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Plan to install gates creates campus uproar, debate

Faculty members worry about after hours access

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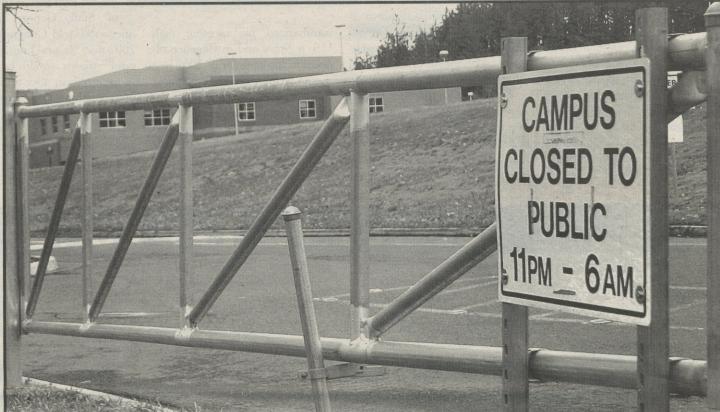
The buzz around campus involves the controversial issue of installing gates at the college entrances.

Due to budget cuts in public safety, the idea to add the gates has been pushed forward. The gates would be installed on the south and east entrances to supplement the west gates already in place. They would be locked from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily as well as on legal holidays.

Employees needing access at these times, such as custodial and food service workers, would have electronic access cards. Other faculty, however, would not, which is creating an issue on campus.

Other LCC staff would have to use a call box to alert security staff and be let in. They can also call in advance and have a public safety officer meet them there. Some faculty members say this shows a lack of trust for the staff or not enough of an understanding towards the hours that faculty actually work. Professors routinely work after hours as days can be interrupted with students. Some faculty feels as though their opinions aren't being heard and that there hasn't been enough open discussion.

This shows a "break down of a sham government," LCC Physics teacher Dennis Gilbert said. Maybe it is a lack of proper



For the protection of Public Safety officers, campus security gates will be installed at the entrances of LCC.

communication between the decision makers and those affected.

This is not, however, a unanimous faculty opinion. "A little bit of inconvenience wouldn't deter me from supporting this, I would just hope it's effective," Patrick Torelle, theatre arts instructor, said.

The argument of not having immediate access seems "a fairly trivial inconvenience if we can say that we've prevented somebody from having a problem," Bob Baldwin, Head of Purchasing and Finance

But how much of a security problem is there after hours? LCC is directly off the highway, which makes it a convenient location for meetings that often include illegal activities such as drug dealing.

When unknown cars come onto campus after hours it poses a problem for patrolling officers. Another advantage of installing the gates is that the safety department would know who was on campus during closed hours, which would reduce the number of situations that an officer could get into trying to identify a car and the persons

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Martin Luther King speaker stirs controversy

Civil rights leader's opposition to gay marriage offends some

Ariel Burkhart

In a recent controversy over the Martin Luther King Jr. Day event, Baptist Reverend Walter Fauntroy was asked to speak during the event despite knowledge that he was against gay marriage.

Fauntroy is a civil rights activist, a member of Congress, a human rights activist and advocate against the genocide in Darfur, Africa.

However, Fauntroy's ideas behind gay marriage caused some

to feel uncomfortable about having him speak.

"He was a significant advocate on civil rights and in the spirit of MLK we should be as inclusive as possible," LCC Campus Events coordinator, Christa Curfiss, said.

"I can't speak for them all, [student government] but I'm not happy about the choice. Fewer people are still alive who were there during the civil rights movement. It's an important part of the civil rights movement," Curfiss said. "I support him



Reverend Walter Fauntroy

but I don't support his work on gay marriage. Speaking against equality doesn't really stand for

"MLK was fighting for the civil rights of African American people; but he spoke of everyone being able to sit at a table together," Curfiss said.

"Regardless of his political views, they are his political views. He was brought in because of MLK," Happi Mathews, president of ASLCC, said.

Michelle Fisher, president of the Black Student Union, felt that while her generation was more open-minded about the issue of gay marriage, it was hard to understand the personal views of a 73-year-old civil rights ac-

"I think that it's a valid issue to bring up but I think it's taking focus away from the event. Fauntroy had experience with him [King]. It's hard being gay in a community. It's not general-

ly accepted to be gay, and a person of color and being gay. It's a difficult thing to understand, a person from a different time than you are," Fisher said.

Bayard Rustin, an openly gay man and black rights activist who knew King, organized the 1963 march on Washington in which King recited his famous 'I have a dream' speech. He has also debated with Malcolm X, but because of his orientation, he had kept himself in the back-

Coretta Scott King, an avid churchgoer and Baptist, was a gay rights speaker as well.

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Bush is out of touch and out of control, time for congress to act

A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

U.S. Declaration of Independence 1776

Voters sent a loud and unmistakable message this past November: the United States needs to get the hell out of Iraq.

Bush was quick to start laying blame, firing Donald Rumsfeld the day after the election. Now he has fired the top two generals in Iraq. Two honorable and brave men who have spent their whole lives defending this country are taking the fall for the dead-end disaster the president has mired the country in.

Instead of working to get us out of Iraq, Bush is escalating the conflict by pouring another 20,000 troops into the middle of a civil

war we have no hope of controlling. Vietnam was the first war the United States ever lost. Blame for that fiasco has to be spread over four presidencies, from Kennedy to Ford. Bush will be remembered as the first president to lose a war all by himself.

Firing generals or even Rumsfeld is not going to do the trick. Change needs to start at the top. With the Democrats in charge of Congress, their first order of business needs to be to begin the hearings that will ultimately lead to the impeachment and removal of Bush from office.

Bush has committed several impeachable offenses in the past five years. He lied to Congress and the American people when he said in the months before the war began that war with Iraq was not inevitable. From leaked a leaked British intelligence report, known as the Downing Street Memo, we know Bush was fully committed to war with Iraq at least a year before the invasion began.

A high-ranking British official

Commentary

Larry Coonrod Editor in chief

> summarized his meeting with U.S. military and intelligence officials in the summer of 2002 in a memo written to Prime Minister Tony Blair. He wrote that the decision to go war had already been made and that "the facts and intelligence were being fixed around the policy." In other words, Bush was lying to justify going to war.

Despite the opinions of top experts, including Hans Blix, the United Nation's head weapon inspector in Iraq, that Saddam Hussein did not posses weapons of mass destruction, the Bush administration presented intelli-

gence evidence they knew to be of questionable credibility.

In a pre-war assessment the CIA reported that a postinvasion Iraq had the potential for civil war. Army Chief of Staff, General Eric K.

Shensenki, told Congress in Feb. 2002 that "several hundred thousand" troops would be needed to occupy Iraq after an invasion; not something Bush or Rumsfeld wanted to hear. After all, the war was advertised as a "cake walk" and grateful Iraqi's "would throw rose petals at the feet of American soldiers." For his candor Shenseki soon found himself retired.

Bush has used the so-called war on terror to build the first imperial presidency. He no longer feels bound to follow the Constitution. He has ordered illegal warrantless wire tapping of American citizens. He has held Americans in prison for years without charges or access to legal counsel.

The Constitution only gives the president the ability to sign or veto laws passed by Congress. Out of thin air Bush has produced a presidential law to modify bills with a signing statement. On Dec. 20, 2006 Bush used such a signing statement to claim the right to open citizen's mail without a

This president is out of touch and out of control. Congress has a clear and present duty to remove him from office.

EDITOR

County dependant on LCC for economic growth

On Dec. 22, the R-G published an editorial entitled "Catch up time for OSU," which supported the need for additional dollars for Oregon's institutions of higher education. The editorial cited the fact that such state funding had fallen behind the state funding for institutions of higher education in the states of Washington and California.

While I would certainly agree that more funding for Oregon's institutions of higher education is warranted since they are one of the major sources of our economic growth, I wonder how they are defining "higher education." Does the R-G editorial include in the term "higher education" Oregon's community colleges, as does the State of California?

I suspect that the writer of this editorial does NOT include community colleges in their definition, despite the fact that Oregon's community colleges enroll more post K-12 students than does Oregon's universities and are the major educator of Oregon's workforce, and therefore a major source of Oregon's economic growth. Community colleges are equally deserving, therefore, of additional state funding.

Lane Community College has done a cost-benefit study that shows that the economic

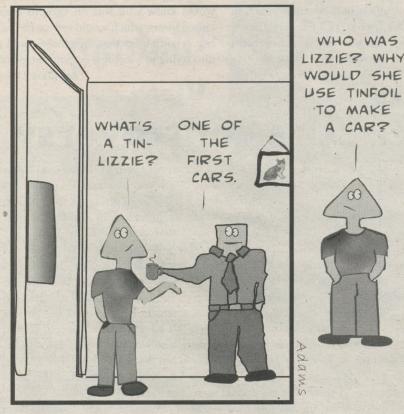
benefits conferred upon the taxpayers of Lane County greatly exceed the cost to taxpayers of operating the college. The college is facing a budget deficit for the 2007-2008 fiscal year in excess of \$5,000,000 due in part to the failure of LCC's levy in November of 2006. If additional state funding is NOT allocated, the college must cut the very programs that allow it to make such a large economic contribution to the economy of Lane County.

If this issue concerns you

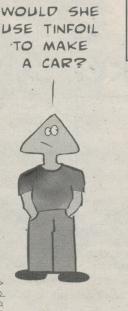
(and it should if you are a student, a business owner or any citizen of Lane County), I suggest you contact the Governor of Oregon as well as your local elected state representatives and senators and ask them to address the economic problems faced by LCC and Lane County.

G. Dennis Shine

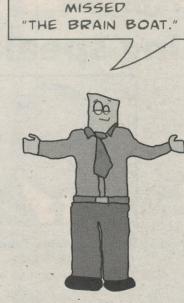
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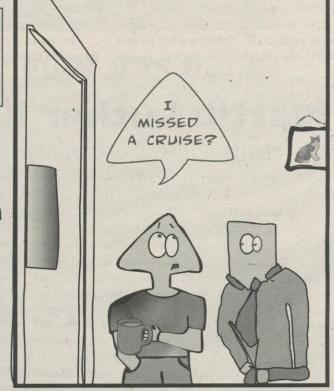


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Public Safety officer injured in accident on Gonyea road

Fleet Jeep Cherokee ditched, budget won't cover replacement

Shelby King News Editor

Jim Harris, a public safety officer at LCC, was driving the newest addition to the security fleet: a newer model Jeep Cherokee

At 8:45 a.m. on Nov. 4, Harris was called to a report of a burglary in progress on the Lane campus. It was a typical Eugene fall morning and Gonyea Road was covered with wet, slippery leaves.

As he sped over the sodden leaves and around one of the sharp corners on Gonyea, Harris felt himself losing control of the vehicle.

The Cherokee slid sideways, jumped the curb, and careened off the road. Harris believes that once the vehicle careened off the road it hit a large downed tree, causing it to flip onto its roof, where it finally came to a rest.

Harris found himself trapped upside down in the Cherokee. He said he believes he might have been able to extricate himself, but decided not to. "I didn't see a clear exit from the vehicle," Harris said.

When rescuers arrived they had to cut the center console out in order to remove Harris from the vehicle.

When asked about this frightening rollover, Harris seemed a little sheepish.

"It was more frustrating than it was scary," he said. "It turned out the burglary was a false alarm."

Harris was lucky, suffering from only a bruised eye. The security vehicle, on the other hand, wasn't so lucky.

The roll-over accident made it completely unsalvageable and it has been retired from the fleet.

The wrecked Jeep Cherokee was one of only three vehicles in Lane Community College's security fleet, and unfortunately, it was also the newest.

It was recently purchased so that one of the older two could be retired to be used only as a backup vehicle.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JUDY SIERR

Firefighters work to free Public Safety officer Jim Harris.

In addition to being the latest model, the wrecked vehicle also had a light bar attached to its roof, a feature that both Harris and Sandy Ing-Weise, director of Public Safety at LCC, say are invaluable.

"It's one of those things that you don't need often, but when you need it, you need it," Ing-Weise said.

Because of all the recent budget cutbacks, a new light bar will be the only thing Public Safety will be able to purchase in the near future.

In the last year Public Safety has lost \$142,000 in funding, making it impossible to replace the totaled Jeep.

Ing-Weise explained that

one-time purchases such as a new security vehicle are not written into the budget regularly, but rather the money is granted to the department on a case-specific basis.

With budget cut backs, it is unlikely they will be allowed to purchase a replacement, Ing-Weise said.

Public safety officers do more at LCC than just write parking tickets. They also patrol the acres of campus parking lots, hour after hour, in an effort to keep the number of car thefts down. When there is a report of illegal activity on the Lane campus, the security officers are the first to respond to the scene.

Because of Lane's continu-

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ally shrinking budget, the public safety department has to cut corners and make due with less staff members, less technology, and most recently, one less security vehicle.

"For the near financial future of Lane I do not anticipate any increases in the budget for campus security," stated Ing-Weise.

Public Safety might not be seeing any more money from the school, so Ing-Weise has taken matters into her own hands. The Public Safety department recently applied for and was awarded a \$3,000 grant to install four emergency phones around Lane's main campus. The installation should happen sometime this school year.

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in them. Having an understanding of who is on campus is also a safety concern incase of an emergency, the safety officers would know who is in what building.

The fact that a person is known to be on campus does not necessarily mean they're accounted for, "Professors could be in their offices, labs, or grabbing food out of a machine," Gilbert added.

Part of a public safety officer's job is to patrol campus and make sure everything is in order.

"An officer patrolling sees a light through the window, doesn't know anyone's in the building, then they have to go investigate." Sandy Ing-Wiese, Director of Health and Safety, said. Having the knowledge of who is coming onto campus and for what reason would bring down those incidents and make the job just a little easier.

So why is Lane just now installing the gates?

The idea has been thrown around for quite some time, but the sudden decision is mainly due to budget cuts. LCC lost a few

public safety personnel and that puts extra pressure on those remaining.

Some on campus have argued that calling an officer off their patrolling duty to let in a staff member could be an inconvenience. Others have asked if it would a burden or a blessing that campus security would know who is on the grounds, but would have to go let someone in at a moment's notice.

The cost for some seems quite simple. The campus leadership has budgeted \$20,000 for a gate. Between salary and benefits, a public safety officer costs \$50,000 a year

A campus e-mail debate on the issues ensued in late Fall term. With money so tight, faculty and staff questioned how important is it to build gates that would inevitably not stop someone who desperately wanted access.

LCC has gates on the south entrances to campus. Observation has shown that people do drive up to the gates at night, see that they can't get in easily, and turn around to leave.

MLK speaker From Page I-

I support [Fauntroy's] past with Martin Luther King. I appreciate his work he's done with the civil right's movement," Fisher said.

"This has nothing to do with gay marriage," Greg Evans, adviser to the BSU and staff member of the Multi-Culture Center said.

"When he was contracted by the community this was not an issue; it was because of his extensive resume and his achievements. He is responsible for the voting rights act of the 1965 legislations for all Americans to have civil rights. He supports gay rights but doesn't support gay marriage. The committee didn't see that as a deal breaker. His [Fauntroy's] work feeds people in Africa. He's a member of the Black Leadership Council. He's one of the giants and

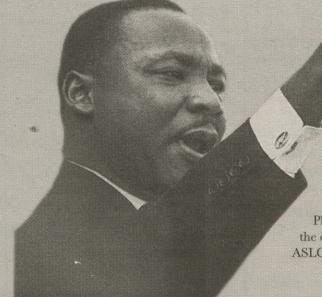
one of the giants and community. We're ple feel offended but it shouldn't eclipse his work," Evans said. The event will be

held Monday, Jan.
15 from 4 p.m. to 6
p.m. when Fauntroy's
speech will be given at
the Northwest Christian Col-

lege at the Morse Events Center on
East 11th and Alder St. in Eugene.
"I extremely encourage people to go

to this event. We don't know what he will say, and we need representation of people who want equality," Curfiss said.

The reception will be catered by Adams Place and are pitching in half of the costs of the catering. The other half is being covered by ASLCC.



Public Safety provided to uphold campus rules, regs

Parking rules detailed so students, staff won't get citations on campus

> **Ariel Burkhart** COPY EDITOR

So far this fiscal year, public safety at LCC has been credited \$3,610 from citations they have issued over the past six months. Last year, they charged \$21,710 for parking and traffic violations and collected about 90 percent of the revenue. When students ask what citation could possibly fine that much money, Sandra Ing-Weise, director of Public Safety said it has nothing to do with the price of the citation.

"Usually it's \$20 for a parking ticket except for a violation of disabled parking which is a fine of \$120; however, the State Police or a Lane County Sheriff can come in and put a ticket down for \$360 at any time. They have the ability to do so," Ing-Weise said.

Of the \$21,000 that public safety charged, they covered \$976. for bad debt cases.

"The most common violation has been citations for permit parking and staying overtime. There are parking and moving violations and behavior violations resulting from a break in code of conduct. Those types of cases cannot be solved with a \$20 ticket," Ing-Weise said.

During the last fiscal year there were 64 individual accounts of failing to obey traffic control devices and 87 accounts of overstayed parking.

Not every law is posted on campus. However, LCC's public safety website records and lists all of the citations they have given and posts laws and regulations.

If a student on campus has

been cited, that person has 10 working days to appeal the citation. The process is on the back of the ticket as to how to get the ticket appealed.

There is an appeal committee consisting of one classified employee, one faculty member, one student and one safety officer. If this is not up to the person's standards they can appeal to Ing-Weise herself.

"The 10 days is there for people who don't take it [the citation] seriously until they get a bill. However, within that 10 days a person can e-mail, write to the committee, or write out the appeal. Even then, some people are not serious about the fine until it is sent to collections and by that time, LCC has already spent more money on the ticket than is necessary," Ing-Weise said.

"Our goal is not to punish people; our goal is to have people realize that's inappropriate behavior, and that they are aware of all of their resources," Ing-Weise

LCC does not post 'No Skateboarding' signs. If a person is caught skateboarding on campus, which is illegal, they are asked to stop. If the offender repeats the behavior, they could be cited. "We usually tell people the first time. We can't post all of our laws on signs; it looks unfriendly," Ing-

There are about 26 parking and traffic violations that could result in getting a citation. "At one point of time there was an officer who was citing people for parking over the line, but it really



"No Parking" signs on Schafer Drive reminds students of proper parking zones. Ninety percent of Public Safety's revenue is made up of traffic violations.

depends on the officer and the cir- is more concerned about people cumstance," Ing-Weise said. "Everything is appealable and we try to be responsible."

There is at least one public safety officer patrolling the campus, but not at all times. Recently, cameras have been installed at undisclosed locations on campus to help make up for the lack of officers. However, Ing-Weise stealing other people's cars.

"We try to keep a presence to keep car theft minimal," Ing-Weise said.

Students should be looking for the obvious when they are parking. They are encouraged by Public Safety to look and park in marked parking spaces only, and if they ever get a ticket, to know

that the appeal process is on the back of the citation.

"We make mistakes and people make mistakes," Ing-Weise said.

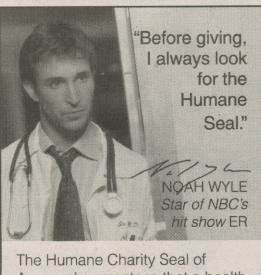
A public safety officer has the same authority as a Lane County sheriff to write tickets. They are not rent-a-cops and, like many peace officers, they will write tickets under their authority.

Powwow hosted at LCC

The Native American **Student Association** held its annual **Powwow during** winter break on Dec. 2. The powwow is one of the largest in the Northwest and it draws participants from all over the country to celebrate tradition. Young children and elders dressed in regalia danced and sang songs. The powwow will be one of the events to be held in the Longhouse when it is completed.



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Snowshoeing is a fun winter alternative

Parks' Instructor Dave Walp discusses the basics

Josh Hutchins
Sports Editor

Snowshoe Magazine reports that snowshoeing is the fastest growing winter sport in the world. It's easy to learn, inexpensive and has little risk of injury.

Dave Walp has been leading introduction to snowshoeing trips for Eugene Parks and Recreation for 31 years, and is unsure what the reason is for the sport's surge in popularity.

"Let's talk about snowshoeing and back up a ways and maybe we can figure that out," Walp said. He said that snowshoes are a Native American invention; they aren't found anywhere else in the world. They were then adapted and used by European settlers.

"To get around in winter, its kind of one of those necessity is the mother of invention. If you want to go out there, you have to have some way to stand up," Walp said. The native people used snowshoes here, where other places skis were developed. "If you can walk, you can snowshoe. You may not be able to say that about skiing. It requires a little more skill, a little more diligence, practice, that sort of thing," Walp said.

When Walp started with Eugene Parks, the program was just starting out as year-round recreation. Initially, they started with cross-country skiing. But in those days, the technology with skis was such that wood skis were used, which required a lot of care and preparation. Every time the snow conditions changed, you had to change the wax. He said at that time you had to be pretty dedicated to want to be a cross-country skier. Even today, Eugene Parks and Recreation snowshoe trips fill faster with more interest than cross-country skiing trips.

While he was working with another venue, Eugene Parks asked Walp if he could teach people to snowshoe. "So I went to Dale

Berg. At that time Berg's Ski Shop was on about 11th and Mill. They bought a bunch of snowshoes for rentals. They were the wood variety. And with that we're off and running," Walp said. He has also led trips for other organizations and groups in the past 31 years.

To get started you need snowshoes. Walp uses a traditional wood and rawhide shoe.

Any kind of good, durable hiking shoe can be used. Walp said there are some shoes or boots that are more desirable than others. A shoepack is popular among dedicated snowshoers; it's got the rubber bottom and the leather top, fits in the bindings a little easier, and tends to be warmer. You need winter clothing; either wool or synthetics will work. It should be worn in layers so you can adjust if you start to get warmer. He also recommends storm or rain gear, hat, mittens, and probably dark glasses or goggles for the bright

Walp said that people are kind of limited these days to snow parks in the mountain areas. He reminds snowshoers to get a permit to be able to park in mountain areas.

"Unfortunately, there was a time when you could park along the highway anywhere there was snow, and just step off the highway and go," Walp said. For the adventurous he said that with a good vehicle that can get off the road a little bit, snowshoers can use the logging roads to get to whole other areas where you will seldom see a cross-country skier.

Walp said that hikers should understand the principles of hypothermia, and someone in the party should have knowledge of first aid. Use marked trails. While shoeing the country with crosscountry skiers, they would rather snowshoers didn't walk in the ski track. Walp recommends taking a beginners trip to start out. On his trips, he spends as much time off

the trail as on, because it allows snowshoers to get away from skiers.

There is really no end to the type of adventures open to the snowshoer. "As your skill level increases, why you can certainly start doing overnight trips. But again, you need to know other skills. How to get along in the winter, whether it's snow shelters or snow caves, proper shelter is what I'm saying," Walp said.

He recommends the ranger stations as being the best bet to find out what trails and snow parks are available. While GPS and cell phones might be a good fallback out there, he tends to stay away from technology, relying on a map, compass and orienteering. He says to stay found and be observant about the surroundings.

Walp uses snowshoes to observe wildlife in the winter. He tracks animals, following both elk and cougar tracks. "And again, it's a freer way of travel than skis would be. I'm not encumbered with ski poles, I can get around broken ground, brush, or logs easier than you could with skis. So in that case, snowshoes is a better way of going," Walp said

According to Snowsports Industries America, the sport helps burn more than 600 calories per hour. Snowshoers burn 45 percent more calories than walking or running at the same speed. Walp said that there is nothing

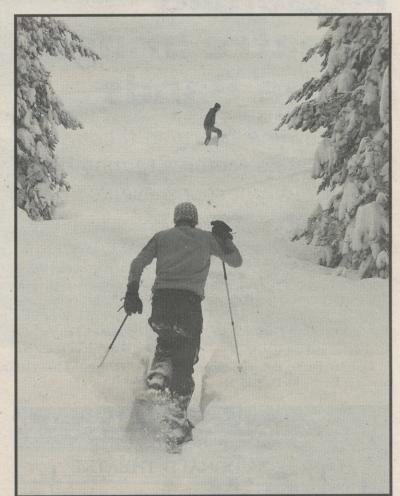


PHOTO BY RYAN WEINHART

UO student Sean Bachiller makes his way up a steep and deep snow bank on an overnight visit to a cabin near Gold Lake in the Willamette National Forest, Saturday Jan. 6. A recent snow storm in the Cascades made the shoeing strenuous with accumulations of over three feet of fresh snow.

nicer than getting out in the winter on a good day and looking at the world in that view.

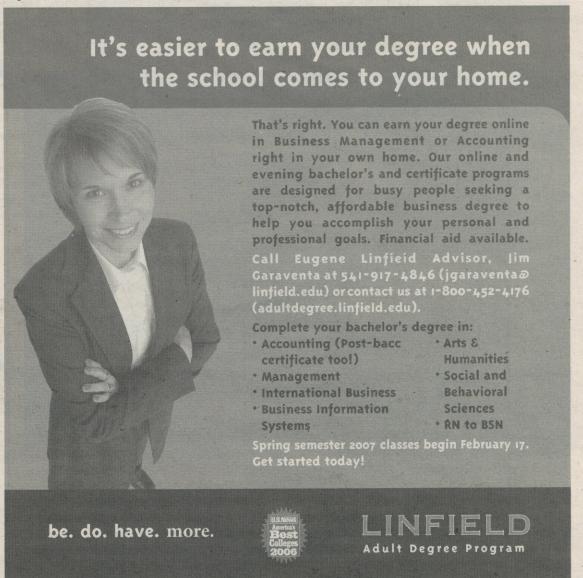
Walp's trips aren't destinationoriented but are a skill-teaching program. They give a person a place to start and a good deal of information. Most guided trips

require a pre-trip, which will go over what supplies and clothing to take and where to get them. Walp is a River House Outdoor Instructor. There will be trips Jan. 13 and 28 and Feb. 11 and 25. To sign up contact the City of Eugene's River House at 682-5329.



Eugene resident
Ryan Weinhart
charges down a
steep bank of knee
deep snow on an
overnight visit to
a cabin near Gold
Lake. Snowshoeing
has been increasing in popularity
with its roots coming via a Native
American invention.

PHOTO BY SEAN BACHILLER



McDonald Theatre brings in the Bands

Family owned, operated theatre and business features touring bands, and local productions, events

Dejah McDougall A&E EDITOR

The McDonald Theatre has brought entertainment from around the West Coast for the past five years. Once a Vaudeville theatre and movie theatre it's now the place for music, productions, local shows and touring shows.

Douglas Fuchs, the publicity manager for the McDonald The-

atre, hopes to attract everybody to the scene.

"In order to be successful in Eugene, our plan is to attract everyone who loves live entertainment. Some music does better than others. [The] jam bands does well, new music does well," Fuchs said. "This [new ownership] really put Eugene on the map as a place for bands to play."



A lit up McDonald Theatre on Willamette in Eugene is preparing for a show called Techn9ne.



PHOTO BY SEAN HOFFMAN

Blues musician John Swan and model Jessica Tutt pose for promo shots on stage at the McDonald Theatre, November 2006.

So that everybody gets involved, Fuchs wants to be as varied as possible while keeping things cool for those 21 and under.

"In 2006 all of the concerts are all ages. The lounge and the balcony will sometimes be 21 and over," he said.

The theatre can hold about 780 people seated or about 1,000 people standing at one time. It can be rearranged to have either more sitting space or dancing space.

"We try to cater the environment to the kind of event it is. If it's acoustic, it's full seating. It's one of the things we like to offer is full range of motion. The environment is where people can dance and have a good time," Fuchs said.

"Because of the size of the venue we only book touring bands. Bands that are moving up and down the 1-5 corridor," Fuchs said. "I think it contributes to the area, the opportunity to see touring bands without traveling. It's very well known as a good place for dance."

Some popular bands that have played and will be playing are Modest Mouse, Floater, David Grizzling, Papa Roach and Tech N9ne.

Recently Macy O'Parker, one of the most phenomenal jazz funk sax players played at the theatre, Fuchs said. "Downtown calls itself the heart of arts in Eugene. We try to run the theatre as though it is a member of the community. It's a historic theatre. There's no other place that you can go to into a place designed for acoustics. It's that free range of motion, not being pinned to one place."

Tech N9ne, Papa Roach, Keller Williams and The Game will all the playing at the McDonald Theatre in January.

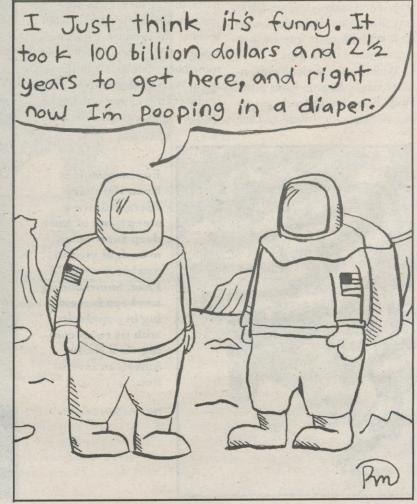
The McDonald Theatre is located at 1010 Willamette Street in Eugene. Tickets for shows are available through the theatre's Online Ticketing, Ticketswest outlets, or at www.ticketswest.rdln.com.



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The Lord Leebrick Theatre presents David Lindsay-Abaire's Kimberly Akimbo. Shown above are Billi Veber (L) as Pattie, Kimberly's hypochondriac mother and Sharon Sless (R) as Kimberly, a teenage girl that ages five times faster than normal. The play is directed by LCC's own Benjamin Newman, a theatre student and director of Ruby by the River performed at LCC. Akimbo opens Jan. 12 and will run through Feb. 3. For ticket information call 465-1506 or go to www.lordleebrick.com.

At Random By Ryan Mason



Gotta be somewhat envious...

Local band hopes to move forward with its first album

Ariel Burkhart
COPY EDITOR

Three years ago, a group of four decided that they wanted to play some music: none of that country, emo, or punk - just good old heavy metal. Somewhat Envious, a local band that hopes to make it big, will be releasing its first album in Jan., and hopes to have another album released in the next year.

"It feels nice. We've had a band together for about three years and we've worked really hard at it so it's paying off," Angie Anderson, the lead guitarist of Somewhat Envious said.

With old school metal influences like Metallica, White Zombie and Tool, Anderson finds a lot of their fans that appreciate the sound

"[The name] Somewhat Envious is kind of a joke. Like we're somewhat envious of the mainstream bands. Not to talk down, but a lot of these bands get a lot of good positions and don't play the best of music," she said.

"That's what people really like about our music, I'm the youngest person at 24, with the same genre and influences as the old school metal sound, and people like that because we're not the punk or new age metal that are out now."

Anderson's older brother, Matt,

plays bass guitar for the band.

"[Matt's] the singer and my brother, and he started [the band]. I've been playing guitar for over 10 years, plus drums, and my brother's been bass for three-anda-half years," Anderson said.

The third member of the team is Josh Berry, an enthusiastic lead vocalist who made up the original three of Somewhat Envious.

"It [playing] is awesome, I love it. I like to play the music. I like being in front of people. I get on stage and I get this feeling of owning the crowd. I'm a different person when I'm up there. It's my mission to let people know what I was feeling when I was up there. I like to let go and feel crazy," Berry said.

"I can't imagine life outside of this band; it means everything to me. I don't care if we get famous or not, I just wanna keep playing with the guys."

The three met on the job at an appointment-setting company. Anderson asked Berry if he would join the band, (Berry did), and later they picked up Skelly. Skelly had been playing with many local bands before he joined them as their drummer.

From there, they practiced, loved playing, and learned the importance of being a team.

"It's hard because there was a



PHOTO BY SEAN HOFFMAN

Skelly, Matt Anderson, Angie Anderson and Josh Berry make up the group, Somewhat Envious.

time when they kicked me out for a while, for about three months. I was acting like an ass. I got the lead singer disease of, 'they're not gonna make it without me'...so they showed me. I came back humbled and things have been solid ever since," Berry said.

"They started another band so they could play and I went to a concert to support them. A couple days later they called and asked if I wanted to try again so I ran over."

"We knew we were kind of inexperienced so we made a prom-

ise to stay together so we can learn. I wanted to start my own band and she [Anderson] had the same idea, so we

started out really slow. We were bad. It was horrible. But we've really grown. I think we're good musicians together. Me, Matt and Angie have been solid, and Skelly, of course."

Somewhat Envious' album release show will to be at John Henry's on Jan. 19 with opening bands Javelina, Vexium, Mendoza and Northwest Royal. The band is also good friends with Grynch, another local band that shares the same producer, Matt Feltes, from Central Notes Productions.

"We work hard to please. We

want the fans who like our shit to continue to like our shit. I'm sure we'd like some money out of it, but basically it's about expression. We want everyone to feel us; we've got a lot of stuff to express. Everybody can identify with stuff we sing about, pain and suffering to hatred."

"It's partly true, doing it for the girls," Berry said. "But I don't care what happens, I just wanna keep playing the music, but if things don't go down, I'm still gonna be happy, but I still want the girls. Yeah, I said it."



Rocking out at band practice, Somewhat Envious shows some muscial enthusiasm during a recent practice.

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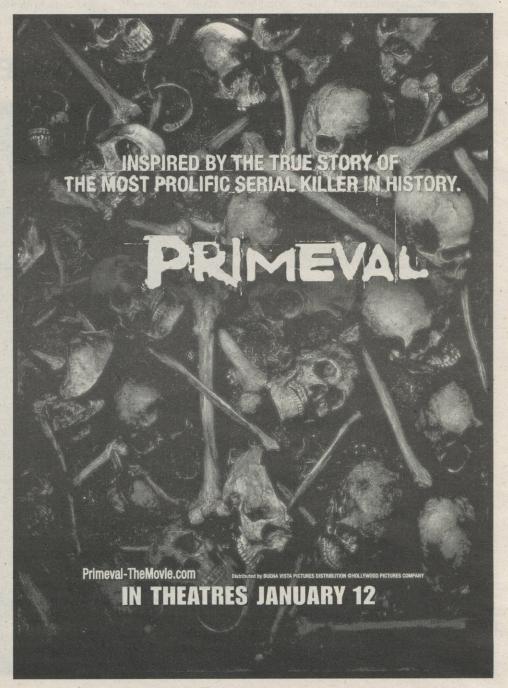
Student Government goes live

ASLCC seeks students for TV audience

Ariel Burkhart Copy Editor

ASLCC will be hosting a television show featuring the Student Government and LCC students. The show will televise what ASLCC does and what they have done over the past school year on the Distance-Learning channel: channel 29. Happi Mathews, ASLCC president, is looking for students to come and fill in the audience. "Come and see what it's about," Mathews said.

The program will be shot from the Distance-learning television station at LCC in Building 19, Room 256, Jan. 17. The television show will be live and run from 5 p.m. to 5:58 p.m.



Titan men searching for identity

Winnable game proves too much for men's

Alex Braga
Assistant Sports Editor

The Lane men's basketball team played close for most of the game but couldn't contain a second half blitz by Chemeketa to fall 66-51 on Jan. 6.

The Titans (6-10, 0-1 NWAACC) brought the score to within three points with seven minutes remaining in the game, and were led by freshmen Kyle Winkler and Damien Evans who finished with 11 points each.

Winkler also added 10 rebounds for the Titans, who were outscored 37-28 in the second

"It was a winnable game," Head Coach Bruce Chavka said. "We gotta learn to do things right for 40 minutes."

Lane trailed 30-39 with 13 minutes left in the second half when Winkler took a charge, and made a 3-pointer.

It was the beginning of a five minute stretch for Winkler that saw him score nine points, ending with a layup that brought the Titans to within three of the

Chemeketa responded by going on a 15-5 run in the next four minutes to put Lane away.

"It seems like we start to do a lot of good things then have a lapse," Chavka said. "We were totally scrambling at the end. We rested our laurels and just lost track of shooters."

Chemeketa only shot 26 percent from three-point range during the game, but made three of them during the run.

Evans, who is still trying to find himself as a scorer, opened the game aggressive on offense to score eight in the first half.

"Damien is still learning what a good shot is," Chavka said. "Sometimes he's really good, but sometimes he just gets wild."

Winkler, who has been forced to play nearly 38 minutes a game and run the team on offense since it lost Will McCoy to academic reasons in late December, is someone Chavka will rely on for leadership and increased scoring for the remainder of the

"I told him [Winkler] that he's gonna be a completely different player after this year because of what we're asking him to do,"

Chavka said. "He and Damien have both come a long way."

Winkler finished the game 4-8 from the field and Tyler Hollingsworth added seven points and eight rebounds for the Titans.

Lane, who trailed 23-29 at the half, wanted to come out of the halftime break aggressive on offense after not shooting any free throws in the first frame.

"Those first three minutes of the second half we got aggressive," Chavka said, "we got fouls and shot free throws well, which was great."

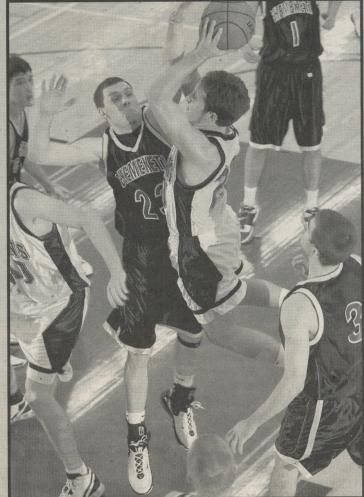
The Titans finished the game 7-9 from the line, but missed a lot of open looks to only shoot 32 percent from the field.

"You gotta be able to stick open shots," Chavka said, "if you do all that work to get open vou better make sure it goes in."

In addition to losing McCoy, the Titans lost center Brandon Hausmann to a broken ankle around the same time.

So when sophomore David Webb, another player that is expected to step-up in their absence, went down early in the second half with an ankle injury, the Titan faithful held their

Coaches and training staff had to help Webb off the court,



Dylan Hettrich and the Titans found crowded airspace against Chemeketa.

but Chavka said his player the Titans match-up with Mt. should be healthy in time for Hood, Jan. 13.

Freshman player takes flight as walk-on

Aviation major sets goals, perseveres for Lane hoop team

Alex Braga Assistant Sports Editor

Freshman Damien Evans had no idea about the fate that awaited him when he signed up for a basketball class at Lane last spring.

When the basketball gods smiled on him and the Titan coaches gave him the opportunity to try out for the team, he made the most of his opportunity.

"I was nervous when I first started because most of the players who were there were recruited and had been there a while," Evans said.

Evans, who went to Philomath High School near Corvallis, has always been a hard worker and when he was told to attend the summer open gym sessions held by the Lane coaches, he knew what he could bring to the court.

They are the same skills he knows he can bring to the team this season.

"I'm a quick learner," Evans said. "I'm not that strong on offense yet, so I just try to work hard and be tough:"

An aviation major who is getting his general education done at Lane, Evans' stickto-itiveness and hard work allowed him to pay his own way to earn his pilot license



Walk-on freshman Damien Evans slashes to the hoop in December tournament action.

while attending Philomath High School.

According to the Oregon State Flying Club, the Federal Aviation Administration's minimum requirements for a person to achieve a pilot license are 20 hours in dual flight and 40 hours in a Cessna 152. With books, supplies, headset, and other fees, the total cost is around \$6,000.

Some pilot training schools can charge

upwards of \$30,000. A tall order for a high school student, and more effort than most 17-year-olds would be willing to put forth.

Evans' don't take no for an answer mind-set was something he tried to bring to the court in high school. It paid off when he earned a starting spot and eventually a league honorable mention as a senior.

He brings his exemplary work ethic to

the Titans, and has been a dream player for first-year head coach Bruce Chavka and his staff.

"I never have to coach him on attitude or effort," Chavka said. "He's a great kid and brings a smile to practice every day."

With the season barely underway, Evans has already earned one team and one tournament honor.

"Us coaches went down to the railroad tracks and got a big railroad spike," Chavka said. "We give it to the guy who's tough as nails and brings the most toughness to our team."

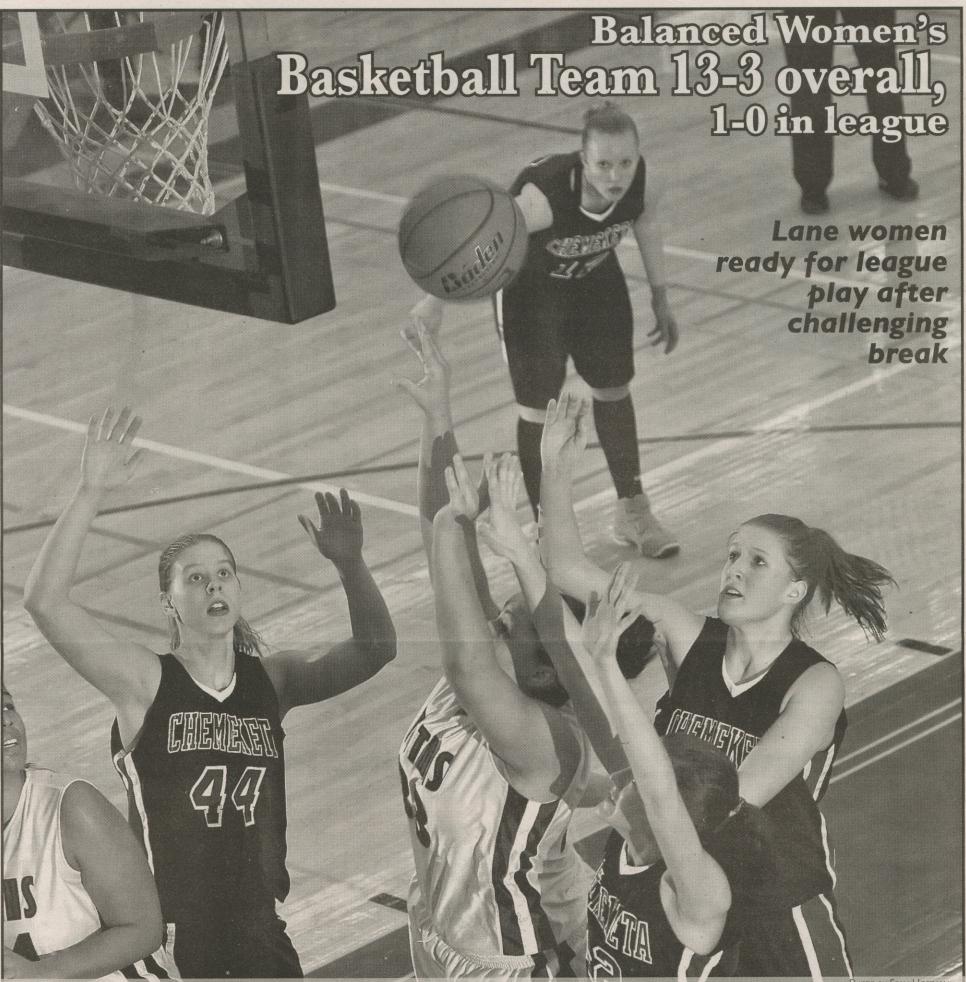
Evans is the player coaches chose to receive the spike because when he is on the court he's the kind who dives for loose balls and brings a lot of intensity to everything

Evans' dedication was evident early in the Titans first regular season action at the Southwest Tip-off men's basketball tournament at Linn Benton Community College in November.

He scored 11 points in a loss to Edmonds Community College in their first game and tallied 24 points and 10 rebounds against Umpqua Community College to lead the Titans to a 75-73 win and earn all-tournament team honors.

With the loss of several players to injury and academic issues, the Titans will rely on Evans effort and increased scoring ability even more than ever to earn victories this

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Shelby Stephens goes up strong for a basket against Chemeketa.

Josh Hutchins PORTS EDITOR

Christmas break was kind to the Lane women's basketball team. Its balanced scoring attack has earned them a record of 13-3. Two players became eligible on Dec. 7. The team is recovering from some pre-season bumps and bruises. Head coach Greg Sheley said his squad started off the year with some nagging injuries: possible fractured fingers, which ended up being strains or sprains, and knees and ankles. The only player with a major injury is Stephanie Stephens, the team's only returning starter. She had arthroscopic surgery in late Nov.

for knee injuries, including bone spurs. Based on her condition in practice this week it will be determined whether Stephens will play this season.

On Saturday, Jan. 6, Lane played Chemeketa at home in its first league game. The Titans cruised to the win, 80-50. Freshmen Valerie Meyer and Mercedes Alexander led the way in scoring with 16 points apiece, and Nicole Morgan contributed 15 points. Morgan was 3-6 from behind the three-point arc. Alexander pulled down 20 rebounds and sophomore guard Kammy Martindale added 11

The Lane women started Decem-

ber by winning the Everett tournament in Everett, Wash. Their first round game was a blowout victory over Columbia Bible College 111-59. Martindale scored 31 points, setting a single-game tournament record. Lane also set a tournament record for most points in a half with 66. Meyer and Morgan both added 20 points in

Their second round game against Spokane was closer, with Spokane ahead by 10 points at the half. Alexander led the Titans with a gamehigh 21 points, and team-high nine rebounds. Lane shot 50 percent from behind the three-point line and advanced to the championship game by beating Spokane 70-60.

The championship game went to overtime against the host team, Everett, on Sunday, Dec. 3. Lane came out on top with a 79-73 victory. Martindale, who led the Titans in scoring with 23, also had eight rebounds and was named tournament MVP. Alexander added six points and 18 rebounds in the win. She was named to the all-tournament along with Meyer, who had 15 points and eight assists.

Lane followed that tournament with a win over NW Christian College 69-55 on Dec. 5 at home.

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PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

Will McCoy dishes to Tyler Hollingsworth at the Dale J. Bates Tournament.

Men's basketball limps into league play

Injuries and eligibility issues hurt team

Alex Braga
Assistant Sports Editor

The Lane men's basketball team struggled through the loss of two key players to academic issues and injury during a series of winter tournaments, continuing on to run their record to 6-9.

The Titans will have to play with-

out sophomore guard Will McCoy, who learned halfway through the break that he is academically ineligible to play the rest of the season.

It is a major loss to the team as McCoy's speed was something opposing teams had trouble matching up with, and that often created scoring opportunities for other players on the team.

"Will brings a lot of athleticism and is able to get to the rim with the ball easily," Titan head coach Bruce Chavka said.

"Losing him means no more easy baskets for us and that we must run our offense and be disciplined."

McCoy was an all tournament performer in the team's second place finish at the Pierce Community College Tournament in November, and was unstoppable in the Dale J. Bates Tournament Lane hosted in early December.

The Titans opened with a 79-68 victory over Skagit Valley, but lost key big-man Brandon Hausmann to a rolled ankle and fell 79-91 to Grays Harbor and 60-73 to Linn-Benton to finish in fourth place.

Hausmann battled back into the line-up, but then broke his ankle in a tournament at Clark College. He will miss the rest of the season as a result.

"Brandon's a big man that can run, shoot and hits the boards hard," Chavka said. "We're like a completely different team without him and Will out there."

Lane averaged more than 20 turnovers in the Bates tourney, which is above the team goal of 15 and something Chavka thinks has made the difference in their performance all season.

"It seems like the little things are turning into big things," he said. "The margin of error is not very big for this team. We play with a lot of heart, but those little things are killing us."

Lane followed the Bates tourney with another fourth place finish in the Whatcom Crossover Tournament in Belling-

In their opening game against NW Indian College, sophomore David Webb, who shot 7-9 from three-point range to finish with 27 points, led them to an impressive 81-69 victory.

Webb and freshman Damien Evans scored 20 and 21 points respectively to earn Lane a 79-71 win in their second game match-up with Edmonds.

The Edmonds game was the last Mc-Coy played in.

That game was followed with a 45-64 loss to the eventual tournament champion, Lower Columbia. The final game was an 82-87 loss to Chemeketa.

Webb averaged 16 points a game in the tournament, but was held scoreless in the Titans loss to Lower Columbia.

He, along with Evans, Kyle Winkler, Tyler Hollingsworth and transfer Dylan Hettrich, are some of the players Lane will have to lean on to play more minutes and whose scoring production must increase in the absence of McCoy and Hausmann.

"We're gonna have to look to our sophomores to step up. They've been through the battle before and we're hoping they can lead us," Chavka said. "We told them it's like a fresh start to a whole new season."

The team followed the Whatcom tournament with an 86-91 loss to the Linfield College junior varsity team.

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Sheley described the Bellevue ment, Dec. 18, Bellevue Commutournament as long and tough. "We got up there Thursday night expecting to play Friday [Dec. 15], found out Friday morning that the tournament was postponed till Saturday," he said. Martindale scored 22 points to lead all scorers as Lane beat Tacoma 85-58 in the first round. Martindale was five of eight from behind the threepoint are and blocked three shots. Alexander and Morgan added 13 points each and Shelby Stephens scored 11. The balanced scoring had Lane at the half with a 39-27 lead. Sheley said that the game was a lot tougher than the final score indicated. "They were pressing us, we were pressing them. It was back and forth for quite some time," he said.

The win advanced them to the semi-finals against Walla Walla, which Sheley said has a notoriously good program. Lane beat Walla Walla 66-56. Morgan led the way with 20 points, six assists and six steals. Alexander had 13 points and nine rebounds. Stephens added another 10 points for the Titans. Sheley felt it was a good game, saying, "that's always a good win against a team like that. They run the flex offense and they run it really well, and just continue to screen, screen, screen."

In the championship game of the Bellevue Crossover Tournanity College handed Lane their first loss of the season. With four scorers in double figures, Bellevue beat Lane 75-57. "I thought we played decent defense in the sense that we made them take 12 to 15 foot jumpers, but they hit 'em," Sheley said. "They shot phenomenally. We ended up shooting 28 percent, and they shot like 47 per-

Bellevue built a 42-25 halftime lead. The Titans were able to cut their lead to 10 points midway through the second half, but that was as close as they could get. Martindale had 14 points for Lane, Stephens had 10, and Alexander pulled down 14 rebounds.

Lane recorded two wins Dec. 19 and 20 as Northwest Indian College had to forfeit. "They had only seven players, two of which got injured the weekend before we played, and then two became ineligible. So they felt it wouldn't have been a very good trip for them," Sheley said.

Lane's next action was at the Chemeketa Tournament Dec. 27-29 in Salem. In the first round it was Yakima Valley coming out with the win 70-63. Sophomore guard Natisia Reynolds led all scorers with 19 points. Sheley said that when the rankings come out this week, Yakima will be ranked number one. "They are a really good team. Again, got ourselves

down quite a bit, made a great comeback, and I think cut to as close as four with about a minute to go," Sheley said. "They're a good team, so there's no shame in that loss."

Lane played Clackamas Community College in the second round and defeated them handily 84-68. Stephens led the way scoring 24 points. In all, Lane had five players in double digits. Sheley said, "Clackamas is a league foe, and there's good and bad about playing league teams early."

In the consolation championship of the tournament, the Titans lost a tough one to Linn-Benton in overtime 84-83. Trailing four points at the half, Lane rallied in the second half to send it to overtime. Martindale had 25 points, Alexander had 20, and Morgan added 16 to take the game down to the wire. "We didn't shoot it particularly well. I think that third day again, we weren't in the physical condition that we need to be," Sheley said.

Conditioning has been the focus in practice since then. "I think we'll be able to continue to get our bodies in shape. With only two games a week, we'll be able to get after it pretty good. We'll be successful in league," Sheley said.

The Titans will be on the road for their next two games, at Mt. Hood Jan. 13 and in Portland Jan.

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the Titan losses this season, they battled back from a deficit only to lose in the end against Linfield.

"That was a tough game," Chavka said. "We had just come off the four day trip to Whatcom and had to bounce back on the road. We battled but came up short."

Lane then traveled to Vancouver, Wash. for their tournament at Clark College and opened with a devastating 101-56 loss to the host school in which they lost Hausmann to his injury and turned the ball over 27 times.

The team followed the Clark game with an 81-74 loss to Treasure Valley Community College to exit the Tourney.

Webb averaged 15 points in the two losses and Evans and Hettrich added 11 and 25 respectively in the finale.



Walk-on Freshman Damien Evans defends in a December tournament at Titan Court.

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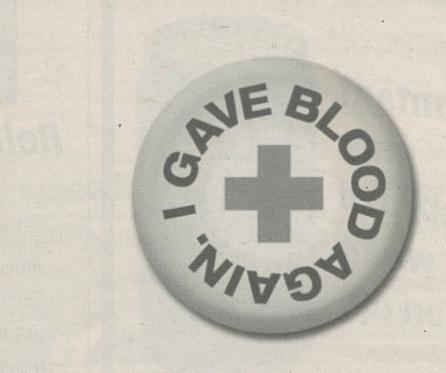
"Damien is one of the guys we're going to need to step up," Chavka said. "He's been doing a good job for us."

Evans also quickly realized that his no-complaints attitude fit in perfectly with the rest of his new teammates.

"The players here have been really nice and helpful," he said. "There are no egos and they just treat me like one of the guys. It's been really

Evans' head coach hopes his self-proclaimed "normal college student" who spends his free time playing Xbox and basketball with his roommate, will continue to work hard and said his squad is definitely better off with him around.

"He's a really great, hardworking kid and he's gotten a lot better," Chavka said. "We're always happy to have a guy like that on our team."



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"Having time off of school and not having homework over the break."



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"I spent a lot of time with my family."



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"I snowboarded a whole bunch. That's

about it."



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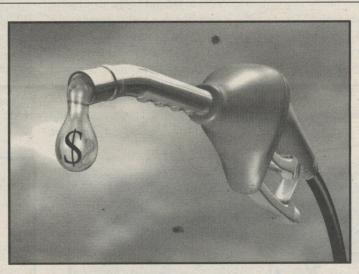
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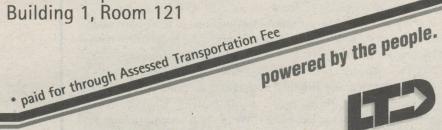
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