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LCC to partner with international schools

President Spilde travels to Egypt, United Arab Emirates for talks

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NEWS EDITOR

Mary Spilde, LCC president, spent part of her holiday break traveling to Egypt and the United Arab Emirates.

The trip was one of the first formal steps in developing a partnership with an educational organization from that area. Tim Craig, executive director of community education and workforce development at LCC, is a former administrator at a Cairo university. It was through Craig's contacts in Cairo that this program began to develop.

"In some ways it would be like having an outreach center," Spilde said. Teachers and administrators from LCC would be planning and developing a curriculum to be used in Cairo colleges as well as in United Arab Emirate countries: Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Fujairah. These partnerships are expected to produce a revenue stream for the general fund at LCC; something Spilde is excited about.

"Over time, I don't think we can just rely on our traditional sources of state money. It's just not going to do the job," Spilde said.

With funds tight, administrators at LCC are looking for new ways to bolster the ever-shrinking budget.

"This is a business opportunity. It is about us having a set of skills or an expertise that they need and they're willing to pay for," Spilde said.

According to Spilde, Egypt was recently allocated \$250 million euros by the European community to be used for educational development and LCC is trying to secure a chunk of that money.

Spilde said that no public money was used for this trip. "Our partners in Egypt paid

for everything," she said.

Currently, the Middle East has mostly private universities for the elite and very few schools that specialize in educating people for mid-level careers, such as nursing, administrative support positions or in the field of culinary arts. A group of educators in Egypt are working with American institutions to try and develop certification courses that are on par with American levels of training.

Spilde visited schools in both Cairo and the United Arab Emirates to get a sense of their training programs and to make sure this project is something LCC wants to endorse.

"For us, we want to make sure that if we're going to put our name on something it has to meet our standards. We're not going to put our name out there without assuring that the quality that we expect in our programs is actually there," Spilde said.

After touring numerous schools, Spilde now feels confident that the match is good for LCC and she says that the people she met with were very knowledgeable and professional.

"We are at the very beginning stages," Spilde said, "but there is a great deal of potential there."

On her visit, Spilde saw many possible opportunities in which LCC educators could provide a useful service to colleges in the Middle East. In Egypt, where Spilde expects to be offering non-credit courses designed by LCC faculty within the year, the curriculum might one day "get to the point where there is a degree offered, but it might just be more of a certificate at first," Spilde said.

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PHOTO BY SEAN HOFFMAN

Public Safety Officer Jim Harris had his hands full Tuesday morning when snow and freezing rain left dozens of vehicles wrecked or stranded.

Winter road blocks

Snow and slush cause slips, slides on Gonyea Road

Ariel Burkhardt
COPY EDITOR

Confusion reigned Tuesday morning when LCC students got stuck at school due to a large snowstorm and a late weather ad-

visory.

Students and staff, who came to school early in the morning, were unaware of a large storm about to hit campus. Freezing

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Titans score 127 in win

Lane defeats SOCC in league action

Josh Hutchins
SPORTS EDITOR

The Titan women won the tip against Southwestern Community College and scored an easy layup to start things off. The game, played on Wednesday, Jan. 10, quickly turned into a rout, ending with a score of 127-60 in favor of Lane.

Lane scored the first 14 points of the game. Turnovers were a problem for the Lakers early in the first half; they just couldn't manage the full-court pressure from Lane. Midway through the first half the score was 45-8. Lane finished the half with 16 steals.

"Wednesday's game was interesting because we always come

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PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

Sophomore Sheri Gates protects the ball against the Laker defense.

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

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Idaho governor plans wolf slaughter

The governor of Idaho plans to slaughter 450 of the State's 550 wolves. Republican governor "Butch" Otter is so keen on the idea that he plans to personally help exterminate 60 of Idaho's 70 wolf packs.

He recently told a group of fellow "sportsmen" that, "I'm prepared to bid for the first ticket to shoot a wolf myself."

The American Gray Wolf was hunted to near extinction in the United States by the end of the 1800s. Placed on the endangered species list, wolves were reintroduced in Yellowstone National Park and Idaho in the mid-1990s, to much gnashing of teeth and dire warnings from hunters and ranchers who feared the wolves would wipe out elk and deer herds and ravage livestock.

All of which proved unfounded. In Yellowstone, wolves brought the runaway growth of elk herds

under control and back in balance with the ecosystem, resulting in the regrowth of streamside vegetation the elk had decimated without control from predators.

While wolves do occasionally prey on livestock, ranchers are more than compensated monetarily by the government and private organizations. When their livestock perish from causes other than wolves they get no compensation.

The reintroduction proved successful beyond even the most optimistic wolf advocates. The Idaho wolf population is now large enough that the federal government will soon remove them from the endangered species list.

Wolves will remain off the endangered species list as long as the population stays above 100. Hence, Otter's scheme to decimate the wolf packs.

Otter and his supporters argue that the wolves must be reduced to protect elk herds, despite the fact that scientific study has proven that wolves have not threatened elk herds.

Commentary

Larry Coonrod

Editor in chief



Unlike humans, wolves go for the easy kill: the diseased, the crippled, the weak and the starving. Having predators cull the weakest members from the herd is nature's way of keeping populations healthy. Predators cannot over hunt a species. When elk and deer populations decrease fewer are available for the wolves and there is a corresponding decrease in the wolf population. That's what they mean by nature's bal-

ance.

Humans, unlike wolves, seek to kill the healthiest members of the herd, the big, dominant branch bulls, allowing genetic inferior males to breed.

Wolves don't need to kill the biggest bull in the herd so they can have a bloody head to strap to the front of their four-wheeled drive truck and parade through town as proof of their manhood.

Oregonians, whether they know it yet or not, will be affected by Idaho's policy toward wolves. As the wolves' population has increased in Idaho they have begun to cross the Snake River into Oregon. Biologists believe that at least two are now living in Eastern Oregon. The Oregon Cattlemen's Association is campaigning to ensure wolves are not allowed to become a permanent fixture in Oregon's wild areas. The OCA cites the nonexistent danger to

cattle herds. One fact that they fail to highlight is that cattle that might fall prey to wolves are grazing on public land at very little cost to the cattleman.

Lobbyists for the OCA have a considerable amount of clout in Salem and are trying to short circuit the public's input on whether we want to see wolves on our land.

A few years ago, after the first wolves were spotted in Oregon, a cattleman told a reporter that the wolves were eliminated a hundred years ago because they were on land needed for ranching. Thinking about it, I suppose the same could be said of the Native American tribes that once inhabited the same area.

We have an opportunity to once again have this majestic symbol of the West grace our state. We shouldn't let a few cowboys ruin it.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Bosievich needs to speak on his own knowledge base.

On January 15, the R-G published an attack by Jay Bozievich on the view of Russell Sadler that a larger investment in higher education would lead to a larger Oregon GDP.

I know Jay as we both served for a time on the LCC Board and Jay often lets his frame of reference based on his political ideology override the reality of issues of this type.

To the best of my knowledge he does not have a degree in economics nor has he visited and studied Ireland's system of Regional Technical colleges. Despite that, he states that investment in higher education does NOT cause any increase

in economic growth and that the growth of Ireland's GDP is due solely to tax cuts. U.S. firms located in Ireland largely due to its highly educated and trained workforce produced by these RTCs and their location in Ireland gives their companies access to all the other nations that are members of the European Community without tariffs and, to a lesser degree, to cuts in taxes. Why do companies choose to locate where there are universities? Does Jay think universities locate near businesses? Which is the cause and which is the effect in this relationship?

Any economist would have told Jay that there are a number of factors, which cause economies to have more growth, and that one of them is the availability of a highly trained work-

force.

Another thing that Jay does not seem to understand is the concept of externalities. His beloved market system under allocates resources in the case of universities and community colleges because it is unable to take into account benefits other than those to the buyer or seller. As a consequence of this market failure, the government must build, run and finance institutions of higher education.

Jay is a very bright guy, but he should confine his attacks to ideas and not people and also confine them to areas where his knowledge base is strong such as the operations of EWEB where he works.

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Picasso's dirty little secret.

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OSPIRG works for sustainability

Lowering textbook prices and helping the homeless

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NEWS EDITOR

OSPIRG will be holding their general interest meeting on Jan. 25 at 3 p.m. in the LCC main campus cafeteria. Campaigns and projects it will be covering include the Campus Climate Challenge, which is a campaign to reduce global warming pollution on campus. They will also be tackling such issues as textbook prices, Keep Oregon Wild and Project Homeless Connect. Opportunities for OSPIRG internships will be discussed.

Any students who are inter-

ested in volunteering for these, or any other OSPIRG projects are encouraged to attend this meeting.

OSPIRG, a state-wide, student led and funded public interest research group, has been a mainstay on the LCC campus for 30 years, educating students and faculty about pressing local and global issues. Through OSPIRG, students get a chance to face society's big problems and work to come up with solutions.

This term, OSPIRG is working hard to find solutions to global warming. Their goal is to eventually eliminate the amount of global warming pollution created by LCC. Working with the Energy Management and Sustainability group, LCC is in the process of implementing efficiency

programs and educating students and faculty about ways they can reduce campus pollution. The hope is that LCC will become energy independent within the next 20 years.

They are also trying to make textbooks some-

doing things like producing unnecessary new editions and bundling textbooks with unnecessary CD's and workbooks. Textbooks should be affordable to students to keep higher education affordable, so we are working with faculty to put pressure on publishers to stop making new editions."

OSPIRG will also be working at an upcoming event sponsored by the United Way of Lane County. Project Homeless Connect will create a space where, for one day, homeless residents can get as many basic and critical needs met as possible. There will be doctors, veterinarians, social workers and local business people on hand to administer services.

In an attempt to accurately count the number of homeless residents in Lane County, Project Homeless Connect will also be conducting a count of the num-

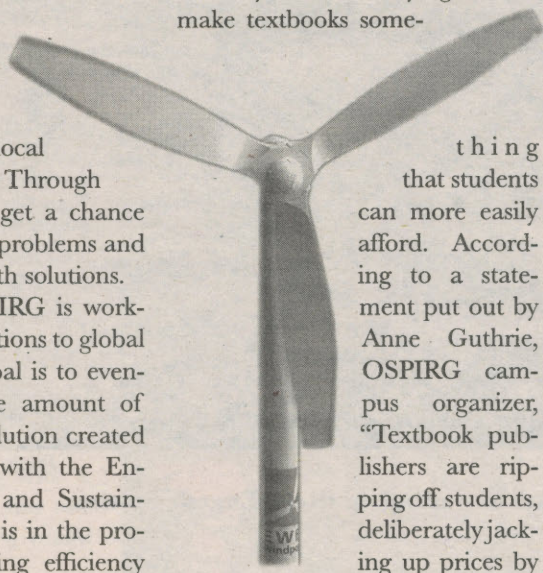
ber of homeless people who attend.

OSPIRG needs plenty of supplies and volunteers for Project Homeless Connect, and they are asking students to contribute anything they can. The contributions could be in the form of time, expertise or even cash. There is also a need for donated items, such as hygiene products or eyeglasses.

Project Homeless Connect will take place Thursday, Feb. 8 at the Lane County Fairgrounds at 13th Ave. and Jefferson St. in Eugene.

Volunteers interested in working with Project Homeless Connect, contact Ruth Linoz at phc-forlanecounty@gmail.com or call 741-6000, extension 121 by Jan. 19.

For more information about OSPIRG campaigns contact Campus Organizer Guthrie at 541-463-5166



thing that students can more easily afford. According to a statement put out by Anne Guthrie, OSPIRG campus organizer, "Textbook publishers are ripping off students, deliberately jacking up prices by

Akimbo is a laugh riot worth seeing

Student directs humorous play at Lord Leebrick Theatre

Review by

Ashley Borjeson
MANAGING EDITOR

The Theatre department at LCC may have a "real deal" student director on its hands. Benjamin Newman a theatre student is directing David Lindsay-Abaire's Kimberly Akimbo at the Lord Leebrick Theatre Company.

His directorial debut was in November with Ruby by the River, written by Richard Leebrick.

Akimbo is a hilarious comedy about Kimberly, a teenage girl with a rare condition that ages her five times faster than normal, yet she is the most normal person in her family. With only a cast of five people the play would seem like a small production but once it starts the audience is completely taken into Akimbo's vast world.

I found myself emotionally tied to the performers, laughing at Kimberly's scheming aunt portrayed by Marla Norton and cringing as Kimberly's alcoholic father, portrayed by Larry Fried, comes home drunk again. Norton and Fried both give all-star performances, worthy of standing ovations.

The most off-the-wall charac-

ter is Kimberly's mother played by Billi Veber, who is nine months pregnant, a hypochondriac and just had carpal tunnel surgery on her hands. Veber is the embodiment of funny as she waddles around the stage in a bathrobe and slippers.

Sharon Sless as Kimberly is very convincing as a teenager and gives a stellar performance, especially when she's around her crush, a boy from her class played by Warren Kluber. Kluber is very energetic on stage and a joy to watch.

What I enjoyed the most was the family interactions in the play; they felt very genuine and honest. Before each rehearsal the cast and Newman would warm-up together, they did exercises and practiced their announcements; I think this added to the "togetherness" exhibited on stage.

The performances shown by the cast Akimbo, is a must see. The play opened Jan. 12 and will run through Feb. 3. For ticket information call 465-1506 or go to www.lordleebrick.com.

Along with directing Akimbo at Lord Leebrick, Newman is also acting in Othello at LCC. The play is in rehearsal and will open Feb. 2 at the Blue Door Theatre.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TIM CRAIG

Mary Spilde met with students in Egypt where an international education program is in it's first stages.

Mary Spilde From Page 1

In a relatively poor country, without much infrastructure such as Egypt, college is often reserved for the wealthy. This program could help to change that.

Spilde says that there might be even more opportunities with participating schools from the United Arab Emirates because of their large population of English speaking nationals and a more relaxed culture. The potential partners in Abu Dhabi and Dubai are currently doing a needs-assessment of businesses in their countries by finding out what jobs need to be filled and what skills are needed.

The men's and women's colleges in Fujairah, which is about two hours from Dubai, are already partnered with schools in Scotland, Canada and Australia.

LCC will be the first school in America to join the partnership.

While in Fujairah, Spilde toured a school of dentistry and was very impressed with the facilities, although she did see a very specific lack in one area.

"They didn't have training for dental assistants and dental hygienists, which is a perfect place for us to fit in."

While visiting the women's college in Fujairah,

Spilde was able to spend some time talking with a group of five students.

"We talked first about their education. Then we just talked about women in Islam and what the expectations of their families are," She said.

Part of the education program these women were participating in allowed them to spend a term studying in Australia. Of the five women, one woman's family wasn't going to allow her to make the trip.

They didn't want her exposed to western culture, fearing the results. The other four women had either already been or were planning on going.

"What was fascinating was watching these other young women coach this one on how to work with her family to get to go. It was the absolute highlight of the trip for me to hear these women talk about their futures. In some senses they don't have as many choices, but yet they are very powerful in their own way," Spilde said.

Spilde returned from the Middle East on Dec. 24 and is hopeful for the future of these fledgling partnerships.

"It was a wonderful personal experience for me. The people were so kind and generous and welcoming. They couldn't have been kinder."

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LTD kicks off faster, cleaner service

EmX buses replace Thurston run; more changes set

Jenica Pistone
FEATURES EDITOR

Lane Transit District kicked off its new EmX system with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Sunday, Jan. 14. The 60-foot long, bright green, hybrid buses will replace the section of the number 11 Thurston bus between the Eugene and Springfield stations.

The EmX buses run on a combination of battery power and diesel, which means less wear and tear on the brakes and engine, as well as a break for the environment.

"There is less pollution because the diesel kicks in after a certain speed and runs at a constant rate," Andy Vobora, director of service planning, accessibility and marketing for LTD, said.

New features on the route include a bus-only lane, light signal priority, and the elimination of on-board fare collection. These changes, along with the elimination of the use of bike racks, are designed to decrease the running time between the two stations.

However, many members of the community are concerned about rumors that the EmX is currently running at speeds equal to, or slower than, the buses on the original number 11 route.

Vobora says that there has been a lot of confusion surrounding this issue. One misunderstanding people have is that the ride from the Eugene station to the Springfield station was timed in 1994, when the EmX project was in its earliest stages.

"At that time the Springfield station was located on 5th Street and North B. The av-



PHOTO BY CASSIE LAWS

One of the new EMX Buses pulling up to the Eugene Station.

erage running time for the number 11 from the Eugene station to the Springfield station was 22 minutes," Vobora said. "Since then we've opened a new station on South A, meaning the bus didn't have as far to go."

In the weeks before the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the EmX, running times were between 16 and 22 minutes; times that were significantly above what LTD had hoped. Vobora, however, is optimistic and said that in recent training runs the times have dropped.

"There was a 7:30 morning commute timed run where the driver made it in about 12 minutes," he said. "They're all looking really positive." Vobora also notes that with the new system comes a consis-

tency that the previous number 11 Thurston bus lacked.

"With the number 11 there was a lot of variability; sometimes it would take 10 minutes to go three blocks," he said.

LTD says that the most important aspect of the EmX is not necessarily an immediate increase in speed; the most significant benefits will become more apparent as time goes on. Projections of traffic congestion 20 years into the future are used to determine the types of changes that need to be made in the transportation system to keep things running smoothly.

"This is part of a regional transportation plan. It takes into consideration all roads and bridges, and includes transit. We have to meet certain state goals. That's how

the bus rapid transit came to be: if we kept running the same system we had in place, we wouldn't meet those goals," Vobora said. "Over time it becomes more consistent because traffic grows."

LTD is currently looking at other routes in the Eugene and Springfield area that could benefit from the EmX. High-traffic areas, such as West 11th, River Road and Coburg Road are all prime candidates. In fact, Vobora says that LTD has begun planning for a second leg of the current EmX route. It would run from the Springfield station and through International Way before looping around to Gateway Blvd.

With the new changes on the road brought by the EmX, LTD urges pedestrians and motorists to be aware of their surroundings, as there are several points where the EmX bus crosses traffic.

"There is a concern that people aren't familiar with the bus going in both directions in the same lane," Vobora said.

LTD has posed several signs along the route warning people to look both ways and be conscious of the lights as well as the bus. It has also sent out a mailing to businesses and residences along the new route.

"We're pushing a 'look both ways' safety message," Vobora said. "Our drivers are conscious of it; people do move out into the lane without looking. It's a quiet vehicle. We'll continue to push that message of safety."

The EmX that is running on Franklin Blvd. between the Eugene and Springfield stations is scheduled to leave the Eugene station every 10 minutes on weekdays and every 20 minutes during evenings and weekends.

For more information on the EmX system, call LTD at 687-5555, or visit www.ltd.org.

Paintball Palace offers safe urb

Indoor arenas for paintball and Lazer Tag open seven days a week

Larry Coonrod
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A masked gunman took aim from the building's window and began firing. His targets, caught in the open, ducked for cover. Above the yelling came the steady pop-pop of the gunman's assault weapon spitting out 17 rounds a second.

No, this isn't the streets of Baghdad, but the arena of the Paintball Palace on West

7th Avenue in Eugene.

Seven days a week paintball warriors test their skill and aim against other players inside the Palace's indoor arena. A mixture of vegetable oil, food coloring and dish soap, paintballs are considerably more forgiving on the body than real ammunition.

In business for over 10 years, the Paintball Palace caters to everyone from beginners to pros. And yes, there are professional paintball players, many of whom do quite well for themselves. Oliver Lang, known as the Kobe Bryant of paintball, reportedly earns \$100,000 a year. Top prizes at a recent championship included five new Ford Mustangs.

Open play starts at 2 p.m. everyday and is open to anyone of any experience level.

For those who want to try the sport out before investing in equipment of their own, a \$20 bill will rent a semi-automatic gun, known as a marker, 50 paintballs, safety goggles and two hours of arena time.

Play-
ers

must be at least 10 to use the arena and players under 18 need a guardian to sign a waiver in order to play.

Employee Rick Noland recommends players wear an extra layer of clothing. Even though the velocity on the markers is adjusted down to between 280 and 300 feet per second for indoor play, the paintballs still have a bit of sting to them. For an extra dollar, chest protectors are available in the Palace's pro shop. A baseball hat and gloves are also recommended. The mixture used in paintballs is water soluble but messy, so it is advisable to bring a



(left) Safety masks are available for rent at the Paintball Palace. (right) Bret Ellison of Eugene is ready for battle with mask, marker and barrel sleeve.



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOF

Titans down — but not out

Hoop men continue to fight on

Alex Braga
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Body language can sometimes tell you everything about a basketball team.

So when the Lane men lost 80-38 to the Southwestern Oregon Lakers at Titan Court on Wednesday Jan. 10, Head Coach Bruce Chavka and his coaching staff knew the job that was in store for them.

"Our guys just need to learn the things they have to do to not get into trouble out there," Chavka said. "There's no use getting frustrated to the point where you take yourself out of games."

"We've gotten rid of our losers limp, but we just need to learn to play through frustration."

Lane has taught us this season that a team's record can sometimes reveal nothing about its character.

The (6-12, 0-3 NWAACC) record the Titan team has does not reflect the heart it's shown every game, or the adversity it has had to battle.

Whether it be Damien Evans or Kenneth Arthanios diving for loose balls when down by 30 points; or Jon Curry battling four SOCC defenders for an offensive rebound and layup, the team has never lacked the effort its head

coach has asked of it.

"So much has happened to us this year," Chavka said. "God bless 'em though, they are battling and hanging in there."

"We just need to weather the storm and try to find solutions."

When Lakers forward Everett Smith caught an alley-oop pass and threw it down four minutes into the Titans match-up with SOCC, it became evident that Lane was outmatched athletically.

"They are really athletic and like to press and run and gun," Chavka said. "They play with a lot of passion and have fun out there. Their coach does a really good job."

It was also apparent that if Lane were to stay in the game with the Lakers that they would need to be lights-out when shooting the ball, not turn the ball over and out work their opponent.

The Titans only achieved one part of the equation as they turned the ball over 15 times and only shot 5 of 24 in the first half to fall behind 37-15 at halftime.

The second half fared even worse for Lane as SOCC opened the first 10 minutes of the frame by going on an 18-4 run.

The Lakers' full-court press

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PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

A SOCC defender denies Titan Tyler Hollingsworth's attempt in the key, Lane turned the ball over 23 times against the Lakers.

an combat for adults and kids

change of clothing for the ride home. Also available for rent are coveralls.

The Paintball Palace enforces strict safety rules. While the paintballs are harmless to most parts of the body, like any high-speed projectile they can damage the unprotected eye. Goggles are required at all times when a player is inside the arena. Before exiting the game area a safety sleeve must be fitted over the barrel to stop a paintball in case of an accidental discharge. All paintballs must be purchased at the pro shop, to prevent any dangerous homemade mixtures being used, Noland said.

Players decide what type of game they want to play, capture the flag, center flag speedball or an all out free for all. Williams says a game typically last 10 minutes.

Groups can reserve the arena for company events, parties or team practice. A minimum of 10 players and a \$50 deposit are required to reserve the arena during non-open play hours.

For former LCC student Eric Hollenbeck, paintball is a chance to spend time with his teenagers; son Ethan and daughter Sophia.

"It's kind of a neat sport. It's something we can do at home. We're a pretty competitive family and it's a lot of fun," Hollenbeck

said. "We're fortunate to have enough trees in the backyard to play, and the first good rain all that dye will be off my trees."

An on-site pro shop caters to all levels of players and budgets. Semi automatic markers start at around \$80 and run to \$200 for the more popular models. Professional players and well-heeled amateurs can spend considerably more cash on a marker, up to \$2,500. The Palace also carries safety goggles, carrying cases, vest, tactical gear, compressed air for powering markers and of course, paintballs.

As a sport, paintball got its start in the mid 1970s. The first paintball guns, pistols, came from agriculture supply companies and were originally intended for marking trees and livestock. With a capacity of only a dozen or so paintballs and having to be cocked after each shot, they were primitive by today's standard. A modern paintball weapon gun resembles an assault weapon and can fire up to 30 times per second, sending paintballs screaming out of the barrel at nearly 350 feet per second.

From a few early pioneers the sport has grown large enough to support professional paintball: the National Professional Paintball League and Paintball Sports Promotions. Championship events are regularly



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

The Paintball Palace has a wide selection of paintball guns and accessories for amateurs and pros alike. The Paintball Palace is located on 1820 W 7th in Eugene.

broadcast on ESPN. The Sporting Goods Manufacturing Association estimates that 10 million Americans play paintball at least once a year.

For youngsters not old enough to participate in paintball, a lazer tag arena is avail-

able. Eugene resident Lisa Gibson reserved the lazer tag arena for her son, Alex's, birthday party.

"It's great, we brought nine kids out. For four games it cost \$11, so it was like a hundred dollars and the kids absolutely love it."

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Snow storm From Page 1

rain and snow contributed to at least 12 cars experiencing trouble on the east entrance to Gonyea Road, Director of Public Safety Sandra Ing-Weise said.

"When we're anticipating bad weather, I get a call at 5 a.m. from one of the public safety officers. They brief me on the campus condition [and] weather forecast. [I get] a brief on what's happening on I-5. We're following media, we know of other school closures. It was an interesting dilemma. We want to wait long enough to know what the weather will be like, ideally before people leave home. I gather information off the Internet. If LTD is questionable [we'll] make contact with LTD," Ing-Weise said.

"The summary is [in] by 5:30, [then] I get a call from Steve Pruch and I give him my summary and synopsis. We ask the grounds people what they're encountering. Stephen and I talk about it, I may go get more information for him. We look for variables and try to have the decision by 6 a.m. Once the decision is made we go into informing staff and faculty," Ing-Weise said.

"Yesterday, we went through the process and by 6 o'clock, it was great. Campus was clear, roads were clear; there wasn't any reason to close. And then the storm started coming in from the north. You can't really close the campus when it's 'a-okay' or we would be closed a lot. When the storm came in we were watching it and we were in communication all morning. It hit very quick and very slick. Had we gotten snow instead of freezing rain we would have been in a different situation," Ing-Weise said. "By the time it started getting bad on campus, people were already on campus. It came in so quickly."

"Normally, when they [LTD] would cancel, they would call the campus and say they weren't serving in half an hour, they would pick up people but we won't drop them off. Yesterday, [LTD] said, 'we're sorry we can't get there,'" Ing-Weise said. "[Our reply was] 'what about our people?' and [LTD] said, 'we'll get back to you, as soon as we get buses chained up.'"

"Because it was predicted to freeze we went for the total closure and the two-hour delay. You stand a 70 percent chance of being wrong when you close the school. Given the information we had, the system worked well. Had weather been different, had we been able to divine exactly what the weather was going to be," Ing-Weise said.

"I hope one key thing staff and students remember; if the school is open, they still need to look at where they live and what the conditions are to make their own decision and whether or not they're coming out."

No students were injured and no cars suffered damage. "The only serious accident that I know of was one vehicle roll over, on Gonyea. It was never reported to law enforcement or us. An officer came across it as we were checking the road. We checked [the car], there was no one in the vehicle, we put tape on it so people knew it was an old accident so people wouldn't respond to it," Public Safety officer Jim Harris said. "We have no idea [who the

occupant was], nobody talked to us about it. We have no information about it at all, as far as the operator. But looking at the foot tracks, he or she walked away from the vehicle and walked onto campus. No one on campus was injured, at least, no injuries that occurred in our general area," Harris said.

"Officially, 30th, Gonyea and Eldon Schafer Road and primary jurisdiction lies with county sheriffs. One of the traffic teams did show up to assist and evaluate. There were no injuries, no vehicle damage," he said.



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(above) Caught unprepared for snow, Hang Paek from South Korea, uses a empty food container as an umbrella. (left) This Nissan Pathfinder lies in the ditch after rolling over on the slippery 30th Avenue LCC offramp Tuesday morning.

nology, said. "The experience wasn't the same around town. We finally decided to close when LTD said they couldn't come, and when buses can't come, we can't open. It just happened that the executive team at the college was meeting, so the office of instruction was represented, the president was there and we were getting representa-

tion from LTD and public safety. All those groups were part of making the call," Pruch said.

"Our biggest concern, once we had students on campus and the weather turned, was that we might have to keep students here over night. We never got far into that thinking because LTD started running again. It's a call that we make for safety."

"There were vehicles on the side of the road. There was congestion and a traffic hazard. No property damage accidents. We had quite a few spinouts but nothing that resulted in a traffic report. There were two vehicles that were completely off the road on the west side on-ramp and they did call a tow truck and were pulled out about two hours later. Once it became clear that it wasn't safe we called the campus. We encouraged [students, staff and faculty] to stay here while it's safe, and once the roads were cleared, another e-mail went out saying now was the time to go home before the freeze came back," Harris said.

"What people need to be aware of in weather like that is to drive extremely conservative."

We were successful in getting all but one vehicle on the ramp to get it rolling at one mile an hour to get them off the hill. Their safety is our primary concern. If [roads are] not safe driving here, don't come here."

Angie Sifuentez, a marketing representative at LTD said that the weather was normal in the morning, and as the weather turned, there was a pile up.

"Traffic started getting backed up and the roads got slippery, we tried to use an alternative route, the Texaco way, but the bridge got slipperier until we got sand on the road. In the mean time we talked to LCC," Sifuentez said.

"We were afraid people were going to get stuck. We were able to get in and we sent two shuttle busses specifically to get people out of LCC. They left and then the regular service started up again and picked up more people. We have a really close communication with LCC and we [will] find out if the road is closed. Ice came on unexpectedly and that's why we had to stop service for a while. After we were able to serve LCC, we continued to run service because they're also workers who work out there who use us," Sifuentez said.

"It was an uneven storm," Pruch, associate vice president of information tech-

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Events

Free Financial Aid and Scholarship Workshop. Saturday, Jan. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. LCC main campus, Bldg 17, Rm 308. Workshop is open to students, parents and other interested individuals. Participants will learn about computer databases and how to organize a scholarship search and get tips on writing high quality essays and applications. Advance registration required. Register through Express-lane, CRN 32953. Non students can call 463-5252.

Personals

Mom, Rick and I'll put the roof on.

Monique, Thanks for saving me. It's my turn in September.

Shiloh, quit licking the cat's butt!

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out and play pressure, and we actually pulled off the press about as early as I've ever pulled it off," Head Coach Greg Sheley said. He said they only pressed for about the first seven minutes, but that was enough to get a nice lead.

"It's kind of shocking too, because we almost took [the ball] away at will, and then for the rest of the game, they had a couple of kids who did a decent job of breaking us down in the half-court whether it was man or zone," Sheley said.

Lane had three players finish with more than 20 points. Natsia Reynolds led all scorers with 25 points and pulled down 10 rebounds.

Shelby Stephens and Nicole Morgan both ended the game with 22 points. Mercedes Alexander contributed 16 points, Sheri Gates had 14 and Valerie Meyer got 13 to round out the Titan scorers in double digits.

Sheley said it was nice to score as many points as they did, "But defensively I didn't want to give up 60 points to that team. That would be one thing [to fix] when we play them next time," Sheley said. "We went about three minutes there in the zone just to try and slow the pace of the game down, and they hit like, four or five threes. So we had to come out of the zone to just not let them keep scoring."

Lane's six-foot freshman guard Kammy Martindale did not play Wednesday night. Sheley said that her knees have been bothering her and that Tuesday practice was very painful, "So we knew who we had playing on Wednesday, and we knew that it wouldn't be the time to push things, and it would be a great time to rest. So it was a conscious decision to give her a little rest," Sheley said.

Lane's next action was at Mt. Hood Community College on

Saturday, Jan. 13. The Titans squeaked by with a victory over the Saints 74-71.

Lane led 42-34 at the half, and Sheley said they had a lead of as many as 14 points at one point. The Saints outscored Lane 32-37 in the second half.

Sheley said, "It was a little bit close, [we] went on a little cold spell in the second half. They kept it within six and eight, six and eight, made a nice little run at the end, and we hit some free throws which kept our lead."

Alexander led the Titans with 18 points. Martindale added 16 and Stephens got 15 in the close win.

Sheley said, "We settled for the first shot when we needed to maybe work the ball around a little bit more, it's just a little inexperience right there. I think we had a little lack of intensity for some reason, little drop off without practice Thursday because there was no

school, and then kind of having to rush everything into one day."

"The good thing was that Mt. Hood's a pretty good team, and we beat 'em on the road," Sheley said.

Overall the Titans stayed healthy this last week. Martindale was scheduled to see the doctor Tuesday to have her knees checked out.

Sheley said, "It seems to be one of those things where she's just going to have to kind of grin and bear it, and we'll rest her when we can type of thing."

Stephanie Stephens, who underwent arthroscopic knee surgery at the end of November, and has sat out to this point, will red-shirt this year.

"She's planning on coming back next year, which will be a big boost for us. This year's team is doing a great job. To have her coming back next year will be a good start," Sheley said.

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and impressive speed on defense forced the Titans into finishing the game with 23 turnovers, 17 of which were steals by SOCC.

Lane also finished only having shot 24 percent from the field, 14 percent from three-point range and 38 percent from the foul line.

"We just can't seem to get shots to fall out there," Chavka said. "We play our butts off on defense and get good looks but they're just not going in."

The only Titan that was able to find his shot was Evans, who finished 5 of 11 from the field, with 12 points and five rebounds.

Curry, a 6 foot 5 center from Oakridge, finished with four points and eight rebounds.

His development as a solid post presence is important for the Titans because of the season-end-

ing injury to Brandon Hausmann last month and the fact that they have had trouble making shots.

"Jon is starting to come around for us," Chavka said. "He's learning to use his body and be aggressive. He could be one of the strongest kids in the NWAACC."

Chavka, who was an assistant coach at SOCC last year, said it was an interesting experience coaching against players that he had a hand in recruiting.

"I still have a good friendship and talk basketball on the phone with coach [Trevor] Hoppe every day," he said.

"It was a little weird [playing them] because I recruited a lot of [their players]."

Things didn't get any easier for the Titans as they had to follow the SOCC game with a trip to

Gresham to play Mt. Hood on Saturday, Jan 13.

Lane fell 94-52 to the Saints in a game that saw two Mt. Hood players combine to score 54 points.

"They are good, disciplined and run their stuff well," Chavka said. "We just couldn't get any shots to fall."

Mt. Hood, who finished the game shooting 64 percent from the field, took a commanding lead in the first half to coast to the finish.

David Webb hit 4 of 5 three-pointers to finish with 22 points, and Curry added 10 points in the losing effort for the Titans.

Chavka remains optimistic that his Titan team is on the right track and that the season is far from being over.

"This is a tough league this year," Chavka said. "It's a wide open race, and if we keep working as hard as we are, we're gonna catch somebody."

**Men's Basketball
NWAACC South
Standings**

Team	League	Overall
CLACKAMAS CC	3-0	14-4
UCC	3-0	9-9
SOCC	2-1	15-3
CHEMEKETA CC	2-1	10-6
MHCC	1-2	9-7
LBCC	1-2	10-8
LANE	0-3	6-11
PCC	0-3	3-13

2007 Titan Basketball**Men's League Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Time
**JAN. 17	PCC	7:30 P.M.
•JAN. 20	CLACKAMAS CC	7:30 P.M.
•JAN. 24	LBCC	7:30 P.M.
JAN. 27	CHEMEKETA CC	6:00 P.M.
JAN. 31	UCC	7:30 P.M.
•FEB. 3	PCC	6:00 P.M.
FEB. 7	SOCC	7:30 P.M.
•FEB. 10	MHCC	6:00 P.M.
FEB. 14	LBCC	7:30 P.M.
FEB. 17	CLACKAMAS CC	6:00 P.M.
•FEB. 21	UCC	7:30 P.M.

Home games are bulleted. ** Changed to Jan. 21

Women's League Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
**JAN. 17	PCC	5:30 P.M.
•JAN. 20	CLACKAMAS CC	4:00 P.M.
•JAN. 24	LBCC	5:30 P.M.
JAN. 27	CHEMEKETA CC	4:00 P.M.
JAN. 31	UCC	5:30 P.M.
•FEB. 3	PCC	4:00 P.M.
FEB. 7	SOCC	5:30 P.M.
•FEB. 10	MHCC	4:00 P.M.
FEB. 14	LBCC	5:30 P.M.
FEB. 17	CLACKAMAS CC	4:00 P.M.
•FEB. 21	UCC	5:30 P.M.

Home games are bulleted. ** Changed to Jan. 18

“What did you do on your snow day off?”**Gina Sanjans**

UNDECIDED

“Hung out with friends and studied.”

**Laurita Barth**

SPECIAL EDUCATION

“Cuddled with my dog, Chante, and homework.”

**Todd Dalotto**

HORTICULTURE

“I went to OSU to study, because they are not afraid to open with a little bit of snow.”

**Jessica Aguilarflorez**

HUMAN SERVICES

“I played with my toddlers. They are two and three.”

**Royanna Siglar**

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“I worked. I work at the 76 station.”

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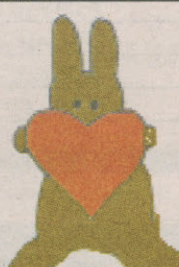
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