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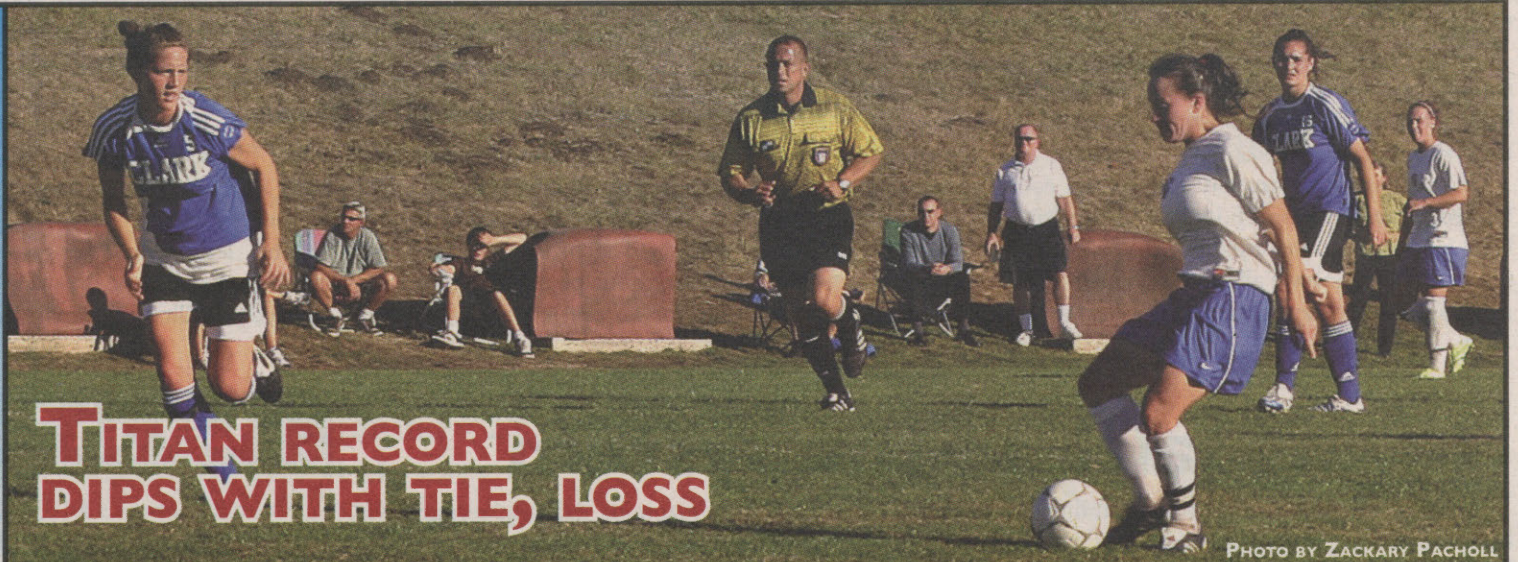
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Soccer Update

On Wednesday, Oct. 18, the Titans had an away game against Clackamas CC (12-1-1) who are at the top of the NWAACC Southern Division. Final score 2 - 0 Clackamas.

The Titans next game is at home, Saturday, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m. against Lower Columbia CC (8-5-1).

Sophomore defender Mesha Clayton (white) advances the ball against Clark midfielder Kippy Powers during the second half action at Lane Community College on Oct. 12. The game ended in a 1-1 tie.



TITAN RECORD DIPS WITH TIE, LOSS

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Alyssa Waldman-Roberts
STAFF REPORTER

The Titans were raring to go, but couldn't get anything going throughout the game last Thursday against the Penguins from Clark.

Having been on a roll with an overall record now of 10-2-1, and even though they were disap-

pointed not coming away with the win, the Titans came away with its first tie.

Despite multiple forays against the Penguins goalie the Titans didn't score until the 27th minute. Titan sophomore Shawna Boyer advanced down field then passed to freshman Heather Bishop who scored the only goal for Lane

making it 1-0.

The first half was almost over when Clark player, Kaylani Sung, penetrated the Titan defense and drove in a goal in the 41st minute. Both teams were completely scoreless the entire second half.

"Everybody on the team felt a sense of disappointment or emptiness," head coach Dean Smith

said. "When our team has control of the play and dominates the statistics it's disappointing to not come out with the win."

The Lane Titans definitely came more prepared and fired up the second half but were unable to come up with the goals they needed to win.

Lane has a fairly tough sched-

ule in front of them as they try to make the much-anticipated play-offs.

"All games will be tough," Smith said. "People figure out who they are. People say soccer builds character. I think soccer rebuilds character and everyone on the team will find out what their character is."

A club of another color

Queer Straight Alliance celebrates National Coming Out Day

Ariel Burkhardt
CORY EDITOR

The Queer Straight Alliance held its first event this Fall term in the cafeteria to celebrate National Coming Out Day.

"This isn't just for people who are coming out," QSA president Kody Itura said. "This is for all people. We want to be there if they come out."

Students who participated stood in a "coming-out" door set up in the cafeteria and had their picture taken with a rainbow colored feather boa. The event was for everyone who wanted to participate or just have their picture taken with the boa. Participants were given the option to sign up for QSA's upcoming meeting.

"We're trying to get the word out. The UO holds events and we try to work between the two but less people

know about us," Itura said.

Brendan King, QSA vice president, first became involved in LCC's QSA six years ago and felt he needed to get involved again.

"We need more people out there; out and proud," King said.

The club acts as a support group for people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. They help support those who are coming out, been out and need support, or seek support in telling their family or friends.

The QSA holds workshops on how to deal with hate speech and give information on current gay issues. They also hope to hold events such as proms, talent shows and movie nights.

Trevor Ballard, a volunteer at the Coming Out event, felt it was a great way to help people. "I like to take part in things," Ballard said.

The QSA hopes that through education they can

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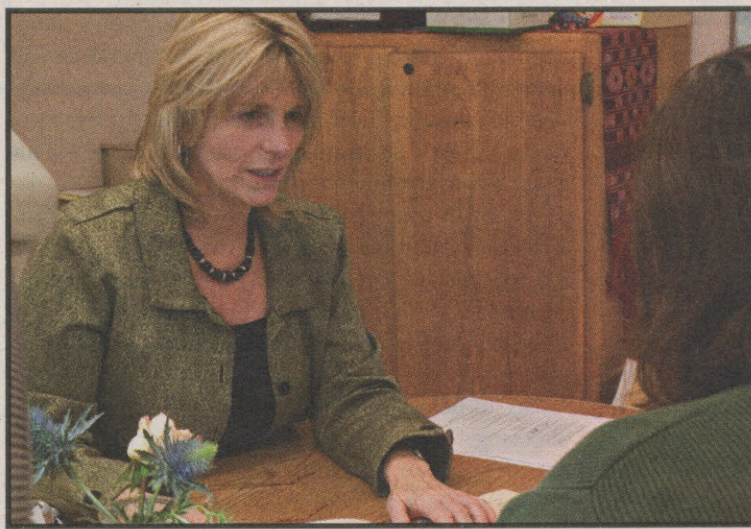


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Jackie Bryson helps a student find scholarships.

Career and Employment Services helps find funds

Students can use workshops, advisers to attain money for college

Paige Lehmann
STAFF REPORTER

LCC students received \$1 million this month and it wasn't from lottery tickets or car washes. With university and college tuition rising, students are turning to scholarships to defray the costs of a

higher education.

Several scholarships go without applicants every year and many of them are so strange and off the wall that they seem like easy money.

Students could receive a scholarship worth \$3,000 for designing and creating a prom dress with duct tape, \$1,000 for being left handed or \$5,000 for an obsession with skateboarding.

There are so many scholarships with different requirements

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Scholarship Tips

- **Create a separate e-mail address, just for the scholarship search.**
- **Do your FAFSA in January, because scholarship providers need that information.**
- **Get organized by getting together all of your materials. Put them all in a large binder dedicated to your scholarship search.**
- **Purchase transcripts to submit.**
- **Start thinking about volunteer work and how you give back to the community.**
- **Check out the Career and Employment Services office in the Center Building, Room 102.**
- **Look at scholarship resources online like FastWeb at www.fastweb.com, FinAid at www.finaid.org or the CES website at <http://www.lanec.edu/ces>.**

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Is it okay to terrorize the terrorists?

Bush signs terror interrogation law

The phrase "If you can't beat them, join them" came to mind when President Bush signed legislation to authorize tougher interrogation of terrorist suspects on Oct. 17.

This "vital tool" against terrorism seems more like a license to bully terrorists and sink down to their violent level.

These terrorists targeted the United States because of its beliefs, for example the right to a fair trial. This new bill allows terrorist suspects to be interrogated

and held without giving them due process.

The president, with the approval of Congress, can indefinitely hold suspects without charge, put people on trial based on hearsay evidence and authorize trials that can sentence people to death based on testimonies physically-coerced from witnesses.

It seems like we have stepped back into the middle ages. It's scary that a 'witness' could accuse a person of terrorism and not have to show proof. Will it be a matter of time before this new law is acted out in the states? If that happens,

will there be mass chaos? The American Civil Liberties said the new law is "one of the worst civil liberties measures ever enacted in American history."

Bush said with this bill, the "men our intelligence officials believe orchestrated the murder of

end is that really considered justice? I think not.

The law does have a few safeguards, like protecting detainees from blatant abuses during questioning. But it does require that any of them be granted legal counsel. And detainees cannot file habeas corpus petitions challenging their detentions in federal courts. To me, this law eliminates the rights of defendants, by taking away a person's ability to protest their detention.

The legislation was passed quickly to enable the detainees to be tried in military tribunals that,

in June, the Supreme Court said violated United States and international law.

The bill states that the president can "interpret the meaning and application" of international standards for prisoner treatment, so he can authorize treatments of suspects that would otherwise be seen as illegal by international courts.

How did this bill get passed? Has the "checks and balances system" been thrown out the window?

The scariest element about this legislation is where Bush signed the bill, behind a sign saying "Protecting America."

Commentary

Ashley Borjeson

Managing Editor



nearly 3,000 innocent people will face justice." But what kind justice is America receiving by torturing suspected terrorists because they tortured our people? Is it the old eye for an eye justice and in the

Having faith in the system

Being an employee at Lane Community College has made me privileged in several ways. For one, it's helped me learn more about life and the types of information, which matter to survive morally.

Acquaintances, access to the Internet and free literature are available to me here as well as numerous credit and non-credit courses with professional instructors. So, with the upcoming election, I have become concerned with Measure 41.

It all started when I sent myself into an anxiety attack about my job after I looked through my

Commentary

Laura Koerner

Guest Commentator



union September/October newsletter. I read there, as I have been reading nearly everywhere since, that cut-backs in funds for schools will be a done deal if Measure 41 isn't vetoed by Oregon voters.

I automatically included a greater probability of losing my job into the equation ... so, to finally calm myself down, I ran the greatest worst case scenario I could think of through my mind about what would happen if the people I read/heard telling me this was right.

I imagined whether or not I could live with losing my job - if that were one of the outcomes. Then I imagined that I could and felt better, and this seemed significant, but my mind is usually going so I continued to think. "What if students had to pay more money to attend this school? This wouldn't be good - yuk."

Yet, while I was imagining different scenarios, I also thought something which is refreshing, albeit a little scary from another point of view: "What if I found out more about what this measure actually says rather than take my union's advice about how to vote?"

Well, to boil the whole story down, Bill Sizemore, who wrote the measure has written many measures for the state of Oregon.

He's got some good and some bad credentials, but from websites I have gotten when I key-in Measure 41 on the Google search engine, I "get" that the text of it simply means a tax break for middle-income families.

I don't think this sounds like a bad idea.

I'm still interested in knowing the reason many people are coming to believe that the tax break will mean that schools, etc. won't receive the money they need to continue providing services (maybe even my job as a tutor). The argument that less money equals fewer services is logical to me.

Yet, with promises from both gubernatorial candidates that money for school is a priority, I'm not too worried if Measure 41 doesn't fail. I also realize there are other funds in other places, which may affect the jobs any of us hold in schools, or other places.

So, to help myself really let go of this issue, I'm choosing to trust that whoever the elected officials are or whatever measures pass or fail, Lane Community College and other service organizations will continue to be utilized and therefore subsidized by citizens of Oregon.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

No to Measure 48

If you have read part one of the two part voters' pamphlet, you know that there are 10 state measures on the November ballot. Of these 10 measures, the most important one in terms of its impact on the citizens of Oregon and on Oregon's infrastructure and our public sector is Measure 48.

Why do I think this measure is the most important of the measures? In the first place it is a measure, which would amend the constitution if passed, and it turns out to be the disaster as a similar measure turned out to be in the State of Colorado, our legislature could not amend it.

Secondly, the measure does not give a date when it becomes effective and the courts would have to clarify the poorly worded measure. Thirdly, the authors of this measure have given it a title that implies that this measure would establish a "rainy day" fund. The authors, upon being questioned, stated

that such a fund would not be established by the measure but the title was used to make it easier to pass their measure. In other words, they lied.

If you read the statements for and against this measure, you will find as I did, that there are only three arguments for this measure and 41 arguments against it. The arguments against it are from a wide variety of organizations and I suggest you check who paid \$500 for each one and why they oppose this measure. One of the facts you will find is that almost all the money spent by its sponsors came from out-of-state and that 85 percent of all their money came from one person - a wealthy New York developer named Howard Rich.

I hope you will join me in voting no on Measure 48 and in telling Mr. Rich of New York to take his money and his measure and stuff it.

G. Dennis Shine
Springfield, Ore.

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World Social Forum site of sabbatical for LCC social science instructor

Stan Taylor hopes to use experience to establish peace studies program at LCC

Larry Coonrod
EDITOR IN CHIEF

LCC social science instructor Stan Taylor attended the World Social Forum in Caracas, Venezuela in January, while on sabbatical leave.

Taylor said he attended the forum to study peace studies programs in the United States and other countries with the aim of establishing a cross-disciplinary peace studies program at LCC. The World Social Forum brings together non-governmental agencies and social movements to discuss alternatives to neo-liberalism, the ideology behind globalization and imperialism.

"The central organizing principle around the World Social Forum is both resistance and alternatives to neo-liberalism," Taylor said. Disparate groups from around the world have the opportunity to network and coordinate activities at the forum.

"Look at the global peace movement outside the U.S. the last two years. A great deal of that movement was organized by groups that got together at the social forum," Taylor said. "You've seen these huge protests in Rome and London where you had a million people turn out."

This was the sixth gathering of the World Social Forum since the Brazilian Workers Party started it in 1999. The idea for the organizers was to build on the success demonstrators had in shutting down the meeting of the World Trade Organization in Seattle, Wash. the same year.

In 2006, the forum was polycentric with simultaneous gatherings held in Caracas, Bamako, Mali and Karachi, Pakistan.

While attendees discuss a wide range of issues the effects of globalization continue to be the focus of many. Taylor said that because of the forum the WTO has had trouble moving forward with its economic agenda.

"You look at what happened with the World Trade Organization, it was unable to move forward in 1999. The next time it was held in Cancun, Mexico and again did not move forward. The last round was held in Hong Kong and it has fallen apart in the last couple of months," he said.

seeking alliances with countries such as Iran and his frequent diatribes against Bush. Speaking at the United Nations in September, Chavez, referring to Bush's speech the day before said, "The devil came here yesterday and it smells of sulfur still today."

Chavez is likely to remain at the helm of the Venezuelan government for sometime Taylor said.

"He's been democratically elected three times and withstood a coup partially supported by funds from the United States and remains popular, there's a election coming up in December and he'll probably be elected again," he said.

Taylor hopes to start a peace



PHOTO BY STAN TAYLOR

Columbia delegation displays banner depicting the killing of a union leader who organized Coca-Cola workers.

Observing the revolutionary changes brought by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez was of particular interest to Taylor. Chavez has become a hero to the poor in his country by instituting social welfare programs and overseeing the formation of a new constitution that greatly expanded the rights of ordinary citizens.

In his sabbatical report, Taylor said that many Venezuelans carry pocket size cards of the country's constitution and are excited to talk about the government-led revolution.

Chavez has earned the ire of the Bush administration by

studies program at LCC that would allow students to earn an Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer Degree.

While still in the planning stage, Taylor said that he envisions the program including cross-disciplinary academic programs and studies in conflict resolution and mediation, peace through health, study abroad and internships focused on peace and social justice.

Taylor summed up his experience at the WSF. "It infused my heart with the recognition that another world is possible which is the theme for the World Social Forum," he said.

NEWS FLASH

Student Production Association brings The Cherry Orchard to the LCC Performance Hall Oct. 19-21 at 8 p.m. Saturday is the closing performance. Tickets are \$10. For more information go to www.studentproductions.org or call 463-5761.

The annual Bioneers Conference is scheduled Oct. 20-22 at LCC. The conference is a way for people to bring forward practical solutions to restore the earth. The conference will focus on ecological restoration, human health and social justice. To be part of this event students and staff may register at www.bridgingworlds.org or call 463-5224 to request a registration form.

Lane Memorial Blood Bank is having a Blood Drive Friday Oct. 20 and Monday Oct. 23. The drive will be from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the LCC cafeteria in northeast corner. For more information call Judy Ann Fuller at 463-5564 or email her at fullerj@lanecc.edu.

The Reading Together Program presents "Stories, Stories, Stories" an Oral Storytelling Workshop by James Florendo. The workshop will be Tuesday Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in CML Building 19, Room 104. For more information contact Ellen Cantor at 463-3660.

LCC Health Clinic will host a flu clinic for employees and students in Building 18, Room 105 on Oct. 25. The clinic will be open 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Flu shots will cost \$20. Appointments are not necessary. For more information contact Kristen Murphy at 463-5668.

To promote awareness and ideas on how to prevent global warming the Break the Addiction Challenge, sponsored by MTV, will be accepting 250 word essays written by students explaining 12 steps a person can take to reduce global warming. Entry writers could win a trip for two to meet Jay-Z and attend a screening of his documentary. For more information go to www.campusclimatechallenge.org.

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that looking for ones that fit unique talents and needs may seem overwhelming.

This is where LCC's Career and Employment Services office comes in.

Every year the department helps hundreds of students receive thousands of dollars in scholarships.

"We try to take away that overwhelming feeling and break it down into easy steps for how to apply for scholarships," Jackie Bryson, Career and Employment Advisor, said. "What's nice about coming in is that you have the research that we've already done."

CES is equipped with binders overflowing with scholarship resources and computers for scholarship research online.

Four advisers work with trained student associates dedicated to helping LCC students find the right scholarships and deliver polished applications. They also offer workshops and classes about the scholarship process.

"It's really wonderful in the spring when students start hearing results," Bryson said. "\$500 is just as exciting as getting \$5,000. That's books for maybe two terms."

Some online scholarship sites like Fastweb offer students the opportunity to create a detailed profile about their interests, activities and scholastic history. The site then provides lists and updates of potential scholarships that match each profile.

FinAid.com offers students advice about loans, financial aid and tips to avoid scams.

On the Unusual Scholarships section of FinAid, students can find scholarships for having the best milk moustache, being short, tall, a twin, studying aquatic entomology, being related to a Tupperware dealer or having Van Valkenburg as a last name.

Most scholarships are designed for uniqueness combined with a commitment to personal education and improving the world.

Scholarship committees want to see how their contributions to students will contribute to larger communities.

The scholarship process is not always as simple as it sounds. "One student told me it's like taking a three unit class," Bryson said.

Often students must answer questions and provide personal essays as well as transcripts, letters of recommendation and self-addressed, stamped envelopes. There are also several deadlines throughout the year.

It takes dedication to find the right scholarships and to complete the application process. Not everyone may feel deserving of a scholarship, which is why CES is a valuable resource for students. They help students find areas in which they shine and couple them with the appropriate scholarship programs.

"Everyone is worthy of a scholarship," Bryson said. "Don't let your own self-talk talk you out of it. That's one of the great things about coming here. If you need encouragement and support, that's what we're here to do."

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Volunteers dedicate support to save animals

Fuzzies and the like can be adopted at Greenhill Humane Society facility

JoAnn Bronson
STAFF REPORTER

The Greenhill Humane Society always has a need for volunteers. Depending on interests, skills and availability, an individual may choose to volunteer at the shelter for a variety of jobs or reasons.

"I've had people in our program for over five years," Sandra Dain, the foster care manager said. "Some come to the program because they want to adopt an animal, like kittens or puppies. It's not for long term but they're trying to find

the right companion so they do that for that benefit. Others come to volunteer on site at the shelter, dog walking, cleaning, working with small animals, the cattery. There are a lot of ways to help."

On-site volunteer opportunities include the following: assisting in the kennel, cattery, and small companion animal areas, cat and small animal socializing, clerical and office work, dog walking, transporting animals to appointments and special events.

Interested volunteers also have the option of working out of their own home as a foster parent. Fostered animals may be placed in a home anywhere from one to nine weeks, with the typical stay being about three weeks. This involves caring for young animals, either weaned or with their mother, animals recovering from surgery or animals who need to be social-

ized.

Most positions require a firm commitment of three to six hours a week for six months or a total of 70 hours. However, as part of a service-learning project exceptions are possible if okayed by the volunteer manager, Sandy Rusby.

"The small picture is the individuals. If someone walks a dog for an hour, they made that dog's day. Or if someone takes home a bunch of kittens, they connect with the kittens and helped them as individuals. It's an interpersonal connection," Dain said. "The big picture is that we have 18 people on staff and, sometimes, 150 animals. We couldn't care for all these animals without the volunteers coming," Dain said.

After attending an orientation, volunteers are asked to attend the Kennel/Cattery Workshop and Kennel Hands-On

Training.

To take a closer look at volunteer opportunities at the Greenhill Humane Society, interested persons can attend a volunteer orientation on the first Saturday of each month. Registration is not required.

"At any given time we have 600 to 800 animals in foster care every year," Dain said. "That's 600 to 800 animals that can come through the shelter. That's extremely important, that's an enormous impact."

For more information Sandy Rusby can be contacted at 689-1503 at ex. 114, or contact Sandra Dain, Foster Care Manager, at ex. 116, or online at volunteer@green-hill.org and foster@green-hill.org. The Greenhill Humane Society is located at 88530 Green Hill Road in Eugene.

Uniting the community using the written word

Reading program in fourth year

Mario Saraceno
STAFF REPORTER

Now entering its fourth year, the Reading Together Program continues to grow harmoniously with LCC and its shared goal of bringing more people from the community together through reading.

The program serves the purpose of uniting not only the LCC community, but also anyone from the Lane County area who reads the books and wants to take part in the events that coincide with the reading.

"Reading Together serves as a centering mechanism for the col-

lege, as the project intentionally designs a structure which enables connections. Our chosen books reflect our college core values; these values are central to social justice, to our health as individuals and as members of diverse educational and social communities," Ellen Cantor, Reading Together Coordinator and LCC English instructor, said.

The Reading Together Program brings different groups together to form discussions and further the depth of the selected literature. Through the literature, events, and education forums on the topics presented in the books, students get a chance to speak their mind in a group discussion.

The RTP is working to bring

all different walks of life into a common understanding through the literature.

"As we deepen our sense of community, we also increase our understanding of the impact of our choices on our college and larger communities, and ultimately on ourselves," Cantor said.

The books chosen for this year are "Man Made of Words" by Scott Momaday and "Buffalo for the Broken Heart: Restoring Life to a Black Hills Ranch" by Dan O'Brien.

"We have a theme that we think is expressed as the core of those two books which is navigating the changing terrain," Cantor said. "Lane is going through a fundamental redesign to be both

innovative in terms of keeping up with the best practices for student learning and yet be economically sustainable in light of the budget situation because funding from the state is so poor."

"We want the program to be relevant to what the Lane community is going through," Cantor added.

Student submissions are used as input on the books chosen for each year's reading. It's a long process to match up a book that not only fits the criteria for the RTP but also fits LCC and the community outside of the college campus.

"Reading Together always has a real commitment to diversity because our campus is becoming

more culturally diverse which is an important issue to the Reading Together Program," Cantor said.

An upcoming event on the LCC campus in coordination with the RTP is the "Story Telling Workshop" presented by James Florendo, LCC's Native American Student Program Coordinator. The event will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in Building 19, Room 104.

Students with suggestions for the Reading Together Program can contact Cantor at 463-3660 or e-mail her at cantore@lanec.edu. Student input is taken into consideration with all future events and readings done by the program.

Analyst reduces energy usage on campus

LCC graduate incorporates her knowledge back to the college

Becky Gunderson
STAFF REPORTER

Before Anna Scott was hired as an energy analyst for LCC, the school had been hard at work on ways to conserve energy.

In 2005, a new position was created for an individual to work within the sustainability office and help reduce energy use at LCC. In June 2005, Scott filled the position. In her short time here, she has done a great deal in reducing energy use at LCC and has far exceeded her own expectations.

Scott's job is a complex one, but it came naturally to her. Her main responsibilities include analyzing energy use at LCC and exploring and implementing energy saving opportunities.

"Scheduling the lighting, heating and cooling equipment is a large part of my short term plans that has decreased the college's energy usage by 16 percent in 2005-2006 compared to the 2004-2005 annual energy usage," Scott said.

Scott also works with Jennifer Hayward, LCC's Sustainability Coordinator, to educate students and staff about ways to help decrease energy use and costs.

"There are many technical things [to my job]," Scott said. "But the bottom line is that the college saves energy."

As a graduate of LCC with a degree in Energy Management, and with a background in construction contracting, energy management and renewable energy, Scott was the perfect candidate for the energy analyst job.

"When I was offered the energy analyst position, I felt proud that LCC had prepared me to help the college achieve a core value, promote responsible stewardship of resources and public trust," she said.

Students can do a number of things to help reduce energy use at LCC. Re-

ducing energy use is extremely important because it affects human health in a way that many do not realize. Pollution emitted from burning fossil fuels, including natural gas and gasoline is responsible for dramatic increases in asthma rates in the last 50 years.

"Students and staff are the best resources," Scott said. She believes that student-staff cooperation is the key to an energy saving solution.

"The simplest thing we can do is to turn out the lights when we leave a room," Scott said.

Carpooling or riding the bus is also a smart idea in reducing the burning of fossil fuels. Even with all of the advancements LCC has made over the past couple of years, the total CO2 emissions per year are a staggering 504 pounds per full time student.

As LCC continues to pursue its goal of decreased energy use, students can help by turning off lights and computers when not in use, closing doors and carpooling or riding the bus whenever possible.

According to the LCC sustainability



PHOTO BY BECKY GUNDERSON

Anna Scott, energy analyst, works at LCC to reduce energy waste.

website, "Over the last few years Lane has implemented energy efficient technology that has saved the college approximately \$600,000 annually in electricity bills."

With the help of Scott, along with students and staff, the 2006-07 savings could be even higher.

Get to Know: Drew Viles

Inspired to teach by professors' examples, passions

Ariel Burkhart
COPY EDITOR

Inspired by the teachings of his former professors and mentors, LCC instructor Drew Viles discovered his passion for literature, culture and education during his college years.

Viles teaches English and literature classes, such as Introduction to Fiction and Native American studies, a class which has become his personal favorite.

"It's good teaching it because it's a chance to work towards mutual recognition," Viles said. "It's a humanizing element, it's a lot of fun."

Viles earned an Associate of Arts at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Ore., but did not immediately start out wanting to teach English.

"I wanted to play basketball and I got a scholarship for it," Viles said.

"The high point was playing LCC. I was the first generation in my family to go to college. None of my parents did it. It was pretty new and I liked sports."

One of Viles' first jobs was working with Oregon's Siletz Native American tribe for the Siletz Tribal Court. The Siletz Tribe became a government-recognized tribe during his graduating year of high school in 1977. He worked there as an associate judge conducting hearings, working with the chief judge and child welfare workers. Viles became a citizen of the Siletz Tribe during his years spent there.

Viles took classes at the University of Stuttgart in Germany through an exchange program from 1980-81. He spent one year there teaching English as a second language part time and one year teaching full time.

"It gave me a different perspective of history," Viles said.

While attending Oregon State University in 1983, Viles became interested in teaching. He switched his major from geology to English. At OSU, his biggest inspirations came from several of his English and litera-

ture teachers whose works he found were passionate and focused on social justice. He felt that his teachers were the ones that had the strongest voices and had the most influence on his path through university. He obtained a Bachelors of Arts in English and in German at OSU.

Viles taught at the University of Michigan from 1985-87 and from 1987-89 he taught study skills at the UO. He received his PhD from the UO in 1997 and has been teaching at LCC since the fall of 1999. To give students more responsibility for their own education Viles experimented with student-lead classes. Eventually, he decided the traditional teaching model worked better.

Viles feels that his most interesting students are the ones who are generous about sharing their ideas.

"They share their brilliance, they have these vibrant colors. It's humbling to be around people who have such brilliant ideas and who are engaged. It's like a gift, it's like they don't even know. Often times it's in their writing, those moments just blow me away."

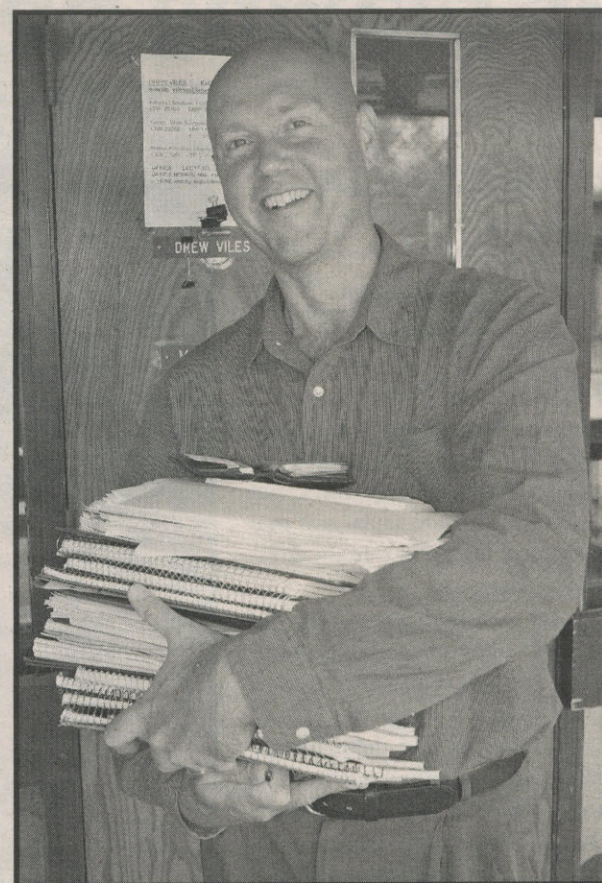


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Drew Viles, English and literature teacher, returns from WR 122 with an armful of homework.

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stop homophobia and raise awareness and alliances with gay and straight people.

"It's still a difficult process," King said. "They're still scared to come out, they're scared of losing their friends and family. We give them [club members] information and help them with coming

out, and we be supportive when they have come out. And we try to be a sociable organization, not everyone likes the club scene," King said.

For more information, Itura can be contacted at 463-5331 and at kodiak042001@hotmail.com or students can drop by ASLCC.



QSA President Kody Itura and Vice President Brandon King celebrate National coming out day.

PHOTO BY JAIME BECK

The Bijou's phat cat a hit with theater patrons

Boo tips scales at 20 pounds

Jenica Pistone
FEATURES EDITOR

If ever there were an animal that needed Weight Watchers, Boo, the cat, would be her.

Boo, the large and friendly tabby that resides at the Bijou Theater in downtown Eugene, can usually be found lounging in the lobby. A favorite attraction of moviegoers at the Bijou for the past nine years, she tips the scales at 20 pounds, twice the weight of the average housecat.

Joe Louis, administrative assistant at the Bijou, says that Boo is a popular staple of the independent movie theater.

"There are people that come in just to see her," he said. "People send her birthday cards. She has a regular fan club. People just love her."

Tonya Oyala, a student at LCC, is one such patron. A frequent visitor of the theater, she enjoys the Bijou and the films shown there. However, she says that checking in with Boo is always the highlight of

the evening.

"There's something about chubby cats that makes them more loveable and this is the biggest one I've seen in my life," Oyala said. "She has a lot of personality, she's always willing to be petted."

Despite her enormous size, Boo has achieved the ripe old age of 20

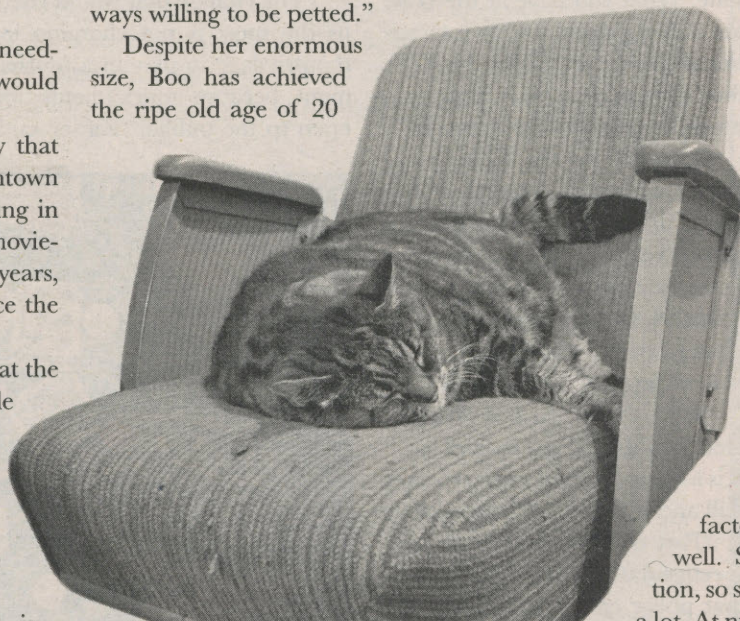


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This colossal kitty gets lots of love and attention from staff and fans.

years. The lifespan of the average cat is 16. According to vetinfo.com, Boo is the equivalent of a 97-year-old person.

"We just took her to the vet and she's actually in very good health, aside from a kidney problem," Louis said.

It is this kidney problem that contributes to Boo's colossal size. The Bijou staff had to change her diet to one that consists exclusively of Science Diet KD. While the brand helps to ease her kidney troubles, the makeup of this particular pet food also makes it more difficult for her to lose weight.

Poor eyesight is another factor. "She doesn't see very well. She has macular degeneration, so she's hesitant to move around a lot. At night she'll walk around in the court yard for exercise when the staff is out there," Louis said.

Boo was adopted by a Bijou employee from Greenhill Humane Society, after be-

Phat Cat Facts

Boo ...

- is 19-20 years old
- weighs 20 pounds
- doesn't see very well
- is on a diet
- sees the vet regularly
- gets exercise in the courtyard

ing given up by her original owner.

Louis isn't sure whether the Bijou will get a new cat to take her place when her life runs out. "We wouldn't mind getting a new one," he said. "(But) she's kind of irreplaceable."

Oyala agrees. "She's been around for so long. Any other cat just wouldn't be the same."

Is playing poker considered **gambling**?

Poker clubs unaffected by new rules

Paige Lehmann
STAFF REPORTER

Amendments to the Eugene Social Gaming Rules could potentially shut down local poker clubs. They may put a curb on social poker games in bars, but owners of private clubs say that their businesses will remain virtually unchanged.

The amendments bring up several questions about gambling and poker in general, such as whether or not poker should be included in the definition of gambling or casino games, as it is under Oregon Law. Proposed by Dennis Taylor, the Eugene City Manager, the amendments evoke the debate of whether playing poker is gambling and whether the amendments could have an adverse affect on local businesses.

"The purpose of the Eugene ordinance and associated administrative orders are to permit social gaming as defined by state law in places other than private homes," mayor Kitty Piercy wrote by e-mail. "Without an authorizing ordinance, no gaming can be played outside of a private residence."

Among other things, the amendments restrict poker bets to a maximum of \$2, a move meant to help poker players by protecting them from losing large sums of money while playing at bars or other public settings.

"The existing ordinance is the maximum of \$2 unless you're on the premises of a private club," Justin Zinser, owner of Full House Poker said. "I actually think that a proposed change would be good when you consider bars, etc. Places that allow people to have it. We're taking poker out of bars and basements and putting it in a clean, safe establishment."

"In an establishment like this," Philly Gonzales, a dealer at the Royal Flush Poker Room on River Road said, "there are a lot of people who socialize just like at home. There's no alcohol and the courtesy of a professional staff and dealers that



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY SEAN HOFFMAN

keep control of the game."

Self-control and gambling addictions are a main issue with opponents of gambling and casino-style games. Out of concern for gambling addictions and problems in Oregon the Problem Gambling Prevention Program was created and designed to generate a greater awareness of addictive

there's no inherent odds in poker. It's my skills or practice versus yours. It's much like chess or pool or golf than blackjack or craps."

"It would be nice if the city could separate poker playing from casino house games. That's the distinction I would like to see," Bruce, who requested his last name not be printed, a regular

casino or gambling game, you have to place all your money up front - you're never given the opportunity to make a decision during the process. That's the beauty of poker and what makes it separate from house games. That it's a game of skill, concentration and experience."

Some say that the community benefits from local private poker clubs and hurting them might hurt other local businesses.

"They put money into the community - players go to the local restaurants to eat and go out for drinks. If it's shut down, they'll go to the casinos. Not to boast, but people from all over the state come here because we have some of the best players," Bruce said.

"This is my part-time job and to lose this would be hurtful to my income," Gonzales said. He is not paid by Royal Flush but instead works for tips alone.

"The change that would effect us the most is not charging for the privilege to play in a tournament because tournaments are open to the public," Zinser said.

"They want to run tournaments as a charity and that's basically not realistic."

The Lane County Problem Gambling Prevention group's website says that gambling problems are on the rise and are expensive to communities, not just financially. "Consequences of problem gambling include more than lost money. Depression, social withdrawal and school dropout are just a few of the consequences of a gambling problem."

The debates over poker and gambling are familiar to city electives. Piercy said, "Chief Lehner's memo on this issue states that the key provisions of the Administrative Order are not new, one whether or not these games are 'gambling' and two whether or not someone other than the players should be able to collect a fee for promoting, facilitating or servicing the games."

Lane County citizens don't seem concerned about Social Gaming Rules. "I have seen no ground swell to change the existing laws," Piercy said.

"In an establishment like this, there are a lot of people who socialize just like at home. There's no alcohol and the courtesy of a professional staff and dealers that keep control of the game."

•Philly Gonzales
poker dealer, Royal Flush Poker Room

gambling and its consequences in Lane County, including an Oregon Problem Gambler's Awareness Day in September.

"I don't object to people gambling as long as they can afford to do so. Obviously, there are people who cannot afford to lose the money they lose and that has huge ramifications on the lives of their families and society," Piercy said.

"It's something that I take seriously and look into. The state of Oregon has a high percentage of people with gambling issues," Zinser said. Zinser proposes that one way of helping Lane County

citizens is to "try to help educate them on the difference between a contest of skill and a contest of chance ... the difference between poker and gambling is

player at the Royal Flush Poker Room said. "Poker is a game of skill, concentration and mental state. What you have at the table are skilled players. When international players come to the U.S., they have to do it on a sport visa, much like chess or pool players."

Gonzales agrees. "The main thing that people need to realize about the game poker is that it's player versus player. Any other game is you versus the casino. Poker is players versus players. That's what's beautiful about poker," he said.

"Poker has never been considered gambling at the federal level. It is a sport or contest that requires skill and practice," Zinser said.

"Part of it's a matter of perspective, but the big distinction is that poker ended up in this category of gambling games you'd find in casinos. Poker has strong distinctions from all other games," Bruce said. "When you go into a



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Former student makes it big with TV show

Multimedia design grad produces show

Shelby King
STAFF REPORTER

Dave Moppert, 24, a recent LCC graduate, is assistant director and producer of Nanna's Cottage, a television show filmed in Eugene at Chambers Communications. Nanna's Cottage is beamed worldwide to televisions in 75 countries, where it can be seen translated into 11 languages.

Moppert didn't know that he would be working in film production when he started at LCC. He enrolled in the graphic design program, intending to utilize his talent for drawing. Moppert has been drawing as long as he can remember and works in a variety of media including pen and pencil, airbrush and photography.

Not long after enrolling in classes, Moppert realized that the world of graphic design is saturated with job seekers. He decided to visit a career counselor to see what other directions he might take.

Moppert's counselor suggested that he meet with Rick Simms, who teaches multiple media arts classes at LCC. Simms suggested that Moppert look into the multimedia design program, which is similar to graphic design but with a focus on film production. After meeting with Simms, Moppert said, "I really got intrigued with the basics of film production."

With new possibilities in mind, Moppert switched his focus to multimedia design, and set out learning about things like lighting, set design and camera angles.

When asked about his experience at LCC Moppert said, "I don't think I could've gotten a better education anywhere else." He credits many LCC staff, including Jan Halverson and Ken Logi, for helping him along the way.



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Creator, director and producer of syndicated show, Dave Moppert.

The multimedia design program also led Moppert to Teresa Hughes, who helped get him a Cooperative Education internship at Chambers Communications.

He interned for one term as a grip and was able to get on-the-job experience behind the camera that he couldn't get through classes alone.

Moppert graduated in the summer of 2005 with a degree in multimedia design. Unable to find work right away, he applied and was accepted to a film school in California.

Neither he nor his wife Angie wanted to move, so Moppert continued to look for work locally. At the last minute he found work for a company called Polara Productions. He was still working as a grip, but this time on the pilot episode of a new show called Nanna's Cottage.

Moppert said a grip is not one of the more prestigious jobs on a film set. But he was happy to have the opportunity and went to work.

Davey Porter, Creator and Executive Producer of Nanna's Cottage and owner of Polara Productions said, "We were lucky to get Dave. It was just one of those things,

total kismet."

Porter was so impressed with Moppert's talent and well-rounded knowledge that after the show was picked up for production, he quickly moved Moppert up the ranks. He went from grip to set designer. Not long after that Moppert was asked to design and build websites for the show. Currently, assistant director and associate producer of Nanna's Cottage, Moppert does all the editing for the show and has drawn two coloring books featuring characters from the show.

Porter, a Eugene native who recently moved back from Southern California, recognizes LCC's role in Moppert's success. "A lot of our crew members got their education at Lane Community College," Porter said. "Dave came to us with the whole skill set he needed to work on a production crew and that's what Lane does for you."

Nanna's Cottage was developed for mainstream media and does not contain religious material, but immediately attracted the attention of faith-based networks due to its wholesome message and non-violent nature.

Trinity Broadcasting Network recently

acquired the show for broadcasting, which is available in 95 percent of United States households.

Nanna's Cottage is filmed in a cavernous sound stage separated into several bright and cheery sets. The show is interactive and educational and features Nanna, 75, who speaks in a gentle brogue and is full of gentle wisdom.

The rest of the cast is children, puppets and cartoons that Moppert draws and edits into the scene.

Moppert also works in front of the camera as Little Harry, a naughty puppet on Nanna's Cottage. He also brings life to puppet, Mrs. Church.

Mrs. Church, Moppert's own creation, is the matriarch of another show called Monster Sunday School. Monster Sunday School was created as two-minute short productions to be aired during commercial breaks on Nanna's Cottage. TBN does not air commercials during its shows. So the mini show was picked to fill the time space.

Moppert sold the concept for Monster Sunday School to TBN sight unseen and they liked the concept so much they have scheduled the show to go into full production beginning in 2007. Moppert will direct, produce and edit Monster Sunday School.

In addition to working for Polara Productions, Moppert and his wife are partners in their own company Fair Weather Productions.

They are available for short productions, commercials, web design and wedding photography.

Nanna's Cottage airs on TBN, local Comcast channel 230, every Saturday at 7:30 a.m. It is also available Saturday mornings at 11 a.m. on Oregon ABC stations KEZI 9 in Eugene, KDRV 12 in Medford and KDKF 31 in Klamath Falls.

New Denali editor dedicated to the arts

Students submit their works to be published in LCC's artistic magazine

JoAnn Bronson
STAFF REPORTER

For 30 years Denali has served as a forum for expression, a gallery for visual arts and a stepping-stone to literary success. In a world where previous experience is a prerequisite for almost everything, Denali opens doors to first publication in every field of the arts.

For readers, Denali offers a cultural banquet. Ranging from light fiction to profound ideas, from a satirical cartoon to photography offering a different look at the world. Whatever the human spirit can experience, the reader is invited to share.

The feel and flavor of Denali is in constant evolution. Far from being the sort of elitist tome one might expect, it is the heartprint of all its contributors. The aspiring reporter with a flair for character-driven fiction, the welder whose vision is created in metal, the photographer with camera in hand and artists in all areas who need exposure and unbiased critique to help them grow. The diversity of Denali is impressive.

"We have the opportunity to make it new, every single issue," Editor in Chief Lindsey Brown said.

Brown should know. She has experienced

a thorough cross-section of the jobs on the publication, working closely with the previous editor. Beginning graphic design in high school, she continues to hone her eye for presentation. "What are people going to look at?" is a question she asks constantly.

A native Oregonian, Brown was raised in Eugene's artistic environment. Reading the fiction of others led her to develop her own writing talent and the ability to critique what she reads. This, combined with her love of theater and the performing arts, has been her focus at LCC.

Brown plans to transfer to the UO as a theater minor in a few years. After completing her education, the world of imagination beckons. Her future, as a writer of fiction, screenplays and stories, as director, producer and even possibly an actor, is wide open to possibility.

Brown said her commitment to the excellence of Denali is very serious. She invites submissions from all areas of creativity. Any art form that can be shown on a page will be considered. Denali needs the stories that are out there, "stories to be told that aren't just mine," Brown said.

Denali is currently looking for staff and people for the editorial board. Contact Brown at 463-5897 or e-mail denali@lanecc.edu for more information.

"I want people who have a vision. This is a Lane production," Brown said.

"Othello" auditions

Auditions will be held Monday, Oct. 23, 4-7 p.m. for speaking roles, Tuesday, Oct. 24, 4-7 p.m. for open scene readings and Wednesday, Oct. 29, 4-7 p.m. for requested scene readings.

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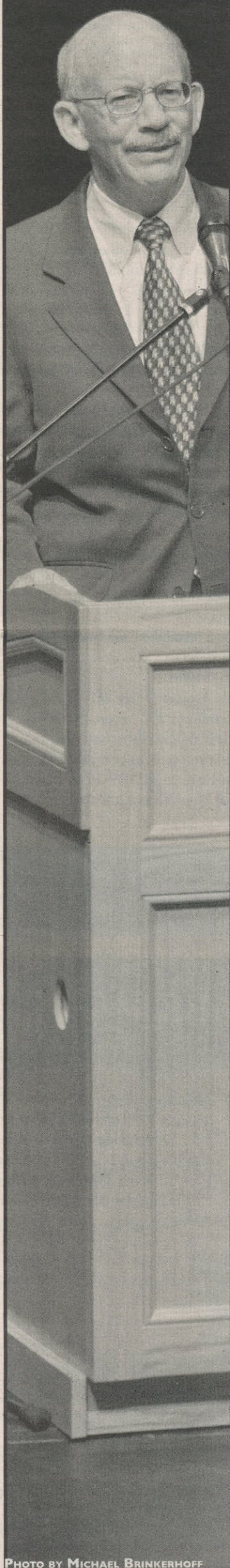
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One-on-one with Congressional candidate

Peter
DeFazioLarry Coonrod
EDITOR IN CHIEF


After 12 years in the minority party Congressman Peter DeFazio hopes, the Democrats will control the United States House of Representatives on Nov. 8.

"I feel the country is going in so much the wrong direction and I want to be part of the group that begins to turn the country around," he said.

Education

Asked about the rising cost of education and budget cuts affecting colleges and universities across the nation, DeFazio laid the blame on President Bush and Republicans in Congress.

"The President is going in the wrong direction, he has proposed to kill off the Perkins Grant program," he said. "The amount of money flowing into Pell Grants is serving a smaller and smaller group because the funding has basically stuck level for the five years of the Bush Administration."

DeFazio said that he would support a substantial increase in Pell Grant funding. Long an opponent of congress granting itself pay raises; DeFazio has a long-standing practice of using any increase in pay to fund tuition scholarships. He said he is currently funding two such scholarships at five community colleges in the fourth Congressional District.

He responded to his opponent's characterization of his turning down pay raises as "political grandstanding" by citing the 157 scholarships he has funded with \$250,000 of his congressional pay.

"I haven't inherited a penny, everything I have I've earned. I have a mortgage, I don't drive big fancy cars," he said. "He might call it political grandstanding, I'd say he is a jerk."

Health Care

On the rising cost of health care DeFazio agrees with his opponent that the increasing number of uninsured people seeking treatment at emergency rooms where they cannot be refused is a major problem. Many of the uninsured are unable to pay for emergency room treatment and the cost is shifted to those with insurance, causing insurance rates to go up, DeFazio said.

"As the cost of insurance goes up more people become uninsured. We're basically in a sort of death spiral," he said.

Congressman DeFazio proposes that every American have basic health insurance that would be "heavy on prevention and

wellness.

DeFazio said what would constitute a good package could be determined through a public process much like the one used with the Oregon Health Care Plan.

To keep down the cost, DeFazio proposes that insurance companies would have their anti-trust exemption removed and compete among themselves and against the government in marketing the package.

Low-income people should have their health care insurance subsidized so that it is low cost or even no cost for the very poorest, DeFazio said.

Global Warming

Global warming is caused by human activity and the President is not doing enough to limit greenhouse gas emissions, DeFazio said.

"The President has now proposed — now that he is feigning concern — that we increase the average mileage for trucks by one mile per gallon in three years," he said. "A very tough technologic feat."

Domestic car manufacturers, labor unions and big businesses formed an "unholy alliance" in blocking legislation requiring more fuel efficient cars; arguing that higher mileage requirements would cost jobs, DeFazio said.

"Well guess what? Now people working for Ford are laid off because they didn't make efficient cars and people are lining up to buy hybrids and more efficient cars from companies that make them," he said.

Iraq and Iran

DeFazio voted against authorizing President Bush to take military action against Iraq and maintains that the invasion was unjustified; pointing out that Saddam Hussein had no ties to Al Qaeda or weapons of mass destruction.

Consumed with the desire to topple Hussein, Bush passed up the opportunity to kill the notorious Al Qaeda leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi before the war; fearing it would hurt his efforts to put together a "phony coalition," DeFazio said.

"The Pentagon according to one news source that was well documented, asked three times to kill Zarqawi and asked particularly forcefully after he was found to have smuggled ricin into Europe," DeFazio said. "The Bush administration said no, it would hurt the recruiting for the war."

At the time, Zarqawi operated a terrorist training camp in Kurdish controlled northern Iraq.

DeFazio also faults Bush for the recent resurgence of the Taliban in Afghanistan.

"We had a window to really restructure and clean up Afghani-

stan and now we are in a tough fight there," he said.

"They diverted resources to Iraq for an unnecessary war to root out a horrible dictator, granted, but someone who had no ties to Al Qaeda; even the President admits that. And no weapons of mass destruction."

The United States has been unable to halt North Korea and Iran's nuclear program because they failed to negotiate with those countries, DeFazio said.

"With Iran there was a window of opportunity three years ago when it looked like the United States was being successful in Iraq. Iran really wanted to sit down and negotiate," he said. They were worried and wanted to put everything on the table including their nuclear capability."

Energy Independence

To break America's reliance on foreign oil DeFazio is calling for a government undertaking to develop hydrogen and other alternative energy technologies. He likens such an effort to the one President Kennedy started to put an American on the moon.

"If the government would make those sorts of investments in new technologies, photovoltaic, hydrogen fuel cells and bridge technologies we might not get there that quickly," he said. "But there are bridge technologies that could really increase our fuel efficiency."

Rather than decrease foreign oil dependence Bush and the Republicans are moving the United States in the opposite direction.

"Under the most optimistic projections of his own energy department, the passage of the Bush-Cheney energy policy will actually increase our dependence on imported oil 10-years from today," DeFazio said.

"The most expensive part of the bill was subsidies to the oil, coal and gas industries.

Gay Marriage

On the issue of gay marriage DeFazio said he supports civil unions and doesn't believe the government should be in the marriage business; that everyone should have the legal rights marriage now infers and churches could decide for themselves if they wish to perform a ceremony.

"You get a license from the state which gives you the legal protection for inheritance, children and all that sort of thing and if you want a religious ceremony you go down to the church," he said. "There are a number of countries that do it this way."

Border Security and
Illegal Immigration

DeFazio said he supports building a border fence in urban areas

along the United States-Mexico border but thinks that a 700 mile fence is too costly and prohibitive and would be too easy to circumvent in remote regions.

He said he changed his mind on border fencing after sending a staff member to San Diego to research the issue.

"He was toured around by INS (Immigration and Naturalization Service) and the evidence he brought back was pretty compelling evidence that before they built the fence in San Diego it was like a really stupid game," DeFazio said.

Minimum Wage and
Job Outsourcing

DeFazio said he strongly supports raising the federal minimum wage.

A new trade policy is needed to stem the outgoing tide of United States based jobs DeFazio said.

Right now trade policy has been constructed by multinational corporations to serve multinational corporations and not to serve the interest of Oregon's people," he said.

The current tax code also plays a large part in companies' decisions to move manufacturing jobs overseas, DeFazio said.

"Perversely we actually have a tax system that encourages outsourcing. The profits they make overseas are not taxed until they are repatriated to the United States," he said. "They can deduct all the cost of dislocating their work force; moving plant equipment overseas, all that is deductible under United States law.

Final Thoughts

DeFazio said that his greatest achievement in this session of Congress was personally negotiating, along with another Democrat and two Republican house members, the Service Transportation bill with the Senate.

The bill will bring Oregon \$450 million over five years for investment in roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure.

"That's a lot of jobs," he said. DeFazio said that for him the most striking moment on the campaign trail was at a debate when his opponent Jim Feldkamp was asked to name five things he would have done different than the current Republican Congress and Bush.

"After thinking for some time the only thing he could come up with is he would have voted against the highway bill because that's my singular accomplishment," he said.

"It's bringing in \$450 million to Oregon, it's putting thousands of people to work and he says it's bad."

One-on-one with Congressional candidate

Jim Feldkamp

Larry Coonrod
EDITOR IN CHIEF

For Republican Jim Feldkamp, deciding to challenge United States Rep Peter Defazio for Oregon's 4th Congressional District came down to a matter of values.

"I was born and raised in the district," Feldkamp said. "I think my values represent the district better than my opponent."

Education

Education funding has been a major issue in this election and Feldkamp believes that salvaging burned timber can provide a revenue stream for beleaguered schools.

He faults Defazio for not supporting a post fire recovery bill co-sponsored by United States Rep Brian Baird (D) Wash.

"My opponent voted against that and that's his choice but I don't think it reflects the values of this district," Feldkamp said.

In addition to salvage logging, Feldkamp said the state should be tapping the United States Department of Labor for community college funding.

"...there is a lot of money for vocational training. Why don't we take a shot at that," he said.

Having union members volunteer to teach vocational skills is one area in which unions and businesses can come together and agree on something, Feldkamp said.

Feldkamp, while acknowledging Pell Grants are under funded, says he believes that finding solutions on the local level and building up instead of "asking for money from the federal (government)" is the best way for Oregon to approach higher education funding.

"We want those Pell Grants fully funded, we want education relatively inexpensive. How we go about doing it is two different philosophies."

Health Care

Using the Oregon Health Care Plan as a basic model makes sense as a starting point for providing health care for uninsured Americans and relieving a rapidly increasing financial burden on businesses, Feldkamp said.

"The thing about the Oregon Health Care Plan, if you look at it as preventive medicine it's a great thing. But now the thing is that it wasn't rationed; now it has everything and it's driving up the cost," he said.

"Let's look at that on a universal scale and say maybe if we had some sort of health care for children from zero to oh, pick a num-

ber, that are uninsured that would be preventive maintenance," he said.

The number of uninsured people seeking treatment at hospital emergency rooms where they cannot be refused is a large factor in the rising cost of health insurance, Feldkamp said.

"Right now we have these uninsured people going to the emergency room and so they get fixed up and the cost is transferred over to people who pay for insurance so that just jacks up their prices," he said.

Feldkamp worries about the effect of health insurance on businesses.

"If we don't rectify the problem it's going to break the back of small businesses and it's going to hamper our economy in general," he said.

Feldkamp said that he also favors finding ways to give businesses incentives to make sure that their employees have health care and expensing health care accounts as solutions to the increasing number of uninsured working people.

Global Warming

Acknowledging that global warming is occurring, Feldkamp was ambivalent in pinning the blame on human activity.

"I think you could say that. You could also say on a lot different things that could be caused by nature," he said. "Should we be doing something to corral our emissions? Absolutely, I think we can always become more efficient and less wasteful and less pollutant."

For the United States to sign onto any international treaty on emissions, such as the Kyoto Protocol, China and India must be signatories, Feldkamp said.

"They are the ones who've been doing most of the polluting. We're starting to get pollution from China showing up in soil samples from Mt. Bachelor."

Feldkamp said he favors research into alternative energy as a way to decrease greenhouse gas emissions. He cited a project in Reedsport, Ore. that makes use of the motion of the tides to generate electricity as a "classic example" of the type of projects he supports funding.

Iraq and Iran

Information available at the time justified the United States led invasion of Iraq, Feldkamp said.

"You read (General) Tommy Frank's book, everybody thought he (Saddam Hussein) had weapons of mass destruction," he said.

Currently, a Commander in the United States Naval Reserve, Feldkamp spent 11 years as a navigator on EA-6B Prowler aircraft.

He flew over 30 carrier based combat missions during Operation Desert Storm.

Regardless of the justification of the invasion, Feldkamp said that it is vitally important that the United States not pull out of Iraq before that country's government is stable enough to stand on its own.

"Everyone wants us out and I agree. I got a lot of friends fighting over there right now," he said. "Question is how do we get out."

Feldkamp warned that a premature pullout of Iraq by the United States could cause Iraq to implode and its Shia dominated government to come under the influence of Iran.

"Then you have a nuclear armed Iran controlling 40 percent of the world's oil supply going through the Straights of Hormuz," he said.

Calling the efforts by the European Union to negotiate a diplomatic solution to Iran's nuclear program a "screw up," Feldkamp said that the United States must now convince Iran's chief benefactors, Russia and China that a nuclear-armed Iran is not in their interest.

Energy Independence

Lack of a comprehensive national energy policy is one of the reasons the United States finds itself so involved in Middle East affairs Feldkamp said, warning that without an energy policy that cuts America's dependence on foreign oil that the United States would continue to fund despotic regimes through oil revenues.

"We got to use solar, we got to use wind. This tidal stuff I think is great. Let's do research into hydrogen fuel cells, biomass, fusion," he said. "Also, we got to make sure we are energy independent that means drilling in ANWR (Arctic National Wildlife Refuge)."

Gay Marriage

Taking a moderate stance on the subject of gay marriage, Feldkamp opposes allowing gays and lesbians to marry; "I think marriage is a religious commitment between a man and a woman," but supports civil unions.

"Civil unions between two loving couples are their business not mine," he said.

Border Security and Illegal Immigration

A former FBI counter intelligence/counter terrorist specialist, Feldkamp believes that an unprotected border with Mexico poses a significant risk of terrorist infiltration into the United States.

"There has been an estimate of between 120,000 and 160,000 non-Hispanics crossing the Southern border," he said. "There are a lot of terrorist in Venezuela and

the tri-border region of Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay."

Feldkamp said he supports the construction of 700-miles of border fence recently authorized by Congress.

"I don't like it but you have to stem the flow somehow," he said.

Minimum Wage

Feldkamp said he does not believe the federal minimum wage, set at \$5.15 per hour in 1996, should be raised because it could cause employers to cut health care and other benefits.

"I think here (in Oregon) we got it \$2 higher and I think what you have is this concept that a minimum wage job should be a family wage job and I disagree with that," he said. "You shouldn't want to maintain your lifestyle on minimum wage."

He added that he would like to see Oregon institute a tip credit for food service workers that would allow employers to count employees' tips toward their pay.

On the subject of congressional pay raises Feldkamp said he is not willing to make a no congressional pay raise pledge and accused Defazio of making a political issue out of not accepting pay raises.

"That's good political grandstanding. The way we see he's getting paid a lot more (now) than when he first went to Congress in 1986," he said. "He just delays his pay raises one election cycle."

Outsourcing of Jobs

Bureaucratic red tape that hampers businesses ability to remain competitive in a global environment is the cause of United States jobs being outsourced to foreign countries, Feldkamp said.

"They say you are outsourcing jobs but a business's first job is to survive. I know the businesses I've talked to want to stay here, they want to compete but it is hard in this globalization," he said.

Feldkamp, claiming that the fourth Congressional District has lost 10,000 timber jobs in the past 20 years, companies are now importing lumber to mill from Canada and Chile, cites this as an example of regulations suffocating local businesses and the state no longer taking advantage of its natural resources.

Final Thoughts

"You take a look at my special interests and they're Oregonians'. The majority of my money comes from people in Oregon," he said. "Mr. Defazio has received money from extreme animal rights groups that don't represent the interest of most Oregonians."

"I don't believe he's working in the best interest of the state or this district."



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Lane's cross country runners turn out personal bests

Men, women vie at Oregon City invitational; 4, 7 place finishes

Jimi McDonnell
SPORTS EDITOR

After a long break between meets the Lane cross country team traveled to Oregon City where they competed in the Mike Hodges Invitational.

The Lane men showed once again that they could compete with the best of them by placing fourth overall as a team in the four-mile run.

The Titans were again faced with tough competition competing against Division I schools such as UO and Washington University.

"Everybody really stepped it up for this one, it's not every meet where almost your entire team records personal best, it also helped that the weather was good, it's nice to have great weather like we did an just see how fast we really are," Cross Country Head Coach Ross Krempsey said.

The men finished with a total of 93 points, which was only four points behind the next closest team in Willamette University. However, Lane did place ahead of two other Uni-

versities, Portland and McMurray Universities, and were the highest placing community college team.

"We lost to Willamette by only four points, and they're one of the best Division III teams in the country, if we would have had our number two guy we definitely would have beat them. I really feel that there are only a couple division one teams in the North West that could beat us if we're all there," Krempsey said.

There were seven athletes from community colleges that placed in the top 70, and Lane held six of them.

The top performer of the day was once again Joe Churchill. Churchill finished 14th in the men's four mile and finished with a time of 19:46.99.

Dustin Moore was another Titan runner to have a good race. Moore finished 25th with a time of 20:05.35.

Jeff Gill, Evan Carman, AJ Casteel and Ryan Erickson were the other Lane runners to finish in that group of seven that placed in the top 70.

The Lane Women finished seventh as a team in the five-kilometer run with a total of 171 points.

"The women's team keeps improving every week, and you know we're just really looking solid and I got a good feeling about this team going in to the championships,"

Krempsey said.

Toma Starodubtseva was the top performer of the day for the Lane women. Starodubtseva placed 29th and was one of only two community college women to finish in the top 30. Starodubtseva finished with a final time of 18:50.50.

"Toma is just a really good runner an keeps improving every week, I mean she got another personal record this week," Krempsey said.

Another one of the women who had a good race was Danika Bates. Bates finished 41st and recorded a personal best with a time of 19:31.25.

"As soon as the race started Danika just charged off and was relentless the rest of the race. She never slowed up and ended up with a personal record," Krempsey said.

Lane individuals also competed at the Elmira Invite on Oct 18.

The next meet for the Titan Cross Country squad will be the Southern Regional Championships on Oct. 28 at Lewisville Park in Battleground, Wash.

"It's been an amazing ride so far, we got to just keep doing what we've been doing, which is improving. But to be quite honest we should just be able to run through the Southern Regionals with no problem, I mean basically from here on out we're just focused 100 percent on nationals," Krempsey said.

Jimi and Alex's NFL picks

Detroit Lions at NY Jets
Jimi: Jets Alex: Jets

Green Bay Packers at Miami Dolphins
Jimi: Dolphins Alex: Packers

Philadelphia Eagles at Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Jimi: Eagles Alex: Eagles

San Diego Chargers at Kansas City Chiefs
Jimi: Chargers Alex: Chargers

Carolina Panthers at Cincinnati Bengals
Jimi: Panthers Alex: Bengals

New England Patriots at Buffalo Bills
Jimi: Patriots Alex: Patriots

Pittsburgh Steelers at Atlanta Falcons
Jimi: Falcons Alex: Falcons

Jacksonville Jaguars at Houston Texans
Jimi: Jaguars Alex: Jaguars

Denver Broncos at Cleveland Browns
Jimi: My Brownies! Alex: Broncos

Washington Redskins at Indianapolis Colts
Jimi: Colts Alex: Colts

Minnesota Vikings at Seattle Seahawks
Jimi: Seahawks Alex: Seahawks

Arizona Cardinals at Oakland Raiders
Jimi: Cardinals Alex: Cardinals

Monday night
NY Giants at Dallas Cowboys
Jimi: Cowboys Alex: Giants

Ducks will get a true test in Pullman

Ducks look to hang on as Pac-10 leaders

Alex Braga
SPORTS REPORTER

At the midpoint of the season, the 16 ranked Oregon Ducks look to stay on top of the Pac-10 this weekend with a hoped for victory against Washington State.

Unfortunately for Oregon (5-1, 3-1 Pac-10) it won't have the opportunity to get comfortable in the friendly confines of Autzen Stadium for at least another week, as the Ducks are forced to hit the road once again and travel to Pullman, Wash. The Ducks have been in Pullman six of the last seven years.

When they make the trip to Martin Stadium, the Ducks will find a quarterback who has been impressive against good talent this year, and a guy who is all too familiar to those here in the Eugene area.

Alex Brink, a junior from Sheldon High School, has led his team to impressive performances against some of the best teams in the country.

The only losses Washington State (4-3, 2-2 Pac-10) has suffered this year have

come at the hands of three teams that are in the Top 10 of the newly released Bowl Championship Series rankings: USC, California and Auburn.

The only time this season Brink and his Cougar offense have looked overmatched was on the road against Auburn in the first week of the season.

With the exception of a poor performance against the Tigers, Brink and his receivers have been carving up defensive secondaries all season, and will look to do the same against the often mentioned banged up and young Oregon defensive backfield.

Brink's main target this season has been junior Michael Bumpus, who has amassed 44 catches for 422 yards and one touchdown.

It looks to be a test for Oregon defensive backs. However, the big play threat of senior Jason Hill who has 30 catches for 423 yards and five touchdowns will definitely demand attention from the Ducks defensive unit as well.

The Ducks are coming off an impressive 30-20 victory over an underrated UCLA team. And if the play of a battered defense and quarterback last weekend was any indication of how the Ducks resilience can get them a win, they should have nothing to worry about.

Churchill graduate dominates soccer as freshman standout

Scores in every winning game for the Titans

Alyssa Waldman-Roberts
SPORTS REPORTER

Kori Wilgus is modest about her success as a freshman on the LCC soccer team but there is nothing modest about her statistics so far this season.

On multiple occasions she has scored two to three goals for the Titans in a single game. This season, Wilgus has scored 21 total goals to make her one of the top scorers on the team in her first year of college soccer.

Wilgus graduated from Churchill High School and played soccer there as well. Wilgus said she has played soccer since she was five and loves every minute of it. She started playing pick up games when she was younger and progressed to more competitive sports as she got older.

Wilgus said she is always just trying to have fun, but at the same time, work hard and stay focused when out on the field.

"The girls on the team have really welcomed me and made me feel like part of the team. There aren't very many freshman on the team so it's nice to feel welcome as a newcomer," she said.

Wilgus also runs track, though not at Lane. It is hobby she likes to do off of the soccer field.

Wilgus said her teammates would mostly describe her as "goofy" at practice or off the field, but when she is playing in a game she is hard working and in the zone.

Wilgus said she would continue to work with the team and progress as a soccer player and hopes to help the Titans go far this season.

Wilgus has some advice for young women wanting to play soccer in college. "Give it a try and work hard," she said.

Winning streak ends

Editor's Note:

The Torch has reprinted this story due to technical problems at the printers last week.

Alyssa Waldman-Roberts
SPORTS REPORTER

Despite being undefeated in league plays, the Titans lost a soccer match on Tuesday, Oct. 10, to Southwest Oregon Community College in Coos Bay.

The Titans lost the game 0-3.

With Southwest Oregon's record being the same as the Titans everyone knew it would be a very even match up and no surprise when the Lakers scored in the third minute of the game and then again in the tenth.

The Titans couldn't stop SOCC and had a hard time getting the ball and taking shots on goal.

Lane still has only one loss in league play and are contenders to win the conference.

In the second half of the game the Lakers scored once more to seal the win. SOCC handed the Titans its first loss in league play.

The Titans have seven more games to go and will have a rematch against Southwest Community College on Thursday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m.

Before its loss on Tuesday, the Titans couldn't have been more ecstatic. They were undefeated in conference play and had just made a successful trip to Washington by winning two more games.

On Friday, Oct. 6, Lane beat Skagit Valley (1-10) 5-0 in Mt. Vernon, Wash. Kori Wilgus scored the first two goals for the Titans.

This really set the momentum for the game with Callie Cram and Nichol Moore both putting in goals as well before half-time. Skagit Valley was discouraged as the Titans defensive skills and ability to bring the ball up the field and score put in the pressure. Skagit Valley struggled to even get downfield.

In the second half the Titans were just as aggressive as Cram added her second goal of the game to put the Titans up 4-0.

The offense of the Titans continues to put pressure on teams defense and the deadly duo of Wilgus and Cram have proven to be almost unstoppable.

Andrea Shoop did a great job of protecting the goal and made sure nothing got through as she recorded her sixth shutout this season.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, the Titans recorded another shutout against Everett Community College (0-10) beating them 6-0. Lane scored two goals in the first half. Sophomore Shawna Boyer made one and the other was by standout freshman forward Wilgus.

The real offense of the Titans came in the second half. They had four more goals to end the game 6-0 and tallied another road win.

Wilgus and Eliose Cole each had a goal and Nina Jaramillo had two goals to seal the game for the Titans. Wilgus and Jaramillo each had an assist as well.

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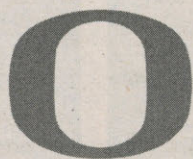
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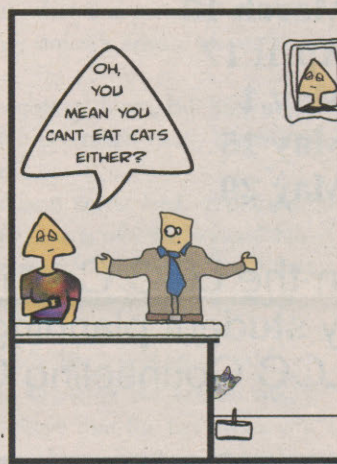
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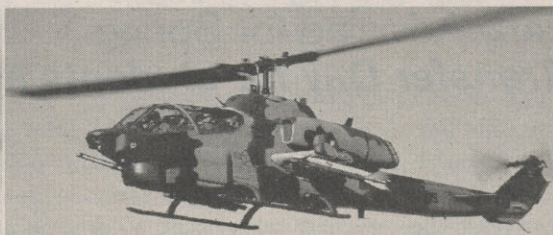


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