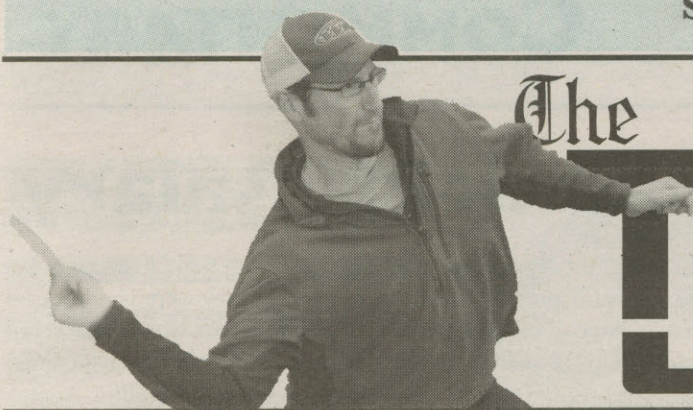


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OSPIRG lights up bulb promotion

Mario Saraceno
FEATURES EDITOR

Oregon Students Public Interest Research Group is having an educational event to educate the community about fluorescent bulbs.

The event features a light bulb exchange, where people can bring in an incandescent bulb and trade it for a fluorescent bulb. The limit is five bulbs exchanged per person.

"The hope is that people who haven't been able to trade out their inefficient light bulbs will be able to come in and get more efficient light bulbs and save money and energy on their bill. And we hope to slow the global warming impact," said Jesiah Hallford, a student at LCC and an intern for OSPIRG.

The compact fluorescent bulbs generate an estimated 150 pounds less carbon per year. Changing to CFL's decreases the amount of greenhouse gases being emitted because it uses less electricity to generate the same amount of light.

"They use less energy, so even if we are still producing our energy with dirty means, like say



PHOTO BY SEAN HOFFMAN

LCC student and OSPIRG intern Jesiah Hallford shows a fluorescent bulb that will be used at the Light Bulb Exchange.

burning coal, we would be burning less. If we haven't replaced our electrical production from hydroelectric to wind we are still

lessening the impact. They produce less waste because they last longer and you are getting them for free," Hallford said.

An incandescent bulb is one that has a metal element that creates heat and light. The fluorescent bulb uses a gas that creates

more light. "A lot of energy is wasted on the incandescent bulb because of the heat element.

Care must be taken in disposing of CFL bulbs to avoid harming the environment. "There is mercury inside of them and you do have to recycle them via waste management or you can simply return them to the place you bought them to be disposed," said Jeff Woodward, OSPIRG organizing director for the state of Oregon.

Other campuses like Portland State University have done a light bulb exchange event. "When OSPIRG did it on PSU campus they ran out of bulbs," Hallford said.

This event is a part of the Campus Climate Challenge campaign focused on global warming.

**Bring a bulb
to get a bulb**

**Light Bulb Exchange:
Incandescent for CFL's**

Thursday, April 19

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LCC Cafeteria



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Longhouse excavation, construction launched

*Students raise \$10k
for construction of
new complex*

Nicole Perkins
TORCH REPORTER

Excavation trucks are rolling on campus as construction begins on the much anticipated longhouse.

Building is finally underway of the

longhouse, which has been in planning mode for the past 10 years. The goal is to have it done within one and a half years.

Donna Koechig, associate vice president, said, "We're going to try to get the framing done over the summer, before the rain. So it may be sooner than that now."

Of the \$1.4 million needed for the overall cost, \$1.15 million has been raised so far. This amount includes the student activity fee that the students passed – a \$3 fee per term for the next three years.

A large portion of the money raised

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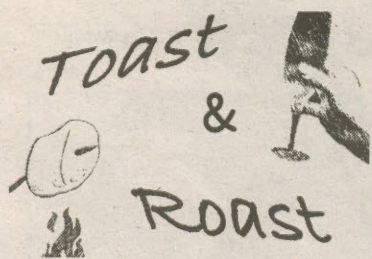
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The Torch has been awarded first place in the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association's General Excellence category for community college weeklies for 2004 and 2005. Second place 2006.



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 new UO Athletic Director Pat Kilkenny for signing basketball coach Ernie Kent to a 5-year contract extension. Good job letting the results on the court and the character in the locker room decide who stays or goes, not the opinion of Phil Knight.

Toast: to the faculty and staff of Virginia Tech for showing strength and courage at a time when the rest of the world is looking at them for answers about how such a tragedy could occur on a college campus.

Roast: to Cho Seung-Hui. Not the police department or the counselor who couldn't see that one coming. Let's stop blaming the victims.

Toast: to the staff of The Oregonian, for winning a Pulitzer Prize for coverage of the missing Kim family in southern Oregon.

Roast: to presidential candidate John Edwards for spending \$450 in campaign contributions on a haircut and spa treatment.

Roast: to NBA star Stephon Marbury for selling a completely unavailable \$14.98 shoe. It would be nice if you sold it at more than one chain of stores, of which there are none in the entire state of Oregon. What's the point of a cheap shoe if no one can buy it?

Toast: to OSPiRG for exchanging incandescent light bulbs for earth saving compact fluorescent ones.

Toast: to LCC food service staff for serving organic grown produce and fair trade coffee in the cafeteria.

Roast: To a Florida woman for being smacked in the face by a flying sturgeon and knocked off her jet ski.

Hourly wages to the almighty salary

For the past decade (give or take), I've maintained several steady, full-time jobs with a few intermittent part-time hitches in the computer and gaming industries, respectively. I've started in entry-level positions as Game Advisor or System Builder and worked my way up to management as Internal Technician or Technical Support Supervisor. I've gained titles, added responsibilities and surpassed the hourly wage to succumb to the almighty salary – which is intrepid agony if you're against unpaid overtime.

Throughout these jobs, I've gained that valuable experience that carried me on to bigger and better places when I felt my role within a company had come to fruition. To blow my own horn, my resume is pretty good. In fact, I was so comfortable in my career that I hadn't even considered dropping it and returning to college. I made a decent living, paid my bills on time and had money left over to blow on books or computer games. I had even considered buying a home. However,

I soon was assaulted by modern economical business tactics and was left bitter and wanting due to – you guessed it – outsourcing.

And so, after the most recent layoff last July, I decided to return to college and study for a new

career something I hoped couldn't be outsourced. At first, I was living off money that I'd saved

from the last job and was managing just fine. And when the funds began to deplete, I was able to land a decent gig at a Eugene-based software company as a Quality Assurance Tester. The hours were great; I only worked about 20 hours a week after classes with no weekends. But my elation would prove to be short-lived. Because the company refused to outsource, they could no longer afford to maintain their high number of skilled labor and, therefore, the newest hires were let go. Bully for me.

After scouring endless help wanted advertisements, the computer industry was steadfast in maintaining its abysmal job market in Eugene. If Mohammed

will not go to the mountain, the mountain must come to Mohammed. So, I searched in Springfield and quickly found myself in an interview for a prominent and reputable software company. I knew they weren't above outsourcing since my first job in Eugene was with one of their outsourced subsidiaries. However, I had learned that their doors were wide open for entry-level employees. At the time I figured it'd be best for me to demote my skills to entry-level labor because I was no longer pursuing the computer field and I was only looking for part-time work.

I thought the interview went off without a hitch. They knew I was attending college without issue. They seemed impressed with my previous work experience. They didn't even bat their eyelashes when I told them I was now a psychology major. They simply smiled and promised that speedy call. Obviously I was stoked after the meeting. I began to breathe easier thinking that I would be able to pay my bills and not have to worry about finances and could, instead, focus on school. I must have been touched in the wits!

They called me that same day to say that they were very pleased with me and my (cough) skills, but that I, sadly, was over-qualified and, therefore, a liability. Apparently, in two months I would become bored with my duties and leave them high and dry. Not only do they make software, but they also foretell the future!

So, I tried a few other computer companies and, eventually, settled for anything in the customer service area. I even further downplayed my relevant experience but still received the same rigamarole. Only now I was being denied employment because, as I was later informed, college students are unreliable and risky employees.

Come again? Since when did being a college student make someone irresponsible as opposed to someone who has never attended college, or has no plans to? Isn't the whole premise of taking it upon oneself to better their future by continuing their education considered responsible and, oh my, mature? Pretty to think, but there it is.

Wanted: Responsible college student seeks rich, adoptive parents.

Commentary

Déidre Moxley

Columnist



Cheney still lying after all these years

Dick Cheney is a firm believer in the old adage that if you tell a lie long enough people will begin to believe you are telling the truth. Four years and 3,200 wasted lives later, the vice president continues to assert that Saddam Hussein was in business with Al Qaeda, a claim debunked years ago by the military and U.S. intelligence agencies.

During a recent interview with Rush Limbaugh, no stranger himself to spreading lies, Cheney said: "(Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi) went to Baghdad, he took up residence there before we ever launched into Iraq, organized the Al Qaeda operations inside Iraq before we even arrived on the scene." He then said, "This is Al Qaeda operating in Iraq. And as I said, they were present before we invaded Iraq."

This statement is half out-right lie and half distortion, pretty much what the American people have come to expect from the Bush-Cheney cartel. This lie is particularly egregious because the President himself said in January 2003, two months before the invasion, that there was no connection

between Saddam Hussein and the 9/11 hijackers.

Nobody has ever disputed that Al-Zarqawi was in Iraq training terrorists before the U.S. invasion. Cheney knows that Zarqawi was never in Baghdad; his training camp was in our good friends, the Kurds', territory in Northern Iraq, untouchable by Saddam's forces. In fact protected by air attack from coalition forces enforcing the northern no fly zone.

Before the current debacle in Iraq started, on three separate occasions the military asked for the go ahead to kill Zarqawi with air strikes. The White House denied permission all three times, reportedly out of fear that killing the terrorist leader would lessen its case for war.

This war started with Bush, Cheney and Republican members of Congress lying to the American people. And as the situation in Iraq grows more perilous, the lies just keep coming.

The deadliest six months of the war for the U.S. military occurred between October 2006 and March 2007, when 534 troops perished.

That didn't stop another Republican

from jumping on the bandwagon of the Bush and Cheney lies. Two weeks ago presidential wannabe John McCain held a press conference in Baghdad to proclaim how well the troop surge is working. McCain claimed Baghdad was so safe he had freely walked the streets of a local market. The next day when pictures of McCain were released showing him wearing a bulletproof vest, accompanied by 100 heavily armed soldiers and watched over by several Apache helicopters the fearless senator acknowledged that perhaps he had "misspoke" on just how safe it is in Baghdad.

With the majority of Americans believing that the war has not been worth the cost and saying we need to set a time table for withdrawal, why does the Bush administration and their lackeys in Congress continue to try and deceive the public?

Well, you can't fool everyone all the time, but apparently you can fool 76 percent of registered Republican voters for at least four years; in a recent poll that is the number of Republicans who responded that the war in Iraq is going well.

One has to conclude that those 76 percent routinely lie to pollsters or are just plain nitwits without a clue of what is going on in the world.

Commentary

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Committee hears Spilde, others on school funding

House Ways and Means Committee listens to public concern at the University of Oregon

Sandy Wilcox
NEWS EDITOR

Last week the UO hosted the Oregon Ways and Means Committee hearing. The committee heard issues raised by the 50 plus speakers. The committee took no action.

"Community colleges are the door to the future for our young people and for an ever-changing and evolving workforce," Eugene Mayor Kittie Piercy, said.

Mary Spilde, president of

LCC, voiced a similar opinion in her speech to the committee, and said that a college education would play a vital role in a person's life in ascertaining a job in the future.

Spilde also said, "Oregon is the poster child for disinvestment. Other states are investing in their community colleges. They are thinking about growing and enhancing what we (community colleges) do ... so please fund us at \$529 million."

"Less than 50 percent of high school freshmen enter higher education, yet 87 percent of the new jobs projected for Oregon require an associates degree. There is a huge disconnect, knowing this Oregon still continues to disinvest in higher education," Spilde said.

Spilde also voiced concern about Oregon having the third highest tuition cost for community colleges among 15 western states, as well as being ranked 46 among states receiving funding for students.

The issues Oregon community colleges are facing is something Governor Ted Kulongoski has been attempting to make apparent to the committee.

Kulongoski's budget proposal exceeds the proposal of the Ways and Means Committee.

While the governor's budget is more, proponents argue that his budget would not fix the deficits in the higher education budget. Some argue that his proposal is better than nothing and a way to provide some stability.

Spilde used a former Governor John A. Kitzhaber quote to indicate that all school systems in Oregon were being pitted against each other. She said Kitzhaber said Oregon was "undermining the quality of our post-secondary institutions and making them too expensive for many high school graduates to attend, and we can

simply not afford to continue to do so."

Spilde said, "If community colleges are funded at the \$529 million level there is a glimmer of hope, we've been patient all through the 90's, we were told to wait and it would be our turn in 2001. It was and we know how long that lasted. In fact, your budget is \$4 billion short of that allocation in 2001. If not now then when?"

Due to a lack of time and space many people who wished to voice their opinions in front of the committee were not able. Ten of the speakers spoke on behalf of LCC. Spilde will announce proposed budget cuts on April 23.

Phi Theta Kappa members attend international convention

Sigma Zeta recognized as one of the top 100 chapters

Megan Worman
TORCH REPORTER

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society of the Two Year College held its 89th Annual Convention from April 12 to 14 in Nashville, Tenn. LCC's Chapter, Sigma Zeta sent officers, Megan Worman and Dee Lauzon and faculty adviser Velda Arnaud to join the multi-national gathering of members, faculty advisers, alumni and administrators.

The three-day event, entitled "Be The Power" gave community college honor students an opportunity to learn more about leadership, scholastic and career opportunities. The convention focused on the current Honors Study Topic "Gold, Gods, and Glory: The Global Dynamics of Power" and the International Service Program, "Operation Green: Improving Our Communities" through workshops, guest speakers and leadership academics.

Sessions ranged from the role of image and perception in leadership, sources of power and leadership styles to ones designed to aid students in preparing successful scholarship applications, making a transition from a community college to a four-year college, resolving conflict and speaking with confidence.

"I feel that it is important for our chapter to participate in the international convention so students can see the incredible power behind Phi Theta Kappa's programs," said Arnaud, LCC's faculty adviser for Sigma Zeta.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SIGMA ZETA

From left to right are Dee Lauzon, Chapter President Elect, Velda Arnaud (holding the Paragon Award) and Megan Worman, Service Vice President.

"When our students see and hear about other students around the world participating in similar events, they realize the tremendous scope of our efforts," Sue Smith, national director of education for Keep America Beautiful, Inc., said that Phi Theta Kappa's service involvement with their organization made the single largest impact in one month in their history.

Former Vice President, Al Gore, delivered the keynote address and spoke on issues related to PTK's International Service Program and Honors Study Topic.

Jehan Sadat, widow of former Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, spoke about the conflicts between Israel

and the Arab world.

Mrs. Sadat provided the unique viewpoint of one who has confronted danger in working for women's rights, children's welfare and world peace.

"It was her message that every single person has the power to bring about change, especially when change is needed, that touched me the most," Arnaud said.

Sigma Zeta officers Lauzon and Worman attended the pre-conference Chapter Officer Leadership Academy which focused on teamwork and their individual roles in directing the local chapter.

The convention hosted Career and Transfer College Fairs, which gave students the unique opportunity to meet individually with employers and recruiters from four-year colleges and universities. The participating colleges offer transfer scholarships exclusively to PTK members.

Sigma Zeta was named one of the Top 100 Chapters for 2006 (of 1205 chapters internationally). The chapter also received the Pinnacle Scholarship Gold Award for increasing membership and, for the second year in a row, Arnaud received the Paragon Award for New Advisors serving less than five years.

Addressing the convention theme, "Be The Power," Arnaud said, "I believe that 'Be the Power' means to pull yourself up by your bootstraps, get yourself out there, and get 'er done! 'Be The Power' means to take charge of yourself, your life, your college, your community, your state, your country and your world. If each of us did that, think how awesome we could be!"

More information about Sigma Zeta and Phi Theta Kappa can be obtained from the web site www.lanec.edu/ptk or by calling Arnaud at 463-3238.

Veterans' support group forming

Isaac Viel
TORCH REPORTER

Student and faculty veterans from Lane Community College met last Thursday, April 12, for the first time to discuss the idea of a new support group for student vets.

LCC has many activity and support groups for many different students, but one group of people on campus is without formation: the veteran and military service members who are enrolled at LCC.

Student and faculty vets are looking to change their disjointed status by forming an official group.

Veterans and service members could seek out help from peers with a variety of unique concerns that can sometimes only be answered by fellow vets.

Concerns ranging from where to find work, to the overwhelming, and sometimes unnerving, transition from enlisted to civilian to student are most likely something that all student vets will face at some point when returning from service.

Having the group will help those questions get answered by people who have been there before and can offer comfort and advice to vets.

Although there is no finite number available as to how many students at LCC are veterans, (faculty involved with the formation of the group estimate there are nearly 500).

The number is sure to grow with men and women returning from the war in Iraq.

The group is scheduled to meet again sometime in early May to help finalize and structure.

Students with any questions, or who would like to join, should contact Ellen Jones, LCC Veteran Specialist in Building 1 Room 125, or call 541-463-5663 for more information.



Recruiting for 2007-08 Student Service Associates

Need a job?
Do you like helping people?

Attend an SSA Informational Meeting:

Friday, April 20
2-3 p.m. in Bldg 1/222

or
Wednesday, April 25
3-4 p.m. in Bldg 1/222

Applications are due in CES Tuesday, May 1 at 5 p.m.

Questions? Call Christina Salter at 463-5813 or Tammy Simpson at 463-5296

The Counseling Department is recruiting for 2007-08 Student Service Associate (SSA) positions. SSAs serve as peer mentors assisting fellow students with career information, employment resources, scholarship research, class scheduling and ExpressLane functions.

For more information come to Career and Employment Services in Bldg 1/Room 102 to pick up an application or go to lanec.edu/CES. You are also encouraged to attend an information session (see side bar).

If you enjoy being a part of a team, and have a strong service orientation, we hope you will consider applying.

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Young artists featured in annual art show

Local high school students exhibit work in LCC's art building

Willa Bauman
TORCH REPORTER

LCC's Second Annual High School Arts Show kicked off last week with almost 130 young artists participating from area high schools.

The arts show is a chance for students to display their work and win awards, as well as being invited to an evening reception and taking a tour of LCC's campus.

"It seems like more and more high schools are realizing what a wonderful opportunity this is for the students," Myrna Seifert, who was on the planning committee, said. "I also think this outreach (to Oregon high schools) makes students want to come to LCC."

The high school art show was founded by Jennifer Salzman, who now teaches photography and 2D graphics at LCC. She organized art festivals for a university in River Falls, Wis., and brought her skills to Oregon.

The first high school art show was run very much on a "shoe-string budget" she said, but now they are receiving more money from private donors.

"Last year the art show was funded entirely by faculty sponsorship," Salzman said. "Faculty auctioned their personal artwork to pay for it. This year we have received more private donations, as well as money from auctions and faculty."

Activities during the art show included a tour of the LCC campus and an evening reception on April 5. Students and their families saw their work and their peers' work displayed at the reception.

"We've added the evening reception this year, which was a lot of fun for me. I got to see students get dressed up and act like it was a real art show. It's an opportunity that I don't think many of the students have," Salzman said.

The emphasis of the art show was mostly on education,

creativity and encouragement. Art pieces ranged from still life painting to sculpture, animation, photography and portraiture. A comment book was left inside the door where students, parents and teachers wrote suggestions, ideas and lots of encouragement.

Kalinda Little, a participating student from South Eugene High School, said she wants to continue making art.

"I do plan to pursue art in the future. Currently, I've been working more in the literary fields. I also plan to take several art classes in college. I've been doing art for a long time. Ever since I was very little my parents have encouraged me to be creative."

Salzman said that although it is a juried show, the initial decision rests with the teachers.

"We invited 18 high schools this year, but only six responded. We asked high schools from all over Oregon (to participate). Every teacher submits five student art pieces. Ultimately, the teachers are the judge of who gets in."

Salzman said that the LCC High School Arts Show gives students a chance to see art resources at LCC and that many students who participated in the show last year are now enrolled in the college.

"It is a great way for students and parents to see what we have here at Lane. The art show benefits both sides, on one hand the teachers and students, on the other Lane Community College. We want high school teachers to be recognized for their work and we want them to be seen as a crucial step. LCC gets the benefit of having students and family come out onto the campus," Salzman said.

Both Salzman and Seifert agree that the art show is a work in progress. "We eventually want the art show to grow to possibly include music, dance and theatre," Seifert said. She pointed

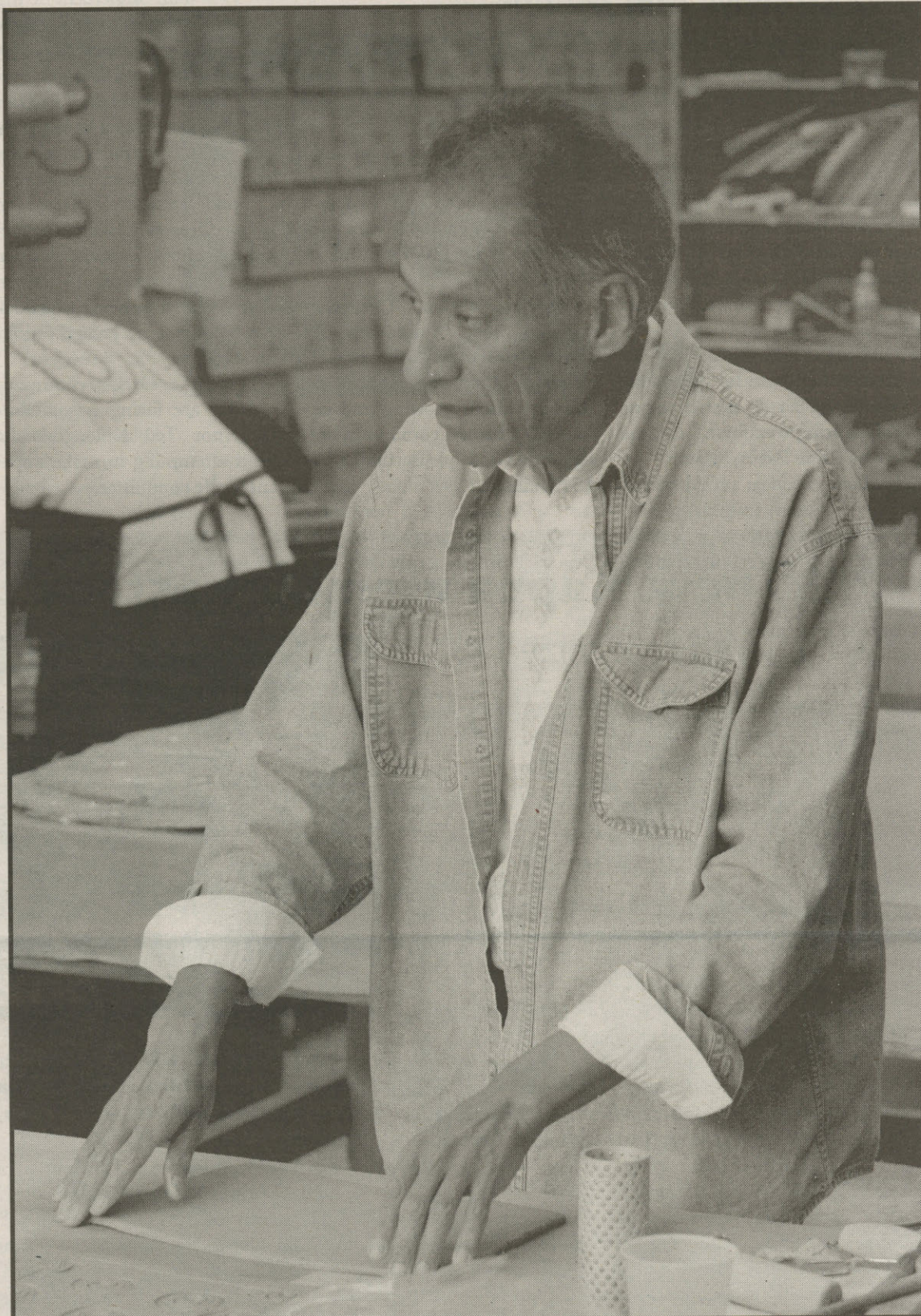


PHOTO BY ISSAC VIEL

Visiting artist, Javier Cervantes, from Oaxaca, Mexico, demonstrating ceramic techniques to local high school students.

out that there are many opportunities for music students at LCC. They can participate in clinics, seminars, workshops or concerts.

But there aren't as many for theatre or dance.

Salzman said she wants to eventually include more schools

in the art show. "We are hoping to eventually have the funding to open up the art show to private schools. We are building slow."

NEWS FLASH

LCC celebrates Earth Day Thursday, April 19, with the following educational sustainability events:

A Waste Audit of one day of LCC's trash will be conducted by master recyclers from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the east side of the first floor of the Center Building. Volunteer or just come to ask questions of the area's most knowledgeable recyclers. Gloves and training will be provided to volunteers.

Eddie Little Crow — Lakota Dakota poet and elder. 10 a.m. to noon, Center for Meeting and Learning, Building 19, Room 102.

Little Crow will read selections from his book of poetry, essays and interviews as well as talking about his life of activism and living in traditional ways.

Trail maintenance party 2:30-4:30 p.m. Volunteers will meet at the yellow gate at the top of Eldon Shafer Drive. Help maintain the nature trail just southeast of 30th Avenue. Biology instructor Joe Russin will teach volunteers about the trail and local ecosystem.

LCC student garden work party south of the Child Care Buildings, 12:30-4 p.m.

Help with harvesting and garden maintenance while learning more about this unique student run garden. Volunteer for as much time as you have available. Snacks, drinks and tools provided.

The Reading Together Project presents author Dan O'Brien. O'Brien will be reading from his book and talking about "Navigating the Changing Terrain" at the LCC Performing Arts main stage, Thursday, May 3 from 10-11:45 a.m.

The LCC Foundation is looking for volunteers to help out during several events.

The All About Business event, April 24, in the Center for Meeting and Learning in Building 19, Room 103 is looking for volunteers. For more information students can call 463-5538.

The second event is a Nursing Alumni Reunion on May 19. Nursing students are needed to work with a faculty committee to lead tours from 10 a.m. to noon.

The third event needing volunteers is the President's Circle Reception on May 14. Callers are needed for the week of May 7. For more information contact Michele Erickson at 463-5804.

An event which shows how much Kidz Rock

**Review by
Nicole Perkins**
TORCH REPORTER

Nausea crept into my stomach yet again as I forced myself to step up onto the stage. Those bright lights shielding the audience from my flittering eyes, no doubtedly brought my cheeks to an even brighter shade of red. As a familiar beat of the drums and riff of the guitar filled my ears, I suddenly forgot how petrified I was not 10 seconds before.

I have a confession to make: I'm in a band, we're all under 21 and no, we're not angry at our parents.

My three friends and I make up The Subterranean Blackjacks, one of the 25 bands playing in the Kidz Rock concert series this April. The series is a showcase of underage bands that may not otherwise have many opportunities to perform to their peers. Cindy Ingram, the coordinator of the event, said, "There are very few venues that have all-age shows; Wow Hall, but it's incredibly hard to get in there, and Cozmic Pizza but they have certain noise restrictions. I thought I could help."

She did help. Through friends



PHOTO BY MOY MACGILL

The Subterranean Blackjacks, Miriam Champer, Nicole Perkins and Willia Bauman perform at Sam Bond's Garage on April 14 during a Kidz Rock concert.

and the world of MySpace, Ingram managed to come up with enough bands for five shows with the ages ranging from 4th and 5th graders to freshmen in college.

The concerts so far have been standing room only with 350 people attending the Cozmic Pizza show on April 13.

The shows have been a success but there was not an immediate welcoming response. "It was hard

to convince the venues at first," Ingram said. "They didn't believe I could pull it all off, or that I could have a show and get the kids out by 9 p.m."

Hank Shreve, an LCC student, is playing at the April 20 show at Papa's Soul Food Kitchen. Shreve, 18, has been playing music for 10 years, starting with the harmonica. "My parents have been musicians forever. They've always played in

bars so I could never go," Shreve said. "One gig came up and they said 'you should play with us,' and I finally got up the courage to go for it. It felt great."

The band, Hank Shreve and the Oddsouls, was contacted by Ingram and accepted the chance to play. Shreve believes the series is a brilliant idea. "It's nice that they're showcasing the younger musical performers because

there aren't many you hear of very often."

The Subterranean Blackjacks played a show at Sam Bonds on April 14 along with Tonn Nua, Blast Wagon, and Mary Ferris. Ferris, 12, a talented ukulele player, opened the show with songs by Johnny Cash, Merle Travis and Elton John.

"It's been awesome," Ferris said speaking of the concert series. "It's a great program for musicians."

The Kidz Rock series has certainly been a unique experience for myself and the other musicians involved. The different shows bring out some young performers that wouldn't normally get to play at places like Sam Bonds. Ingram said, "This series has, and will continue to have a positive impact on the music scene."

There are two shows left in the series: April 20 at Papa's Soul Food Kitchen featuring Hank Shreve and The Oddsouls and April 28 at Wow Hall featuring Greenlander.

For more information on the Kidz Rock series or the performers and venues involved, visit www.myspace.com/kidzrockoregon.

Faculty shows off its talents

Nancy Isham
TORCH REPORTER

The Faculty Jazz Concert "The West Coast Sound with Lenny Bruce" is a concert with a spoken word component starting the works of Lenny Bruce.

Bruce (1925-1966) is a comedian who used sexual, religious and political satire in his notorious work.

LCC faculty member Patrick Torelle will be performing the spoken word section of the show. The eight-piece jazz ensemble showcases LCC faculty, allowing the students of the music department to see and hear their instructors performing.

This year's ensemble consists of Jim Olsen and Jesse

Cloginger on saxophone, Ron Bertucci on trombone, Rowbotham on trumpet, Olem Alves on guitar, Vicki Brabham vocals and piano, Glenn Griffith on drums and Nathan Waddell on string bass.

These musicians have played together for many years and take to the stage after just one rehearsal.

The music will highlight the West Coast sound of the late 1950's and early 1960's. It reflects a cooler side of jazz, listened to by the beatnik artists of that era in Los Angeles, Calif.

The sound is in contrast to the warmer New York City style from the same period. The performance will include

arrangements by jazz legends Chuck Baker, Jerry Mulligan, Dave Brubeck and Miles Davis from his album "The Birth Of Cool."

The proceeds of the showcase will benefit the John Workman Scholarship Fund given to outstanding music students at LCC, especially those pursuing jazz piano.

Director of the showcase is Nathan Waddell, a LCC music instructor who teaches Electric Bass and the History of Rock for the music department.

The show is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, in the Blue Door Theater at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$8 for the general public. Seating is limited.

Boogie down: National Dance Week events

LCC celebrates National Dance Week, April 23-28. Workshops and classes will be held in Building 5, Room 132 at the main campus, hosted by Aaron Draper.

All National Dance Week events are free, with the exception of the "Celebration" concert, and open to the public. Draper will offer workshops and classes all week with LCC dance students and guests. Participants must be at the appropriate level.

The scheduled events are:

Monday, April 23, 1-2:20 p.m. waving/pop-

ping/floor work.

Tuesday, April 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. modern/street dance fusion and from 2:30-4 p.m. freestyle/phrase work.

Wednesday, April 25, from 10-10:50 a.m. popping and breaking repertory and from 11-11:50 a.m. lyrical hip-hop.

Thursday, April 26, from 1-2:20 p.m. writing dance/quality play and from 4-5:30 p.m. lyrical hip-hop.

Friday, April 27, from 10-10:50 a.m. popping and breaking repertory and from 11-11:50 a.m. lyrical hip-hop.

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Disc golf grows in Eugene

Opportunities to play include city league, Oregon Series tournaments

Josh Hutchins
SPORTS EDITOR

Players of all ages, skill levels and budgets can have fun while getting an aerobic workout with disc golf.

It follows the same rules as regular golf, but the difference in cost makes it more accessible. Instead of balls, clubs and holes, a flying circular disc is tossed into a metal basket.

The latest information from the Pro Disc Golf Association estimates a half million regular players, with some five to 10 million people having tried the game. Almost half of all disc golfers are college graduates, and more than half are between 31 and 40.

Tim Long has become an avid player and has been selling discs at Eugene Jeans since the Flying Clipper, a store that specialized in alternative sports, closed.

"The very first time I ever played it was 1982 with some friends in Redding, Calif.," Long said. "At first I was real careful 'cause I wanted to be on the trail 'cause I hate poison oak. After a while I got into it and was just going for it and then I found myself deep in the poison oak."

Long came back to it in 2001 for some exercise and recreation and ended up dramatically improving his game. Now he competes in tournaments like the Oregon Series, the local winter series tournaments and plays doubles every Sunday at the Dexter Course.

In the last 30 years, the sport has grown and now there are thousands of permanent courses worldwide. The oldest course in this area is the Westmoreland Course, on 18th Street near Chambers Street, which was established in 1988.

People have been playing the nearby Dexter Park Disc Golf Course since 2001. For the adventurous, Willamette Pass has been offering lift rides in the summer. Twelve dollars gets people to the top of the mountain and then the course plays down from there. The WP course is long, with eight holes of more than 400 feet in length and a descent of about 1,500 feet.

For friendly competition and some structure, the City of Eugene is offering the 2007 Disc Golf Ladder Challenge. It's running through Nov. 4 and accepts registrations throughout the season. The cost is \$10. Long said that money raised will be used for maintenance of the Westmoreland Course.

A new player begins at the bottom of the ladder and may challenge someone up to five spots

higher to 18-holes of "match play." If the lower ranked player wins, he takes the higher spot. Awards will be given to the top finishers Nov. 4. Challenge ladder registrations are available at Eugene Jeans.

The beginning of modern-day disc golf is credited to George Sappenfield. The first permanent course came about in 1970 after he introduced the game to Frisbee players who brought it back to University of California at Berkeley.

Information from the PDGA said that "Steady Ed" Headrick developed both the Mechanical Patent for the modern day Frisbee, as well as the "Disc Pole Hole," which he worked on with his son. This metal basket with chains hanging over it is still used today. The first permanent 18-hole course with baskets was established in Oak Grove Park, Calif.

There is a strong sense of community surrounding disc golfing. "It's just really great," Long said. "When I go to tournaments I know almost every person there and there'd be like 200 people there."

One of the customs is to sign the owner's name and phone number on the discs. Found discs are then returned to their owners. Long said he returns about 60 discs a year. Regular players are also responsible for a lot of the course maintenance.

Long is a member of the local disc golf club. "There's a variety of issues that we talk about: course development, tournaments and maintenance," he said. "It's part of our deal with the state. Dexter Park for example, we've got to keep it picked up and pruned and we do a lot of work putting out bark mulch, maintaining the tee pads, etc."

During the winter they play a series of tournaments at "temporary courses." The club has about five baskets and other people bring their own. They get conditional use permits to play parks like Fern Ridge and Armitage.

There is also a club effort to get an official course established at Laurelwood. "There's a bootleg course up there," Long said. "Up on the wild side, the east side, it's a really great course and uses some of the old ball golf fairways up on the hill." The club plans to organize a campaign to call and e-mail the city to express interest in a Laurelwood course.

"I talk to a lot of college students, Lane and UO," Long said. "I tell them where Westmoreland is in town, it's a pretty tame little course and I tell them about Dex-

ter. And they say, 'oh I don't have a car.' So Laurelwood is very close to the UO campus and you can easily ride a bus there, ride your bicycle there."

To get started you just need one disc. But, Long recommends getting both a driver and a putter because they do different things. When playing he carries seven or eight drivers and three putters in his bag.

Midtown Pipe and Tobacco sponsors Long for two or three tournaments a year. His next tournament is the Great Northwest Open April 28 and 29 at Whistler's Bend in Roseburg. It's



his tournaments. "A lot of my friends will go to Phoenix, Lake Tahoe, play tournaments down there," he said. "Summer before last I went to the Shasta Shootout at Mt. Shasta. A six or seven hour drive and that was kind of stretching it for me." This year the farthest away he's planning on going for competition is the Oregon Series event at Mt. Bachelor.

the first in the 2007 Oregon Series, which will be here for the Eugene Celebration September 8 and 9. Long said they have to turn away players for that tournament, last year about 160 people competed.

With four kids and working six days a week, Long has to choose

Anyone who has questions about disc golf, needs sign-up forms, discs or wants to be a club member is invited to come by Eugene Jeans near the corner of 13th and Oak Street. On his sign it says, 'We Speak Disc Golf' and he said he's always fielding questions about the sport.



PHOTOS BY SEAN HOFFMAN

(top) Eugene Jeans' Tim Long can start a new player with competition discs. (above) Kevin Sienkiewicz throws hard down the fairway at Tee offs. (below) Bob Goodridge of Eugene drives a disk down course at Westmoreland, Monday, April 16.



BASEBALL STATS
FOR 4/10/07

SCORECARD

LANE 0 • MT. HOOD 10

	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	
Schlottman (lf)	2	0	0	0	1	1	
Harrison (cf)	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Jacobson (1b)	3	0	1	0	0	0	
Solders (dh)	3	0	0	0	0	2	
Razor (rf)	3	0	1	0	0	0	
Ausland (3b)	2	0	0	0	0	1	
Rector (c)	2	0	0	0	0	1	
Cullen (ph)	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Thacker (ss)	2	0	0	0	0	0	
LeClaire (2b)	2	0	0	0	0	1	
Totals	23	0	2	0	1	6	
Lane 000	000	0	•	0	2	2	
Mt. Hood 304	100	2	•	10	16	0	
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP
Carpenter (L)	4	11	8	8	1	2	74
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	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	
Schlottman (lf)	4	0	1	0	0	0	
Harrison (cf)	3	0	1	0	0	1	
Jacobson (p)	2	0	1	0	1	0	
Solders (1b)	3	0	0	0	0	1	
Razor (rf)	3	0	1	0	0	1	
Ausland (3b)	3	0	1	0	0	1	
Rector (c)	2	0	1	0	0	0	
Sweet (pr)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Thacker (ss)	3	0	0	0	0	0	
LeClaire (2b)	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Bavaro (ph)	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	25	0	6	0	1	4	
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	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP
Jacobson (L)	6	4	1	0	1	4	60



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In the final leg of the 4x400 race, sophomore Collin Cram passes the baton to freshman Travis Thompson at the Willamette Mini Meet in Salem on Saturday, April 14. The Titans took first place in the relay winning by .01 seconds.

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Mini-Meet nets eight new qualifiers

Jordan McNamara places first in men's 800 meter run

Josh Hutchins
SPORTS EDITOR

The Titan men's and women's teams met with competition from four-year programs Saturday, April 14. The Willamette Mini Meet included teams from Portland State, Southern Oregon University and Willamette. It was a non-scoring meet.

After qualifying 15 athletes for the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College's championships the previous weekend, Lane still has spots to fill. "There's still a few out there, especially the distance group," Director of Track and Field Grady O'Connor said. "Because there's so many different events we want them to get qualified for, so we have options." These events include the 800 meter race, 1,500, steeplechase, 5,000 and 10,000 races. O'Connor said that the majority of the distance athletes will be expected to carry at least two events at the conference championships.

Once again Jordan McNamara qualified with a first place finish, this time in the 800 with a time of 1 minute 52.29 seconds. He'll be racing again tomorrow in Eugene at the distance carnival for the Oregon Invitational. This time he has his sights set on a good mark in the 10,000.

"The highlight of the meet had to be the men's 4x400. It's my favorite event and for the first time we had our 'A' squad in place," O'Connor said. "We won the 4x400 and beat Portland State and that

was due in part to an electrifying anchor leg by freshman Travis Thompson. He had approximately a four second deficit when he got the baton and ran a 47.2 split to catch the Portland State guy. Which nobody in the stadium thought was possible and he got him by 1/100th of a second." The Lane 'A' team's time was 3:22.96.

John Randall a sophomore out of Sheldon High School ran a personal best in the 800, which was good for fourth place with a time of 1:55.26. Randall is ranked second in the NWAACC for the 800.

Dustin Moore posted a qualifying mark in the 1,500, with a time of 4:05.94.

Dan Stowers qualified in the 400 hurdles with a time of 56.97.

Jason Mentzer won the shot put with a personal best that was good enough to qualify, 46-10.25.

Billy Wills, a newcomer, placed second in the shot put and just missed a qualifying mark with 46-00.75.

For the women Tamara Starodubtseva qualified in the 800 with a time of 2:24.55. McKenna Hering is a freshman from Hood River who recently became eligible and qualified in the pole vault at 10-06. JoLena Boatsman set a personal best at 11-0. Erika Stratton also finished at 11-0, but she has already qualified.

"That gives us three women pole vault qualifiers, which is pretty cool," O'Connor said. "I believe we have four guy pole vault qualifiers, so the pole vaulters are definitely looking like it's our deepest event. We're one of the few programs in the Northwest that can say that."

LeAsia Jones had a personal best and qualifying mark in the shot put at 36-08.25. Charlene Moody posted a sea-

son best in the shot put, which was good enough to tie for second place at 40-07.

For the decathlon and heptathlon athletes, April 29 is the beginning of the Multi-Championships in Spokane. O'Connor said that a few more athletes got in this past week in a low-key qualifier event.

Due to stiff qualifying standards, Lane will have only a small group at this weekend's Oregon Invitational.

McNamara is the only athlete that O'Connor knows for sure will compete. It was hoped that A.J. Dutra would be healthy by this weekend.

"Things are still on schedule with A.J. however, I believe we're going to give it another week to just err on the cautious side," O'Connor said. "He's having a rough go of it, injury after injury. But we're going to be extra careful with him because he can certainly help this men's team at the championship meet in the long jump and some of the sprints."

Dylan Coleman is another whose potential O'Connor is excited about. He's a distance runner that has yet to race.

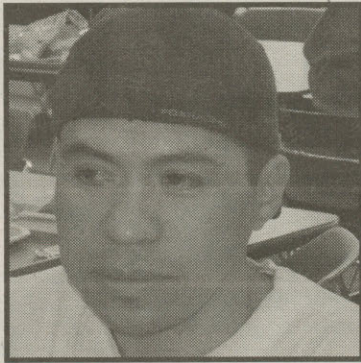
"(Spokane) Well, they are looking good. If somebody was to put numbers to these qualifiers, which us coaches are known to do late at night, I would say it's pretty much a deadlock between us and Spokane on the men's side," O'Connor said. "Our women right now are a shade behind theirs. They have tremendous depth in the distances. We have quality people, we just don't have the numbers that they have there. It's still a long ways away, but a lot can happen. So we've got to continue to train smart and stay focused on May 24 and 25," O'Connor said.

APRIL 19, 2007

“Did the shooting at Virginia Tech make you question your safety at Lane?”

Ryan Wells
PSYCHOLOGY

“No, I don’t choose to worry about things like that. I don’t ignore it but I don’t think it would change anything.”



Raul Lopez
AUTOMOTIVE TECH.

“Yeah, because we have lots of contact with students that we don’t know very well.”



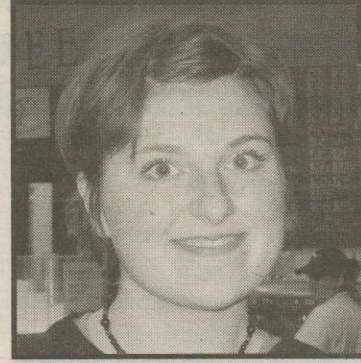
Mike Ratliff
HUMAN SERVICES

“I always question my safety because I know things happen. You gotta be aware of what’s going around.”



Marie Madison
DENTAL HYGIENE

“Yeah, because there’s been a shooting in the area before. Anything could happen.”



Cassie Ridgway
ENGLISH

“School shootings are a result of people trying to make a statement. I feel a sense of security because Lane provides opportunities for students to express themselves in different ways.”

Compiled by Ariel Burkhardt
Photos by Sandy Wilcox

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has been through donation, both in cash and in kind. Many Native American tribes have contributed, including the Grand Ronde Tribe and Spirit Mountain Community that just made a second donation of \$50,000.

Students have also helped in much of the fundraising, bringing in \$10,000.

“Several years ago the culinary students and the ceramic students sold bowls and soup and raised \$1,700,” Koechig explained. “ASLCC has also been very active.”

The longhouse will be the first in the nation to be built on a community college campus and will provide a place for the community to gather and hold functions as well as a location for Native American themed classes.

James Florendo, the Native American Programs Coordinator said, “Actually, we’re working on having a Native American minor or major in collaboration with the University of Oregon.”

“The longhouse provides an opportunity to the students here at Lane Community College to learn another world view,” Florendo said.

When asked about the response to the longhouse, Koechig said, “The community, the staff and the students have always been extremely positive and supportive. We wouldn’t be where we are today with the construction if it wasn’t for that support.”

More information on the longhouse is available on www.lanecc.edu/nasa/longhouse.



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