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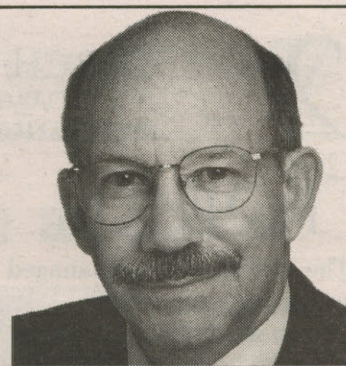
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# THE TORCH

### Budget Crisis

**Faculty, employees have their say**  
*Budget committee reviews proposals at work sessions*

PEGGY GREEN  
NEWS EDITOR

A committee convened to hear recommendations on cost cutting and budget balancing heard public testimonies and proposals from LCC faculty, staff and interested parties Wednesday night in the boardroom of Building 3 on the main campus.

It was the second Budget Committee Work Session held to review the 2006-2007 budget reduction proposals, which will be forwarded to the Board of Education for adoption.

After listening to five separate three-minute presentations, the members of the committee's Work Session then turned to their scheduled agenda to review and discuss proposals and possible solutions to the budget dilemma. Topics covered include shortening computer lab hours, initiating a first time credit enrollment fee to cover placement testing and graduation costs, and a change to the international student tuition. Also covered were the topics of nursing and dental hygiene students paying the full cost of their tuition, and a discussion of the Public Employment Retirement System and the health benefits for employees.

The next Work Session will be held on Wednesday, May 10 at 4:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of Building 3, to be followed at 6:30 p.m. by the monthly Board of Education meeting.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

After the results of Wednesday's ASLCC elections were announced, write-in candidate Shana Stull planned to contest the victory of Joseph Matthews and Rosa Martinez.

## Students get Happi

*Joseph Matthews and Rosa Martinez win ASLCC elections with 60 percent of votes*

EDER CAMPUZANO  
MANAGING EDITOR

The results are in.

Joseph "Happi" Matthews captured the ASLCC presidential seat with 60 percent of the votes for that position. Two hundred and fifty-four students voted for him and vice president Rosa Martinez. In total, 419 LCC students voted in the election.

Currently Matthews is a senator and Martinez is the president of the Latino Student

Union.

Nine of the 10 available senate positions were filled. The remaining position will be filled Fall term 2006.

Applicants for senator must collect 100 signatures from the LCC student body, attend two ASLCC meetings and attend an interview conducted by ASLCC. The student government then vote on all applicants that complete this process.

A ballot measure requiring students to pay an additional \$3 for Student Activities fees to fund the building of the Native American Longhouse on the LCC campus was passed. In the event that outside funding is found for the Longhouse, the fee will be dropped.

The increase will be initiated June 1.

### 2006-2007 ASLCC Election Results

#### President/ Vice President

• Joseph "Happi" Matthews/  
Rosa Martinez, 254  
• Benjamin Hanks/  
Laura Hanks, 61  
• Shauna Stull/  
Shawn McGlynn, 104

#### Campus Events & Multicultural Program Coordinator

Christa Curfiss, 229  
Steven Babkirk, 114

#### Treasurer

Matthew Yook, 141  
Amber Doyle, 113  
Kari Atkins, 89

#### Senators

Sky K.S. Felix, 209  
Silver A. Mogart, 204  
Melanie Melville, 200  
Hanna Ebener, 190  
Daniel Dawson, 185  
Leif Brecke, 176  
Stephen Mohr, 172  
Jon Ayres, 166  
Robert Dow, 158

#### Ballots

• ASLCC Mandatory Student Activity Fee : Native American Longhouse-  
Yes, 217; No, 150

• ASLCC Mandatory Student Activity Fee:  
ASLCC-Yes, 174; No, 188

## Waste audit reveals few surprises

*86 percent of trash sample is recyclable*

PEGGY GREEN  
NEWS EDITOR

The Sustainability department at LCC made a six-and-a-half hour "study of the material bound for the landfill," otherwise known as a waste audit.

On Thursday, April 20, a little more than 400 pounds of trash was dumped outside on the ground level of the east side of the Center Building.

Mike Sims, Facility Planner and director of recycling at LCC, and six student volunteers along with some Master Recyclers from Eugene performed the audit.

"There were no surprises this time. There's usually not.

Our waste stream is usually predictable," Sims said.

The result, according to Sims, was that from this sample only 14 percent was true waste and the rest was recyclable.

"Where we can improve is the food," Sims said.

Once an item is in the trash, it isn't cost effective to pay people to sort through the trash and remove the recyclables.

The goal is to not put the recyclables in the garbage in the first place.

A weak link in the recycling chain is with some of the recyclables in the cafeteria, in particular; plastics.

There are plastic garbage cans in the cafeteria marked for recycling of bottles and cans. Sims is working on changing the labels so that

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### WEATHER:

FRIDAY: 71/43, MOSTLY SUNNY  
SATURDAY: 65/45, SUNNY WITH SOME CLOUDS  
SUNDAY: 62/44, CHANCE OF RAIN



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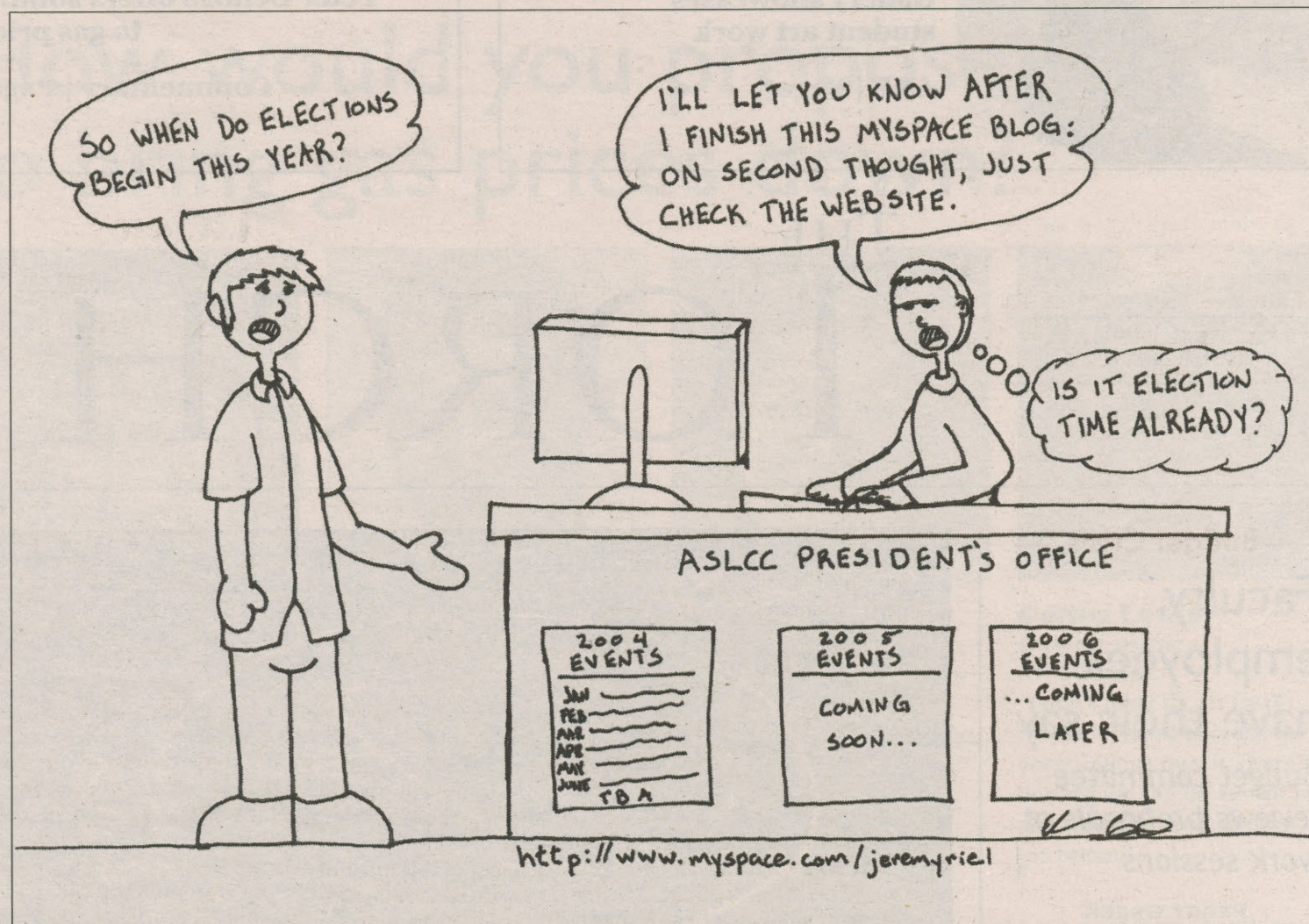
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## ASLCC has struck out in supporting the student body

There are at least two organizations on campus that have not been living up to its full potential recently. One of them you hold in your hand.

The Torch has not been covering the events put on by ASLCC this year as well as we could have. And for that we apologize.

The second organization is ASLCC. We have not reported on events partly because the student government has not advertised any of the events that have been organized or produced.

Like any organization, both the Torch and ASLCC make mistakes. Our mistakes are printed in black and white every Thursday. Student government's mistakes, however, never see the light of day.

The campus is clueless about what ASLCC is doing and what, if anything, has been accomplished. The student government has just managed to pull off an election that very few people knew anything about. The only reason students knew it was election time was because of the chalk displays from candidates and a few posters here and there.

The lack of information provided to the student body by ASLCC is appalling. Student government's lack of compliance with the Torch is also disconcerting. It should not be so difficult for a college newspaper to get straight answers from student government. Or are they already practicing for their later political careers? What does the student government have to hide? Possible fee increases that would allocate funds for student leaders to receive stipends for their work? The question looms.

The elections that wrapped up Wednesday were not advertised as much as they should have been.

The Torch offers these questions: When was the application deadline for candidates? What criteria did a presi-

dential hopeful have to meet in order to run? When would the voting begin? When would the voting close? And when would the results be announced? These are questions that shouldn't exist in the first place.

ASLCC did not produce a written voter's pamphlet, which, according to their constitution, is required of them each year.

Article IX, Sub-Article 9.2, Section B1 of the ASLCC by-laws states that student government is supposed to "set dates of elections and publicize elections." While the dates may have been set, nobody was notified of their existence. Section B4 of the same article also states that ASLCC

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should "announce available positions and set a deadline for submission of applications." Once again, the deadlines may have been set, but nobody was notified. The students at LCC were cheated in this election.

Money students forfeit each term for "Student Activity" fees is funding this incompetence.

Maybe ASLCC was just too busy tending to other things to bother with the advertisement of something as small as the student body elections. Student elections that determined whether LCC students shell out another \$4.75 per term if two ballot measures are passed.

Of those increases, \$3 would be allocated to the Longhouse project and \$1.75 would go to fund clubs on campus. First The \$1.75 increase would be applied to on-campus internships for student leaders. The fee increase would also support leadership development by sending club leaders to conferences or hiring leadership trainers.

Lastly, the increase would fund for

special projects for clubs and organizations. Some funding would go to providing stipends and training to leaders on-campus. Why pay people that don't inform students about campus events?

Fortunately, only the Longhouse ballot passed.

ASLCC student programs already receive approximately \$180,000 from student fees. Where is that money going?

The ASLCC treasurer, according to ASLCC by-laws (Article VI, Sub-Article 6.1, Section D7), is required to submit a quarterly financial report to the Torch. ASLCC has not submitted a quarterly report this year. The Torch has requested a line item expense breakdown of the entire ASLCC budget starting with the 2005-2006 fiscal year and has not received it.

Recently, Torch reporters have approached ASLCC communication director Michelle Wasner about acquiring a financial report. They were told that no one in student government could give them that information and to speak with ASLCC adviser Barbara Delansky.

The lack of information ASLCC provides to the student body is consistent in its website. The last post for the ASLCC event calendar reads: "Unfortunately, the 2005 Calendar is not yet available. Please check back soon for updates." How difficult is it to replace the 5 with a 6? Nowhere on the main LCC web page is there any text promoting the elections. Only "ASLCC Vote Here" is visible in 12 point font once a student enters Express-Lane.

Next year the Torch promises to do its part in providing information about ASLCC events to students. We hope that the 2006-2007 ASLCC do the same. It's time for ASLCC to inform students about its on-campus events. It's time for well-advertised elections and well-informed students. It's time for responsibility.

## Correction:

In the April 27 issue the Torch incorrectly reported that, if the two ballot measure passed, the increase of student activity fees by \$1.75 and \$3 per

student would go into effect Fall term, 2006. The increase would be effective at the beginning of Summer term, 2006.



# A solution to gas prices offered by Oregon's Peter Defazio

It shouldn't be a surprise that gas prices are already over \$3 a gallon in some areas of Oregon. They are heading higher with no end in sight. It's been clear for years that oil companies, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries cartel, and financial speculators are fixing prices, manipulating the market and gouging consumers at will.

Yet, the president claims to be shocked that such behavior is going on. Until recently, he and other former oil executives in his administration insisted that high prices were the result

of supply and demand. That's what they said about the Western electricity crisis in 2001 when prices spiked up to 100 times their normal levels, even after evidence of manipulation by Enron and others came to light. They were wrong then and they are wrong now.

There is no free market in oil and gas. The OPEC cartel and the growing concentration of power in the oil industry have strangled competition. Mergers have turned 34 major oil companies into 13, and 15 refining companies into seven. Four companies control 74

percent of the gasoline market in Oregon.

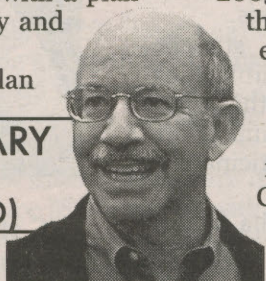
The lack of real competition means that companies can more easily manipulate supply and price. The president blames environmentalists for our limited refining capacity. In reality, internal oil company memos prove it was the companies themselves who shut down 50 refineries over the last 15 years with a plan to squeeze supply and drive up prices.

Their plan

## GUEST COMMENTARY

Peter Defazio

U.S. Representative (D)



worked. The refiners' share of each gallon of gas has gone from 27 cents in 2004 to 99 cents in 2005. The industry is in no hurry to build more refineries since more capacity means lower prices and profits.

With consumer outrage growing, the president was forced to act. But, his solution — to investigate the local station owner — will not bring relief to consumers. Instead, the government needs to go after those who are truly responsible: the hugely profitable oil

companies, the OPEC cartel, and speculators.

Gas prices are up 20 percent from this time last year, 50 percent from two years ago, and they're double the price they were when President Bush took office. Crude oil prices have doubled over just the last two years.

Not surprisingly, oil company profits have followed suit. In 2005, Exxon Mobil reported the highest annual profit ever for a U.S. company, \$36 billion, up 43 percent from the year before. That's about \$100 million a day. Exxon's CEO just retired with a \$400 million compensation package.

Despite the record profits, the president and his allies in Congress have approved tens of billions of dollars in tax breaks and subsidies for oil companies, ignored supply and market manipulation by OPEC, and refused to regulate speculators and gougers.

Some argue there is nothing Congress or the president can do to bring down prices in the short term. They are wrong. Congress should:

— Subject all oil trading to the same regulation as other

**"H.R. 4409 would require a reduction in U.S. oil consumption by 2.5 million barrels a day within 10 years."**

**-Peter Defazio**

commodities. Seventy-five percent of the oil supply is traded off the books. Speculators and oil companies secretly buy and sell contracts repeatedly to drive up the price and create profits. Commodity experts say regulation of these markets could lower prices as much as 25 percent.

— Impose a windfall profits tax on oil producers and refiners, except on money that is invested in expanding refinery capacity or drilling for oil. The revenue from the tax should be used to invest in alternative sources of energy.

— Pass legislation to make all gouging of consumers a federal crime. Currently, gouging is only illegal if there's collusion between two or more

entities, which is notoriously hard to prove.

— Force the administration to take action to break up the OPEC cartel by filing a complaint at the World Trade Organization. OPEC's quotas that artificially limit oil production violate global trade rules.

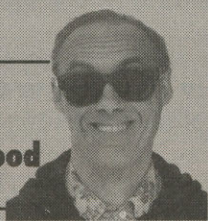
— Foster actual competition in the oil industry by imposing a merger moratorium and subjecting the industry to anti-trust investigations.

We need long-term solutions as well. I am a cosponsor of bipartisan legislation, H.R. 4409, which would significantly reduce our reliance on oil. The bill would require a reduction in U.S. oil consumption by 2.5 million barrels a day within 10 years.

That would be accomplished by expanding federal research into alternative fuels, providing incentives for American automakers to speed commercialization of more efficient and alternative fuel vehicles, providing farmers with support to grow crops for use as fuel, increasing support for public transit, increasing the number of flexible fuel vehicles on the road, and increasing tax incentives for consumers who purchase fuel efficient vehicles.

## Thoughts about flies, studies, food

**MACK-WORLD**  
**John Mackwood**  
Columnist



Fly swatters are on sale now for \$1.50 at the store. They're great for spring or summer. Just get one before too long 'cause they'll be gone soon.

I'm going to be on television later on this year. So you should go buy your own single bag of corn chips or a can of soda pop.

Get busy concentrating on your homework. Study with the radio on, listening to classical music. Just don't fall asleep.

Eat 10 candy bars to experience what it's like to dine out.

Always keep busy with independent study. Do your homework day and night.

You can lose weight with a personal coach and get results with good nutrition and proper exercise at Gold's Gym.

*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.*

# Hispanics refuse being scapegoated

Monday, May 1, brought a wave of pro-immigration rallies across America. Between 8,000-10,000 marched in Salem and Portland, with 400 or so people in Eugene comprising a purposeful crowd that The Register-Guard described as "Hispanics and their allies."

Shops and businesses owned and operated by these "Hispanics and their allies" closed down for the day to participate in protests. The purpose of these protests, echoed in cities across the nation, was to send an election year message to the rest of the country. That message being: find someone else to scapegoat.

Hispanics, with this show of numerical strength, demonstrated that they comprise too large a population to be used as straw men for election-eering tactics.

As in, some other minority is going to have to stand in for this year's boogeyman. Another group will have to be used to scare your average American into the voting booth.

As you've no doubt noticed, every election year a menace manages to rear its ugly head. Just in the nick of time, of course. Just in time to distract us all from the broken promises and abuses of power that our elected officials heaped on us throughout their terms of office. Let's remember any of this, and give them the bum's rush or lynching they so richly deserve, a handy distraction is always employed. Consider it a political sleight of hand, if you will.

Or, as Menken once put it: "The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by menacing it with an endless series of hob-

goblins..."

He was a cynical man, to be sure, but like cynics so often are when referring to our governing bodies, he was dead right.

Sometimes the election year distraction consists of groups that most of us are already conditioned to dislike or fear. Hence, the hoopla about gay marriage back in 2004. Other times, if our ruling class is particularly lucky, there's a war going on. Those are particularly useful, since they allow for

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Randy Woock

A&E Editor



a combined manipulation of our xenophobia, territorialism and bloodlust.

This year, unfortunately for those who own us, armed conflict isn't quite the big-top attraction it once has been in the past. The biggest problem with a never-ending war is that all of us A.D.D.-addicted TV addicts lose attention faster than anyone in power could have ever imagined.

Iraq's gotten boring, the War on Terror's just a vague reason to dislike Muslims, and we all need is something new to hate, something fresh to fear.

Hence, this year's projected scapegoats: illegal immigrants. They're not from around here, so they trigger our xenophobia and territorialism, and best of all, the term "illegal immigrant" is basically just a linguistic wink-and-nod for Hispanics.

America's Hispanic population—some of whom are immigrants and all of whom don't look western European

enough for comfort—were selected by politicians and pundits to be the boogymen for the 2006 election season. We're all supposed to turn our attention from things of substance—the wars, the deficits, the scandals—and focus on this supposedly vulnerable group.

They look slightly different from us. Some of them come from far-off places. And, worst of all, some of them speak a different language.

Instant enemy and electoral target, right?

Except, this time, the targets decided that they weren't going to take the scapegoating lying down. The targets knew their size, they knew their worth to the American economy, and so on the First of May they took to

the streets en masse.

It was, basically, the demographic equivalent of a cat arching its back, fur raised, an angry hiss in its throat, warning whatever's got it cornered to just back off.

That many "Hispanics and their allies" in the streets is a warning that the potential target isn't as small and defenseless as it seemed. It was letting everyone know, from opportunist politicians to bigoted gringos, that it knew its strength and wasn't afraid to use it.

In the streets, in their large numbers, America's "Hispanics and their allies" sent a very clear message that another election-year target would have to be found.

So, for the politicians and those of us into scaremongering, it's back to the drawing board. Maybe their next target will be more pliable.



## New club offers benefits to members

Club Lane will debut next month

BRIAN HARDY  
REPORTER

A new alumni program is launching at LCC to build a stronger community of former students, faculty and staff.

Club Lane, which debuts next month, will offer services for career transition, discounts and privileges on merchandise, special events and networking alumni through a centralized point.

Membership in Club Lane is open to anyone who has attended or graduated from LCC. A one-year membership is free for 2006 graduates, or \$15-\$25 for others to join. Some of the benefits offered include a periodic newsletter, a discount in the bookstore, invitations to career counseling workshops, reduced rates for performances, fitness testing, leadership opportunities, and more.

"Eighty percent of our alumni are still within the area," Kathy Thomas, Club Lane's Director said, to highlight the potential. Thomas went on to say there has not been a true alumni resource at LCC until now. She plans to develop a network of contacts, promote the benefits of the club and enhance the participation of members.

She's not wasting any time. Thomas has a "Phonathon" scheduled for seven days in May that will contact thousands of LCC graduates to tell them about Club Lane, update their contact information, and offer them the opportunity to support the college (volunteers can call Heidi Hascall at 687-0178).

The idea for Club Lane comes from Cindy Weeldreyer, who was interested in supporting alumni and joined the Lane Community College Foundation in 2002 when the idea took form. Weeldreyer's qualifications include former president of the ASLCC, member of the Board of Edu-



cation, Lane County Commissioner, and a member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Weeldreyer commented that with student turnover every two or three years it is difficult to maintain contact. She went on to say that Club Lane is the new spearhead of the alumni effort at LCC and she hopes it will vitalize participation and generate donor support.

The club itself is under the umbrella of the Lane Community College Foundation, a 501(c)(3) that allows tax-deductible contributions. Janet Anderson, the Foundation's Director, explained that the alumni association complemented the strategic partnerships the Foundation pursues with the outside community.

As examples Anderson cited the interests of local health provider Peace Health supporting LCC's nursing program and U.S. Bank's ongoing support. Thomas also cited SELCO Community Credit Union as a partner for paying the costs of printing the four-color Club Lane membership mailers.

## Closing weekend for 'Much Ado about Nothing' May 5-7



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

LCC student Productions Association presents the final performances of "Much Ado About Nothing" during the Weekend of May 4-6. The performances will take place in the Blue Door Theater in Building 6, 8 p.m. Thursday's showing will be half-off for all students. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for students and senior citizens.

## Spring Dance Concert starts May 11



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

The Lane Dance Company and students from LCC and University of Oregon will perform their movements on a newly installed dance floor in Building 6 for the Spring Dance Concert, May 11 at 8 p.m.

## News Flash

### TRAFFIC DETOUR ON FRANKLIN BLVD.

On Thursday, May 4, a detour will be in place for motorists traveling northbound on McVay Hwy to Franklin Blvd westbound. Beginning at 7:30 a.m., traffic will be detoured west onto 19th Avenue, then north at Henderson Street to Franklin Blvd. The detour will be in place for approximately two weeks while construction crews reconfigure the busy intersection and realign the roadway. Eastbound travel on Franklin Blvd will not change and will not be affected by the scheduled detour.

This work is part of Lane Transit District's EmX project – the first bus rapid transit corridor of a planned system.

### FORD SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW WORKSHOP

The annual Ford Scholarship Interview Workshop will be held on Monday, May 8, from 3-4p.m. in Building 19, Room 243. Mary Parthemer (TRiO), Beth Landy (Counseling), and Jackie Bryson (CES) will facilitate the workshop. In previous years, Lane students have been successful in earning these prestigious state-wide scholarships. Interview preparation is a vital component of their success. If you have been invited to interview for one of the Ford Family Foundation Scholarships, please attend.

### AVIATION CAREERS FOR WOMEN IS TOPIC OF OPEN HOUSE

Aviation careers for women is the focus of an open house on Saturday, May 6, from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., at LCC's Aviation Academy/Flight Technology Center, 28715 Airport Road. Information will be provided about aviation careers, scholarship and grant programs, how to prepare for aviation jobs, and women's aviation support groups. Speakers will include members of Rosie the Riveter, former flight instructor Katherine Kiles, local pilot and veterinarian Dr. Martha DeWees, a female air traffic controller, and others. For more information contact Harvey Birdseye at 463-4302.

### ASLCC TO PROVIDE BALLOT BOXES FOR MAY 16 PRIMARY

ASLCC will provide boxes for the voting ballots for the May 16 primary election. One will be outside Room 206 by the copier in Building 1, and one outside the library at the book consignment; from May 8 through 5 p.m. on May 16. The ballots will be transported on May 12 and 16.

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# LCC art gallery showcases student art

## Multimedia mishmash of student talent on display

DEJAH MCDOUGALL  
TORCH REPORTER

The student art on display this week in the LCC art gallery shows a wide array of materials, colors and expressions of belief.

One of the more noticeable pieces is an acrylic on canvas by Claire Hutton. Hutton displays a gorgeous self-portrait, the curves of her body standing out against dark matte; a doorway lies behind her with light peaking through. The dimensions exquisitely captured with her painting are nearly abstract.

Darren Cook worked with oil sticks to create "Investigating the Body." Woven with mysterious implications, the painting pulsates with great colors and great contrast. The first image in it to draw my attention was the man lying on the floor. A wolf tears into his flesh as he dies.

Jenny L. Merriman created the acrylic painting "Are you Kind?" The title is demonstrated through size and relation. A small mythical creature is resting on a wood floor. The color grabs you and each brushstroke ends perfectly.

In a black and white photograph titled "Solitude," Joni Ganieany captures an image of her own private sanctuary. It looks so inviting that the viewer is made to feel like anyone could find solitude and comfort in its landscape, resting next to the tree by the pond.

Laree Morganstern sculpted brucite stone on a wood base and titled it, "Iden-

tity Change." This powerful stone sculpture captures what nature has already made exquisite. It has great shape and great connectedness. I love this piece; it is perfectly polished. Not too much, not too little. It's one of the "must see" pieces of the show.

"Waldo Lake - It Must be a Sign," is a tapestry that conveys a mystical starry night over a lake that seemed to hold the image of a sunset. Perhaps it was the Northern Lights reflecting on the water? The texture is varied and the colors mingle well with each other.

Also on tapestry was "Colorful Shrooms: Tapestry" by Sierra Creste. Creste has an ingenious grasp of color. Her piece is playful and fun, stimulating the viewer's imagination.

Pamela Hoffmeister painted a beautiful young girl with light, lemony yellows, beiges, and maroons, locating the curves and hallows of a young face. It is titled "Madeleine I."

Allana Ross worked with mixed media to produce "Self Portrait with Black Eye." This piece of art hints at a story that urges the viewer to discover it. Her portrait, on one side of the canvas, has a look of almost defiant disgust. On the other side is a giant bug and the mini-poem, "They aren't looking anyway, just flying blind into the light." A small bug drawn on cardboard saying, "You know what I want," seems to hint that the art is expressing some urgent paranoia.

In "Botch and Sawdust," Lindsay LePon uses scraps of photography paper to show a dimensional profile of a naked woman standing at a sink. Her lines are a precarious balance of muscular and empowering,

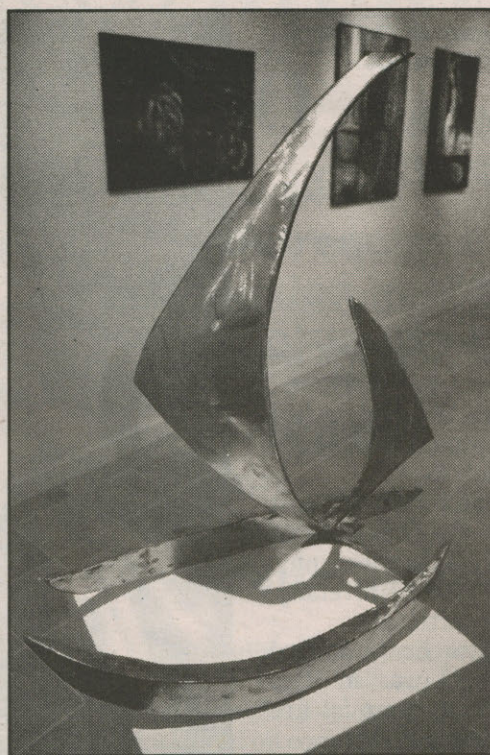


PHOTO BY ELYSE THOMPSON

Daniel Canfield's "Sailboat" is on display in the art gallery in Building 11.

delicate and soft.

Out of Maple burl wood, Ekendra Seva Goravani carved "Ever Entangling Love." The piece is an incredible use of the wood; it wraps into itself with no beginning and no end.

Also by Goravani is a sculpture of bronze and steel titled, "Air Flare." It contains unbelievable detail, showing a man in a challenging dance move. The sculpture captures light everywhere, highlighting the carefully placed curves.

"Wrinkled and Was Gone" is a talented drawing by Connie Huston. The sketch captures a character in two poses, one half is dark, wrinkled, mystical; the other is light but still gives a feeling of imbedded experience and wisdom. It evokes emotions of spiritual contemplation.

Joy Buckwheat created "Container for Ideas: Thinking Outside the Box," interactive art. The artist asks you to write a thought on a piece of paper, write a word on a marble, or make a shape with wire and leave it with her masterpiece.

The gallery is a relaxing escape from the academic hustle and bustle of campus. Anyone can go there and appreciate the art of their fellow students. And thanks to a generous donation from Mr. Steve John and Ms. Pat John, the gallery will remain open to those seeking to showcase art as well as experience it.



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The works of LCC art students are displayed in the art gallery in Building 11. Both sculptures and portraits are included in the display.

## Upcoming Stuff

### DANCE

#### Spring Dance concert

May 11-13, 8 p.m.  
Performance Hall,  
Building 6  
Tickets \$8 students/  
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Ticket office  
463-5202

#### Contra Dance

Saturday, May 13,  
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Saturday, May 6,  
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Hall, Building 6

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or Steve Magnolia  
917-0808

# Voracious log baby devours poor Czechs

Otesanek is an  
imaginative and horrific  
fairy tale

RANDY WOOCK  
A&E EDITOR

**What Happens:** A childless couple bids farewell to fertility clinics and simply carves themselves a baby from a tree root. Things turn ugly when the log baby, Little Otik, comes to life with a voracious appetite.

**Why You Should Care:** Imagination is in such short supply in American cinema that we're recycling 1980s TV shows. Anything original, any movie with the spark of life, is like owning a decent car; you have to import it from abroad. Hence, Otesanek from Czechoslovakia.

Movie Quick Pick  
**Otesanek (Little Otik)**  
Dir: Jan Svankmajer 2003

Otesanek is a surrealist masterpiece. Every scene drips with director Jan Svankmajer's genius. The whimsy and imagination circle deftly about the movie in tandem with the terror. Basically, it's just like how all those Grimm's Fairy Tales felt when you were a kid: compelling but creepy. Whether it's the opening scene with a street vendor fishing babies out of a barrel or the spray of gore as Little Otik devours his victims, Otesanek is as unsettling as it is brilliant.

**The Part You'll Be Telling Your Friends About:** Okay, it's weird to glom onto something so mundane in a surrealist fairy tale, but the most shocking part of the film isn't what



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Little Otik, the log baby, terrorizes his family and neighbors in the dark Czech fantasy, Otesanek.

one would expect. It's not Otik munching the family pet or the policemen or murdering any of the neighbors. The most shocking part of the film comes when Otik's mom is out shopping with her baby carriage. Before going into the butcher shop she parks the stroller by the door and...just leaves the thing

outside.

A baby carriage left unmonitored on a city street! The culture shock of this moment, where no one called the woman's parenting skills into question or grabbed at the baby inside it for resale on the black market, was terribly stunning.

Could there really be a place where it's considered safe to leave your baby unmonitored in public? What sort of strange utopia is Czechoslovakia? How was I, as an American, supposed to be able to relate to the film now?

Out of all the weirdness and grotesqueries, the unguarded carriage was truly the most odd and most foreign moment in the entire film.

**Final Word:** Otesanek's view of the desperation of parenthood and conspicuous consumption can be an odd pill to swallow at times, but the movie has a charming flavor all its own.



# GET TO KNOW: ANNIE MONROE

**Editor's Note: Get to Know is a feature in The Torch highlighting a staff or faculty member at LCC.**

## Annie Monroe teaches Adult Education courses at Lane County Correctional Facility

DEJAH MCDUGALL  
TORCH REPORTER

Motivated by the desire to help people who are less fortunate, Annie Monroe, an Adult Basic and Secondary Education Instructor, has devoted the last five years of her life to helping inmates at the Lane County Jail gain skills to enrich their lives.

Monroe, 65, was born in Highland Park, Ill., just outside of Chicago. She studied at the University of Wisconsin and got her bachelor degree in geography. From there she went on to Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., to earn her teaching certificate.

"I think I have always been a teacher. I started teaching swimming lessons when I was in high school...I loved it. I was a counselor at camp for five years and I loved teaching," Monroe said.

Monroe began her teaching career as a middle school teacher in Colorado Springs, Colo. She moved to Eugene, Ore. where she got married and had a family.

Monroe says she got back into education by substituting with special needs children. From there she worked at Looking Glass for a few years then received a part time position with LCC.

"I'd worked with at-risk kids. I had that background and I liked that student population...I was just lucky enough to get some part-time positions (with LCC ABSE) and moved," Monroe said.

Monroe is one of two teachers whose sole purpose is to teach at Lane County Correctional Facility. Their primary goal is to help inmates earn their GED, but they also offer them the opportunity to gain skills in math, reading, and writing to prepare them for credit classes at LCC.

The program is provided to the inmates free of charge and it is a grant-funded program, so the majority of funding comes from lottery dollars.

Monroe feels that the program has a positive im-



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**Annie Monroe is an adult basic education instructor at the Lane County Corrections Facility.**

pact on her students' lives. She explains that individuals interested in taking classes must request them in order to get involved. Once in the program all the students stay in one dorm dedicated to the adult education program.

"Being in the dorm, the behavior and conversation, because most students are involved in education, is usually less about their crimes. Their behavior is a little more respectful," Monroe said.

There are challenges that arise. Monroe says that many of the students are only there for 4-6 weeks before they move on to the next stage of their lives. She feels this is not enough time to work with them.

As far as working with inmates, Monroe commented, "They're no different than any other students."

The instructors aren't told the student's charges and only work with the minimum-security section of the facility. Monroe said the instructors feel they have a safe teaching environment.

Overall, Monroe feels her job is rewarding. "You do see a change in some of them. You do see some that come in angry and self-defeated. Once they are successful in passing a GED test or learning a new math skill, they feel better about themselves," Monroe said.

Although the recent budget cuts will affect the ABSE department as a whole, Monroe says it won't directly affect her program. "The jail administration itself supports the education program," Monroe said.

The program also receives help from volunteers.

**"I think I have always been a teacher. I started teaching swimming lessons when I was in high school...I loved it. I was a counselor at camp for five years and I loved teaching"**

**-Annie Monroe**

One volunteer is a retired principle from Pleasant Hill School district. Monroe says she's worked one-on-one with one student who improved his grade level from first or second grade level to fifth grade level.

Monroe says they could use more volunteers and feels there is room for more support if money is available to back it.

One success story Monroe worked with was a man in his 40s. He started the program because he needed to finish his degree. After two months of working on algebra and geometry, Monroe saw the man starting to believe in himself and dream of returning to school.

"I think these guys have a certain respect for us. They see it as a privilege," Monroe said.

Monroe's daughter, 32, has also pursued a career in helping people as a social worker.

"My daughter is my absolute favorite person in the world. We talk often about helping people who need it."

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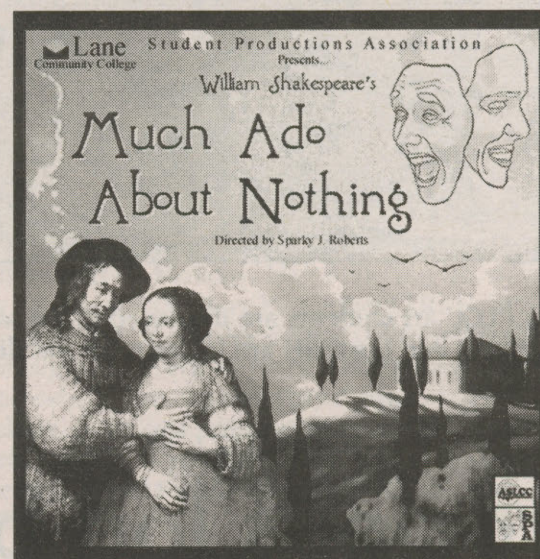
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# Titans claim first place in heptathlon, decathlon at Lane

## Lane athletes gain All-American status

ZACKARY PACHOLL  
SPORTS EDITOR

Two Lane athletes ended up with first place finishes in the grueling two-day heptathlon and decathlon contests before a hometown crowd on May 1 and 2.

After six events Lane sophomore Heather Frigaard trailed by two points. She had one last opportunity to take the title in the two-day heptathlon.

Heading into the 800-meter race Frigaard trailed Community Colleges of Spokane sophomore Amber Nash by two points.

It was an event that Head Coach Grady O'Connor felt confident Frigaard could win. The race was close with Frigaard just ahead of Nash. Frigaard won the race by .53 seconds.

The heptathlon is scored by marks and times by athletes not based on where the athlete finished against the competitors.

Immediately following the race it was not known if she had

scored enough points to claim top spot. Frigaard did edge Nash by four points to claim first place. Frigaard finished with 4,085 points in events.

"It was too close to tell. I was fairly confident that there was a big enough gap there but I had to hold my breath a little bit. It came down to typing in the times. No coach was celebrating yet. There were anxious moments before we found out," O'Connor said.

Sophomore Kristina Ely placed third overall for the Titans behind Frigaard and Nash. Ely ran a lifetime best in the 800-meter that allowed her to jump into third place overall.

"I felt that both Kristina and Heather were contenders. I felt stronger about Heather because she is a good hurdler and finisher," O'Connor said.

Frigaard and Ely claimed All-American status by placing in the top three in the heptathlon.

Freshmen LeAsia Jones and Sara de Brit finished out the list of Heptathlon competitors in ninth and tenth positions. Neither athlete scored points for the Titans but O'Connor was proud

of their effort.

"Sara and LeAsia both fought through some injuries and finished it. A lot of athletes start the event but don't finish it. I'm proud of them for doing it," O'Connor said.

On the men's side freshman Colin Cram walked away with the title. He scored 6,551 in ten events.

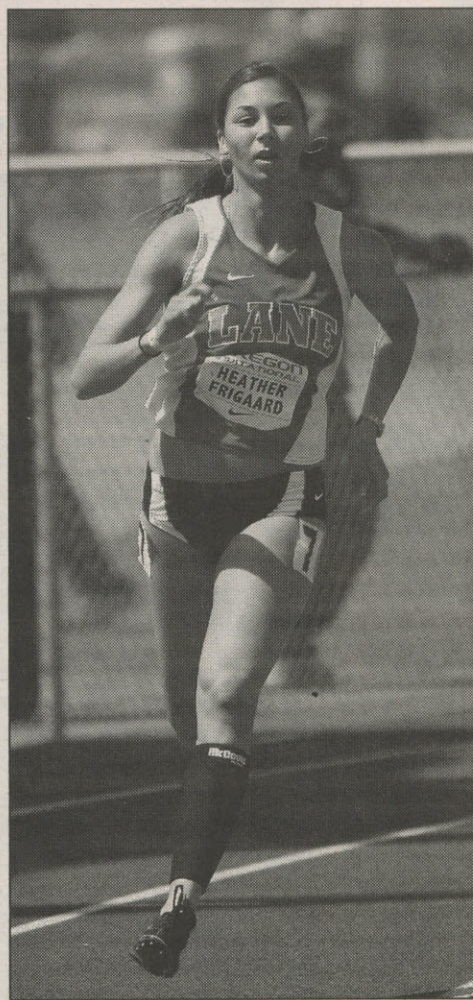
Cram was named an All-American for his victory in the decathlon.

The depth of the field wasn't as strong on the men's side but O'Connor felt confident in Cram's final score.

"Colin's score of 6,551 would have won last year and many years of competition. It was a very respectable score...you have to have to have tremendous stamina, strength and guts. I love this event," O'Connor said.

After one event the Lane women are tied with Spokane with 16 total points and the men lead second place Clark and Treasure Valley 22-8.

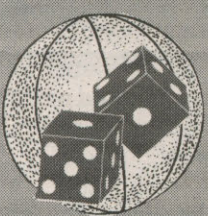
Next a few members will compete this Friday at the Oregon Twilight, which will be held at Hayward Field.



Heather Frigaard rounds the corner in the 400-meter hurdles on her way to a sixth place finish at the Oregon Invitational on April 22 at Hayward Field. Frigaard won the women's heptathlon by four points on May 1-2 at Lane.

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MICHAEL  
BRINKERHOFF

## Sports Shorts



### Casino Night

Be a part of a Las Vegas-like experience at Lane Community College that will include blackjack, Texas Hold 'Em, roulette and craps. On May 12, the Titans' men's and women's basketball teams are holding the second annual "Casino Night," a benefit to raise money for the upcoming season. It's \$25 per person for the general public or \$10 per person for Lane and UO students. You must be at least 21 to participate in the event. Free hors d'oeuvres, soda, beer and wine available

for attendees. Casino Night starts at 6 p.m. in the Center for Meeting and Learning, Building 19. For more information regarding the event call women's basketball Head Coach Greg Sheley at 463-3164 or men's Head Coach Matt Swagerty at 463-5553.

### Track standout Dillon signs with Oregon

Lane sophomore track athlete Marcus Dillon signed with the University of Oregon and will attend the school in the fall. Dillon transferred to Lane this year from his home

state of Louisiana. Dillon will have two years of eligibility at the UO.

### Men's basketball player signs letter of intent

Brad Kanis, a 7'2" center, has signed to play basketball at Southern Utah University, a Division-1 school that finished last season 10-20. Kanis will be playing for a spot behind 7' senior center Fernando Bonfim. Kanis's season was cut short due to a finger injury after playing in only two games for the Titans.

## Titans group together to stay in second place

### Lane splits road series; Linn-Benton next home game

ROBERT JONES  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

There are ten games left in the season and the Titans baseball team has set itself up nicely for a second place finish.

On April 29, Lane traveled to Mt. Hood but was only able to play one game as the second was suspended due to rain.

The Titans had an error-filled game committing seven, which led to the 8-5 loss. Freshman pitcher Jesse Sweet was credited with the loss. Freshman Ryan Escalera had a bright spot hitting a home run in the game.

The Titans scored five runs on ten hits and Mt. Hood scored eight runs on 12 hits and committed only one error.

The Titans rematch with Clackamas on May 2 ended with a split of the series between the two. On a sunny day in Oregon City, Lane's bats came alive in the first game.

After two full innings of scoreless and hitless balls,

Lane exploded for eight runs on eight hits in the third inning.

Sophomore Frank Moon went 3-4 in the game with four runs batted in, tripling in the third inning.

The Titans added four runs in the fourth inning and went on to win the first game 12-1.

Sophomore Ryan Jordan was 2-3 with three runs batted in for Lane.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Clackamas erased the memory of the first loss and handed the Titans their eighth loss in league play.

Chad Bennett of the Cougars pitched seven strong innings and held the Titans bats relatively silent.

Lane only managed seven hits and scored two runs in the 3-2 loss.

The remaining schedule remains in the Titans favor with three of the last four games at home.

The next home game will be on May 6 starting at 1 p.m. against Linn-Benton. The last game of the season will be against first place Mt. Hood on May 16.

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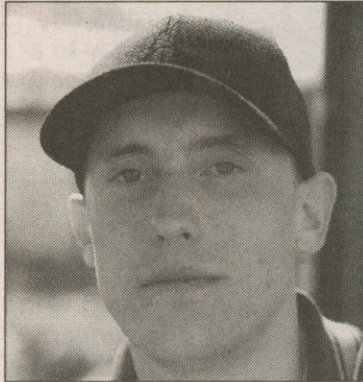
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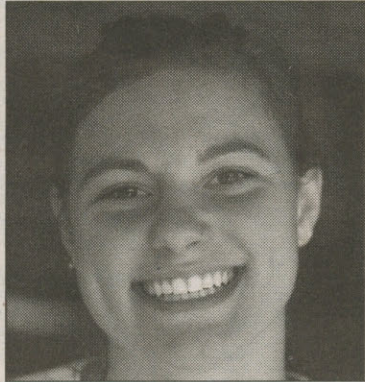


## How would you propose to bring gas prices down?



**Adam Kimball**  
UNDECLARED

"Legalize marijuana because they could make a really good fuel from it that's better for the environment."



**Ravenel Bisbee**  
UNDECLARED

"Everybody could start riding the busses for transportation and use alternate types of fuel."



**Frank Berard**  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

"Exxon Mobil could take a profit cut and relocate its resources."



**Johanna May**  
BIOLOGY

"I would want to know how much gas they're actually losing and depending on that, would we inflate gas prices."



**Corina Lewis**  
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"I don't think that it (gas) can be lowered because the corporations own it. There's nothing we can do except put pressure on them to lower gas prices."

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## Classifieds

### Events

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## WASTE from page 1: LCC discards recyclables

patrons will deposit their clean plastic items there as well. The plastic salad domes and the "clamshell" containers can all be recycled.

The cafeteria recently switched from using a #6 to a #1 plastic dome for the salad containers. The #6 plastic is not recyclable, but there is a large market for the #1 plastic.

"That's the kind of leadership I'm fortunate to get from the food service, in helping us reduce our impact on the waste stream, for sure," Sims said.

Hurricane Katrina has had an effect on the market for recycled plastic. The hurricane destroyed some petro-chemical plants in the Gulf area, making recycled plastic a more valuable commodity. LCC now gets more revenue from selling its used plastic than they did before the hurricane.

Sims also recommends that people "be aware on the front side when you're buying things." In other words, buy products that are reusable or recyclable.

Sims wants people to know that the paper coffee cups with plastic lids are trash because the cup is infused with a plastic material and the lids are a #6 plastic and not recyclable.

Brian Kelly, Food and Beverage Manager of the LCC cafeteria, said, "It's really got to be the individual who makes the difference. I think we just need to keep stressing the fact that people need to bring their own mug."

Sims and Kelly both recommend a reusable alternative such as a covered mug, and there's a personal economic reason for that as well.

The cafeteria offers a discount on every beverage when a cafeteria patron

brings their own reusable container.

"The LCC cafeteria will give you 15 cents off your cup of coffee if you bring in your own cup," Sims said.

That's for any kind of beverage including coffee, soft drinks, and juice. If a patron did this only once every day it would amount to a savings of \$3 a month, or \$27 a school year.

LCC compacted 279 tons to be sent to the landfill last year at a cost of \$12,500.

The biggest contributors were food related items. Compostables, including post-consumer food waste and brown paper towels, comprised 26 percent of the waste.

There are ways to recycle post consumer food that involve heating it at extremely high temperatures to kill any contaminants but Department of Environmental Quality policy and guidelines have not caught up with the technology available, nor does LCC possess it.

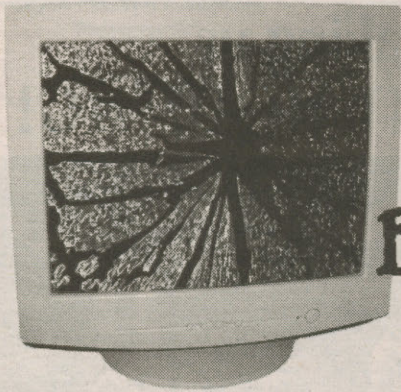
"We don't have the technology here to do it, but they're working on it," Sims said.

Another group that accounted for a large percentage of the waste is paper. Some of it is recyclable and some of it is not.

Sims does a couple of trash audits a year just to get information about our recycling practices and how we can improve them.

Currently LCC has a 58 percent recycling rate based on data for school year 2004-2005 and Sims is projecting that for 2005-2006 it will be in the 60 percentile.

He has hopes for the future. "Over the summer I'm going to devise some way to get people to use fewer disposable cups," Sims said.



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