internships

PEGGY GREEN
NEWS EDITOR

The proposal on the May ASLCC ballot to increase student activity fees by \$1.75 per student is in part for the purpose of providing on-campus internships for student leaders. According to ASLCC President Jeremy Riel, these internships will pay a small stipend per month. The intention of providing the stipend is to make it possible for a student to spend more time working on projects for their club or organization than they might otherwise. Many LCC students need to work to pay rent and other living expenses while going to school. The fee might

also go to paying for a couple of classes for the intern.

Another use of the increased fee, according to Riel, is for leadership development such as sending club leaders to conferences where they can learn leadership skills, or paying to bring in trainers to LCC.

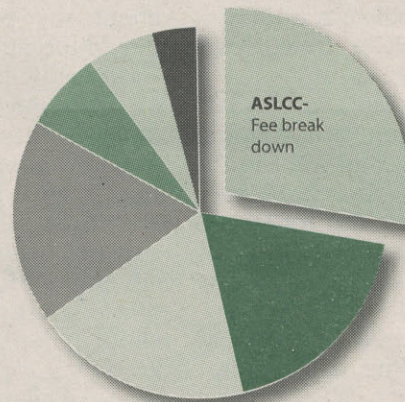
Another use of the fees is for special projects for student clubs and organizations.

The fees can be used by any LCC student taking at least one credit hour who is involved in ASLCC sponsored clubs.

Riel said they had not decided exactly how it would be determined who would get the funds, but that it might be a scholarship application process. Most likely the recipients would be club leaders, Riel said.

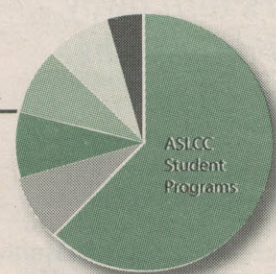
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Mandatory student fees



Mandatory Student Activity Fee:	
ASLCC	\$11.94
Athletic Department	\$8
Student Health Services	\$8
ASLCC Child Care Co-op	\$7.62
OSPIRG	\$3
Oregon Student Association	\$2.44
Torch	\$1.75
Total	\$42.75

Information courtesy of Barbara Delansky, director of Student Life and Leadership



ASLCC Student Fee Break down:	
Black Student Union	\$5.50
Student clubs & organizations	\$1
Child Development Center Subsidy	\$1
Women's Program	\$1
International Student Programs	\$1
ASLCC Student Programs	\$7.44
Total	\$11.94

ASLCC Operations Handbook 2005-2006

CANDIDATES FOR SENATORS:

JON AYERS

Hello. I'm Jon Ayers. I've been serving on the ASLCC Senate for about six months now, and feel I have been doing my best contributing to the betterment of this campus. I served on the Visibility and Policy Committees, and had the opportunity to represent ASLCC and Oregon in Washington, D.C. in March. However, there is always work to be done, and issues to be addressed. I look forward to the privilege of being able to get involved with political issues that affect students for yet another year. Some issues that are of highest priority to me are continuing to increase ASLCC visibility and student participation in our campus, and government financial aid for students. Thank you for your vote.

LEIF BRECKE

The pressing issues of our community include the rise of fascism, expressed in the form of corporate welfare and the elimination of any pretense of democracy or social freedoms including free speech. Other concerns we face include maintaining our tutors and the rising cost of tuition and textbook prices. I take a strong stand for individual liberty, social equality, environmental sustainability (the security of our community), and Oregon secession. My qualifications include a background as State Coordinator or the Pacific Green Party and Vice-Chair of the Bay Area Music and Arts Foundation. Visit my website at: myspace.com/leifbrecke

DANIEL DAWSON

My reasons for seeking office are to further help students of Lane take advantage of the resources at our school. Health care is a big issue on and off campus and I want to make sure that students that need help can get help. Being students at Lane, we are privileged to have onsite medical and dental facilities and my goal is to insure the longevity of those facilities. When dealing with the budget, I would like to find the means least detrimental to the student body to preserve the high level of education that creates the experience of Lane. I want to be a person for the people. Therefore I will act on behalf of the student body. Overall, education is the future of our country and community. I want to keep our facilities intact as well as expand upon what our campus already has to offer.

ROBERT DOW

I am running for ASLCC Senator because I believe that in order to accurately represent and serve Lane's diverse student body, a diverse ASLCC is essential. My experience working as a Student Service Associate and volunteering at the tutoring center has allowed me to come in contact with a variety of LCC students, and I enjoyed serving each term. If elected, my goal is to work alongside

Enrollment Services and advocate for a system in which students can choose to have their financial aid disbursements direct-deposited into their bank accounts.

HANNA EBENER

As a Senator, I will dedicate my time to issues that are of concern to fellow students. I will work to make sure grants, scholarships and other funding are accessible and useful for every student. I will work toward the creation of a fun, open and safe school environment, not only for class time but for all the time. As your Senator, I will be an advocate and a voice for students on campus. Please take your time to put your opinion out there and vote! Thank you for voting!

SKY K.S. FELIX

As your student Senator, I will act as a representative of students on the LCC campus and will work proactively to address the specific concerns and needs of my fellow students. In our current budget crisis, it is vital for students to have a voice in the distribution of the dwindling funds and resources. The integrity of our campus is at stake, with jobs and programs hanging in the balance. I will listen to students' needs and use that information to lessen the impact of our budget shortfall. As your Senator, I will work hard to preserve the programs and activities that are highly regarded by the student body.

MELANIE MELVILLE

I am running for Senator so that I can make a difference, I want to improve communication between students and Student Government. I would like to have forums where students could air their grievances. I would like to become more involved in the political process.

SILVER A. MOGART

I wish to make Lane Community College among the top colleges in the Nation. We are already among the top ranked and it is my desire to help maintain Lane's commitment to excellence. I have been an ASLCC Senator for one year and wish to continue on the various committees that I have been involved with. Thank you for voting in this election.

STEPHEN MOHR

I have always had an interest in Student Government. I would like to use this opportunity to involve myself. I think that I could be a positive force in the Senate and impact the student body for the better by providing an outlet to have their issues and concerns heard.

Ballot Measures

The ASLCC Senate has approved two ballot measures to be presented to the students for their vote in the May ASLCC elections in accordance with the board policy D.090, Student Activities Fees, and ASLCC by-law 9.1.1.D.2 which states "Ballot measures may be placed on the ballot by a 2/3 majority of the senate or by 300 signatures of ASLCC members of a given term."

ASLCC Mandatory Student Activity Fee Ballot Proposal: Native American Longhouse

Ballot Question:

"Shall the student fee be increased by \$3 for three years to provide funding for a Native American Longhouse at Lane Community College?"

Explanation:

This measure will increase the mandatory student body activity fee by \$3 for three years to raise funds for the Native American Longhouse project. Fundraising for this project is almost complete, and increasing the student fee for three years will provide the remaining necessary funds. This facility will be available as classroom and resource space for all students and for use by the community. This measure, if approved, will sunset (cancel) no later than the beginning of fiscal year 2010. (Note: The fee may be canceled sooner if sufficient outside funding sources are obtained by the college).

ASLCC Mandatory Student Activity Fee Ballot Proposal: ASLCC

Ballot Question:

"Shall the student fee be increased by \$1.75 to provide resources to provide internships to student leaders and additional staff positions at ASLCC, and to support clubs and organizations and provide opportunities for leadership training?"

Explanation:

Currently, student club and organization leaders do not receive any compensation for their service. By providing opportunities for paid internships, participation, continuity and accountability will increase, allowing student leaders to focus on operations and programs. Also, the funding generated will provide leaders opportunities to travel to leadership training seminars and conferences, an opportunity not currently available to many clubs. All clubs and organizations will be eligible to receive leadership internships under this student fee. The funds generated from this fee will be administered by the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development.

Past parolee now pursues career in criminal justice

LCC student uses his past to help others turn away from drugs, other major crimes

DEJAH MCDUGALL
TORCH REPORTER

Five years ago LaMonte Morgan left behind a life of drug addiction and crime. Today he is attending LCC with the dream of helping others do the same.

Morgan is a native Oregonian. Born in Reedsport, he graduated from Siuslaw High School. But from there his story wanders away from the norm.

Now 35, Morgan started struggling with drug addiction at age 14. His addiction caused a number of difficulties in his life. It affected his relationship with his children and eventually landed him in prison.

After serving an 18-month term for burglary and assault, attributed to his problem with drugs, he decided he wanted to try something different.

"I decided there had to be a better way," Morgan said.

The biggest reason Morgan decided to turn his life around was his children. "I was tired of leaving my kids. I needed to set a good example (for them)," explained Morgan.

Morgan sought out a 12-step program to help him with his drug problem and is now five years clean from drugs and alcohol.

Last year Morgan was laid off from his job with a plumbing company, and went to the Workforce Network to seek help. After he filed for unemployment, he decided to apply for a scholarship to go back to school.

"I was tired of working dead-end, blue collar jobs," Morgan said.

When Morgan started at LCC he studied computer programming. He chose it because he liked computers and considered it to be an industry that wasn't going to go away anytime soon.

He found the transition from work to school to be stressful. "It was like a lot of people thought I was doing it just to get a vacation," Morgan said. But he found that studying, getting to class on time and completing homework seemed just as stressful as a full-time job, if not more so.

To deal with his stress he became involved in the LCC theatre program. He is currently acting in the play, "Much Ado About Nothing" and can also be seen in the upcoming play "Spring Inspirations," at the LCC Performance Hall at the end of May.

He continues to take theatre classes because he thinks

of them as an escape. "(While there,) I don't have to think about my problems of the day," Morgan said.

After attending a few terms, he is no longer sure the computer business is for him. "I'm probably going to change (my major) to criminal justice. I want to be a P.O. and give back to people who have been in my situation," Morgan said.

At first he was concerned about pursuing his dream of becoming a parole officer because of his previous criminal record, but he had two P.O.'s encouraging him, telling him he could do it despite those roadblocks. Now he is in the process of getting his record expunged.

Due to Morgan's problems with drugs and alcohol in the past, and also his troubles with the law, he feels that he will be in a position to relate with people in similar situations and help them get back on the right track.

"If I can help people to realize that you don't have to keep making those mistakes and (keep) going to jail and prison, I'll feel like I've accomplished a goal in life," Morgan said.

He has already accomplished many of his goals. Morgan has integrated himself back into society, staying away from crime and prison. He has been successful in school, determined to enrich his life while helping others.

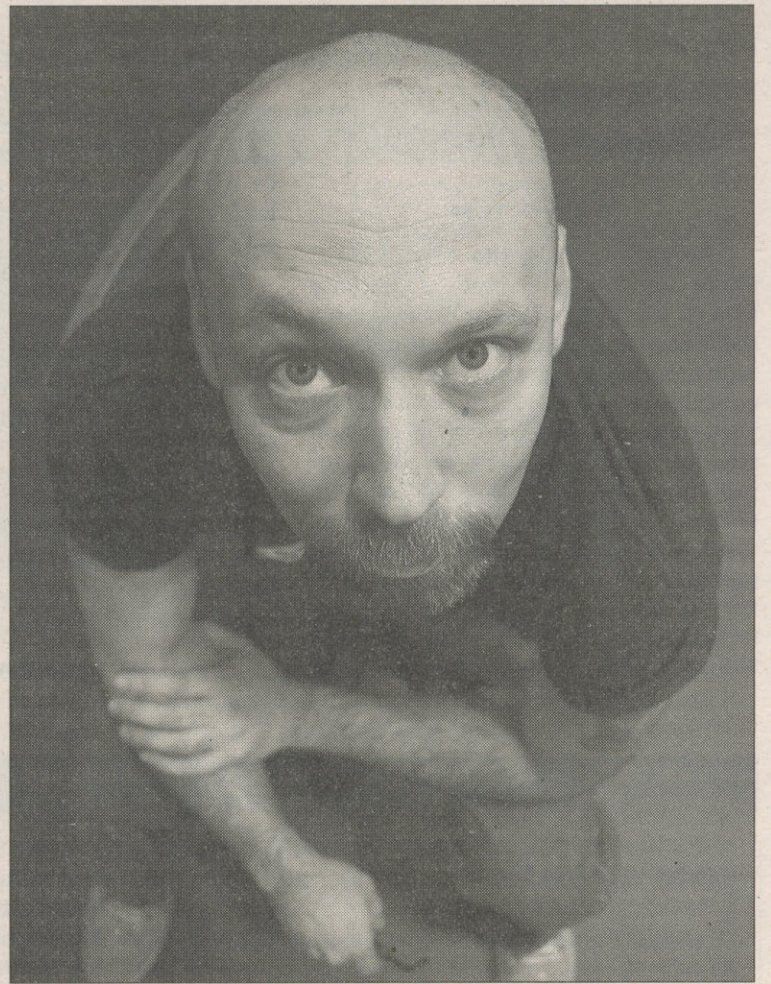


PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

LaMonte Morgan is a criminal justice student at LCC.

He is able to be there for his children, setting an example for his son and daughter that he can be proud to have them follow.

Morgan's life shows others

who may be struggling how far they can go. He is already helping those from similar lives by showing them that they too can succeed in a stressful learning environment.

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Big bucks for students fighting forest fires

Companies seek college students for fire season

LARRY COONROD
FEATURES EDITOR

Few summer jobs offer students the chance to earn more money than fighting forest fires.

Bruce Ferguson, president of Ferguson Management Company, a wild land firefighting company headquartered in Albany, Ore., estimates that entry-level firefighters can earn \$3,000 to \$5,000 a month during the peak fire season months of June, July and August.

According to Ferguson, his company prefers to hire college students. "The reason we really like college students is that they are probably a couple of clicks in intelligence greater than the average person off the street," he said. With many students taking at least four years to earn a degree, Ferguson figures that they "will be around for awhile" giving the company a pool of experienced personnel every summer.

Potential employees are required to attend a four-day,

32-hour certification course. FMC, like most fire fighting companies, does not charge for the certification class but do not pay recruits for attending either.

Ferguson says that attending the class is no guarantee of being hired. "We look at them and see how they are during the course. We rank them on who is going to be called up first," he said.

While the course teaches basic fire behavior and safety, Ferguson said the most important thing new firefighters can do to stay safe is "unplug their ears and listen (to the crew boss) when the fat hits the fire."

Once a new firefighter has his or her certification, they wait for a call up. The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management have their own fire crews but due to budget shortfalls they are increasingly relying on private firms such as FMC to provide the bulk of the manpower on large fires. "The government has told us we better be ready to go this year, because of the budget cuts their resources are gravely depleted," Ferguson said.

When a dispatch comes from the National Fire Center

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Ashland environmental group includes LCC in tour

Oxygen Collective reports on Forest Service plans for salvage logging in Biscuit Fire site

BRIAN HARDY
TORCH REPORTER

Salvage logging opponents touring Oregon by bus paid a visit to LCC's Forum Tuesday, April 15, with a multimedia presentation on the Bush administration's efforts to cut roads and harvest trees in a pristine Oregon forest area.

The Oxygen Collective, an Ashland-based environmental group, reported that the U.S. Forest Service plans to move forward with salvage logging in the Kalmiopsis Inventoried Roadless Area in the Siskiyou National Forest. The area was part of the 2002 Biscuit Fire that burned almost 500,000 acres. Logging is already underway in other Biscuit fire areas under the Bush administration's "Biscuit Fire Recovery Project."

Tim Ream, an Oxygen Collective director, said the plan allows salvage logging in the Blackberry and Mike's Gulch timber sales, with a combined total of 25 million board feet. What

makes these sales unique, Ream said, is that this is the first time Inventoried Roadless Area logging has been attempted since President Clinton signed the Roadless Rule to protect these areas in 2000.

Ream explained that the Bush administration is attempting to reduce or eliminate roadless protections as a prelude to increased logging in sensitive forest areas. Ream claims these timber sales are made for the benefit of the logging industry, which he claims collectively set the price and cost the U.S. Forest Service a 70 percent reduction in projected revenue. According to Ream, an early 2006 study by the U.S. Forest Service, scientists, and environmentalists found a loss of \$14 million on the sales for preparation and administrative costs.

Ream also reported that despite promises of an economic benefit from the Biscuit logging effort, no local towns or workers have seen any opportunities, and that workers have been hired from outside the area by project contractors.

Grady Jo Lawless, another Oxygen Collective project director, gave a brief talk in the Forum about how the Kalmiopsis roadless area is an undeveloped forested area with riparian watersheds and diverse ecosystems. Claiming

logging operations have already encroached into sensitive areas, she cited a 17-acre loss of botanical reserve as an example of the lack of environmental controls on the effort.

Lawless also described the activism her organization has mobilized to protest the planned logging, including e-mail, phone banks and literature, most of which was available at the presentation. She then introduced the film, "Keep Towing That Line," documentary the early protest actions when the Biscuit salvage logging began one year ago.

Joining the Oxygen Collective for the presentation was the Cascadia Wildlands Project, which has filed lawsuits in efforts to prevent the logging from progressing. Samantha Chirillo, who staffed their table at the presentation, explained how a research paper published this past January in the journal "Science" contradicted accepted practices for logging post-fire tree areas.

The paper was by graduate students at Oregon State University, who compared logged and unlogged areas of the Biscuit Fire. They found that post-fire logging actually inhibits the recovery process by destroying seedlings that grow naturally. The study also concluded that salvage logging actually increases the quantity of debris as fuel

for another fire, directly contradicting industry suggestions that big trees must be culled to prevent another fire from occurring.

Also presented by the Oxygen Collective at the event was information about HR 4200, the "Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act" sponsored by Greg Walden R-Ore. The bill, written to allow logging in forested areas where disasters have occurred, has been introduced to committee. But according to the Oxygen Collective presentation, the bill actually strips environmental rules and allows logging for almost any reason considered a disaster by the government.

The Oxygen Collective plans to make stops in Eugene, Ashland, Medford and Portland, driving their 40-foot bus powered by bio-diesel. They are also planning a large protest action July 1 in Portland in front of the northwest regional offices of the U.S. Forest Service, along with a celebrity-studded event at Pioneer Square.

More information on the efforts to prevent logging in the Biscuit Fire area can be found at Cascadia Wildlands Project's web site: www.cascadawild.org and the Oxygen Collective's site www.o2collective.org

FIREFIGHTING from page 8: Fire crews dispatched to help fight wild fires



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Contract fire fighting companies are looking to hire college students for summer work.

in Boise, Idaho, FMC starts assembling 20-person crews to send to the fire.

According to Ferguson, several of those slots will be filled by new firefighters. "Even if we have experienced people sitting we are still going to put five to seven new people on that crew because we need the new blood every year," he said.

Once the crews are on the fire line the hands-on training and evaluation begins. "Once they get out there we really start training in earnest to see who can do what," Ferguson said.

Ferguson said the attrition rate for new firefighters is quite high. "I would guess that no more than half of the people that sign up and think they want to do it find out they really want to do it."

He attributes the high dropout rate to the long hours, often 13 to 14 hours a day, and the weeks at a time spent away from home. When not on duty, fire crews return to a fire support camp for food, showers and down time. The sleeping bag quarters is a spot of bare ground where the crews can throw down a sleeping and a tent. "I think

"The reason we really like college students is that they are probably a couple of clicks in intelligence greater than the average person off the street."

-Bruce Ferguson

the hours and the fact you have no life except fire when you go to fires is the thing you lose a lot of people over," Ferguson said.

To contain a fire, crews dig fire trails. These are stretches of land free of highly flammable material. When the fire reaches the trail, its advance is then slowed due to the lack of fuel. Ferguson concedes that making the trails is hard work, but only because employees work for such long stretches of time. "In stretches it's damn hard work but you're only working what I consider really hard three or four hours a day.

Being out working 13 hours a day is strenuous even if you aren't working hard," he said.

Fire crews can find themselves dispatched anywhere in the United States. The first big fires of the year are often in Arizona, New Mexico and Southern California. Since crews must drive to fires, there is a high demand for fire fighters with clean driving records. While the crew is not paid while traveling to a fire, the drivers are. Often drivers make more per hour for driving than they do while battling fires. "One of the things you can never have too much of in this profession is drivers," Ferguson said.

Because of vehicle accidents with other companies that claimed the lives of several firefighters in recent years FMC takes vehicle safety seriously. All drivers are alcohol tested before the crew leaves and rest to driving time regulations are strictly enforced.

Firefighting certification training takes place during May and June so those interested should contact employers as soon as possible.

FEE INCREASE from page 7: Subject to Board okay

Riel did not say how much each group would get or how many recipients there would be.

The increased fees are estimated to generate \$42,000 in revenue. That calculation is based on 8,000 students each term for the three terms of Fall, Winter and Spring.

Barbara Delansky, Director of Student Life and Leadership Development explained, "What we've never had is enough money to do a good job with the clubs and organizations."

In particular, one of the intentions for use of the increased fee is to get rid of the position

of Campus Events and Multicultural Program Coordinator, requiring a constitutional amendment instead creating two new positions, one which governs Campus Events and one which governs the Multicultural Programs, said Riel. If the amendment passes, the two new positions would be in effect July 1, 2007.

There are many clubs and organizations at LCC, and this money would apply to any of them, Riel said.

The fee increase is subject to Board of Education approval. If approved, the fee increase would go into effect beginning Fall term, 2006.

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Alonzo Moore performed his solo dance piece "Slave Ships" in the student dance concert "The Works" on April 21 and 22, on the Performing Arts main stage.

Dance presentation choreographed from 'Reading Together' speaker, poet

An impressive turn out greets the LCC dance production

DEJAH MCDUGALL
TORCH REPORTER

Nearly 350 people attended a dance presentation, "The Works" over the April 21-22 weekend at LCC. The presentation, choreographed by students, was inspired by two different books: "Blessing the Boat" a collection of poems by Lucille Clifton and "Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place" by Terry Williams.

Eight of the dance pieces were inspired by the poetry of Lucille Clifton who will be visiting the campus next week.

"The most exciting part (of the presentation) was the fact that Lucille Clifton's book, 'Blessing

the Boat' was so strongly represented," publicist Myrna Seifert said.

Though the funds raised have not presently been documented, given the reported attendance it promises to be a successful gain for the dance department.

"It was just a beautiful dance concert...(there were) very nice comments and reactions from people," Seifert said.

The concert included group dances by Emily Joyce, Shannon Knight, and Arielle Olson; and solo dances by Bryan Avery, Lindy Comrada, Samantha Ketcherside, Alonzo Moore, Rebecca Morris, Angela Mustacchia, Tamarra White and Angela Hubbard.

Three terms of studies leading up to the concert were taught by Dance program Director, Bonnie Simoa.

Upcoming Stuff

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"Video Dead"

Locally made movie

Bijou Art Cinema

492 E 13th Ave.

May 12-14, late nights (preceding "Spike & Mikes Sick & Twisted Animation")

Also showing on May 19-21

ART

Student Show at LCC

April 26-May 16

Building 6, 1st floor art gallery

"Investigate the Body"

Art and student writings

Mon-Fri, May 1-5

Performance Hall lobby, Building 6

LECTURE

Reading Together presents

Lucille Clifton and her book "Blessing the Boats: new and selected poems 1988-2000"

Address, reading and Q&A

Thursday, May 4, 10 a.m.

Performance hall, Building 6

Followed by informal discussion and more Q&A

Same day, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Center for Meeting and Learning, Building 19, Room 104

"What if your mother"

Judith Arcana reads from her new book

Topics include abortion, miscarriage and sexuality

Tuesday, May 2, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Building 1, Room 206

Reading will be followed by a reception in the Women's Center from 1-2 p.m.

DANCE

Spring Dance concert

May 11-13, 8 p.m.

Performance Hall, Building 6

Tickets \$8 students/seniors, \$10 adults

Ticket office 463-5202

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"Blues for Curtis"

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Proposed cuts affect the art department

Cuts may start with art gallery program director

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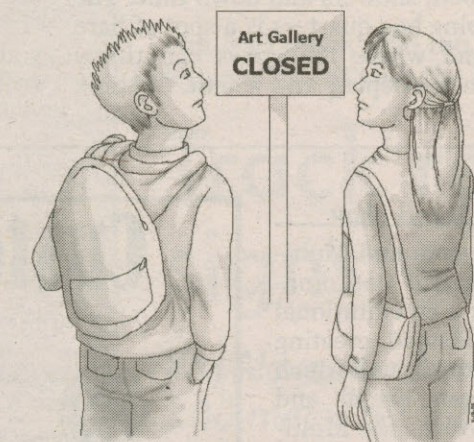
The fear and shock generated by the latest round of proposed budget cuts is already being felt across the campus. One LCC organization finding itself uncomfortably in the budgetary crosshairs is the art department.

A recent proposal has their budget being reduced by \$130,000 to \$150,000.

One of the first places the Art Department is anticipated to feel the impact of the cuts is the art gallery in Building 11. Due to contractual obligations, the elimination of a gallery employment position must take precedence over other possible cuts in the proposal.

The first elimination could be felt by art gallery program coordinator Susan Detroy. If the cut is approved, she will be scheduled to finish her duties by the end of the month, or will possibly stay until the end of the term.

Art Department Chair Rick Williams explained that Detroy's job would be the first position to be eliminated as a result of budget cuts, due to a "contractual agreement with the classified union which



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specifies which employees have to go."

The contract specifies that "time sheet employees" or employees receiving payment by the hour, must be relieved of their positions first.

The union contract requiring the elimination of time sheet employees is not exclusive to the Art Department. All academic departments at LCC have similar contracts with the classified union. The cuts eliminating hourly positions are either occurring or are scheduled to be occurring in all departments.

A gallery committee will decide where further cuts will take place within the department. As of now no art classes have

been cut from the schedule.

"I don't anticipate that we're going to lose classes at this point...It was part of the strategy not to cut any classes right now if possible," Williams said.

The elimination of Detroy's position could have a sizable effect on the gallery. As Program Coordinator, she has a wide-range of responsibilities.

These responsibilities include conducting public relations for the art gallery and being in charge of press releases. Detroy also has a hand in managing the gallery's marketing and she not only contacts the artists to be featured, but sets up the gallery itself.

Williams also commented, "The reaction of the (Art and Applied Design) department, faculty and staff has been to ask the question: 'How can we find funds to maintain the gallery operations, because we believe we need an individual to co-ordinate the gallery activities?' We are in the process of writing letters to businesses and other potential (funding agencies) to provide a permanent solution to the problem."

Detroy's departure has left the gallery with a something of a labor shortage.

"We are still determining how we are getting that to work," Art Department Academic Coordinator Mary Jo Workman said.

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M & W 9 a.m.-10:50 a.m.

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ENERGY from page 1: EWEB donates aerators

way to measure that. There is only one water meter for the entire LCC main campus.

In the future, that might change. "EWEB has offered to work with LCC Facilities to try to make it possible for each building to have its own water meter," West said.

West said EWEB has already done that with other large facilities, such as Williams Bakery, and it has been successful.

Brown was in the Water and Society class, Winter term at LCC (co-taught by Tammie Stark and EWEB's West.), when she got the idea to test how much water was being used in the building.

"EWEB has these packages for your home you can get. You can test how much water comes out of your faucet at home," Brown said.

Then she decided to see if they could do something about decreasing the amount.

"I went to Steve West and asked him 'What are the chances of getting the materials donated from EWEB?' and he said 'It's done,'" Brown said.

Brown then talked to Jennifer Hayward, LCC's Sustainability Coordinator, and set up a meeting with Facilities.

"Then I put a proposal in to Mike Ruiz (Director of Facilities, Management and Planning)" and he accepted it. We had volunteers lined up already if he was willing to implement it. He was totally all for it," Brown said.

Brown then sent a mass e-mail to members of her group asking who would be interested in changing over the faucets, and almost everyone wanted to do it.

She had one more meeting with Hayward, West and LCC plumber Ted Flory.

"I helped her coordinate the

project with the plumber," Hayward said.

Flory explained what needed to be done and it sounded like it would work, but to be sure, over Spring Break Flory tried out the new aerators on several faucets in the Downtown Center.

"He tried them out and approved them," Hayward said.

Why wasn't it done before? "I guess I made an assumption that we were using the most water efficient (plumbing) for this institution," Hayward said.

Before retrofitting all the faucets on the rest of the buildings on the main campus, Hayward wants to wait for some feedback.

"I think I'd like to wait about a week to hear comments from building users," Hayward said.

"And if everything's going well, to go ahead and schedule more buildings one by one, until the whole school is retrofitted," Hayward said.

Hayward, who has been in her position at LCC for two years, can cite one other student-initiated project: the biodiesel processor, which creates biodiesel from LCC's used kitchen oil to create power. The plan for the biodiesel fuel is to use it to feed the boilers at the LCC main campus.

Hayward also pointed out that in 1978 it was students who started LCC's recycling program. "And now we have an award-winning program with a 58 percent recycling rate," Hayward said.

Hayward continued, "I really appreciate the initiative of Kaytlyn and the other students who got this project off the ground, because they're helping LCC conserve resources and making the community a better place."



The Nature Writer's Club magazine is currently imperiled by low membership numbers and a lack of funding.

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NATURE from page 1: Future of magazine uncertain

that there is a need to give back to nature. That through creativity or creative responses to nature, we are able to give gifts back," Zimmerman said. The club's mission is to explore nature through reading, writing, discussion, immersion and excursions. The club hopes to promote environmental awareness and sensitivity through words and actions.

Shelly Emerson, a longtime club member said, "I would like to see students from the Science Department come and participate in the club. Because science is definitely relevant and those students really have something to contribute."

Many students contribute submissions to the magazine. "They see the magazine as a venue for certain types of writing and a way to be published." But for any of the

submissions to be published, membership of the club has to increase. Zimmerman added, "If we don't get membership up in the next couple of weeks, we won't have time to produce the magazine this year," Zimmerman said.

The current members of the Nature Writers Club are hoping that will not happen.

"Nature has been a very important part in my life. I come from a family of timber workers, who loved to camp and spend time in the outdoors. Nature has always been a part of my life and so has writing. Being in this club and being around other people who enjoy nature is very inspiring," Emerson said.

The club meets Wednesdays in CEN 407 at 3 p.m.

CHILDCARE from page 3: Children accepted up to five years old

childcare center. Another 38 percent did not get the attention they deserved and 46 percent of teaching facilities are not always open to new information and learning.

Mews later commented that the quality of childcare that's available is not adequate.

"The only way we have a chance is having strong programs."

The Child Development Center accepts children into their program from six weeks of age to five years old. They accept children from students, staff and the community during Fall, Winter and Spring terms.

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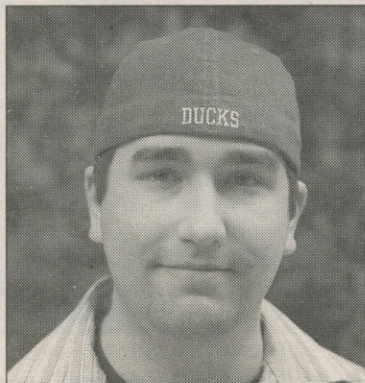
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What have you seen your student government do for you this year?



Amber Cobourn
AUDIO ENGINEERING
AND MUSIC

"Lots of walking around and asking questions. I've asked if this department (audio engineering and music) had any kind of government or council seat and there isn't one."



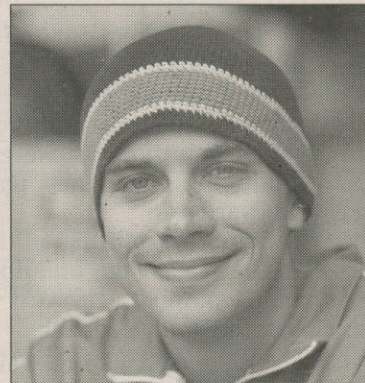
Dustin Hayden
HISTORY

"I'm sure I've seen them around, but I'm not entirely sure what ASLCC does and what separates them from everyone else."



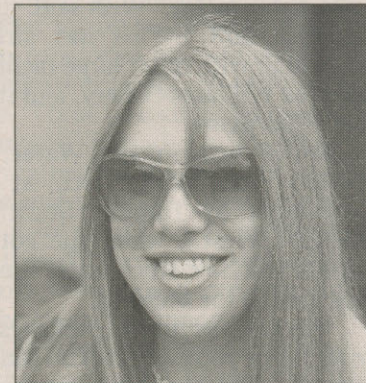
Hanna Applegate
UNDECLARED

"I haven't seen anything going on, but maybe they're doing it in secret."



Nick Joseph
WILDLIFE BIOLOGY

"I can't say I've seen them do anything for me. Maybe I don't pay much attention."

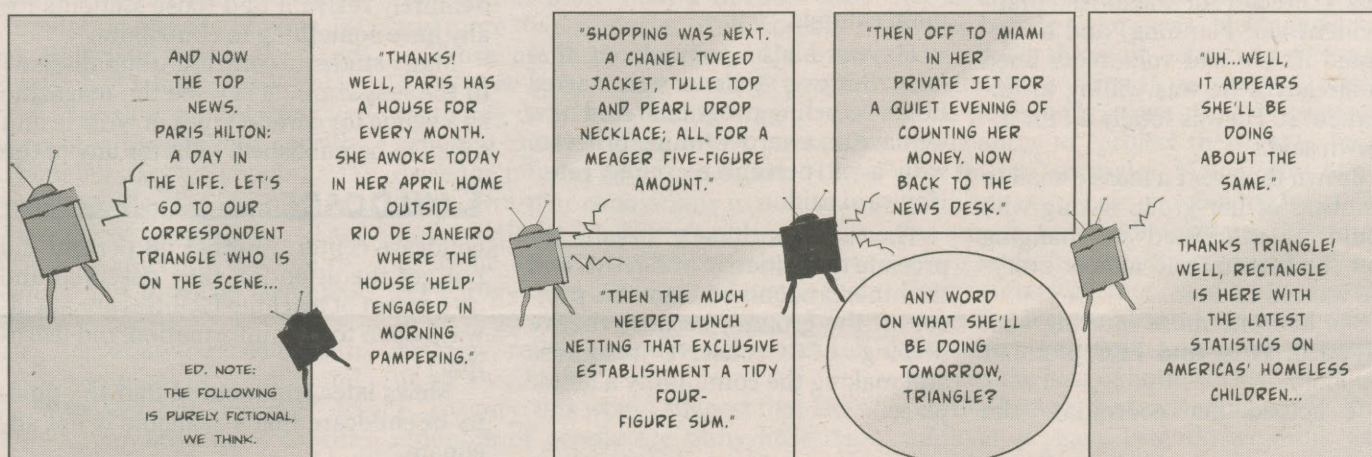


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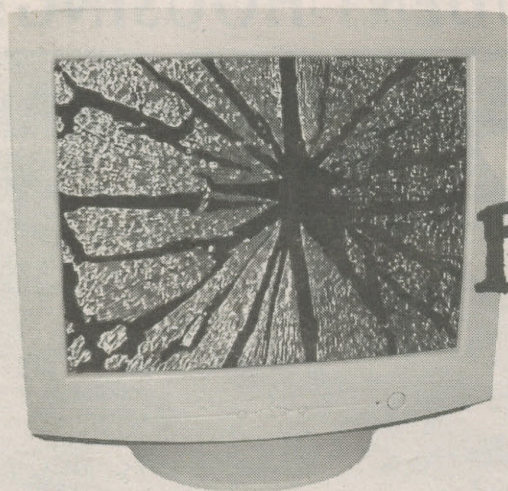
"I've seen more control from the state government than the student body government. I've seen OSPIRG putting on stuff but not much from ASLCC."

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