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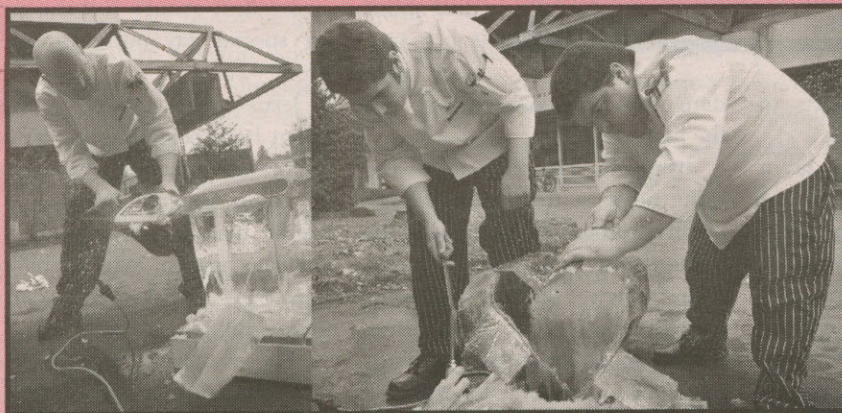
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Valentine's Day

On Tuesday Feb. 6 Culinary Arts students produced ice sculptures for Valentine's Day. Chris Dunstan (left) makes his first attempt at ice sculpting with a chain saw. Mathew Hill and Chris Dietz use chisels and a hand saw to clean up the rough edges produced by the chain saw. This sculpture was displayed in the Renaissance Room.

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Researcher showcased

Black History month launched with keynote speaker

Déidre Moxley
NEWS EDITOR

A prominent University of Arizona researcher marked the beginning of Black History Month at LCC with an exhibit and presentations of African-American Influences in Science at the Center for Meetings and Learning on Feb. 9.

Jarita Holbrook, showcased African-American astronomers and anthropologists in life and film. As a fellow astrophysicist, Holbrook received her doctorate in astrophysics by studying star formations.

Although she regarded her studies as fascinating, she opted for a more personal connection with astronomy. "What was missing in my life was the human element," she said. "So, now I study people and what they think about the sky and how they use the sky."

However, Holbrook is often away from Arizona. Much of her research is done in Africa where she speaks with people and discusses their connection to the sky. She has also studied the United States Navy and their utilization of the stars for navigational purposes.

Her intensive research has led Holbrook to a singular conclusion about people and their association with the sky: for everyone, she said, "The pallet is the same. Everybody is looking at the same sky. They use the same [northern] star for navigation. But, what they call the star is different. The legends are different. The historical experiences with it are different."

Keeping with African American history, Holbrook explored the cultural significance of the sky to 19th Century slaves. During the Civil War, escaping slaves would utilize the North Star as a point of reference. "That is our

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KLCC Microbrew Festival

Dawn Thornbrugh (left) and other beer lovers flocked to the Lane Events Center last weekend, Feb. 9 and 10, to sample local and regionally brewed beers as well as microbrews from as far away as London, England and Middlebury, Vt.

The 2007 KLCC Microbrew Festival included 48 breweries, food and live music from popular local bands like The Sugar Beets on Friday night and Eleven Eyes on Saturday night.

At 10 p.m. on Saturday, the People's Choice winner was announced, with Calapooia Brewery's Chili Beer taking home first

prize. Ninkasi earned second place with its Believer Ale and third place was awarded to Wakonda Brewery for its Beachcomber Cream Ale.

Of the 48 breweries represented, 20 of them were Oregon-based, and five were from Eugene.

Ten dollars bought admission and a tiny Pilsner glass for sampling. Attendees then purchased beer tickets, sold in denominations of 10 tickets for \$10, and used them to buy a two ounce sample (a half-full glass) for one ticket, or an approximately five ounce sample (a full glass) for two tickets.

PHOTO BY SEAN HOFFMAN

ASLCC hosts educational documentaries

Bring your popcorn tests are not allowed

Hed: ASLCC hosts educational documentaries

Dec: Bring your own popcorn
Ariel Burkhart
Copy Editor

For knowledge and fun, ASLCC

will be showing film documentaries in honor of February's Black History Month. "Eyes on the Prize" is this month's feature. Feb. 8 was the first of many Thursdays that ASLCC hopes to utilize by showing films to students wishing to sit down on a couch and enjoy an educational moment.

ASLCC Senators Rob Dow and

Leif Brecky came up with the idea to show the films for students and come up with the monthly themes. "It's a chance to watch an educational movie and not worry if it's gonna be on the test," Dow said. "There will be a few more 'Eyes on the Prize' (videos), Dow said. Next month they will be having a series of labor movement

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Students lobby

Education funding a concern

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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.



Toast and Roast is written by the members of The Torch editorial board. It's a compilation of things that are commendable (toasts) and things that are condemnable (roasts).

Toast: To high schools and colleges for handing out free condoms on Valentines Day. Rather than teaching students about abstinence and the scare of pregnancy, schools offer students the chance to be responsible, safe and care about their bodies.

Roast: To all the inconsiderate smokers who stand right next to doorways with their stinky cigarettes: we have dedicated smoking areas on this campus, use them!

Toast: To the country outcasts, the Dixie Chicks, for sweeping the top prizes at Sunday night's Grammy Awards. The collective music industry in Nashville should be kicking themselves for not standing by their independent and self-sufficient women.

Roast: To the Los Angeles Zoo, for spending \$4,500 on feng shui experts to harmonize the \$7.4 million enclosure they have created for three incoming endangered rare golden monkeys. Then again, if you're already spending millions on a cage for your pets, why not tack on an extra \$4,500?

Toast: To people that care about education and its institution and work to make facilities available for everyone.

Roast: To people that won't support education and cause community colleges to lose funding.

Toast: To Barack Obama for entering the 2008 presidential race.

Roast: To Sen. Joe Biden for calling Obama "... the first mainstream African-American who is articulate and bright and clean and a nice-looking guy." No votes for you Joe.

Roast: To the Spanish Department for making the Spanish 202 tests too difficult. More than 20 percent of the test should be covered in class material. And get rid of the damn film because it wastes class time.

Toast: To Final Fantasy XII for being awesome.

Toast: To New Mexico for ordering 500 talking urinal cakes to be placed in bar bathrooms to warn against drunk driving.

Home sweet home

Why eat your veggies, when you lose weight.

you can drink them with Sobe Elixir orange carrot beverage. It has vitamin C and a lizard on the bottle, who could ask for

My sister says Weight Watchers meals are very good. Did you know they also have lemon cake? Grab one

while you watch the big game, because cake and sports always go together. Yahoo for good snacks and the Torch. They make me feel at home!

Mackworld
John Mackwood
Columnist



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

Gay rights are civil rights

The Lane Community College administration owes an apology to faculty, staff and students for contributing funds toward bringing Reverend Walter Fauntroy to Eugene's Martin Luther King celebration. Fauntroy's opposition to gay marriage flies in the face of non-discrimination policies the school purports to support.

One cannot claim to be a civil and human rights activist, as Fauntroy does, while at the same time serving as a board member of the Alliance for Marriage, a radical extremist group seeking to ban gay marriage through an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. If successful, they would for the first time, alter an international symbol for freedom to deny rights to certain people.

There is no more fundamental human rights issue than individuals having the right to choose with whom they share their lives. When the Eugene Human Rights Commission raised a stink about Fauntroy being the keynote speaker, MLK organizers claimed to have no knowledge about the reverend's stance on gay marriage. It flies in the face of common sense that no one would spend five minutes on Google before committing to shell out several thousand dollars in speaker fees.

In effect, college finances were used to pay a man who doesn't believe that the relationships of gay and lesbian employees should not be considered equal to heterosexuals under the law.

Civil rights for racial minorities are not a separate issue from the rights of gays and lesbians. Actually, the term civil rights is a misnomer.

The right to live one's life free from discrimination because of skin color, religious affiliation or sexual orientation are fundamental human rights that cannot be separated or prioritized.

It is a measure of progress that in this country a public utterance of a racial or anti-Semitic slur is so unacceptable that such a remark can destroy a career in an instant, as Michael Richards, Senator George Allen and Mel Gibson recently discovered.

We have a long way to go before the same is true of homophobic remarks.

In an interview with the Reg-

ister Guard, Fauntroy said, "Marriage is what provides two essential functions for civil society: procreation and properly socializing the young", but still claimed to support equal rights for gays and lesbians but implied this wasn't

the time to be making a big deal about them, what with dangerous neoconservatives on the loose and all.

Ironically, Dr. King faced the same message from white clergy in Birmingham who criticized his demonstrations as being "untimely and unwise" and urging him to wait for a better time. At the time, King was sitting in the Birmingham jail for helping to organize demonstrations against the gross human right violations being inflicted on African Americans.

In his now famous "Letter from the Birmingham Jail," King answered their charge with an eloquence that applies today to those who say now is not the time for gays and lesbians to demand their human rights: "This 'Wait' has almost always meant 'Never.' We must come to see, with one of our distinguished jurists, that 'justice too long delayed is justice denied.'"

Fauntroy, and many others these days, try to justify their opposition to gay marriage by supporting "civil unions," which is nothing more than a dressed up, politically correct form of the separate but equal ploy used to deny racial minorities full integration into American society for decades.

Using the Bible, as a shield to express those views, is as cowardly as it is hypocritical. Over the past few weeks, LCC has hosted a forum of local religious groups who believe that the Bible is authoritative and homosexuality is a sin, although it is advertised as being about sexual identity and open dialogue.

In the second forum, panel

members stated unequivocally that homosexuals cannot have healthy same sex relationships.

Represented on the panel were groups who have outreach programs to help homosexuals change their behavior. Ignoring the fact that you can no more change your sexual orientation than your eye color, why do these evangelical groups feel the need for special gay outreach ministries?

Jesus never uttered a word about homosexuality but He did say that a camel has better chance of going through the eye of a needle than a rich man has of going to heaven. Why no billionaires outreach? Somebody needs to save Bill Gates' soul.

The stench of hypocrisy and self-righteousness left me feeling in desperate need of a shower after attending the first two sessions. I question the appropriateness of LCC being used to hold such meetings. It is unlikely that the college would ever consent to letting the Aryan Brotherhood use the Forum Building to espouse their views.

Racial discrimination is illegal in all 50 states. We know of course that it still occurs, but its victims have legal recourse and perpetrators risk severe consequences. In 26 states, including Oregon, no such protection exists for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender.

Imagine being fired from your job, kicked out of your house, refused service in restaurant or not being able to visit your significant other in the hospital based solely on whom you choose to have a consenting relationship.

The battle for racial equality defined American society in the 20th Century; equality for gays and lesbians will be the defining battle of the 21st.

The fact that you knew Martin Luther King, Mother Theresa or Jesus Christ himself does not give you the right to decide what rights you will allow others to have.

As an institution, LCC has a responsibility not to aid and abet those who oppose fundamental human rights.

Commentary

Larry Coonrod

Editor in chief



"The stench of hypocrisy and self-righteousness left me feeling in desperate need of a shower..."

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ASLCC student lobbyists go to Salem

College fund rally to be held at state capital on Feb. 22

Shelby King
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For today's students, working your way through college without financial assistance is an unattainable goal. Students would have to work almost 50 hours per week to pay for the cost of a post-secondary education.

The Oregon Student Association is working to change that number by lobbying at the state capitol to 'Make Oregon Stronger.' The plan is to do this through increased funding to universities and community colleges in order to assure access to all potential students. Alejandro Juarez, Campus Organizer for the OSA, along with LCC Vice President Steven Mohr and Senators Daniel Dawson and Josh Lentz, spent an afternoon at the capitol building meeting with legislators to discuss potential budget changes and new funding programs.

"Right now we are in the part of the session where they have meet and greets," Juarez said. "So everyone lobbying in the state goes to the capitol and sets up meet and greets with the legislators so that they can familiarize themselves with the organizations and some of the issues that

they're going to be working on."

"We just try to get to know the legislators and get a feel for how they perceive our issues so we can fine tune our messaging to talk to them about issues they're hesitant on."

The issues OSA is currently meeting with legislators to discuss include the ASPIRE program, the Shared Responsibility Model and the Tuition Equity program. They are also trying to fight against any further cuts to LCC's general fund.

"The community college board submitted a budget asking for \$529 million and the governor recommended \$486 million. This leaves us \$46 million short," Juarez said. "The legislators took the governor's budget and sent it to get a fiscal analysis. They basically think that the governor's budget might not be sustainable for the next biennium. They took his recommendations and said, 'how will this be with inflation for the next two years,' and they think that his budget is over by 20 percent. So what a couple of legislators are trying to do is to have agencies resubmit their budgets and cut the 20 percent and they're going to base their own budget off of that."

This would mean that LCC, already running without proper funding, would lose even more money.

"Community colleges have been under-funded for the last 10 years," Juarez said. "And for Lane Community College

especially, we've seen it because we had that \$6 million budget cut last year. Sixty faculty positions were let go and students are feeling that across the board. All of our tutoring services have been cut back. We haven't cut many programs yet, but if we don't get the \$529 million, we're going to be cutting programs and more faculty and our tuition is set to increase. So students feel like they're paying a lot more and getting a lot less."

The 'Make Oregon Stronger' rally is being held at the state capitol on Feb. 22 to argue the need for more funding and the implementation of programs designed to make college more accessible to students.

LCC will be sending a bus to the capitol and needs the participation of students. They are looking for 50 students willing to attend the rally, which will bring over 1,000 Oregon college students and staff to Salem.

"Right now it's up to the students," Juarez said. "If students want to get involved with the legislative process, I think this is the best way, to get to actually go to the capitol and tell your stories."

One of the programs the student lobbyists at the rally will address is the ASPIRE program. This unique program matches high school students with volunteer mentors who give students assistance with the college application and the financial aid process.

"The program will help high school counselors get out information on post-secondary education," Mohr said. "Nationally, at the high school level there is one guidance counselor per 350 students, in Oregon it's actually one guidance counselor per 364 students. (ASPIRE has) been tried in a couple of schools, and it's been a resounding success. They tried it out in Ashland and had an 80 percent increase, of the students polled, that said they were going to pursue a post-secondary education. Right now it's in 86 schools and what they're pushing for with the ASPIRE legislation is to get it in to 285 schools."

The schools currently involved are mostly along the I-5 corridor, and OSA is looking to expand the program to Oregon's rural areas.

"The program right now doesn't receive any state funds. We estimate the cost of expanding the program to 286 schools would be \$3 million. Right now it's funded by private grants and then the high schools match the \$5,000," Mohr said.

"It is very effective for getting students who would normally never think about college because it uses members of their own communities to come in and help the students apply for financial aid, apply to different colleges, answer questions about the process and they come in and meet with them and do progress reports with

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cultural history. (African Americans) used the Northern star to reach freedom," she said.

Holbrook's next conference will be July 23-31 in Lithuania.

Also at the presentation was an exhibit for the Museum of Black Innovations and Inventions. Founded 11 years ago by James Ince, the Brooklyn-based museum features Black and Latino inventors, scientists and pioneers. The basis for their museum is to "remedy public ignorance." Throughout the exhibit were placards of African-American inventors dating back to the 1800s featuring creations that people utilize daily.

Of the many displays were several notables such as the ironing board invented by Sarah Boone; the automatic traffic signal and the gas mask by Garrett A. Morgan and an array of inventions by George Washington Carver: peanut butter, adhesives, bleach, chili sauce, ink, instant coffee, linoleum, mayonnaise, paper, plastic, pavement, shaving cream and talcum powder.

The next exhibit for the Museum of Black Innovations and Inventions will be on display in the Washington D.C. Post Office. An exhibit spokesperson said, "(We are

just trying to educate people on inventions that we use every day that some people are just not aware of."

Among the historical inventions was the new math game, Math-A-Mania. The brainchild of African-American mother-daughter team, Johnce and Raynece Thompson, the game functions as an educational tool to elicit fun when learning addition, subtraction and multiplication skills.

Invented by the Thompson duo five years ago, 13-year-old Raynece submitted the game to her school's Invention Convention program. Aside from receiving an A grade, Math-A-Mania impressed school teachers enough that the Thompsons started a business called Math Works, LLC and quickly began marketing their product.

"Playing this game is a perfect way to master basic addition, subtraction and multiplication. You can also incorporate division," Raynece said. For more information on Math-A-Mania, visit www.mathworkz.com.

For more information on the museum and black inventors, visit www.black-inventions101.com.



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Energy management focuses on skills for jobs

Renewable energy's trend calls for experienced installers and auditors

Sandy Wilcox
STAFF REPORTER

LCC offers a two-year, renewable energy management program that gives students the opportunity to acquire an Associate of Applied Science degree in the energy management field, or in renewable energy specifically.

Students learn how to design, build, and install a photovoltaic; a high quality solar electric system or a hot water solar thermal system. Installation of photovoltaics made by previous students can be found on top of Building 16.

"Part of what we are doing is training the workforce with a two-year degree and the state is backing that up with licensing requirements for both solar hot water technicians and photovoltaic technicians. You have to be state-licensed to do this on your own, so there is strong emphasis on quality and on skill," Erik Westerholm, project specialist for LCC's energy programs as well as a graduate of the program, said.

Graduates of the program can find jobs installing photovoltaics

for state certified contractors.

"There is enough employment in these (energy management) fields that those two components of renewable energy generally put people right to work. The job market's real strong," Westerholm said. "People want to be prepared if there's a real spike in oil prices and one way to do that is to increase the amount of renewable energy that we have," Westerholm said.

The renewable energy program also teaches students about other forms of renewable energy such as wind energy. The focus on them is not as much due to the current job market.

The energy management program focuses on teaching students how to perform energy audits. "They would work for a utility or perhaps they would work for anyone who owns a number of buildings that need to be run efficiently," Westerholm said. "Even a high-tech modern building can be built with the latest technology, but unless there's somebody on the staff or unless there's a highly

trained staff to make sure the building is operating the way it's designed to, buildings quite often fall into a state where automatic lights are bypassed, air conditioning that's supposed to maintain a 72 degree set point in the summer, is bypassed so that somebody can have 68 degree temperatures." It's up to an energy analyst to find and deal with various problems like these.

Westerholm thinks the program is a great opportunity for anyone wanting to get involved in either the renewable energy field or energy management. "Once you get into it, it breeds its own enthusiasm because you know energy, it's one of the critical issues as we go forward. And once you realize how much we consume and how little we are able to directly produce, you realize how delicate, how precarious our energy equation is. Any one of a number of things can send us into a shortage situation. It makes renewable energy all that much more important," Westerholm said.

The program accepts 30 students a year. For more information, contact Roger Ebbage in Building 16, Room 253 or e-mail ebbage@lanecc.edu.

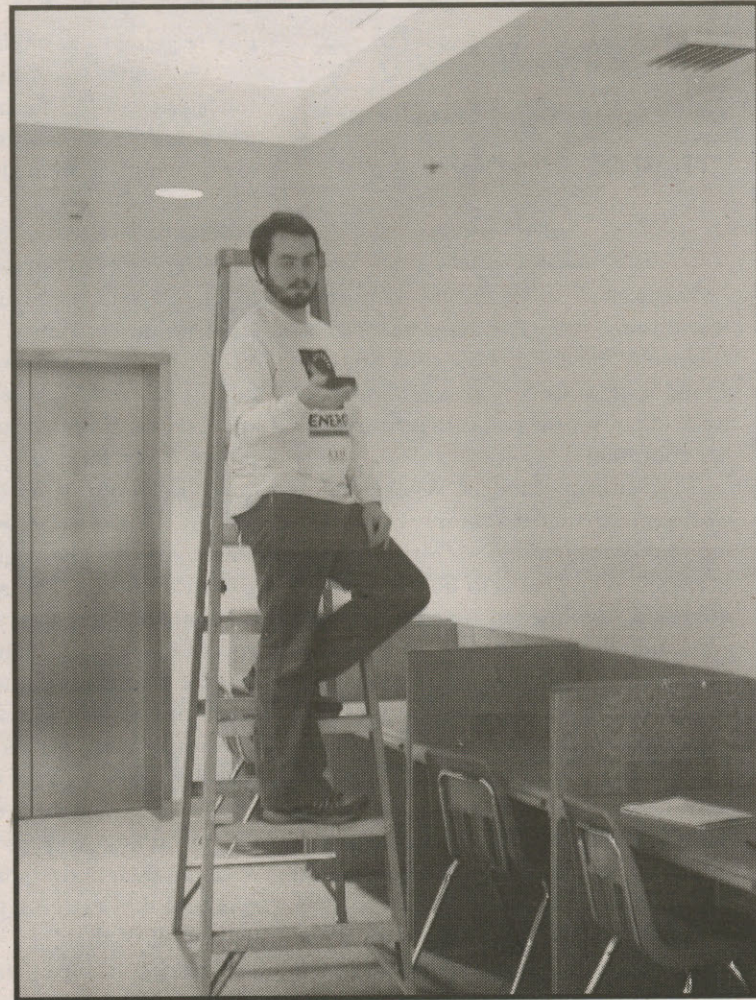


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Energy management student Rob Currier performs a lighting audit in Building 16.

Donated old textbooks get new users

Unusable textbooks are sent to Lane County jails, organizations

Cade Carson
STAFF REPORTER

What do you do with those old textbooks the bookstore will no longer buy back? Thanks to the effort of LCC's Bookstore staff and community volunteers, those books can continue to help those in need of an education.

The cardboard book drops around LCC campus take outdated textbooks and send them to the Lane County Jail, Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, Friends of the Springfield Library and other locations around the world.

Better World Books is an organization that Lisa MacDonald, the area specialist of the LCC bookstore, has been in cooperation with since Fall term 2005. The books are sent to Better World or hand delivered to the Lane County Jail. There, they are administered back into classrooms to aid inmates in earning their GED.

Michelle Romero was one of those people trying to get her GED from the Educational Program at Lane County Jail while finishing her one-year sentence. She has attended LCC since 2002 and is dually enrolled at the U of O. Now she sorts through the outdated textbooks at LCC and takes them to the jail on her own personal time. She hopes to coordinate efforts with other prison facilities in the surrounding area.

OSPIRG partnered with MacDonald in the fall of 2005 to collect the unwanted texts and ship them to Better World to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina. There were 475 books that were sent. This was the first time LCC cooperated in the donation of old books.

During Spring term of 2006, 70 books were sent to Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, which is a women's prison in Wilsonville, Ore. Most of them sent were basic math books, because correctional facilities are restricted in which ones they can accept. That same term, 470 were sent to Books for Africa.

"In spring of 2006 we started looking for local options," MacDonald said. The organization that the donations are made to sell the books online, not distribute them without cost.

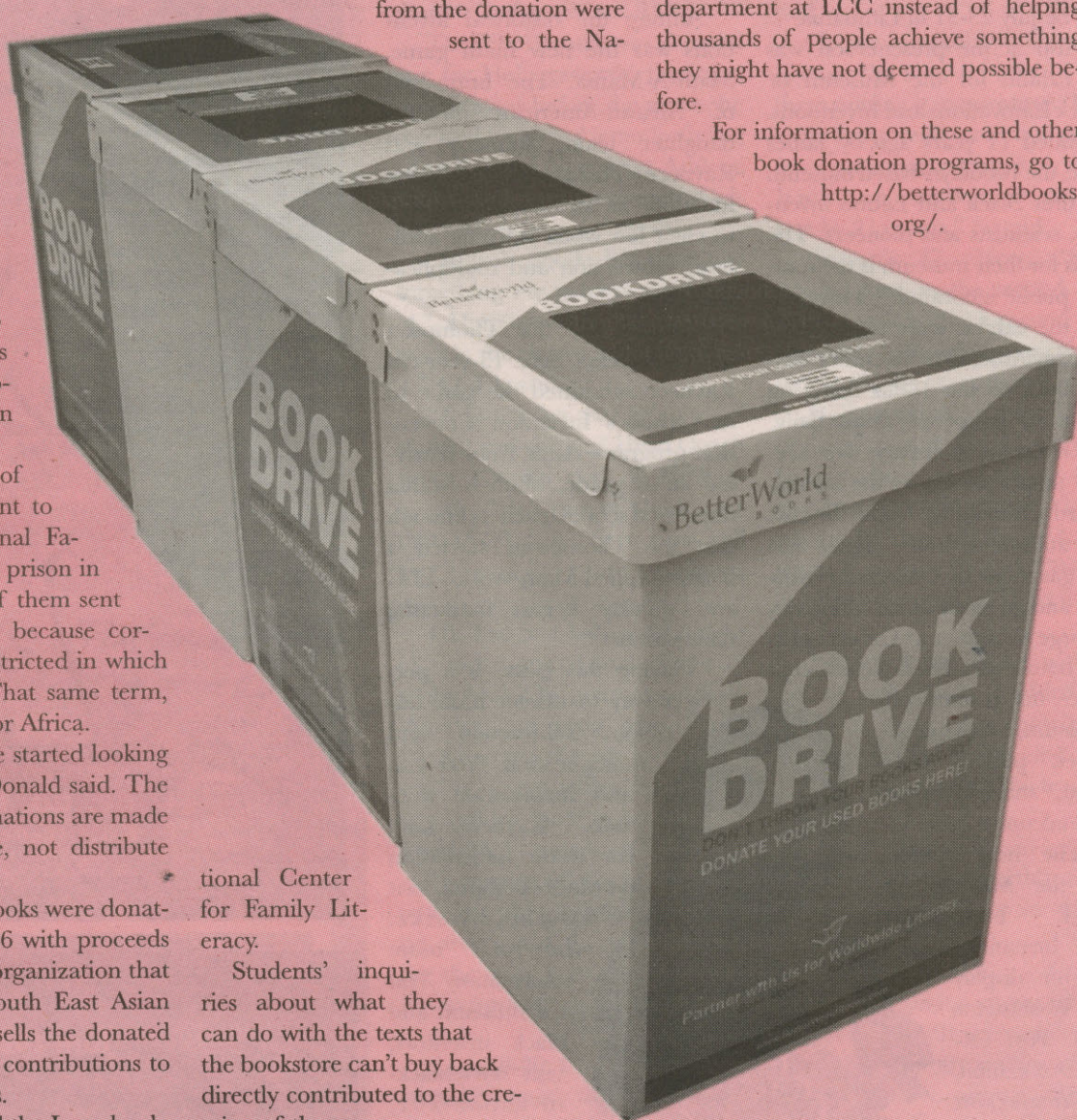
Approximately 293 books were donated in the Winter of 2006 with proceeds supporting a non-profit organization that promotes literacy for South East Asian countries. Better World sells the donated books online and makes contributions to certain literacy programs.

Phi Theta Kappa and the Lane book-

store came together to send 208 books to Better World. The proceeds from the donation were sent to the Na-

Without the drop boxes, hundreds of books would and did go to the recycling department at LCC instead of helping thousands of people achieve something they might have not deemed possible before.

For information on these and other book donation programs, go to <http://betterworldbooks.org/>.



tional Center for Family Literacy.

Students' inquiries about what they can do with the texts that the bookstore can't buy back directly contributed to the creation of the program.

Lane faculty members' art on display

Exhibit featured
through Feb. 15

Whitney Johnson
A&E EDITOR

Currently showing in LCC's art gallery is a joint exhibit featuring Susie Morrill and Robin Selover. Both are part-time employees in the LCC Applied Arts & Design Department, Morrill specializes in photography while Selover is exclusive to the two-dimensional arts.

To kick off the exhibit, which started Thursday, Feb. 8, Morrill held a lecture in the gallery about her photography with a reception immediately following. At the lecture, she spoke about her inspirations, methods and preferred styles. Her gallery pieces, done in a documentary style, consist of all black and white portraits, some candid and some formal.

"I choose my subjects on their familiarity," she said. "I photograph the people around me. I like relationships between people, the gestures that come out. I love the expressions and the body language, it's beautiful."

A UO graduate, Morrill moved to Eugene in 1981 to attend the university and now resides on a farm outside the city. Many of the pictures taken in her 20 years as a photographer took place on her farm and are comprised of subjects ranging from her neighbors to the foster children she has taken in. It's a place she

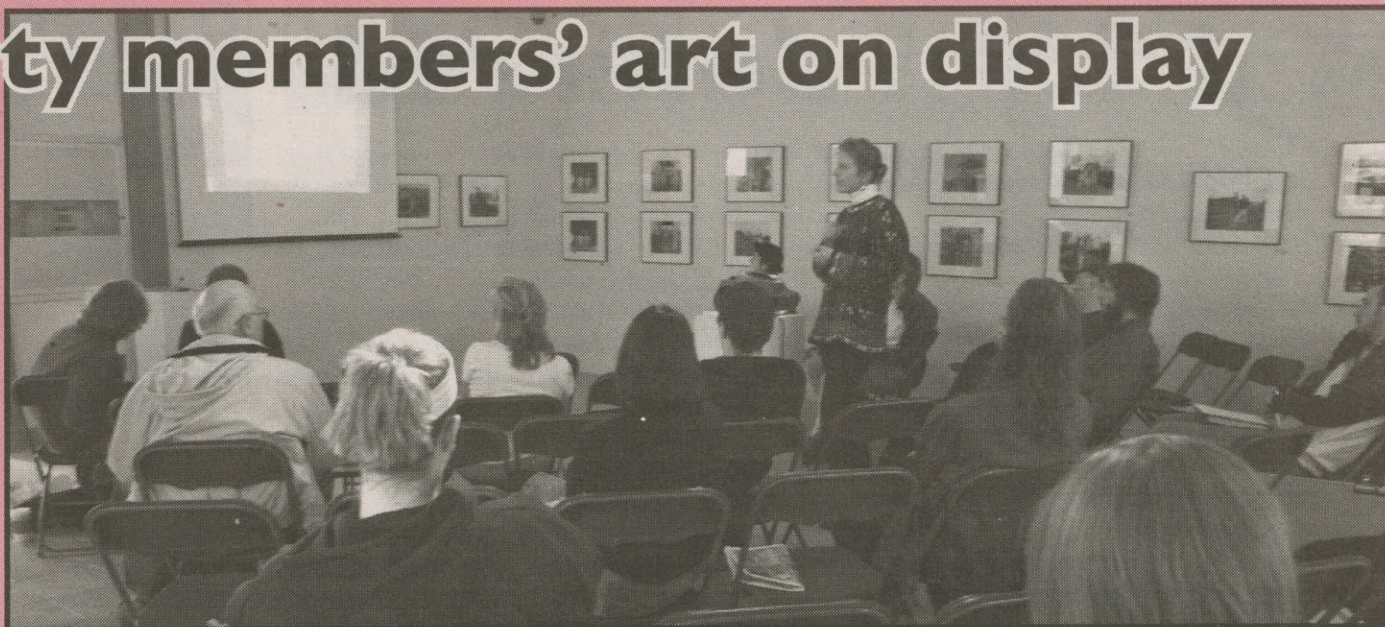


PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

Susie Morrill discussed her artistic directions in photography before a group of students on Feb. 8.

called "a various receptacle of people stopping by."

While she does take formal portraits, Morrill said, "I'm trying to be more subtle. I love to shoot in the late afternoon with the long, warm, golden light of the day. It creates a luminous 3D look of things."

An artist who considers herself to be socially conscious, Morrill has strong ties to the Eugene community.

This past winter, she and some of her peers, volunteered their services to create portraits of the more than 1,400 foster children in Lane County currently looking for permanent homes. The portraits were then placed in galleries around the Eugene area and over 30 children received

placement this past holiday season.

Morrill said she gravitates towards this kind of service because, "Images can create social change. You can make a portrait and have people be so happy with it and how they look. That's the new millennium."

Morrill said her work has a sense of a throwback to the portraiture of 1930s Depression, when the United States government sent photographers out to the farmlands and dustbowls to catalogue the hard working, persevering American workers.

She said that this is a conscious inspiration and that there is a need for the conservation of farmland because, "We are losing critical viable land that supports

economy and agriculture," to the development of urban areas.

Many of Morrill's subjects are inter-generational farmers, some of whom have worked the same piece of land for almost seven generations.

While Selover did not speak at the lecture, her work is on display in the gallery.

Residing in small framed pieces, she creates simple designs using parchment paper, paper sequins, French knots and uses both wool and cotton thread.

In the comment book set out in the gallery, an anonymous admirer wrote that both women's "work has a voice," and many others echoed the same sentiment. The show runs through Feb. 15.

Foreign feature Pan's Labyrinth, not a child's tale

Experience a
darker magic

Ariel Burkhardt
COPY EDITOR

Pan's Labyrinth, set in fascist Spain after WWII, is the twisted fairy tale that replaces the lions in our nightmares.

What's up: Ophelia, our young heroine, moves, with her pregnant mother into a mill situated in a forest, while under the care of the creepy Captain Vidal, her new father and resident bad-guy. With her head in the clouds and a firm belief in magic, Ophelia is introduced to the underground with the help of a fairy she released from a stone carving. An old faun, hiding in the center of a labyrinth near the mill, has been waiting for the fabled Princess Moanna. But time is running out if Ophelia wants to become the princess and rejoin with her long-lost royal family in the world of the underground.

All the while, a kind maid, Mercedes, deals with hiding and helping her brother and a band of rebels who want to overthrow the sadistic captain.

And by sadistic, we're talking really sadistic. As in, he just smashed that guy's face in with a

bottle repeatedly: sadistic. Unfortunately for Ophelia, she is not on good terms with the captain.

What's good: The characters are set in stone as to who we like and don't like. An outstanding cast was put together and the characters come alive. The movie uses CGI characters and body suits for the creatures. The graphics are incredible.

Throughout Ophelia's tasks on earning her title as princess, she must face a mastiff-sized toad hiding a key in the depths of its stomach. One of the earlier scenes that tests your nerve.

The fairies, which accompany her on her second task, flutter spastically in hopes that a baby-eating monster won't catch her. In other words, probably the best CGI work I've seen done today.

Pan's Labyrinth follows a few familiar story lines. It portrays the shamanistic right-of-passage and growing up tales we've been rather fond of in the past. A few that resemble this movie are Mirror-mask, Alice in Wonderland and The Labyrinth. They're all stories that follow the journey of a young girl who is assigned a task, or takes a journey that may or may not lead them on to adulthood.

Not to be lead away by clichés you think might be in the

film, not everyone who's good lives, and not everyone who is evil dies. It's just the way of things. And Ophelia isn't reduced to sappy tears when she is introduced to the fairy world for the first time. The faun is creepy and obviously hiding something and the fairies squeak around as huge bugs most of the time. But Ophelia has to learn to trust the creatures, a theme repeatedly broken.

What's Bad: This movie is rated R for a very good reason. By seeing it twice, I was able to make bunny-ears to warn my friend during the times when she shouldn't look at the screen.

We've got regurgitated frog slime, amputated leg, torture, multiple gunshots fired to the head and other places, the sewing of the face and an eyeless, baby-



eating monster. Really, the movie is quite frightening. The fact that the movie is done so well only makes it all the scarier. Your ability to deal with the unpleasant will be tested. This is not a fairy tale you take your kids to see, or the

one you feel like eating after. The violence, however, does not take away from the quality of the film, more likely it enhances it, making it all the more real and all the more reason to root for the good guys and boo at the bad guys.

What else: The movie is entirely in Spanish. So you pick a few words along the way and you soon get used to looking at the subtitles and watching the movie at the same time. Don't let the subtitles keep you from seeing the movie. Dubbed movies haven't been all that great anyway and you truly get a sense of the characters when you know what they're really saying. The characters deserve to be as real as possible.

This is the third movie director Guillermo del Toro has set during post WWII time so I'm thinking he knows his stuff.

Pan's Labyrinth is playing at Cinemark 12 and the Bijou.

A dream deferred

Tough season shows that even in losing, a team can win respect

I was sitting at my computer the other day, pouring over game notes and statistics from the Titan men's basketball team's 14th consecutive loss, this time against Portland Community College, trying to find a positive angle to a troublesome season, when I had a revelation.

It has been my experience in athletics that the term 'winning is everything' reigns true in nearly every avenue. However, the men's team has taught me a valuable lesson to the contrary.

The season Lane has suffered through has been an aggregate of misfortune. A dream season at its fingertips, snatched away, squashed and thrown back in its face by the ugly side of the basketball gods.

Injuries, suspensions, players quitting and still they battle on. Driving, scraping and continuing to dream. Not for a championship, but for a glimmer of happiness in a season darkened by fate.

Perhaps what should be taken from this season is that the best team doesn't always win. The team with the most heart that puts forth the best effort doesn't always grab the crown. Sometimes people or events will throw things at you that you must overcome in life and this team has taught us that winning doesn't necessarily mean you have the most fire and drive.

Head Coach Bruce Chavka sees this in his team of warriors and feels that, while he is at the school to teach basketball, there are a lot bigger things in life than getting a trophy at the end of the season.

"I tell the guys that if this is the toughest thing we're going to go through in our lives

then that's a good thing," he said. "Right now we're learning some valuable lessons and getting prepared for life down the road."

It's difficult to see lessons and character in yourself when life revolves around not losing and a loss stares you in the windshield and the rearview mirror. However, when these players move on, have families and are teaching their sons or daughters about life, the message will be more valuable than any they would learn as a champion.

Kenneth Arthanios, who has suffered through being away from his home in Tokyo where his mother is battling an illness, has taught us the significance of this silly game we love.

Perimeter players like Dylan Hettrich and Kyle Winkler bumping and bruising in the key with players almost a foot taller and actually getting rebounds and points while they do it, show us that determination and the 'amount of fight in the dog' can sometimes tell you what a team is made of more than a win-loss record.

Gaining respect is not something the players are out on the court for, but it is something inherently given to people in any arena who battle and deserve the spoils as they do, only to come up short.

"The team with the most heart that puts forth the best effort doesn't always grab the crown."

"Even though things aren't going well for us, we try and make the most of it," Chavka said. "I tell my guys to compete and try to grow from everything." Chavka has said he wants his guys to learn things from basketball that they will be able to use 15 years down the road.

This is the reason I smile every time people talk down on sports. They just don't get it; they don't understand what it means to compete with a family of 12 that you love as brothers.

They don't understand what it means to be out of playoff contention and still get up at eight in the morning to watch film for the following week. They don't see what it means for the soul of a person who forces herself to play with a sprained ankle in fear of letting her sisters down.

There are a lot of bad apples nowadays that give athletes a bad name and that's a shame, because with the modern media the way it is, those people and their misdeeds draw more attention than the little guy and

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his struggle.

People look at an athlete like Terrell Owens only at face value and fail to understand that there may be a reason behind his actions. I know if I was brought up for 15 years across the street from my father, before learning he was my father; I would have problems with male authority too.

Grouping all baseball players with a jerk like Barry Bonds is the same type of stereotype of what athletes are all about that keeps many people from embracing them and finding the positive.

I look at the way our baseball program at Lane raises money every year just to be able to play and teach what they love and swell with pride that for a year I can be a part of that type of magic.

Growing through adversity is a lesson we all could learn from the Titan athletic program. When life throws a curve, swing and miss; but the next time you see that pitch, knock it out of the park.

Men's basketball deserves a win; they deserve a lot of wins. They will get them, maybe not this season, but life will smile on them and they will be rewarded for their trials this season.

And that's something no amount of notes or statistics can show you.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

Greg Eggers splits two Mt. Hood defenders for an easy scoring opportunity.

Titans struggle to reach promised land

Player earns honor, team can't get win

Alex Braga
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

In a day that saw a Titan woman set a record and lead her team to its 53rd consecutive home victory, it was nearly an award winning men's player and his squad that stole the show.

Sophomore Tyler Hollingsworth and his team were unable to sustain a strong first half, falling at home to the Mt. Hood Community College Saints, 91-70.

The Feb. 10 game was a special one for Hollingsworth. During a presentation before the game, he received his award letter for being named to the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College's All-Academic team.

"It feels good. It's definitely something my parents are proud of," Hollingsworth, whose hard work in the classroom earned him a 3.4 GPA, said.

"It just shows that he's a good student and citizen," Head Coach Bruce Chavka said of Hollingsworth. "He's one of those guys that 15-20 years from now will live a good life cause he earned it."

His five first half assists, most of which came on back-door cuts to the basket by point guard Kyle Winkler and wing man David Webb, were effective in creating scoring opportunities close to the rim and led them to a nine point lead with 11 minutes left.

Hollingsworth, who finished with 10 points, four rebounds and six assists said the key to building the early lead was, "Making the extra pass and getting easy looks."

Lane (6-20, 0-11) used a trapping defense for the first 17 minutes of the first frame to ambush the Saints into taking wild shots

and to force them into eight first half turnovers.

It was the final three minutes, however, that were the Titans undoing.

Mt. Hood took advantage of Lane cooling off from the field and clutch shooting of their own, including a 3-pointer at the buzzer, to go on a 10-0 run to steal a 41-37 lead at the end of the half.

The two teams exchanged leads four times the first 10 minutes of the second half, before Jake Glisson and the Saints (16-8, 8-3) took over.

"We were up and then boom, the flood gates opened," Chavka said.

"It was a combination of us (forcing the issue on offense) and them putting it in overdrive. They were being really selective on offense and were getting easy shots. It was such a hard fought game to lose by 21 points," he said.

Glisson's 37 points, 21 of which came in the second half, to go along with 11 second half turnovers by Lane were too much for the Titans to overcome.

Hollingsworth said the Titans downfall could be blamed on forcing shots and straying from the rhythm of the offense, "In the second (half) we felt like we had to shoot it quick," he said. "We got away from our offense and it hurt us."

Webb led the Titans with 18 points and Winkler added 15. Both of them also contributed four rebounds to the five that Kenny Arthanios had to lead the team.

Dylan Hettrich added 14 points to Hollingsworth's 10 to round out the Titans in double figures.

"(Hollingsworth's production) was a nice surprise for us," Chavka said. "It seemed like he was playing with a chip on his shoulder. We're asking him to do so many things ... he brought it."

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Men's League Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
FEB. 17	CLACKAMAS CC	6:00 P.M.
•FEB. 21	UCC	7:30 P.M.

Home game is bulleted.

Swish: Titan women take home two more wins

Mercedes Alexander breaks Lane's single season rebounding record with three games remaining

Josh Hutchins
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lane women's basketball team recently traveled to Coos Bay for its second game against the Southwestern Oregon Community College Lakers. The game was a mismatch; pitting the team with the best record in the league against the team with the worst record. The final score had Lane on top 111-32.

Upping their defense was a goal of Lane's players this time. Head Coach Greg Sheley said the Lakers scored 60 points last time the two teams met. In that game, the Titans played some zone defense. "So this time we were just going to play man (defense). We pulled off the full-court pressure after about five or six minutes, which was even sooner than we pulled it off the time before. We stayed half-court man, played really good half-court defense, which led to some easy baskets at the other end," Sheley said.

The game was such a blowout that all 10 of Lane's players were able to split time evenly. Each of them played about half the game and was able to score.

Kammy Martindale led the scoring with 19 points, followed by Brittney Evans with 15. Mercedes Alexander had 12 points and 12 rebounds. Shelby Stephens, Valerie Meyer and Danielle Thompson-Rodgers each scored 11 points. Natisia Reynolds finished with 10 to round out scorers in double figures.

"We had some good shooting from the perimeter, too," Sheley said. Evans had five 3-pointers. Martindale and Meyer each had three. The Titans shot 32.3 percent from the three-point arc and 70.6 percent from the free throw line.

SOCC is a team that has had its share of problems this year. "They're not a very good team. With their coach quitting right before the year started, they had to bring somebody in last minute. So, obviously that's going to cause some internal rifts," Sheley said. He added that they recently had to kick their leading scorer off the team because of some attitude problems.

At halftime, Lane had a 61-10 advantage over SOCC.

"We did a really good job defensively and in transition, and just kept the game flowing. (We) didn't get silly and just took care of business," Alexander said.

Lane's next game was at home, Saturday, Feb. 10. Martindale didn't play due to an ankle she sprained against SOCC. But, everyone stepped up their game and Lane turned out another win, beating Mt. Hood Community College 81-48.

"We played very good defense and that was the difference in the game. We were just really active, defended extremely well. I think, last time we played them, we let them score 69 or 70 points. Shelby (Stephens) stood out. Sammie Nordstrom (MHCC) is averaging

about 19 points per game, and she had four. We put Shelby on her, told her to front her, spin, move, do whatever, and they had a real hard time getting her the ball," Sheley said.

Lane's strategy on offense was to attack their defense at the post. It was very effective with Lane's three post players scoring 49 points. "We figured that that was a weakness we could exploit, and obviously we did with good results," Sheley said.

With Martindale hurt, Alexander upped her scoring, leading all players with 21 points on 10 of 12 shooting. Plus, her 13 rebounds put her over the single season rebounding record for LCC. She still has three league games left and post-season to really put that record away.

Stephens, in addition to her defensive play, scored 17 and pulled in 10 rebounds.

Thompson-Rodgers scored 11 points, hitting every shot she took, and Evans got nine points on three 3-pointers.

"It was a really good game. A lot of people contributed in different ways. Since we were missing Kammy (Martindale), who is our best 3-point shooter, lots of people stepped up and did what they needed to do to get it done," Alexander said.

Overall, Lane shot 46.3 percent from the field and got 28 points from their bench. They also forced Mt. Hood to commit 24 turnovers, which led to some easy baskets.

Sheley said that they handled Lane's full-court pressure okay. He pulled the press off after about the first five to seven min-



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

Freshman Valerie Meyer gains position against an out-matched Mt. Hood defender.

utes and had his team play a good half-court defense. Sheri Gates, unable to practice all week due to the flu, managed to play because the Titans needed players on the floor.

Martindale is expected to play in Wednesday's game against Linn-Benton, though she won't practice.

She'll probably be doing a combination of ice, rehab and stationary bicycle work.

LCC President Mary Spilde said, "They did a fabulous job. It was a fast game. They were fun

to watch and they are just keeping up this outstanding season that they're having this year."

Coach Sheley was charged with a technical foul for arguing with an official.

So far Lane has clinched a playoff spot, but not the title. They are two games ahead of Clackamas. Wednesday night features Clackamas playing third-place Chemeketa and Lane playing, the other third-place team, Linn-Benton. Lane and Clackamas get together for their second meeting of the year Saturday.

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Events

OSPIRG encourages everyone to attend Bill Bradbury's special presentation of Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" at 1 p.m. on Feb. 20 in Bldg 17, Rm 309. Refreshments provided.

FREE FRENCH MOVIE (WITH SUBTITLES) THREE WOMEN AND A SUMMER NIGHT. Come and watch a free intense police thriller in 4 sessions during February. The intrigue, complex personalities and multiple murders in a small village of southwestern France will suck you in.

In Center 451 at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 8, 15 and 22. Tim Rake.

Advertise with the Torch. LCC students can place a free ad, 20 words or less, in the Torch's classifieds section. To place an ad contact Torch Ads at 463-5654 or e-mail torchads@lanecc.edu.

Personal

Happy Valentine's Day, Monique! Me and the dog love you and the cat.

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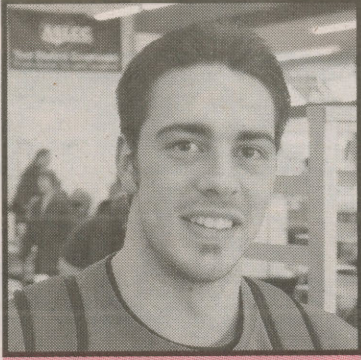


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"Do you think that talking on a cell phone while driving should be made illegal?"

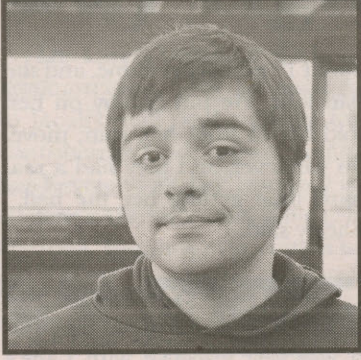
Shannon Vetow
ACCOUNTING

"Yeah, because it's a distraction and the slightest thing can cause an accident."



Jimmy Stiner
PSYCHOLOGY

"No, because there are people that can do it and be responsible about it and aware of what they're doing."



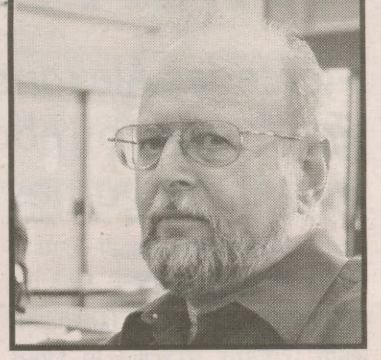
Sam Morehouse
ENGLISH

"The only time I've ever been in a car accident I was talking on a cell phone ... so I guess the answer is yes."



Ashley Drake
EDUCATION

"No. I feel people should make their own decisions about it."



Paul Dominy
HUMAN SERVICES

"Only if someone can prove that it causes accidents. I'm against laws that aren't needed."

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them," Juarez said.

Senate Bill 334, the Shared Responsibility Model, is another topic that will be addressed at the rally.

"This is a better method of figuring out where college costs are and how much assistance we should give," Juarez said. "The Oregon Student Assistance grant only covered 11 percent of your education, but now we figured that a better number would be 15 percent."

The bill would restore the Oregon Opportunity Grant to its original mission, which will allow students to work their way through college without taking out thousands of dollars in loans. The SRM would serve over 20,000 more students and would boost enrollment by 3,775 per year.

Tuition Equity is the most controversial of the issues being introduced to state legislators.

"Some of the students ran into some stiff opposition for the tuition equity," Mohr said. "It's a tough one to push because you say 'tuition equity' and people think it's the immigration issue. So, a lot of more conservative representatives that we ran into were very hands off, but many people were very interested in it."

The issue, while controversial, is also one of the most important according to Juarez.

"It is basically extending in-state tuition to undocumented students," Juarez said. "Right now, people are kind of afraid of that issue and I think it's important for people to understand that community colleges already offer a form of tuition equity, which is that we allow undocumented students to attend K-12, and community colleges you only have to be a resident for 90 days to get in-state tuition. Some of the universities also offer tuition equity. There isn't any financial impact on the state, it actually means that

more students are able to attend college."

"Tuition equity is making this a statewide thing where if you are undocumented you can still receive in-state tuition if you graduated from an Oregon high school and you're working toward your residency. What the tuition equity program is pushing is trying to make it so students that meet a certain criteria: they've attended three years of high school in Oregon, graduated with a diploma or the same, been accepted in to the Oregon university system and be working diligently toward documentation," Mohr said.

"What people don't understand is that Oregon is currently discriminating against some of its brightest students because on your federal and state applications, your residency is based on your parents until you are 24," Juarez said. "Even if you were born here, but your parents weren't and they're undocumented, you still wouldn't be able to get in-state tuition."

"Some students have been in Oregon for 14, 15, 18 years and they've never known any other country, but because they're not documented and the residency process takes years because it's a lottery, they're not able to attend college. One of the myths is that undocumented people are coming to Oregon to attend school. But that's not the case. It would actually increase the number of students, and therefore money, because people would be able to attend school."

Another lobbying trip is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 7, and two LCC students are scheduled to attend.

They will be meeting with Oregon Senator Ginny Burdick at 11 a.m.

If students are interested in attending the rally they can call 509-286-0477, or e-mail exec@orstudents.org.

Titan Men From Page 6

The Titans started off the week on Feb. 7 getting routed by the Southwestern Oregon Community College Lakers, 105-57.

Lane turned the ball over 29 times, 22 of which were Laker steals that led to 35 points off turnovers.

"They pressured us and did a good job of speeding up the game to force us into shots we didn't want to take," Chavka said.

"They are a really good team and we seemed a little overmatched."

The turnovers SOCC created led them to shoot 21 more shots than the Titans. They finished with four players in double figures and shot .534 from the field to the Titans .423.

The Lakers' bench, having the opportunity to play most of the game due to the lead it created early, outscored the Titans' bench

57-14.

Lane was out-rebounded 41-28 and only shot .278 from three-point range for the game.

Webb finished with 21 points and seven rebounds and Damien Evans had 10 and eight to lead them.

SOCC (19-7, 6-5) jumped out to a 21-point lead at the end of the first half and extended it in the second.

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