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## Women win final game of regular hoop season

*Umpqua falls, unable to stay with Titans*

**Josh Hutchins**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lane women's basketball team had its final home game of the season Wednesday, Feb. 21. A pre-game ceremony awarded the graduating sophomores with bouquets of flowers. Down the stretch, their opponent, the Umpqua Community College Riverhawks couldn't keep pace. The final score was 88-61. The game was closer than the Titans would have liked. With 6:50 remaining in the first half, Lane's lead was just seven. Part of the problem was icy cold perimeter shooting. In the first half Lane shot just 10 percent from behind the three-point arc, going two of 20.

The Titans stayed in full-court pressure the entire first half, stealing the ball 22 times.

dribble and go hard to the basket. And the ironic thing is we talked about the first five minutes and really coming out and playing hard and we did the exact opposite."

In the first eight minutes of the second half, Lane continued to struggle, scoring just 10 points. The Riverhawks, who out-rebounded Lane 59-54 for the game, closed the gap to 47-43 with 12:30 remaining. Umpqua point guard Shayla Feters then committed a technical foul when she said something to the official about a call. Kammy Martindale hit both free throws. Then, with the ball back, Lane scored an easy layup to push the lead back to 12 points. The Titans found their rhythm and knocked out 27 unanswered points.

They stayed in their full-court press almost the entire game, finally pulling it off with about three minutes remaining. For the game the Titans scored 43 points off of turnovers, stealing the ball 35 times. Shelby Stephens led the scoring for the Titans with 19 points and 10 rebounds, followed by Martindale who warmed up in the second half to score 17 for the game. Natisia Reynolds scored 11 points. Calie McVicker hit

### Women's Basketball NWAACC South Final Standings

Team	League	Overall
Lane	13-1	25-4
Clackamas CC	11-3	20-8
LBCC	11-3	22-7
Chemeketa CC	9-5	20-9
PCC	5-9	12-16
MHCC	4-10	12-16
UCC	3-11	11-17
SWOCC	0-14	1-24

Their 21 points off turnovers to one for UCC was a large reason they went into the locker room at halftime up 37-24.

"The things we talked about at halftime were not necessarily changing, but just being a little more aggressive," Titan Head Coach Greg Sheley said. "I think when we were going to the basket in the first half we had break-aways and they would catch us from behind because we didn't take a hard

two of three from the three-point line for 10 points. Mercedes Alexander scored 10 and got 10 rebounds. There was a scare late in the game when Alexander hit the floor and an Umpqua player seemed to land on Alexander's left knee. After a few minutes she was able to walk off the floor on her own. She was able to get back to practice okay; Stephens said Alexander just got

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Liza Rosa-Diaz, Melanie Melville and Jessica Robles attended the student rally in Salem on Thursday, Feb. 22.

## Students stump Salem

*Kulongoski says affordable education has slipped away*

**Sandy Wilcox**  
STAFF REPORTER

A student rally was held in Salem last Thursday. The rally was intended to bring the lack of funds necessary for colleges to the attention of Oregon legislators, in hopes that they would look at the need for increasing funds for Oregon colleges.

The rally, which was held Feb. 22, was organized by the Oregon Student Association (OSA). They tried to convince the legislators of the necessity to prioritize access to a quality postsecondary education in Oregon.

During the rally, amidst the shouts of "college funds now" and "we can't live on Ramen forever," the crowd quieted as Governor Ted Kulongoski took the stage to address his support of the students' ideals being expressed.

"The opportunity to afford a higher education has slipped away from too many young people in Oregon," Kulongoski said on the Capitol steps. "And at this critical

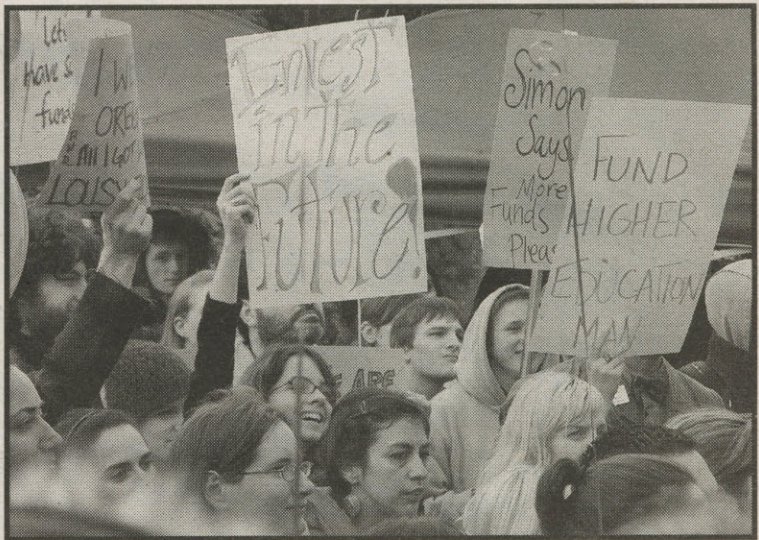


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Students in Salem hope to gain more money in higher education for colleges and universities.

point in our educational system, we should do everything we can to help those with the interest and ability to pursue a college education," Kulongoski said.

Kulongoski also told those gathered that his 2007-2009 budget would begin to reverse the years of disinvestment in post-secondary education starting with an increase in funding for community colleges by 17 percent and a 15 percent increase for public universities.

The lack of funding for Oregon colleges has caused LCC to raise the tuition steadily since

2002 from \$49 to \$69.50 per credit hour. LCC tuition was the second lowest in Oregon and is now one of the highest, ASLCC Vice President Steven Mohr said in his speech during the rally.

"The skyrocketing in-state tuition at Oregon universities has left me considering whether to stay in state for my college education. At Lane, we have seen an increase in tuition of 63 percent over the past five years. Despite the fact that students are paying more, our campus has made \$6 million in budget cuts within the

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### Web business created

Student hopes to travel again

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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 Governor Ted Kulongoski for taking a vested interest in the future of Oregonians' education.

**Roast:** North Dakota State Senator Tim Mathern for opposing the removal of a state law that makes it a crime for people to live together because "I think the majority of people think they ought to be married if they're living together." Hey Tim, when we want you telling us how to live our lives we'll call you. Until then, please, hold your breath.

**Toast:** To reporter Bob Woodruff for exposing the lack of health care available for returning veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. How about we really support the troops for a change?

**Roast:** To the LCC Board of Education for raising tuition. Anybody remember when community colleges were cheaper than universities?

## Not feeling the teen spirit anymore

### Generation X is all grown up

Perhaps it's a little late to commemorate the end of the X-Generation's children, but that in itself is fitting. Of our many traits, procrastination is high on the list. We're also predisposed to be pessimistic, nihilistic and cynical. Our lack of beliefs and trust in traditional values has dubbed us to be a sorry bunch of misfits who continue to worry our parents, the baby boomers. In the '90s, we were portrayed as a group of flannel-wearing, alienated, over-educated, underachieving slackers with body piercings.

With all of that to sum up my younger years and my aging personality, I wonder what category I've fallen into now. As a married, anti-religious, politically teetering, recently outsourced, college-returning rugrat, where do I go from here? I'm at the end of X, the beginning of MTV and just before Y. I'm starting to feel like aged cheese.

It recently dawned on me that I've just finished up a quarter of my life. As the last of the X-Generation, I wasn't even aware of my new age-box. I'd been in the '18-24' box for six years and had grown quite comfortable there. I

was still in an age-sphere where I was expected to get completely smashed, but still pay my bills. Immaturity today, responsibility later.

But now, with a quarter of my life behind me, I'm no longer a "young adult." Now, I look for wrinkles and gray hair. I've got a few laugh lines. My metabolism

has slowed to a dull vibration, the perpetual mouse in the exercise wheel. Staying up for

24 hours isn't the easy thrill it used to be. And coffee? What used to give me energy only serves to give me a headache now.

I don't even have fun doing the things I used to love doing before. Every summer, my friends and I practically lived at Six Flags. I went to Fright Fest last Halloween and froze my ass off, which was normal. The difference was my bones hurt this time. Early onset arthritis? Clubbing in Philadelphia, partying in Atlantic City? The music, dear god, it's so loud and irritating! What the hell happened to oldskool Metallica, Daft Punk, Type O Negative or VNV Nation? Remember Nirvana, Pearl Jam and Alice in Chains? I miss the good old grunge.

Should I aspire to be a fine wine of maturity instead of aged cheese? Maybe it's time for me to ditch the apartment and settle

into that bi-level on a quiet street and start cranking out my 2.5 kids. Does this mean I need to buy a minivan or some god-awful SUV? Will smooth jazz be a pre-set station on my radio?

As much as I hate getting carded, I wonder if I'll break down when the clerks stop asking for my ID. I'm not afraid to get older, but I do worry about what that means. If a 16-year-old at McDriveThru calls me 'Ma'am,' will I have a quarter-life crisis?

I suddenly feel the need to do things that would make me feel younger or, at least make me feel how I used to when I was younger. Will skateboarding return my 'umph' for life? Maybe if I listened to some of my old Marilyn Manson or NIN CDs, I'd get back into the groove of whatever made me feel on top of the world when I was younger. I could always rummage through my closet and pull out that old flannel top I used to love, dye my hair black again, and re-lace my Vans. Hmm ... something tells me that I'd be just shy of Emo if I did that.

Maybe returning to my former glory of 'jaded harridan' will only exemplify my need to feel younger. And to think I used to look at those 30-somethings who still went to raves and dated barely-legals as pathetic. Perhaps they were merely trying to regain their "old" selves through the energy and vibrations of the '18-24' box.

At 16, I couldn't wait to be 17 so I could get my license. Then came the wonderful age of 18! After that, I had to wade through those three limbo years before I conquered 21. Great, I can order Guinness. Now I'm an adult with no more ages to wait for. Today, I'm looking back on all those damn years I spent looking forward. What the hell was so great about 18 anyway? I could vote and I could drive but no one took me seriously. I thought I knew everything and, actually, I was so damn daft. Unlike my sister of the Boomerang Generation, I couldn't wait to get out on my own and do everything that I thought I had to do. In the end, my greatest accomplishment was staying out of jail.

Older people say you're only as old as you feel. Younger people say you're only as old as you look. My parents say I'm only as old as I act. I feel old, look young and act differently day-to-day. I enjoy talking to people older than I am. I have a hard time identifying with people younger than I am. And, everyone my age is still trying to find themselves.

In hindsight, my age fetish is a big waste of time. Obviously, I'm no closer to finding Ponce de Leon or his Fountain of Life. Wrinkles and grays are just proof of life. And maturity? Well, like a fine wine, it always tastes better with some good cheese, anyway.

#### Commentary

Déidre Moxley

Columnist



## Finding a cure for your springtime blues

Mind your body, next month is sneezing March. Allergies will make your eyes very red and watery. When you blink you cry, because spring is here.

#### Mackworld

John Mackwood  
Columnist



For some people spring sunshine and warm weather only mean another dreary allergy season. When it gets warm, I want to close my eyes and go to another galaxy light-years away. Instead, I try to find

ways to fix my sniffles.

When you feel like crying, try drinking ice coffee. Maybe all your tired body needs is some poetry therapy?

When you feel a sneeze coming, splash some cold water on your face, if that doesn't work ... ge-sundheit.

If all else fails, grab some ice tea and welcome in spring with me, one sneeze at a time.

**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.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Core values

Thank you for the great editorial you wrote last week (Feb. 15).

You were very clear about the issues regarding the sponsoring of speakers like Dr. Fauntroy and how they are contrary to LCC's core values.

Your voice makes Lane feel a safer and more welcoming place for LGBT people. Thank you.

Susan Matthews  
LCC Staff

### More voices in women's program

As an English instructor at Lane, I'm thrilled to see The Transitions program celebrating 20 years of success and hope for many more years. My criticism is that the article in The Torch only

quotes Kate Barry, the Director of the Women's Program.

Transitions depends for its continued success on the daily teaching and support of women employees whose work I hear about from the graduates of Transitions but who are not named or quoted in the Torch article. This oversight is a terrible irony when you are honoring a program that helps women discover and develop their voices.

The women who have made the program a success are Charleen Maclean, (retired), Patsy Rancy (whose position was eliminated last year), Cara Di Marco, Marjorie Barnhart, Linda Gonzvales, Donna "Larosa" Rose, supportive faculty in other departments and dedicated discussion group and other student facilitators.

The past coordinator, Patsy Rancy, has been a crucial, outstanding spokesperson in her community liaison role. She served as a valued administrator at classified pay, supporting the students and staff within the program.

When her position was eliminated, neither Patsy nor the faculty members who worked with her in Transitions had a meaningful voice in the decision, another terrible irony in a program that helps women find their voices.

While we need to acknowledge the incredible success stories at Lane, we also must acknowledge the complicated truth of who does the work and how those employees, in this case, women, are treated.

Margaret Bayless  
LCC Instructor

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# Tuition is going up; programs could be cut

*Budget shortfalls lead to higher costs for students in upcoming fiscal year*

**Shelby King**  
MANAGING EDITOR

Tuition at LCC is on the rise again. Tuition will cost students \$3.50 more per credit hour beginning Fall term, 2007. However, the tuition hike won't bring any new benefits to students, as LCC is still facing a major budget shortage and may be cutting programs, faculty positions, or both.

The numeric figure for the increase, which is five percent, is based on the Higher Education Price Index, a model designed to keep tuition costs in pace with the cost of inflation. The five percent, or \$3.50 increase, will be "just keeping the lights on," according to Greg Morgan, vice president of finance at LCC.

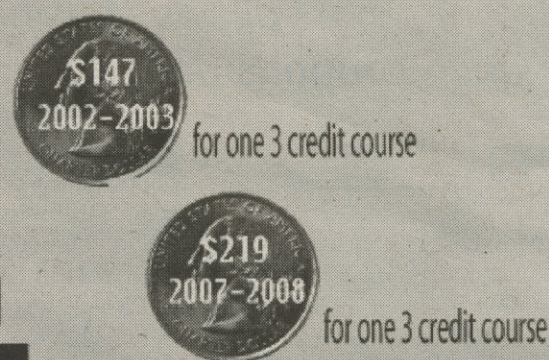
"Right now, the cost increases are outpacing the rise in revenue," Morgan said. "If we were to raise prices to balance our costs, then right now, instead of a five percent increase, we'd have to raise it five

times that, and you'd be going to \$100 or so a credit hour. So, even though (students think), 'oh gosh, they're raising our tuition again,' I guess, to put it in perspective, the board decision to raise tuition consistent with inflation is really a limit on raising costs," Morgan said.

Morgan said the goal of the college administration is to keep education as affordable as possible, which is why they are trying to soften the blow by increasing tuition gradually. Tuition also went up five percent in Fall 2006, as recommended by HEPI. The hope, Morgan said, is that gradual increases in tuition will not cause a sharp drop in enrollment.

"When we had the recession in 2002, they were forced to make a big jump in tuition. What they found is that a big jump really decreased enrollment. Whereas, rather than holding off and then hitting everybody really hard, it's better to keep pace as gradually as

2002-2003	per credit hour	\$49
2003-2004	per credit hour	\$63
2004-2005	per credit hour	\$64.50
2005-2006	per credit hour	\$67
2006-2007	per credit hour	\$69.50
2007-2008	per credit hour	\$73



GRAPH BY JESSICA JOY

possible and students can adjust to that without suddenly deciding they can't afford to go to school."

The tuition increase is expected to raise about \$1 million for the LCC general fund, which is currently looking at a \$4 million shortage. The money generated by the increase has already been written into the projected budget for 2007-2008, which means students won't see any direct benefits from paying more. In fact, consistent with recent years, students will be seeing fewer programs and fewer staff at LCC.

"We'll probably have to have some sort of sacrifice on the part of the employees," Morgan said.

"There may be some layoffs."

That isn't good news for LCC students who are already feeling the effects of last year's cuts. The budget shortage last year resulted in the loss of 60 staff positions, fewer tutors and weekend closures of campus computer labs.

Some students are not happy. "If I'm paying for things to get better, then great," Glitch, a 21-year-old LCC student majoring in audio technology, said. "If I'm paying more for things to get worse, that's crap."

Doug Burski, an LCC student in the paramedics program, takes a little different view on the subject. "Maybe if we didn't drop bil-

lions in Iraq, we could all get an education," he said.

"Yes, I'll keep coming. I'll find some way to pay for it, I guess. If I don't keep attending college I'll never be able to get out of my financial situation. So, while it might be hard to scrape up the funds, the alternative of not going to school is much worse," Lauren Zobac, a 24-year-old LCC student pursuing her transfer degree, said.

Morgan said the final budget wouldn't be known until the legislature submits its final figures for the state colleges in June but LCC should have a projected budget by the beginning of March.

## Get to know ASLCC's new vice president Mohr

*Former senator finds niche by getting involved in LCC campus*

**Ariel Burkhardt**  
COPY EDITOR

Student government recently congregated and elected a new Vice President, Steven Mohr, for Winter and Spring terms at LCC.

A student senator last year, Mohr took over the vice presidential duties when Rosa Martinez was unable to hold the position due to enrollment issues.

Mohr was very excited about attending the lobbying trips up in Salem to raise higher-education awareness at the state capital. "I wanna get involved and spread the awareness of ASLCC," Mohr said.

Straight out of high school, Mohr wasn't sure what he wanted to do with himself. Mohr was immediately accepted into college but wasn't sure if it was for him. "I didn't wanna go into college and then drop out (if it wasn't for me) and I had a lot of growing up to do. It was the right choice for me."

Mohr joined the Navy and was in the service for five

years. He has been at LCC for the last two years and was elected a student senator last spring.

Mohr is currently majoring in political science but is drawn more towards science and hopes to go into forestry. Next year, Mohr will be leaving LCC to go to the University of Montana to attend an internationally recognized forestry program. Mohr wants to be "a steward of the land" as he calls it, and conserve and manage state forests. Mohr's father was in the forestry service for 33 years.

Mohr likes actively participating at LCC to get

students involved in their school. "Getting involved is good to do to continue to go to school. (LCC) has a strong involvement with four-year universities. (Being a part of a student government) is a good stepping-stone. People don't have to get into a fraternity to get involved."

As far as being a part of ASLCC, "It's a lot of fun," Mohr said. "I'm very easy to talk to, I have an open-desk policy. If anyone has questions about ASLCC they should contact me."

"We are here for the students," Mohr said. "We're here to help them out. If students are interested they

should go to student meetings. We're open to everyone."

In his spare time, Mohr likes to be outdoors. "I love to ski," Mohr said. "I ski instructed for a couple of winters. I love mountain bikes, fishing and camping."

Mohr is also a part of the United States Student Association, a group of over 700 politically active students, who will be meeting March 3-4 in Washington, D.C.



Steven Mohr

## Titan baseball set to get bat off its shoulders

*Coach looks to build young team around strong pitching, veterans*

**Alex Braga**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The hail is falling, the grass is under an inch of water and the trees are starting to blossom, which for the sports world in Eugene, means that the boys of Lane are back for the summer.

Entering his fourth season as Head Baseball Coach at Lane, Rob Strickland brings a bevy of experience of running a successful and dedicated program to a

new season.

"We've had two NWAACC titles, one with wood bats, one with aluminum," he said. "We've been to the NWAACC (tournament) 10 straight seasons. My number one focus is that we have the resources and tools to be successful."

Strickland joined the Lane program in 1996 as an assistant, but has since been named head coach and thrived.

"I took over in '04 after our

previous coach Donny Harrel left for OSU," Strickland said. "I agreed to take the job for only one year, but we went on to win the (NWAACC) tournament. It was pretty unbelievable in some peoples' eyes."

The baseball team at Lane has always let its play on the field represent the blue-collar nature of its program.

A 308-145 record over 10 years is nothing to scoff at in any level and is something Strickland feels can be attributed to good recruiting and effort on and off the diamond.

He will look to build his team

this season around a pair of returning all league performers and strong pitching.

Jesse Sweet, a graduate of Thurston High School, was a 2nd Team NWAACC South performer on the mound last season and according to Strickland, "finished with a 6-3 record and had a very good year. He will be our number one pitcher."

Sweet led the Titans in innings-pitched with 67 last season and finished with a 2.42 ERA.

Outfielder Matt Phelps, who came to Lane from Springfield High School, returns after a season in which he hit .315. He had

an on base percentage of .348 and earned a first team all division selection. Phelps looks to spearhead a solid group of hitters.

"Those two (Sweet and Phelps) have won some awards and we expect a lot out of them this year," Strickland said.

Another pitcher Strickland expects to perform this season is 6'5 RHP Joaquin Lopez. "He played two years ago and, for a lot of different reasons, left. He's gonna have to be a horse for us."

"Russ Razor is another sophomore that's ready to have an impact year for us," Strickland said.

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# Multimedia student starts businesses

*Unique site allows businesses to change coupons daily*

**Larry Coonrod**  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Most college students wait until after graduation to start putting their freshly learned skills to work. Multimedia and design student Dennis Van Devender credits LCC with giving him the skills to start "The ClipperZone.Com" with his wife Daphne while working on his degree.

Coupons are nearly as old as commerce itself and Internet coupons are everywhere. The Van Devenders put a new twist on an old idea by designing a site that allows businesses to offer customized coupons that can be changed daily. The yearly cost of \$360 is less than many businesses owners pay for a week of advertising in newspapers.

"They put coupons on the Internet, but they've never had it where the company could easily change them daily," Dennis Van Devender said.

Dennis credits his wife for developing the idea. Daphne Van Devender quit Whittier Wood Products after six years to find something more rewarding. After several months of researching ideas, she found the software program that is the heart of their website.

Dennis Van Devender said that there are only three such businesses in the United States

that offer such a service and "The Clipperzone.Com" is the only one in the Northwest.

Las Mesitas Restaurant, located at 1136 Highway 99 North in Eugene was one of the Van Devenders' early customers. With the click of a button, diners can download a two-for-one lunch or dinner coupon. Las Mesitas owner Vincete Ramos has been pleased with the results. "It's really working. We have people bringing in the coupons all the time," he said.

The Van Devenders are so confident in their site's appeal they offer "businesses a 90-day free trial with free promotional material."

"For us it's small investment for what we hope in the future will be a very popular idea with businesses in the valley," Dennis Van Devender said.

To increase public awareness of their site, the Van Devenders plan on setting up computers at fairs and other local events where the public can print out coupons.

Twenty-five years of working in sawmills was finally enough to make Dennis quit and pursue fi-

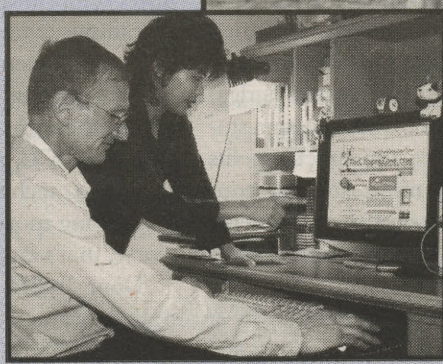


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financial independence and his dream of becoming a documentary filmmaker.

"I got tired of throwing lumber all day and seeing someone else make all the profit," he said.

During the 1980s, Dennis Van Devender made three trips into the Llanganities region of Ecuador made up of several hundred uninhabited square miles. He

spent a couple months each time photographing rare wildlife and plant species. Some of the caverns he explored required 400 feet of rope to reach the bottom. Situated above 10,000 feet in the Andes mountain range, hypothermia was a constant threat in Llanganities.

National Geographic magazine became aware of the thousands of slides he took and requested to examine them for

possible publication.

"I felt they weren't good enough because I had no college education behind me," he said.

After he earns a degree at LCC Van Devender said he plans to return to Ecuador and make a documentary film. This time he won't have any qualms about showing it to National Geographic.

The Clipperzone.com is located on the web at [www.theclipperzone.com](http://www.theclipperzone.com).



PHOTO COURTESY OF DENNIS VAN DEVENDER

(Above) Standing next to his hut in Llanganities, Ecuador, Dennis Van Devender is still able to smile after getting an eye injury, walking through very thick and tall marsh grasses.

(Left) Dennis and Daphne Van Devender are working hard on their new website, in the comforts of their home.

## Baseball preview From Page 3

"He's done a good job of being a leader and the kids look up to him."

Strickland also credits returning NWAACC South Utility First Team performer Scott Jacobson. He finished last season among the leaders in the NWAACC with a 1.07 ERA in nearly 59 innings of work. Jacobson and the rest of

the returnees are being counted on for this season's success.

A pair of freshmen that came down from Alaska to play at Lane, Trevor Harrison and Nick Nading, along with Dan Schlottman have been "pretty good surprises." They have a good chance of starting for the Titans this season.

Strickland and Assistant Coaches Sam Kirby and Mark Hills have been working since the Fall term to assure their players, and most importantly, their pitchers are ready to go for a tough pre-season schedule.

"We officially started Winter term," Strickland said. "During the six week fall schedule we bring (the players) in to get them accustomed to program and get them conditioned."

Strickland said his squad this season will revolve around a pitching staff that probably won't exceed eight or nine players. "This league is so much like the pros in that way," he said. "You've got to have pitching and defense to have a chance to win."

"Our depth on offense and defense is actually very good," Strickland said. "Where we can't afford to take a hit is with our pitchers. Our team speed is excellent this season."

Kirby and Hills have been solid additions to Strickland's coaching staff, and he attributes

much of the team's success to their coaching up of the pitchers and hitters.

"Sam played for us in '04 as the starting catcher for our championship team," Strickland said. "He's in charge of our catching, hitting and defense and has done a great job with our two freshmen walk-on catchers (Brian Rector and Carter Cullen)."

Hills, who pitched for three years in the San Francisco Giants organization, is in charge of pitching this season for the Titans.

"I knew (Mark) from when he played for Chemeketa where he was an all-league pitcher and first baseman. He's done an extremely good job with our pitching staff. The way I look at it is, every year we're in the top five in the league in pitching against teams that have more talent at the position. He does a great job of maximizing what we have and giving us kids that know-how to pitch and win games."

The Titans open their season March 2 in Newberg, Ore.

against the George Fox junior varsity squad and a trip to Mt. Vernon, Wash. to play Skagit and Edmonds CC March 3 and 4. They follow that with a series of tough weekend tournaments throughout March until their league opener March 29 against Clackamas Community College.

"I think we're playing three of the top five teams in the league in the preseason this year," Strickland said. "Our kids are gonna know what it's going to take to be successful."

Strickland said that Mt. Hood Community College will field one of the best teams he's seen in the 10 years he's been at Lane and that, "we got our work cut out to make a run at them," but that the, "rest of the South will be a dogfight."

"The talent is there (for us), but we're very inexperienced. When we scheduled the preseason, we wanted (our players) to be prepared against the best talent possible. I think we'll be great in league this year because of it."

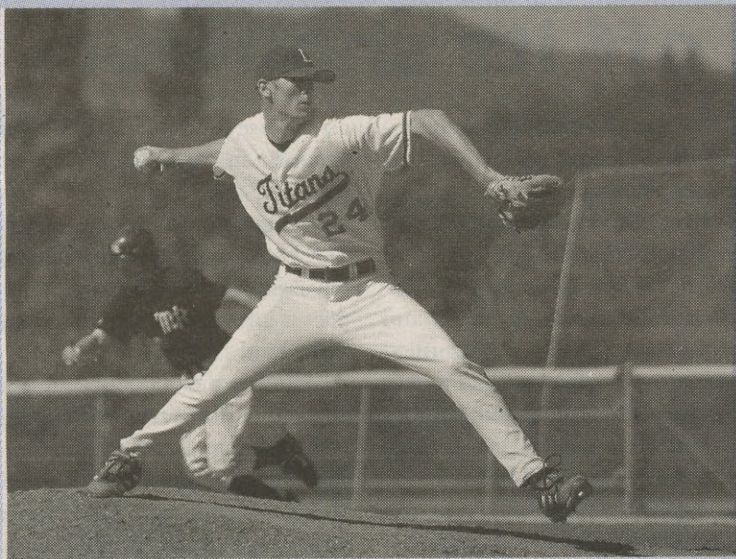


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Sophomore Jesse Sweet and his teammates are rested and set to go for a new season on the diamond.



# People can do amazing things with yarn

*Crocheting student makes hats and scarves for fun and profit*

**Jenica Pistone**  
FEATURES EDITOR

Trevor Murphy-Manix describes himself as a crocheting fool.

A former student at LCC, Murphy-Manix earns the bulk of his income from the sale of accessories that he crochets. He peddles his craftwork at the Saturday Market, the Country Fair and at other local venues.

After learning the craft from his mother when he was 14, Murphy-Manix soon developed skill and speed.

"It was a fun hobby. I'd bring it to class and work on it in there instead of paying attention," Murphy-Manix said. "I was turning stuff out left and right. I'd give (my work) away for Christmas presents, or to people I knew. One day I was hitting my mom up for money and she said, 'Why not sell those hats you've been making?' So I walked down to the (Saturday) Market with a handful of them and that was that."

Murphy-Manix has crocheted everything from mittens to scarves. He has even attempted to crochet a pair of gloves, but was disappointed in the outcome.

"The fingers were long and misshapen," he said. "They looked like scarecrow hands. The yarn was too thick to let the fingers move much."

His hats, however, are more functional and popular with his customers. Though he prefers to sport a classic beanie, he's not a slave to the simple style. He has experimented with a wide variety of hats. His favorite was one that dipped low in the back and had earflaps and a puffball on top.

"It reminded me of a knight's helmet the way it went down so low on the neck," Murphy-Manix

said. "I kind of got attached to it and didn't want to sell it, but I just made another one and kept it for myself, but without the puffball."

Though he has tried knitting, Murphy-Manix feels more comfortable with the creativity that crocheting allows. "There are a lot of artistic touches I like to put on my pieces that knitting won't allow for," he said.

Cindy Blevans, an employee at Soft Horizons yarn shop in Eugene, said that the knitting is a tighter weave than crochet. "With knitting, there's more to it. Knitting isn't as free-form and it's more difficult," she said.

Murphy-Manix suggested that people new to crocheting start with something simple, like a scarf or blanket.

He said that the stitching in straight rows is easier than going in a circle because it's hard for people unfamiliar with the craft to tell when to add a stitch or how tight to make it. "You really have to eyeball it. There's no set formula," he said.

Sharon Enfield, head of the yarn department at Ben Franklin Crafts in Springfield, suggested that those new to crocheting or knitting use a light colored yarn, as it is easier to see.

"To start out don't use anything too fussy," Enfield said. "If you get down to the basics you can work from there."

Jean Goodbar, owner of Eugene's The Knit Shop, said that people interested in learning to knit start out with size eight or nine needles as well as simple yarn.

Crocheters need a basic understanding of the mechanics of their yarn craft of choice. Soft Horizons offers classes on practically any aspect of crocheting or knitting that might be of interest.



PHOTO BY CASSIE LAWS

**Students who have questions when shopping for yarn can ask Sharon Enfield, expert at Ben Franklin Crafts located next to the Gateway Mall off of Harlow Road.**

They offer basic knitting, beaded knitting and yarn spinning seminars.

Enfield said that it is important to have an idea of what item will be made when selecting a new yarn. "It all depends on what

you're making," she said. "If you're going to make a sweater, you probably want a nicer textured yarn. For blankets, people usually use acrylic."

"It can be a great hobby. (You can do it) on the bus, while you're

watching TV, anywhere," she said. "Just don't do it in school. I don't think the teachers appreciate that."

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## Dance collaborations



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**Arielle Olson and Rebecca Morris perform "Archetype" in the LCC Performance Hall. The Collaborations Dance concert features dances in a variety of styles. Performances will be, March 1, 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students.**



## Unlucky year concludes for Titan men's basketball

### Season finale ends in defeat

Alex Braga  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

A season that many team players would like to forget has finally ended for the Lane men's basketball team.

They finalized a difficult campaign with an 82-61 loss at home to the Umpqua Community College Riverhawks on Feb. 21.

The Titans (6-23 overall, 0-14 in league) were led in scoring by Kyle Winkler's 17 points, but only shot .344 from the field and .259 on 3-pointers for the game. David Webb added 14 points and five rebounds and Greg Eggers finished with 11 points, five rebounds and six assists. Kenny Arthanios also had seven rebounds from his guard spot.

It was the 19th consecutive loss for the Titans and the last game for Lane's three sophomores David Webb, Tyler Hollingsworth

and Dylan Hettrich.

"Dylan's a great kid and had some great moments this year," Titan Head Coach Bruce Chavka said. "He had some times this year when he was the man for us. He's a competitor, but was forced to play out of position (due to the loss of some Titan players)."

The Titan's last victory came Dec. 15 against Edmonds Community College and was the last game leading scorer sophomore Will McCoy played in.

He was academically ineligible to play the rest of the season.

A week later, center Brandon Hausmann, the only solid presence Lane had in the key, went down with a broken ankle.

"(This season) was a tough one," Hollingsworth said. "Once we lost Will and Brandon, morale really went down."

Hollingsworth, who was named to the NWAACC All-Academic team with a 3.4 GPA, said he plans to be an assistant tennis coach at Sheldon High School

next year while earning his degree at the UO.

When McCoy and Hausmann were lost in December, it was Webb who took up the majority of the scoring load in the void left by their absence.

"Dave's a scorer," Chavka said. "He can fill it up with the best of 'em. I'd love to have all of (the sophomores) back if we had a full team."

Chavka said it was a tough season for him because one of the reasons he loves to coach is the bonding that occurs between himself and his players. "What's bad is seeing the kids lose so much and get to the level of frustration that makes it hard to bond," he said.

"When you're losing it's a tenuous situation. They want space, you want space and we lose that chance to bond and get to know each other."

Lane battled back in the second half against Umpqua, but was forced to make up a 46-29



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

**David Webb skies for an easy two. Webb was one of the three sophomores to play their final game at Titan Court Feb. 21.**

halftime deficit.

"The first half we were lackadaisical," Chavka said. "We were so tired and so spent that it was tough (to get up)."

A four-point play by Eggers and three Hollingsworth steals pulled the Titans to within 59-47 with 8:45 remaining in the game,

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a little banged up.

Nicole Morgan did not play due to a hamstring injury. "It was interesting, I've never got to watch a whole game. The team was doing some good things. It was nice to see other people shooting shots," Morgan said. "We came out a little weak

in the first half, I don't know what was wrong with us," Stephens said. She added that the sophomores at halftime got focused on the fact that they had only one more half left to play at Lane. "We came out in the second half and did really good. We came together and brought

each other up and won how we wanted to win," she said. "We hit a couple of those (first half shots). All of a sudden (we would have had) a little more momentum, a little more confidence, and I think we could have really busted that thing open and got over 20 (point lead) in the first half,"

Sheley said. "But ultimately they decided to show up, and put together a nice run." The players got Thursday and Friday off and then practiced through the weekend to get ready for the NWAACC championships in Kennewick, Wash., which is going on March 1-4.

## Student's rally in Salem for education From Page 1

last year," Mohr said.

Mohr stated later that he believed the rally to be a "resounding success."

According to the "Oregon Opportunity Grant, Shared Responsibility Model," in the last few years, the state-students share of college costs shifted from the state (of Oregon) covering 51 percent in 2001 to covering only 35 percent in 2005, leaving students to pick up the re-balancing through higher tuition.

As a result, Oregon students from low and middle income families are borrowing more, working more, taking a longer path to graduation, or simply giving up on college altogether. The student rally was trying to make apparent to legislators the financial problems.

These problems are also something Kulongoski was attempting to address to legislators when he gave his testimony before the Senate Education Committee on Feb. 20, a hearing for Senate Bill 334, which is called the Shared Responsibility Proposal, 2007 Leg-

islative Session. This bill is one of the many things students were rallying for in Salem last Thursday.

"This is a pioneering bill that will broaden the path to hope and opportunity for tens of thousands of Oregonians and help us gain ground in the global economy. It is one of the most important pieces of legislation that I have introduced as Governor," Kulongoski said. "Senate Bill 334 addresses a problem that hinders our efforts to boost educational attainment and accelerate economic progress causing the rising costs that have priced college beyond the reach of too many Oregonians."

Anyone wanting to get involved with these issues can contact the ASLCC by calling 463-5333. ASLCC is located in Building 1, Room 206. Or contact Alejandro Juarez, OSA campus organizer for LCC, by phone 463-3237 or e-mail Alejandro@orstudents.org.

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# Defensive stopper, globe-charting player making splash for basketball team

*Point guard from Washington has shown versatility*

**Josh Hutchins**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Nicole Morgan is the Titan's 5' 7" freshman that has managed to play every position for the team this season. She's third on the team in minutes played with 285 and third in 3-pointers, three-point percentage, free throw percentage and blocked shots.

Lane's success last year is partly the reason she moved here from Port Angeles, Wash.

"Well, since they won NWAACC's last year, and had the best record (I decided to come to Lane)," Morgan said. "And I had a falling out with a full-ride offer to Alaska-Anchorage, so I was kind of scrambling to get a school. (I was only interested in Alaska) cause they were offering me money, I wasn't really set on it."

"She's become a defensive stopper, which is great. I'd love to have 15 Nicole Morgans," Titan Head Coach Greg Sheley said. "Usually Nicole will get the top wing scorer and we'll have her try to shut 'em down. She started the year as more of a scorer for us, now she's playing the point so she's having to run the team, but also lockdown defense on the other end."

In high school, Morgan played soccer. Her positions were center midfielder and forward. "I tried playing tennis for a year. I like to play every once in a while, probably when it gets nice (I'll start

playing)," Morgan said.

Her high school basketball team was competitive in their league. "My freshman year we made it to playoffs, but didn't make it to state. Sophomore year we went to state but didn't make it to state. My senior year we made it to playoffs, but didn't make it to state. My senior year we had a barely over .500 record."

Morgan's play was consistent. Her sophomore year she made the honorable mention squad. Then she was named to the 2nd Team All-Narrows League and team MVP as both a junior and senior. Her high school line was very similar to her production at Lane. She finished her senior season averaging 12 points, four steals, five rebounds and three assists per game.

She never attended a basketball camp. She started playing in the first grade and would always say "no" when her parents suggested them. In high school she played point and shooting guard.

"I love playing for Coach Sheley. I really like his energy. We do a lot of shooting in practice; we don't really work on a lot of individual skills all that much, more like a team strengthening thing I guess," Morgan said. "At times it's frustrating trying to remember all the plays from every position, but it's all right. It's interesting to have a look at every position I guess."

She said if she could choose, she'd play point guard, the two or the three positions. She would leave the post moves to taller players with more experience.

The hardest thing about college basketball for Morgan has been the distance from her fam-

ily and home. She said she's only been home once since coming to school here in the fall.

Aiding her with the adjustment has been her roommate, Valerie Meyer, a freshman from Clackamas. "Just 'cause we live together, so it was easy to get a tight bond with her. We do pretty much everything together: shopping, we live together, and we eat together all the time," Morgan said.

"We met each other once at the California tournament. Coach Sheley called and said 'there's a girl looking for a roommate, maybe you guys can talk.'"

Morgan is still listed as an undecided major, but she is leaning towards studying business and marketing. She likes the idea of trying to persuade people. Last term she took 16 credits, this term 13. "It's a lot, but it's not too much, I still have time to do things I like to do, so it's not too tough," she said.

Morgan enjoys music and has varied tastes. "I listen to anything. I like rap and hip hop, I also listen to country, so it's a wide variety. I like oldies too, so it just depends on the mood," she said.

When she's back home, one of her favorite things to do is skim boarding, despite the cold Washington water. Her favorite thing to do is to go on vacations. "I went to a Caribbean Island

called Turks and Caicos, that was probably one of the most beautiful vacations I've been on. I pretty much laid on the beach and snorkeled (the entire trip)," Morgan said. "I've been to Vegas. I just went to Mexico for my senior trip after I graduated; I've been to a few different places in Mexico."

During the summers she works on a ferry that makes trips between the United States and Canada. It docks in Victoria, B.C. A one-way trip takes about one and a half hours; a whole trip takes about four and a half hours. She operates a cash register on the ferry.

Her favorite movie is "Anchor-man" and her favorite food is a cheeseburger. For the best cheeseburgers "here I have no idea. Back home it's a place called Frugals. Their burgers are just really good, their meat is 100 percent real meat unlike other fast food restaurants," Morgan said.

Morgan didn't get to play in the final game of the season due to a hamstring injury. "It's alright. I'll be ready to play soon, just got to give it some rest I guess," Morgan said. "In the NWAACC's, there's a lot of different teams that can win it this year, coach said. I know we can beat every team."



## Nicole Morgan at a glance

- **3rd on team with 14 three-point field goals**
- **3rd best three-point percentage at 31.1**
- **3rd in minutes played at 285**

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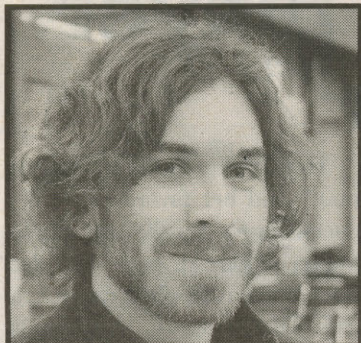
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**“How do you feel about the \$3.50 increase in tuition?”**

**Caleb Epstein**  
AAOT

“It’s okay ‘cause I think schools need money. They need it any way they can.”

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“I had no idea. That kind of sucks.”



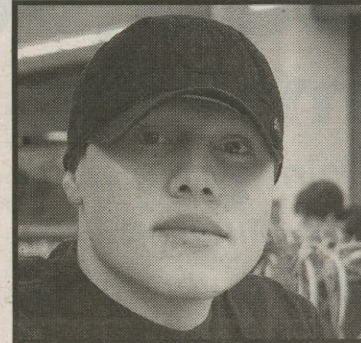
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**Jon Arriaga**  
BUSINESS

“Honestly, the National Guard pays for that so it doesn’t make a difference for me.”

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when UCC called a timeout. The Riverhawks (15-14, 9-5) switched into a full court press on defense and were able to force three turnovers and turn those opportunities into two layups and an open jump shot on the other end.

The Titans turned the ball over 20 times in the game, which led to 24 points for the Riverhawks.

“The effort was there (in the second half),” Chavka said. “If we weren’t so down and out (early), we coulda beat ‘em.”

Despite its increased effort in the second frame, Lane was outscored 36-32 in the half. UCC went on a 23-11 run to finish the Titans off.

Chavka, who was in his first season as Titans’ head coach, said the majority of his off-season plans “from now ‘til August,” with the help of assistants Ron Richards and Brian Stamme, will be centered on recruiting and building his squad for next season.

“We need an influx of talent; freshman that will do the things we want them to do. That’s going to be my job in recruiting, making sure we bring kids in that will buy into what we do.”

Chavka said that he was proud of this seasons’ team because they battled through a lot of adversity and never quit fighting despite being faced with seemingly insurmountable odds.

“It seemed that right from the get-go (this year) we were down,” he said. “We lost our number one recruit before the season started and it was sort of a trickle down effect. You always see the worst in people when you’re losing, but we battled ... I’m proud of our guys.”



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