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Competition brings out student talent



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Entries on display through May 24

Sandy Wilcox
A & E EDITOR

The Lane Community College Juried Student Exposition kicked off Monday, May 7, at LCC Art Gallery with some original work submitted by stu-

dents.

The art show contains many unique pieces ranging from wire and clay sculptures, ceramics, paintings, drawings and photography.

A wooden sculpture, an ink

scroll and an earthenware jar took the top three awards in this event.

The first place submission by student Erik Schultz, titled "Storyboard 1," priced at \$600, is a walnut alder carved and cut sculpture with several turning wood plaques depicting different pictures and characters.

Second place was awarded to Bill Meckel, with his piece titled "Scroll," priced at \$400; the piece is a long rice paper scroll that has various posed female nudes and semi nudes painted on it, in black sumi ink.

Taking third place was Stacy Jo Scott, with her earthenware "Textured Tea" pots, priced at

\$75.

Although only three winners were picked, all pieces that were featured in the art show have gone through a rigorous screening by the art department jury.

The Juried Student Art Show will be held from May 7-24.

It is being held in Building 11 in the Art Gallery.



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Kulongoski signs civil rights bills

Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski signed two historic bills Wednesday, May 9, on the steps of the capitol building in Salem.

Senate Bill 2 and House Bill

2007 will prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and will establish legal recognition of same sex relationships.

"Today we're upholding that

promise and the values and principles of Oregon – that we are all created equal and that Oregon is a land of equal opportunity for all of our citizens," Kulongoski said.



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LCC educates motorcycle students in safety program

Isaac Viel
NEWS EDITOR

Many students come to LCC to get an education in a wide range of subjects from math to art, but some students come to learn how to get better parking and save money on insurance and gas.

Although there is no class for motorcycling, there is one class that can help students become a better motorcycle rider.

Every week at LCC, Don Metzler and his team of trained instructors prepare motorcycle owners to ride safer and smarter through the Team Oregon motorcycle-training program.

Team Oregon has trained over 70,000 riders since 1984 and is sponsored by the Oregon Department of Transportation. The Class is open to all riders, young and old, and is required for all

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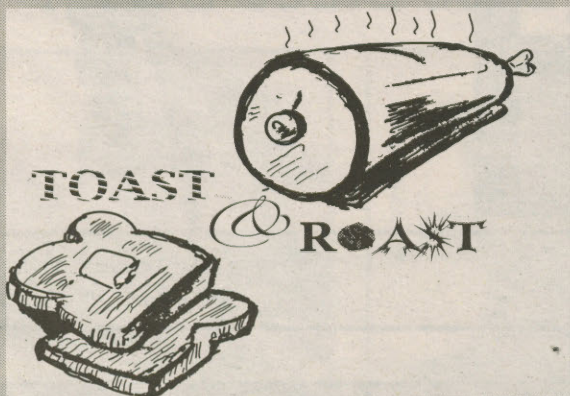
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Program offers variety of resources

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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 2007.



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

Toast: to the judge who sentenced Paris Hilton to jail for 45 days. Now that is a Simple Life episode we'd pay good money to see.

Roast: to Republican presidential candidates Huckabee, Brownback and Tancredo for saying they don't believe in evolution during a debate. Hey guys, you aren't in Kansas anymore.

Roast: to singer Sheryl Crow for urging her fans to use only one square of toilet paper per bathroom visit. We love trees Sheryl, but c'mon!

Toast: to all the ASLCC candidates for running great campaigns. Student government works hard and we are fortunate that there are people willing to take on the challenge.

Roast: to Broadcast TV for blaming its loss of 2.5 million views on daylight savings time and DVR's when they canceled "Drive" and "The Real Wedding Crashers." "Drive" was just getting interesting.

Roast: to George Lucas plans of making two live-action Star Wars TV movies with no Skywalker characters. Dude, we cried bitter tears when episodes one, two and three came out.

The Best of Mackworld

Editor's note: John Mackwood is currently on medical leave. The staff of The Torch wishes him a speedy recovery. Until his return we will run our favorite copies of his past columns.

Summer is just around the corner, so don't overcook your dinner. I say: if you can't stand the heat get out of the kitchen!

A better and faster way to do business and things done right is to use The Torch. It is very good. Plus, it is a quick and easy communication solution. We will be next fall.

The Torch newspaper of-fice is always a good place to be and they pay writers. So come do some work. It is a happy day. Take care and good luck.

Mackworld
John Mackwood
Columnist



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

War drags America's reputation down

I left the military shortly after Desert Storm and returned to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to work as a civilian contractor. It wasn't long before I realized that, despite lofty talk from politicians about defending freedom and "a line in the sand," oil was the real reason my comrades and I had been sent to kick Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait.

The royal families that rule Saudi Arabia and Kuwait don't concern themselves much with freedom or human rights. The treatment of the thousands of third world workers who do most of the labor in those countries was appalling. And keep in mind that many of these workers were fellow Muslims from countries such as Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

The squalor of the Philippine Embassy in Kuwait City, where 300 housekeepers, mostly young women, had taken refuge from their employers is forever seared into my memory. These girls had been raped and beaten before fleeing. As many as 50 of these women would be sleeping on the floor in one room, unable to leave the country because they could not afford to buy back their passports from the families they had worked for. In Kuwait, at least at that time,

the authorities would not prosecute a Kuwait citizen for crimes against a foreigner.

As Americans, our sense of fairness was so offended by the shoddy treatment that we often butted heads with the Saudis and Kuwaitis and even our own employers who contracted for with

them for cheap laborer. I'll never forget the Pakistani man who said to me "all my life I was taught how bad the Americans are, but you are the only ones here who treat us like equals."

During the '80s and '90s I traveled all over the world and just about any place I went, as soon as someone found out you were an American they'd give you the thumbs up sign and say "America, number one." In many parts of the world today, if some one knows you are an American, you are more likely to hear hooded gentlemen say "get in the van, you're coming with us."

A recent survey of U.S. military ethics in Iraq illustrates just how much damage Bush and Cheney have done to our standing in the world. According to the study, only about half of Marines and soldiers would report killing an innocent civilian and more than 40 percent support the use of torture.

Thinking back to my days in the Middle East when people looked up to Americans makes the revelation that 10 percent of troops say that they have personally abused Iraqi citizens particularly discouraging.

The fault lies squarely with the president for placing troops in an unwinnable civil war and a congress too concerned about not being seen as weak on terror to hold him accountable.

Atrocities have always been part of war. War makes good people do bad things and affords bad people the opportunity to do truly horrible things.

When troops get bogged down in war where they watch their buddies get killed and mutilated daily without ever seeing the enemy, their frustration is often vented on innocents. Even if only one percent of soldiers and Marines abuse civilians, they stain the honor and sacrifice of the rest.

Who can blame soldiers for reaching the point where they lash out? We've been in Iraq for four years and the situation is worse than when we got there. They are stuck in a war the majority of Americans feel we are losing and wasn't worth fighting for in the first place. They face horrors on a daily basis that we here at home can't even begin to imagine. Their commander in chief has no plan to end

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lane services decreasing

Throughout the years the state has overlooked community colleges.

However, community colleges are one of the best investments that the state can make because the state receives three dollars for every one dollar the state invests. This works because students will graduate and get jobs, which will increase the states revenue.

Oregon students are paying more for tuition than almost every other state, and they are receiving less and less each year. This is unfair to everyone involved.

Especially for me, I'm a multimedia design student and ever since the 6 million dollar budget cuts from last year, the college was forced to merge programs in an effort to save money. For example, the multimedia department and the graphic design department merger, may make it harder to receive my degree in a timely way.

The services around campus are

also steadily decreasing. The college recently released "worst case scenario" budget and the biggest losers are students. However, students understand that this is due to the disinvestment higher education on the part of state legislators and their unwillingness to raise corporate taxes. Currently, Oregon's corporations have been paying taxes at the same rate for nearly 80 years. They are not paying their fair share and it is costing Oregonians their public service. Public services like a quality college education.

Deshawn Sanders
LCC Student
Multimedia Design Major

Vote 'yes' on 20-129

According to the May 2 edition of the Register Guard, President Bush's veto of the war-spending bill has put the \$47 million that Lane County has historically received in the form of federal timber aid in limbo. As a member of the Service

Stabilization Task Force appointed by the Lane County Board of Commissioners, I spent a great deal of time reviewing the budget for Lane County. We became convinced that the budget at the time was not adequate to fulfill the needs of those of us who live outside of Lane County's cities and we submitted a report to the Board of Commissioners stating that conclusion.

If you add to the existing problems the loss of the federal timber aid of \$47 million, I do not see any way that the services on which we depend can be rendered. The failure to provide these services will endanger the level of civilization we need and presently enjoy. Remember, taxes are the price we pay for the civilization we enjoy in Lane County, and, therefore, vote YES on Measures 20-129 and 20-130 to protect our safety and our way of life.

G. Dennis Shine
Springfield

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The Torch awarded top honors

For the third time in four years the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association voted The Torch first in general excellence among all of Oregon's community colleges' newspapers.

Torch staff members received their awards at the ONPA's annual collegiate day award banquet at Western Oregon University in Monmouth.

General Excellence

1st The LCC Torch

Best Design

2nd The LCC Torch

Best Section

1st The LCC Torch, (Sports)

Best Special Section

1st The LCC Torch, (NWACC Championship)

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1st The LCC Torch,

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1st The LCC Torch,

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(Sean Hoffman)

Best Cartooning

1st The LCC Torch

(Ryan Mason)

Best House Ad

1st The LCC Torch

2nd The LCC Torch

(Joel Thompson)

Students support LCC with bake sale at capitol

Students lobby at last resort in funding quest

Sandy Wilcox
A&E EDITOR

The Oregon Student Association hosted a student bake sale last Thursday, May 3, at the capitol in Salem, at the same time delivering thousands of postcards that had been stuck in papier-mâché piggy banks to state senators and representatives.

The Bake Sale for Colleges and Universities was attempting to show the senators and representatives at the capitol, that students are really stuck with no alternative other than throwing a bake sale in order to get the funding needed to support their respected campuses.

According to the OSA bake sale menu, "To increase funding for Universities, Community Colleges and aid programs, students are holding a bake sale to raise money. Without adequate state support and tuition already sky-high students don't know what other option we have!"

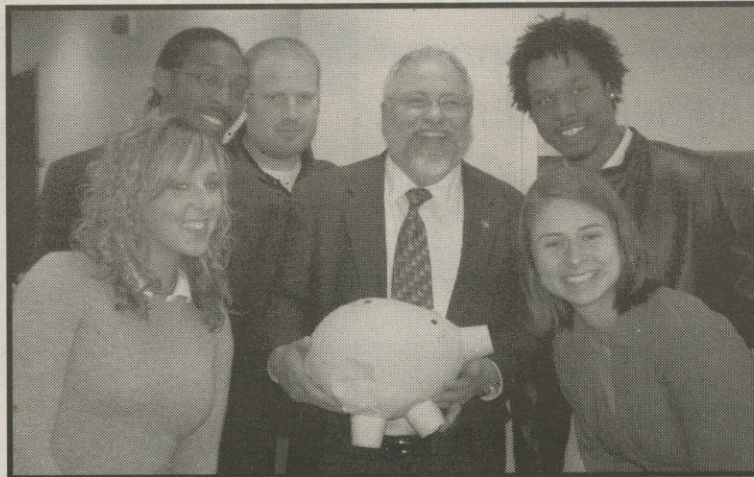


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Rep. Phil Barnhart accepts student signed postcards in a paper mache piggy bank May 3, in Salem.

Prices for items sold at the bake sale were \$875 million brownies to support universities, \$529 million Rice Krispie treats to support community colleges, \$1.35 million lemon bars for the ASPIRE program, \$47 million carrot cake for the shared responsibility model, \$1 million cupcakes for the student child care program and \$103.3 million and \$594 million for community college and university capitol construction bonds.

The menu continued with,

"The prices may seem steep, but they are what we need to put Oregon back on track to providing a quality education to all Oregon students. Please peruse the full range of menu options as students need funding for all aspects of postsecondary education access, affordability and quality."

Although the bake sale went on the length of the day on the ground floor of the capitol, students and OSA representatives bustled about the capitol delivering many different papier-mâché

pigs, each one containing hundreds of signed postcards, to the senator or representative they were made for, asking for their support and help.

Three of the representatives who received pigs were, Rep. Phil Barnhart D-Central Lane and Linn Counties District 11, Rep. Nancy Nathanson D-Eugene District 13 and Rep. Larry Galizio D-Tigard District 35.

Students from the Associated Students of Lane Community College were just some of the students who helped with the bake sale, as there were students from the majority of the community colleges and universities, from around the state of Oregon, attending the event.

A press conference was also held earlier in the morning before the bake sale at the capitol. The conference expressed the need to "fix postsecondary education funding first."

During the conference, businesses and postsecondary education communities took cooperative action to ask that additional state funds go to postsecondary education first.

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riders under 21 years of age.

The program can train up to 24 people per week, and in just three class days teaches the basics of motorcycle riding all the way up to intermediate and advanced.

The class has two forms of teaching: in class and riding on an obstacle course fashioned from cones set up in the LCC North parking lot. The training is held rain or shine.

In the basic and intermediate classes, the bikes, which have been thoroughly ridden by all the

instructors, are provided to the riders in order to have a more controlled environment.

Most techniques in the program have been shortened to acronyms such as SIPDE, better known as: Scan, Identify, Predict, Decide and Execute. Other acronyms that are thrown around are SLRP (pronounced slurp) or better known as Slow, Look, Roll, Press.

Instructors feel the class is so well designed that the instructors do not ad-lib. They read directly from the instructor's handbook

in order to give each student the highest amount of knowledge that comes from years of riding and teaching experience.

The class is also quite diverse with the average age being 38 and nearly 30-40 percent of the classes consisting of women.

"On top of learning valuable information ... I had a blast!" said Jessica Randall, a graduate of Team Oregon and student at the UO. "I think the class is a must for any new rider ... the instructors were amazing," Randall said.

For riders over 21, a passing grade in the class waves the need to take the skills test at the DMV in order to obtain a motorcycle endorsement.

Aside from needing one less trip to the DMV, passing the class can also award 5-15 percent off a biker's motorcycle insurance, according to Metzler. Team Oregon has classes at LCC from January through November.

More information on classes is available at the Team Oregon website: teamoregon.orst.edu or 1-800-545-9944.

T-shirt clogs pipeline: flood soaks archives, cleanup continues

No serious damage done to records

Nicole Perkins
TORCH REPORTER

On the morning of April 18, archivist Elizabeth Uhlig heard a noise coming from one of the archives storage rooms, located in the basement of the Center Building at Lane Community College.

"I opened the door and that's when I discovered there was a water leak," Uhlig said. "It was really humid - like a sauna. I heard water pouring out and then I realized there was water standing on the floor."

The leak was due to a clogged drain in the cafeteria, located above the archives, which resulted in a backup that flowed into the storage room.

"A t-shirt was found in the drain line. Because of the t-shirt, the line was blocked and became full," said Jennifer Hayward, an LCC environmental specialist. "There is an open connection between drain pipes from two kitchen ice makers and a drain pipe above the archives. Normally, water drains right through, but since the bottom pipe was blocked, water started flowing out into the archives."

Uhlig first called facilities and management on campus. She then went to colleagues working nearby to help put a tarp over the shelves that were directly under the water leak. Plumbers, housekeepers and groundskeepers came

to fix the leak and started moving boxes out of the room.

"The big concern was that between two and three days, mold starts growing," Uhlig said. "That was our deadline. We had to decide what to do with the records."

"We had about 280 boxes that had some kind of water damage," Uhlig said. "Some that were nearby were just sprinkled, but some were soaking wet with water pouring out." About 50 boxes dried out by the next day. 181 boxes were taken to another building to go through a recovery process. Fifty were freeze-dried to buy time until further recovery could be made.

Fortunately, the boxes themselves soaked up most of the wa-

ter, leaving the papers inside with only mild damage. "I don't think we lost any records," Uhlig said.

Concern arose when coliform bacteria was found in the water from the pipes on April 20, two days after the flood.

Due to the setup of the pipes, it's not clear where the bacteria could have come from. "We are not sure what water was draining and leaking into the archives," Hayward said. "It could have been bathroom waste water or it could have just been kitchen dish-water."

Hayward said that E-coli is a kind of coliform bacteria, but it was not found in any tests. "The archives rooms and the files are being sanitized and cleaned."

It is not certain when the ar-

chives will be ready for use again. "We may be done with the cleaning such that the archives are ready to use again by May 11, but it also may take a week or two longer than that," Hayward said.

To prevent the accident from happening again, Hayward said that LCC will rework some of the plumbing. "The college plans to hard pipe the kitchen floor drain to the drain line so that there is no longer an open connection."

Damage in the archives is rare, however, "We've had a couple little water leaks before, never anything like this," Uhlig said.

"It's one of those unfortunate accidents. The support that we received immediately from facilities kept this from becoming a much bigger problem."

Federal program helps non-traditional students succeed

Statistics show program participants have higher GPA's, higher grad rate

Ariel Burkhardt
MANAGING EDITOR

TRiO is a federally funded support program that has been helping non-traditional, first generation and low-income students for more than 40 years.

For some students, TRiO is a place to receive help, counseling, tutoring and a place to belong. Not every student comes straight from high school, a well-to-do family or from a home where both parents have degrees. The average community college student takes more than two years to complete their Associates degree. However, TRiO students graduate at a much higher rate, Mary Parthemer, director of TRiO, said.

"We have a first-year student support plan. We have workshops that focus on academic success and how to overcome test anxiety," Parthemer said.

The TRiO department has a computer lab, tutors on site and a quiet study area where students do homework or get help. The tutors work with a wide range of subjects, Parthemer said. "We're helping our students focus on what they can do to help with their degree's."

TRiO students are encouraged to take the Show Me the Money scholarship writing class, Parthemer said, and five of the students, out of about 30 in the class, won scholarships.

"We're like mothers keeping

track but in a caring way. We call and see if they're okay, if they're struggling with school. There's a strong connection," Parthemer said.

Between 1999 and 2004, 25 percent of TRiO students graduated within three years. During the same time period 13 percent of students, who were eligible for TRiO but were not members, were able to graduate within three years. The percentage of TRiO students, who had a GPA of 3.0 and over, was 88.9 percent. Of the students eligible, 71.4 percent of students had a GPA of over 3.0.

TRiO started in 1965 with the Education Opportunity Act. It's a program designed for middle school, high school and college students, along with first generation students. In the mid '70s, the program expanded to serve people with disabilities.

"The TRiO programs have grown, it's been very successful. Nationally, it's taking students a long time to graduate. We require students to go to school full-time, so we'll have students who intend to be in school full-time (to get their degree's finished in three years)," Parthemer said.

Programs like Upward Bound are branches of the TRiO program. The newest one is the Mcnear program, which helps low-income students get PhD's. The program is recognized and compatible with four-year colleges like



PHOTO BY LARRY COONROD

TRiO tutor Lynn Galle helps student Elizabeth Davis with chemistry.

the UO and OSU.

Lynn Galle, a tutor at TRiO, has been helping students with one of the most frustrating subjects for students, math, for the past two years.

"My role is to help them learn how to learn," Galle said.

Galle specializes in tutoring anatomy and physiology, but said she particularly helps with math homework. "I help people see it in a manner that's less intimidating. A lot of students who come in here are first time college people; it's their first time with that (math)," Galle said.

When they need help, students can set a 30 minute tutoring session with a tutor rather than asking one question and waiting for

another opportunity to talk. It's something that allows students grasp the concepts better, Galle said. "It's a sweet system for students. It (TRiO) is such a great wealth of information. I'm impressed with it."

Nola Crenshaw, a graphic design and TRiO student, started in the Spring term of 2005.

Crenshaw started college in 1977 and came back in 2005. "I was so disillusioned about school. Little did I know you had prerequisites. I needed to go to school, needed a better job," Crenshaw said.

She joined TRiO and the Women in Transition program. Before she used the programs she had a GPA of 1.27 and now she

holds a 3.95. Crenshaw said she had a lot of difficulty dealing with math because it was her hardest subject.

"I talk to them (tutors) all the time. I'd talk to them and I'd get through it," she said.

Last year in November, Crenshaw was diagnosed with leukemia. When she was in the hospital for chemotherapy, four TRiO women, including Parthemer, came to visit her.

"If it wasn't for TRiO, I would have given up college," she said.

Students who are interested in joining TRiO are encouraged to sign up in the spring because space is limited in the program. Only about 100 students can join a year.

Recycled ink cartridges save money

Electronic recycling program saves 21 tons of material that left LCC

Elijah Thompson
TORCH REPORTER

Staff at Lane Community College is encouraged to turn in empty ink and laser cartridges for recycling. Mike Simms, head of surplus property for the past five years, is the person to talk to.

Besides the food, paper plates, cups and other various recycling items, Simms collects the cartridges from departments around campus to be turned in for recycling. Depending on what type of cartridge it is, Simms receives up to \$2.50 to \$3 a piece on newer models.

"Most people toss them just not knowing what the potential reuse value was," Simms said. The cartridges are sent to Office Support System in the Portland area.

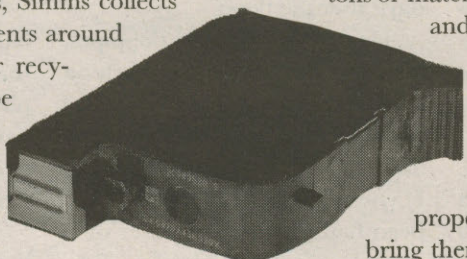
There are two types of cartridges, ink and laser. Both are 100 percent reusable up to six or seven times. Simms said he collects 50 to 100 in about a month to a month and a half and it doesn't cost LCC anything to ship out.

LCC receives 300 to 500 a year depending on what comes in.

Before Simms arrived, staff did recycle them. "The whole idea of this is just to get folks not to throw these out and send them to us because we get a little money," Simms said. The electronics recycling program, including all combined recycled electronics, has sent 21 tons of material off campus this year and hopes to double that next year.

LCC faculty with empty ink and laser cartridges should send them to surplus property, Mike Simms or bring them in personally. Simms prefers staff to save up to five or six cartridges before calling and he will pick them up.

Students with ink or laser cartridges, or anything that plugs into a wall, could take them to Next Step recycling located at 8th and Garfield in Eugene. No money is given but they will be properly disposed of.



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Spider-Man 3 breaks its safety net as it tumbles

New movie gets caught in unnecessary drama and doesn't deliver as well as its predecessors. Warning: Spoilers.

Review By
Sandy Wilcox
A&E Editor

Spider-Man 3 webs onto the big screen full of hopes and dreams but carries through only in the visually stunning computer graphics department.

Unfortunately, even blockbuster movies can't hinge on the classic comic book style of filling its pages with various super villains and super heroes until a person reads it.

What more can a Marvel movie ask for when it features the black suited Spider-Man, Sandman, "Little Goblin Jr." and Venom?

The movie begins with the now peachy Peter Parker (Tobey Maguire) whose life is finally going well; the city of New York loves him, Mary Jane loves him and he has gained the title of, "your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man."

Unfortunately Harry Osborn's (James Franco) hate for Parker has grown to a new level between the two movies as he dons a new, sleeker ninja goblin suit, a hover board glider and sets out to finish off Spider-Man—who he knows is Parker.

After an amazing aerial battle, Spider-Man wins after Osborn gets his head whacked, causing him to forget the past months, leaving Parker's secret identity safe. They get all buddy-buddy again especially after Mary Jane

(Kirsten Dunst) joins them.

On top of all that drama a new hotshot photographer named Eddie Brock (Topher Grace) is vying for Parker's Daily Bugle job.

This eventually leads to the breakout of Flint Marko (Thomas Haden Church) who later transforms into the Sandman. Marko is intent on using his powers to gain the money necessary to help his sick daughter get the medical treatment she needs.

Unfortunately for the Sandman, Parker learns that it was Marko who killed his uncle all those years ago.

Armed with a vehement self-righteous fury and a mysterious new black suit, that has somehow attached itself to Spider-Man, he sets out to kill Sandman and almost succeeds in mixing him with the East Manhattan River.

This becomes a turning point for the normally mild mannered Spider-Man/Parker. He becomes power crazed in his new suit, which causes him to push away everyone he loves. He also goes out on the town as the new "emo" Peter Parker, who dances in jazz clubs, with random girls in front of his true love Mary Jane.

This leads Parker to go confront his old buddy Osborn in another clash of the titans now that Osborn remembers who Spider-Man really is. After almost killing his friend, the black suited Spider-Man desperately tries to rid him-



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Stealthy superhero stalks sluthy super villains in sequel.

self of his new symbiotic suit, and succeeds in removing it atop a bell tower where it falls to attach itself to Eddie Brock, transforming him into Venom.

Venom then enlists the aid of another super villain in order to destroy Spider-Man once and for all, by taking someone precious from him. But little does Venom know, Spider-Man gets some unexpected help.

The computer-generated effects of this movie were amazing. The Symbiot Venom was magnificent and Thomas Hayden Church owned this movie as the timeless villain Sandman. Stick those two

together for a final showdown versus Spider-Man and you have a terrific end to a movie.

There were of course many great cameos, both from real life people and characters from the Spider-Man universe: everyone from Stan Lee to Dr. Connors.

Unfortunately, not even these bells and whistles help such a shoddily crafted movie, which takes an hour to introduce you to the gist of it. The story line is cut up and parts seem to be randomly inserted where they don't belong.

The first half of the movie showed the bigheaded egotistical side of Spider-Man with his con-

stant self-gratification in front of the crowds.

There was also the stretched smile that looked like it hurt on Franco's face for a good half the movie. Then, add in the annoying temperamental "emo" Parker and you got an hour and a half of long, unnecessary drama.

Not even gorgeous CG effects can pull off the oddity and stupidity of using someone like Topher Grace to play Brock as the all mighty Venom.

All in all, this movie doesn't live up to expectations and it definitely shouldn't have lived up to Director Sam Raimi's.

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Joaquin Lopez stares down his opponent in a league game at home. Lopez earned the win in the nightcap against Clackamas May 1, but lost his start against Linn-Benton May 5.

Titans searching for answers

Baseball squad sits fourth in league after tough week

Alex Braga
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

There have been several bright spots for the Lane Community College baseball team in its league play this season. Unfortunately, they haven't been able to translate them into many victories. With 11 losses in the last 15 games, the Titans sit in fourth place in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College's Southern Division.

"What I'm hoping for is that, if we do play well, we'll get to .500," said Titans Head Coach Rob Strickland of his team that sits at 8-14 in league play. "At this point, a .500 record in league would be an accomplishment."

Included in the 15 games Strickland's team has suffered through, are losses in three of the four games played last week. Lane earned splits in doubleheaders with Clackamas Community College and Linn-Benton Community College, with two of the losses coming in extra innings.

The first loss in extra frames came at home in the opening game of a doubleheader against Clackamas on May 1. It was a war of attrition in which both teams combined for 25 hits and plated 23 runs in a 13-inning affair.

The Titans got two home runs and five RBIs from fresh-

man centerfielder Trevor Harrison, but it was a home run that fell short in the bottom of the 12th inning, that cut the Titans' hopes down.

Lane was down by two runs and Harrison stepped to the plate with two men on and crushed the ball down the left field line. It fell a foot short of greatness and bounded off the wall, with Harrison stopping at second base with a two run double that tied the game and sent it into a 13th inning. Lane gave up a run in the top of that inning, was unable to score in the bottom half and fell 12-11.

The Titans had a 6-4 lead in the middle of the game but was unable to put the Cougars away, which is something Strickland feels has been his team's downfall in most of its losses this season. "It's something we've been preaching to our guys all season," he said. "Once you have a team in a position to where you need to hold them down, you have to be able to put them away."

"Winning teams hold that other team down and don't allow them to get back into games. That's something we haven't done at all this year."

The Titans got back on the right track in the 7-inning nightcap against Clackamas, earning a 7-1 victory. The win was fueled by a solid performance in the batter's box by first baseman Mat Solders and shutdown pitching.

"The encouraging thing was, in the second game we turned it around and hammered them," said Strickland of his team's ability to rebound from the first game. "It was just a great game.

We got great pitching and the hitting came through."

Solders led the charge with a sacrifice fly in the first inning to give the Titans the lead and a three-run double in the third inning to surge them ahead 5-0. He finished with four RBIs to go along with Dan Schlottman's two hits and one RBI and Jake Parham's one hit and two runs scored.

Lopez pitched until the fifth inning when he gave up his only run, which was unearned due to an error in the field. He gave way to Brown who finished the game out only giving up two hits in 1 1/3 scoreless innings.

The Titans followed the split with Clackamas with two home losses to Linn-Benton, the first of which was a 17-inning marathon.

It was a back and forth affair that saw three pitchers go the distance for the Titans. Scott Jacobson ended up with the 6-3 loss after a three run explosion by LBCC in the 17th inning. The rally was fueled by the second homerun off of Jacobson in his 6 1/3 innings on the hill.

"When they hit the home run you could see that we were just deflated," Strickland said. "It was an outstanding baseball game. Jacobson lined out hard twice, that, if they got through, could have won the game for us. If it's our year those things probably go our way, but it just didn't happen."

Scott Carpenter got the start for the Titans and threw five innings of five-hit ball and only gave up two runs. Bret Swett, who struggled through the preseason and the beginning

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BASEBALL STATS

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LANE 11 • CLACKAMAS 12 (13-INNING)

	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO
Schlottman (lf)	6	3	2	1	2	0
Harrison (cf)	6	2	3	5	0	0
Jacobson (1b)	7	1	0	0	1	0
Solders (dh)	5	1	2	1	0	1
Leclaire (pr)	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ausland (ph)	1	0	0	0	0	0
Razor (rf)	7	0	2	0	0	1
Rector (c)	5	0	1	0	1	1
Nading (pr)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cullen (ph)	2	0	0	0	0	0
Parham (ss)	6	1	0	0	2	2
Bavaro (3b)	4	1	0	0	0	0
Brown (p)	2	0	0	1	0	1
Thacker (2b)	6	2	2	1	0	1
Totals	58	11	12	9	6	7
CLACK	022 • 011	030	002	1 • 12	13	4
LANE	102 • 400	002	002	0 • 11	12	6
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO NP
Sweet	7 1/3	10	9	3	1	4 105
Swett	4 1/3	3	2	1	0	5 48
Jacobson (L)	1 1/3	0	1	0	1	1 15

5.5.07

LANE 3 • LINN-BENTON 6 (17-INNING)

	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	
Schlottman (3b)	4	1	2	0	3	0	
Harrison (cf)	6	0	1	1	0	1	
Jacobson (lf)	7	0	0	0	0	2	
Solders (1b)	6	0	2	1	0	1	
Razor (rf)	7	0	2	0	0	1	
Rector (c)	5	0	0	0	0	0	
Nading (dh)	2	0	0	0	2	0	
Ausland (ph)	2	1	0	0	0	1	
Parham (ss)	6	0	0	0	0	1	
Thacker (2b)	2	0	0	0	0	1	
Brown (ph)	1	0	1	1	0	0	
Leclaire (pr)	2	1	0	0	0	1	
Deneau (ph)	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	51	3	8	3	5	9	
LBCC	000 • 110 • 000 • 000 • 001 • 03 • 6 11 1						
LANE	000 • 001 • 010 • 000 • 001 • 00 • 3 8 1						
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP
Carpenter	5	5	2	2	2	3	78
Swett	5 2/3	0	0	0	1	8	73
Jacobson (L)	6 1/3	6	4	4	1	3	52

LANE 7 • CLACKAMAS 1 (7-INNING)

	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	
Schlottman (lf)	3	2	2	1	1	0	
Harrison (cf)	3	1	1	0	1	0	
Jacobson (dh)	2	1	1	0	1	0	
Solders (1b)	1	1	1	4	0	0	
Rector (c)	3	0	1	1	0	1	
Razor (rf)	2	0	0	0	0	1	
Parham (ss)	3	2	1	0	0	0	
Bavaro (3b)	2	0	0	0	1	0	
Thacker (2b)	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	22	7	7	6	4	2	
CLACK	000	010	0	• 1 7 2			
LANE	113	011	x	• 7 7 3			
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	
Lopez (W)	5 2/3	5	1	0	2	6	70
Brown	1 1/3	2	0	0	0	1	19

LANE 1 • LINN-BENTON 9 (7-INNING)

	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO
Schlottman (lf)	2	0	1	0	1	0
Deneau (ph)	1	0	1	0	0	0
Harrison (cf)	3	0	1	0	1	0
Jacobson (dh)	4	0	0	0	0	0
Solders (1b)	2	1	0	0	0	0
Razor (rf)	3	0	1	0	0	0
Bavaro (3b)	3	0	1	0	0	0
Cullen (c)	2	0	0	0	1	0
Parham (ss)	2	0	0	0	0	1
Nading (ph)	1	0	0	0	0	1
Thacker (2b)	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ausland (ph)	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	1	5	0	3	2
LBCC	100	030	5	• 9	17	0
LANE	000	100	0	• 1	5	0
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO NP
Lopez (L)	4 1/3	8	4	4	2	2 67
Brown	2 2/3	9	5	5	0	2 26

NWAACC SOUTH STANDINGS as of 5.7.07

SCHOOL	LEAGUE	OVERALL
MHCC	19-3	27-7
LBCC	12-10	18-18
CLACKAMAS	10-12	18-16
CHEMEKETA	9-13	18-23
LANE	8-14	11-29
SOCC	8-14	19-22

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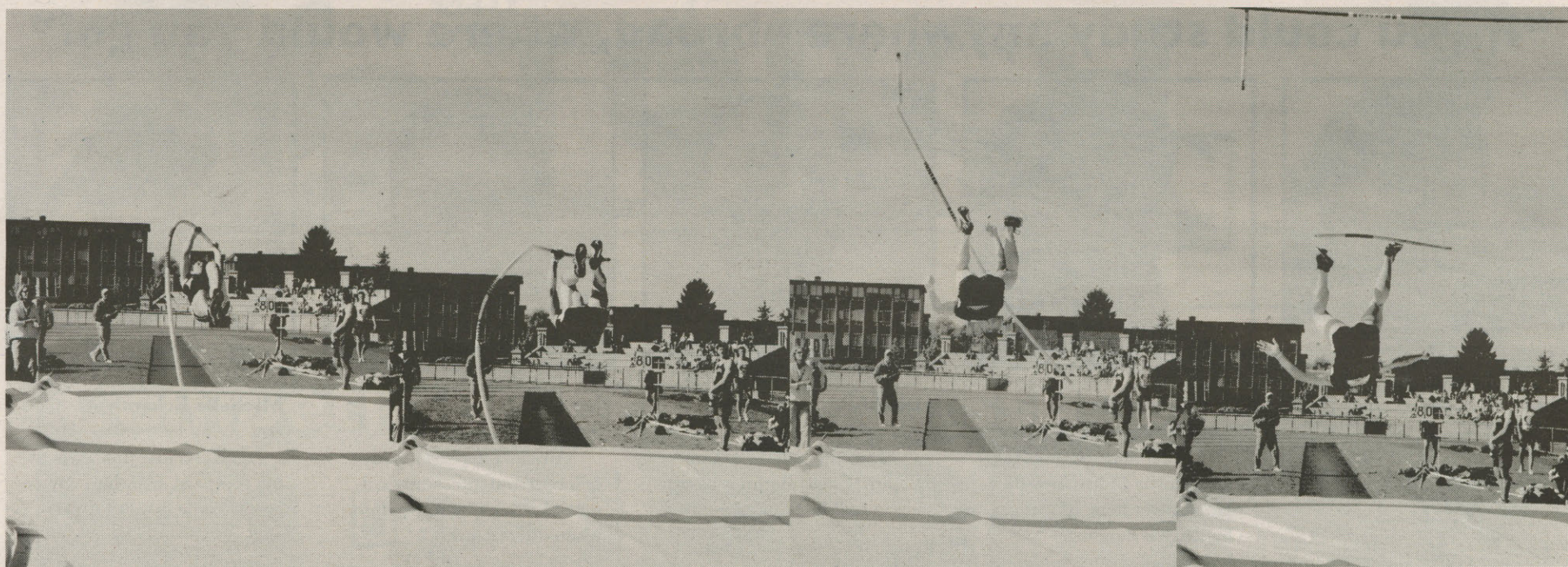


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Jayce Giddens, a freshman pole vaulter from Junction City High School, breaks a pole at the Oregon Twilight Meet held at Hayward Field May 5. LCC track and field teams competed with a mix of post collegiate, Division I and community college talent.

Titans make Oregon Twilight a season's best

Javin Dimmick sets personal bests in final two events to clinch All-American status

Josh Hutchins
SPORTS EDITOR

Jordan McNamara is missing a Lane record for his portfolio; the mile. The seldom-run race is featured in the UO's Twilight Meet, which took place Saturday, May 5. McNamara came in fourth overall, and was the top collegiate finisher.

"Jordan ended up running the mile in 4:03.36, which is pretty remarkable, any time you're flirting with the 4:00 mark," Director of Track and Field Grady O'Connor said. "It's not an official record that we have here, but it might be soon."

Dan Stowers finished first in section two for the 400 hurdles. Travis Thompson came in first in section two of the 200 and Kelly Thompson won section two of the 400. Alex Schley had a personal best in the triple jump at 42-10.25. Additionally, LCC Distance Coach, Ross Krempsey, took fifth in section two of the 800 for Team XO with a time of 1:51.55.

Next up for the Titans is the Southern Regional Championships at Mt. Hood Community College. With nearly all of the Titans Northwest Athletic Association of Community College's qualified, the Southern Regionals will be more of a tune-up meet, O'Connor said. The one-day meet will include teams from Lane, Mt. Hood Community College, Clackamas Community College, Southwestern Oregon Community College and Clark Community College out of Vancouver. It's a scoring meet, which will help get athletes shifted from thinking about personal marks to how they place in their events in preparation for the championships, O'Connor said. Points are scored for the top eight finishers in descending order, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1.

O'Connor is confident that the men's team will win it's fourth straight regional title. The battle with the Mt. Hood team on the women's side should be closer. If the women win, it will be their third straight regional title.

"It's important for us to do well, (to arrive) at the NWAACC's in top form," O'Connor said. "We're not going to load people (in events) the same way. Our focus is to get the team closer as a group."

The NWAACC Championships will be held Thursday and Friday, May 24 and 25, in Spo-

kane, Wash.

2007 Decathlon and Heptathlon Championships

The championship for Lane's decathletes and heptathletes took place April 30 and May 1 in Spokane, Wash.

"The decathlon went well, we took first and second. Collin (Cram) won again; he's back-to-back champ. Javin Dimmick took second, he moved up," O'Connor said. "We're very pleased about that, he (Dimmick) PR'd and so we took first, second and eighth out of eight guys."

Cram scored 6,553 points, Dimmick scored 5,561 points and Tony Keller came in with 3,777.

The race for second place was close; Josh Larson from Mt. Hood finished with 5,470 points and Curtis Parrish of Spokane finished with 5,416 points. To take second, Dimmick got personal bests in the last two events. His javelin throw was 141-08 and he won the 1,500 outright to clinch his spot. Dimmick, a sophomore from Mohawk High School, can now claim All-American status.

"So we have 19 points going into championships, and Spokane has nine, they took fourth and fifth," O'Connor said.

"On the women's side Spokane went one, two, three dominating the day's events," O'Connor said. "Danica Bates took fourth and Molly Sedlacek took eighth." Spokane's Jennifer Bolton won

the heptathlon with 4,040 points, followed by Leslie Baker and Natalie Abersfeller. Bates was close to first with a score of 3,829 and Sedlacek had 3,545 points. Spokane earned 24 team points going into the women's championships. Lane's women earned six team points.

"Collin scored 6,500, he has so many events coming up that we backed him off in the 1,500, which really hurt his score," O'Connor said. "He had the meet won by 1,000 points. This way his recovery will be a little faster."

Cram will most likely compete in both relays, the high hurdles, the long jump, pole vault and triple jump in the NWAACC Championships.

Cram has signed a letter of intent with Long Beach State for next year.

UO Twilight Meet Highlights*

Athlete • Event • NWAACC Rank

Katie Gallagher • 400 hurdles • 4
1:09.53

Danica Bates • 400 hurdles • 3
1:09.64

(Kori Wilgus, Danica Bates, Heather Bishop, Katie Gallagher) • 4x400 • 5
4:13.79

Charlene Moody • shot put • 3
38-09.5

John Randall • 800 • 3
1:55.63

Dan Stowers • 110 hurdles • 4
15.72

*Marks qualify but are not season bests.

Season's Best Qualifiers

Athlete • Event • NWAACC Rank
Previous Best • Season's Best

Heather Bishop • 200 • 7
26.57 • 26.55

Toma Starodubtseva • 1500 • 2
5:01.7 • 4:49.67

Nikki Gledhill • 5000 • 11
--- • **19:29.87**

Crystal Bradford • 100 hurdles • 3
15.81 • 15.54

(Kori Wilgus, Danica Bates, Katie Gallagher, Heather Bishop) • 4x100 • 4
50.79 • 50.19

McKenna Hering • high jump • 1
5-01.25 • 5-03.75

JoLena Boatsman • pole vault • 5
11-0 • 11-01.75

Sara deBit • pole vault • 6
10-02 • 10-08

McKenna Hering • pole vault • 7
10-06 • 10-08

Molly Sedlacek • triple jump • 2
33-06.75 • 35-07.25

Travis Thompson • 200 • 4
22.49 • 22.29

Travis Thompson • 400 • 2
48.69 • 48.68

Kelly Thompson • 400 • 5
49.79 • 49.45

Jordan McNamara • mile • --
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Dylan Coleman • 800 • 7
----- • 1:56.14

Joel Moorhead • 110 hurdles • 7
15.96 • 15.88

Dan Stowers • 400 hurdles • 4
56.97 • 56.06

(Kelly Thompson, Craig Kochis, Dylan Coleman, Travis Thompson) • 4x400 • 2
3:21.99 • 3:20.58

Jayce Giddens • pole vault • 8
14-05.25 • 14-01.25

Billy Wills • shot put • 2
47-02.25 • 47-08.5

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"If you could study anywhere abroad, where would you go?"

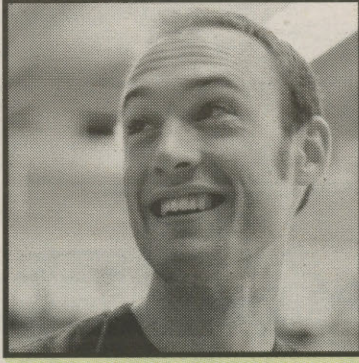
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"France, 'cause I already went there and the people are really cool."



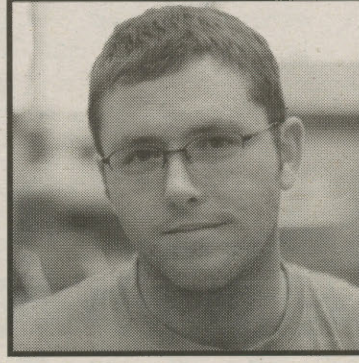
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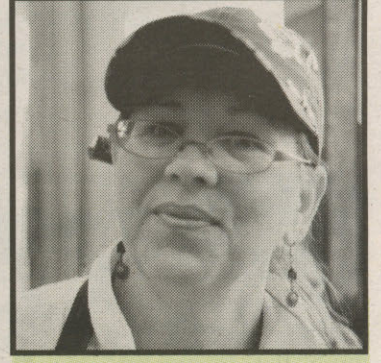
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ARCHITECTURE

"I would go to Germany, Berlin. 'Cause Berlin is blooming in building opportunities."



Joe Geil
BOTANY

"Africa. There's so many different and interesting cultures. I wanna be somewhere where there's forest."



Michelle Eckroth
ART

"U.K. 'Cause that's where my roots are. It's where my family came from to America."

Compiled by Ariel Burkhart
Photos by Isaac Viel

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of league play and has since emerged as a solid presence in the bullpen, pitched 5 2/3 innings of hitless ball, striking out eight in the process.

"The beating he took in the preseason has actually turned out great," Strickland said. "He's such a quiet competitor that you never know if it's reaching him, but his last four times out he's been outstanding."

Schlottman, Solders and sophomore Russ Razor led the Titans with two hits apiece, but as a team Lane was only able to muster eight hits and the three runs, in what was essentially two games in one. "Our pitchers are still pitching well enough for a win, it's just our hitting that hasn't been there for us all season," Strickland said.

Lane played close the majority of its seven inning second game against LBCC, but ended up falling 9-1 after a five run seventh inning put them away.

"We had a chance with guys on second and third with two outs to go ahead 3-1, but again, we did not get the big base hit," Strickland said of his team that finished the game with five hits. "It would have changed the complexion of the game, but we just couldn't get it done."

Lopez got the loss and gave up four runs on eight hits in 4 1/3 innings. Brown gave up nine hits and five runs in his relief appearance.

"If we were consistent offensive and defensive wise throughout the whole season, without the high and low ends of it, we would be in second place right now," Strickland said. "We would have been the team that everyone else is hunting. We've never really been in too many comfortable situations this year."

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