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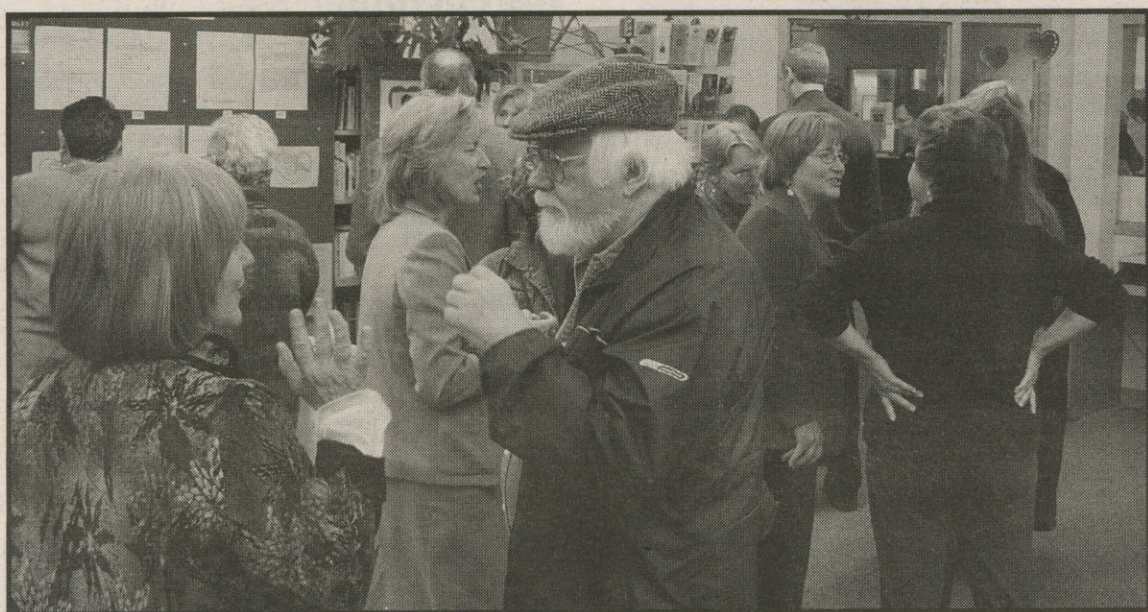


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Community members and former Women in Transition students gathered in the Women's Center on Feb. 14 to celebrate the program's 20th anniversary.

Women's program celebrated

Larry Coonrod
EDITOR IN CHIEF

LCC leads way for women to 'transition' to college

The Women in Transition program at LCC has helped over 4,000 women achieve success. On Feb. 14, dozens of women came to the Women's Center to help the program celebrate 20 years of making a difference in women's lives.

Women in Transition helps women overcome barriers they face in coming into school by providing life and career planning

classes in a learning community setting with other women in similar situations.

"It's often difficult for women when they are juggling childcare and family or they've come out of abusive situations or substance abuse," Kate Barry, director of Women's Studies at LCC, said.

Started in 1987, the LCC program was one of just five in Oregon community colleges. Today it is part of a network of 17 such

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LCC could be facing more budget cuts

LCC President Mary Spilde talks about the fight for funds

Shelby King
MANAGING EDITOR

LCC administrators are facing some tough decisions regarding next year's budget, and that could mean more cuts to school programs.

"The governor's proposed budget for community colleges is \$483 million. That's a 12 percent increase over the current biennium, which sounds good, right? But, the problem is that it's only 4 percent more than where we were in 2001, and that's not including inflation," Mary Spilde, president of LCC, said. "So, if you were to add inflation to where we were in 2001, the number should be something like \$563 million for all of the colleges. At that figure we would be able to balance our budget for next year without making any cuts.

But right now we're going to have to cut about \$4.7 million out of our budget, or find revenue to make that up."

The crisis doesn't end there, either.

Spilde said that along with the already low proposed governor's budget, state legislators are asking what an additional two percent cut would do to LCC.

The answer: it would increase the deficit from about \$4 million to approximately \$6 million. "Now, while it's true that the legislature is doing that, they always do that. So just because we have to go through this exercise doesn't mean that they'll actually take the two percent from us, and in fact, they might take somebody else's two percent and give it to us (community colleges) because we're a high priority. It's an exercise that we have to go through, but I'm not too concerned about that at this moment."

Spilde has been spending

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An 'inconvenient' message comes to LCC campus

Bill Bradbury trained by Al Gore to warn about global climate change

Larry Coonrod
EDITOR IN CHIEF

For nearly two hours on Feb. 20, Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury kept an audience of LCC students and Lane County residents on the edge of their seats as he presented slide after slide showing the destruction global warming is wreaking on the planet.

Last September, Bradbury was in the first group of people personally trained by former Vice President Al Gore to present his slide show that is the basis for Oscar nominated documentary "An Inconvenient Truth." Brad-

bury and 49 others traveled to Gore's family farm in Carthage, Tenn. for the training. Gore told the trainees, "I've been warning about global warming for 15 years, and I keep looking over my shoulder wondering where the cavalry is. You're the first regiment of cavalry."

Since returning from Tennessee, Bradbury has presented the show throughout Oregon. Bradbury said that critics of global warming think the earth is too big for humans to have any measurable affect on the atmosphere, but core samples from glaciers that are several hundred thousand

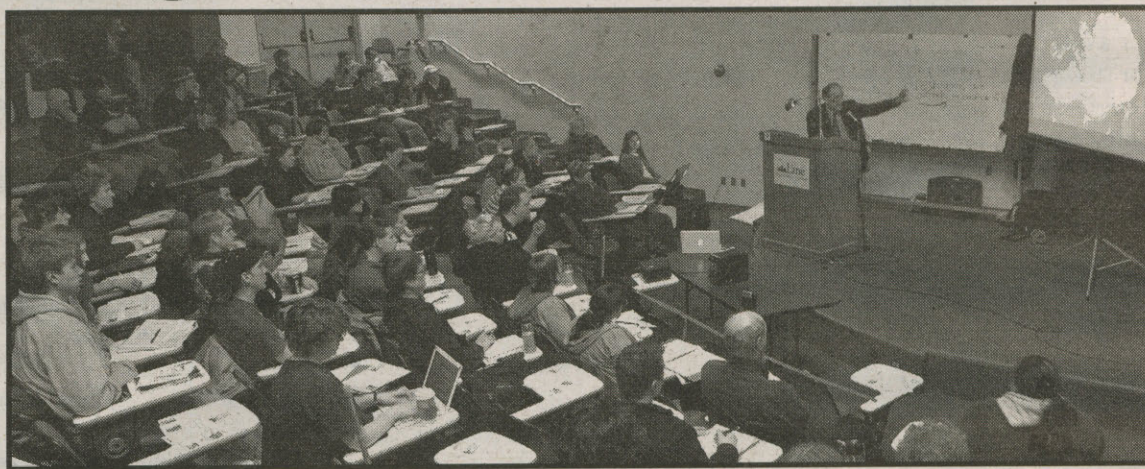


PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

Bill Bradbury gave the "inconvenient truth" presentation in Forum Building 309 on Feb. 20. before a packed crowd of students, faculty and community members.

years old prove them wrong.

"In 650,000 years the concentration of CO2 in the atmosphere has never been over 300 hundred parts-per-million. It is now 381

parts-per-million," Bradbury said. "We've never had this much CO2 in the atmosphere."

To illustrate the impact that the increase in CO2, most of

which has occurred in the past 50 years, Bradbury compared pictures taken in the early 1900s and of places such as Mt. Kilimanjaro

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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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See beyond stereotypes to the person within

Gender assumptions define and categorize understanding

Stereotypes are a fundamental part of American society. Whether or not people actively partake in the act of stereotyping, the basis is already embedded in our psyche.

The term 'stereotype' refers to the sociological generalization of a people that generally conform to a type, be it speech, intelligence, fashion, etc ... Despite stereotyping being a modern-day faux pas among educated circles, its use is common enough that gender and orientation continue to be fair game among players.

Without needing to delve deep into the human psyche, one can

always begin to explain the rudimentary basics of stereotyping by pulling out the culturally nurtured example. As children, we are wired to play with gender-specific toys and wear gender-specific clothes. We are placed into

Commentary

Déidre Moxley
Columnist



gender-majority activities like ballet or football. And within both gender groups, children learn the basic stereotypes of gender besides their genitalia.

When it comes to stereotyping a gender, titles help alleviate confusion. A woman that prefers to wear manly clothing, speak with a guttural flair and appreciates

male-based hobbies would suit the head-scratching public with the title of gay. Yet, what if this woman dates men, watches chick-flicks and drinks Seabreezes? Well, now she's just illegitimate or uneducated. Let's try another idea and assume she's a Mensa member and the CEO of a large corporation. Is she now empowered? Above stereotyping? Do we need to walk around with signs on our chests that state our role in society in order to be understood within our gender?

Is categorizing gender as either male or female a primitive habit? What if gender isn't biological? Maybe gender is simply defined by actions. If so, since people choose their own actions, gender-bending men and women are essentially people that choose their own gender.

Is that why we stereotype men

and women? Do we need every person to fit into a box so they're easier to understand, to group? Essentially, stereotyping can be a hindrance to a person's life. Their success in finding a job, looking for a mate, even purchasing a home can be pre-decided for them based on their appearance or affiliations.

How do we end gender stereotyping? We could all focus on the actual person inside and not who or what they represent on the outside. Maybe it really isn't what's on the outside that counts, but the inside. Wouldn't that mean that gender, itself, is also a stereotype?

If we follow this train of thought, people should actually ignore a person's gender altogether and, thus, completely remove

the equation. What a novel idea! Though, not common practice, the thought does make for pretty words. Where do we, as a politically correct-conscious society, go

from here? We can regard all people as sexless brains that function in life together, in harmony. We can accept the idea that there's more to gender than simply man or woman. Combined with the theory that actions define the gender, we can further assume that every person is merely a walking image of their own desire.

Essentially, people are who or what they want to be. However, until we do invent that wearable sign that dictates our state of mind, we'll always continue to be stereotyped based on our appearance and, perhaps, our plumbing, too.



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 Velvet, the dog who helped save three climbers who had fallen on Mt. Hood over the weekend. Velvet kept the stranded climbers warm by laying on them. Man's best friend indeed!

Roast to the same three climbers for taking Velvet mountain climbing. When they were bundled up in winter clothing did they give any consideration how she felt in the freezing weather? Certainly not a dog's best friend!

Toast to Britney Spears for shaving her head. It's the best entertainment she's provided the public in years.

Roast to the LCC Board of Education for raising tuition \$3.50 a credit hour starting in July.

Toast to presidents Lincoln and Washington for giving us a three day weekend.

Toast to the state of New Jersey for being the third state to allow civil unions. Forty-seven more to go.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Invest in education

I recently listened to a KLCC broadcast of a discussion of the status of funding for higher education in Oregon, which took place at the Eugene City Club. One of the speakers was Dr. Mary Spilde, President of Lane Community College.

President Spilde discussed the current budget problems of Oregon's 17 community colleges. She also discussed the major contributions the colleges make to Oregon's economy, such as their workforce development programs.

Each of these colleges have done cost-benefit studies, all of which show that their economic contributions exceed the economic costs of funding them. President Spilde also said that Oregon's system of higher education and especially its community colleges have the mission of educating and training Oregon's workforce to meet the challenge of globalization.

Due to the disinvestment in Oregon's system of 17 community colleges, they lack the funds to fulfill this mission without raising their tuition. These major increases in tuition have made it difficult for the very people who will need to have the skills to qualify for the jobs of the future Oregon economy.

President Spilde said that

studies show that nearly two-thirds of these future jobs will require education beyond high school. One of these areas will be that of health care occupations such as nursing and dental hygiene. LCC offers these two programs as well as other classes preparing people for careers in this field for which the demand for skilled and educated people exceeds the supply.

Graduating from the nursing and dental hygiene programs can not only fulfill a social need but can earn what is known as a living wage while doing this.

If LCC had the money to do so, it would expand these and other such programs where the demand exceeds the supply. However, these are very expensive programs and LCC is presently facing a budget deficit for the next fiscal year of over \$4.5 million.

President Spilde and the LCC Board and Budget Committee are considering a number of options of how to eliminate this deficit. Among the options being considered is to eliminate its higher cost programs such as nursing and offer only lower cost lecture classes to transfer students and revert to being a junior college, lay off more employees and hire only part-time faculty and cut any support programs that don't generate money directly,

such as counseling.

However, the most innovative alternative she mentioned is that of engaging in entrepreneurial activities such as marketing the skills and knowledge of the college staff to domestic and foreign governments and businesses. LCC is already planning to do this and has had some discussions with the government of Egypt as well as a number of businesses.

I do not believe that most people in government or in business, and most of the citizens of Oregon, view money spent on higher education to be an investment on which there is a return.

However, any economist will tell you that it is indeed such an investment. In the short run, the best thing you can do is to ask your elected representatives in Salem to invest the \$529 million needed to allow these 17 colleges to do their jobs. Please do so!

G. Dennis Shine

On getting along

The forum, "Can Public Discourse Be Civil," held last Thursday, Feb. 15 was impressive. Four speakers chosen by Northwest Collegiate Ministries spoke briefly about their views of public discourse and civility. Then the opportunity was given by the mediator, Dick Bes-

wick, for the audience to express themselves, requesting that they eventually form their thoughts into questions for the speakers.

Each speaker proposed thoughts with integrity and respect for the other speakers, the mediator, and the members of the audience. In sum, this is what was said, 'People should listen without judging the people they are communicating with. Despite our differences, we all have something to gain from being in dialogue. If we are emotionally charged, we should take a time out and try to talk later. It's ethical to be willing to be wrong. Everyone is worthy of respect because each person has intrinsic inestimable value.' What great thoughts!

Yet, what happens when members in the audience automatically have issues with the speakers because they represent a certain standpoint? It happened. Yet, the forum, through good management, made the subject that day true. While people can't always get along with one another enough to be congenial, with help, they can part without violence or abuse. Then, with hope, they may be able to meet in other circumstances and gain a friendlier degree of communication.

Laura Koerner

The TORCH

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New computer gaming degree available

Gaming on the rise, careers increasingly obtainable

Sandy Wilcox
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LCC is offering a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree in computer game programming. The program will teach students how to program video games and prepare them to enter the video game industry.

The degree will focus on simulation and game development in the C++ programming language. It is the most widely used programming language for video games. The skills learned with C++ programming can also be used for many other programming jobs and opportunities.

"We are working to put as much knowledge and training in the two-year degree as we can, to support students (who aim to get work with a two-year degree," Jim Bailey, instructor and designer of the program, said. "We wouldn't be offering this degree if we didn't think they could (get work.)"

"We can't guarantee that any one person is going to get a job. But, on the other hand, if you look at what we are teaching, it's what people are asking for in the way of knowledge," he said.

The Chicago Tribune recently reported that the video game industry earned over \$9.9 billion in North America in 2004, versus Hollywood's box office earnings of \$9.4 billion.

Gamespot.com said the video game industry increased to \$12 billion in 2006. A 19 percent jump from 2005's \$10.5 billion.

Students will learn basic game design in the first year, starting with programming the logic of a game, such as Tic-Tac-Toe in the CS 133G class.

"Programming can be more challenging than people realize," Mark Williams, division chair for the program, said. "The first games will be very simple. By the end of the second year they will definitely be producing interesting games on their own."

Many of the necessary courses for the two-year degree are already being offered, giving students the ability to get an early jump on the program before it starts in the 2007 Fall term.

The degree will also require students to take the discrete math sequence, Math 231-233.

"We have students who take that now; definitely do-able. But it is a more challenging math curriculum than many other degree



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

Kalen Maahs works in a 3D modeling program "Maya" for his multimedia production group project "Zombie Romance." Classes in Maya are currently being offered at LCC.

programs require. But that level of math work and sophistication is required for anybody going into programming anyway," Williams said.

Information regarding the

two-year video game programming degree can be found in Building 19 at the Computer Information Technology center, or by contacting Bailey at baileyj@lanec.edu.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

Brass music highlighted

LCC's music faculty concert took place Sunday, Feb. 18, highlighting brass concertos and chamber music. The program was divided into six sections, each exhibiting a different brass instrument.

The faculty players were Dave Bender and

Tim Clarke on trumpet, Ron Bertucci on trombone, Glenn Griffith on bass trombone and Chris Mudd on horn, Barbara Myrick on both piano and harpsichord and Nathan Waddell on bass accompanied the players. Some selections played were Concerto #2 in D major by Johann

Melchior Molter and Centone #5 by Samuel Scheidt.

The proceeds from the faculty concerts go to fund the scholarships for LCC music students as talent grants and individual lessons scholarships.

LCC faculty kept in dark about textbook prices

OSPIRG plans to expand reserves

Willa Bauman
STAFF REPORTER

Once again, students are facing skyrocketing textbook prices.

A recent report from the Oregon Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG) contends that prices are rising at four times the rate of inflation, taking a toll on student finances, Charles Long, coordinator of the Textbook Campaign and intern at OSPIRG, said.

"Many students are already struggling to pay their way through college. The last thing they need is to shell out hundreds of dollars each year to pay for

textbooks," Long said.

Anne Guthrie, OSPIRG campus organizer, said that students are paying, on average \$900 a year for textbooks. That is roughly half the price of tuition. This increasing cost to students is not the fault of faculty or administration, but rather of textbook publishing companies, according to the OSPIRG report.

"There are five major publishing companies, so prices are so high because there is no competition between these companies," Guthrie said.

Long said the companies are like "oligopolies," stymieing the open exchange of business with lack of honest communication.

"Faculty don't even know what the price of textbooks are when

they purchase them, because publishing companies don't give that information out," Long said. "Professors do care about the cost to students, but they can't make good decisions if information is withheld from them."

Besides hiding the price, publishing companies have other tactics to inflate the cost of books. According to the report, many of the textbooks on the market now have been bundled or strapped with additional materials such as CD-ROMs or DVDs, materials often not used for the class.

"Bundling is a really big problem," Long said. "Sometimes teachers don't know if they're getting a bundle or not."

Long said that OSPIRG hopes to help faculty find a way out of

this situation. "We would like to give them other options of finding ways to use textbooks, maybe using older editions, maybe putting more books into the textbook reserve at the library, or maybe using e-books."

OSPIRG hopes to get 200 additional books added to the textbook reserve.

"Currently there are about 150 reserve texts. We need to get more information to students and faculty about what options are out there, so they don't have to buy over-priced textbooks," Guthrie said.

Guthrie encourages students to help OSPIRG bring down the price of books. "Students can talk to faculty members about pressuring textbook publishers and

making sure faculty are aware of these issues. They can also start using the book consignment. That's where you put the book on sale at whatever price you want, and then (the student) gets all the money back whenever the book is sold," Guthrie said.

Besides student action, OSPIRG has proposed a faculty resolution outlining the ways faculty can purchase textbooks that are more affordable to the student.

"Obviously the solutions to this problem are long term," Guthrie said. "However, the proposed legislation requiring publishers to disclose clearly the price of their books and give faculty proper options and information about bundled books is a very important step forward."

Health occupations building eyed

Health careers increase in popularity, more demand for providers

Cade Carson
STAFF REPORTER

A growing need for professionals in the medical field sparked the interest and subsequent proposal for a new 72,000 square foot health building for training. LCC's board of education identified the building proposal as a top priority in 2005.

Current facilities at LCC are 40-years-old, outdated and lack space to accommodate the increasing number of students entering fields such as nursing, phlebotomy, respiratory care and certified nursing assistants.

The proposed new building would be built where the tennis courts currently reside, next to Buildings 4 and 5. Relocation of the tennis courts has been factored into the needed amount for the project.

Existing health and wellness

structures are expected to be renovated using funds from bonds.

"Plans for the project are still in a conceptual phase, but we're aiming to bring in architects this summer to draw out the plans for construction," Patrick Lanning, associate vice president of student instruction, said. Lanning recently met with local medical organizations to discuss the increased need for medical professionals. One of those organizations was Peace Health Medical Group.

His research concluded that the "baby boomer" generation is aging and is creating a huge demand on health care.

LCC is partnering with the health industry to support the programs and provide jobs for the students.

Sustainable construction methods are being researched and discussed in the design of the building. Project manager Bob Mention has been in collaboration with Jennifer Hayward, sustainability coordinator, to incorporate "green" building in the design.

"Research is being conducted for making the building LEED (Leadership in Energy and En-

vironmental Design) certified," Hayward said.

Hayward also said that making the project LEED certified would be a big step for LCC and all campuses across the nation. In correlation to LCC's newest core value of sustainability, all new buildings on campus are going to meet these same green certification standards.

Projected cost for LEED construction is approximately the same as standard building costs.

Most of the efforts toward sustainability in construction are going to pertain to energy efficiency and conservation. Ideas for alternative energy sources include purchasing wind power from EWEB and using solar power to run the water heaters in the building.

Appropriations in the governor's budget will decide when the project has adequate means to start and finish construction. Project deliberators hope to have the building operational and ready for occupancy by Fall term, 2010.

For more information about the building project, contact Lanning or Mention. For information about sustainable or "green"

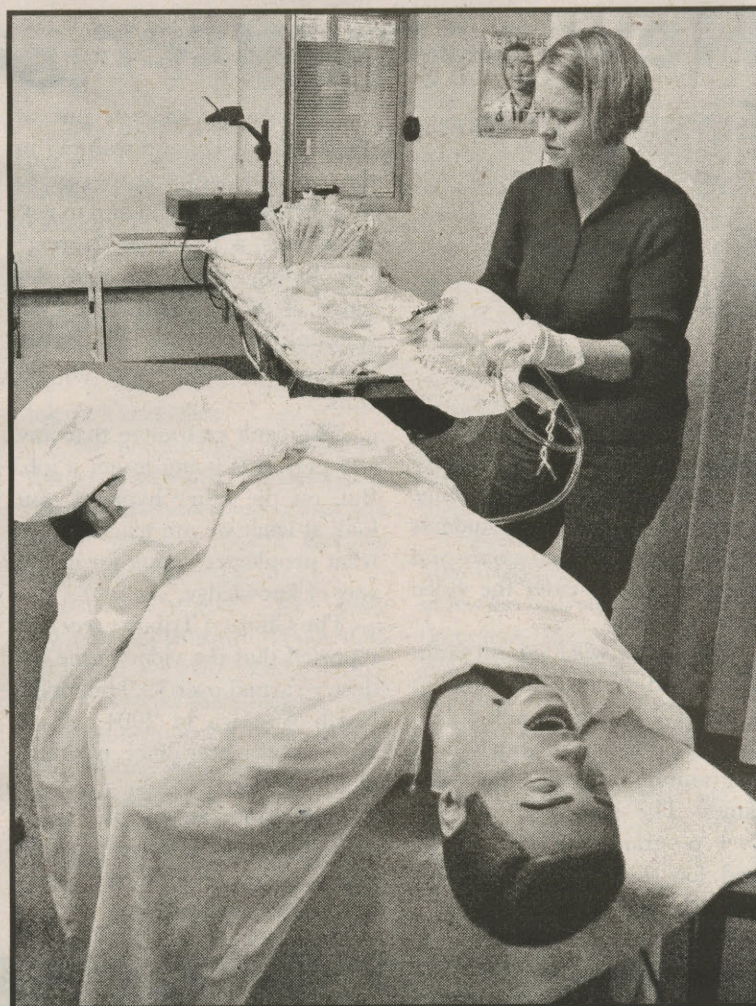


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Kristi McCormick is a first year nursing student who is practicing for her skills check on a table instead of a bed.

building, contact Hayward or go LEED link. to www.usgbc.org and follow the

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in Tanzania, Africa and Boulder Glacier in Montana's Glacier National Park with recent photos of the same areas. Very little of the snow on Mt. Kilimanjaro, immortalized in the Ernest Hemingway story "The Snows of Kilimanjaro" remain today. Boulder Glacier has disappeared completely. "By 2012 Glacier National

Park will be misnamed. There won't be any glaciers left," Bradbury said.

Bradbury ended his presentation on a note of hope that humans might still have time to stem the damage from global climate change saying that it is important for the United States to take the lead as it accounts for more greenhouse gasses

than any other nation.

He urged people to take individual action such as using compact fluorescent light bulbs and to join with others to pressure elected officials to enact legislation to reduce CO2 emissions.

The LCC chapter of the Oregon State Public Information Research Group

sponsored Bradbury's visit as part of its Campus Climate Challenge.

More information about the Campus Climate Challenge and volunteer opportunities can be found at www.Climatechallenge.org or by contacting OSPIRG Campus Organizer Anne Guthrie at 463-5166.

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a lot of time in Salem talking to legislators. "This week I was only there once, last week I was there twice and the week before I was there three times," she said. "I'm spending a lot of time making sure our local legislative delegation understands our needs."

She has been advocating for the legislature to raise the budget for the next biennium to a minimum of \$529 million. "I've been up there and we've had board members go up there to talk to legislators, elected official to elected official, so we're really trying to make sure that our legislators are on board," Spilde said. "And I would say that most of them are. I'm hoping that I'll be able to see all of the Lane County delegation supports advocating for the \$529 million."

Spilde is "cautiously optimistic" about what the number will end up being.

"I think that they support the work that we do and that they believe that we are very important to Lane County, but they have so many demands on the money,"

Spilde said. "But they have an opportunity right now because the economy is good, and there has been an increase in the state budget. So what we are calling on legislators to do is make the investment in higher education, in community colleges and universities, because that's what leads to a skilled work force. So this is an opportunity, and it's not too late. Instead of dis-investing in education, which is what they've been doing, actually investing in education. And I think that if they do it, there will be a huge payoff for the state in the long run. Because the reality is that our competition here isn't coming from California or Washington, our competition is coming from Singapore and India. We're in a global economy, and if we don't have an educated work force, we're not going to have jobs for people."

The state legislature is expected to approve a budget by June 30, but LCC can't wait that long to figure out a budget for the 2007-2008 school year. "But by that time we will have had to go

through this process of cutting our budget," Spilde said. "We can't wait till June to figure out what we're going to do, so it's going to be a very difficult time of making tough choices."

Bleak as the news often seems, it's not all bad news coming from the legislature. LCC has nearly been approved for construction of a new Health and Wellness building as part of the governor's budget.

The construction budget is separate from the general fund and is split equally between community colleges in the state. Some colleges receive funding during one biennium and the rest receive construction funds during the next biennium. LCC is scheduled for the 2007-2008 biennium, and the new building is severely needed. "Our nursing program, for example, the labs are 30 years old, they're set up like hospitals used to be set up," Spilde said. "They're just not what we need (in order) to do quality education and training."

Spilde said to combat the pos-

sible budget deficit, LCC has been looking for funds through other avenues.

"Our foundation is looking at fundraising around scholarships and grant writing, mostly for federal funds. We've been quite successful at that. There's the \$1.9 million we got for dental hygiene, there's another grant with the HIV alliance to help provide dental care for HIV patients. So we're bringing in grants that help, but we're trying to be very strategic about what kind of grants we get that will take us in the direction we want to go with new programs. Aside from that, it's (a matter of) thinking about what are the ways that we can generate money for the college by creating revenue because we have a skill or expertise that we can sell. It will be things like that that we'll be looking at to generate revenue streams to lessen our dependence on public money. But I want to be clear that you can put a few of these programs together, and they'll bring in money, but it's not going to solve the problem."

Spilde encourages students to get involved with the lobbying process at the state legislature. "When students go up there and say, 'This is what this means to me. This is the difference between me getting the program I want or having to go to Portland, or somewhere else away from home, to get the education that I need.' When legislators hear that from students, it is incredibly powerful. Students have an enormous amount of power to make a difference."

Spilde said she does not know what, if any, programs will have to be cut. "We're going through our internal process right now," Spilde said. "The departments have made proposals and the budget review group is reviewing those. They're going to come out, at some point, with a set of recommendations. Then there will be a lot of public discussion about those recommendations. At some point the decision will come from me, but I want to base that on all the work that the staff at the college are doing."

Outdoor program facilitates student trips

Price to join co-op \$15 a year, \$12 alumni, free to UO students

Josh Hutchins
SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Oregon's Outdoor Program is more than 30 years old and has helped make outdoor sports accessible and affordable.

Four full-time and about 15 student staff members run it. It's open to UO students and all community members. There are about 200-300 active community co-op members.

Assistant Director Suzanne Hanlon said of the programs progression, "It slowly grew and grew till now it's this huge, successful program that we love. It kind of remains true to its roots. It is a grass-roots; it's a co-op. So we don't put out a list of trips with leaders, we do the trip initiator clinics and we let people decide what they want to do."

There are four branches to the outdoor program: trips, the rental facility, the room (which has resources of people, books, and maps) and events. Lists of events for January-March are downstairs in the Outdoor Program office.

Hanlon said that winter events are, more than anything else, how-to clinics like snowboarding, tuning, how to cross-country ski and how to snowshoe. "In the spring and fall, those kind of become more interpretive clinics: mushroom hunting, and flower identification, and birds and Native American traditions in our area, that kind of stuff," she said.

The Outdoor Program has weekly e-mails that alert its members to upcoming trips and events.

Dave Villalobos, the trip facility and rental program manager said that for community members the program costs \$15 a year, \$12 for UO alumni and UO students are covered with their incident-

tal fees. He said that they have roughly 300 trips every year. The equipment is primarily designated for those trips. All the equipment rental prices are half price for trip participants.

The rental facility has everything imaginable for the outdoors available to rent. They have tents, boots, gloves, hats, raingear, lanterns, stoves, ski pants and jackets, equipment for ice and rock climbing, rack systems for Yakima racks, kayaks, rafts and three vehicles for use on its trips.

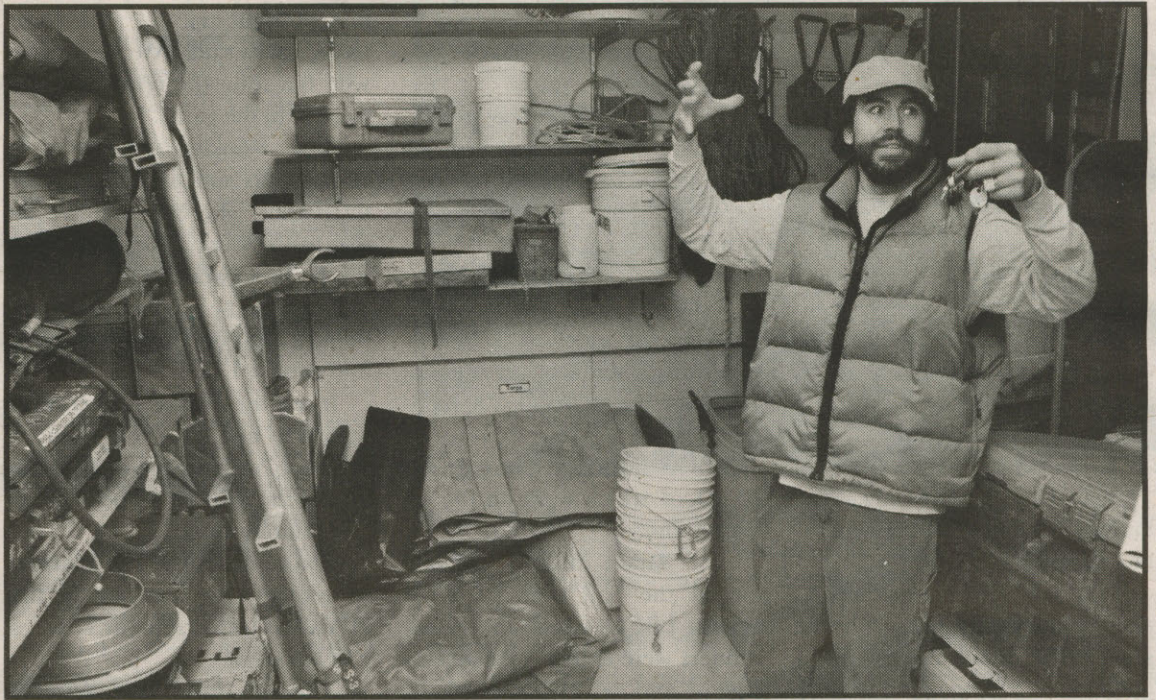
There is an eight-person all wheel drive vehicle for day and ski trips.

All vehicles are outfitted with self-contained jumping systems, emergency kits, blankets, first-aid kits, jumper cables, chains, a step ladder, a tool box, a snow shovel, a hands-free cell phone, CB radio, license and registration, a garage door opener, fire extinguisher, a Northwest forest pass and snow-park permit.

Vehicles go through a total inspection after each use. The Outdoor Program Barn even has a system to catch rainwater from its roof for use in rinsing off rafts and washing vehicles.

Gaylene Carpenter, associate professor emeritus of Arts and Administration at the UO recently signed up as a co-op member. "I thought you just layered up and went snowshoeing with a good pair of volleyball shoes or something," Carpenter said. She estimates she saved about \$200 by renting equipment. "(Villalobos) was very, very nice. He helped me feel more confident with what I was doing," she said.

A commonly used example of one of their trips is the McKenzie River Run. Hanlon said that to go with a private operator you could expect to pay \$80-\$85 a



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Dave Villalobos talks about various gear that can be rented at the UO Outdoor Program Barn on the corner of 18th and University.

person. With the Outdoor Program participants pay \$5 for a spot in the raft, and share gas and lunch which is usually about \$8. Wetsuits cost around \$2. All this adds up to around \$15 for an \$85 adventure.

"We don't pretend we are guides," Hanlon said. "We travel under a group of friends liability, so everybody is responsible for making safety decisions for themselves, but the initiator and the more learned members of the group are in a position of sharing information, and so everyone knows and can make informed decisions."

Hanlon said that when full-time employees go on a trip, they're not being paid. They pay the same expenses as anybody else. "It's kind of a neat thing when you think about somebody coming in and taking the initiator clinic. And basically after they do the two-part clinic, and we work with them to launch a trip that they're comfortable with, and everybody gets the information they need; we basically hand them a notebook with the keys to

the barn and it has the keys to the three vehicles," she said.

"There's a lot of trust involved and it works. It's a ton of fun, and it's based on trust and experience, and it works. It's just really nice to see stuff like that happen anymore, because now we're getting to be such a litigious society."

do it at the McDonald Theatre, and that's in April. That's a big, big deal for us, that is probably the biggest event where we see the most people, reach the most people and have our biggest fun event."

The Outdoor Program's Trip Facility Barn is located on the



The outdoor program offers vehicles for use on trips.

Lynette Chiang, a local touring cyclist will present a 45-minute DVD about touring Route 66 on Mar. 8.

"In the spring we host the Banff Film Festival which is a really wonderful international touring film show," Hanlon said. "We

corner of 18th and University. Its office is located in the basement of the EMU on campus. Its entrance is on the south side of the building next to the loading dock. For more information, call 346-4365 or go to outdoorprogram.uoregon.edu.

Women In Transition From Page 1

programs.

Every transition program is different and designed to serve the women in their respective geographic areas "The needs in rural areas are not the same as need in urban areas," Barry said. "We all share the same philosophy of women being empowered to make their own choices and access to education making an impact on people's lives."

Women in Transition at LCC consist of a seven-credit core class on life and career planning. A writing class designed just for the transition program can be added on. Math, computer and effective learning classes can also be part of the transition program. Recognizing that traditional class hours do not meet the needs of all women, the transition classes

are offered in the morning, afternoon and evening.

The goal of the program is to have women design a five-year life and career plan that has short and long term goals.

"We try to provide a term where they can do some planning and assessing of what they need, what their skills are and what their visions and dreams are for the future," Barry said. "For most women that means moving on to education. Eighty-five percent of the women move onto education after finishing the transition program."

Most of the women who enter Women in Transition do so before embarking on a degree program, Barry said. But some women come into the program after being at LCC for a year and not feeling like

they are succeeding.

Most referrals to the program have been through word of mouth and are often a generational affair, Barry said. "We've had daughters whose mothers have gone through. We've even had grandmother, mother, daughter," she said.

Enrollment is open to any woman who identifies herself as being in transition. To enroll, a student must first set an orientation and advising session. One full-time and three part-time instructors teach transition classes to between 75 and 90 women a term. Enrollment for Spring term is currently open.

Limited support service funds are available to help women pay for tuition for the first term of the transition program if they do not qualify for financial aid. In

addition to tuition assistance funds, transportation funds for women living off bus routes may also be provided.

Women in Transition is integrated with the LCC Women's Center. At the Women's Center women can seek advising, counseling, crisis intervention or just find a place to hangout and socialize.

One Women in Transition alumni, who found success after attending the program in 1996, is LCC Career and Employment Adviser Jackie Bryson. "It's a fantastic support program, changing women and their lives. There's more job support, self-confidence and more self-esteem. I never left this place."

Those interested in more information about the Women in Transition program can call 463-5353.

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Tough season continues for Titan men

**Team drops
18th consecutive
after losing to
NWAACC's best**

Alex Braga
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Titan men lost both games last week by a combined 82 points; a total they never reached themselves in either game.

They opened up the week, Feb. 14, with a 108-52 drubbing at the hands of Linn-Benton Community College.

"We just didn't show up to play," Head Coach Bruce Chavka said. "(The Roadrunners) did a good job of getting up on us early and took it to us. It's just disappointing."

LBCC built a 50-25 lead at halftime and extend it in the second frame.

The Roadrunners (15-13, 6-7) had five scorers in double figures and shot .603 from the field for the game. They also shot a blistering .522 on 12 of 23 3-point attempts.

Lane was led by David Webb's 16 points but were unable to consistently hit their shots, only going .353 from the field and .200 on 3-pointers.

LBCC owned the boards 47-22, 21 of which were on the offensive end.

The Titans (6-22, 0-13) also turned the ball over 22 times against LBCC, which the Roadrunners were able to take advantage of and get 31 points on the other end.

"(LBCC) is a tough league op-

ponent right up the road from us," Chavka said. "We aren't sure why, but from the tip off we just weren't in the game."

Kyle Winkler finished with eight points and six rebounds for the Titans, who only had five assists in the game compared to 23 for the Roadrunners. Damien Evans added nine points and two rebounds and Jon Curry had seven and two for Lane.

It was the Titans' 17th consecutive loss and left them facing a match-up with the top team in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges.

Clackamas (24-4, 13-0) earned its number one ranking in the NWAACC/Horizon Air coaches poll last week.

They got their 14th consecutive victory by beating the Titans, Feb. 17.

Lane had its highest point output of the season with 95 points in their first match-up with the Cougars, Jan. 20, but also gave up their highest output, 118.

It was a different story in their rematch, with the Cougars jumping out to an 11 point half-time lead and coasting to a 92-66 victory in Clackamas.

"We played hard, brought effort and competed," Chavka said. "We were worried going into (the game) because they're number one in the NWAACC."

Brian Freeman, the leading rebounder in the NWAACC with 13.3 per game, had a double double to lead the Cougars. Lane was out-rebounded 41-29, 11 of which came from Freeman.

The Cougars finished with four players in double figures.

Lane had three of its own

players in double figures, and was led by Webb's 23 points and six rebounds.

Winkler added 15 points and three rebounds and Dylan Hettrich had 11 and four. Evans scored nine points and Curry added six rebounds.

The Titans were able to 'stick open shots' (.436, .333 on 3-pointers) but were unable to make stops on the other end, or recover from their 23 turnovers.

"(Clackamas is) a pretty good little team," Chavka said. "They share the ball, shoot well, defend, they look like they enjoy each other. Every coach wants a team like that."

The Cougars finished .508 from the field and .400 on 3-pointers, and outscored Lane 49-34 in the second half to put the Titans away.

Women lose first league game of the season

**Illness and injury
plagues roster**

Josh Hutchins
SPORTS EDITOR

Last week saw the Lane women rise to the top spot in the NWAACC/Horizon Air Basketball coaches' poll but they lost their first regular season game to the South Division's third-place Linn-Benton Roadrunners on Feb. 14. The game was played at LBCC and the final score was 79-70.

"We had ready-made excuses with illnesses, and we're injured, but that's not why we lost. We got beat," Head Coach Greg Sheley said. "We played hard, they played a little harder. It was a good game. Linn-Benton's a good team, so we have to give them a little bit of the credit."

Lane played a close game. They had a one point lead after one half of play. Then they were down by as many 13 with five minutes to go. Sheley said he challenged his team, and they were able to pull to within five points with 40 seconds to go. They had the ball and the chance to make it a one-possession game, but were unable to get it done.

A couple of extra shots throughout the course of the game could have made the difference on a night when Lane shot 32.5 percent from the field and just 22.2 percent from behind the 3-point arc.

"I think where the illness and fatigue hurt us was mentally," Sheley said. "We had mental breakdowns in the second half on the defensive end. We missed some shots we don't normally miss from two or three feet."

Some of the players, Sheley said, that were affected by colds or the flu in the last week included Sheri Gates, Nicole Morgan, Valerie Meyer, Mercedes Alexander and Callie McVicker. Kammy Martindale has been working on coming off an injury from the SOCC game.

Shelby Stephens would have been the hero of the game had the Titans won.



Shelby Stephens goes in for two of her 25 points against Linn-Benton.

"She was a stud, we needed to get her the ball more. She's really been playing well in league for us. She had off-season (knee) surgery, it took her a little while to

get back in shape," Sheley said. Against Linn-Benton, Stephens scored 25 points, shooting five of seven from the free-throw line. She also got 14 rebounds and three

assists.

Martindale scored 12 points, Alexander had 11 and 14 rebounds and Natisia Reynolds got 10 points to round out Titan scorers in double figures.

It was a big game for Linn-Benton, now in second place after the weekend's games. "They were celebrating after that game more than we were when we won the entire Pacific Northwest Championship last year. The crowd was chanting 'overrated.' It kind of had that old high school atmosphere there," Sheley said.

"We flat-out didn't play like we could. We missed a lot of lay-ins, and our defense wasn't as good as it usually is," Stephens said.

Linn-Benton's Molly Fillion and Whitney Bryant turned in 19 points, and Chelsea Hartman got 15. They shot 43.2 percent from the field.

"They spread the ball; we knew Chelsea Hartman was going to be a tough one to stop. I think we did a decent job on her, but some of the other kids got a lot of loose points for them that shouldn't have happened," Sheley said.

"The good thing was that we made them work a lot harder for their points this time. Even though we beat them at our place last time, we gave up a ton. I think we counted seven or eight break away lay-up type of things. I don't know that we gave up more than one or two this time."

With a couple days to rest and prepare, the Titans bounced back to defeat Clackamas Community College 69-57 in Clackamas. The win clinched the NWAACC South title for the Titans for the third straight year and fourth time in five years.

"It (the game) was awesome. It was so good, we came out with energy but we were only up by one at halftime. We all came together and everybody put something good in that game," Stephens said. "They were a tough team and didn't give up. It was the first time in a long time that

SEE BASKETBALL • PAGE 8

Silent leader vital to Titan women's success

Points leader brings fire on and off the court

Josh Hutchins
SPORTS EDITOR

Kammy Martindale is the leading scorer on Lane's women's basketball team, averaging 16.7 points per game. She is recovering from a bad ankle sprain against SOCC, which she said was still very painful going in the Linn-Benton game. But in the last couple days her ankle has made a big jump to "better" for the Clackamas game.

Martindale is a sophomore who played on last year's NWAACC championship team. She's gotten very used to college basketball and the level of competition. "(It's) a big difference from last year, that's for sure. Freshman year (was) a lot more shaky, (you) don't want to make mistakes. Sophomore it's kind of (expected) you're going to make them, you just got to find out what you can do better to not make them again," Martindale said.

Compared to last year, Martindale said this year's squad is a completely different team and that it's hard to compare the two. While last year's team might have had more depth, this year's seems to find ways to win. "As far as success-wise, I think we've done well. We've only lost one game in league. (We) lost one game last year in league, so comparatively I think we're doing just as well (and) we have a lot of strengths," she said.

Other sports didn't help her with basketball conditioning. "You can't really do anything but play basketball to get in shape for basketball. After volleyball sea-

son, I still wasn't in shape for basketball. And track didn't really do anything for me except hurt my knees," Martindale said. "A lot of things that helped me in basketball were in summer. I would go to basketball camps every summer when I was in high school. Pretty much since I was six. (I used to go) to camps at Willamette University, they were really helpful."

Martindale is from Florence and Reedsport. She lived in Reedsport for seven years and then moved to Florence in the eighth grade. She mostly visits Reedsport when she can to see her best friends. Her parents, Larry and Randy Martindale are often able to make it to her home games, along with her brother Luke who lives in Eugene. She also has a sister, Whitney, who lives in Arizona.

Martindale said that living in Eugene isn't very different than the coast, "It's a little bit bigger. It's the same climate and I still see some of the same people."

She decided to come to Lane because it was close to home, and felt a community college was the right size of a step up from high school. "There were just a lot of reasons that fit me personally. I could play basketball, have fun, go to school and still be kind of close to home," she said.

With her second year of basketball almost at an end, the hospital administration major is one class away from getting her transfer degree.

She has offers to play basketball for North Dakota, Colorado State and Montana State. "If I can't play ball and get my degree, I'd rather just go on with school. Basketball's important to me, also school is too. North Dakota has a (hospital administration) I think. They mentioned health care ad-

ministration, so I was going to talk to them and double check, because obviously I want to do both," Martindale said. She added that OSU has her major if she just wanted to be a student. But it would be hard to just concentrate on school, since she's been a student athlete since sixth grade.

Right now she's taking 13 credits, which she says is about right for her during basketball season. "It gets really hectic. We have to go to school, and we have practice, we have weights and sometimes study hall. And then of course game nights, you get home late, and pretty much just have Sunday for yourself to catch up on anything you want to, homework, sleep ... it gets hectic. But it's junior college too, so it's not too hectic, it's just like the perfect amount of hectic," Martindale said.

Martindale is a team leader who tries to show by example. "I'm not really vocal on the team, I just try to do the little things coach asks us to. Or, I just try and play as hard as I can, and that usually brings everybody else up if one person's really going after it," she said.

Martindale describes Head Coach Greg Sheley as a good coach who is fun, humorous and serious when it comes down to business. For last year's off-season, he told Martindale to get some shots up over the summer, which she did. But she didn't really run, or workout. What she did was to get a job for the forest service fighting fires. She went to a fire in the Waldport

area where she was doing hose lays. "(It) wasn't too bad, kind of smoky. I liked it, it was fun. Then I got in an accident, I fell through these logs. Fell down really hard, and then shortly after that they said I was gluten intolerant," Martindale said.

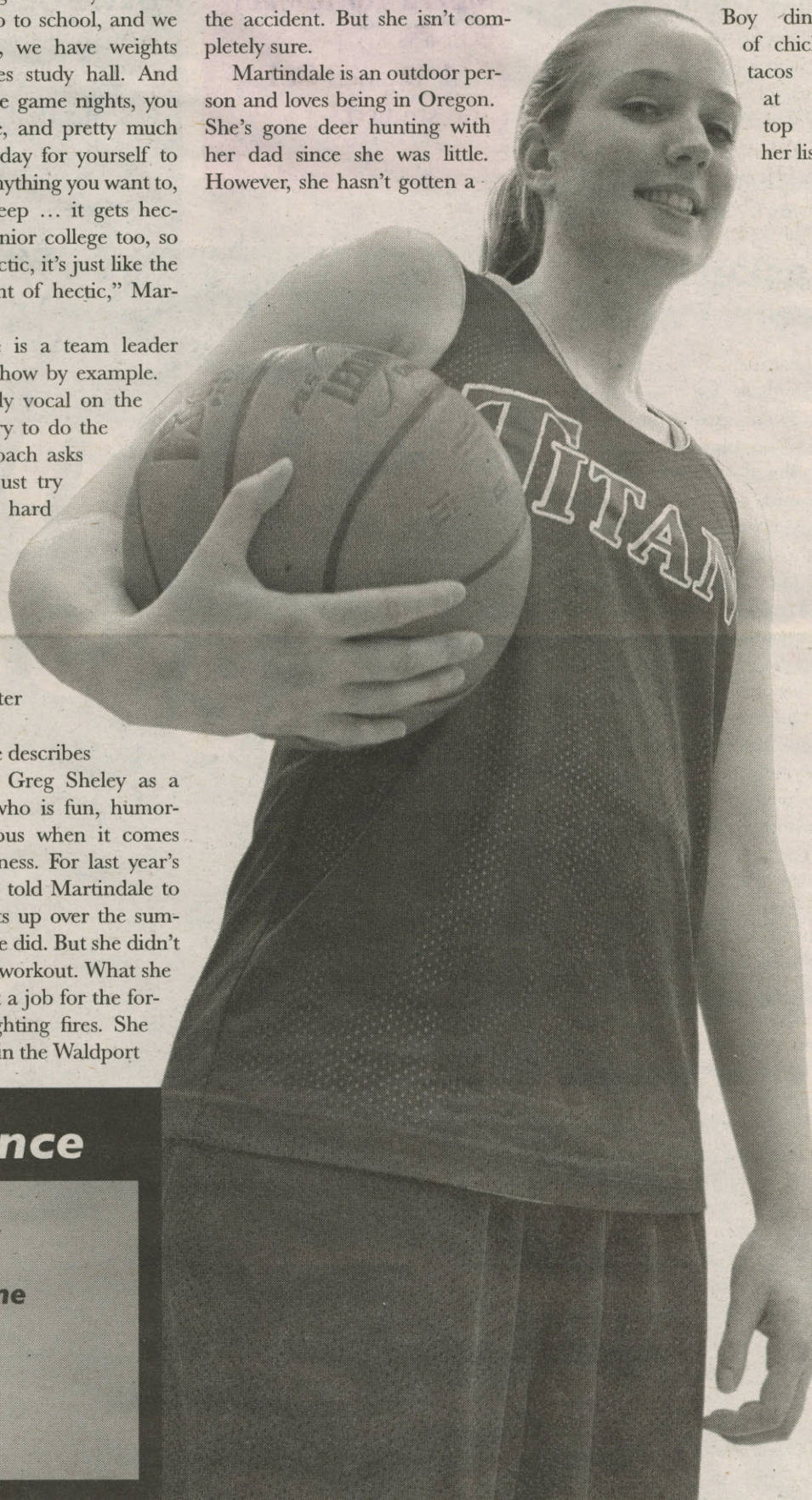
She said that sometimes traumatic experiences can cause gluten intolerance. After her accident she was sick and then finally took a blood test. So she attributes it to the accident. But she isn't completely sure.

Martindale is an outdoor person and loves being in Oregon. She's gone deer hunting with her dad since she was little. However, she hasn't gotten a

deer yet. And since she's had her hunting license, she hasn't had a lot of time because basketball season and hunting season are at the same time. She also enjoys camping and fishing when she's able to get the time.

Dwayne Wade is her favorite basketball player. As for her favorite food, it has been difficult since she can't eat wheat anymore. It used to be pizza, but right now a

recent Burrito Boy dinner of chicken tacos are at the top of her list.



Kammy Martindale at a glance

- Leads the Titans and is 7th in league scoring
- She's a 36.3 percent 3 point shooter with 24 in nine games
- Shoots 76.4 percent from the free-throw line, good for eighth in league

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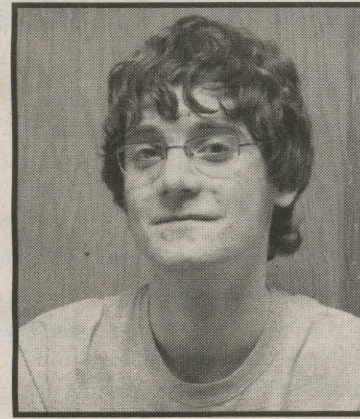
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**Basketball
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we beat them at their house."

Stephens led the way for the Titans again, scoring 19 points on nine of 13 shooting. She also led the Titans in rebounding for the game with 10. Martindale had 18 points on the night.

"They (Clackamas) really tried to take away the post scoring and make us beat them from the outside," Sheley said. "Every time a post kid touched the ball, they had two, or three, sometimes even four people swarming around them. So they were playing a real soft man-to-man (defense)."

The Titans had seven more second chance points than Clackamas and out-rebounded them 41-35.

Sheley said that their defense did a good job to hold Clackamas under 60 points. Three-point shots have been big for them, in the last couple games the Cougars made 12 or 13 shots per game. Saturday night they shot five of 17. Their leading scorer, Rachel Copeland was held to one point.

"Take away their leading scorer, take away their threes, and see if they can beat us. And obviously that game plan worked, the kids did a real good job of executing it," Sheley said.

In turn, the Titans hit seven threes, two apiece from Martindale, Meyer and Morgan and one from Gates.

The playoffs will be held March 1-4 in Kennewick, Wash.

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