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# THE TORCH

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## Budget Committee accepts recommendations, faculty contract ratified

*First-time  
enrollment fee  
of \$30 approved*

PEGGY GREEN  
NEWS EDITOR

The Budget Committee met Wednesday, May 10 and voted 13 to 1 to accept the College Council's recommendations for budget cuts for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

The College Council has considered 178 separate line items included in the budget reduction proposals.

In particular, the proposed reduction of one full-time office support person in the Art Department was changed to reducing that position to half-time was changed to three-fourths time.

A proposal to reduce an Administrative Support Specialist position at Academic Learning Skills to half time.

In spite of seven separate

public pleas to keep the coordinator position of the Women In Transition program, President Spilde announced that the college is proceeding with the cut as proposed.

A proposal by the ASLCC and Student Services to implement a First-Time Enrollment fee of \$30 was passed 13 to 1. This fee would cover the expenses of testing and graduation, and would replace the current separate fees of \$5 for testing and \$25 for graduation.

Following the Budget committee, the Board of Education met and expressed concern about the low voter turnout in the recent ASLCC elections, they approved the \$3 increase to the Student Activity Fee to help fund the building of the Longhouse.

The Budget committee will reconvene on Wednesday, May 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board room of Building 3.

## MySpace controversy snarles ASLCC President

*Jeremy Riel under investigation  
for possible Student Code of  
Conduct violations*

LARRY COONROD  
FEATURES EDITOR

After the publication of an editorial cartoon featuring ASLCC President Jeremy Riel's MySpace.com blog in last week's issue of The Torch, LCC officials became aware of instructions on how to construct an improvised chemical weapon posted on Riel's site. This information sparked an investigation by LCC Associate Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, Donna Koechig, to determine if Riel violated LCC's Student Code of Conduct.

Under the heading "Recipe for fun" Riel gave detailed instructions on building a chemical weapon with the intent of releasing chlorine gas. He claimed the device would create a "massive cloud of choking gas capable of dropping a horse." Riel also claimed the weapon was "Most effective in areas where many hippies or rednecks gather such as country fair, Saturday market, the Wal-Mart, or one of those protests at the federal courthouse."



Jeremy Riel

Regarding the material on Riel's blog, LCC President Mary Spilde said "I think it is poor judgment for any student, given the times we live in, to put this kind of material up on a website, but I don't question an individual's right to do that."

After The Torch staff contacted Spilde seeking a comment on both Riel's blog and LCC's policy toward student postings on blogs, Riel removed the material in question from his site.

Public Safety, initially aware of only the blog entry, expressed concern because of the recommendation to use the device at name-specific sites. After viewing the entire blog and learning the identity of the author Public Safety decided not to pursue the matter. According to Officer W.D. Perkins, "It was decided that there was no direct threat against an individual or group." Perkins added that "Public Safety does

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## Students approve ballot measure to help fund Native American Longhouse

On Tuesday May 9 the first log was unloaded for the soon to be built Native American Longhouse.

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RICHARD  
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*Student Activity Fees  
will increase  
by \$3 for Longhouse*

BRIAN HARDY  
TORCH REPORTER

LCC continues to make history in the arena of community colleges with the passing of a ballot measure in last week's ASLCC election to help fund the construction of a Native American Longhouse.

The ballot measure, approved by the Board of Education Wednesday May 10, will generate an estimated

\$300,000 toward the \$1.2 million building cost. Students approved the increase in an online election that will add \$3 to their student body activities fee for each term for the next three years. The fee is not based on credits but simply as an activities fee add-on, with a sunset provision that terminates the funding in 2009.

The activity fee increase was determined necessary to speed up the construction process because the cost of materials for construction is rapidly increasing, according to Jeremy Riel, ASLCC president.

Construction of the Long-  
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# COMMENTARY

## Rules not followed in ASLCC election

I am writing on behalf of the recent experience I have just had in running for president of the 2006 ASLCC student body elections. The following story will take you through an anthology of rule breaking and constitutional violations that occurred in the past student body elections.

The current administration has not only failed to follow elections procedures, they have also failed to grasp the importance in following the constitution and by-laws. It is because of this misconduct and violation of our rights as students and constituents of ASLCC that I hope to empower and enlighten the individuals on this campus to the grievances suffered during these past elections.

The first violation is implied in the ASLCC by-laws Article IX, Section 9.2 Elections Committee Section A: "The Elections committee shall be established and chaired by the Vice-president, or in the event that the Vice-president is to be a candidate for ASLCC office, the incumbent president shall appoint a chairperson for the Elections Committee."

As of May 10, 2006, according to current ASLCC president Jeremy Riel, Sara Sumner is the chairperson of this committee. The problem with this is that Sumner is no longer the Vice President of the ASLCC; however the President has yet to appoint a new person to this position.

Although he appointed Silver Mogart to be the new Vice President, Mogart never fulfilled any of the obligations outlined to his positions as elections chair...if that was even his responsibility (as mentioned earlier our president informed me on May 10 that Sumner was the current Chair).

The obligations the Committee Chairperson has are long and numerous, and the fact that none of the following obligations were met provides criteria to invalidate the election results.

Section B states that the Chairperson must:

1. "Set dates of elections and publicize elections."

No ASLCC initiated posters or announcements specifying candidates running or election dates and times.

4. Announce available positions and set a deadline for submission of applications."

No ASLCC initiated posters or flyers or advertisement in the Torch announced upcoming elections and the availability of applications.

8. "Verify applications, schedule time to explain rules to candidates and notify each candidate, in writing of the date, place and time of the meeting"

No committee chairperson revealed themselves at any of the scheduled meetings nor made themselves available to those of us running for a position. It wasn't until May 10 that I, through personal research, acquired the list

### GUEST COMMENTARY

**Shana Stull**

**Write-in candidate  
for ASLCC President**



of persons on this committee.

Section 9.6 states "Elections Committee shall:

1. "Be responsible for counting the ballots and ensuring the results are correctly posted."

No chairperson ever attended nor presented themselves as bearer of the title.

Section 9.7 goes on to say:

"The Elections Committee Chairperson shall have a voter's pamphlet printed which shall include space for a statement and a photograph from each candidate. It should also include all ballot measures, including the final wording of any document revision to be voted on, and the rationale against all ballot measures."

Currently, no ASLCC-initiated voters' pamphlet has been printed. The Torch, independently, and as part of a responsibility to students, published their own guide to the ballot measures and candidates. However, that was not part of a coalition with the ASLCC.

These violations of things explicitly stated in our constitution, stipulate the protocol and procedure of our elections. The fact that they were disregarded and completely neglected by our current administration calls for some concern.

The reason that these violations are so important is because of the vital role

an Elections Committee Chairperson has in our constitution. Without this role being filled by an active member who was in understanding and agreement of their responsibilities, much of the elections protocol was compromised, I, as a write-in candidate, never had my grievances or violations handled in the appropriate manner that the constitution specified nor were students interests represented fair and properly. The recent election was a charade of misconduct and the by-laws specifies the proper recourse for such infractions.

It says, in section 9.3, subsection D, "Violations of these by-laws by candidates shall be grounds for disqualification of the candidate for that election. Violations of these by-laws by election workers shall be grounds for invalidation of election results and a new election may be called."

This is what our by-laws demand in the event

that the portion of our constitution dealing with elections is not followed. The procedures to follow that would ensure an orderly, fair, and impartial election were clear. It is not yet evident why these rules were ignored, and it is absolutely imperative that students take initiative and demonstrate that our constitution is not just a wall hanging. It is to be regarded as the letter of the law, and if our government officials need assistance in remembering this fact, we, as students, need to be willing to assert ourselves in that position.

In a closing note: Benjamin Hanks and I have filed a petition to invalidate the past election results. We need 300 signatures to achieve a "new election" guaranteeing that student interests will be represented in a new election. It is the only recourse we have in correcting the results of the last election. If you would like to respond to me personally I love to hear from other students. Give me your opinion or a pledge of support. I am the warrior for the "good" fight, and we will have our day.

Shana Stull can be reached at [sstull22@comcast.net](mailto:sstull22@comcast.net).

## Desperate army recruiting the neurologically disabled

Following press coverage and public outcry, the U.S. Army released from his enlistment an autistic teenager that army recruiters had convinced to sign up.

### COMMENTARY Torch Editorial Board

Jared Guinther, an 18-year-old Portland teen, said that he felt like the Army recruiters had manipulated him into signing.

Last year the Army had missed its recruiting goal for the first time this decade. Apparently desperate for any warm body to throw into the increasingly bloody maw of Iraq, it would seem that not even our specially-abled young citizens are safe from recruiters desperate to make their quotas.

It used to be that army recruiters focused primarily on

recruiting from the lower echelons of society. Teens on the bottom of the socio-economic scale and minorities tend to be the targets of enlistment for all aspects of the Armed Forces.

But apparently even the poor and desperate in our society are catching on to the downsides of military service as recruiters are having to resort to fooling the mentally challenged in order to meet their goals.

Has it really come down to this? Is the Army so strapped for cannon fodder that "the young and the vulnerable" have replaced the old slogan of "the best and the brightest?"

Maybe instead of becoming more increasingly desperate with the recruitment drive each passing year, the army should stop and think about what it is that they're asking young Americans to do, and why fewer and fewer of them consider it a palatable option.

## Voter turnout in elections poor at best

Last year more than 800 LCC students voted in the ASLCC elections. Four hundred and nineteen credit students voted in the most recent election.

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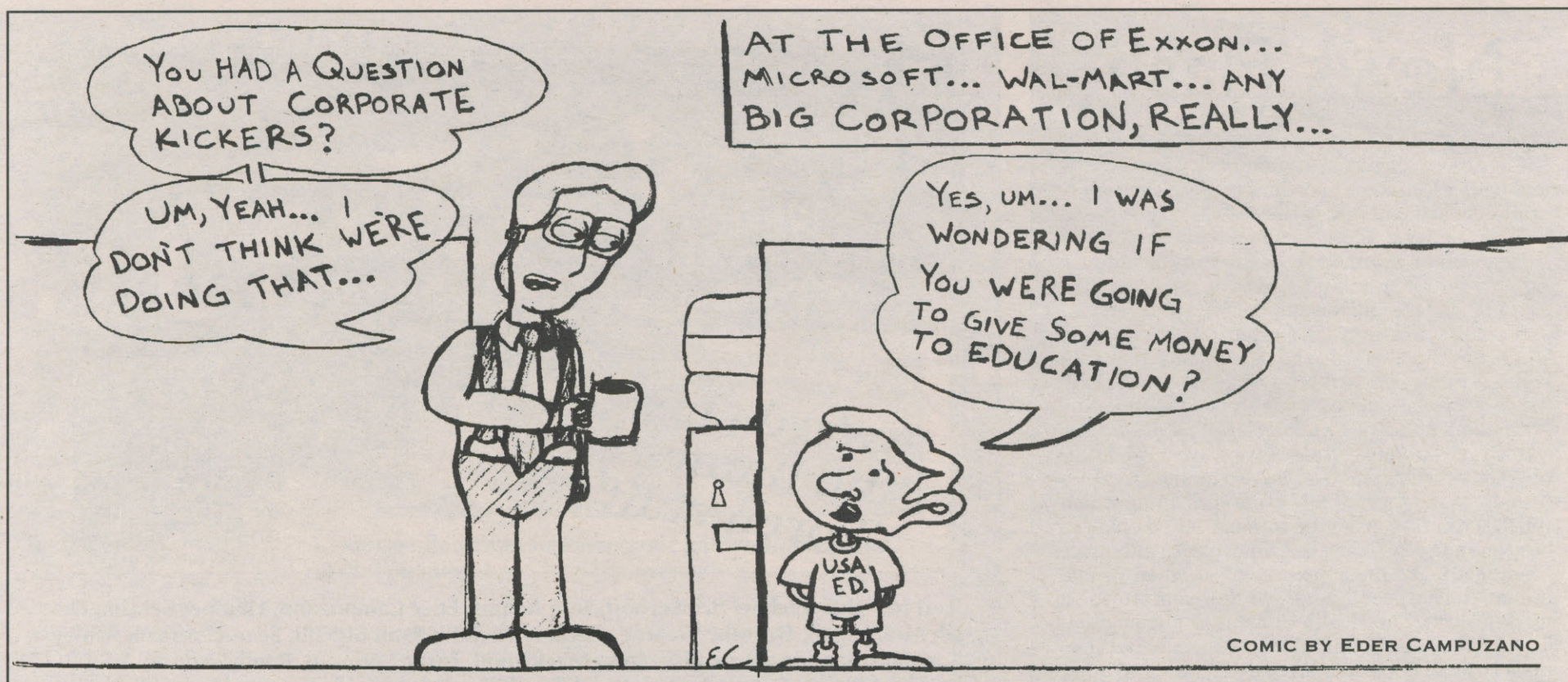
What happened to make those numbers drop more than 50 percent from the previous year? There are approximately 9,000 full time equivalent credit students at LCC. Such a small number of voters is not a balanced representation of the LCC student body.

Where was everyone on May 1, 2 and 3 when the elections took place online? It took less than five minutes to log on, cast a vote and send it in.

Two of the measures called for an increase in Student Activity Fees. Do you know where your money is going? Well, if students had

looked at the online voters' pamphlet and glanced at the ballot measures, they would have known that they could have shelled out up to \$4.75 more per term next year. Fortunately, only the \$3 Longhouse ballot passed. Then again, maybe the online ballots had something to do with the low voter turnout. This year ASLCC attempted an online-only election. This only addresses one problem with the election. The other is that the candidates were charged with the duty to make their candidacy known. ASLCC made no attempt to contact The Torch or the student body to inform them of the election's existence. There should have been a higher voter turnout for this election, especially considering the inclusion of the fee increases that some students will inevitably complain about next year.





## 'Corporate kicker' law deprives Oregon of much-needed funds

It's a popular piece of leftist doctrine these days that corporations have way too much power in America. People whine about how little corporations pay in taxes, the influence wielded by them over our government, the laws they break without fear of serious consequence and how whatever may once have passed for anti-trust legislation was gutted and left for dead ages ago.

Agree with this or not, it's pretty obvious that Oregon goes further than any other state in kowtowing to corporations, and it does so in its own unique way. Oregon's infamous bit of corporate obeisance is popularly known as the Corporate Kicker Law.

What the law does, minus the legal mumbo-jumbo that none of us even bother pretending to understand, is return tax money to corporations. If Oregon pulls in more money than was forecasted, it sends the "excess" amounts back. You and I also get a little taste of this, but the heaping majority of it goes to corporations, and out of state corporations at that.

The personal versus corporate comparison is like the idea is that the corporations will reinvest the money in Oregon. Maybe Bi-Rite will reinvest that money in new schools or Wal-Mart could be expected to use their refund to create employment programs (or pay their workers a decent wage). The gen-

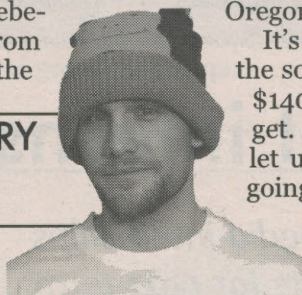
eral gist of it seems to be the notion that these corporations could spend money on Oregon better than Oregon (and by which I mean us citizens and our elected officials) could on itself.

It's more of that trickle-down economics crap that worked oh-so-well in the Reagan years. Give a lot of government money to those who already have plenty, and it'll eventually find its way down to us plebeians like slops falling from the master's plate onto the floor.

**COMMENTARY**  
**Randy Woock**  
A&E Editor

Why excess tax money isn't just doled out evenly amongst Oregon's citizenry — instead of to out-of-state-corporations who undoubtedly aren't spending the money here — has never been explained.

The feeling one gets from this corporate kicker set-up, though, is that corporations are naturally more responsible than you and I, and will of course put that money to better use. Us peasants would just waste it. Or, as it was so well phrased in a long-ago Doonesbury cartoon: "We find (the poor) tend to blow it at the track."



And next year's projected corporate kicker would be one hell of a sum for us po' folk to blow on the ponies (or those video gambling machines that are so depressing to see in bars). The current economic forecast, as reported by Brad Cain of the Associated Press, has the state being scheduled to hand \$205 million over to corporations next year. This is supposedly the largest tax rebate in Oregon's history.

It's also occurring at a time when the social services in this state have a \$140 million shortfall in their budget. And, while we're on the subject, let us not forget the belt-tightening going on around campus thanks to LCC's own budgetary shortcoming of \$6 million.

That \$205 million that the state is preparing to just give back sure looks like it might go quite a ways towards patching a few holes in the leaky boat that is Oregon's human services, doesn't it?

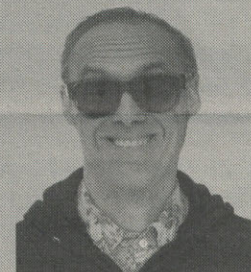
A lot of people have noticed that, and when human beings start paying attention to issues eventually politicians catch on, too. Every Democratic candidate for governor this year, including the incumbent, has proposed abolishing the corporate kicker. The Republican ones, however, want to keep it.

To each their own, I suppose. Their own and that of their corporate backers.

### Strawberries in the summer

Jump in and join The Torch paper for the 2006-07 school year. You might win an award.

A strawberry celebration starts this weekend at



**MACKWORLD**  
**John Mackwood**  
Columnist

Shari's Family Restaurant. Strawberry French toast for only \$3.99, it would be good for your mom.

Also, buy strawberry yogurt, low fat with vitamins A or D.

Summer is here, celebrations are ahead and plenty of good times for everyone.

*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

### Save money on gas

We are sending a message to big oil companies, that they can charge us whatever they want for gas, we'll still buy it and there's nothing we can do to make them lower prices.

I decided that on a personal level I'll lower the price of gas myself, and you can too. Every time you save gas, it's like paying less at the pump.

I ride the bus to school; I save 2 gallons a week, \$24 per month. I drive 55 even if the speed limit is 65, which equals 20 percent savings 60 cents per gallon! I buy premium gas, here's why. Premium costs only 20 cents more, no matter what regular costs. Right now, that's 7.5 percent extra for premium. Using premium increases fuel economy by 15 percent. That's 20 cents per gallon.

Use the RPM gauge to save gas. My vehicle idles at 1000 RPM. At 55 mph it's running less than 2000 RPM. At that speed I'm getting 23 mpg. No matter what, I keep that needle below 2000 RPM, whether I'm starting from a dead stop, or accelerating onto the freeway. Acceleration is the biggest waste of fuel

economy. So eliminate the cause of excessive RPM.

Sure it grates at my nerves to see people fly by me in the left lane but I revel in the fact that they'll be the ones funding those billion dollar pensions. Maybe it's the fact that I'm over 25 that makes me even capable of driving this way, I'll admit, it takes discipline, but you can do it too. Maybe my gas savings won't send a message, but if enough people drive like this, and save this much gas, big oil will get the message, just maybe. But whether or not they get the message, I still pay less.

**Chris Flaherty**  
LCC Student

### ASLCC president questions Torch's motives

It has come to my attention that an investigation concerning me is currently under consideration by your (The Torch) editorial and reporting staff. This investigation, to my knowledge, is regarding person-

al comments that I placed on my MySpace.com personal website. It has also come to my attention that your organization is considering publishing an article on this matter.

After receiving legal counsel, I wish to inform you (Torch editor and advisers) of my intent to seek immediate legal action upon the publishing of a news piece or article in The Torch regarding myself and my personal Myspace.com commentary if the writing proves to contain libel or invasion of privacy.

I recognize that there is less stringent rules upon libel or slander when concerning public officials, and that the media is extended more leeway to assert their freedoms of the press. However, there is a line that can be crossed. I encourage The Torch editorial staff, news writers, and advisers to maintain the highest degree of journalistic integrity and ensure that factual information is collected as well as strict compliance with professional ethics is followed before articles are published.

**Jeremy J. Riel**  
ASLCC President



## News Flash

### HEALTH CLINIC NOTICE: MUMPS

The recent diagnosis of mumps in Lane County may have raised some questions for you. The county health department has notified all people exposed and is following those contacts closely. Mumps presents initially with fever, respiratory symptoms, ear pain and usually, but not always, swelling of the glands in and around the mouth and jaw. If you suspect mumps, isolation is important. Stay home from school or work. The infected person must maintain both respiratory and bathroom hygiene (careful hand washing, cover your cough, do not share eating or drinking utensils, etc). People with a documented history of mumps disease, who have positive antibodies, or who have received two mumps vaccines (usually in the form of MMR-measles, mumps and rubella) can be considered immune. If you plan to be seen in the LCC Health Clinic, please announce when you make the appointment or when you go in that you suspect mumps, so they can provide a mask for you. The Health Clinic is in ongoing dialog with the Lane County Health Department Infectious Disease Coordinator regarding this and other diseases and will pass on additional information as it becomes available.

### VOTERS GUIDE AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Voter Guide is helpful for learning about the candidates and is available to students at various departments and locations throughout campus. The Student Vote Coalition is a non-partisan statewide group.

Participation in the Student Vote Coalition is part of ASLCC's efforts to increase student voter turnout in the Oregon primary elections of 2006.

ASLCC has also provided ballot drop boxes on campus for students, faculty and staff to drop off their ballots. The boxes are located at the book consignment in the Center building outside of the Library and outside the ASLCC office in Building 1, second floor.

### MAY IS "BE KIND TO ANIMALS" MONTH

The Bookstore would like to help our Campus Cats. They are currently offering paper cats for a \$1 donation with 100 percent of the proceeds going to provide food and medical care for the 12 cats that call our campus home.

### CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK GARAGE SALE NEEDS ITEMS

Buddy's giant garage will be held Saturday, May 20 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at Rite Aide on the corner of Willamette and 29th. Donated items may be dropped off at Rite Aid Friday, May 19 from 7 a.m.-9 p.m. or Saturday, May 20 from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. All proceeds are donated to the Children's Miracle Network, which provides vital medical equipment used specifically for treating infants and children in our local community. For information or if you need your items picked up before Friday contact Beverly Farfan at 463-5395 or 912-2228.

### ARCHERY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Wednesday, May 24, from 3:15-5 p.m. international students are encouraged to join in the fun for a day of archery. It's free and all students can sign up to participate. Sign up is required and the deadline is on May 23 in bldg. 1, 201B. To sign up contact Colby Sheldon at 463-5165.



(Left to right) Michael Brinkerhoff, Tom Adams, Eder Campuzano, Heather Serafin, Dejah McDougall, Dorothy Wearne, Zackary Pacholl, Ryan McGill, Sean Hoffman, Ashley Borjeson, Shannon Browning, John Mackwood, Larry Coonrod, Randy Woock, Ariel Burkhardt, Peggy Green. *Not pictured:* Frank Ragulsky, Sophia Sawras, Jessica Plotner, Naomi Reichman, Robert Jones, Jenna Clinkscales, Micheal Kurcsics, Krystle Johnson, Brian Hardy, Jared Mills, Sun-E Palladay and James Holk.

The Oregon Newspaper Publisher's Association awarded The Torch with the following accomplishments May 5 during its 2006 Collegiate Newspaper Contest.

**Best Design**  
First Place

**General Excellence**  
Second Place

**Best Special Section**  
NWAACC basketball – First Place  
Festival of light – Second Place

**Best Headline Writing**  
Eder Campuzano – Honorable Mention

**Best Series**  
Ariel Burkhardt – First Place

**Best Photography**  
Naomi Reichman – Second Place

**Best Feature Photo**  
James Holk – First Place  
Sun-E Palladay – Honorable Mention

**Best Cartooning**  
Tom Adams – Second Place

## Got internship?...Got job

### Multimedia internships available for next term

ASHLEY BORJESON  
TORCH REPORTER

Spring term is not too early to start planning an internship for Summer or Fall terms. In fact, it's the perfect time. Multimedia students looking for experience in television programming and commercials should look into the LCC Multimedia Internships.

Any student with a declared major in Multimedia can apply for the internships, but second year students are preferred. Teresa Hughes, Cooperative Education Coordinator, recommends students have one year already completed, but says that some students do start internships in their first year depending on their focus.

The largest business that LCC internships filter into is Chambers Communications. Chambers produces commercials, television programs, and fea-



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

Sherri Marinau is currently an intern at Chambers Communications working on the set of a children's TV show "Nanna's Cottage".

ture films. Local television station KEZI, owned by Chambers Communications, handles the news and sports aspects.

There are a few LCC students in internships at Chambers during this term, but none at KEZI. "More students are interested in video production rather than the news side of things," Hughes said. There are internships available for both divisions.

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## Get the word out on organ donation — help save a life

### Don't let myths prevent you from becoming an organ donor

ASHLEY BORJESON  
TORCH REPORTER

Every day 18 people in the United States die waiting for an organ transplant or donation. The United Network for Organ Sharing has a running total of candidates on the donor waiting list; it is updated daily on the UNOS website.

As of May 8 the total number of people waiting is 92,115.

"The one thing a person should never do is discount themselves; anyone can donate," Judith Trujillo, manager of programs for the Oregon Donor Program, located in Portland, said.

Most people do not donate organs because they lack education on the organ donation process. Ninety-three percent of people support the concept of donation but let myths keep them from donating.

The most common myths are that the donor may be too old to donate or that the family of the donor pays for

the donation. There is no age limit to donate and the cost is not the responsibility of the donor's family, but of the organ's recipient.

"One donor can donate up to seven organs and enhance the life of 50 people," Trujillo said.

Anyone can become a "living donor." A "living donor" can donate a kidney, part of a lung, or part of a liver while they are alive. With 300 new transplant candidates in the United States added to the waiting list each month, the need for transplants continues to rise above the number of available donors.

The best way to join the donor pro-

gram in Oregon is to code your driver's license as "donor" when renewing or obtaining your license. Then sign and carry a donor card. The Oregon Donor Program has a website where the cards can be printed or they can mail one if provided with contact information.

"When someone is deciding on being a donor the most important thing to do is tell their family about their decision. It helps your family when the time comes to donate," Trujillo said.

Donation information can be found with the Oregon Donor Program at either 503-494-7888 or at the ODP website: [www.ordonorprogram.org](http://www.ordonorprogram.org).



## The 'Grassroots' of FOOD For Lane County

**Volunteers help  
Grassroots Garden  
increase production  
tenfold in five years**

EDER CAMPUZANO  
MANAGING EDITOR

Since 1991, the Grassroots Garden has been providing fruits and vegetables for FOOD For Lane County. The organization receives food from several sources, mostly donated. Supermarkets, church groups and individual donors give to FOOD For Lane County. Grassroots is one of three gardens in Eugene aiding the organization in its mission to feed the hungry.

Located behind St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Coburg Road, the garden runs almost exclusively on volunteer work.

"Volunteers always come and go," Grassroots Garden volunteer coordinator Merry Bradley said. "The work at the garden never really ends."

Production at Grassroots is year-round. Weather is not a deterring factor in participation and lately Bradley has been scheduling planting to make running the garden more efficient.

"If it's less than perfect weather and we've got a group, they come here with rain gear on," Bradley said.

During the early spring,



**A cabbage flourishes in the organic garden that yielded 40,000 pounds of produce last year.**

summer and fall Grassroots sees the most volunteers. Unsurprisingly, that's when most of the work is done. During the holiday season volunteers who normally plant opt to ring charity bells.

Five years ago the Grassroots Garden produced approximately 4,000 pounds of produce. In 2005, that number grew to more than 40,000.

"The way we were able to do that was because of all those well-intentioned people," Bradley said. "The garden couldn't exist without the power and energy of so many dedicated volunteers."

Bradley first started working with the garden in 1999 as a master gardener. She logged in a total of 800 hours that year and was offered the posi-

tion of volunteer coordinator in 2000.

The garden takes up approximately 2.5 acres behind St. Thomas and is almost at full growing capacity. According to Bradley, in 2000, Grassroots took up less than half that space.

In 2005, 64 LCC students contributed more than 500 hours of work to Grassroots.

Funding for the garden also comes from volunteers.

For \$50, volunteers may adopt a plot. The Lane County Commissioner's office has sponsored the greenhouse for \$1,000.

Apples, oranges, potatoes and onions are donated from the federal farm surplus. Grassroots makes it a priority not to grow those crops.



PHOTOS BY NAOMI REICHMAN

**Steve Zoellner replaces the irrigation in the lettuce rows.**

"It's important that we grow the food we do," Bradley said. "The food we grow is some of the most nutritious food that is distributed by FOOD For Lane."

Grassroots is not the only source of all of FOOD For Lane County's fruits and vegetables. Two others gardens, The Youth Farm and Churchill Garden are also located in Eugene.

The Youth Farm is located off Game Farm Road and em-

plays low-income youth. There they learn farming, small business and leadership skills on a farm that is approximately 3.5 acres.

The newest of the gardens, Churchill Garden, is seated between the Churchill High School and Kennedy Middle School campuses. Established in 2000, its work base consists of middle and high school students on day trips.

### **MYSPACE** from page 1: No law for enforcement exists

monitor MySpace or any other website; we investigate only when specific information is brought to our attention."

If Public Safety does become aware of an individual that they feel may pose a legitimate threat to the college or community they can access the National Law Enforcement Data System to do a background check, Perkins said.

MySpace.com and similar sites provide individuals with a type of online journal, commonly referred to as a blog. Freedom of speech issues have been raised around the country as schools, police departments and businesses have increasingly began to monitor these sites. In April, plots by students to murder classmates and staff in both Alaska and Kansas were disrupted when their plans were discovered on MySpace.com.

Spilde said that it is not the policy of the college to monitor blog websites. "We can't control MySpace.com or Rate-MyProfessor.com. That would be limiting people's individual freedoms and we are not going to do that," she said.

Spilde cautioned that posting controversial material on websites could have adverse consequences, though. "People are going to have to use their own judgment and recognize that what they put up is on a public venue. More and more people are going to be using it (MySpace) to look at people when they are applying for a job or running for office," she

said.

The chemical weapon described in Riel's blog contained chlorine, which is a poisonous, corrosive gas. It was first used as chemical weapon during World War I. According to U.S. Center for Disease Control, the effects of even low exposure to chlorine range from coughing to eye and skin irritation. Higher levels of exposure can result in an accumulation of fluid in the lungs and death can result. The ingredients specified in the recipe are readily available at most hardware stores.

In an e-mail to The Torch, Riel stated that the device was "non-harmful" and implied it would create a "non-harmful chemical reaction."

In 2002 a federal grand jury indicted nine men in Illinois for using a similar device to intimidate theatre owners in a union dispute. According to court transcripts a device set off in a Warrenville, Ill. theatre caused "heavy chlorine smoke, fire, evacuation of the theatre, and fire damage."

Riel is currently dual-enrolled at LCC and UO. According to biographical information posted on his website he plans on attending Harvard University School of Law and The Kennedy School of Government in 2007.

Consequences of violating the Student Code of Conduct range from a written warning to expulsion.

Riel denied further comment.

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# Dancing with Nietzsche and the Balinese gods

**LCC Spring Dance Concert  
is a quick ticket  
to eternal salvation**

DEJAH MCDUGALL  
TORCH REPORTER

The Spring Dance Concert will feature many different choreographers who have brought their work together to create different styles of dance, including Balinese, modern and interpretive.

The concert will be presented on May 11-13 at 8 p.m. in the Performance Hall of Building 6 on LCC's main campus.

"There's a lot of new pieces so I'm excited about all of them," publicist Myrna Seifert said.

Lane Dance Company will present the concert. The 13 members were chosen through a competitive audition process.

Other LCC students as well as some UO students will join the Lane Dance Company. Student dancers include Bryan Avery, Doreen Carroll, Lindy

Comrada, Laura Farah, Allison Franco, Erienne Guentner, Angela Hubbard, Emily Joyce, Samantha Ketcherside, Michael King, Shannon Knight, Gina Knox, Anna Lescher, Alonzo Lee Moore, Arielle Olson and Madeline Peyton.

As guests enter the auditorium there will be a slide show displaying pictures that director of LCC's dance program, Bonnie Simoa, took while visiting Bali.

Simoa choreographed a special dance inspired by her trip to Bali. The dance is titled "Rejang Dewa." It is a traditional Balinese dance, representing joy. The dance is performed in festivals and temples as a personal offering from the dancer to the gods. The dance in the Performance Hall will be performed in costumes from Bali.

A dance choreographed by Rita Honk of the UO faculty is also scheduled for a performance. It is titled "Union?"

The dance is from a woman's point of view, portraying two sides of the experience of being separated from her lover. One side displays her feelings of joyous memories and the other of lone-



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

**Dancers of the Spring Dance Concert perform "Rockin' the Catwalk" on May 11, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. in the Performance Hall (Building 6).**

ly frustration. The entire dance will be performed in silence.

Another dance performed is titled "Nietzsche's Circus." Nietzsche's writ-

ing inspired LCC faculty member Kim Veter to create this piece, which is only

See **DANCE** page 7

## Upcoming Stuff

### DANCE

#### Spring Dance concert

May 11-13, 8 p.m.  
Building 6, Performance Hall  
LCC Main Campus  
Tickets \$8 students/seniors, \$10 adults  
Ticket office 463-5202

#### Contra Dance

Saturday, May 13, 8 p.m.  
Kelly School gym, 850 Howard Ave., Eugene  
Tickets \$7  
All dances taught  
No partner or experience needed  
Info: 302-2628

### FILM

#### Eugene Film Festival

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### BENEFIT

#### "Blues for Curtis"

Benefit concert for local musician, Curtis Salgado  
Sunday, May 28, 5-9 p.m.  
McDonald Theater  
1010 Willamette St., Eugene  
Info: Jerry Zybach 746-4935  
or Steve Magnolia 917-0808

## Strange mixture of two cultures comes out tasting just right

### Anatolia serves Greek and Indian food

ARIEL BURKHART  
COPY EDITOR

Poppi's Anatolia is rumored to be a classy little restaurant, but it exudes a style and service more intimate than most of its more-pricy brethren. Poppi's has an open kitchen and high, dark wood ceilings. All these scents blend with the pervasive smell of Greek coffee.

**Setting:** Poppi's Anatolia is a Greek and Indian restaurant. Once inside, the restaurant smells like curry. I chose a window seat in the restaurant but there are lots of little corners you can tuck back into. The dark wood ceiling and the aroma from the kitchen make a romantic, comfy setting. Waiters were walking back and forth through the kitchen and the walls are covered in thoughtful paintings.

I was brought bread and ice water to munch on while perusing the hefty menu. Soft Greek music set the mood in the background.

**Service:** The waiter came around to check on me quite a few times during my stay. The food came rather quick while I was preoccupied with my coffee and everyone ensured that I was comfortable.

**Food:** Anatolia has a large selection of Greek and Indian foods as well as a few flavorful American dishes. If you feel like being brave and ethnic, I suggest going for something Greek.

I ordered the spanakopita (props if you can pronounce it right). Apparently everyone takes a good stab at the name without messing up too bad.

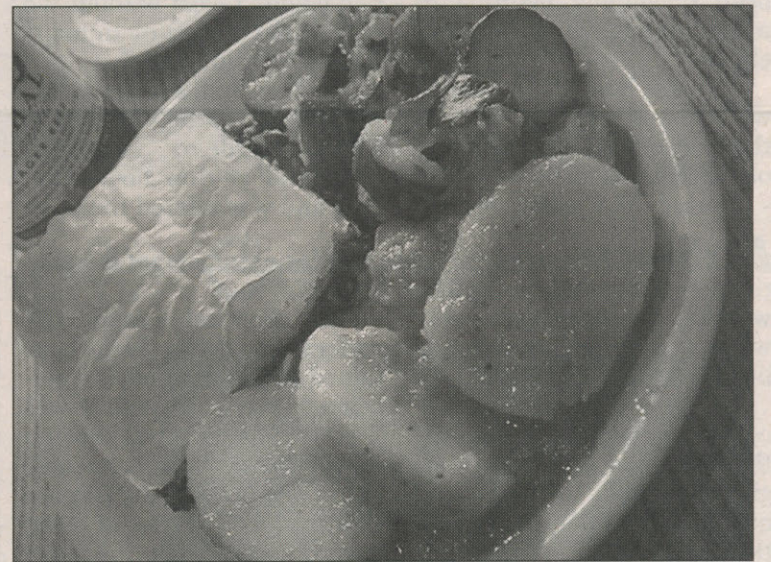


PHOTO BY ARIEL BURKHART

**A spanakopita dish is served with potatoes in a tomato sauce, the zucchini accented by all that flakey filo dough.**

### WILL REVIEW FOR FOOD:

**Poppi's Anatolia**  
992 Willamette St.

Spanakopita is a pie-like dinner of Greek spinach, a little bit of feta cheese and egg, cooked inside layers of flaky filo dough. There's about three different ways you can spell filo. Phyllo and philo are your other options. It was all Greek to me so I called up the restaurant and asked how they spell it. They use the filo spelling.

For those who have never tried filo dough, its buttery goodness makes half the dish. This particularly yummy entree was served with boiled potatoes covered in a rich tomato sauce with a large serving of zucchini. Spanakopita makes for a soft and crunchy texture. The mix of spinach and beaten egg are accented by the rich flavor of feta cheese, which adds a little saltiness. These dishes seem to go for more a bold flavor rather than spice but hey, that's just their style.

The potatoes with the chunky tomato sauce went down pretty quickly. These guys certainly like their night-shades and if you do too, this is a recommended side dish. I was never a big fan of zucchini, which I left sitting on my plate. I was a little embarrassed when I turned away a box. Not because I didn't eat it but because the rest of the dish was so good that it seemed a shame not to finish it.

**Drinks:** Besides coffee and water there was a decent sized and affordable selection of red and white wines, a few beers and some sodas. Basically, everything to keep you happy.

The plate came to a total of \$9.95, which might be a little spendy, but I was stuffed by the end of the meal. The coffee was \$1.50 and the bread at the beginning of the meal was free. So the grand total was \$11.45.

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## NWAACC championships are just around the corner

Titans look to improve qualifying marks at regional meet

ZACKARY PACHOLL  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Championships are set for May 22-23, and the Titans have a few more chances to set qualifying marks.

One of the chances the athletes will have is on May 13 when the team will travel to Mt. Hood to compete in the Southern Region Championship.

Head Coach Grady O'Connor feels very confident about his team. "We are definitely the favorite heading into the meet. We should be in control of both men and women, but we are looking at this meet as a tune-up to get ourselves ready for the NWAACC, eleven days from now," O'Connor said.

Most of the team is already qualified for NWAACC but some are trying to improve their scores.

On May 5, the Titans participated in the Oregon Twilight at Hayward Field.

Freshman David Morgan had a stellar performance in the 5,000-meter finishing ninth overall with a time of 14:31.18. The time places Morgan fourth all time for the Titans, 11 seconds behind the school record.

Sophomore Marcus Dillon beat former

Lane athlete Paris Ramsey in the men's 100-meter dash. This race marked one of four races for Dillon who has now qualified for multiple races for championships.

Sophomore A.J. Casteel placed fourth in the 800-meter with a time of 1:51. It was less than three seconds behind the winner.

Freshmen Dan Stowers and Matt Fitzgerald both raced in the 110-meter hurdles and collided just feet before the finish line.

"Dan hurt his knee but came back and ran a personal record (in the 400-meter hurdles) although he didn't finish very well. He's ranked second now in the league."

Sophomore Katie Gilbert ran for the first time this season after recovering from a stress fracture in her foot that has sidelined her for most of the season. Gilbert was last year's winner of the 5,000-meter at last year's NWAACC Championship.

"She is not up to her form that she was at last year but she is going to help us. She has to get a qualifier in the 5k," O'Connor said.

O'Connor said he is ready for the championship meet that will be held in Spokane on May 22-23.

"It's all coming to a close in 11 days and it should be an exciting championship meet," he said.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

Marcus Dillon hands off the baton to Jason McGhee in the 4x400-meter relay at the Oregon Twilight. The Titans finished second to Team XO in the relay held at Hayward Field on May 5.

## Free fitness classes are offered to students and staff

Seminars offered include  
Pilates and personal  
defenseZACKARY PACHOLL  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Fitness Education Center at LCC doesn't only offer credit courses. There are also a variety of free courses to students and staff.

Free seminars that cover Pilates, core conditioning, basic nutrition, yoga and personal defense are just some of the areas that the FEC covers.

In addition to the seminars, two new classes are being offered this term that include cardio-kickboxing and a boot camp.

Marisa Hastie, who is in her first year as the FEC coordinator, spoke about the classes being offered.

"(The cardio-kickboxing class fo-

cuses) more on self defense form but keeping your heart rate up and getting a good cardiovascular workout," Hastie said.

The other class that is being offered is a boot camp style of workout.

"It's a total body conditioning class... it's a planned workout in a structured environment," she said.

If those don't sound appealing to you maybe a seminar on a specific topic would be more fitting.

"We have opportunities and activities for everyone. Anyone can find something for themselves in the Fitness Education Center. It's all done in an very accepting and non-intimidating environment," Hastie said.

Hastie said her goal is to raise health awareness on campus and provide service to students.

For more information about the FEC or the classes that are being offered, contact Hastie at 463-5552.

**DANCE** from page 6: Concert runs May 11-13

an excerpt from a longer performance. It is a collaboration with Los Angeles music composer Carles Gran. To top off a diverse selection of dances the night will also include a special performance inspired by geology. UO faculty member Walter Kennedy started this piece, titled "Fault Boundaries," 12 years ago. While studying geology, Kennedy found similarities in

fault movement and the ways he moved to express certain emotions. Utilizing them both, he created a challenging dance.

"The Lane Dance Company has never looked so good," Simoa said.

Tickets will be available at the door one hour prior to the performance. General admission tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 students/seniors.

**INTERNSHIPS** from page 4: Apply soon

Internships can begin at any time in the term, just keep in mind that the student must make up any hours missed to receive full credit for the internship. "Minimum 10 hours a week for a three credit Co-op," Hughes said.

Applying for the internship is like applying for a job. Students interested will receive contact names and numbers from Hughes for the company with the opening and it is up to the student to make the first move. After contact is made the student will be given an interview, then the student and the company can decide if they want to work together.

After interning, students are more likely to be hired on at the same company for a paying job. "Businesses know that if they let students get the experience they need, when it comes time to fill positions,

the students will make good hires," Hughes said. Chambers loves the fact that LCC students come with so much "hands-on" experience.

Peter Smith, LCC Co-Op student, recently was hired on at Fisher Broadcasting in Roseburg. He produces local television commercials for Fisher. "LCC internships are great, with good positions. I'm enjoying my experience," Smith said. The most important part of the internship is the real world experience, according to Smith.

"Internships are such a great thing; the students are changed human beings. Being able to take what they know from the classroom to the real world, light bulbs just go off. It's amazing," Hughes said.

For more information on internships contact Teresa Hughes in Building 17, Room 106.

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# Did you vote in the ASLCC election? Why or why not?



**Vanessa Brown**

ENGINEERING

"Yeah, I did. I just think it's important to be involved."



**Jennifer Gangestad**

ENERGY MANAGEMENT

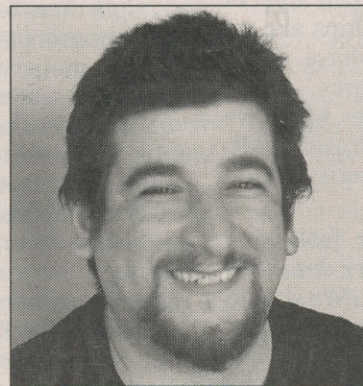
"No, I didn't. I didn't get to my computer on time. I was going to and didn't."



**Barbie Wu**

THEATER ARTS

"I did because I think it makes a difference."



**David Debilzan**

ART

"No I didn't, because it was my first term and I've missed classes."



**John Difonzo**

MULTIMEDIA

"No, because I wasn't familiar with the people running in it."

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### Events

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### Messages

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## LONGHOUSE from page 1: Totem poles to have home within the Longhouse

house is planned at the northwest corner of the campus. The building will be 6,500 square feet in size with a 1,600 square foot tongue-and-groove oak floor. The exterior of the Longhouse will be 1"x12" cedar planks. There will be a ceremonial entrance and a fire pit on site.

"This will be the first Native American Longhouse on a community college campus in the United States," project coordinator Richard Archambault said. Archambault stressed the importance of the Longhouse, not only to Native Americans, but to LCC in general.

Archambault, who is part Lakota Sioux, emphasized that the Longhouse is a resource for tribal rituals and activities and also takes into consideration student and public needs. The multi-use design includes the main room, a conference room, office, dressing areas, and a full kitchen. He envisions some type of fee structure for public use to defray operating costs but that

has yet to be formalized.

According to Barbara Delansky, Director of Student Life and Leadership Development, the Longhouse idea began in 1993. At the time, Native American Student Association coordinator Frank Merrill and his students developed the initial concept and it took hold over the years as support increased.

Staff at LCC embraced the Longhouse project early on and the project was jump-started by the LCC administration approving \$250,000 in seed money for the building's construction. Delansky confirmed that the building would see use for classes, programs, and activities in addition to Native American ceremonies.

Students can see part of the Longhouse currently being created on campus in the white tent across from the western entrances to the LCC food commons. As part of the Longhouse construction, totem poles are being crafted from cedar logs donated by the Confederated Tribes of Grand

Ronde.

"Carving is an emotional art," Tony Rath said. Rath is a woodcarver of Apache descent who volunteers his time and expertise to the project. Rath, whose father was a cabinet-maker, was trained by native carving masters in Alaska. His first year in training he didn't even touch a log as he learned the ways of incorporating ceremony and procedure into the art form. The "school of hard

knocks" as he called it.

How Rath ended up in Eugene on the carving part of the Longhouse project was circumstantial. As he was driving through the Eugene area his truck broke down. After a series of introductions and meetings within the local Native American community he was eventually offered the opportunity.

Rath explained the intricate figures and stories on the

totem pole behind him, which was near completion. Starting the carving at the narrow end of the log and working towards the base, Rath explained the balance of feminine and masculine energy forces depicted in the various figures: an eagle at the top, a bear, a raven, a human face with strands off bark for hair.

When finished, Rath's totem poles will be an integral part of the Longhouse site.

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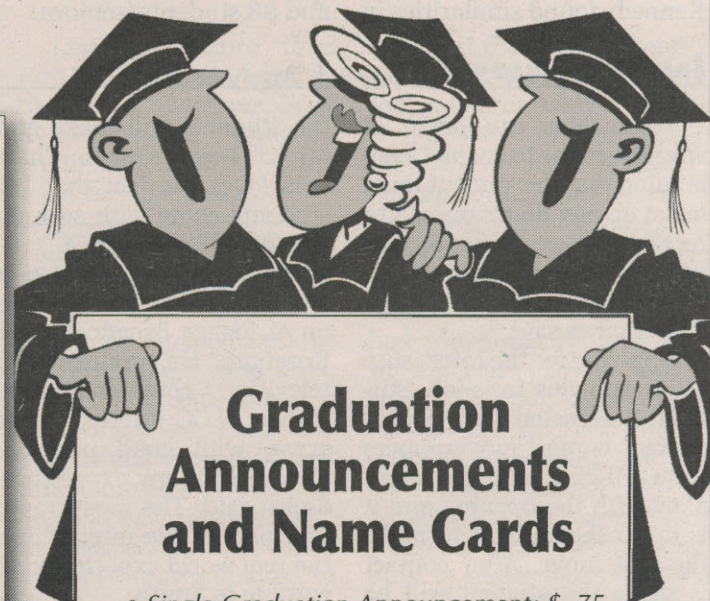
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