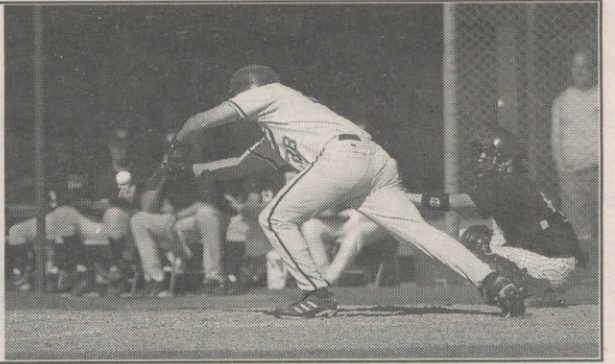


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Three car pileup on Eldon Schafer



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

A three-car accident occurred near the LCC main campus on Tuesday on Eldon Schafer Road. One person was transported by local ambulance to an area hospital for a shoulder injury. There were no other injuries even though the vehicles sustained heavy damage.

Budget Committee adopts college's plan

Science Department questions
validity process, gives alternatives

PEGGY GREEN
NEWS EDITOR

Effectively putting an end to any hope of saving cutbacks to next year's budget, the LCC Budget Committee voted to adopt the 2006-2007 academic year budget presented to them by the college.

The vote was 13 yes with one abstention. Eight faculty members from the Science Department made statements to the committee. Their arguments included suggesting that management take a salary cut to statements that they were not given a fair opportunity to provide input into the budget reduction process, to an argument that the cuts effectively remove

the department's ability to generate revenue. "The science division is disconnected from the college governance system. This (process) was done without proper input from science," Shelly Gaudia, Chemistry instructor, said.

"We're one of the golden geese that lays the golden eggs for the college," physics instructor Dennis Gilbert said.

As they have every week since the public meetings convened, more women came forth to argue for keeping the Program Coordinator's position in the Transitions To Success part of the Women's Program.

President Mary Spilde dismissed each appeal, making it clear the college would not change its recommendations on the cuts.

The Board of Education is expected to adopt the 2006-2007 budget, with all of its cuts, at the next monthly meeting Wednesday, June 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of Building 3.

Project coordinator faces position layoff

Women's Center
Project Coordinator
Patsy Raney's
position is one of
many proposed
cuts

PEGGY GREEN
NEWS EDITOR

Due to the proposed budget reductions to make up for the \$6 million deficit for the academic year 2006-2007, the Women's Program is losing its Project Coordinator, a 0.75 full time equivalent position. Patsy Raney holds that position.

The Project Coordinator focuses on the Transitions To Success portion of the Women's Program. According to Raney, that part of the women's program, "generates the bulk of the FTE" for the women's program.

Transitions To Success is designed to help women make the transition from their past situation into a college environment.

At Budget Committee and Board of Education meetings, many women have stepped forward to testify and support the Project Coordinator that has played a role in keeping them in school to accomplish their goals. Close to 30 women have stepped

forward to testify as to the importance of Raney's work with the program. Petitions have been signed and many letters have been forwarded to the college in support of keeping Raney's position.

According to Kate Barry, Director of the Women's Program, the Transitions To Success program will continue without the Program Coordinator.

"Staff will get together and talk about how to reorganize. The Transitions program will still be there. There's still an extensive staff," Barry said.

Raney has been with the Women's Program at LCC for more than 18 years, and been the Project Coordinator for more than three years.

Raney expects to be employed elsewhere. However, when the proposed budget reductions were initially announced Raney was unprepared.

"We (she and staff at the Women's Program) were absolutely blown out of the water. I was blindsided," Raney said. "We hadn't been given much information. It was very much a surprise for the entire staff, for a whole position to be cut."

As announced in Board Meetings, part of the process to deal with the budget deficit

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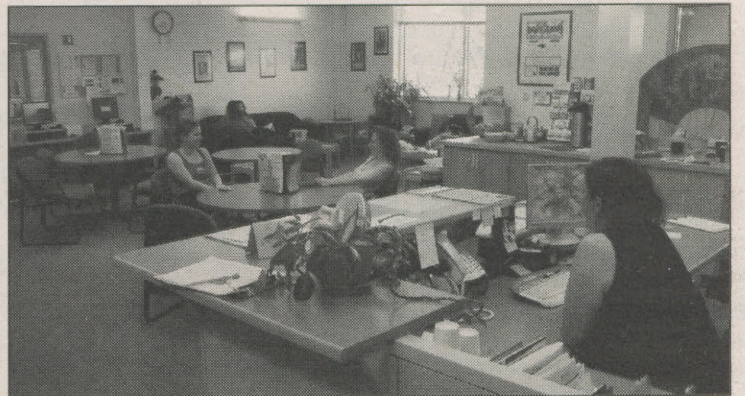


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The Women's Center is facing cuts that will require reorganization for next school year.

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COMMENTARY

Tax-funded voyeurism helps fight terrorists... or something along those lines

One of the worst things about living through the reign of the Bush administration has to be the increasing smugness of all the pessimists I know. It used to be easy to chide them for their negativity and laugh when events weren't as bad as they feared. But now the pessimists are continually proven right, as one thing after another with the current administration turns out to be even worse than imagined.

The most recent reason to heave a defeated sigh concerns the National Security Agency and its penchant for wire-tapping. To the surprise of no one with an inch of forehead, the NSA has been spying on a hell of a lot more people than originally thought. Even more than was hinted in that New York Times article last November.

In response to that tiny outbreak of journalism, where it was revealed that the government was spying on Americans making foreign calls, our Head Mascot had replied, "If you're talking with Al-Qaeda, we wanna know about it."

And now it turns out that the NSA actually doesn't care whether the calls are foreign, local or domestic. They "wanna know about it" no matter whom Americans are calling. The government has records of all of our phone calls. Yes, all of our supposedly private phone calls. They got them from the phone companies, of all places.

Government asks for my records, Verizon rolls over in submission.

They probably billed me for the trans-

action, too.

The NSA having records of my personal calls is probably one of those national security-type things. Gross violations of privacy usually are.

Thanks to national security, the voyeurs at the NSA apparently "wanna know about it" when I call my mom each week to lie about how well I'm doing (supposedly I'm at UO majoring in computer science...don't tell, okay?). And it seems to be a matter of national security each time I drunk-dial my exes.

COMMENTARY

Randy Wook

A&E Editor



Verizon wasn't the only phone company to help create what a source in USA Today called, "a data base of every call ever made" in America. Also helping the NSA destroy the notion of personal privacy were BellSouth and AT&T.

This is life in 21st Century America. Everything is always going to be worse than you thought. The best way to be precognitive in this country is to nurture an attitude of dire pessimism.

And although I suppose that this calls for a fair measure of outrage, embarrassment is the more dominant emotion being felt here.

Thanks to Verizon, does some Washington spook know that the people in my social calling circle can be counted on the

fingers of one hand? Is there someone in an NSA cubicle looking at my phone records, wondering how one guy could possibly call that many 1-900 numbers? God, I hope not. It just strikes me as horrifying that some faceless bureaucrat might know that the only number I have on speed-dial is Domino's.

And if it's not bad enough that the government now knows about your sham of a private life, the NSA's database is being used to battle the press. According to ABC News, the NSA is, specifically, monitoring the phone records of reporters from news agencies like the Washington Post, New York Times and ABC News.

Maybe the NSA is spying on media sources in order to locate government leaks and stem the flow of unsightly stories like the ones about

secret CIA prisons or the NSA's own activities. Maybe they got bored spying on the rest of us and decided to watch people who actually have lives worth monitoring.

Maybe the violations of our privacy and civil liberties will simply stop one day, and then the erosion of rights over the past five years will naturally reverse themselves.

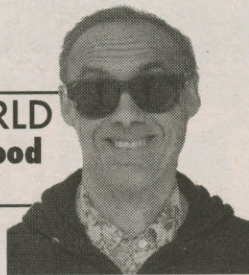
Maybe.

I seriously doubt this, of course. More likely things will just keep getting worse. It feels that way to me, at least, but I've become something of a pessimist.

Hard not to be these days.

Food, drinks and goodbye

MACKWORLD
John Mackwood
Columnist



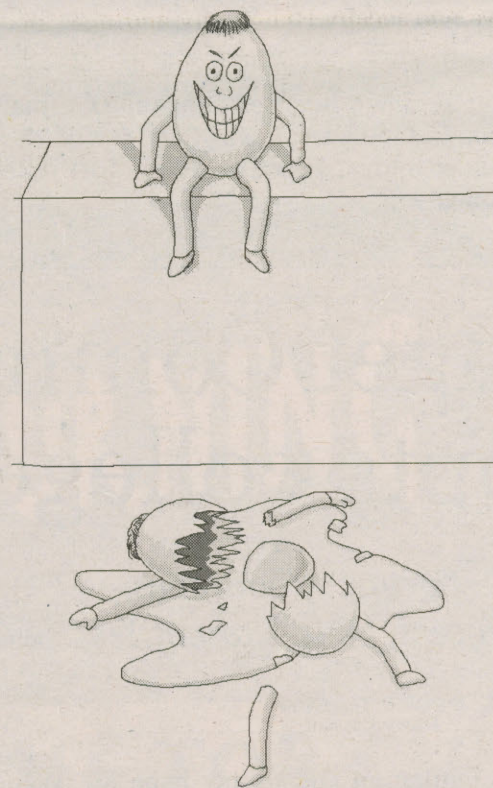
I love my Monday ice coffee and tea cookies.

This is a good time of year for an ice cream bar. Enjoy them all summer long.

Don't drink or eat in the computer room, it will make a big mess and could be costly.

Get direct deposit. That way your check will be waiting for you.

This will be the last year for Heather Serafin. She is moving on and a new editor in chief will come next fall. Good luck Heather we will all miss you. Thank you.



Although many still tell the rhyme about Mr. Dumpty's unfortunate accident, no one could even imagine the truth about about Humpty's jealous brother, Rumpy.

ILLUSTRATION BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF AND HOLLY JENKINS

Low turnout should nullify election results

COMMENTARY Torch Editorial Board

ernment declares that any number less than that is not a valid representation of a given district.

The LCC constitution is not as considerate of its voters as the state's is.

In the recent ASLCC election, approximately 400 students voted to approve a \$3 ballot to fund the LCC Longhouse. Four hundred out of at least 9,000 eligible to vote. That's about 4.4 percent of the student population at LCC. So 4.4 percent of the student body decided

whether the other 95.6 percent shells out another \$3 per term in student fees?

That doesn't seem like a fair representation of the students on campus. If the State of Oregon requires a minimum vote for money matters to pass, shouldn't LCC do the same?

After all, it hardly seems fair that 400 people decide the fiscal fate of 9,000. There should be a law in the LCC constitution that requires a minimum voter turnout to pass money measures.

Of course, this is a harsh lesson learned for those that didn't vote and were opposed to the ballot. Nine dollars a year is the price they'll pay for their ignorance.

Book release surrounds Thurston shooting

Former LCC instructor digs up the past to mark anniversary

BRIAN HARDY
TORCH REPORTER

Kip Kinkel made history when he walked into Thurston High School on May 21, 1998 and opened fire on his classmates and teachers.

Former LCC instructor Joseph Lieberman has authored a book on the making of school shooters featuring that unforgettable day.

"The Shooting Game," was released in time to mark the eighth anniversary of the Thurston High shooting. The LCC Bookstore expects to receive copies Friday, May 19.

According to Lieberman, Kip Kinkel's actions were part of a pattern similar to other school shooters profiled in his book. In the book Lieberman identified dozens of school shooters around the world, with particular focus on Kip Kinkel.

Lieberman started his journey into the Thurston High School tragedy in the LCC cafeteria over five years ago when he was a part-time English as a Second Language teacher.

There he met one of the survivors of the shootings by chance. The young woman had not only witnessed the bloody assault but had stared directly into Kip eyes as he sized her up as a victim.

For whatever reason, she was spared that day. But Lieberman was hooked on her story and began to research and write his book on school shootings that eventually profiled 85 school shooters around the world.

Lieberman hopes to give a new perspective on the social and emotional causes of school shootings. Issues such as depression, suicide and aggressive behavior are linked together in his book as prime factors.

Kip's father, Bill Kinkel, was a Spanish teacher at LCC's downtown campus. He was well known in the administrative and faculty community and news of his murder and that of his wife, Faith Kinkel, hit hard on LCC campuses.

"The energy he exhibited transferred to his students," Ross Jackson, who knew Bill Kinkel personally,

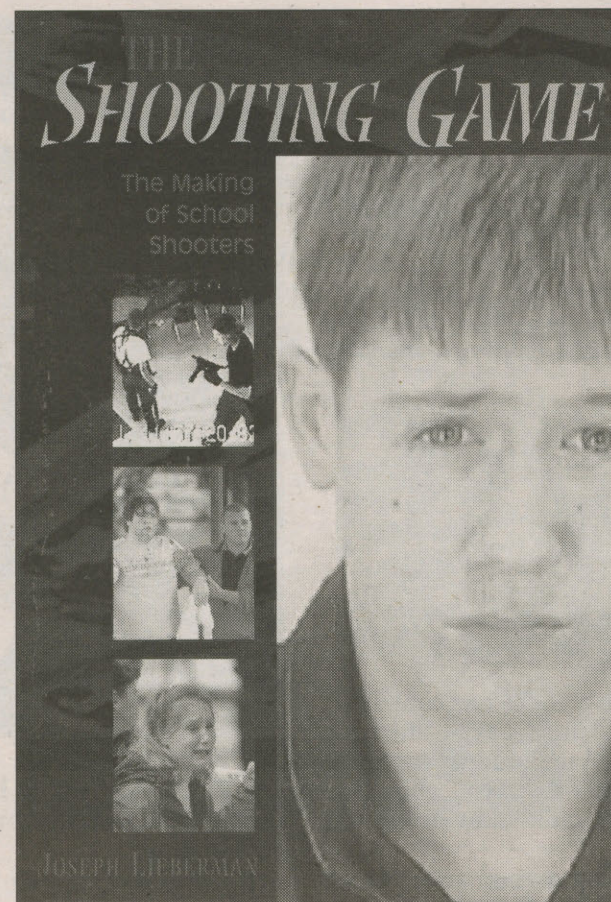


PHOTO COURTESY OF JOSEPH LIEBERMAN

ally, said. Jackson is an Instructional Coordinator Specialist at LCC.

According to Jackson, Bill Kinkel ran an active classroom and was enthusiastic about his work. Jackson went on to say that Kinkel was "well-liked by his students."

As a confidant, Jackson knew about some of the things Bill Kinkel was dealing with regarding Kip. When asked about Kip's problems, Jackson said that when he had met Kip, his initial impressions were those of a quiet adolescent.

What makes Kip Kinkel unique, according to Lieberman, is the fact he murdered his parents.

The day before the school shootings Kip Kinkel

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LCC 'Moment' hits campus; issue focuses on sustainability

Faculty journal offers essays, research and art among others

JENNA CLINKSCALES
TORCH REPORTER

"The Moment," a faculty led journal of professional development and scholarship published annually at LCC, boasts a 168-pages of essays, research, reports, art, photography and creative writing produced by community college faculty and staff from around the nation.

It was released to LCC employees at the May 5 in-service meeting.

Now in its sixth year, journals like "The Moment" are a rarity at community colleges. "The focus at these schools is on teaching, as it should be," co-editor Steve McQuiddy said. "But faculty and staff bring so much more to their professions. The founders of 'The Moment' saw the need for a publication that showcases the breadth and depth of experience and expertise found at a comprehensive community college like LCC. This is a way for students and the community to see the diversity of expertise and ideas and the professionalism that translates into LCC being consistently recognized as

(a) top-ranking school."

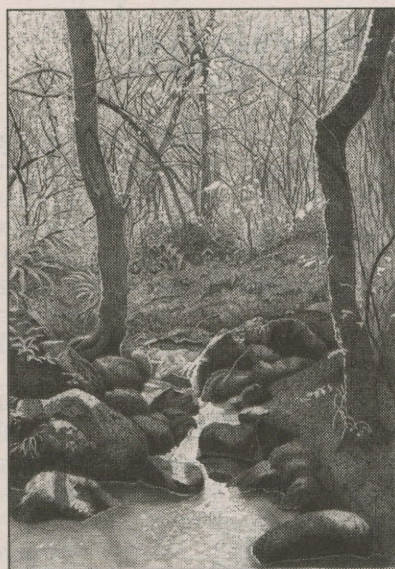
Every year the theme changes. One year it was peace, another year diversity and another was classroom dynamics.

This year the theme is sustainability. The publication tells a few important facts about LCC. The college saved 511 gallons of gasoline in 2004-2005 by recycling newspaper; 195 gallons of gasoline by recycling aluminum cans; recycled or reused 458 tons of material; recycles or reuses 58 percent of all waste generated on campus and meets 10 percent of its energy needs with wind power.

This and more are explored in "The Moment."

"Sustainability is a college-wide goal at Lane. This issue of 'The Moment' explores environmental sustainability, sustainable alternatives to rising textbook prices, sustainable assessment models that can increase both the effectiveness and quality of education and other interpretations of sustainability. One essay even challenges how we use the word sustainability," LCC President Mary Spilde said.

"The Moment" seeks to bridge the area between academic based information and entertaining work," McQuiddy said. "We've got everything from a sabbatical report on how to make organizations operate more like human brains to poems created from translating the



BY MARGARET ROBERTSON

Headwaters of Amazon Creek published in the Spring 2006 issue of the Community College Moment.

botanical names of mushrooms."

The sustainability theme applies to the publication itself. This year a change in printers saved about \$1,000 in printing costs.

"We will be promoting the book as a learning tool for classes. Most of the contributors are in the area. It will be easy and inexpensive to get permission for copyright reproductions or to bring in guest speakers," McQuiddy added.

News Flash

LCC CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Lane Community College will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 29.

CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 20 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. will be Buddy's giant garage sale at Rite Aid on the corner of Willamette and 29th. Proceeds will go to the Children's Miracle Network which provides vital medical equipment used specifically for treating infants and children in our local community.

If you have items to donate you may drop them off at Rite Aid on Friday, May 19 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. or Saturday, May 20 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information contact Beverly Farfan at 463-5395 or 912-2228.

MAY CELEBRATION

The May Celebration festival at the University of Oregon features live music, outdoor art galleries, public speakers, interactive activities and a number of student/non-profit organizations. The Celebration will be on May 22-24 at the UO amphitheater (outside The Erb Memorial Union) and memorial lawn from 12-6 p.m.

The Pachamama Alliance "Awakening the Dreamer" Symposium will be held on May 24 at 6:30 p.m. at UO in the Lillis building, Room 182. Doors will open at 6:20 p.m. All events are free.

TRIO OPEN ENROLLMENT

Enroll now for TRiO. TRiO provides support services to help students succeed. Eligibility criteria for TRiO include being a first generation college student, meeting income criteria, or being a student with a registered disability. Eligible students also need to be seeking a two or four-year degree. Orientations will be from August-September. The TRiO Office will be closed from June 19 to Aug. 21, come to the TRiO Office in Building 1, Room 219 as soon as possible. Contact Marla at 463-3131 or nortonm@lanecc.edu for any questions.

Summer Art Classes

The Theatre Arts Department at Lane Community College will offer three acting courses in Summer Term, taught by Judith (Sparky) Roberts.

June 26 - August 18

Class: Improvisational Theatre

Credits: 3

Description: Improvisation skill is essential for actors, and useful for non-actors who want to sharpen their wits. Comedy is the springboard that turns creative energy into action; serious uses of improvisation are explored.

Pre-requisite: Courage.

When: M/W 4-5:50 p.m.

Class: Acting I

Credits: 3

Description: The discipline of acting prepares people to perform on-stage, but the self-discovery and skills also enhance a person's effectiveness in everyday life. Fundamentals include voice and speech, movement, dramatic literature and creative collaboration. Guest artists perform for the class. Students rehearse scenes for performance.

When: M/W 7-8:50 p.m.

Class: Acting Shakespeare

Credits: 4

Description: The goal is to become Shakespeare-friendly - to become comfortable with Elizabethan language and imagery. As students read aloud, act, and discuss, the Bard's vivid stories acquire modern meaning. Guest artists enrich the classroom experience. Students perform in a final recital.

When: Tu/Th 4-5:50 p.m.

For more info, phone 463-5647 or email: robertsj@lanecc.edu

The Renaissance Room: a hidden secret

A small delight is hidden in the corner of the cafeteria

DEJAH MCDUGALL
ASSISTANT A&E EDITOR

The Renaissance Room is a fine dining restaurant planted right in the middle of the LCC campus. Put together by culinary and hospitality students, the ambiance is one of high-class gourmet dining but at a price any student can afford.

They serve Monday through Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. and offer a different menu every week. Walk-ins are welcome but reservations can be made by calling 463-3533.

Atmosphere: Entering the Renaissance room is like being transported miles away from the hustle of campus life. The lights were subtly dimmed. The tables were appropriately adorned with white linen tablecloths and colorfully folded cloth napkins.

WILL REVIEW FOR FOOD: The Renaissance Room LCC Cafeteria

Wearing black slacks, a white-collar shirt and black vest, the hostess seated us immediately. There were paintings lining the walls and somewhat exhausted-looking flowers at every table. Mellow opera/classical music played softly in the background.

Overall, The Renaissance Room felt like a nice restaurant at a fancy resort; nothing you would expect to find in a community college cafeteria. It was pleasantly surprising.

Service: The service was exceptional. The Renaissance Room offers the type of service any overpaid business-

person would expect to receive at an expensive resort restaurant.

Everything was done in a timely manner. The drinks came quickly as well did the breadbasket. Drinks were frequently refilled.

Pleasant and polite, the server checked on the tables just often enough to give excellent service but not so often as to interfere with a pleasurable experience. She was knowledgeable of the cuisine and helpful in making choices.

Renaissance Room Prices

Filet mignon	\$7.50
Coffee	\$1
Genoise cake	\$2.25
Total Damage:	\$10.75

Cuisine: The breadbasket contained focaccia bread, which was in-line with the feeling of a fine dining experience. However, there was also a choice of biscuits, which took away from the gourmet feel.

The menu had a good selection of entrées. Something for all appetites, from salmon to filet mignon to an enticing vegetarian dish: steamed artichoke.

There was also a decent selection of beverages and the choice of soup, salad or fruit compote to go along with the meal.

I chose the filet mignon accompanied with baby red potatoes and steamed broccoli. It felt like getting away with highway robbery, as the price was a mere \$7.50. This is a pitance for a usually expensive delicacy.

Appetizers were brought to the table. It wasn't ordered and I'm not sure if it automatically comes with the meal for all diners. I am sure, however, that it was delectable.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

The Renaissance Room is open by reservation Monday through Thursday 11:30 to 12:50 p.m. on the first floor of the Center Building next to the coffee shop.

The appetizer was toasted focaccia with a mixture of cheeses including a delicious, sharp blue cheese, topped with an apple slice sprinkled with cinnamon and parsley.

When the salad came I was delighted. The presentation was beautiful. My eyes enjoyed the colorful array of vegetables over spring greens. It was tossed with house vinaigrette. One of my few complaints is that it was the only dressing offered.

The highlight of the meal was certainly the filet mignon. Cooked to perfection, it melted in my mouth, bursting with flavor. The red potatoes were scrumptious and the broccoli cooked al dente (just enough so that it is still a little crisp).

After the plates were cleared away, I indulged myself with a piece of Genoise cake, a three layer cake separated with caramel sauce and iced with chocolate ganache.

The cake was heavenly, despite the over-hardened caramel sauce. The chocolate was rich and dark, the caramel sweet.

Overall this was an exceptional meal. The facility gave special attention to detail, though I could find notable differences between the Renaissance Room and a true fine dining restaurant (such as the butter being an average yellow, rather than sweet cream), I was impressed. I felt it was a noble attempt and at those prices who in their right mind could resist trying it out?

Faculty Jazz concert to present works by Charles Mingus

The annual concert's proceeds to go to jazz scholarships.

DEJAH MCDUGALL
ASSISTANT A&E EDITOR

A collection of LCC faculty members will come together to present a jazz concert inspired by the works of bassist/pianist/bandleader/composer Charles Mingus.

"It's a tribute to Charles Mingus," faculty director Nathan Waddell said. "His sound featured modern collective improvisation."

Originally the idea of past faculty member, Alan Tarpinian, the tribute is something the faculty members have wanted to do for a long time. "Featuring artists is a nice way to go," Waddell said.

Mingus was an important figure in American music in the 1950s. He was born in Arizona in 1922, but was raised in Watts, Calif.

He found his first musical influences while attending church and listening to the church choir. He also enjoyed listening to the radio and was particularly influ-

enced by Duke Ellington.

In the early 40s Mingus played jazz with such notable artists as Louis Armstrong and Kid Orz. In 1947, he joined Lionel Hampton's group, playing "in the swing style."

In 1950-1951, he developed what Waddell called "his solo chops" playing with Red Norvo.

During the 1950s Mingus had found his home in New York and was recording and playing with the leading names in music of his time: Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Bud Powell and Art Tatum. He even played with his inspiration, Duke Ellington.

Mingus was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease in 1977. His last works were a collaboration with Joni Mitchell. He died in 1979.

The spring concert will present various works inspired by Mingus including "Goodbye Pork Pie Hat" featuring lyrics by Joni Mitchell, which will be sung by Shirley Anress, "Fables of Faubus," "Nostalgia in Times Square" and "My Jelly Roll Soul."

Some of the faculty members performing include: Carl Woid-eck and Jim Olsen on saxophone,

Mike Denny on guitar, Shirley Anress doing vocals, Gus Russell on piano, Dave Bender on trumpet, Olem Alves on guitar, Ron Bertucci on trombone and Dennis Caffey on drums.

The presentation will also include Patrick Torelli who will recite poetry.

All proceeds from this concert will go to the John Workman Memorial Scholarship, given to students who are talented in the field of jazz.

John Workman was an instructor in the LCC music program from 1988-1996, he taught Group Piano and Small Jazz Ensembles. He was a popular teacher who inspired his students to do their best.

According to Waddell the scholarship is a great benefit to the music program. "It offsets the cost of lessons for students. It's nice to have good students," Waddell said.

The concert will be Thursday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Performing Arts, Building 6 on the main campus.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students/seniors. They can be purchased through the LCC Ticket Office at 463-5202.

Upcoming Stuff

ART

Graphic Design Student Show

May 17-June 6
LCC art gallery, Building 11

Art sale

David Joyce Gallery
In the Center for Meeting and Learning, Building 19
On going

MUSIC

Lane Chamber Orchestra

Monday, May 29
6-10 p.m.
Performing Arts Stage, Building 6
For more info: 463-5209

Lane Jazz Band

Wednesday, May 31
Performing Arts Stage, Building 6
For more info: 463-5209

THEATER

Spring Inspirations

Saturday and Sunday, May 26-27
8-10 p.m.
Blue Door Theater, Building 6

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

GET TO KNOW: VELDA ARNAUD

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

Velda Arnaud has traveled the world and now inspires students at LCC

JENNA CLINKSCALES
TORCH REPORTER

Velda Arnaud is a winner and a pioneer. Her ability to help make winners of others has landed her a much-deserved award.

Arnaud was presented an Adviser Paragon Award by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society of the Two-Year College at its 88th annual international convention in Seattle in April. She is the only Oregon adviser to receive the award. Advisers are recognized for significant contributions to the growth of individual PTK members, for serving as its chapter's advocate on campus and for encouraging the chapter to be involved at the local, regional or international level of the society. Arnaud teaches business at LCC and has been PTK adviser since fall of 2005.

"When I heard my name called I nearly dropped my teeth and they are my real teeth," she joked with a twinkle in her eyes.

This award is given to those who have been advisers for less than five years. Arnaud has just reached her one-year mark making it an even more unique honor.

"It was very exciting and I felt right at home on the stage because of the people that were there," she commented about accepting her honor.

Two of the keynote speakers were former Secretary of State. Madeline Albright and television anchor-



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

Last month Velda Arnaud was presented an Adviser Paragon Award by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

woman Cokie Roberts. They spoke of the importance of going for a person's dreams, a philosophy that Arnaud believes in. "I firmly believe that anyone can do anything, if he or she is willing to work towards the

desired goal, she said."

When Arnaud first started her college career in the 1970s there were not a lot of careers for women to go into other than office work. She was not very interested in that type of work. "It bored me. I needed more," she added.

She received a lot of encouragement from family and teachers. "My grandfather did say, 'You can do anything you want.' Back in those days you were expected to be a secretary and work in an office." That was not really something Arnaud was ready to spend her life doing.

There were a couple of teachers that encouraged her, but one mentor, a male friend who works in the district attorney's office in Multnomah County, gave her sound advice.

"He told me three things. Get out of Coos County and travel. Get an education and marry someone who is your intellectual equal." She did all three.

She ended up studying in Germany where she met her future husband (who she still finds things to talk about after 20 plus years). After awhile, they decided they were not on the right track in their studies in Germany and came back to the states.

After attending a variety of schools she graduated with a B.A. in math and German and a masters in education and instructional technology from the UO in 1991.

At some point she became interested in computers. This was a very new field at the time, which was not like today; there were no Windows or programs already in place. "Everything was done with Internet, with Prodigy. It was all text and no graphics," Arnaud said. Even then in its infancy she got her first pop-up from a flower company.

See **ARNAUD** page 7

Financial aid for those with drug convictions

Under pressure, Congress changes aid elimination policy for students

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A recent change in federal law has made it easier for those with prior drug convictions to obtain federal student aid money.

In February 2006, Congress changed the law that made those convicted of drug possession and/or distribution ineligible to receive financial aid. Convictions prior to applying for financial aid will no longer disqualify prospective students from receiving federal aid.

Previously students could be denied financial aid if they had drug conviction in the previous years.

Under the new rules students lose eligibility only if convicted of possession or distribution while receiving financial aid. Loss of eligibility ranges from one year for the first possession offense to indefinite suspension for those convicted twice of drug distribution.

The 1998 Higher Education Act-Aid Elimination Penalty, signed into law by President Clinton, made prior drug offenses the only criminal act to deny financial aid to students. The act first took effect during the 2000-2001 school year. Since then Department of Education records show that 189,065 people have been denied financial aid because of their answer to question 31 on

the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, "Have you ever been convicted of possessing or selling illegal drugs?"

While the government releases information on the number of people denied financial aid because of their answer to question 31 it had never released a state by state breakdown of those numbers. Students for Sensible Drug Policy successfully sued the federal government to release the state numbers under a Freedom of Information Act request.

Those numbers show that since 2000, 3,637 Oregonians have been denied financial aid under the Aid Elimination Policy. At a denial rate 0.36 percent, Oregon has one of the highest ineligibility rates in the nation, second behind Indiana at 0.50 percent and tied with California. The national average is 0.25 percent.

Under pressure from SSDP the American Civil Liberty Union and other activist groups, Congress changed the law in 2006 to eliminate the "reach back effect," that penalized students for drug convictions prior to their college careers.

Under the new rules students who lose their financial aid because of a drug conviction while enrolled in college and receiving financial aid can have their eligibility immediately reinstated by completing a drug treatment course.

In March 2006 the ACLU Drug Law Reform Project and SSDP filed a lawsuit challenging the entire Aid Elimination Penalty on constitutional grounds.

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Titans wrap up season in second place

Titans split final double-header with Mt. Hood, finish with 24 total wins

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ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Lane Titans baseball team has secured second place in the South Division and will play in the Northwest Association of Community Colleges playoffs.

The Titans (18-12 league, 24-18 overall) played its final home game against Mt. Hood on May 16.

The story of the year is that the Titans home has been splitting doubleheaders all season. May 16 was no different as the Titans lost the first game 9-5 in 11 innings and out-slugged the Saints 10-7 in the night-cap.

In the first game, Ryan Robinson had what he called "the worst game of the season" pitching-wise. Robinson gave up five runs on four hits. He hit two batters back-to-back, one in the head and the other in the back.

The game signified the kind of year it has been for Robinson. "...started off rough then it got better then ended with this game, kind of rough too," Robinson said.

The Titans entered the bottom of the ninth down by two runs, 5-3.

Drew Humphrey hit a sacrifice fly ball to bring home the runner on third and bring the Titans within one. Scott Jacobson then doubled to center to score the tying run.

After a scoreless tenth, the Saints took control. After a two-run double that put them up 7-5, the next batter for the Saints was Brooks Lindsley.

Lindsley had a relatively quiet day until hitting a two-run homerun over the left field wall putting them up 9-5.

The Titans hot bats were cooled off and they couldn't score again.

In the second game win, Jacobson was two for three and two runs batted in. Frank Moon connected on a two-run homerun in the fourth inning.

The Titans produced a five run first to take control early.

The playoffs start May 25 through May 29.

Robinson feels confident about the tournament.

"I have no doubt we will win," he said.



Lane pitcher Jesse Sweet throws to first baseman Johnny Hirko tagging out Mt. Hood base runner Matt Hibbitts in the second game of a double-header on Tuesday, May 16. Lane lost the first game 9-5, but came back in the second game and out-batted the Saints 10-7. The Titans will go in the playoff season on May 25 against the leading tournament seed in the east division. The Lane players ended the regular season with an overall record of 24-18. Sweet finished the season with an earned run average of 2.42.

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It's championship time for track and field

Lane wins Track and Field Southern Region Championship

ZACKARY PACHOLL
SPORTS EDITOR

Head Coach Grady O'Connor has been in his office tallying up the times and high marks to see where his squad stands with the rest of the competition.

He knows to throw out the season high marks. It's championship time.

The Titans track and field team heads to Spokane in hopes of winning the NWAACC crown. Both the men and women's side will enter the championship as underdogs. The opponent: Community Colleges of Spokane. And they've got the home field advantage.

"Right now, the women are 30 point underdogs to Spokane and the men are 20 point underdogs (to Spokane),"

O'Connor said.

With the championship being held at Spokane Community College, the Spokane Sasquatch should enter the meet with more comfort than other schools.

"It's an advantage to them because of the comfort level with their facilities," O'Connor said.

The traveling squads are almost finalized, each side taking 25 athletes. O'Connor said it was very hard narrowing down the list of men traveling

because of the number of talented athletes on the team.

Heading into the championship, the points that the Titans scored from the heptathlon and decathlon will be carried over into the meet in Spokane. The men have 22 points and the women have 16.

The goal O'Connor set before the season was to have this group of athletes come together as a team and, before his eyes, that has happened.

"We have had a tremendous effort across the board on the

men's and women's side," he said.

The regional championship meet was a tune up for the Titans who blew away the competition. The Titans won in a convincing manner taking first place in 22 of 38 events. Lane athletes Colin Cram and Kristina Ely were the high point winners for the Southern Region. Cram scored 44 points and Ely scored 40.5 points. O'Connor was awarded men and women's coach of the year in the NWAACC.

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Baseball and soccer survive the axe

ZACKARY PACHOLL
SPORTS EDITOR

Men's baseball and women's soccer will stick around for at least one more year after the Board of Education meeting held a special meeting May 17.

The fundraising group for baseball and soccer proposed a recommendation to the school board that it would raise \$100,000 of the total \$140,000 to operate the two programs. Lane would have to pay the remaining \$40,000 or look to the soccer team to help

raise the needed money.

At the board meeting last week, the fundraising group said it would not be able to raise enough funds for both sports. Baseball and soccer are the only sports on campus that are not school funded.

Dean Hansen, head of the fundraising group, was very happy with the outcome of the decision. He made comment that the city of Eugene needs a collegiate baseball team.

"We stick by our motto, 'they come for athletics and they discover academics,'"

Have you ever had the mumps?

Ten suspected cases in Lane County

ASHLEY BORJESON
TORCH REPORTER

The mumps have come to Lane County, with three confirmed cases and 10 suspected cases. Two of the confirmed cases are health care workers from the same clinic. The other case is a UO student.

"There are no suspected or confirmed cases at Lane Community College," Duke Vandervort, director of the

Health Clinic said.

The symptoms of the mumps include fever, headache, swelling of the glands close to the jaw, and pain when eating sour foods. "We are asking everyone to look for these symptoms," Betsy Meredith, nursing supervisor at Lane County Public Health, said.

They also advise anyone showing these symptoms to not go to the hospital or emergency room right away. They ask that you call ahead to notify the hospital of your condition, so the hospital can then make arrangements to admit

you to the facility. This precaution is so the mumps virus will not be exposed to hospital workers and then passed on to susceptible patients.

Mumps is a virus infection of the salivary glands. It can be spread by coughing or sneezing, sometimes by transfer of saliva, and possibly by bathroom waste. So protective "respiratory hygiene" should be taken such as wearing a mask, covering your cough, and washing your hands often.

An infected person can spread the virus three days before the start of symptoms

until nine days after onset. There is no specific treatment for the mumps, but if the infected person becomes very ill they should seek medical attention.

"Anyone infected or thinks they are infected should stay home. Don't go to school or work and avoid small children that have not been vaccinated," Vandervort said.

The best way to prevent the virus is the mumps vaccine or MMR. If you don't know if you have been vaccinated, get vaccinated. Most family and



pediatric doctors keep the vaccine in their clinics and as does Lane County Public Health Department. But the Department follows strict guidelines when giving immunizations they

take a careful history of all patients. LCC also carries MMR immunizations.

"When public health messages are released, it's a reminder to check your immunization records and make sure you are up to date," Meredith said.

ARNAUD from page 5: Business teacher advocates for life-long learning

When she accepted a job at LCC in 1999, she taught keyboarding in the small room she teaches in to this day. This led her to other areas such as teaching business web pages, business fundamentals and 10-key calculator.

"You can go to my web page to see my philosophy of education," she said. These are a few rules she believes in that make learning fun: There are no stupid questions. Always be available to the students. Don't just lecture; interact with the students. No two people learn in the same way. Tests evaluate how well the instructor has taught. Encourage and help, do not put them

down. Plan and prepare; know where you are going before you begin.

"We must teach our students how to think for themselves. They must have problem solving, critical thinking and reasoning skills. They should be able to research and find information. In today's world, students must be confident using computers and software," Arnaud said.

Arnaud continued, "Adult learners should be taught with great respect. They are coming from different backgrounds and a vast amount of experience," she said. "Above all, remember that adults have lives outside the

school. They want their time filled with meaningful educational experiences. As much as possible, curriculum should be connected to their lives or their future careers.

"Finally I want my students to realize that their education doesn't stop when they graduate...students need to understand the attitude of life-long learning," she said.

When asked about how she got in to PTK she smiled and said, "Well, the adviser at the time, Chris Culver, was stepping down. His office was right across from mine and I overheard him say he was looking for some one to take

his place and suddenly my hand shot up into the air." Arnaud has been an adviser in the Boy Scouts and other organizations so she knew a bit about what it would entail. She said she wanted to get outside of the business student 'box' and open up to other fields of study going on at the campus. Arnaud co-advised with Bette Doris until Jan. 1 when she took over the position.

In summing up Arnaud's philosophy of teaching in her own words "I want my students to soar like eagles!"

For more information on Phi Theta Kappa go to www.ptk.org or contact Arnaud at 541-463-5682.

SHOOTING from page 3: Lieberman's book includes reports of other school shootings

was arrested for having a handgun in his locker and was released to his father's custody. At home, later that day, Kip murdered his father with a .22 caliber pistol. When his mother came home, Kip murdered her as well.

The next morning, he committed the shootings at school killing Ben Walker and Mikael Nickolauson.

Springfield Police Chief Jerry D. Smith recalled the scene at Thurston High School that day. Smith was one of the first responders to the scene.

Several students had subdued Kip, a "dog pile" as Smith called it, by the south wall of the cafeteria. Kip was taken into custody by the Springfield Police and later gave a taped confession and the facts began to emerge.

Unable to garner an insanity plea, Kip's confession stood and he was sentenced

to 111 years in prison, with no possibility of parole. Sent to MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility in Woodburn, 82 miles north of Springfield, he remains there today.

Lieberman makes the point that while society is distracted with things like the war in Iraq entertainment and national politics, school shootings continue to happen, and not just in the U.S.

"There have been shootings in 12 cities in the last 12 months," Lieberman said as he ran off a laundry list of locations. In the past five years, more than 400 victims of school shootings have been injured or killed around the world.

On May 21, 2005, a 16-year-old student named Jeff Weise killed seven and wounded seven more at a Minnesota school; the worst school shooting since Columbine High School

in Littleton, Colo.

One of the things Lieberman cited as a cause of school shootings is the culture of gratuitous violence in the U.S. that portrays conflict resolution through the use of a gun or a knife. He continued by point-

ing out that "power over life and death" was an underlying theme for school shooters.

Lieberman's book was only recently published due to a number of rewrites and updates. He first wrote the book as an academic effort complete

with footnotes, only to then rewrite it for a different publisher in New York who wanted a style change. Those changes didn't work out either and he finally rewrote the entire book in his own style and found a small publisher in California.

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WOMEN from page 1: Budget reduction dispute

was for department heads and staff members to meet and discuss ways they could make reductions.

Raney and other sources dispute that there was a discussion about cutting an entire position in the department.

Raney said that from the end of January to April 12, 2006, when the budget reduction proposals were announced, there was no update given to the Women's Program staff.

"We had regular meetings, but no update. The budget update from Kate (Barry) was 'still no real news.' She summarized the process, in general terms, but there was nothing substantive. I still don't know what their process was,"

Raney said.

Barry's minutes from the Jan. 30 staff meeting stated that, "Staff decided that if we were asked for proposals that included cutting contracted positions they did not want to participate in that as a collective discussion."

In an interview, Barry said, "We all discussed the budget recommendations. We had meetings."

Barry said the staff did not want to sit around in a group and discuss cutting someone's position.

Raney has some advice for others going through budget reduction processes. "Keep your eye on the process and make sure everyone's clear on the process," she said.

Does the National Security Administration's wire tapping make you feel safer?



Candace Broomhead

ASSOCIATE OF
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"It makes me feel less safe. Safety is being secure, having your own privacy. If you don't feel secure, then you don't feel safe."



Catherine Earnhart

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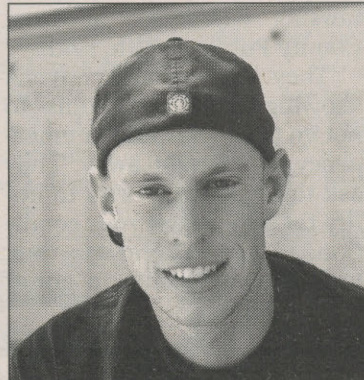
"It's kind of invasion of privacy. I guess it could work, but I don't think it's morally right."



Clarissa Harrington

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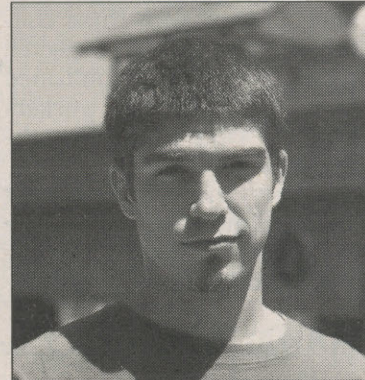
"Yeah, it makes me feel safer. If you're not doing anything wrong, you have nothing to worry about."



Patrick Rose

EARLY CHILDHOOD

"Yeah, I'd say so. I think it might deter some terrorist threats. It might slow down (terrorism) a bit, but not get rid of it completely."



Peter Szczesny

ANTHROPOLOGY

"I guess it makes me feel safer but it's invasion of privacy. They should (monitor) through legal standards, not through the PATRIOT Act."

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