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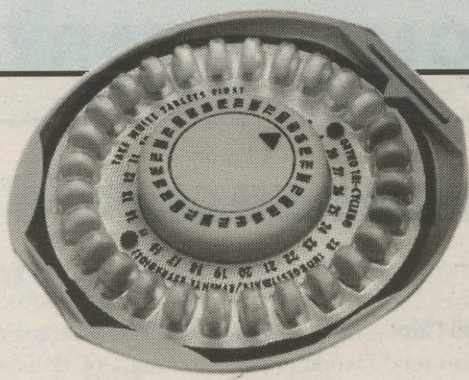
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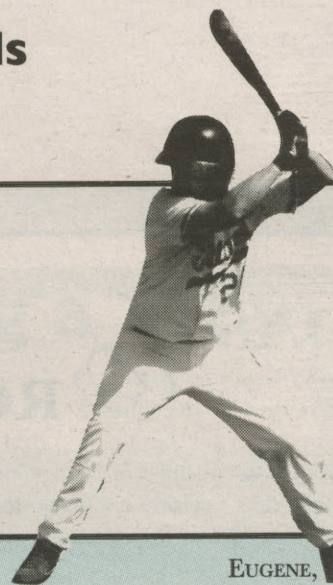
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## New ASLCC officers sworn in

### Group plans financial aid reform

Ariel Burkhardt  
MANAGING EDITOR

Newly elected ASLCC President Daniel Dawson and Vice President Max McNally were sworn into student government Monday, May 21, along with three new senators, a campus cultural organizer and a new treasurer.

"Rely on the people next to you," said Steve Mohr, current ASLCC president who will step down, May 30. "We're all here for a good cause."

McNally, a multimedia design student, is having his first run at student government. His biggest goal is financial aid reform and getting students their financial aid checks faster to help pay for books.

McNally and Dawson are researching the possibility of hav-



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ASLCC officers look forward to making positive changes. Max McNally, Dan Dawson, Cody Anderson, Leif Brecke, Eric Edmond, Trevor Ballard and Jonathan Morton.

ing a dental and health plan for LCC students.

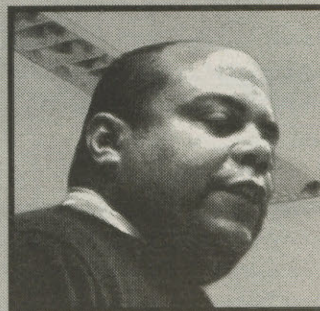
Dawson said he wants to address the visibility of student government and build its image

on campus. "We're building a community," he said.

Treasurer Cody Anderson, a political science major, was a student government senator last

year. He said that it's his job to make sure information is available to students about what

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ERIC WARD

### Former student speaks about bigotry

Eric Ward gives examples of white supremacy ideas

Ariel Burkhardt  
MANAGING EDITOR

Civil rights activist Eric Ward speaking at Lane Community College, Monday, May 21, said that the college's seven core values can be combined to counter organized bigotry in our nation.

Ward's speech was titled "Connecting the Dots: White Supremacy and the Rise in Anti-Immigrant Sentiment."

Ward is a field director of the Center for New Community based in Chicago, Ill. and is a former member of the Community Alliance of Lane County. The Center for New Community defends civil and human rights and counters social movements based on race, religion and bigotry. Ward is also an alumnus of LCC.

"We've been silent, in some ways, giving our consent to those that talk about bigotry," Ward said. "How can we oppose bigotry, actively oppose bigotry? By building communities ... by (making) solutions based off of ideas that promote and strengthen society rather than destroy it."

Currently, Ward and his affiliates monitor anti-immigrant groups in the U.S. A few years ago they monitored 32 anti-immigrant groups, to-

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## College is not alone in budget crisis

### Other community colleges offer lessons

Isaac Viel  
NEWS EDITOR

Lane Community College's budget deficit is now at \$8.8 million. News headlines about cutbacks to programs and staff fill the front pages throughout Lane County, but LCC is not the only school that faces problems.

Community colleges in Oregon have been dealing with budget issues in various ways. Some schools have been planning years in advance for decreasing enrollment.

Meanwhile, other schools have been dealing with their own shortfalls by making due with what they have — even if it is falling apart from years of use without maintenance.

Three years ago, Clackamas Community College, which in 2005 had a full-time equivalent enrollment rate of nearly 8,000 students, anticipated a slowdown in enrollment and funding by eliminating a small handful of administrative positions. The college had to cut programs, but has done it slowly over the years, creating an easier transition.

"If you make a cut and don't replace it over a period of years, that ratchets down your expenditures," said Bill Dierdorff, business manager of Clackamas Community College.

"We are pretty much business as usual. We have enough money to do what we've been doing, whether or not it's enough to do what we need to be doing is another question."

The efforts at Clackamas Community College, Dierdorff said, helps maintain one of the lowest tuitions in the state at just \$56 per credit hour while still maintaining a balanced budget, projected to be nearly \$120 million for the 2007-08 fiscal year.

Just down Interstate 5, at Chemeketa Community College in Salem, remnants of a once \$9 million deficit are still very lucid.

"We may not have had to experience that (budget deficit) this year, but we've had several

years of gaps that we had to deal with," said Julie Huchenstien, assistant chief financial officer for Chemeketa.

Over the past few years, like LCC, Chemeketa has had to deal with enormous gaps in funding. Starting with the \$9 million deficit in 2003-04 and continuing with \$7 million shortfall in 2004-05 and a \$5 million shortfall in 2005-06.

The school has slowly been digging itself out of a deficit by slashing jobs and programs to help balance the budget. Though cuts to programs and staff are the most severe to employees, students have also had to take a hit to the pocket book with increased tuition costs; Chemeketa now charges \$64 per credit hour.

Though some schools have been able to get by with raising fees and slashing programs, Mt. Hood Commu-

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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 &amp; ROAST

*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).*

**Roast:** to the makers of Botox for their new "Express Yourself" campaign.

**Roast:** to Rush Limbaugh for continually referring to presidential candidate Barack Obama as the Magic Negro. It appears racism is now a standard conservative value.

**Toast:** to the U.S. House of Representatives, for passing a bill that would make the Federal Trade Commission and the Justice Department go after oil companies, traders or retailers that take advantage of consumers by gouging them with excessively high gas prices.

**Roast:** to Amy Fisher, the Long Island Lollita and Joey Buttafuoco for trying to get their own reality TV show. Who's next, Charles Manson and the Manson family?

**Toast:** to the Blazers for winning the lottery and getting the number one pick in this year's NBA Draft despite only having a five percent chance to do so.

## 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.*

## Summer brings new worlds, new classes

There is a new PG movie where a woman takes over the world and the universe. Her name is Laura or Susan or Shannon or maybe Dorothy.

The Torch interspace next federation starship is discovering new worlds.

Men and women are working in the line of duty and are exempted from the law. Future Starfleet Academy 21st Century Fox movies are coming to your city soon.

The snack shop will be closed all summer long, but they will open up again in September 2005. The Student Resource Center will be open all summer, except when they are closed on Friday for a coffee break.

The main campus will be closed down soon. You can take summer classes and you should bring your own lunch, because it's better. I am writing a new storybook that will be available in September.

I am the editor in chief of art and basic design fundamentals, John E. Mackwood.

## 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.

## Racist legislation trumps security

The terrorist attacks of 9/11 have emboldened racists in this country. Before the attacks, the public had little tolerance for racial remarks. The Rush Limbaughs and Lars Larsens of the world had to coach their racist attitudes in very subtle language.

Post 9/11, their disdain for other races is dressed up in the red, white and blue of "national security." Family Security Matters, a Web site that bills itself as "The national security resource for American families" splashed the headline "Illegal aliens kill more Americans than Iraq War" across their home page.

And how did they arrive at this startling conclusion? By assuming that if undocumented workers make up five percent of the population they must be responsible for five percent of the murders.

No comparison was offered for the number of crimes committed by stupid rednecks; a population. Probably a good deal higher than five percent.

Last year, Congress passed a bill to spend billions building a fence between the United States and Mexico.

Again it was all in the name of national security, not racism. After all,

if the border is not fenced terrorists will surely sneak into the U.S.

In fact, in December of 1999 Customs agents arrested an Algerian terrorist crossing the

border with a trunk load of explosives. Ahmed Ressay planned to bring in the new year by

detonating a bomb in Los Angeles International Airport. Had Ressay chosen a more isolated area to cross the 4,121-mile border, the death toll would have been staggering. What more justification is needed for building a fence?

Ressay attempted his border crossing from Canada. In 2006, Canadian police arrested 17 suspected terrorists in Ontario, Canada. Former Attorney General John Ashcroft said that the U.S. Canadian border is a "soft spot" for terrorism. The northern border is over twice as long as the border with Mexico. Its remoteness and forests make it much easier to sneak into the United States unobserved. So why no cry for a northern fence? Because Canada is populated primarily by whites.

Conservatives bent on ensuring that the immigration bill currently being debated in Congress has enough provisions to keep undocumented

workers from ever obtaining any sort of residency in the U.S. requirements of the proposed bill include making workers pay thousands of dollars in fines.

Considering the low economic status of most undocumented Hispanic workers, it is unlikely that most of them could afford the penalties.

Learning English to gain citizenship is another requirement in the legislation. To be fair, shouldn't it be a requirement for the presidency as well?

Under the new plan, anyone wanting residency status will have to pass a citizenship test. Because we all know how much Americans understand how our government works.

How many of us know how many Supreme Court justices there are, let alone their names? In the name of fairness, perhaps we should administer a citizenship test to all Americans and those that can't pass we toss over the border fence.

In retrospect maybe conservatives do have the right idea; learning the language and culture is important to preserve America.

Just ask Native Americans what happens when people who don't speak your language, respect your culture or your laws, come into your country uninvited.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Immigration debate nothing new

Immigration is one of the hot button issues in Congress and in the media and seems to produce more heat than light in these discussions. To me, all of this sounds similar to the discussions that took place in the U.S. in 1847 except the "Mexicans" of that time were the Irish who were the first large wave of immigration.

In 1847, Ireland was still under English control and, similar to today's Mexico, a small number of people owned most of the land and used their land to grow wheat for

export while their serfs were given an acre of the land upon which to grow the food they needed.

One of the most common uses of this land was to grow potatoes. When this crop suddenly failed, Ireland's 8,000,000 were faced with a Hobsonian choice: they could either starve or emigrate. Over 1,000,000 were allowed to starve while over 3,000,000 emigrated.

When these poor, starving people started arriving in large numbers in the U.S., they were treated in the same way that Mexicans arriving in the U.S. today are.

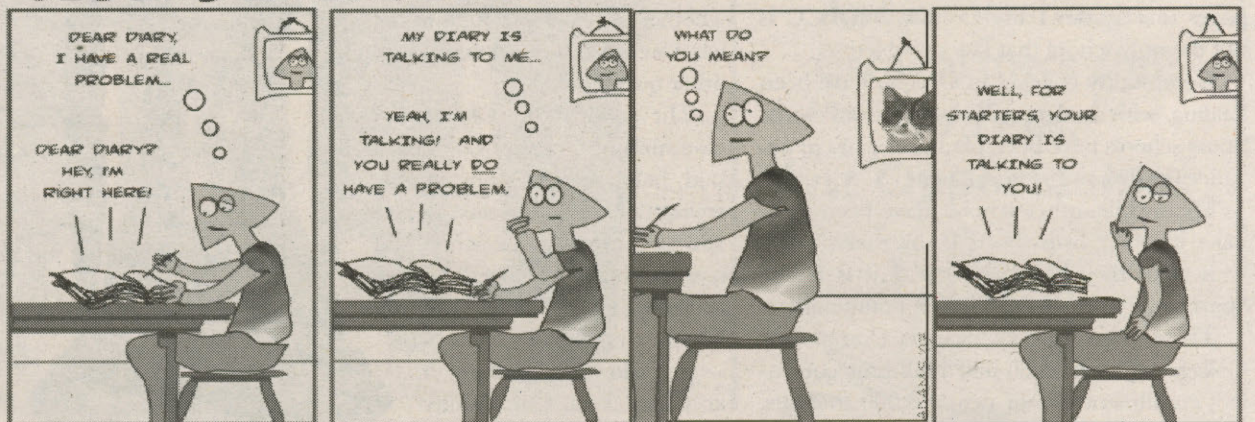
In 1999, former Governor John

A. Kitzhaber signed into law Senate Bill 771 which called for the Oregon Department of Education to prepare and Oregon schools to teach a unit of instruction to be known as the Irish Famine Curriculum.

Ask your school district how to access it and read what those immigrants had to face, how they were treated by the media of the day and the contributions to the U.S. they made to this country before you decide your position on today's immigration debate. If we don't know our immigration history, we are doomed to repeat it.

G. Dennis Shine

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## Birth control covered

*Insurance soon to foot the bill for the pill*

**Isaac Viel**  
NEWS EDITOR

On Thursday, May 16, the Oregon Senate passed House Bill 2700, requiring private insurance companies to offer birth control coverage to women beginning Jan. 1, 2008.

The bill passed 24-5, with the five no votes coming from Republicans. The Access to Birth Control Act requires all private insurance companies to expand their prescription coverage to include different forms of the birth control pill as well as the hormone contraceptive patch.

The new bill will also offer emergency contraception to women who are treated at Oregon hospitals for sexual assault.

This provision will make available the morning after pill, which if taken within 72 hours of an assault can be 75 percent effective in preventing pregnancy.

"For too long women have been denied health insurance coverage for the cost of

birth control," said Senate Majority Leader Kate Brown (D-Portland). "This bill simply provides women with fairness and equity for prescription drug coverage."

Though the bill will not be fully written into law until it bears ink from Governor Ted Kulongoski's pen, he has already said that he plans to sign it when it's brought to his desk.

The Oregon Medical Insurance Pool has expressed concern that the average enrollee cost will rise, but with the possibility of lower birthrates due to the contraceptives, the fiscal impact should be minimal.

The plan has been written to cover all women who are insured by private companies but will not cover those who are employed by the state or those who receive benefits through the Oregon Health Plan, which already covers contraceptives.

Kulongoski is expected to sign the bill in Salem within the next few weeks.

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day they monitor 364. They also know of over 120 chapters of Minutemen: groups specifically designed to intimidate and create tension by protesting at labor sites and patrolling borders while armed.

Ward said that classic white supremacy ideals have large ties as to how immigration is viewed today in America. The same ideas, he said, have moved from the extremist margins and into mainstream society by manipulating speech and focusing on today's idea of American values. Ward said the idea is to have people concerned about the state of America, and that its safety revolves around whether or not certain groups cross our borders.

"When we hear the word immigration, we aren't imagining Canadians coming down from the north," he said. "We're framing the debate on a group, on race. We imagine our country being taken away."

At one point in time, Ward said, people didn't think bigoted groups would be smart enough to change the outlook of a multi-racial democracy.

But now, politicians with white supremacy ideas have learned how to manipulate the public debate on race and the meaning of the American identity without ever actually bringing up the word race.

It's not white people or Canadians Americans think of when we mention border crossing, flag burning or terrorism. By manipulating words, race and gender come into our thoughts and fears when debating American values and its safety. Suddenly, English only laws and stopping immigration are American values.

He feels that the anti-immigration movement is being used to convince the public that some people are Americans and some people aren't. If you aren't, Ward said, "you can be treated differently."

Now America's focus is immigration and is the vehicle of current debates. He said that people, through coded rhetoric, have made a decision about who an American is and what America looks like. "And it doesn't include a large percentage of the public," he said.

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ASLCC is doing with their money. He also hopes to make LCC a more inviting place for students to hang out.

Trevor Ballard, a first-time senator and philosophy major, said he hopes to accomplish finding a quiet place for students to study other than the library, and wants to work with other senators for the upcoming year.

Leif Brecke, the new cultural campus organizer and anthropology major, plans to help people get them more experience in staging events on campus.

Eric Edmond is a returning senator who is pursuing a degree in computer science. Edmond hopes to raise the student's awareness of LCC's student gov-

ernment.

Jonathan Morton won his senate seat as a write-in candidate. He is a sociology major and wants to teach high school. Morton, a single father of two, said he understands the struggle of being in college and being a single dad. Morton's goal for his year as a senator is to help raise student awareness for the 2007-2008 elections.

"I want to get people aware of the voting issues for next year, get a high voter turn out, more voter knowledge," Morton said.

A communications manager for student government will be elected in the fall.

## Budget From Page 1

nity College has had to deal with problems because of less than sufficient funding.

Mt. Hood Community College, which sits on 225 acres in Gresham, Ore. has been working with what little they have for years and has been forced to neglect crucial maintenance to the school.

"We're just trying to be as innovative as possible," said Kimberly Hutchinson, district budget analyst at Mt. Hood.

The school, which is now close to 40 years old, is still topped by its original roof that is in need of replacement. Besides its age and disrepair, the roof also contains cancer-linked asbestos, but there is no money for upgrades.

Another problem on their campus is the modular building that contains the Early Childhood Education Center, which was originally installed as a temporary building until a permanent building could be constructed. Thirty years later, the program still resides in the modular building.

Besides having to deal with less than ideal facilities, the school has had to layoff employees and cut programs such as aviation, horticulture and electronic technology.

The remaining employees were lucky enough to keep their jobs, though they have been forced to work fewer days throughout the school year in order to keep their jobs. "There has been a lot of team work," Hutchinson said.

Not everything is on the chopping block at MHCC. Since the budget crisis of 2001, MHCC, despite cuts in some areas, has been able to actually expand their nursing program in order to bring in more revenue.

Like many other schools, it's really the students that are taking the brunt of the budget problems. Tuition is now \$72 per credit hour for its more than 8,000 FTE students.

Even with a credit-per-hour fee rivaling LCC and a \$178 million budget, Mt. Hood Community College still cannot af-

ford to make the upgrades it needs.

Lane Community College, with a proposed 2007-08 budget of nearly \$180 million and FTE of around 10,000 students, may have a lot to learn from these schools about how to deal with budget deficits.

"We are looking at benchmarks for other schools," said Greg Morgan associate vice president of finance at LCC. "The reason benchmarking is important, is you need to look at how other schools are doing better than you. You need to look at how they are doing it better and how they can do it at a lower cost," Morgan said.

It is no secret that LCC is \$9 million in the hole. The question is why LCC is still in the hole after years of deficits while other schools have been able to make progress in the struggle against sub-par funding?

"We have the highest full-time to part-time (employee) ratio in the country," Morgan said. With LCC employing so many full-time staff members, it leaves the school with a tough decision that pits quality of education versus less money spent throughout the year on staffing.

Though LCC can't just lay off full-time staff members and replace them with part-time or student faculty, the school is looking into slowly adding student help throughout the next few years.

With a large number of staff, LCC also pays competitive salaries and benefits in order to maintain high standards of education. "Our wages and benefits are best in the state," Morgan said.

"You get what you pay for ... if you want a quality faculty, you pay a competitive wage."

Though the budget committee does not plan on cutting programs entirely, they are looking into consolidating some areas. The literature program is one example of consolidation.

To help with cost, LCC is planning to cut down on the variety of literature classes, filling fewer classrooms with more students.

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## Nursing alumni gather for 40-year anniversary

### Former students reunite to share experiences

Phil Getty  
TORCH REPORTER

More than 40 years of nursing education was celebrated Saturday afternoon at the first annual All Years Nursing Alumni Reunion hosted by the Lane Community College Foundation.

The group of 110 alumni and guests, representing current students and classes from as far back as 1963 — LCC's first graduating year — recounted fond memories, told success stories, and discussed the future of the nursing program at LCC.

"The history of LCC is sitting in this room," LCC President Mary Spilde told the crowd during an informal luncheon. "Your good work is our best ad-

vertisement."

The average age of Oregon nurses is 48 and most currently working are expected to retire in the next ten years while the demand for nurses continue to grow, Spilde said.

Despite an increasing need, Spilde said, "any college president in their right mind wouldn't fund nursing. It is one of the most expensive programs, but it is one that allows students that come from lower socio-economical backgrounds to learn to earn a living wage."

Julia Munkvold, nursing program faculty coordinator, talked about "big changes" for the future of the nursing program at LCC.

"First, we are increasing the

class sizes from 71 to 81, for a total of 162 students in a building built to hold 90," Munkvold said.

Other changes include cuts to the licensed practical nursing programs as well as the dropped requirement for ap-

plicants to become certified nursing assistants prior to earning their RN status.

The final luncheon speaker, Bev Einstein, 50, will soon graduate LCC as a registered nurse.

Einstein, an Army veteran, mother of two and second cousin "twice removed" of Albert Einstein was asked to speak to her future colleagues about how she has benefited from the nursing and other programs at LCC.

Einstein received two prestigious scholarships,

the Staton Scholarship and the Ford Scholarship, one of Oregon's most generous endowments.

"I have transformed my life through learning. And when I grow up, I'm going to be a nurse," Einstein said enthusiastically. "I only have three clinical days and one test that I only have to score 29 out of 60 points and then I'm done."

During an open-mic session, people like Susan Fera, 64, and her mother Mary Sustell, 91, the first mother-daughter team to graduate together from the LCC in 1966, told their stories.

"I got the second highest score on the LPN test; my mother beat me by one point," Fera said.

Sustell agreed to enter the program with her daughter after her husband died. "I wanted something to do. I was bored," Sustell laughed. "I worked at nursing homes until I retired. I was at the top of the age limit when I enrolled and now at 91, I bet I'm still one of the oldest."

Other entertaining anecdotes came from Carol Roby, class of 1970, who shared a story of the only baby delivered on LCC's campus. "They named him Lane," she said.

Roby got laughs talking about the strange ritualistic practices students use to cope with the stress brought on by finals. "We had final exams coming the next day, so we did a snow dance in the back parking lot. The next morning Eugene was shut down, covered with snow. It works," she said.

Before the luncheon, alumni took tours of the nursing program.

"We basically took them around and showed them how

small the classrooms are," said Adrienne, no last name given, a first year nursing program student and tour guide.

The tour included stepping through tiny classrooms, strolling through an out-of-date mock-hospital that looks like something out of a bad '70s movie and peeking into the computer lab, the second most recent upgrade to the nursing program.

"Many of the nursing students couldn't do the program without the computer lab," Adrienne said. The lab was made possible 15 years ago, by the Helene Fuld Grant.

The highlight of the tour came when guests were introduced to "SimMan," a life-size patient simulator that was added two years ago, making it the latest learning tool providing students with realistic emergency scenarios.

"It operates by a remote computer that a staff member can control ... we can speak through the manikin while students practice," Katie Suet said, just before demonstrating the features of the simulated patient — it even appeared to be breathing.

There is also a model designed to simulate childbirth, but Suet assured us that it would be considerably less messy than the real thing.

At the end of the day, alumni gathered in the lobby of Student Services in Building 1, to talk and greet the sponsors of the event.

The Nursing Alumni Reunion Planning Committee members included nursing faculty, alumni and community volunteers including Clarice Bates, Jan Kinman, Mary Lou Lynch, Leslie Noxon, Cindy Weeldreyer, Shelley Williams and Joyce Young.

The committee was supported by the Lane Community College Foundation and coordinated by Kathy Thomas, director of annual giving. But it wasn't a single effort. "More than a year and a half went into planning the event," Thomas said.

Other general sponsors included SELCO Community Credit Union, Acoustic Sciences Corporation, Art and Leslie Noxon, Young and Meyers, P.C. Certified Public Accountants, JR Young, Registered Investment Advisors and anonymous donors.



Nursing student and Ford Scholar Bev Einstein used juggling as a metaphor to talk about the difficulties of balancing work, school and family.

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Grynych, which just released its second CD, will perform at Latitude 21, Saturday, May 26, at 9 p.m.

## What's Happening?

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 25 AND 26, AT 8 P.M.**

Lane Community College Dance is proud to present "The Works" Student Dance Concert in the Performance Hall. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors and are available at the door. For more information contact 463-5202.

**SATURDAY, MAY 26, AT 6 P.M.**

Blackalicious and Reeble Jar are opening at The Cuthbert Amphitheater for Michael Franti & Spearhead. For more information go to [thecuthbert.com](http://thecuthbert.com).

**TUESDAY, MAY 29, AT 7:30 P.M.**

The Eugene Community Orchestra will perform a FREE concert at Lane Community College for more information call 343-7443.

**TUESDAY, MAY 29, AT 8:30 P.M.**

Undisputed Truth Tour: Brother Ali, Psalm One, Boom Bap Project, BK One at the WOW Hall. For more info go to [www.rhymesayers.com](http://www.rhymesayers.com) or [www.myspace.com/brotherali](http://www.myspace.com/brotherali).

**JUNE 8, AT 7 P.M.**

A Life In Television, A Professional Perspective. The DIVA Center is pleased to present an evening with former Hollywood television Director Thomas Blank, who has worked on such shows as Airwolf, The Incredible Hulk and The A Team.

## Students perform annual dance show



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF

Arielle Olson performs "Our Darling Dictator" in LCC's student dance concert. "The Works" will be showing May 25 and 26, at 8 p.m. in the LCC Performance Hall. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$6 for adults and will be available one hour prior to the show. For additional info call 463-5202.



PHOTO BY NANCY ISHAM

LCC Jazz band practices for an upcoming show, Wed. May 30 in the Performance Hall.

## Jazzing things up on LCC campus

*Band performs on road trip, triumphs in Reno competition*

Nicole Perkins  
TORCH REPORTER

After returning from a road trip to Reno, Nev., the Lane Community College Jazz Ensemble is ready to perform Wednesday, May 30, in the Performance Hall at LCC.

The LCC band won second place in the two-year college division of the Reno Jazz Festival. "It's a contest, among other things," said Ron Bertucci, the band's director. "We don't go because it's a contest, but it's an inevitable part."

The annual festival is held at the University of Nevada at Reno. The ensemble has gone every year for 14 years. "It's one of about four jazz festivals of its size," Bertucci said. "There are about 350-380 groups that perform in two days." Each group that performed had a 30-minute

set, after which they were critiqued by clinicians. "There are about 60 professional jazz educators to do clinics and critiques," Bertucci said.

Tim Hemphill is a trumpet player who has been in the ensemble for six years. "The Reno Jazz Festival is a blast," he said. "You get to go and hear some of the best bands around and rub shoulders with other jazz musicians." LCC's vocal jazz ensemble also attended the festival, but independently of the band.

The Jazz Ensemble, traveling by three vans, stopped twice along the way to perform at Sisters High School in Sisters and Mt. View High School in Bend.

Overall, Bertucci felt the Reno performance went well. "The students had a lot to be proud of," he said. "The experience of learning to perform is as valuable as anything else you get out of it."

Bertucci has been ensemble director for 15 years and said their upcoming show will feature songs that are fun for the band. "We picked tunes that are fun for our soloists to play on ... tunes that are just fun to listen to."

"The group is very diverse in backgrounds," Bertucci said of his ensemble. "They're remarkably easy to work with, the team atmosphere is very prevalent."

Miriam Champer is an alto saxophone player in her first year playing with the group. "It's challenging, but immensely fun," she said of her experience in ensemble. "It's amazing to watch all the improvement over the year in yourself, other players and the band as a whole."

"I look forward to playing all the music for the concert," Hemphill said.

"It's all fun, exciting and challenging," Champer added, "Even if you don't think you're a jazz-fan, you should still check it out. We're playing such a wide variety of stuff that there's usually something there for everyone."

The performance starts at 7:30 p.m. on May 30 in the Performance Hall at LCC. Two ensembles from South Eugene High School will also be playing. There is a \$4-8 requested donation. For more information on the band or the performance, visit [www.lanecc.edu/perarts](http://www.lanecc.edu/perarts).

## Dancers to feed the hungry

Megan Worman  
TORCH REPORTER

Next week over 60 local music and dance artists will gather to help raise funds for FOOD for Lane County. The hip-hop, funk and R&B extravaganza entitled "Down 4 It" will feature local bands and dancers in a performance at the McDonald Theatre in Eugene on Friday, June 1.

Hosted by Paul Bustrin and DJ Billy, the evening will include music by Marv Ellis, who raps and sings his all original, self-written music, Shrapnel, the pHormula and 2 Sense. Animal Farm, self-described as "true school hip-hop" artists and voted "Best Local Hip-Hop Ensemble" in Eugene Weekly's Voters Poll 2006, will also be

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Down 4 It artists raise funds for FFLC.



# Saints march over Titans' NWAACC tourney hopes

## Lane baseball team drops final double-header of season

Alex Braga  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Lane Community College baseball team lost its final two games of the season against the Mt. Hood Community College Saints, Thursday, May 17, and failed to earn the final spot for the Southern Division in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges' tournament.

The Titans (13-17 in league, 16-32 overall) dropped the first game 6-2 despite two RBIs from freshman Jake Parham and two runs scored by classmate Mat Solders. The Saints, who finished league play atop the NWAACC South, earned a 5-3 victory in the nightcap. A pinch-hit three-run homer by Justin Reynolds off of Lane sophomore Scott Jacobson capped a five-run fifth inning to fuel their victory over the Titans.

"We had chances to win, but they pitched well enough to hold us in check," said Titans Head Coach Rob Strickland of the Saints, who struck his team out 19 times over the two games. "When they needed hits, they were able to get the job done."

Going into the doubleheader, the Titans were in a three-way tie with Linn-Benton Community College and Clackamas Community College for the second place spot in the NWAACC South. A sweep of Mt. Hood would have left the Titans with second place and the final tournament seed from the division.

Clackamas split with Southwestern Oregon Community College and Linn-Benton earned a sweep of Chemeketa to secure them a tournament spot. "Knowing that Linn-Benton won both of their games helped (ease the pain of losing), they deserved to go," Strickland said.

"We probably didn't deserve it because we're below .500 in league and our overall record isn't very good. But this season has been a huge learning experience, not only for our players, but for our coaching staff as well."

Strickland felt bad for the sophomores that went out on a losing note, but said there were a lot of positive things they experienced this season and in their careers at Lane.

"I think, despite the losses this season, that the kids felt pretty good about their experience here," he said. "I don't think you can argue with 10 NWAACC tourna-



PHOTO BY ISAAC VIEL

**Trevor Harrison (27), Brian Thacker (8) and their Titans teammates' season came to an end at the hands of Mt. Hood on Thursday.**

ments in a row."

The Titans sent sophomore Joaquin Lopez to the mound in the first game. He gave up five hits in 4 2/3 innings, but lost his sixth decision of the season after surrendering five runs. Bret Swett pitched the remainder of the game for the Titans and gave up one of the three unearned runs the Saints scored, but little else.

"Joaquin only made one bad pitch," Strickland said. "He had their best hitter at 1-2 and he hung a breaking ball over the plate and they drove a couple of runs."

a Parham sacrifice fly in the sixth inning and single in the eighth.

"Early in the game, we had the bases loaded with no outs and grounded into a double play," Strickland said. "Momentum shifted over to the other side and they (Mt. Hood) just took over from there. It really took the life out of our kids."

The 7-inning second game featured two RBI doubles by Jacobson in the first and third innings that gave Lane a two-run lead for most of the game. The Saints exploded in the fifth inning for five runs, fueled by a three-run home run and a Titan error in the field. Jacobson gave up six hits, five runs — three of them earned — and picked up his eighth loss of the season. Jesse Sweet pitched a scoreless sixth inning for the Titans, striking out one and hitting a batter.

"Jacobson pitched great early in the game," Strickland said. "He didn't get two fastballs on the inside corner called strikes that would have ended the inning in the fifth and kept us up 2-0."

A single by Saints second baseman Josh Hogan loaded the bases following the

### BASEBALL STATS

5.17.07

#### LANE 2 • Mt. Hood 6

	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	
Harrison (cf)	5	0	2	0	0	1	
Schlottman (ss)	5	0	0	0	1	1	
Jacobson (lf)	5	0	0	0	0	3	
Solders (1b)	4	2	1	0	2	0	
Nading (dh)	4	0	1	0	0	0	
Razor (rf)	4	0	0	0	1	1	
Rector (c)	4	0	1	0	0	2	
Parham (3b)	4	0	1	2	0	1	
Thacker (2b)	4	0	1	0	1	1	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	
LANE	000	001	010	• 2	7	2	
Mr. Hood	000	230	10x	• 6	9	0	
<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>NP</b>	
Lopez (L)	4 2/3	5	5	3	0	2	62
Swett	3 1/3	4	1	0	0	3	54

#### LANE 3 • Mt. Hood 5

(7-INNING)	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO
Harrison (cf)	4	2	1	0	0	1
Schlottman (ss)	3	0	0	0	0	2
Jacobson (p)	4	0	2	2	0	1
Solders (1b)	4	0	0	0	0	3
Nading (lf)	3	0	1	0	0	1
Razor (rf)	2	1	1	0	0	0
Rector (c)	2	0	0	0	0	1
Parham (3b)	3	0	1	1	0	0
Thacker (2b)	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	3	6	3	0	9
LANE	101	001	0	• 3	6	1
Mt. Hood	000	050	x	• 5	6	3
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP
Jacobson (L)	5	6	5	3	1	2
Sweet	1	0	0	0	0	1

### NWAACC SOUTH STANDINGS

SCHOOL	LEAGUE	OVERALL
MHCC	35-7	27-3
LBCC	21-23	15-15
CLACKAMAS	22-20	14-16
LANE	16-32	13-17
CHEMEKETA	20-29	11-19
SOCC	21-28	10-20

Lane could only muster seven hits against seven different Saints pitchers and were down 5-0 before they plated their first run in the sixth inning. Trevor Harrison and Solders had the Titans' only extra base hits of the game. Solders scored both of the Titans' runs by way of

walk. Then a shot by left fielder Tyson Smith was misjudged by Titans right fielder Russ Razor and plated two runs. The Reynolds home run followed and Jacobson struck out designated hitter Tyson Nelson to stop the bleeding.

Lane finished with six hits against four Saints pitchers. Parham had an RBI double in the sixth inning and Harrison scored on both of Jacobson's doubles.

### Classifieds

#### Events

**Edgewood Pool Association.** Opens Saturday, June 16. Membership is \$40. Open noon-9 p.m. daily. For more information call 485-4527.  
**Submit work** for the 2007 multimedia show, June 14th from 6-8 p.m.  
**Students and/or faculty** interested in contributing to a new group focused on increasing disability awareness and accessibility are

invited to our first meeting on Thursday, May 24th at 1:30 p.m. in the Disability Services Office (Building 1, Room 218). Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Kathy Torvik, torvikk@lanecc.edu, 541-463-5091.

**LAN PARTY,** Friday June 1st: 3-8pm in Building 19 CIT Lobby! Bring your PC/XBOX/PS/DS, bring everything you need! Email

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#### Lost And Found

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

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**Adults, ages 18 and up,** wanted to participate in research study to quit the use of chewing tobacco. You will receive tobacco cessation counseling, study medication, and

payment. For more information, call Oregon Research Institute 877-767-0672 and ask for Berry.

**THE SPRINGFIELD MILLER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION** is taking reservations for their annual Flea Market, June 9th from 9 AM - 5 PM. 18' X 17' space rentals are \$25 each or \$30 with a table. For more information or reserve a space, contact Beth Blackwell at 541-988-3330.



# All-star took the long road in becoming a Titan

## Utility player went from Jerry's to the diamond

Alex Braga  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

In football they would call him an iron man. In baseball he's a utility player. At LCC, they just call him "Scotty J."

Scott Jacobson was a jack-of-all-trades for the struggling Titans baseball team this season. He played left and right field, first base, was a designated hitter and was one of the four starters in their pitching rotation. But for him, it was nothing new.

"I've done it my whole life," Jacobson, who modeled his game after Ken Griffey Jr, said. "I've always been told that I have that natural baseball ability. I'd be average at basketball and football and all that, but when you put me on the baseball field, I can just play."

Jacobson played his high school ball at

Sheldon in Eugene and after his senior season in 2000 was named a first team all state performer. This earned him a partial scholarship offer from OSU to play baseball, but a serious relationship kept him from leaving the Eugene area.

"Lane said they would offer me money, which was cool because I didn't have any financial support," he said. "I came to Lane and then things got really serious

with my girlfriend at the time and I totally quit baseball."

Jacobson held several odd jobs over the next three and a half years, including selling cars, but it was while he worked at Jerry's Home Improvement Center that his relationship with baseball revisited him.

Lane's current financial guru Dean Hansen and his son Jesse, who played for the Titans at the time, were on a routine shopping trip at Jerry's and happened upon Jacobson. They told him they remembered his talent and that he should come out to play in Jesse's summer league.

"I said heck yeah. That was in the summer of '04," he said. "I played in the summer league and (new Titans head coach) Rob Strickland heard about it and I asked him to come out and watch me play."

Strickland remembered Jacobson and offered him a position on his team as a walk-on. He was excited because Jacobson was a proven hitter that could play immediately.

"I don't think there were a lot of schools that would have given me the opportunity

he has," Jacobson said.

Now 25, Jacobson said Lane was an ideal situation for him because it's close to home and afforded him the opportunity to work three and a half years of rust off and get back into the game he had missed so much. He worked hard over the summer of 2004 to get back into baseball shape and was feeling good until injuries caught up to him.

"It was my sciatic nerve. I had a bulging disc and for a couple days my whole left leg was numb, and this was just a couple weeks out of league season," he said. "I was pissed, I was like 'I'm this old, I had just gotten in shape and then this?'"

The injury forced Jacobson to medically red shirt the 2004-2005 season and question whether or not it was going to be worth the effort to keep with baseball. He wasn't sure if his body would be able to keep up with the work it takes to stay in the type of shape necessary to play.

The following summer answered all of his questions. "I played summer ball again and just did awesome," said Jacobson, who did over four months of rehab to avoid surgery and still exercises his back regularly. "I didn't have any injuries and I came back and had a great freshman year."

His freshman season earned him First Team All Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Southern Region Utility player honors. He hit .268 and had a .361 OBP with two home runs and 16 RBIs as well as a 2-2 record as a pitcher with a 1.07 ERA, which was fifth best in the entire NWAACC.

Jacobson attributes his solid pitching to a strong set of four pitches and his ability to out-think hitters. He throws a fastball, curveball, slider and a changeup. "I have a pitch to back up every pitch," he said. "I've been successful with all four pitches this year."

Jacobson rode the momentum from his freshman season into his sophomore year and didn't slow down. However, at times, the pressure of his successful freshman season left him feeling that if he didn't play well, his team would suffer.

"Last year was easy because I could just line up and do what I wanted. I'd DH sometimes, I'd play a position sometimes and I'd pitch all the time," Jacobson said of his freshman season. "This year, at times, it was pretty heavy; to come in and pitch and to try and keep my team up when they're down."

Jacobson considers himself the goofball of the team that always tries to keep his teammates relaxed. He is enrolled in a meditation and yoga class and said he has never been a loud vocal leader, but feels he leads by example. The example he set this season was leading the team with a .267 batting average and finishing second with a 2.22 ERA from the mound. He was also named the Second Team All NWAACC Utility player.

Jacobson hopes to parlay his success as a Titan into another opportunity on the diamond at a four-year school. He's gotten calls from schools as far as North Dakota and Missouri, but currently has his sights set on Concordia in Portland because it's "close to home."

"I think it's a great place for me to go," he said. "I heard they didn't have a very good season last year and that they're looking for an older player that can fill in a good spot. I think it would be a great opportunity for me to do the same things I do here at Lane, over there."

Jacobson's head coach at Lane feels the same way about Jacobson's prospects as a four year player. "I think realistically, he can play another two years," Strickland said of his player who will probably earn a walk on position next season. "He probably won't be used as a pitcher much at the next level, but defensively he's outstanding at first base and he can hit left handed and right handed pitching with power. That's one of the things I'm working on right now is trying to find the best fit for him."

Jacobson aspires to someday earn a degree in education and become a baseball coach. He's getting his general education done at LCC and hopes his ability to be coached will translate into being a coach himself.

## Jacobson at a glance

- Spent over three years away from the game before coming to Lane
- First team all-state and Midwestern League performer at Sheldon High School
- First Team All NWAACC Utility freshman season and second team this season
- Self professed "metal head"



**“Do you think marijuana should be legalized?”****Natalie Braham**

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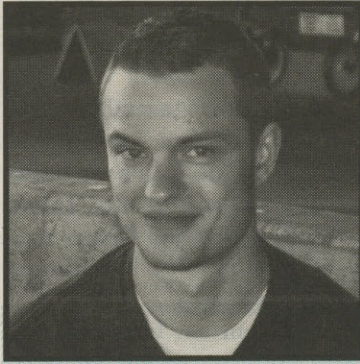
“I think it should be. It has medicinal purposes ... Honestly, alcohol kills more people a year.”

**Jason Cooper**

COMPUTER SCIENCE

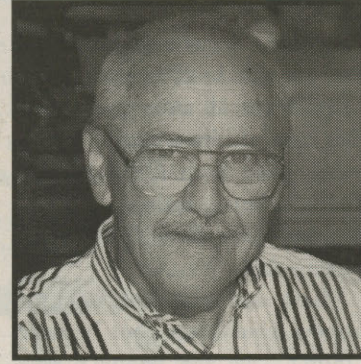
“No, but I think it’s kind of a personal choice thing. Either all drugs should be legal or illegal.”

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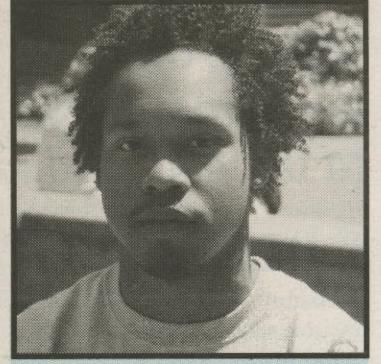
JOURNALISM

“Of course. There seems to be evidence that it would be a good economic stimulant.”

**Lance Sparks**

LITERATURE INSTRUCTOR

“Yes, marijuana should be legalized and our culture would be significantly improved to whatever degree marijuana replaced hard alcohol as an intoxicant.”

**Deshawn Sanders**

MULTIMEDIA DESIGN

“No, because people would abuse the privilege.”

**Dance benefit From Page 5**

performing.

The lineup of performers includes some of the area’s best hip-hop dancers. The dancers from Dance Northwest, Zapp, The Bomb Squad, and The Foundation (Lane Community College’s hip-hop dance troupe), among others, will add to the excitement of the evening. This is the third annual hip-hop variety show to raise funds for community organizations. Last year’s concert had

over 350 people in attendance and yielded a generous donation to WomenSpace.

All of the artists who perform donate their time and the event is organized by volunteers. Anita Sanford, one of the founders of Dance Northwest and the “Down 4 It” concerts, responded to the needs caused by the Tsunami a few years ago with the idea of a concert to raise funds. Her idea was to bring together the artists

of the genre and sponsor a great show for the community, which would also raise funds for charity.

Tamarra White, the organizers’ sponsorship coordinator said, “Although the concert started in response to a desire to help with Tsunami relief, it was such a success that we’ve continued to produce the annual show. Each year we pick a different charity. The second year we donated to WomenSpace and this year the pro-

ceeds will go to FOOD for Lane County. It’s been very exciting to help the community and sponsor a great show!”

This year there will be a food drive prize raffle during the concert. A raffle ticket will be given to each concert attendee who brings an item of non-perishable food. The more food the individual brings, the more raffle tickets they receive.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the

show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. They can be purchased through the McDonald Theatre at [www.mcdonaldtheatre.com](http://www.mcdonaldtheatre.com) or TicketsWest. Additional information about the concert and performers can be found at [www.myspace.com/down4it2007](http://www.myspace.com/down4it2007). More information about FOOD for Lane County is available at [www.foodforlanecounty.org/Events/index.html](http://www.foodforlanecounty.org/Events/index.html).

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