



**CJ Johnson** 



Megan Worman

# Two LCC students receive \$1,000 scholarships

Nicole Perkins Torch Reporter

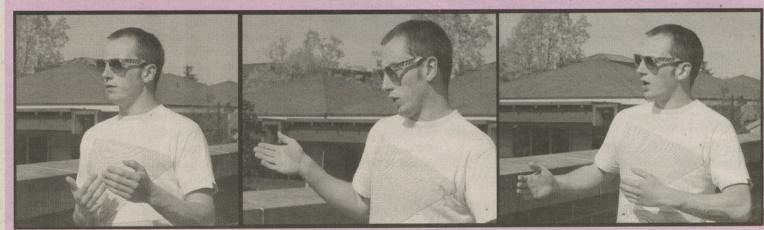
The Oregon Community College Association awarded two scholarships to LCC students CJ Johnson and Megan Worman.

The OCCA was founded in 1962 to support Oregon's 17 community colleges. Each year the OCCA selects outstanding students intending to transfer to a four-year university and awards them scholarships.

Johnson, 47, is an elementary education major. "I had two dreams in life. One was to play professional baseball and one to become a teacher," he said. "I played professional softball for about 10 years, so this is my only other dream to accomplish in life."

Johnson first heard of the scholarship when he was contacted in December 2006 with the news of his award. "It was kind of a surprise," he said.

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Newly elected ASLCC President Dan Dawson discusses his plans for the 2007-2008 academic year.

PHOTOS BY SANDY WILCOX

# Voter turnout disappoints candidates

ASLCC President outlines goals for '07-'08

Isaac Viel
News Editor

Lane Community College students voted in a new student government on May 10 for Fall term, with just 373 students voting out of more than 10,000.

With 13 different seats to fill in this election, the race that stood out was the one for ASLCC president and vice president.

Presidential candidate Daniel Dawson and Vice Presidential candidate Max McNally swept the election with 157 votes, 64

more than runners-up Colleen Sly and Sam Burchell.

"Man, it sucks," said Dawson about voter turnout.

Dawson thought problems with the online voting process could have been the cause of the low number of voters.

"It took me like 15 minutes to get through the whole process," he said.

Dawson's running mate shares his frustration with voter turnout.

"Tm a little disappointed," said McNally. Though he did express a brighter outlook about the election results that favored himself and his running mate.

"I think the people who did end up vot-

ing were the people who were concerned about the government and could make an informed choice about who they want to represent them," McNally said.

Dawson, an AAOT graphic design student, plans on being on campus during the summer to prepare for his new job and get ready to start in the fall.

Sometimes student governments say they are going to do things for the campus, "but (it) ends up not really happening," Dawson said. To change that, Dawson said he and McNally are going to take the issues to the administration as many times as it takes and they plan on "getting the issues over the wall

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"Let's all be buddies and let's make this place rad." Dan Dawson '07-'08 ASLCC President

### 'Hot'L Baltimore' shines for one last weekend

Review by

Lindsey Brown

DENALI EDITOR

The Student Production Association's production of Lanford Wilson's Hot'L Baltimore closes this weekend in the Blue Door Theater. Directed by Chris Pinto and featuring an outstanding ensemble cast of LCC students, this is a performance that is guaranteed to lighten the audience's mood and give them something to think about.

Hot'L is not a formulaic story. There are no lessons learned, no resolutions and certainly no morals. It is a snapshot of life from a collection of prostitutes and derelicts in a seedy Baltimore hotel; a hotel so dilapidated that the windows don't close, the boiler doesn't work, the "E" has fallen off the sign (giving the play its ti-

tle) and it's due to be razed within the month. Despite this, there is something inescapably human about it all, which is what gives the play its ineffable charm; the idiosyncrasies of the residents are as bizarre as they are familiar, and there is an almost musical element to the cacophony of the overlapping dialogue that breaks out across the stage.

The transformation of the Blue Door Theater is astounding. The set communicates perfectly the image of an old hotel that has long since crumbled into destitution. This is a play where the building itself is as much a character as any of the actors on stage, and the set detail creates a quaint, convincing atmosphere.

Finding a place in the seats with a good view of everything

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HOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFE

Nicole Trobaugh as Girl and Matt Keating as Mr. Katz perform in SPA's Hot'L Baltimore, which runs until Saturday May 19.

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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 Nola Ochs, a 95-year-old woman in Hays, Kansas who just received her bachelors in general studies. Congrats to the world's oldest college graduate.

Roast: to Britain's Ministry of Defense for not sending Prince Harry to Iraq.

Roast: to the father in Japan who left his toddler at a hospital's unwanted infant dropbox. That's for infants only, dude.

Toast: to the Ways and Means Committee for proposing to give community colleges and universities more than they originally pro-

Roast: to the Ways and Means Committee for not giving the community colleges and universities the amount of money they need.

Toast: to 47-year-old Appa Sherpa for scaling Mt. Everest for the 17th time. Ever read Into Thin Air? That's impressive!

### Falwell's legacy of bigotry lives on in Oregon

You had to see this one coming. Radical Christian groups are in a tizzy. Is it a miserable war that is spilling the blood of our best and brightest daily

Commentary

Larry Coonrod

Editor in Chief

that has them so agitated? No? Then perhaps the fact that in the richest country in the world the number of hungry and homeless people continues

to grow? Nope, that's not it. Then surely it must be the growing lack of basic healthcare, global warming, or perhaps the crisis in Darfur that has them promising to take action? Wrong again.

No, it is the idea that, gasp, homosexuals are now considered equal citizens in Oregon. Last week, Gov. Ted Kulongoski signed two bills into law, one that prevents discrimination based on sexual orientation and the other establishing legal recognition of domestic partnerships, allowing same-sex couples to receive benefits enjoyed by married people. The ink hadn't even dried before bigotry masquerading under a cloak of religion reared its all-too familiar face.

A group calling itself the "Defense of Family and Marriage Coalition-Again" is gearing up to make sure that ignorance, intolerance and discrimination remain legal in Oregon. And in in what family does denying people a job, healthcare or a place to live defend?

As heterosexuals, we should be rejoicing at these bills' passage.

> The antidiscrimination law ensures that straight people finally have some protection. We can't be fired because our gay boss and co-

workers are uncomfortable with our lifestyle choices. Nor will we have to pretend that our significant other is really our brother or sister so gay landlords won't toss our rental application into the shredder.

In 2004, Oregon voters passed Ballot Measure 36, which allowed legal

recognition of marriage to heterosexual couples only. The irony of a democracy's voting on what rights we are going to give our fellow citizens was apparently lost on most voters.

Now of course, the Bible bigots are screaming that these new laws overturn the will of the voters. Fair enough. If that is the case, we need to revisit the civil rights laws passed in the 1960s. We never got to vote on whether African Americans are entitled to equality. "Activist judges" and Congress made that decision for us. And what about the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that gave women the right to vote? Again, we the people didn't get a say; state legislatures made that decision for

It is a sad state of affairs when so many Americans believe that democracy means the majority can terrorize a minority whom they don't care for.

In another ironic twist, just as right wing zealots announced their intention of overturning Oregon's new tolerance laws, Rev. Jerry Falwell died. No man did more to vilify American Christianity and deter so many from embracing the teachings of Jesus than Falwell.

> At a time when the country was reeling from the shock of the terrorist attacks of 9/11, Falwell had the audacity to say on national television that gays and lesbians

helped the attacks happen. Only good taste prevents the utterance of "good riddance" at news of his passing.

Falwell, no doubt, is taking solace somewhere that his legacy is being carried on by the Defense of Family and Marriage Coalition.

#### The Best of Mackworld

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

#### You never know what the future holds

In a cartoon it's okay to have an apple cake in my face. Always feels good to eat some and have some of this, thank you.

Help save a life. The lady or man from Pub-

Mackworld



lic Safety is on the local news. My ambassador always looks very nice and her new man friend always watches new movies like the Lost World.

The staff of the Torch paper is getting married. Doesn't everybody know? Very sooner or later in the future, doesn't everybody know?

Polly Crackers the bird

talks day or overnight up to the wall as usual. Play the music for the give 'em a break candy bar.

The planet Quanos is 288 light years from Earth, doesn't everybody

know? In the Twenty-Second Century, planets will kill. Pick up people down south of the

universe ball of fire. It's a lot better to stay put and take a guess at the right answer. Also, Lane Community College lets them know, thank you.

Keep the fan on. It's very hot this year. Some people die from sunbathing outdoors every year. It's a public safety worry. It's a lot better to stay indoors during a sunbath.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### OSPIRG working to make textbooks affordable

I am the coordinator for the textbook campaign in OS-PIRG and I have been listening to what other students think OSPIRG is doing to lower the cost of books. What I have been told is that OSPIRG has done nothing in making them cheaper. While the students are correct when it comes to the price of textbooks in the bookstore, I can say that we have made some big steps toward our main goal of lowering the textbook cost.

I was given two goals when I came to OSPIRG and joined the textbook campaign. First, I needed to get a faculty resolution passed by the faculty council. The faculty resolution is a list of guidelines for faculty to use to help make it easier for students when it comes to purchasing textbooks. Second, I needed to get 200 additional textbooks donated to the library reserve. Right now, there are only about 150 books on reserve for students to check out for free while other schools around the country have about 500 books. The books would be donated mostly by faculty members if they have any copies available.

I will say that my first goal of getting a faculty resolution passed is complete and all the faculty members I have talked to agree that the problem is fixable. With the cooperation of faculty and their understanding of the resolution, they will be able to purchase textbooks without any extra CD's or workbooks and they may be able to allow students to use older editions in their class. As for the 200 textbooks for the reserve, that goal will be finished by the end of the term and more changes will come by the beginning of Fall term.

Charles Long

**OSPIRG Textbook Coordinator** 

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lost on most voters."

#### One parking space per car

Everyday I see at least one vehicle — usually a large truck or SUV - taking two spaces for their one vehicle in Lane's parking lot. I think this is ridiculous, unless there is a rule I am unaware of that allows you two whole parking spaces if your vehicle gets less than 15 miles per gallon.

Allowing those that choose to expend more resources to have special parking privileges seems counter-intuitive to Lane's sustainability goals. Sometimes though, it is someone with a sports car that they don't want anyone to breath on that unilaterally decides they deserve two spaces. If these people really feel they deserve two spaces there are plenty of spaces out at the end of the lot that no one is using. Bettter yet, just take LTD (like I should be more often than I do).

So what can be done about this? Well, the first option is for everyone to assert their right to two spaces per car and see what happens. No? Or ... just call Public Safety at 463-5558 with the description and approximate location of the vehicle and Public Safety will issue a citation accordingly.

Nick Baum

Eugene, Ore.

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#### Scholarship from Page I

"One 'day somebody called me up and said, 'you've won this scholarship."

Merrill Watrous, teaching co-op coordinator, nominated Johnson for the scholarship.

Johnson was awarded \$1,000 to continue his education at the UO. "It makes me feel good that people have confidence in me," he said.

Worman plans on a dual enrollment at LCC and the UO in the fall as an English and French double major. "I hope to attend law school with becoming a civil rights attorney as my ultimate goal," she said.

When Worman heard she was a recipient of the OCCA's scholarship, she was surprised. "I got a call from Jackie Bryson in Scholarships and was told I was one of the two students chosen from Lane. I was very honored!"

Both students are involved with volunteer work outside of school. Johnson volunteers at Lane County Veterans Service, Adams Elementary School, Eugene KIDSPORTS coaching basketball and baseball and at Willamette Valley Babe Ruth also coaching baseball. At Adams Elementary, Johnson is a classroom helper though, "sometimes I feel like I'm more of a toy," he said.

"When I was growing up, sports kept me in school," Johnson said, which is why he now coaches. "I like to use sports to help teach kids math, social studies, everything."

Worman is service vice president of Sigma Zeta, LCC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, where she helps the club decide on community service projects.

"One of the best decisions I made was to join Phi Theta Kappa; it has been an invaluable experience," Worman said. This year PTK worked with the SOLV beach cleanup, raised funds for the American Cancer Society and gave food baskets for Thanksgiving dinner to Lane County families who needed help.

Worman has also been working with Lane County's Meals on Wheels program creating a local branch of Pet Food on Wheels.

"I heard about the success of Pet Food on Wheels programs in other parts of the country and became interested in starting one here," Worman said. "For many homebound senior citizens and disabled people, pets provide invaluable companionship and health benefits. Pet meals programs provide donated food in easily managed packages on a bi-weekly or monthly basis."

Though the program has been off to a slow start, Worman hopes that by fall "we'll be able to make the program a reality for Lane County seniors who need a little help to stay with their best friends."

Both Johnson and Worman have enjoyed their time at LCC. "I really think that Lane is an excellent starting place," Worman said.

"The small classes and excellent faculty make learning fun." Johnson added, "I met a lot of new friends here, I really like LCC."

For scholarships, Johnson encourages students to "apply for everything and settle for a few."

"Never give up on your dreams, you're never too old," Johnson said. "You really can teach an old dog new tricks."

## Four college Board of Education members elected

Voters elect young blood to the LCC Board of Education with Tony McCown

Isaac Viel and Sandy Wilcox

TORCH REPORTERS

The results are in for the LCC Board of Education election with a former LCC student taking a seat on the board.

Tony McCown, 24, a graduate of Lane Community College as well as being a former student body president of ASLCC in 2004-2005, took the win in Zone 2, which covers North Eugene, Coburg, Junction City, and Harrisburg.

McCown beat out Stefan Ostrach, 60, a member of the LCC budget committee and a union representative for Teamsters Local 206 for 25 years.

Though McCown is much younger than his fellow board members, he doesn't lack for experience. Aside from being a former ASLCC president; he has served on the Lane County Budget Committee, Eugene Planning Commission and Lane County Human Rights Commission. He also served as vice-president of the Oregon Student Assistance Commission.

Though the fate of the \$8.8 million budget shortfall at LCC will not be decided with the help of the newly elected board members, McCown does have his own plans to help future budget problems.

"We definitely need to look into the hiring of an international student recruiter," McCown said. Raising international student enrollment by 100 students could boost revenue for LCC by nearly \$940,000 per year, he said

McCown also stated that he plans to meet with the ASLCC student government on a quar-

terly basis

The incumbent Roger C. Hall, 67, who has served on the LCC board for the past 16 years, won reelection for the Director at Large, Zone 6. Hall ran against Rob Spooner, 60, a Florence magazine publisher.

Robert L. Ackerman, a former LCC board member who served between the years of 1965 and 1973 and 1999 to 2003, ran unopposed for the Zone 7 Director at Large position. Ackerman is a former Oregon state representative.

Retired teacher and former member of the Springfield Education Association, Pat Albright, will fill the Zone 5 board, representing downtown and South Eugene. Albright was appointed to the position on April 23 after his opponent, Larry Romine resigned because of health issues.

The board positions are for four-year terms from July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2011.

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of bureaucracy."

McNally explained that they are going to do their research on the issues and present their arguments efficiently in order to gain the respect and acknowledgement of the college administration they will be working with through their 2007-2008 term.

The newly elected duo plan on working with other colleges to get a group rate on health insurance for all students that will be available for purchase with financial aid.

Dawson, an ASLCC senator last year, has been working on getting a student dental plan that he hopes will be available for the 2008-2009 school year.

They both plan to reform the financial aid allotment process. Dawson said that he would like to see financial aid awarded much

like the University of Oregon, where students receive funds on the first day of school.

In addition to getting students health care, dental care and financial aid reform, another issue for Dawson is the appearance of the campus.

. Dawson says he thinks the school should more reflect the city it's in and, "look less like a prison."

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# New board member wants to see changes at LCC

Albright wants college to reconnect with the community

Mario Saraceno

The race to fill a seat on the LCC Board of Education ended abruptly when incumbent board member Larry Romine resigned because of health issues. At an April 23, board meeting, the board voted to replace Romine with Pat Albright, his opponent in the May 15 election.

Albright said his lifelong interest in education and experiences as a teacher and journalist have prepared him to help the board meet the challenges facing the

After graduating from OSU, Albright started working as a substitute teacher in the Salem area and as a part-time re-

"I went down to the local paper and asked them if they had room for a young journalist. They asked me if I knew anything about football, and I said, 'well I know a touchdown is worth six points,' and they said, 'well, you'll do.' So I started writing sports," Albright said.

He received his first taste of community college politics covering Blue Mountain Community College while working as a reporter in Pendleton.

"I got acquainted with the budgeting -process, the politics of community colleges, the operations and functions of how community colleges operate and I found that intriguing," Albright said.

Deciding to put his education degree to use, he took a job as the publication adviser for South Eugene High School. A few years later, he moved to Springfield High School where he stayed until his retirement two years ago.

Albright spent the last several years of his career involved with the teachers' union — the Springfield Education Association — helping to resolve labor issues.

"Because of my reporting experience, I feel I had a different relationship with the administration than people who come up in the system as teachers," Albright said. "As a reporter I knew what their concerns were because I was the person that they came to."

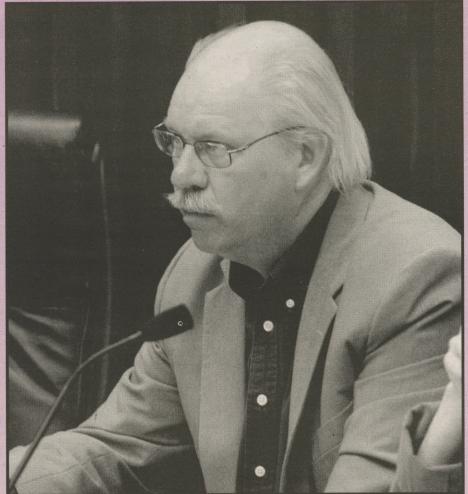
Albright said he understands the political issues surrounding education and has been involved in politics as long as he can remember.

"For many years I was active in the Oregon Education Association so I understand the politics of that side of the issue," he said.

In 1992, Oregon voters passed Ballot Measure 5, putting a cap on property tax increases. Albright traces education-funding shortfalls to the measure because tax increases have not kept pace with the rising cost of education.

"I don't think Ballot Measure 5 will ever be taken off the books but I think it needs to be modified," he said.

A lack of state funding is forcing the board to make tough budgeting decisions. To gain support for more funding, Albright said LCC needs to improve its



Pat Albright takes a seat at the LCC Board of Education as the Director of Zone 5, which covers downtown and South Eugene.

relationship with citizens.

"I think it is going to be predicated on whether we can reconnect with the community, which is the foundation of a community college," he said. "My concern is that we have too many selfish interests out there to effectively create quality programs and until we can change that particular attitude, we are always going to

# Honor society wins top regional award

Sigma Zeta, Lane's Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society of Two Year Colleges, was named the 2007 Most Distinguished Chapter in the Rocky Mountain-Cascade Region at the annual regional convention.

The convention, held May 4-6 at Rogue Community College in Grants Pass, included members and faculty advisors from the region's 24 chapters in Oregon, Utah and Southern Idaho.

The three-day event included a variety of leadership and teambuilding workshops, fellowship regional officers and an awards banquet. The regional meeting provides a unique opportunity for the member chapters to learn from each other.

"This year was incredible because our chapter displayed a strong sense of unity throughout the event," said Velda Arnaud, faculty advisor for LCC's Sigma Zeta. "We are the top chapter in our region, and I was extremely proud of our members and how they interacted and presented themselves."

In addition to the Most Distinguished Chapter trophy, Sigma

honors, including awards for its scholarship, leadership, service, yearbook, website and newsletter. Individual members were named Distinguished Chapter President (Justin Cox), Chapter Officer (Megan Worman), member (Penny Johnson) and alumni (Stephenie Simon). Michael De La Verge won the regional art competition and Megan Worman won the literary competition.

Sigma Zeta members were also elected to regional officer positions. Dee Lauzon was voted Regional Southern Vice President and Megan Worman will fill the media/Communication Officer.

Membership in PTK gives students access to scholarships, services, programs and resources designed specifically for members. Sigma Zeta participates in several leadership, scholarship and service activities throughout the year. Graduating members may wear the honors stole, cords and tassel at graduation.

"As strong as our chapter is, I would like to see it become even stronger. We are accomplishing great things with very few active members," Arnaud said. "Phi Theta Kappa has a large presence opportunities, the election of Zeta was presented with 16 other new regional position of Multi- on the campuses in the Southern porter Megan Worman submitted this article.

and Eastern United States; unfortunately, the importance of Phi Theta Kappa's impact on students' lives has not been fully understood on this side of the country. I would like for Lane to lead the way. My dream would be for Sigma Zeta to be named the number one chapter at the International Convention in Philadelphia next April."

More information about Sigma Zeta and PTK can be obtained from the website www.lanecc.edu/ptk or by calling Arnaud at 463-3238.

Editor's Note: PTK member and Torch re

#### Classifieds

#### Personals

Happy Birthday Matt Keating! Congrats on getting funding for SPA!

#### **Edgewood Pool Association.**

Opens Saturday, June 16. Membership is \$40. Open noon-9 p.m. daily. For more information call 485-4527.

#### Lost and Found

Lost clear notebook, May 12 on main campus. If found please contact Allan Scofield at 653-1812.

#### **Events**

Deadline for the CocaCola Scholarships is May 18 at 2 p.m. Please come to Career and Employment (Building 1, Room 102) for an application. Scholarship awards \$1,000 per student. For more information contact Jackie Bryson at ext.5164.

Submit work for the 2007 multimedia show. June 14 from

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#### **Zombies terrorize survivors** in '28 Weeks Later'

**Sandy Wilcox** 

"28 Weeks Later" is the sequel to the 2002 acclaimed United Kingdom hit "28 Days Later." The movie takes place six months after the original Rage virus outbreak in London.

The movie promises more gory, hectic, untraditional, zombified, infectious entertainment and it delivers. It does fall short of its predecessor but it's still a decent sequel.

The movie begins with Don (Robert Carlyle) and his wife Alice (Catherine McCormack) hiding in a house in the British countryside with other survivors trying to avoid the infected who are roaming the countryside looking for people to feast upon.

The action kicks off with the infected attacking their stronghold and separating Don from Alice, who he is forced to watch being attacked by flesh eating zombies.

Six months — 28 week's later,

London has been quarantined by the United States Army, and the infected have died of starvation.

British refugees who survived the Rage virus outbreak are repopulating a tightly guarded section of London.

Among the returning refugees are Don's daughter Tammy (Imogen Poots) and his son Andy (Mackintosh Muggleton), who survived the virus by being outside of the country.

After a brief reunion with their father, in which he tells them that their mother is dead, Tammy and Andy decide to sneak out of the containment zone to go back to their old house to acquire a picture of their mother. When they get there they find more than a

This is when the movie really kicks off because Don gets infected and starts hunting the city for his kids in an infected rage.

Unable to control his urges to kill, he quickly spreads the virus



Robert Carlyle flees from virus infected zombies in the English country side after abandoning his wife. '28 Weeks Later' is the follow to the hit '28 Days Later.'

within the decontaminated zone.

The infected start popping up everywhere and The U.S. Army quickly loses control of the situ-

The troops are quickly overwhelmed. They start to shoot everyone, human or infected.

Alex and Tammy are then joined by Scarlet, a military scientist (Rose Byrne) and a Sniper, Sgt. Doyle (Jeremy Renner); they all attempt to flee an impending firebombing of London.

Scarlet and Doyle desperately try to save the children from the dangers that surround them because Scarlet believes that Andy might hold the key to a vaccine that could stop the Rage virus.

Unfortunately, this movie falls a little short of the originality of the first film because it focuses more on action scenes, a bigger

cast, much more expensive computer generated effects and a lot

There is a big disconnect between the first movie, even though they were both filmed in a similarly unique style, because this movie fails to mentions the original characters.

There is also the problem with the movie not making any attempt to explain the Rage virus.

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proved impossible and was discouraging. meet in such an unlikely place. A young, But as each conflict culminated, it seemed that this arrangement had been, like the rest of the set, very carefully designed. Because so much action and dialogue happens simultaneously, there's no way to focus on one part of the stage. The audience has to sit back and take it all in and appreciate the chaos of it.

The characters are ultimately what make Hot'L such an original play. Such an unlikely group of people could only fetching prostitute, known only as "Girl" and played with an innocent but palpable sexuality by Nicole Trobaugh, consistently frustrates the young men around her with earnest curiosity. Maranda Burrell shines as Jackie, a mixed-up con-artist-turnedhippie in search of an easy way out, who disrupts the residents when she and her younger brother Jamie (Zach Merrill), get stuck at the hotel during Memorial week-

The sadness of their lives is only a dent in the humor that the other residents are steeped in, but still leaves its mark as the lights go down.

More kudos go to Hannah Mootz as Millie, a seemingly unflappable retiree who sees spirits; Parsa Naderi as Mr. Morse, another retiree, and Matt Keating, who plays the cantankerous Hotel Manager, Mr. Katz. Though the other characters are played with skill, none of them go through the physical transformation that Mootz, Naderi and Keating do. All expertly assume the postures and tics of world-weary retirees, and they do it well enough to captivate the stage whenever they appear.

Still, there really is no weak moment. Hot'L runs two hours with two intermissions and seems over too quickly.

Tonight, May 17, SPA is offering a half-off student discount, with tickets at \$5. Call 463-5761 for details and reserva-





# Titan men win track and field regional title

#### Women take second in close contest

Josh Hutchins SPORTS EDITOR

The Lane men won the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College's Southern Region Championships for the fourth consecutive year with a team score of 210 points.

Mt. Hood Community College came in second with 195 points followed by Clackamas CC with 178 points. Clark College was fourth with 97 points and Southwest Oregon CC had 78 points.

Collin Cram was the high point athlete for the men with 32 points. He had first place finishes in the decathlon and pole vault, was second place in the 110 hurdles and the 4x100 relay and finished seventh in the triple jump.

Lane's Grady O'Connor won coach of the year honors for the for the women.

"There were a lot of good things, good marks and good races," Director of Track and Field Grady O'Connor said. "Unfortunately though, we sustained a couple of injuries. Hopefully the athletes will be able to come back in 10 days. We're going to have them see the trainer and physi-

The most serious injury was

to the hamstring of sophomore Matt Fitzgerald. O'Connor said it was a fluke that happened in the last five meters of his 100 race where he finished fifth. Fitzgerald also runs the lead leg of the short

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"So that was tough, we knew the meet was well in hand, but to sustain a couple of injuries is exactly what we did not want to have happen," O'Connor said. "We're going to try to overcome these and just hope for the best, that the concerned athletes will be able to bounce back."

The Titan women battled hard but fell short to a Mt. Hood team that played all of its cards in the regional meet. Amber Glunt of Mt. Hood was the high point athlete of the meet with 59 and a half points.

Heather Bishop, Crystal Bradford and Molly Sedlacek all had first place finishes in the 100, 100 hurdles and triple jump respec-

Charlene Moody battled men. Mt. Hood's Matt Hart won through an injury to score 22 points in her three events.

> "Mt. Hood did what they needed to do to win," O'Connor said. "Maybe they wanted the regional meet so bad that they jeopardized their chances for the NWAACCs. They rode them (their athletes) so

The regional meet was a oneday event and Mt. Hood had athletes running combinations of events that would be unusual for a



#### Track star signs with Division I school

2006-2007 NWAACC decathlon champion Collin Cram, with Coach Grady O'Connor, signs his letter of intent to the Division I Long Beach State. He plans to major in history. Cram, a redshirt sophomore from Siuslaw High School, started college at the UO. He decided that wasn't the right fit and transferred to Lane for academic and athletic development. Last fall Cram took recruitment trips to Alabama and Kent State but decided on Long Beach State because of its excellent decathlon program, good coaching staff and good school atmosphere (along with the good weather).

two-day meet.

Sheryl Page ran the 1,500, 3,000 steeplechase, 800, 5,000 and 4x400 all within about four hours. O'Connor said it was pretty miraculous that their athletes were able to hold up through

The Titan teams will be getting a lot of rest up until the NWAACC Championships May 24 and 25 in Spokane. The Willamette Last Chance Meet was held Wednesday, May 16, but only a few athletes competed to improve their rank and position.

Lane's coaches will be busy with recruiting. The high school state meets are this weekend. The 6A-4A Finals will be held at Hayward Field May 17-19. The 3A-1A Finals will be at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, Ore. May 18 and 19.

# Titans to face Saints with berth on the line

After strong week, baseball team finds itself in second place

> Alex Braga ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Lane Baseball Head Coach Rob Strickland feared before league play started this year that it might come down to this.

Our guys have done what they needed to do towards the end of the season so far," said Strickland of his team that won five of its' last six games to wind up in a three-way deadlock for second place in the Southern Division. "The toughest part is coming up."

The Titans will face the Goliath of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Southern Division in league leading Mt. Hood Community College Thursday, May 17, with an opportunity to earn a tournament berth. The problem is that Mt. Hood has only lost three league games this season, beat Lane in all four of their previous meetings this season and will host the Titans on the Saints' home field in Gresham.

Strickland knows his team is facing seemingly impossible odds, but is pleased with the way his players haven't given up and battled back into the position they're in now after a rough start to league play and a forgettable preseason. "If we would have executed like this a little bit sooner, there's no question we would be the number two seed," he said.

The Titans are tied with Clackamas Community College and Linn-Benton Community College with 13-15 records in league play. The team that finishes second at the end of the season will earn an NWAACC Tournament seed along with

Mt. Hood, who has long since clinched its spot in post-season play.

"Their starting pitching is probably as good as anybody's in the Northwest," Strickland said of Mt. Hood. "The thing that separates them from everybody else is their ability to score runs. If you make mistakes, they will take advantage of it."

Making mistakes is something that has plagued the Titans all season. Strong pitching performances from starters Jesse Sweet, Joaquin Lopez, Scott Jacobson and Scott Carpenter have consistently been overshadowed by errors in the field that have led to scores of unearned runs and Titan losses.

Of the four starters' 122 runs given up this season, only 74 were earned, which left them with 20 losses and only 10 wins

2.87 between the four of them. As a team, the Titans have a 3.20 ERA with 133 earned runs given up out of the 223 total runs this season.

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must avoid repeating if the Titans are to have a shot at taking out the division's best on Thursday.

"It's going to take big pitching performances throughout," Strickland said of his unit that will be fully rested, having had five days in between games. "It's all going to come down to if we can hold them down, continue to hit and not make mistakes."

"At some point we knew we were going to have to beat these guys and, sure enough, it's come down to the last doubleheader of the year.'

The Titans will have a lot of options on the hill against the Saints due to the

Strickland said he is likely to send out Lopez in the opener and Jacobson in the

despite having a combined ERA of only nightcap. Jacobson has a deceiving 1-7 record this season with a team-best 2.22 ERA. Lopez is 5-5 on the season with a 2.73 ERA and has emerged as Strickland's go-to guy towards the end of the

> "I've asked an awful lot of him this season," Strickland said of his use of Lopez as a starter and out of the bullpen. "He's been durable, resilient and has definitely been our go-to guy as far as pitching goes

this year."

That will leave the Titans with a plethora of options out of the bullpen, should they need to go there. Sweet has a 2.83 ERA, Carpenter leads the team in strikeouts, Bret Swett has been untouchable during the Titans winning streak and Eric Brown leads them in saves.

Strickland told his team that even if they lose to the Saints on Thursday, what they've done in the previous six games will be vital for the future of them as a unit and it showed they know what it takes to win in a tough Southern Division.

"As bad as things were this season, to be in second place at this point, I feel like they accomplished something," he said. "They've been battling the last two weeks and everything just fell in place."

# Strickland blazing a trail for new talent

Head coach looking to add players for next season

Alex Braga Assistant Sports Editor

With the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges' Southern Division baseball league's play winding down, Titans' Head Coach Rob Strickland has been on the road trying to stockpile new talent for next season.

Strickland's team will return with an extremely talented squad next season. It will be loaded with players that have been through a tough year.

"We're going to be solid in just about every position next year," Strickland said. "Our guys have been through the wars and understand what it takes to win. To go through the failures has been a big learning experience for them."

Returning for Lane will be six out of the top 10 hitters for average this season, including leading RBI man Mat Solders (33) and their leader in home runs Trevor Harrison (3). Solders and Dan Schlottman are the top two returning hitters for average on the team this season with only a week left in league play.

However, the Titans have only had a small handful of players flirting with a .300 average this year, which has led Strickland to search the Portland and Salem areas for players that will be able to produce runs immediately next season.

According to league rules, Strickland is only allowed to offer scholarship money to players from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

"The kids from the Salem and Portland areas are a little bit more ready to play next year and if they're willing to take a chance and come in here and go through the rigors of this program, it's well worth it," he said.

The financial insecurity of the program last year left this season in doubt during the time that Strickland would normally be out recruiting; making it difficult for him to commit to players he wanted to sign.

The security of a fund raising group and a monetary commitment from LCC makes this recruiting season easier for Strickland to get the type of players he wants.

"We're looking to bring in guys that are obviously talented, but that are also going to be good students and are going to be willing to put forth the commitment to learn to play this game at a higher level," he said.

Strickland hopes to get three commitments this week. "Even though we may not be able to offer them as much money as other schools; if you look at the developmental side of it, I think it's something

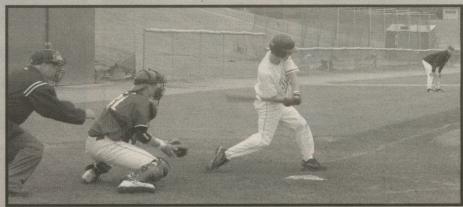


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Trevor Harrison will be one of coach Rob Strickland's top returning players next season.

we do very well," he said.

Next season, Strickland and Pitching Coach Mark Hills will look to develop a thin pitching staff that should be boosted by an influx of freshman talent and converted players from the field.

"On the hill is where we're going to need to get those four starters, to be able to do the same things as those guys did this year," said Strickland, who loses all four of his starters after this season. "We need to bring in six guys that are definitely going to need to be ready to pitch right away next year. I'm pretty confident though, that we'll have enough depth pitching to be able to compete for it all next year."

Strickland said he expects infielder Nick Nading and center fielder Harrison to pitch for his team next season and has even been toying with the idea of moving catcher Brian Rector out from behind the dish to utilize his "good arm" and ability to control a game.

The Titans will look to build the bullpen around pitchers Brett Swett and Eric Brown next year, both of whom pitched their best toward the end of the season. Brown has two saves this season and Swett has one.

"I'm pretty confident that even if we don't pitch very well next year, our offense and defense should carry us a long way," Strickland said.

Strickland also has high hopes for the return of a pair of players who missed this season due to medical reasons.

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"I drive all the time but I try and shop at places that promote bio-friendly diesel fuels."

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Justin Barchus suffered a muscle tear and nerve damage in his shoulder early in the season and hopes to avoid surgery. Strickland said he will probably be moved to second base from the outfield to form a solid group of infielders that will include the team's regular at shortstop, Jake Parham.

Strickland also anticipates the return of first team all NWAACC outfielder Matt Phelps. Phelps also missed this season due to medical reasons, but was a season removed from a .315 average, 17 RBIs and is a proven hitter against NWAACC pitching.

With the expectations of a league title next season, Strickland knows the players he brings in will be vital for that to come to fruition. He said that despite the funding problems that constantly loom over the program, his team is an easy sell to prospects.

"The number one thing I tell them is that this is still one of the better schools, academically, to go to," he said.

Strickland will spend this summer watching players in summer leagues.

"If you look at the success of the program over a 10 year period and now beyond, we have been a winning program. Whether we win or lose, you're going to get an opportunity to develop and play at the next level if that's what you want to do."

"Those marginal kids who are not going to play at the four year level, that need to play at the two year level and that haven't got any bites from other schools, I've got to go see those kids to see if they're going to fit into this program. I want those kids that are going to be a little bit more hungry to get better. Character is what makes championship teams," said Strickland.



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