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Professional snowboarder Kier Dillon wows the crowd at the U.S. Olympic qualifier held at Mt. Bachelor in January 2006. Students who wish to see the stars compete over the Winter break can check out the Mt. Dew Freestyle Series I Slope Style event running the weekend of Dec. 16 and 17 at Mt. Bachelor. Other national events will run well into March, 2007.

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Oregon snow sports season in full swing



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Annual Native American powwow set for Dec. 2

Event celebrates culture, food, music

Jenica Pistone
FEATURES EDITOR

The Native American Student Association is bringing some Native American fun to LCC on Dec. 2.

James Florendo, coordinator of LCC's Native American Student Association, has been the coordinator of the event for the past two years.

"The powwow is the biggest cultural event on campus," Florendo said. "It is a chance for students to bring their families and celebrate. It also is a good chance to practice drumming," he added.

The drums seem to be a popular attraction of the powwow.

Dancers and drummers from Salem and Cow Creek will be present, as well as performers from Eugene.

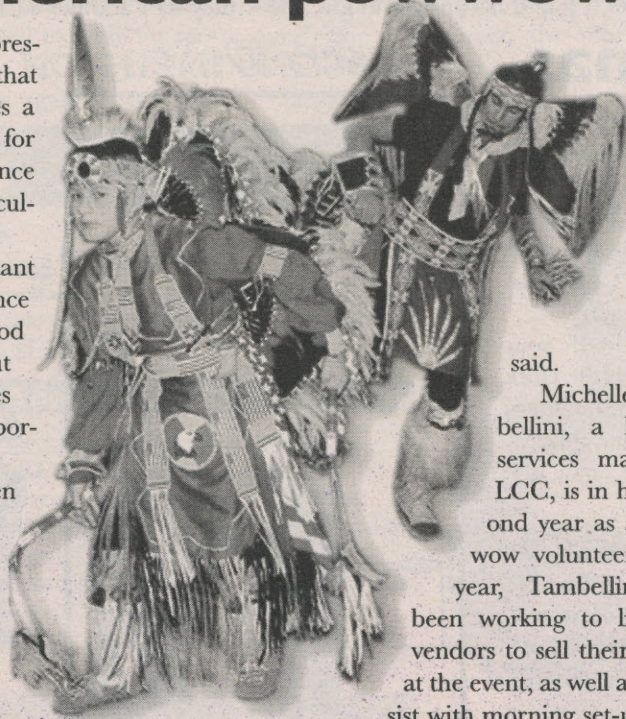
In addition to the dancing and drumming, vendors will attend. NASA will raffle goods donated by the vendors and members of the community.

Stephanie Wood, president of NASA, feels that the powwow provides a unique opportunity for students to experience Native American culture.

"It is really important for people to experience our culture," Wood said. "Learning about other people's cultures and ways of life is important for anyone."

Wood, who has been involved in NASA for two years, said that the drums were her favorite part of the event.

"The dancers are important because they dance for people who cannot dance: the sick, the elderly and those who have passed before us. The songs are for veterans and elders and honoring what they have done," she



said.

Michelle Tambellini, a human services major at LCC, is in her second year as a powwow volunteer. This year, Tambellini has been working to line up vendors to sell their goods at the event, as well as to assist with morning set-up procedures.

In addition to volunteering for NASA, Tambellini has an internship at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde in Eugene where she assists in several areas in-

cluding coordinating events and helping those of Native American descent trace their family trees.

"I like anything to do with anything Native American culture," she said. "It's kind of who I am. I grew up being very proud of my heritage."

For Tambellini, the powwow represents an opportunity to get together with others in the community who share her passion for the culture. "I love the native people. I get to see a lot of friends and family," she said. "[The powwow] helps me be proud of who I am and my culture, and be a well-rounded person."

The 14th Annual Powwow will be held in Building 5 from 1 p.m. to midnight. The Grand Entrances, which feature dancers in regalia, will be at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. A traditional dinner featuring salmon and side dishes will be served at 5 p.m.

The powwow is free for both students and community members. For information on volunteering or additional information on the event, contact Florendo at 463-5238, or e-mail at florendoj@lanecc.edu.

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Pay for school with the Hope Scholarship

As you work on your budget for the coming terms don't overlook your Hope Scholarship. You don't remember that award? That may be because nearly everyone is eligible and you do have to apply.

The Hope Scholarship is the name of the direct tax credit for all tuition and mandatory fees up to \$1100 and 50% of the next \$1100 for a total of \$1650 during each of the first two years of college. This law was created specifically with community college students in mind but applies to all college students during their first

two years.

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ition early. For example, let's assume that you started school Fall term and took 15 hours. Your tuition and fees would be a little over the \$1100 that could be refunded

Commentary

Greg Morganson

LCC Vice President for Finance



a dependent for tax purposes can use the credit. To apply you simply file a Form 8863 with your tax return.

To take full advantage you may need to pay your Winter term tu-

benefit of the next level which is 50% of the next \$1100 dollars you would need to pay your winter term tuition before the end of December unless you have tuition and fees paid from earlier in 2006.

The tuition and fees must be paid in 2006 for terms that started in 2006 or within the first three months of 2007.

There are some limitations. You or your parents must have taxes to be credited and the credit begins to phase out for taxpayers at higher levels of income. In addition, you cannot use the amount of any tuition and fees paid for with tax-free sources such as a scholarship to apply toward the credit. For most Lane students this will cover about half of their tuition and fees for full time atten-

dance.

The form you need can be found at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8863.pdf> and more detailed information is available at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf>. At this time this is the 2005 version of Publication 970 but is still pretty accurate except the amount for 2006 is increased to \$1,650 from \$1,500.

To finance a college education you need all the help you can get, so check out what the Hope Scholarship tax credit can do for you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DeFazio thanks voters

I appreciate the strong support given to me by the voters in Oregon's 4th Congressional District in this year's election. Thank you! Citizens in Southwest Oregon and across the country sent a strong message on November 7. Americans resoundingly said at the polls they want new leadership and a new direction for America on a host of important issues.

I am proud of what I have been able to accomplish for our district as a minority member of Congress. I am looking forward to the opportunities that serving in the majority and becoming the chairman of a major subcommittee will bring. I will have the chance to set national transportation policy while continuing to vigorously advocate on Oregon's behalf.

I urge the citizens of this district to stay engaged as we work toward a new direction for America. As always, I welcome your ideas and comments on federal issues, and my staff and I remain ready to serve you if you need help with a federal program or agency. You can contact me at 1-800-944-9603, or e-mail me by going to my website at <http://defazio.house.gov/>. Again, thank

you for your support and the opportunity to serve you in the 110th Congress.

Peter DeFazio

U.S. Representative
4th District of Oregon

Lone Soldier Represents Hope

A few weeks ago I visited with a group of people to celebrate the presence of a young man who had returned from Iraq for a short visit. He had been in heavy combat, so, indeed, we were celebrating the miracle of his rational, healthy existence. He shared photos, short computerized films and stories of some things he experienced. His presentation wasn't something I was prepared for but am glad I witnessed.

The soldier was sober, yet confident. He wasn't prideful or mean. He was a humanitarian-like I'm sure many who have served in the military are.

What a weird sensation it was to know this, to know the personal sacrifices he and his family have made and still wonder if what he'd been doing in Iraq was right. Asking him a question which obviously showed my doubt wasn't easy, but in doing so, I found his answer to give me

hope about American-Allied occupation there: no one is being fired at who doesn't show the potential to kill first.

While some of us still struggle with the harsh realities of this immense ordeal around the subject of Iraq, I wish to honor the huge effort military persons and their loved ones have given.

Laura Koerner

Eugene, Ore.

Economist no friend to Oregon

The news media has recently stated the wonderful things the late Dr. Milton Friedman, a Nobel Prize-winning economist has done to improve our economy and to improve our standard of living. I beg to differ in regard to his impact on the standard of living in Oregon. Friedman was indirectly responsible for the damage done to Oregon's infrastructure, including the reduction of state funding resulting from Measure 5.

Two large holders of commercial real estate in California had been trying unsuccessfully for years to cap the State of California property tax. In the mid-1970s, they had another such effort on the ballot

known as Proposition 13 and had the bright idea to ask Mr. Friedman, a Nobel Prize-winning economist, to help them pass their measure. Friedman, who as a well-known advocate of reducing the public sector, agreed to help them campaign for Proposition 13 in California and with his help it passed and this directly led to the passage of Measure 5 in Oregon. The voters in California didn't seem to understand that Prop. 13 was about fiscal policy since it was concerned with taxes and spending, while Dr. Friedman's Nobel Prize was for his work in monetary policy and that he had no expertise in the area of fiscal policy at all. To have relied on Dr. Friedman for advice regarding an issue such as fiscal policy is similar to visiting a proctologist for a sore throat! Wrong end of the field! Too bad the voters of California couldn't tell one end from the other because, if they had disregarded Friedman's advice, the public sector would not be suffering the problems associated with its declining infrastructure that is Friedman's gift to the citizens of Oregon.

Dennis Shine

Springfield, Ore.

The gift of Christmas

It's almost Christmas time and everyone is shopping for presents. If you're out of ideas for gifts, here are a few of my favorite things to give.

Give the gift of relaxation; buy a hot tub and don't forget to add the bubbles. Give the gift of amazement, buy a telescope. Seek out new worlds in outer space or see a shooting star. Make a wish!

Give the gift of taste, take someone out to dinner and make it fancy. Give the exotic, buy a cup of coffee and explore the world of Starbucks.

Get into the holiday spirit.

Make some hot chocolate and holiday cookies to share with your kitty. Build a fire and read a Christmas story.

If your kitty finds a mouse up the clock and chases it around, don't cry even if they spill some milk ... it's a happy new year, enjoy it!

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.

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John Mackwood
Columnist



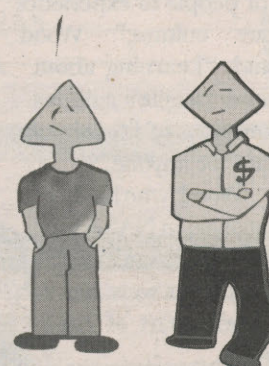
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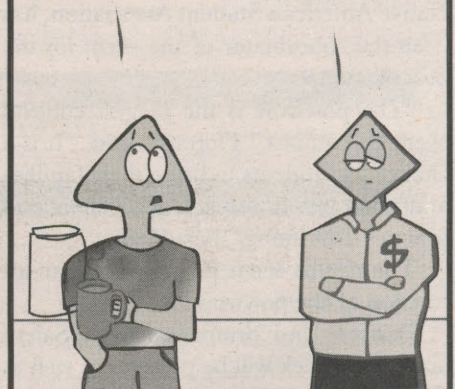
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Even though the boundaries of the resources that a land manager administers can be clearly defined, the information required by these stewards to work effectively continues to grow. Geographic Information Systems have become vital tools to help manage the data and applications to use these resources wisely.

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The GIS program will be operational Spring Term in geology, social sciences and ethnic studies classes.

Geographical program to correlate with classes

Ariel Burkhardt
COPY EDITOR

Program gives students a visual look at data that will coincide with classes and programs at LCC

The National Science Foundation has awarded LCC a grant of more than \$700,000 to fund a Geographical Information System course, for use in science, social science and computer technology programs.

The Advanced Technological Education fund of the NSF awarded the three-year grant to help enhance science and social science curriculums.

"It's a three-course sequence," Eric Sproles, GIS instructional designer, said. "The GIS will be offered in classes this spring."

Classes such as forest ecology, marine biology, ethnic studies that deal with hate crimes, and geology will all benefit by incor-

porating GIS data.

The GIS system takes all types of data and uses it as a mapping tool for students to get a deeper, visual look at their subjects. For example, an ethnic studies class can use the system to see areas in a city where crime exists and its rating. A marine biology class can use the system to map the migration paths of whales, while collecting temperature statistics, to see if the whales follow warm waters.

"GIS is an amazing career students can get. It's a pretty nice salary, knowing how to manipulate maps," Lynn Songer, a GIS instruction designer, said.

Government agencies and businesses use GIS to answer questions relating to the environment, land care and health use,

as well as public safety, education and business efficiency.

Local businesses such as EWEB use the program. During the Hurricane Katrina crisis, GIS was used to map the spreading respiratory disease, SARS, to coordinate relief efforts.

"It's a way that people can take and manipulate information and generate maps and information to solve problems," Songer said. "It can track pesticide run-off, tell where [police] squads have to go and follow the spread of disease."

LCC staff has been hired to use the system, as well as faculty members. Faculty hopes to be using the system in their classes by the upcoming Spring Term. The Science, Social Science and Computer Technology programs hope to work in collaboration and

share both resources and students, Songer said.

Geography instructor Jane Benjamin investigated and wrote the grant proposal that brought the GIS funding to LCC.

"We're hoping that it will help students use technology to help solve problems in regular situations and class curriculum," Benjamin said. "We want to put it in reach for women and minority students [for the] visibility and interest of technology. This is technology that is going to be used in many fields and in classes. It's an analysis tool and hands-on understanding of what data is saying," Benjamin said.

Four-year colleges will recognize three-sequence classes at LCC that use the program, Songer said.

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.

LCC's Native American Student

Association will hold its annual Powwow Saturday, Dec. 2, in the main gym in Building 5. The event is free and a free dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Grand entries will be at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. For more information call James Florendo at 463-5238 or visit the website www.lanec.edu/nasa.

LCC received its fifth sustainability award in the last 18 months, the Nonprofit Trashbuster Award from Lane County Public Works. The award was presented on Nov. 7. LCC recycles more

than 60 percent of its waste, including paper, plastic, wood, metals, food waste, cardboard and much more. The associated cost savings have been \$60,000.

Free drop-in tutoring services are being offered. For CS120, labs will be at Tutor Central in Room 205, and for CIT there will be tutors in Room 135A at Building 19. Math tutors will be in the MRC, Building 16, Room 169 for Math 10 – Math 97 and Room 177 for Math 105 and up. For music classes, tutors will be available in Building 6, Room 125.

Science tutors will be available in Building 16, Room 193.

The Term's End Shakespeare Showcase will be in the Blue Door Theatre. The presentation, given by LCC SPA and Shakespeare Player's Club, will be Friday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. It will be free (\$5 suggested donation). This production is an ongoing tradition at Lane as a collaboration between the Literature and Theatre Departments.

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OSPIRG releases its annual toy safety report

Report warns parents to be cautious when purchasing toys

Ariel Burkhart
COPY EDITOR

For the safety of all children this season and beyond, OSPIRG held its 21st annual toy safety report, Nov. 21, to display toys that have been deemed harmful to children or are considered unsafe for certain aged children.

In 2005, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said that 73,000 children were sent to emergency rooms because of toy related injuries.

In that same year, 20 children died from playing with unsafe toys and materials.

"Even one toy-related death is too many," Anne Guthrie, OSPIRG campus organizer said. "Because these deaths are preventable."

The most common types of toys that have proved unsafe for young children are magnets, jewelry that contain high amount of lead and toys with high volumes or sounds.

In 1979, toys that had unsafe parts

for children under the age of three were banned by the CPSC and were unable to be sold in stores.

In 1994 the Child Safety Protection Act required that toys with small parts that were unsafe to children between the ages of three and six would require a choking hazard warning label.

However, OSPIRG researchers found toys, meant for children under the age of three, which had small parts and did not have a hazard-warning label. OSPIRG has found a toy that is shaped like corks that could potentially pose a suffocation hazard. These toys are similar to Playskools Team Talkin Tool Bench in which two children choked on plastic nails.

"Toddlers put everything in their mouths," Guthrie said. "CPSC should make the small parts test more protective of children under three and consider warning labels for toys shaped like corks or the toy nails that caused two children to suffocate."

"While we can report substantial

progress after more than two decades of advocacy on behalf of America's littlest consumers, OSPIRG still found trouble in Toyland," Guthrie said.

Magnets have proved to be unsafe if they're swallowed. Two magnets inside the body can cause bowel obstruction and surgery is required. Last year, one young boy died during Thanksgiving after he swallowed magnets. OSPIRG asked CPSC to require warning labels on toys that have magnets telling parents to seek medical attention if their child swallowed magnets.

In February 2006, a four-year-old child died of lead poisoning after swallowing a bracelet that was made with 99 percent lead. High levels of lead have been known to delay mental and physical development, as well as resulting in death, in children if there are exposed to it. OSPIRG has found jewelry for children containing high levels of lead that had 1.8 to 34 percent lead in it. Again, the CPSC was called on by OSPIRG to create mandatory requirements with jewelry manufacturers, retailers and suppliers to make sure their products do not contain lead.

"We've known for decades that lead

poses serious health risks to children, so it's unacceptable that consumers can still find lead-laden children's jewelry on stores shelves," Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy said.

"Loud toys are more than just annoying to parents. They can hurt a child's hearing," Guthrie said. "Manufacturers can make toys a little quieter without sacrificing play value."

Devices that create sounds that reach 85 decibels can result in hearing damage, which can lead to slow language development if exposed for prolonged periods of time.

The American Society for Testing and Materials International set the standard at 90 decibels for noise-making toys. However, OSPIRG has found toys that produce sounds as high as 100 decibels.

Guthrie wants parents to know that the list of toys they have deemed as unsafe is only a small sample of potentially harmful toys that are on the shelves.

"Shoppers should examine all toys carefully for hidden dangers before they make a purchase this holiday season," Guthrie said.

A complete list of unsafe toys can be found at www.toysafety.net.

Bookstore Open House & Raffle



December 6

Refreshments 1:30 p.m.

Santa visits from 1:30-2 p.m.

Raffle drawing 2 p.m.

3 raffle prize packages:

- (1) Bilbao kayak, cooler and High Sierra backpack
- (2) Telescope and stainless steel travel set
- (3) Cuisinart coffeemaker, Thermos, cordless phone and 5.5" TV with radio

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College closure info

To find out if the college is closed during bad weather, tune in radio or television news. The college notifies KLCC 89.7 and other news media when the decision to close is made. Stations in turn make announcements as soon as they receive information.

Closure announcements are also posted to Lane's home page at www.lanecc.edu, and when possible, to the local school closure site at www.valleyinfo.net. Information is also available by calling the college switchboard at 463-3000.

LTD route changes do not necessarily indicate a college closure. When 30th Avenue is icy, LTD will send buses around the hill. LTD stays in close contact with LCC public safety and in the event of a closure operates buses to the college long enough to make sure everyone gets out. An index of snow and ice route information is available at ltd.org.

Weather closures or delays can be announced at any time given the conditions. In general, early morning closures or delays are reported by 6 a.m. Evening closure information is reported by 3 p.m. Evening classes are those that begin at or after 5 p.m. It is important to stay tuned to the media because sometimes conditions will improve. So a day closure doesn't necessarily mean there will be no evening classes.

The delay policy is that students and faculty should report to a class or lab at the new starting time if at least 50 minutes of class/lab time remains. The remainder of the day would continue on the regular schedule.

Staff should not report to work if the college is closed unless they receive specific instructions from their supervisors or in the news announcements. If some facilities are closed and others remain open, those who work at the open facilities should report to work as usual.

Lane's Community Learning Centers at high schools follow the host high school's closure schedule.

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Education a life-long love for Lane patron

King's donations help fund Reading Together

Larry Coonrod
EDITOR IN CHIEF

For many people retirement is time to kick back after a lifetime of hard work. For Jane King it meant going back to school.

It wasn't King's first time at college. From a young age, education had always been important to her.

"I grew up in a little farming community and not a whole lot of people went to college, but that was something I always planned to do," she said.

In those days, educational programs for women were limited. King earned her undergraduate degree in home economics.

"It was the traditional thing then," she said. "I originally planned to work for a big company and give cooking demonstrations."

Twenty years later, she earned a master's degree in remedial reading and diagnostic information at Miami University of Ohio.

"I was going to take a class just for fun because I loved to go to school," King said.

"I took one class and then I said I might like to substitute teach and about a month later someone asked me if I'd like to take over this remedial reading program. So, while I was getting my master's I was running the program."

King put her new degree to work by teaching in schools in Pennsylvania and Ohio. After her husband Don, with whom she just celebrated their 62-wedding anniversary on Nov. 11, retired from Pennsylvania Plate Glass, they decided to move to Eugene where their daughter works as a fundraiser for UO. Originally, they thought they might retire in North Carolina, but after visiting Oregon, they changed their minds.

"What an adventure. We did camping and things I'd never done before," King said.

Called by her love of education, King decided to take a class at LCC.

"I thought it would be fun to go to school to take a class. I went out to Lane and took a couple of classes and then I was hooked."

Over the next several years, King completed more than a hundred credit hours. She took courses in writing, literature, philosophy and religion.

"Some classes I'd take twice because I enjoyed them so much," King said.

Of all the classes she took, the learning community ones were her favorite, she said.

"The most fun one I ever had

was a learning community where we had four instructors and 12 hours of credit. It was history, writing, theatre and philosophy and it went for an entire year," she said.

"When you were with the same group of people for that long, you got to know them. It's been probably 10 years ago, but when I see those students we still have a bond and we talk about the times that we had out there."

Learning how to use a computer proved challenging for King who had never used one before attending LCC.

"I also took a class in desktop publishing when I got my first computer with Pete Peterson. That was a real stretch. I didn't even know how to turn on the computer and here I am trying to make newsletters," she said.

Appreciating the opportunity that LCC provides to students, King started supporting learning community programs financially. Don King's former employer, PPG, would match their educational contributions up to \$20,000.

"Of course I couldn't quite make that," she said, chuckling.

The Kings recently received notice the PPG was phasing out the matching contributions.

"I can understand, they're situated in Pennsylvania so they don't really get a lot of credit for what they do in Eugene," Jane King said.

King said that eventually she didn't feel as though LCC was putting her contributions to effective use.

"Over the years I had given a lot of money and after one instructor left, nobody was really doing very much with the money," she said. "Then a new (Lane) foundation director came in and said, 'Let's do something really big with the money'."

Faculty and the Lane Foundation decided to expand on the learning together communities with a new reading together project.

Reading Together coordinator Ellen Cantor said that she believes that King's financial contributions have given students a unique opportunity.

"She wanted students at Lane to have the co-curriculum enrichment that students at a (4-year) liberal arts college would get," Cantor said. "She's a pretty amazing woman."

A year-long campus wide reading program is so unique Cantor said that she believes LCC maybe the only college in the country doing it.

"Most colleges will use a book for entering freshmen, and they'll use it for maybe a month or two and that's it," she said.

"I was thrilled, because I love to read," King said. "By that time

I was not taking classes anymore, so this gave me an opportunity to be on Lane. I've been on the reading committee and get to read the books and help choose the books."

LCC invites one of the reading together authors to speak with students and faculty every year. Visiting authors stay for several days with the Kings at their home near Hendricks's Park.

Jane King said she was looking forward to having "Buffalo for the Broken Heart: Restoring Life to a Black Hills Ranch," author Dan O'Brien stay this year as she is a

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Lane philanthropist Jane King supports learning communities.



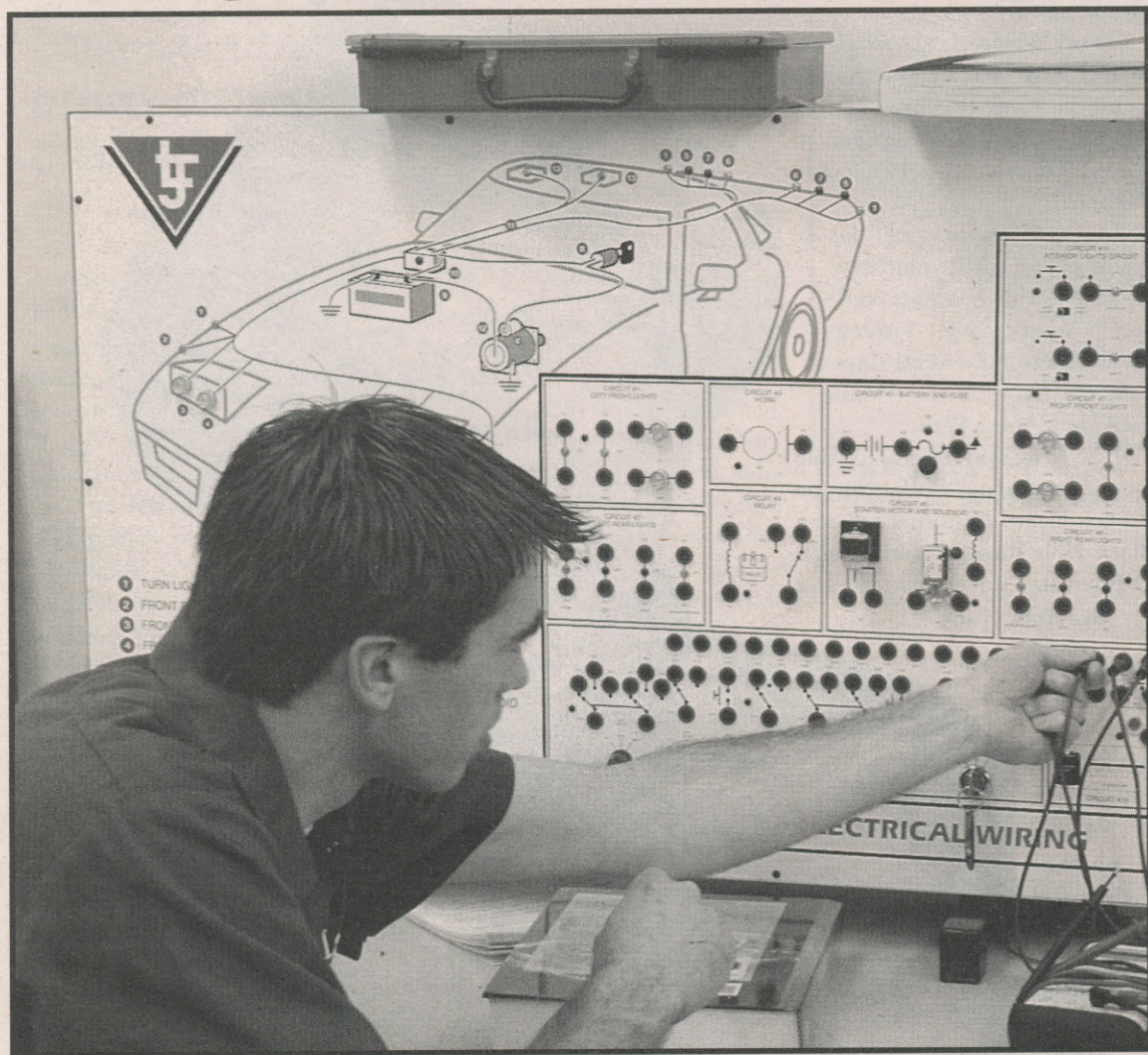
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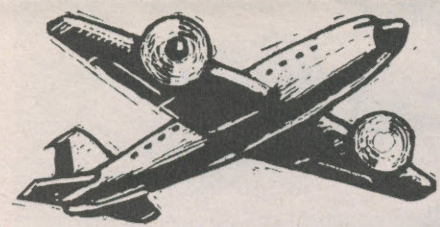
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LCC prepares for instructional redesign



Second year automotive technology student John Peters uses a computer simulator as an alternative to an instructor's lecture.

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Committee strives to improve education while saving money

Jenica Pistone
FEATURES EDITOR

In response to decreased funding, LCC President Mary Spilde has called for a redesign of instruction.

Vice President Sonya Christian and other committee members hope to find a way to improve upon current educational methods while decreasing costs to offset the recent budget cuts.

According to the current proposal draft, the committee's intention is to "establish the process for rethinking instruction with the goal of sustaining our institutional vision and core values in the current economic reality," while at the same time "examining our institutional process and how technologies can be used to control costs."

"It basically means three things," Christian said. "One, the redesign of instruction. Two, to streamline the work process. And three, to use leverage technology."

The committee is currently researching the best way to go about this, including looking at other institutions and organizations that have faced similar challenges. While the task force is taking into account where these colleges were successful or not, it plans to design a unique system to fit LCC's specific needs.

"It's important to decrease costs, while still keeping LCC as awesome as it is," Christian said.

Some departments have already made substantial changes in that direction.

Auto mechanics is one such program. In the summer of 2006, LCC installed a computer lab equipped with a program that would reduce the amount of time it took for a student to get through the program.

Previous to the lab installation, auto mechanics classes were set up in lecture-lab format. Because there were only two instructors, only two topics were offered each term. Students wishing to take a particular class would have to wait until the next term that the class was offered.

"If you didn't come to school when that part was offered, you might have to wait a few terms," LCC auto mechanics instructor Paul Corker said.

Each class was broken down into four levels: lecture, computer-based training, working with a trainer, which is simulation equipment and testing their skills on an actual car.

The computer lab however, allows students to get most of

their instruction from a computer, which offers instruction in engine repair, brakes, automatic transmissions and five other areas. Each computer is hooked up to a simulation machine, which the student works on simultaneously.

By using computers for lectures, the instructors find that they are able to spend more time working with students in the hands-on portion.

"We get more one-on-one time ... students get more instructional value out of it," Corker said.

In addition to offering more classes and freeing up instructors for individual instruction, the auto mechanics lab has allowed for growth in program enrollment, decreasing the student-teacher ratio, and the overall cost of the program.

"We're able to increase the number of students by one third,"

Corker said. "It allows us to accommodate more students per instructor, which cuts down the cost of the program."

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Hit the slopes without spending a lot of cash

Lift ticket options available for beginners and experts

Dejah McDougall
A&E EDITOR

All you snow riding fiends, here's the lowdown. Willamette Pass and Mt. Bachelor both have deals so you can get up there without taking out an extra loan.

If you are new to the sport your best bet will be at Willamette Pass. But first, you have to get geared up.

I asked Svein Berg at Berg's Ski Shop what the necessities are for beginners. He says beginners should have "a good waterproof warm jacket."

Berg had a suggestion on a common place people could get one.

"A lot of times they can find a jacket in their closet that will work just fine ... just avoid cotton," Berg said. He also said you need waterproof pants, sweats and a sweatshirt underneath to stay warm, gloves, warm socks, a hat and, weather permitting, goggles.

He said that people might think that Berg's only sells high priced items; it isn't true. "We do have those price point items ... we can match the prices (with stores like G.I. Joe's and Big 5)," Berg said. Berg's has a budget section where you can get bibs for \$45, gloves for \$20, socks for \$5, a hat for \$10 and a good pair of goggles for \$19.95.

Just be smart and check the ads in the paper. You can also find used goggles and gloves at Play It Again Sports. "Take assessment of what's in your closet," Berg said. Don't forget you should never wear jeans on the mountain.

Now, there is a need for snowboards, boots and bindings. Unless you are devoted to snowboarding as your new favorite sport, I recommend rentals. Willamette Pass has an excellent "first timer package." For \$50 you will get a lift ticket for the lower mountain (trust me that's all you need on your first day), rentals (skis or boards) and a lesson.

You are all set now you just need to get there. Berg's has a bus that goes up on Saturdays for \$12, or you can ride the Willamette Pass Charter bus Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holi-

days. The price isn't set yet, but it usually averages around \$14. For any information on Willamette Pass you can call the snow phone 541-345-SNOW or go to willamettepass.com.

If you are an avid snowboarder or skier, it's not even worth getting your gear out unless you're going to Mt. Bachelor.

The bad news is an all-day lift ticket costs \$52 this season. Ouch. The good news is that Berg's has a bus that will take you there and back on a Saturday for \$55 (19-years and older, \$49 18-years and younger), only \$3 more than the lift ticket price.

Some holiday times will be bus ride separate and then it's \$25 for the ride, so make sure you call 541-683-1300 or go to bergsski-shop.com. You can reserve a seat over the phone with a credit card.

Berg's also claims the cheapest rentals in the state. I called Mt. Bachelor and Berg's seemed the best option. You can rent boots, board, and bindings for \$20 a day or skis, boots, and poles for \$10.

If you are looking to buy some new gear, used equipment can be a cost-effective way to go. It's good to check the classifieds for equip-



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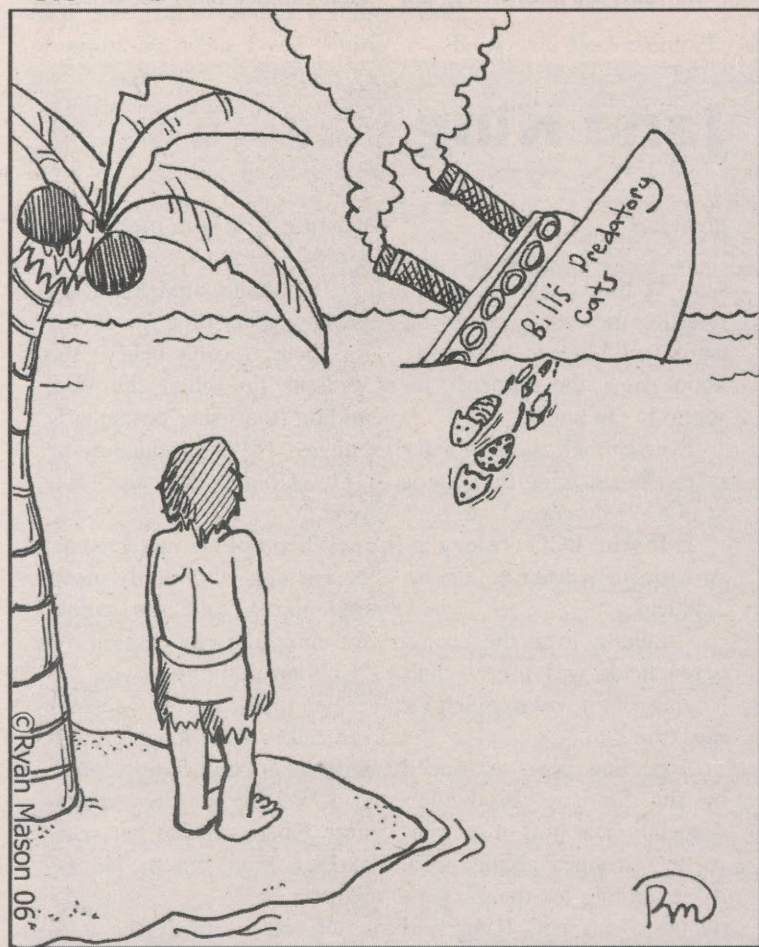
LCC student Sean Hoffman catches some preseason air at Willamette Pass Ski Area in November, 2005. According to its website Willamette Pass, is scheduled to open today.

ment or you can try Play It Again Sports. A used board and bindings combo can run anywhere from \$120 to \$200. If that seems like a lot, keep in mind that a decent brand new board will start

around \$300. Used boots can be bought for \$29 to \$59 also.

There you have it. That's the run down. I hope you all make it to the snow this winter and have a nice ride.

At Random By Ryan Mason



Correction to Nov. 16 Clothing Stash story

The LCC Clothing Stash was established in 1981 by Campus Ministries. Contributions are welcomed from students and staff. The Clothing Stash cannot accept underwear. Employment opportunities are limited to students receiving federal work-study funds. Tina Lymath has been involved with the program on and off over the past 12 years.

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NOVEMBER 30, 2006

Denali literary arts magazine hits stands

Lane County artists display their work

Ariel Burkhart
COPY EDITOR

The first issue of Denali for the Fall Term has been released and is available to all the art and literary nuts out there. The issue brings a sense of a warm fall so people can snuggle up for the winter with an outstanding issue of Denali.

With 180 art submissions and 56 pieces of literature submitted, Denali offers, not only LCC's finest, but Lane County's finest in art, poetry, short story's, photography and more.

"I'm pretty happy with it," Denali's Editor in Chief, Lindsey Brown said. "It was really art heavy so it was really hard choosing the literature."

No kidding. The art outweighs the literature by more than half of Denali's content and almost steals its thunder. From the cover, an oil and acrylic painting by Emma Brochier, a fiery, passionate piece that brings the last colors of fall we'll see, to a color photograph, by Jennifer Blue, of a porcupine whose sweet disposition is noted

until you find out it's dead. It's probably the coolest dead thing I've ever seen photographed.

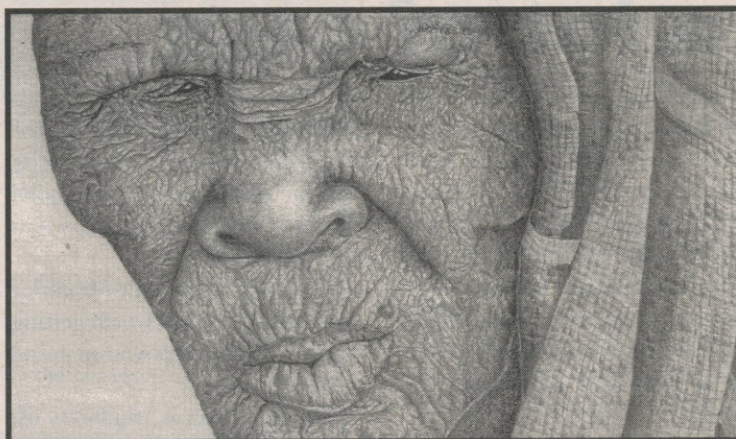
"I don't know if I should say, 'I found art by chance,' I think I've always needed to express myself through abstract expression, it always was under my skin, waiting for the right time to bloom so I could explore different worlds," Brochier said.

"Art is the key for change; for good change. It was my key when my grandfather died. This key helped me to exorcize my pain and face the world with genuine feelings. Art is the key for love, for great love. It helped me to find the most wonderful artist and husband, Nemo. We both believe art is a powerful tool to help people understand, respect and empower themselves. But this gift requires something: an open mind and an open heart," Brochier said.

A mix of black and white and color photography carries personal and subtle images.

One image, a family of four stranded in a parking lot holds two grieving faces and a big smile from a young girl, who seems unaware of her family's disadvantage.

"[She was at a] Wal-Mart parking lot with her kids and



Kath Gunson's "Refugee" a colored pencil drawing is featured in the Fall 2006 Denali.

she had drove in from Colorado Springs and had gotten in town. The car broken down on the way and they didn't have jobs yet. She was panhandling money to get a hotel room for her family," Morrill said.

Morrill teaches photography at LCC and her favorite portraits are environmental portraits, she said.

"My passion is portraits, people are inherently fascinating," Morrill said. "I want to put together a portfolio to use to advocate more public housing in Eugene."

Morrill displayed her photography in the LCC gallery last February.

Brown called in all her favors

when asking for art submissions. Worried that there wouldn't be enough responses from the community, she called all her friends and their friends and asked for any and all of their art. The response was more than she could handle.

"It's amazing art, I never expected it. Ideally I can get more art and have a bigger publication. It's quite a process, going from 200 to 24 [pieces]," Brown said.

In a rare edition of Denali, there is a duo of artists; a mother and her daughter both had their works accepted into the issue. Kathleen Gunson submitted a colored pencil drawing of an old woman's face called 'Refugee.' The woman's face is so wrinkled, it makes me feel better about the newborn crows feet I have around my eyes. But there is something beautiful about all these wrinkles and the hard-set lines in an old

woman's face. Black, hidden eyes tell a long, emotional story all by themselves.

"I was in Guatemala in March and the people are the subject of many of my drawings. I also completed a large bronze piece with Amy Salzman Spring Term. It is yard art. I am also doing an independent study in clay with him and hopefully will have a bust finished by the end of this term and I know it will be done [by] winter for certain," Gunson said.

Emma Gunson-Anderson, Kathleen Gunsons' daughter, has a watercolor piece with bubble-like textures that make me think of an underwater scene in Technicolor.

In a first-person narrative in 'That Was Sunday,' a man walks us through a week in his life with strong, surrounding images and a puzzling mind. Written By Ezra Killingsworth, a week of unforgettable, cold memories flash one after another in a confusing but familiar story. The monologue is recognizable with day-to-day life, with a voice so honest it hits home on a personal level, as if it's your own voice.

"Denali is something you can get published in," Brown said.

Anyone from Lane County can submit art, photographs and literature to Denali. "It's a good way to get published," She said. Submissions for the Winter Term edition can be submitted at the Denali office Bldg, 18, Rm 213.

Reading Together seeks book suggestions

Reading Together coordinator Ellen Cantor is asking students to submit suggestions for next year's book selection. The following criteria are used in book selection:

- Interdisciplinary character
- Quality of writing
- General appeal
- Accessibility
- Reasonable length
- Author availability
- Relevance to LCC students

- Service/community service potential
- Relevance to LCC core principles of learning, diversity, innovation, collaboration and partnership, integrity and accessibility.

Deadline for submission is Wednesday, Jan. 17.

Suggestions can be submitted to Cantor at 463-3660 or email: cantore@lanecc.edu

Book selections may also be submitted through the Reading Together website at: www.lanecc.edu/readingtogether/suggest-books.html

Jane King Page 5

great fan.

"I've read them all," she said. "I think he'll be an interesting person to have on campus. I'd love to hear more about how the students respond to the books."

Even though she no longer takes classes, King said she is at LCC "when ever I can be."

Last year, LCC ecology instructor invited her on a coast field trip.

"Walking over the strawberry fields was pretty challenging, but it was so much for me," she said.

Attending plays produced by the Students Production Association is one of her favorite activities, King said. After funding for theatre productions was cut, King said she has been impressed at how well the students have done

running their own production group.

"That's an amazing story, because everything just folded for them. I can't believe the students do that," she said, adding that she particularly enjoyed SPA's production of "The Cherry Orchard" this year.

When not attending events or learning community meetings, King said she enjoys traveling and enjoying all the "wonderful things to do" in Eugene. Always the educator she tutors once a week at an after school homework club.

Reflecting on her education, King said that her years at LCC were among her favorites.

"It was certainly the most rewarding and inspiring part of my education I think."

One Special Night at Lane's Bookstore

Wednesday, December 6 from 5-6:30

Exclusive night of shopping for Lane Community College faculty, staff and friends. Special discounts on clothing, gifts and Lane imprinted items. Come enjoy the evening and shop to holiday music, hot spiced cider and holiday cookies. Free gift wrap available. Prize drawing, too.

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Soccer places third in NWAACC playoffs

Lane places five players on Regional All-Star Team

Josh Hutchins
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Lane women's soccer team finished its season with a record of 16-4-2. They made it to the final four of the NWAACC championship and tied for third place. On Saturday, Nov. 18, they lost to Spokane Community College 2-0, the team that went on to win first place. Head coach Dean Smith said that a conservative estimate would be that Lane had a three to two shot advantage over Spokane. "We certainly had them on their heels more than half, I'd say closer to two-thirds of the game," Smith said. Spokane was unable to pressure goalie Emily Brown throughout the game, and was fortunate to score when they did.

"Both goals that they scored on hit the bar, so they were just out of reach of our goalie, and they just bounced inside the goal, but they never touched the net," Smith said.

Lane's Callie Cram and Eloise Cole were both given yellow cards.

"When you're playing defen-

sively, you're always on the edge," Smith said. "If you don't have defenders that are playing on the edge, then you're not going to be effective."

Spokane's attack was led by Lauren Nay, who won Most Valuable Player for the NWAACC tournament. She scored in the 27th minute and got an assist at the 65-minute mark.

That Saturday, Lane scouted the Walla Walla, Southwestern Oregon Community College game.

They felt that they matched up really well against Walla Walla, as it turned out, they lost to the eventual champions.

Sunday's match against SOCC marked the third meeting of the year between the two teams, and wound up in a 0-0 tie. A game Smith described as tactically, the best game of the year.

"In terms of physical performance, everybody was at top level, top speed, top conditioning. Last game we didn't have to sub anybody the whole game and they played a just incredibly fast, precision pace the whole game,"



PHOTO COURTESY OF COACH DEAN SMITH

Lane and Southwestern Oregon Community College take the field for their third place game.

he said. The first meeting with SOCC was the only game the head coach and team captains felt like they really should have lost the whole year. They weren't prepared for it mentally, and lost 3-0.

The second game came down

to a 2-2 tie. In the Sunday match, Lane pressured SOCC the entire game, ending up with 10 shots on goal to their two, not counting balls that were cranked wide, or over the top. "They just simply did not have opportunities ... anything that they had was on a

set play, either a foul outside of the box, or a corner kick," Smith said.

Lane placed five players on the Regional All-Star Team. Brittany Hayes, a sophomore who played midfielder for Lane got co-MVP

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New goalie contributes talents to soccer

Emily Brown holds the school record for the hammer throw

Josh Hutchins
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

A series of moves and position changes led sophomore track and field standout Emily Brown to the starting position as goalie for Lane's soccer team.

Originally, from California, she went to high school in Delano, Calif.

She later moved to Arizona to go to college.

The move wasn't a big deal for her.

"I've moved around all my life, my dad was in the Navy, so I'm really used to transitioning and trying to meet new people," Brown said.

The Philippines was the most interesting place she lived growing up, Brown, who is half Filipino, said.

After attending college in Arizona for a year, Brown transferred to Lane.

"I went to Glendale Community College my first year, and met my boyfriend. He got recruited to the UO for javelin and he asked me if I wanted to move up here," Brown said. "I did track and field at the Arizona college my first year and called up here to see if they

had a team."

Lane did, so she ended up throwing discus, hammer, and shot put.

Brown holds the Lane record in the hammer throw.

"The second year of track, I heard that there was going to be a soccer team, so I got really interested and asked some questions and tried out for the team," Brown said.

She played three years of soccer in high school, where her position was sweeper. She started this season as a forward.

Brown said the coach asked her to start training for goalie around the middle of the season, in order to give the team's other goalie some competition and some motivation to be better. "So I said yes just to help the team out and I just obtained the goalie position ... I showed what I had in a game and was starting goalie," she said.

Before going in to the Saturday Nov. 18 semi-finals, in Tukwila, Wash., Brown has started three games as goalie.

Brown said she gets a lot of support from her defense, which is one of the best in the

NWAACC as far as she's concerned. The Titan defense allowed only one goal in their victory over Wenatchee Valley Wednesday, Nov. 8 at Lane. On Nov. 11, the defense shut out Tacoma Community College. Lane's potent offense scored only one goal that game, but that was all the team needed.

"Against Tacoma I had one of the best games of my life," Brown said, "I had some awesome saves."

Teammate Anastasia Stanzak thought highly of Brown's play at goalie.

"She did really well. She does really well every game," Stanzak said.

Brown said she has mixed feelings about the position change.

"I really like to play on the field, but I also like to be goalie," she said. "From the goalie position you can see the whole field, so you usually shout out. I'm usually yelling all the time."

Head coach Dean Smith is really understanding of women athletes, Brown said. "In high school I just played for fun, and here I'm playing for fun also, but I'm also playing for school at the same time," she said.

Brown is going for two degrees, one in legal assisting and

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PHOTO BY LARRY COONROD

Lane goalie Emily Brown guards the net against Tacoma.

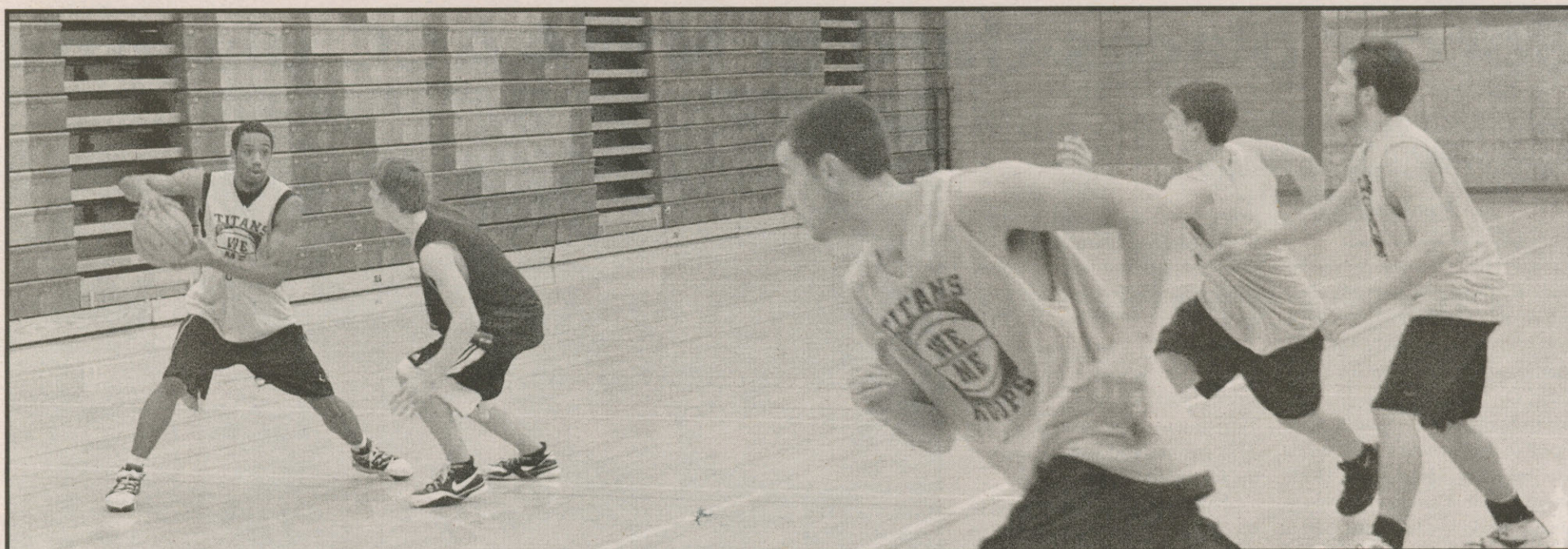


PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

Titans are back in practice after a Thanksgiving weekend tournament.

Men grab second at Pierce tourney

Lane wins twice; loses to Columbia in weekend contest

Alex Braga
SPORTS REPORTER

The Lane Community College men's basketball team traveled to Pierce Community College on Nov. 24 at the Pierce Thanksgiving Invitational Tournament and left with a second place trophy and a much needed confidence boost with league play only a month away.

"I told my guys that they left the Lakewood area a lot better team than when they arrived," head coach Bruce Chavka said. "They represented Lane well at that tournament."

The Titans were forced to play just hours after the commute and came out sluggish in the opening game against Watcom Community College. Lane eventually woke up in the second half to earn a

73-68 victory.

Sophomore guard David Webb who scored 19 points led the Titans. Webb spread the ball around the floor well finishing with five players in double figures.

"David, whether he likes it or not, is a player that everybody on the team looks up to," Chavka remarked. "He is a great leader for our team and had a good weekend. He's the kind of player that when he talks, everyone listens."

The second game clash with host school Pierce was one of leg-end as the Titans earned a victory in the likeness of an infamous NCAA championship game in the early 90s.

With four seconds left, Titan Brandon Hausman scored to give them a one-point lead.

Pierce then called their final timeout. On the ensuing play scored to regain their one-point advantage. But the scorers table failed to start the game clock after the ball was inbounded, so the referees had to confer and subsequently decided to count the basket and leave one second on the

clock.

Lane, trying for a desperation pass and basket, threw the ball out of bounds on the inbounds play, turning it over to the Raiders and all but ending the game.

With a second left on the clock as the ball was not touched on the play, Pierce then called a timeout, incurring a technical foul as they had none left.

Freshman Kyle Winkler stepped up and sank two consecutive free throws to give Lane a 73-72 victory and a trip into the championship game of the tourney.

"I was afraid that I had iced him a little because I told him right when the play happened, before the ref's had set everything up, that he was going to be shooting those free-throws," Chavka said. "It didn't phase him though and he stepped up big for us."

The Titans were led in scoring by all-tournament selection Will McCoy with 17 points and Hausman who contributed 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Hausman and McCoy have both been battling injuries and

sickness this season but had impressive performances during the tournament.

Hausman is two weeks removed from a broken wrist suffered in the off-season and with his 6'8" frame has been a force in the paint, averaging double figures in points and rebounds in all three games since returning.

"Brandon is a monster," Chavka said. "He is a really tough, savvy kid who is really big inside his presence helps the confidence of our whole team."

McCoy, who is coming off of a week of sickness and a nagging tooth ailment, stepped up his play in the tournament, leading Lane with an average of 17 points per-game.

"Will hadn't really started 'til the championship game, but was huge for us off the bench," Chavka said. "He's so quick and difficult to guard that defenses have to focus on him, which opens things up for other players. He has a huge upside for us now that he's healthy."

When Lane finally made it to

the championship game against Columbia Basin College, they were a team drained of any remaining energy they had in their tank as the three-day trip had taken its toll.

"I'm proud of our team because it was a really emotional weekend for us with the long drive up and then playing that same night, staying in a hotel and the second game with its emotional ending," Chavka recalled. "It was an emotional rollercoaster but we hung in there and played tough through it."

The Titans got off to a good start against the Hawks as the game was tied at 46 going into halftime, but they were outscored in the second half 51-22 and ended up losing 97-68.

The Titans next action is the Dale J Bates Tournament, which they host from Dec. 8-10. They follow that with two more tournaments mixed in with two single game match-ups before league play starts on Saturday, Jan. 6, at home versus Chemeketa Community College.

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along with Lisa Worden of SOCC. For the year, she had 11 goals and four assists. Lane's other All-Stars were Kori Wilgus, a forward with 32 goals, and two assists on the year. Callie Cram is an All-Star midfielder who accumulated 17 goals, and nine assists.

Mesha Clayton, and Penny Sullivan who were both defenders also made the team. Coach Smith was pretty happy with the selections, he did say that we could have easily had another forward and midfielder in there. Clackamas Community College had the most All-Stars with six, because they put in a goalie. The NWAACC will also have an All Region Team. Heather Bishop (10 goals, nine assists), Shawna Boyer (13 goals, 10 assists), and Nichol Moore (one goal, two assists) will represent Lane on that team.

The theme for the women's soccer team this year was rhythm. "It's a real testament to them as players, and their ability to pick things up ...

we had to work on some really complex, tactical offensive, and defensive schemes that were really difficult," Smith said. He said that since he was the new coach, he didn't get to work with them until the end of July. He said it was a crash course.

Not only did they have to work on skill development, fitness, and conditioning, but they had to devote time to understanding concepts.

The soccer team is losing 11 sophomores, essentially eight starters.

Three or four are talking to four-year colleges.

Smith has four verbal commitments from incoming freshmen for next year, and about a half-dozen who he says are sitting on the fence.

"I was just very proud of the girls, they worked so hard this year, and just, they saved the best for last, it certainly showed ... they should be very proud of the whole season," Smith said.

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one in administrative assisting. Besides school and practices, she has several hobbies.

"I like to sing really loud and dance. I love to dance hip hop and I am kind of a Suzy Homemaker, I like to sew and cook, bake actually," she said.

Brown said she prefers Oregon to California and Arizona.

"[It's] the people I love the most, everyone is really friendly here. In Arizona you could wave to somebody, and they'd be like, 'what are you looking at.' Here, they'll wave back, ask you how you're doing, how's your day going," Brown said.

Her commitments in both

soccer and track and field keep her focused year-round. Last year she participated in an indoor and outdoor city league in soccer. This year she plans to participate in the winter on the sophomore team to mentality stay in soccer.

After Christmas, Brown will start lifting weights to prepare for track.

"It's really hard to transition, because [with] soccer you need to be in really good running shape, and endurance needs to be really high. And track ... I have to start lifting and training to be bulky and really strong and real focused on the core, center of my body."

Women win Tip-Off Classic

Mercedes Alexander takes MVP honors while b-ball team takes trophy

Jimi McDonnell
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lane women's basketball team played and won the Turkey Shootout on Nov. 17 through 19 at Shoreline Community College. This tournament was the first test for coach Greg Sheley and his team.

The Titans opened the tourney with a game against Olympia Community College where they continued from last season showing they could still be a dominant team. And dominate is exactly what they did.

"It was a blow out, we played really well but I think the score makes it seem like we played better than we actually did and that they played a lot worse than they actually did. We were hot and clearly a lot better than they were but the score was still a little misleading," Sheley said.

Lane beat Olympia 112-42, the Titans scored more in the first half than Olympia was able to the entire game. Lane won every statistical category. They simply shot better, rebounded better and played better defense.

Titans freshman Mercedes Alexander led the way for Lane with an impressive game scoring 19 points and pulling down 13 rebounds along with two assists. Teammate Kammy Martindale was no slouch either, as she scored 21 to go along with seven rebounds and four assists. While Sheri Gates came off the bench determined to share the ball ending the game with 10 assists of her own.

Lane had five different players in double figures compared to Olympia's one. Therefore, it was on to round two for the Titans.

In the second round of the Turkey Shootout the women were faced up against their toughest competition of the entire

tournament when they played Highline Community College.

The Titans pulled out a win, but just barely, beating Highline 85-82 in overtime after trailing by 15 at the half.

"In that first half they were just too fast for us, our team wasn't used to that and couldn't keep up with the pace, Highline is a very good team and the best we've seen as far as sheer talent goes so far," Sheley said.

Lane mounted a comeback in the second half of the game making up that 15-point deficit and took it to overtime, where they would win by three.

"We adjusted at the half and did a good job of going inside the second half of the game and getting some of there key girls in foul trouble," coach Sheley said.

What is almost as impressive as the comeback were the numbers put up by the Titans. Lane had three players in double figures for points and rebounds, which was the key to the overtime victory.

Lane out-rebounded Highline 79-55. That proved to play a factor for the Titans getting back into the game. In addition, it was Alexander who once again led the way as the team's leader in points and rebounds. She scored 29 points, pulled down 19 rebounds, and was the key to the close win.

"She was great. We knew she would make an impact but had no idea it would be anything like this and especially not this soon, with some key players out she really stepped it up throughout the whole tournament," Sheley said.

In the championship game the Titans faced the host of the tournament playing Shoreline for the title, and it was easy to see they had their eyes on the trophy.

In the final, Lane torched Shoreline 92-47 to win top honors. The game was over at the half, with Lane leading by 29 points going into the break.

"It was great, we went up 13-0 at the beginning of the game and never looked back. It was like once we had the lead they just gave up and decided to settle for second," Sheley said.

Alexander was once again all over the



PHOTO BY LARRY COONROD

Lane freshmen Mercedes Alexander driving the ball to the hoop.

boards pulling down a mind-boggling 24 rebounds, tying the school record for rebounds in a game. Alexander still managed to score 13 points.

Alexander finished the tournament averaging 20.3 points, three assists, four steals, and an amazing 18.2 rebounds per game. She was named the tournament Most Valuable Player.

"I was really excited and also surprised

that I won it, I credit my team's support, they really keep me going on and off the court," Alexander said.

The Titans simply dominated every aspect of the game, giving them three straight wins, a first place trophy and a happy ride back to Eugene.

The next game for Lane will be in a tournament December 1 through 3, in Everett, Wash. at Everett Community College.

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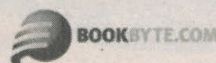
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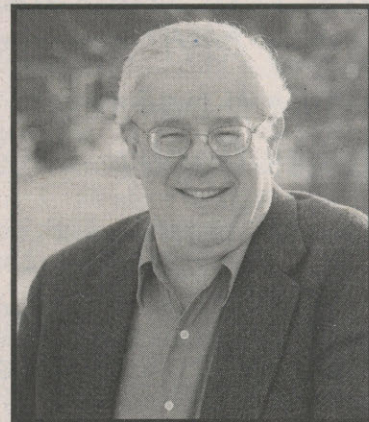
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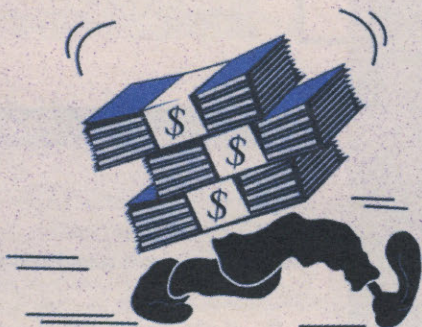
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For the week of December 4-9
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Class Days

MWF • M • W • F • MW • WF • MTuWThF • MTuWTh • MWThF • MTuThF • MTuWF

Class starts at	Exam day	Exam time
7:00 A.M. OR 7:30 A.M.	F	7:00-8:50 A.M.
8:00 A.M. OR 8:30 A.M.	M	8:00-9:50 A.M.
9:00 A.M. OR 9:30 A.M.	W	8:00-9:50 A.M.
10:00 A.M. OR 10:30 A.M.	M	10:00-11:50 A.M.
11:00 A.M. OR 11:30 A.M.	W	10:00-11:50 A.M.
12:00 P.M. OR 12:30 P.M.	M	12:00-1:50 P.M.
1:00 P.M. OR 1:30 P.M.	W	12:00-1:50 P.M.
2:00 P.M. OR 2:30 P.M.	M	2:00-3:50 P.M.
3:00 P.M. OR 3:30 P.M.	W	2:00-3:50 P.M.
4:00 P.M. OR 4:30 P.M.	M	4:00-5:50 P.M.
5:00 P.M.	W	4:00-5:50 P.M.

Class Days

TuTh • Tu • Th • TuWThF

Class starts at	Exam day	Exam time
7:00 A.M. OR 7:30 A.M.	F	9:00-10:50 A.M.
8:00 A.M. OR 8:30 A.M.	Tu	8:00-9:50 A.M.
9:00 A.M. OR 9:30 A.M.	Th	8:00-9:50 A.M.
10:00 A.M. OR 10:30 A.M.	Tu	10:00-11:50 A.M.
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