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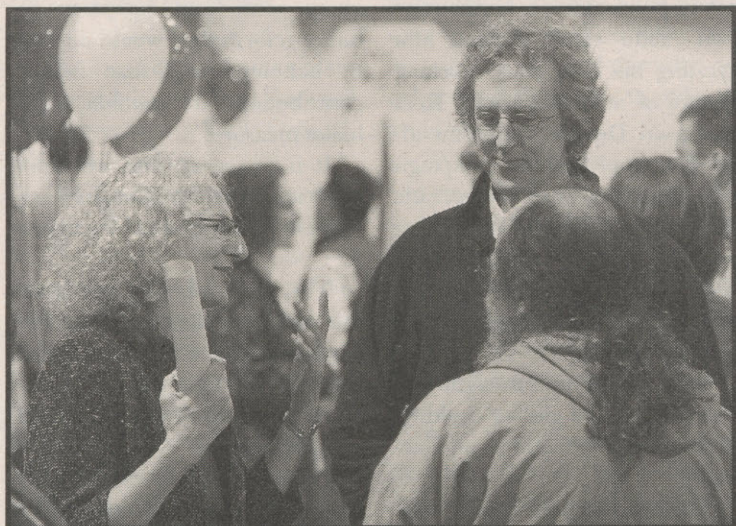


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LCC President Mary Spilde and LCC Faculty Union President James Salt chat with a campaign supporter.

LCC measure fails

Measure 20-120

YES 43%

NO 57%

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Lane forward Kori Wilgus (left) and Wenatchee Valley defender Marisa Rosas battling for the ball during first half action of the Titans' 3-1 victory in Eugene on Nov. 8. Wilgus had a hat trick in the game scoring all three of the Titans goals. The fifth ranked Titans will travel to Federal Way, Wash. for its second round match-up with the Tacoma Titans. The game is scheduled for Nov. 11 at 9 p.m.

Titanic Victory



PHOTO BY LARRY COONROD

Diesel students win at state competition

Pierce Shields takes first

Mario Saraceno
TORCH REPORTER

In June of 2006, Pierce Shields, a student from LCC's Diesel Mechanic Program, competed in Kansas City at a national competition called SkillsUSA.

A student must initially place first at their state level competition in order to get a chance to compete at the national level. After Shields placed first at the state level, he went on to place 11th at the national event.

"The national contest is a week-long competition that is held back in Kansas City. A representative from every state is likely to be there," Steve Webb, diesel technology instructor at LCC said. "The contestant that places first at nationals is considered the best in the nation."

LCC's diesel program has been involved in the SkillsUSA challenge for around eight to ten years. The areas within the contest vary from year to year. "The contest areas do change. We have seen up to 17 areas at the state level and generally around 14 ar-



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Diesel contest winners Chris Clems (second place) and Dan Thomas (fourth place) prepare a backhoe for a test drive as part of diesel technology training.

reas at the national level," Webb said.

"We've had hydraulics, electrical, electronics, electronic engines, engine measurement, brake systems, ASE test, job interview, job application, job skills, general shop skills, operator environment, and lighting station," Webb said. The number of stations and the type of stations can fluctuate from year to year.

Anyone who wants to enter the state level competition can try to do so, even if they are not in the

diesel mechanics program. "What happens is a lot of students find out they have to work extra hard to compete. We've had up to six students at one time who really wanted to compete, and we can only take four students to the state competition," Webb said. The training is offered at the beginning of Fall term, going on one day a week and starting at 7 a.m. that day.

The state competition takes place in the Spring and is basically the preparation for regional win-

ners to prepare for the national competition level. "This is something I started doing when I first started here back in '98. I started working with the SkillsUSA students with what we consider the top of the diesel department," Webb said.

The state competition of 2006 was held at Linn Benton Community College.

The four entrants from LCC took all four top spots. Along with Shields, who took first, there was Chris Clems who took second, Aaron Lane who took third and Dan Thomas who took fourth. Although only Shields got to go to nationals with Webb, the rest opened up their opportunity in the job field.

"Without a doubt this is a good way to go if you have any interest in the diesel program and want to get hired. Even at the state level we have had students get job offers," Webb said. One of the stations at the state level, is the job application area, which like all the other areas, is run by a company in the industry who is looking for people to hire.

"I do this personally because the competition can lead to some great job opportunities for my stu-

dents," Webb said.

The SkillsUSA national event seems to be an experience in itself. The event happens in the Kansas City Convention Center and contains more than just the Diesel Automotive section. The competitions taking place range anywhere from masonry, cabinets, and auto body to drafting and cosmetology. If a representative from each state is present in every competition, the competitors can be in the upwards of 4,000 to 6,000 people.

"A student will walk into an area sectioned off in the shop and there will be a judge and a set of instructions. The student will have around 15 minutes to perform the tasks laid out for them. We call this the 15 minutes of fame," Webb said. "The national competition is the state level times 10."

The competition is a part of the diesel program for those who want to try and get involved in it, or those who may not want to join the program but want to enter the competition.

Students who would like more information about getting involved with SkillsUSA and the diesel program at LCC, contact Webb at 463-5708.

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The Torch has been awarded first place in the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association's General Excellence category for community college weeklies for 2004 and 2005. Second place 2006.

Election Results: thoughts and observations

Late last year, former Secretary of the Navy and highly decorated combat marine Jim Webb tried to tell Virginia Senator George Allen that the war in Iraq was becoming a quagmire and Congress needed to push for some sort of exit plan from President Bush. Allen replied that he could "not go against my president."

This may come as a surprise to at least one resident of the White House, but the President of the United States is not a king. The framers of the Constitution wisely devised a system of three separate but equal branches of government to provide checks and balances on power. Republicans failed to provide those checks and balances. So on Tuesday, Nov. 7 voters across the nation took matters into their own hands.

Senator Allen appears likely to pay the price for pledging his allegiance to a man instead of his fellow citizens; Allen will lose his senate seat to Webb. A former Republican, Webb decided to enter the race after Allen made it clear that loyalty to Bush trumped the thousands of military personnel

who have been killed and maimed in Iraq.

For the first time since 1994, the Democrats control the House of Representatives, and they are likely to have the Senate as well when the dust settles in Virginia and Montana.

If all the pollsters are to be

some cases. Oregon State Senator Vicki Walker deserves a prize for the most stupid and obnoxious campaign theme seen in the state in quite some time.

Walker spent her campaign trying to lash her opponent Jim Torrey to Bush. Torrey may be a Bush supporter but the difference that makes in a local legislative race is not readily apparent. Perhaps Sen. Walker is unaware that the state legislature does not vote on national policy. Regardless, the tactic

worked; leaving Walker two years to think up a real campaign theme that addresses the issue when Bush is no longer on the scene.

The Internet continues to revolutionize politics. Youtube became a household name during this election. Clips of politicians displaying their ignorance received hundreds of thousands of downloads. It is amusing to see older politicians wearing their ignorance of the web as a badge of honor. Do they really think that referring to the Internet as a "series of tubes" or telling voters "heck, I don't even know how to turn one of these on," is a vote

getter? Look for the government to continue its campaign to regulate political speech on the Internet.

After all, putting the power of the press into the hands of the masses is akin to arming the peasants.

In the Missouri senate race Rush Limbaugh proved himself a potent political force. Limbaugh's own "ditto cam" showed him gyrating his body in a mocking gesture of actor Michael J. Fox's Parkinson Disease symptoms after Fox appeared in campaign ads supporting the Democratic challenger Claire McCaskill. The resulting public backlash is credited by many as putting McCaskill over the top in defeating incumbent Jim Talent.

Who would have thought that a webcam and a gasbag could be such a deciding factor in an election?

Oregon election results mirrored the national picture; Democrats now control both houses of the State Legislature and despite a lackluster first term and re-election campaign Ted Kulongoski handily defeated Republican Ron Saxton.

Only three of the 10 ballot measures in Oregon passed. It is hard to say whether that is an outright rejection of the conservative agenda behind most of those measures, or whether Oregonians are just plain fed up with out-of-staters using Oregon as a guinea pig for their social experiments.

If Democrats want to bring about some real campaign finance reform they would do well by banning out-of-state money contributions to candidates or ballot measures.

It is our state, and we don't need some multi-millionaire back in New York telling us how to run it.

The most sobering aspect of this mid-term election is how few competitive congressional seats there were. Out of 435, only about 10 percent were considered competitive.

Politicians from both sides have gerrymandered congressional districts to protect their party's seat to such a degree that it takes nearly 3,000 wasted lives in Iraq to bring about a tiny shift in power. The Democrats may have won this time, but no one can claim democracy was well served.

Commentary

Larry Coonrod

Editor in chief



Class in session...

Mackworld

John Mackwood
Columnist



The lesson for the week is to try and improve yourself everyday. Turn in assignments a week ahead. Go to church every Sunday. Be positive and happy. Find a job for the holidays; help someone buy a pres-

ent. Be good to yourself and people will respect you. And read the Torch ... only two more issues left. Thank you, class dismissed.

Editor's note: John Mackwood is a G.E.D. student at Goodwill Industries in Springfield. John writes his column with the help of a Torch editor.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Coming out for heterosexual marriage

Coming from a background of confusion about what healthy sexuality looks and feels like, it's easy to think everyone should have the right to happiness in that area of his/her life. But this isn't the way it is. If it were, sanity could not continue to exist in society. People must have a sense of who and what they are apart from what billboards, books, electronic media and other sources tell them.

Thus, morality must exist in its own right, and have its own parameters. I have asked "morality" what those are, and "it" has responded to me with answers I often initially hate, but later come to revere as true and right. One of those is that sex can only be safe inside of a marriage between a man and a woman committed to the highest degree of moral purity possible. While my husband and I are still trying to create this in our lives, we're discovering our efforts are very well spent.

Laura Koerner
Eugene, Ore.

Election results

Statewide	Lane County	Statewide	Lane County
Governor		Measure 44	
Ted Kulongoski.. 50%.....58%		No..... 22%.....19%	
Ron Saxton..... 43%.....36%		Yes..... 78%.....81%	
Measure 39		Measure 45	
No..... 32%.....39%		No..... 59%.....64%	
Yes..... 67%.....61%		Yes..... 41%.....36%	
Measure 40		Measure 46	
No..... 56%.....38%		No..... 60%.....61%	
Yes..... 44%.....62%		Yes..... 40%.....39%	
Measure 41		Measure 47	
No..... 63%.....68%		No..... 47%.....49%	
Yes..... 37%.....32%		Yes..... 53%.....51%	
Measure 42		Measure 48	
No..... 65%.....66%		No..... 71%.....76%	
Yes..... 35%.....34%		Yes..... 29%.....24%	
Measure 43			
No..... 54%.....60%			
Yes..... 46%.....40%			

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Laws protect non-smokers

Smoking rules request conscientious smokers

Zackary Pacholl
NEWS EDITOR

Thinking about smoking anywhere you want on campus?

Think again.

On the LCC campus there are 15 designated smoking locations. Each have a sign informing smokers it's a designated area.

"If there is no sign that says you can smoke, you can't," Public Safety Officer Jim Harris said. "The on-campus policy is to smoke in designated smoking areas only."



Public Safety receives phone calls daily from students and staff about smokers not smoking in the designated areas.

Along with the designated smoking areas, it is okay to smoke on the blacktop parking lots. The gravel parking lots are off limits to smokers.

"We have about a dozen contacts a day about it," Harris said.

The fee for violating the ordinance is \$10.

It's no violation if students walk next to an area where there is a smoking station and smoke is venting out.

There are a couple of smoking stations at the lower level of the Center Building with stairs going between the two areas.

It is possible for smoke to be smelled walking down the stairs. But this does not mean there is a smoking violation.

"Our goal is to keep it in the right spot,"

Harris said.

Harris had some suggestions if students saw someone smoking outside a smoking area.

"If you are a smoker and you see someone not in the smoking area invite them over. If you are not a smoker and you see someone not smoking in the right area, politely direct them to a smoking area," he said.

If you are between classes or on your way to your car and you are not in a smoking area it is prohibited.

"When you are traveling from point A to point B and you are not in a designated area, it's a violation," Harris said.

When John Jessel, a smoker on campus, heard about students getting fined for smoking on non-designated areas he responded, "I don't mind that at all, if someone's smoking where they're not supposed to. I have no issue with that whatsoever."

"I don't want to take rights away from anybody," Melanie Owens, another smoker said. "It's somebody's right to smoke and it's somebody's right not to smoke."

Harris said people have suggested that we move all smoking areas to the parking lots and have a smoke free inner campus.

There has not been a discussion about going to a smoke free campus.

When asked about a smoke-free campus, student and smoker April Williams-Weilbacher said, "I'd be okay with it. I think second-hand smoke is a bummer; it isn't very cool. It would be nice if smokers would be more respectful but why should we persecute smokers when there are more important issues on campus? If there's a 40 or 50-year-old who has been smoking for 20 years, they're going to be pissed."



Local measure kills hopes for easing budget problems

Spilde says campus needs more funds from legislature

Zackary Pacholl
NEWS EDITOR

The mood at the Lane County Fairgrounds was high for many candidates and supporters of measures on the Nov. 7 ballot. The same couldn't be said for the supporters of LCC.

Measure 20-120 that would have brought an estimated \$1.3 million to the college fell with 57 percent of Lane County residents saying no to the measure.

"It was very disappointing that the measure failed. There was no organized opposition that we knew about," LCC President Mary Spilde said.

"It wouldn't have solved our problems. It only would have helped mitigate the cuts that we might have to make. The voters have spoken and you have to respect that."

Spilde said that she thought a possible reason the measure didn't pass was awareness in the community.

"We had a very small group of volunteers that were working to try and get the word out."

She also thought seniors didn't feel a connection to the college because of the lack of funding from the state for personal enrichment courses.

"Not as many people are accessing those courses so they don't have that connection to Lane."

Spilde said Measures 41 and 48 not passing were good for the college.

"We knew it would be very dif-

ficult for the state to increase any of our funding and therefore us to be able to be viable if those measures had passed," Spilde said.

"Part of our strategy was to make our case to the legislature. It's actually the state funding reductions that has put us in this predicament," Spilde said.

"Now we have to go back to the legislature and ask them not to just reinvest into the institution and community colleges state wide to get us back to where we should be, but if they really want us to serve the needs of the community they are going to have to do more than just get us back to where we would have been," Spilde said.

Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski has pledged to ask for \$470 million for the Community College Fund in next year's budget. Spilde believes community colleges need more than that amount.

"It is a substantial increase state-wide but it is only \$8 million more than where we were in 2001. We have had inflation and increases in costs every year since 2001. So, an \$8 million increase over where we were in 2001 is not adequate," Spilde said.

The State Board of Education has requested that the governor give us \$529 million for all of the community colleges.

"That is a minimum number in my view of what Lane is going to need to be able to keep offering the same programs and services that we currently do."

Tuition prices are not expected to increase this year. However, tuition could be increased next year.

"At this point we are planning an increase in tuition next year starting with Summer Term [2007] just related to inflation," Spilde said.

Flu vaccinations in abundance at LCC

High risk people are encouraged to get shots

Ariel Burkhardt
COPY EDITOR

With the upcoming flu season expected to hit in January, the LCC Health Clinic has an ample supply of flu shots.

The vaccinations take two to six weeks to take affect and are good for one year.

Sharon Kealoha, a relief nurse at the Health Clinic said that those who are at the highest risk of getting the flu should think about getting vaccinated.

"It's a preventive model so hopefully we will see results in the winter term," she said.

The Health Clinic had set up a vaccination area where two or three nurses were giving the flu

shots but the program ended. However, students can still make appointments to receive the vaccination at any time.

The vaccine costs \$20 and students will need to sign a consent form and fill out a medical history if they have not already done so with the clinic.

"In the past, we've done 400 to 450 doses [of the vaccine] a year," Kealoha said. "We have plenty of the vaccines, there's no shortage. Now is the perfect time to get it."

Those who receive the vaccine may experience flu-like symptoms during the first two weeks of getting the shot. The vaccine comes in a syringe form only. There is a spray vaccine but it is not available at the Health Clinic.

Those who are most at risk are people who work around others who are sick, aged 65 years and older, have high levels of stress, have weakened immune systems

and don't eat right or don't exercise properly.

"The best preventative method is taking care of yourself and practicing good hand washing," Kealoha said.

Influenza kills about 36,000 people in the United States each year. Annual vaccines are recommended because the virus tends to change.

"Statistically, it [the vaccine] is effective, or else it wouldn't be a national project," Kealoha said. "It's available here. It's as easy as making an appointment and going in."

People who get vaccinated could potentially still get the flu because there are many different kinds. The vaccines that are currently being used are designed to protect people from the most catastrophic of the flu viruses.

If there ever is a shortage, those who are at high-risk are usually



PHOTO BY CASSIE LAWS

Sharon Kealoha, a registered nurse at the LCC Health Clinic is prepares to give a flu shot.

given the vaccination first. So far, a shortage hasn't occurred.

Students or staff that wish to

receive the flu vaccination can make an appointment at the Health Clinic at 463-5665.

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Opera singer returns to Eugene to teach voice at Lane

Faculty concert raises funds for scholarships

A&E Editor
DEJAH McDOUGALL

After a long career singing opera around the world, David Gustafson has returned to his hometown to focus on family. He now teaches voice classes at LCC.

Gustafson has been singing since he was a little boy. His father was a professor at a music school and everything just seemed to fall in place. "My parents say I used to sing in my crib as an infant to sing myself to sleep," Gustafson said.

Recently, Gustafson has become very involved on campus. In addition to teaching two voice classes and a performance class, he also volunteered his voice for a recent LCC faculty concert. Combined with the efforts of Siri Vik singing soprano and John Jantzi on piano, the concert was held as a benefit to raise funds for music scholarships.

Gustafson sang a wide range of parts that are rarely sung by the same person. The concert contained excerpts from two very different composers: Mozart and Puccini. He also sang parts from various 20th century musicals, including *Les Miserables*, *Phantom of the Opera* and *West Side Story*.

"(My part in the concert is)... everything that a guy can sing which is somewhat foolish," Gus-

tafson said.

Gustafson has been teaching for 15 years in the past he performed often, which took a lot of time away from his pupils. He has been at LCC just over two years and says it is the first scheduled time he's had teaching. It also means he is singing less.

"There's something I can do here in teaching which is much more powerful," Gustafson said.

He feels it is unfortunate that teachers aren't paid nearly as much as performers. "If you don't have arts education you don't know how to problem solve...once you think outside the box, creative problem solving becomes very easy," Gustafson said.

Gustafson has a degree in music education. He studied in New York and San Francisco. He continues to pursue his education and attends school full-time. He plans to stay in school until he gets his doctorate in voice.

Right now he is working on a masters in voice and in chorale conducting.

In San Francisco, his chorus, The San Francisco Symphony and Chorus, was awarded a Grammy for "Carmina Burana." He has received a half-dozen Grammys singing in groups.

He has also sung in several movie soundtracks. He sang chorus in the soundtracks for the movie productions *A Room with a View* and *Amadeus*.

After he quit his chorus singing he decided to sing solo. He started traveling and has sung opera all



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

David Gustafson (right) critiques Justin Diller's performance in class.

over the world. He's recorded at Abbey Road Studios, where the Beatles recorded. In China, he performed the first performance of *The Barber of Seville* done in that country and says he was the only non-Chinese person in it.

Gustafson continues to sing internationally.

Last summer he performed

in an open gala concert in the Czech Republic in Prague. He is no stranger to performing in Eugene. He has performed in 18 local operas.

His career is managed by one of the largest agencies in the world. He is free to volunteer his time and his voice all he wants but his agents set his performance

prices.

On top of full time school, teaching and singing around the world, Gustafson still sings every Sunday at Central Lutheran Church.

"I spent a lot of years traveling around the world singing opera... family is more important now than traveling," Gustafson said.

New music stars in Oregon are Stars of Track and Field

Road trip set for Eugene music trio

Stars of Track and Field are the "to watch" band this winter. After the departure of their bassist, the three remaining members took to the computer to fill the gap left by the vacancy.

Filling their songs on their new album, "Centuries Before Love and War," with the fitting samples of Daniel Orvik and the mellow, nonchalant voice of Jason Bell matched with the emotional vocals of Kevin Calaba distinguished them

CD Review

Nicholas Griffin
Columnist



from the plethora of indie/experimental bands that seems to plague the music scene of Oregon.

With notable influences of early Pink Floyd and Aphex Twin, Stars of Track and Field were able to add to their diverse palette of sounds and colors with the new-found love of computer-based sounds.

"We are thinking in bleeps and blurps

these days as much as we used to think in rhythms and melodies," Bell said.

In fact, most of their practices consist of each member isolated with their headphones, experimenting with different sounds and noises. They would then come together to show each other their new discoveries.

The new album is full of melancholy piano arpeggios with songs that tell of sad love stories and painful memories.

Sounding like a modern Radio Head, you would think the two shared the same muse.

"We called the CD *Centuries Before Love and War* due to the fact that all the lyrics deal with maligned memory and love loss. And obviously, with the war going on now," Calaba said when describing the voice they gave their new album. "The difficult part is presenting your politics with insight and thoughtfulness,

while avoiding trite rhetoric and cliché," Bell said. "How one cannot be shocked and horrified by the random violence



PHOTO COURTESY OF STARS OF TRACK AND FIELD

The band is like a mix of Radio Head, Pink Floyd and Aphex Twin.

and lackluster performance of this administration baffles me."

With their first album the group is on the road. There are no shows in Oregon, however. The album is currently avail-

able for download at the iTunes store or at local record stores.

Notable tracks worth mentioning by Stars of Track and Field are "With You," "Say Hello" and "Centuries."

Rating



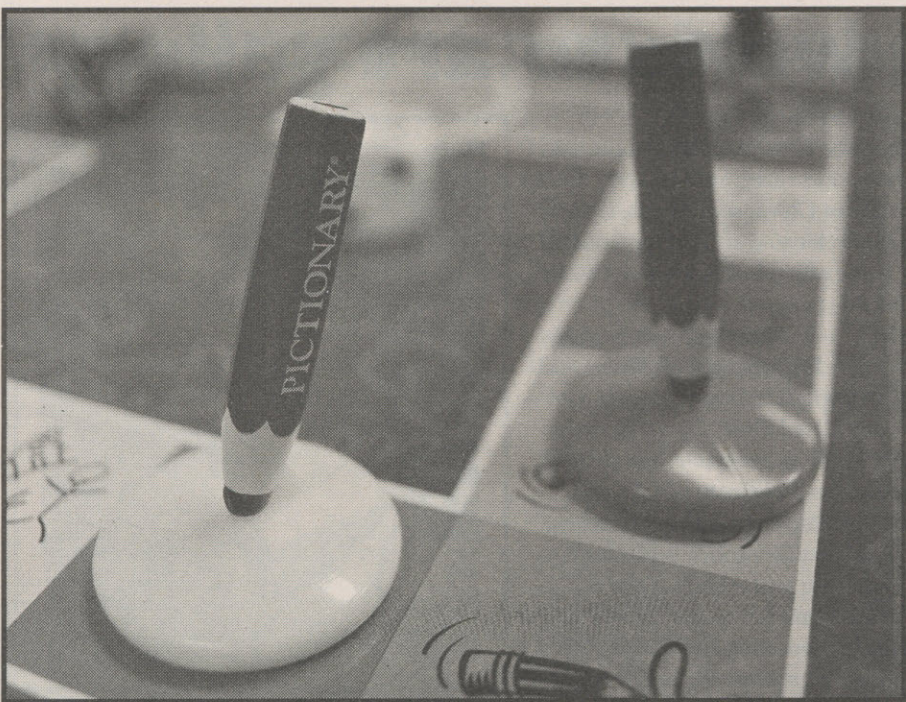


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BYOB Game Society scores with Eugene's gamers

Board game fun draws local crowd to weekly venue

Jenica Pistone
FEATURES EDITOR

Every other Thursday Eugenians have an excuse to break the Parcheesi board out of the closet and dust off those old Yahtzee dice. It spells another meeting for the Bring Your Own Board Game Society and it's in session.

The group, which meets on alternating Thursdays, gives board game enthusiasts the opportunity to meet and play the board game of their choosing. Bi-weekly attendance ranges from a handful to over a dozen people, with two to three board games in session simultaneously.

Jenny Oberst, a salesperson for Ramsay Signs, thought of the idea in January of 2004. "I wanted to find some way to meet friends and play board games that wasn't the bar scene," she said.

Oberst told a few friends about her idea and created a MySpace account, inviting the general public to participate by posting information on meeting times and special events. Soon, new people started showing up, bringing with them a variety of games ranging from Pictionary to Risk.

"If you figure we have three newbies a week, I'd say we've had at least 10 different people show up," Oberst said.

"Advertising on Craig's List and MySpace was really helpful," said Swanson, a regular attendee of the Thursday night game extravaganza, said.

An employee of Planned Parenthood, Swanson transferred to Eugene for work related reasons. In an attempt to meet people in the area, she turned to MySpace as a means of social networking.

Not only did Swanson find a group of friends and a fun activity in the BYOB Game Society, she also found romance. Swanson and boyfriend Jeff Bennett met

on Bennett's first night attending and hit it off immediately.

"We were playing Lunch Money and Jenny was kicking me under the table, like 'Go out with him,'" she said.

"I'm really glad I came," Bennett added.

Other members have used the game society to further their musical careers. Chris Upton, who works in real estate, formed a band with other members. Upton, the lead guitarist, said that the band, Rock Ness Monster, recently played their first gig and are looking for more shows.

The fun isn't just limited to board games. Ultimate Croquet has also been a popular activity. John Oberst-Canes, Oberst's cousin who has been attending since the beginning, is a big fan. "Ultimate Croquet night was really ridiculous," he said.

Swanson said that the most popular games seemed to be Pupples to Pupples, a card-based word game and Carcassonne, which can be described as a map-like version of Scrabble. Other favorites include Scatergories, Imaginiff, and Lunch Money.

"What we play each week really varies," Oberst said. "Everyone brings their favorite game, so we play all kinds of stuff here."

Though most attendees enjoy Game Night and return to future meetings,

the BYOB Game Society isn't everyone's cup of tea.

"We've had some people from an older crowd come before, and I think we made them feel uncomfortable," Swanson said. She feels that the boisterousness and alcohol that are occasionally present during game play might have been responsible. "Usually people in their 20s and early 30s have the most fun and feel the most comfortable here," she added.

The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 9, 8 p.m. to roughly midnight. For more information on meeting times and for contact information, BYOB Game Society's website is located at www.myspace.com/eugenebyobgamesociety.



PHOTO BY CASSIE LAWS

Judy Koroush a student at LCC searches for some free baby clothes for her grandson at the Clothing Stash in Building 5.

Clothing Stash opens

ASLCC provides free clothing

Jeremy Clough
STAFF REPORTER

Signs and drop-boxes for ASLCC's Clothing Stash have been established near the front of the LCC campus and are available for clothing donations.

The LCC Clothing Stash takes all donations. It doesn't matter what type of clothing is donated.

The LCC Clothing Stash takes donations, not only from students, but also from businesses such as the Wal-Mart in Springfield. Along with places like Babysworld and Kidstuff in Springfield, the Clothing Stash receives donations from Bonton, a clothing outlet, in Eugene. Most items left behind in the LCC department are also donated to the Clothing Stash.

Tina Lyman, the administrative assistant who is in charge of the Clothing Stash, has had a variety of clothes for students to look through. The Clothing Stash provides garments for infants, children and students of adult sizes. The Clothing Stash table, available in the cafeteria, is an open table display. If a student sees something they like on the table, they are welcome to take it.

The Clothing Stash has been accept-

ing volunteers in the center to help run the program. Many work-study students have been running the program and students who are trying to get work-study hours completed can earn extra money for their financial aid.

ASLCC started the Clothing Stash program about five years ago. Lyman has been working with the program for the past two years.

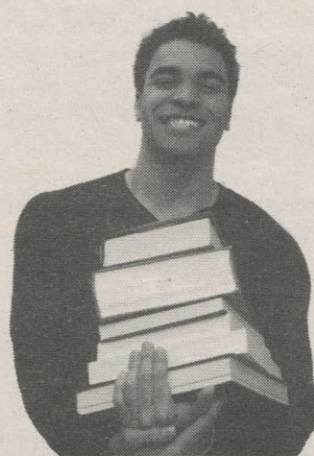
She took responsibility of the program and expanded the project to the size it is today.

A student is allowed to take 10 items per day and about 50 students come by and take what they like. That comes to about 500 items of clothing needed every year.

When the Clothing Stash receives items in donations it takes basic clothes like shirts, pants and jackets. No underwear is accepted. However, Wal-Mart and other retail stores do donate those types of items.

The Clothing Stash has received all types of clothing but the strangest thing Lyman has reported having donated was a pair of "furry" slippers that looked like they were straight out of "The Brady Bunch."

Students or staff who wish to donate clothes can go to the Clothing Stash donation center, which is located in Building 5 on the second floor.



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East coast artist brings work to art gallery

*Inspired by texture,
land and sea*

Shelby King
STAFF REPORTER

Along the stark white wall bas-relief reproductions of Vincent Van Gogh's famous self-portrait peer at students and art lovers at LCC's art gallery. One Van Gogh has a baby blue face; another sculpted face is surrounded by silver glitter.

The opposite wall holds a portrait of another kind. A portrait of a man, wheelchair bound, with his legs atrophied from lack of use. His likeness has been carved into a slab of white plaster. The man's body and his wheelchair have been carved with little attention to detail. The lower two-thirds of the portrait seems more a mass of swipes and lines than a discernable body in a chair. The man's face, on the other hand, has been painstakingly created. Eyes, nose, brow and mouth.

Each sculpted feature illustrated the life and vitality used to contrast his useless and formless body and limbs.

Miriam Kley, the artist responsible for creating these pieces, creates with one purpose in mind; that is, to create feelings in herself as well as those viewing her pieces.

When asked where her inspiration comes from, Kley said the feeling is visceral.

"I have a certain emotional reaction to something and the formal ideas for my pieces come from that," Kley said.

In her best pieces, Kley feels she is able to "get to the core of the subject matter, whether it is a portrait or a landscape."

Kley began doing reliefs in the 1970s while she was living in Cape Cod. She saw the dunes, rolling hills and picturesque homes and was inspired by the abundance of textures.

Her earliest pieces used plastic and epoxy as mediums. Kley doesn't use either substance in her pieces these days, saying

that the toxicity isn't worth it.

Kley is a New York transplant. She was born and raised in Brooklyn, lived for a time in Chicago and Paris, France, until she relocated to Eugene in 1990 after being offered a job at the UO. She has lived here since.

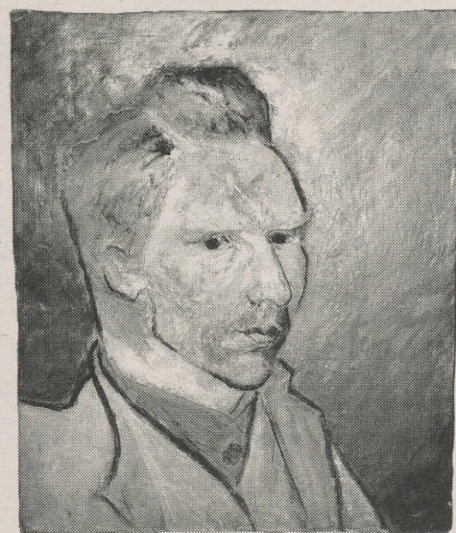
Kley's education started in New York at the High School of Music and Art. Kley graduated from Boston College with a bachelors degree in design and went on to complete her masters degree at the University of Chicago.

Kley went to Paris with her husband, where she studied cubist sculpture before returning to the United States.

Kley still teaches at the UO. "I love teaching because it takes me to places I wouldn't go necessarily, and that's interesting," Kley said.

Kley has two grown children, both of whom are musicians.

"I'm pretty happy," Kley said. "I've led quite a colorful life."



A bas-relief reproduction of Vincent Van Gogh's famous self portrait called Van Gogh VI. It was created by UO instructor Miriam Kley and is currently part of a show in the LCC art gallery.

'Can' hunger

Ariel Burkhardt
COPY EDITOR

Next week OSPIRG will volunteer to raise money, clothing and canned foods for National Hunger and Homeless Awareness week.

The OSPIRG volunteers are accepting donations of canned

food and money for Food for Lane County in the LCC cafeteria and will continue to accept all kinds of donations. For every dollar that is donated to OSPIRG for Food for Lane County they can produce six pounds of food that can be given to the homeless.

OSPIRG is also advocating for students to volunteer with OSPIRG in spreading the word about donating and working towards feeding the homeless.

"It's a really great way to help out the community. It means a lot to me because I've been to

food bins to get food. It's helping our community," OSPIRG volunteer Rachel Stauss said.

OSPIRG raised 750 pounds of food in its Trick or Canning event, reaching its goal with Food for Lane County.

"We try to have four volunteers each hour," Madeline Wright, an OSPIRG volunteer said. "We'll be here from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow and next week for three days."

"Hunger is a huge problem in our community and this is such a small act. You can make such a huge difference, you don't

have to be a huge corporation," Wright said. "Imagine next week when we're really pushing it. \$300 is our goal. So far, 12 people have signed up and we've been here for one hour."

"I like to feel like I'm doing something to help people," John Storie, a volunteer at the drive, said.

There will be three more events for Hunger and Homeless Awareness week. One event is the Spread the Warmth event where OSPIRG will be accepting clothing donations Nov. 13-17. The second event is the

Dollar Drive happening Nov. 13 - 15. The emphasis of that event is that every dollar accepted will equal six pounds of food.

The third event is the Reaching Out panel discussion, happening Nov. 16 in the cafeteria. Shelter Care, Looking Glass and Food for Lane County will be discussing hunger and homelessness and how it affects Lane County.

"Most people want to do something to help others but they don't know where to start," John Herbert, an OSPIRG volunteer said.

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NEWS FLASH

The Phi Theta Kappa club is asking for food donations to make holiday food baskets for the upcoming holidays. They are giving away turkeys with all the trimmings and asking for canned, pre-packaged food or non-perishable items to be donated to the PTK office, Building 1, Room 206E. If students know anyone who needs a basket of food for the upcoming season and would like to nominate them, they can contact Velda Ardaud in Building 2, Room 108D.

The Women's Comedy Festival takes place at LCC Nov. 10, 6 - 10 p.m. and Nov. 11, 9 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. There will be stand-up, improvising, sketch, comedy and musical comedy. The Amazons of Ashland, The Free Range Chix of Corvallis and the women of The Comedy Workout of Eugene will perform. The event is co-sponsored by The Comedy Workout and LCC. There will be a \$60 fee for the festival or a \$40 fee for just the Friday night performances that will include dessert and wine bar. For more information e-mail Leigh Anne at lajfun@accidentalcomic.com.

SPA presents Ruby by the River written by former LCC student Richard Leebrick and directed by current theatre student Benjamin Newman. The play is intended for mature audiences only. It contains strong language, partial nudity, scenes of sexuality and substance abuse. The play opens Nov. 9-11, 16 and 18 in the Blue Door Theatre at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Lane wins Southern Regional Championships

Total points champions of the Southern Region look to NWAACC title

Jimi McDonnell
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lane cross country team dominated the Southern Regional Championships in Battle Ground, Wash on Saturday, Oct 28.

The Titan runners placed in seven of the top 10 spots, including first through third. They accumulated only 17 total points, remember in cross country the lower your teams total the better. Their closest competition, Clackamas Community College, finished with a total 76 points.

Jordan McNamara was best in the eight-kilometer race with a time of 25:09. Teammates' John Figueiredo and Joe Churchill followed in second and third with a shared time of 25:57.

Head Coach Ross Krempley, this year's NWAACC Coach of the Year, called McNamara's performance unbelievable.

"He hasn't raced in nine

months due to a stress fracture, and has been taking it slow, I think he even surprised himself," Krempley said.

The Lane men paced themselves through the Southern Regional Championships, making sure they didn't get injured for the upcoming NWAACC Championships, a title that Lane hasn't won in 20 years. Krempley said his athletes showed maturity by not going their hardest in order to avoid injury.

"We could have only used our second five guys, and we still would have won the Southern Region with ease," Krempley said.

A.J. Casteel also had an outstanding race, finishing sixth, with a time of 26:44. Krempley called the effort his best race of the season.

The Lane women finished third overall in the five kilometer run, which was good enough to win the combined championship. Krempley felt the runners lacked focus though. "There were times that runners charged when they shouldn't have," he said.

Toma Starodubtseva and Danica Bates shined for the women's team. Starodubtseva finished fifth with a time of 19:46, followed by



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Team members on their way to Southern Regional Championship.

Bates in 11th place at 20:31.

Krempley called Bates a gritty runner.

"She's had an unbelievable season, especially since she is coming off of a knee surgery last year," Krempley said.

By finishing first in the Southern Region as they had expected, the cross country team is left with focusing on the upcoming

NWAACC Championship.

Krempley said, "Our guys are obviously ready to break that 20-year span of no NWAACC title, but it's still going to be tough. We're going to have to bring an incredible team, but we definitely have the talent."

The race will be held in Spokane, the home course for the reigning champions of the last

four years. It's going to be cold, which Spokane is used to. Krempley however, is still optimistic.

"If we run to our potential, then we'll win, if there's a team out there that can beat them, it's us," Krempley said.

The NWAACC Championships will be held on Saturday, November 11th. Good luck Titans.

Titans end season with win against Lower Columbia

Titans end season 14-3-2, headed to playoffs

Alyssa Waldman-Roberts
SPORTS WRITER

The Lane Titans walked out to the Red Devils field poised and prepared and the duo of Shawna Boyer and Kori Wilgus was unstoppable.

The team knew that they were in the playoffs no matter what happened to them at Lower Columbia (9-8-1). Lower Columbia, having the worst record in the NWAACC Southern Division, couldn't look forward to a playoff berth like Lane.

The first half started out with Lane

trying to score some early goals, but the first team to score were the Red Devils.

In the 25th minute Beth Smith scored to start them off with an early lead. The Titans knew they couldn't let them get any more goals and they also needed to score some of their own before the clock became an issue.

But to no avail. Lower Columbia couldn't score again and the Titans couldn't score at all.

The Titans knew they had to pick up the pace in the second half, because coach Dean Smith and the rest of the team knew that this was a must win game.

With only a couple minutes into the second half the dominant freshman forward Kori Wilgus scored to tie the game up at 1-1.

The Titans weren't done yet, a short

seven minutes later Shawna Boyer scored to put the Titans up 2-1. It stayed 2-1 for awhile due to neither team being able to penetrate enough to score.

"Even though we didn't score until the second half, we kept the pressure on them and ended up scoring four," Smith stated.

The 2-1 lead didn't last for long as the Titans scored again. Wilgus with her second goal of the game extended the lead to 3-1 in the 71st minute and with only 19 minutes before the end of the game. Lower Columbia could have tied the game up, but barely any pressure was put on the Titans goal after Lower Columbia scored their first and only goal. With the clock winding down the Red Devils' goalie Brittany Warren saw two very familiar faces when Boyer and Wilgus came

charging down the field as Wilgus passed it to Boyer who kicked it in to seal the win at 4-1 and their season at 14-3-2.

The Titans couldn't have been more proud and excited. "It was quite exciting winning this final game, everybody played really well and we just keep getting better," Smith said.

What a great way to end the season as the sophomore from Springfield sealed the deal with the last goal of the game. The Titans however didn't have much time to celebrate. They had their first playoff game on Wednesday, Nov. 8, against Wenatchee Valley who finished third in the East conference.

"We keep getting better every game, and we have steady growth as a team and I feel quite confident in how we will do in the playoffs," coach Smith said.

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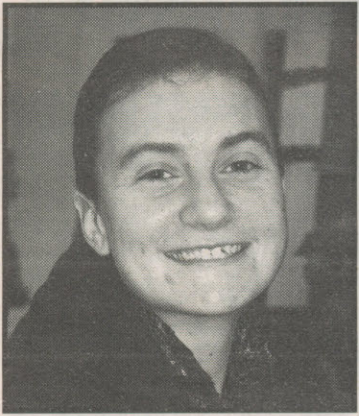
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"What was your hardest mid-term and why?"**Niki Swan**

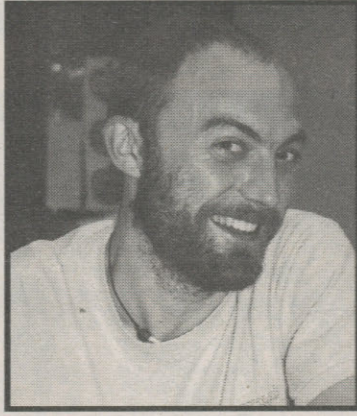
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"I didn't have a mid-term."

**Emily Swan**

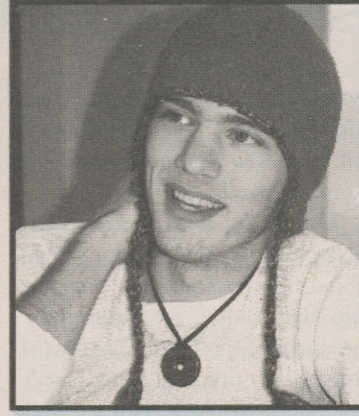
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"Anatomy. We had to study all of the bones in the body."

**Matt Letter**

ENERGY MANAGEMENT

"My paper was the hardest because that was the only one."

**Dustin Hunter**

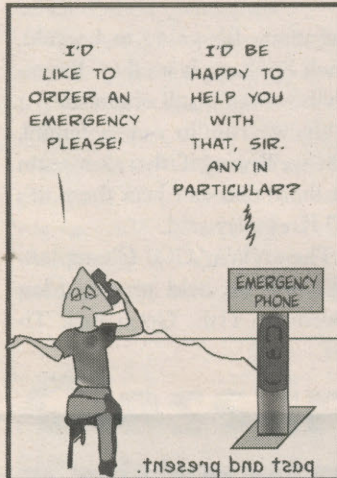
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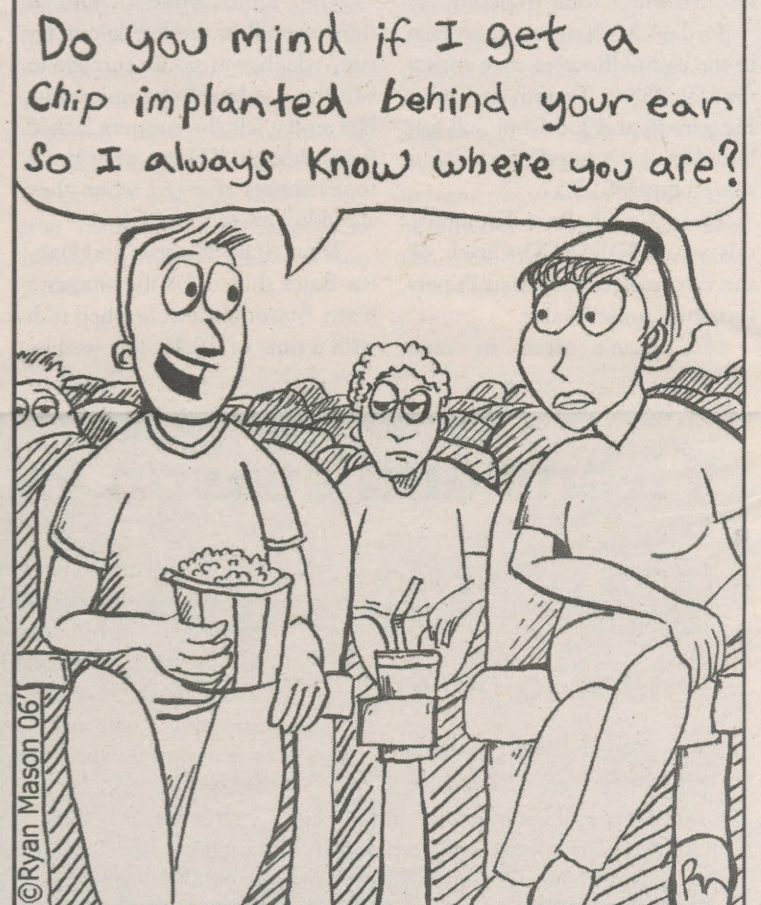
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"International relations. It was really in-depth. Short answer essay questions, multiple choice and essays."

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