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NEW SAFETY MEASURES SECURE CAMPUS

Public safety gates on every lot and safety phones get installed

Mark Jackson
Features Editor

The public safety office has added security gates and phones to the Lane Community College parking areas. Bob Baldwin, President of the Classified Employee Union at LCC, said the parking lot gates are a direct result of a grievance filed last year by his union on the health and safety article in their contract. They claimed that due to the decrease of Public Safety staff, they didn't have adequate protection for the staff that works the night shift at LCC. The classified employees will be satisfied with the gates as soon as the college makes them operational.

Although the safety gates were planned, opposition from the faculty at LCC held up the completion last year. Faculty



Photo by Curtis McCain

Above: Security gates installed over the summer will now close off parking at 11 p.m. Right: Utilityworkers install security phone lines.

believes the gates will help her officers, because of the dangers involved of unarmed officers having to approach any vehicle that is in the parking lot at night. "There has never been an assault in the parking area here at Lane," she said.

The security gates and phones will become operational within the next three

weeks.

Despite this, there will be access to the campus through a gate on Shafer drive by the Public Safety Offices near Building 13. A button on the phone notifies an officer who will open the gates. In order to leave after-hours, drive up to the

gate in front of Building 13 and it will open automatically. All of LCC's access roads lead to this point on the campus.

The security phones are there for the convenience and safety of LCC staff and students. The Public Safety Office asks that if it is not an emergency, not to use the phones. If locked in, the phones will ring the Public Safety Office and an officer will respond immediately. False calls will be enforced with tickets under the student conduct code. When the phones are operational, the blue light on top flashes and a direct line to the Public Safety Offices opens.

The Public Safety Office asks to be notified when students and faculty are on campus after-hours. The gates close at 11:00 P.M. and stay closed till 6:00 A.M. in the morning.



Photo by Mark Jackson

Security gates lock at 11 p.m. and will open at 6 a.m.

wanted to have access to the college at night and expressed that the inconvenience of having the gates outweighed the importance of the grievance by the classified staff.

Sandra Ing-Weise, Director of Health and Safety, said she

American Lung Association suggests smoking ban

Smoke Free campus policy presented to Oregon Community Colleges

Sandy Wilcox
News Reporter

The American Lung Association of Oregon and Laura Hammond, Lane County's tobacco prevention coordinator, have been meeting with people and groups at LCC to talk about the ALAO's tobacco free campus initiative.

Although there is no official plan to adopt a tobacco free campus policy here at LCC, the ALAO and Lara Hammond have presented and are discussing the possibility of one.

"There is no official plan that I know of," Hammond stated, when asked about any definitive plans for a smoking ban at LCC.

The Smoke Free Campus model policy the ALAO is presenting to Oregon community colleges suggests the college in question would establish a tobacco free environment on campus.

This includes banning the use, distribution, or sale of tobacco, any smoking device or the carrying of any lighted smoking instrument within college buildings, on college premises and events on college premises, or in college-owned, rented or leased vehicles.

On Sept. 17, the Oregon Health & Science University initiated a smoke free tobacco free campus policy, which

OHSU had adopted 5 months earlier. In the spring of 2006 Clark College in Vancouver Wash. adopted their 100 percent smoke free campus policy. Central Oregon Community College and Columbia Gorge Community College have both enacted a tobacco free campus policy, with the exception of parking lots.

A tobacco or smoke free policy, with the exception of designated smoking areas, has been adopted by Clatsop Community College, Klamath Community College, Lane Community College, Linn-Benton Community, Mt. Hood Community College, Portland Community College and Umpqua Community College.

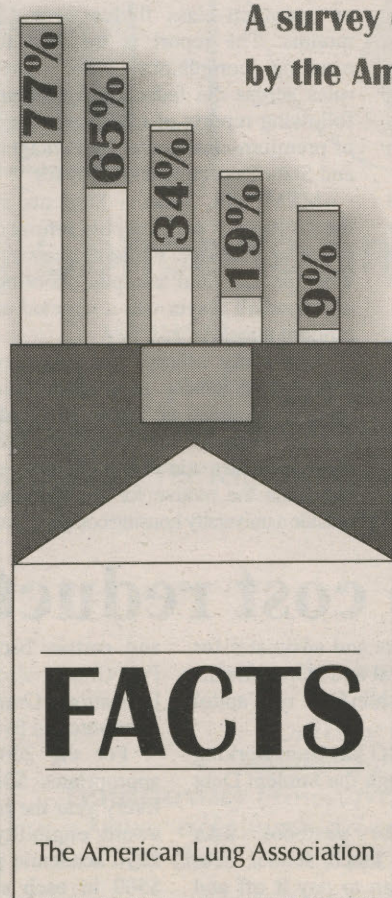
"We know there have been some issues around the smoking areas that currently exist, so it's great to start having discussions about the best way to make sure people aren't being exposed to the health hazards of second hand smoke," Hammond said.

Between May 23 and June 6, 2007 the ALAO conducted an Oregon community college survey of 500 students attending Chemketa, Treasure Valley and Umpqua Community Colleges.

According to the study, 83 percent of students agree, "daily exposure to even small amounts of secondhand smoke is a serious health risk." 54 percent say they are exposed to secondhand smoke on campus at least a few times a week. 34 percent are exposed to secondhand smoke every day. 71 percent say they are bothered by secondhand smoke on campus.

Of the 500 hundred students

A survey of 500 Oregon community college students by the American Lung Association found that:



surveyed, 65 percent of students, chose a smoke free college over a college that allowed smoking on campus and of those 65 percent, 47

percent strongly agreed with a smoke free college policy. 77 percent of students surveyed believed it to be OK to prohibit smoking on campus,

if it would reduce exposure to secondhand smoke. Of the 77 percent surveyed, 53 percent strongly agreed with the idea.

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MARK JACKSON
Features Editor

Coffee is the life blood of the student

Look upon yon mountain! It is the dragon of sleep coming to take your daylight away.

Have you ever awoke with the weary head and closed eyes of a zombie and went to the kitchen to find your shelves holding only a can of beans with a pack of Ramen Noodle? What kind of tragic attack of the coffee gods is this? Food can wait! But, it's the coffee that's become the craze, the passion, the plight.

Coffee lovers have known the feeling of falling to your knees in search for a cup of joe — black gold, the refreshing taste that's need for the "pick me up" that will sustain you through the day — at least your morning.

But, wait! You recall the day before you treated the coffee lady with the courtesy you would give to a Dollar Store clerk. Being poor students, we have no money but the gold food card charged from the credit line of hell.

So, how do we treat those who serve us as providers of the first uplifting smell of the breakfast drink of champs?

This, my friends, is the humbling realization that we must rectify our wrongs with Michelle, the queen

bee of the coffee shop, who has been faithful to the student body for a year and a half. Always serving our beverages with a smile. We need to beg her forgiveness for our unpleasant remarks, our self-righteous attitudes for pursuing just the cup. Forget the cost, we need it now for we are lost souls in need of her helping magic.

But before you leave your abode, pray to the gods to give you the strength to keep your persona.

As you approach the Wandering Goat I suggest you muster up your strength, pump out your chest, and say in your best Swartseneager voice "a sixteen ounce house coffee black, please," in the true whiny fashion of a two year- old hoping to play on Michelle's maternal heart strings.

After trying the tactic myself and receiving in true Michelle fashion her fearsome eyes and shark-like smile zoning in on me, a tiny shrimp of a man about to be devoured by a superior beast. She smiled like a person forced to be sweet for customer service and asked, "what can I do for you, Mark?" Tee-hee! Disgusting!

"Let me... break it down... for you."

She looked into my very heart as a cat would a helpless mouse knowing that she will be toying with me before I die, I knew she wouldn't let

me escape to the refreshing feeling of freedom just to rake me back in again. If you think you can think of a better way to describe the terror of not having a morning cup of coffee, please e-mail me at the Torch.

Anyway, after failing in the first attempt I suggest you face your maker "the coffee maker" that is, and say "Please Michelle, in the most humble tone you can muster, and beg on hands and knees, I desperately need a cup."

In a true attempt at saving your failing tactics and saving the last chance you have left, use niceness, beg if you have to, offer your first born child, do whatever it takes to get that first cup of sweet Joe.

At that moment you will realize the power of niceness. She smiled a true smile of enjoyment at the courtesy of the moment, served my coffee and said "good luck today."

My queen ...

Students! I tell you this: say thank you to your coffee lady. She is the one who serves the true energy for the student heart. I am humbled by the kindness of my queen and vow my allegiance to the one who saves me.

At any time your begging fails to accomplish your goal, there is one more place I reveal to enlighten you. It may take some finesse on your

part, but in the end it's well worth the effort. The hot spot is WinCo Foods. That's right, the store has a coffee grinding area with multiple brands. But best of all, an industrial grinder for the public to use and for our luck, the dregs of the beans fall all over the counter. All the collective brands are there just for the taking, or the asking, yes, this is the last desperate act of a coffee addict with nowhere else to turn. Grab the closest worker and grab hold with the steel hands of a desperate person at the end of your rope and look into the eyes of your target and give them the crazy look of someone willing to walk over a sea of glass to get what you want. Tell them that nobody has to know; a few grounds won't break the bank, and the most powerful of all—please save my life.

Everybody wants to be a hero and if your desperation is strong enough the tactic will work magic on the store personnel. And the dream of the first cup will come true.

Remember the goal is selfish think of only your-self and your coffee, only then will you succeed in your mission — get the first cup no matter what it takes.

Cherish the sweet taste of victory, by this point you have earned the celebration.

Good luck and good hunting!!

Letter to the Editor

KLCC program connects to LCC students

KLCC-FM's recent BLM series on its "Sunday at Noon" program has been heavily biased in terms of the calls from the audience and hostile for recent guests like Lane Co. Commissioner Faye Stewart and Douglas Co. Commissioner Doug Robertson. On Sept. 30, they were guests on this publicly funded program to discuss new BLM forest plan revisions, and how it would benefit county funding

and services. To the guests seemed like more of a roast than a discussion and it left listeners wondering if KLCC was interested in a more diverse audience or callers on such an important local issue.

It is ironic that KLCC's callers and staff can't connect the economic dots regarding how local public schools like LCC, which are heavily dependent on tax dollars, are dependent on the wise, multiple use of our public land tax base for funding county services. Taxpayers understand why it is important to restore this BLM tax base for Oregon counties' budgets and services. KLCC

listeners—which are clearly to the left of center if these callers are any indication—should recognize how important renewed funding that comes from a renewable resource are to local government/county services.

It is time for the local media to help the public and especially students at LCC and KLCC listeners to connect these economic dots before this county budget train wreck worsens.

Suzanne L. Penegor
Eugene, OR

Breaking News

SANTA MONICA, Calif. - O.J. Simpson must hand over his Rolex watch and other assets to satisfy a judgment that found him liable for the deaths of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and friend Ron Goldman, a judge ruled Tuesday.

Any future royalties from a sports video game featuring Simpson also must be delivered to Goldman's father, Fred Goldman, Superior Court Judge Gerald Rosenberg ruled.

Simpson must also surrender any of the disputed memorabilia items recently seized by Las Vegas authorities that are found to be legally his.

WASHINGTON- A draft report by the government accountability office says \$146 million was wasted

on premium-class flights over 12 months. The report is the first to examine compliance with travel rules across the federal government following reports of extensive abuse of premium-class travel by Pentagon and State Department employees.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Students at the University of Memphis returned to class Tuesday without knowing whether the fatal campus shooting of a football player was a targeted or random attack.

University officials had said they believed the Sunday night attack was specifically aimed at Taylor Bradford. But no suspects have been identified and police later said they could not yet determine the motive for the shooting outside a university housing complex that

led officials to cancel classes Monday.

"We really don't know whether it was a random act or whether or not this individual was targeted," City Police Director Larry Godwin said.

WASHINGTON - Three senior House Democrats proposed an income tax surcharge Tuesday to finance the approximately \$150 billion annual cost of operations in Iraq, saying it is unfair to pass the cost of the war on to future generations.

The plan, unveiled by Reps. David Obey, D-Wis., John Murtha, D-Pa., and Jim McGovern, D-Mass., would require low- and middle-income taxpayers to add 2 percent to their tax bill. Wealthier people would add a 12 to 15 percent surcharge, Obey said.

Top Democrats immediately

shot down the idea and Republicans roasted Democrats for linking funding for U.S. troops overseas with tax increases.

VANCOUVER -- Vancouver police are asking the public's help in identifying and finding a man who grabbed a 7-year-old girl Monday while she and her brother were walking to Washington Elementary School.

The children, whose names were not released, were in the 3500 block of S Street when the suspect grabbed the girl and tried to run away with her. Her 11-year-old brother pushed the man, causing him to loosen his grip, and the children ran home with the man following them, according to Vancouver police.

Bush signs college cost reduction and access act

Willa Bauman
News Editor

On September 27, President George W. Bush signed the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, designed to help students pay for college.

The bill, supported by democrats and republicans alike, marks the largest increase in federal financial aid since the G.I. bill in 1944, which significantly increased the ability for veterans to obtain secondary education at a school of their choice.

Joe Marino, Campus Organizer for OSPIRG (Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group), said the organization at LCC and other public interest research groups across the nation worked hard to develop the bill.

"We have students working on campus as

well as lawyers, researchers and advocates for OSPIRG speaking to federal and state officials and presenting their research in D.C. on Capitol Hill," he said.

One of the ways OSPIRG has been working on campus at LCC is through the Student Debt Yearbook.

Created in 2004, the yearbook asks graduating students how much school debt they'll be in, how they plan to pay it off and other questions relevant to financial aid. The information is then used in research on how to reduce college costs for low-income students.

The survey is also available online at www.studentdebtalert.org.

The College Cost Reduction and Access Act increases money allotted for the Federal Pell Grant, a program that provides need-based financial aid to low-income undergraduate

and certain baccalaureate students. Federal Pell Grants, also known as Basic Opportunity Education Grants (BOEGs), are currently distributed to five million students nationwide.

For the 2008-2017 fiscal years, the bill appropriates \$20.16 billion for Pell Grants. Every year the bill increases student Pell Grant award eligibility by \$200 during the 2008-2010 academic years, \$300 in 2010-2011, and \$500 in each subsequent year, according to GovTrack.us.

The act also cuts interest rates in federal student loans and allows graduates to repay school debt by no more than 15 percent of their income rather than at the previous fixed rate. Marino explained this would be beneficial to students who may not graduate from college with a high-paying position.

"This means that students can take jobs like

social work or teaching," he said. "These are jobs we really need right now."

The bill further encourages public service by providing loan forgiveness to public servants after ten years of service and by providing tuition assistance to undergraduates who commit to working at public schools in impoverished areas.

No new tax dollars will go into financing this bill, assured Marino. Instead the money will come from cutting excess subsidies paid by the federal government to lenders in the student loan industry by \$19 billion.

Marino was pleased with the success of the act. "It took a combination of stuff we got on the ground and what advocates got in the state to pull this off," he said.

"I think it's amazing, it's going to help a lot of people."

Wal-mart expands \$4 prescription plan

Retailers attempt to set fixed prices in order to halt rising cost of prescription medication

Megan Johnson
Managing Editor

On Thursday, Sept. 27 Wal-Mart stores announced that phase two of the \$4 generic prescription drug program is in effect. The prescription drug program, started in Oct, 2006, offers consumers an inexpensive way to obtain the generic version of brand name prescription drugs. For \$4, Wal-Mart provides a 30 day supply of the generic version of most common prescription drugs.

According to the Food and Drug Administration, a generic drug is a drug produced without a patent. It is identical to brand name drugs in terms of safety, dosage form, strength and route of administration, however it is sold at a discounted price.

Phase two of the program brings two key benefits to consumers: a larger variety of more prescription drugs and quicker access to new to market generics.

According to Wal-Mart, medications for glaucoma, attention deficit disorder/attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, fungal infections, acne medications are now available. Fertility and birth control prescriptions will also be available, but for \$9 instead of \$4. For birth control, national prices usually range from \$24 to \$30 a month.

Wal-Mart isn't the only company to provide a prescription program. K-Mart provides a generic drug program where you can get a 90 day supply for \$15. K-Mart carries nearly the same variety of drugs as Wal-Mart. In Nov. 2006, Target Corp. jumped on the bandwagon, matching Wal-Mart's \$4 plan, however with fewer medications spanning fewer categories of ailments. Costco attempted to match Wal-Mart's price, but quickly nixed the plan because the company claimed that they were losing money.

The generic drug battle began in the fall of 2006 to alleviate medication costs for seniors who have fallen into the "donut hole" coverage gap from Medicare part D, a federal program used to subsidize the costs of prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries. The "donut hole", as it is called, is where the federal government ends payment of prescription drugs once the annual limit has been reached. When a bill might normally cost a senior citizen \$500 for two medications a month, suddenly it jumps to \$1,500 because they have spent their limit for the year. They are now in the donut hole.

Generic drugs provide an inexpensive way for not only seniors, but adults and children as well, to obtain a form of health care that isn't available to many.

For a complete list of the medications available through Wal-Mart's generic plan go to www.walmart.com/pharmacy.

The harmless whale shark holds the title of the largest fish, with the record being a 59-footer captured in Thailand in 1919.

YouTube highlights activities at LCC

Lane Tubers Café takes a look at Lane

Willa Bauman
News Editor

Lane Tubers Café, coordinated by Matt Keating, features short YouTube-style videos chronicling experiences and events at LCC and the surrounding area.

"This place in cyberspace will highlight all that is LCC, you, me," said Keating, the self-proclaimed Key-Master/Gate-Keeper of Lane Tubers Café.

Matt Keating, a returning LCC theatre arts student, formed the Lane Tubers Cafe when he was approached by Lane Board of Education to make videos reflecting various experiences at LCC.

In his on-line description of the site, Keating said the purpose is to "feature and highlight various programs and activities, not just at Lane Community College but also in and around Eugene and Springfield. From the coast to the

college, this is Lane Tubers Café."

Currently, there are three videos up and running. One is a welcome video depicting Keating at the Ken Kesey Memorial Plaza in Downtown Eugene. Another is a video of LCC's float in the Eugene Celebration parade, featuring the Lane Culinary Arts Program, LCC's honor society Phi Theta Kappa, and Matt Keating dressed as the Fool, the character he plays in the upcoming S.P.A. production of "King Lear." All videos can be accessed through www.youtube.com or through a link on www.laneccc.edu.

Keating encourages people to suggest or post their own videos. "Feel free to post or say anything that comes to mind," he said. "I hope [through watching the videos] students will understand more of LCC life and what makes college students tick."

Matt Keating and Lane Tubers Café can be contacted at lanetubers@yahoo.com.



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Theater arts student Matt Keating conducts an on-line chronicle of Lane events.

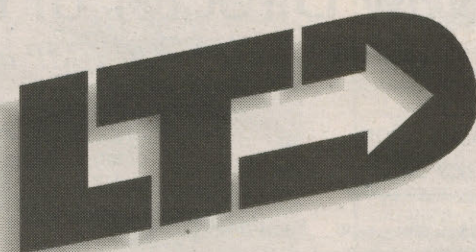
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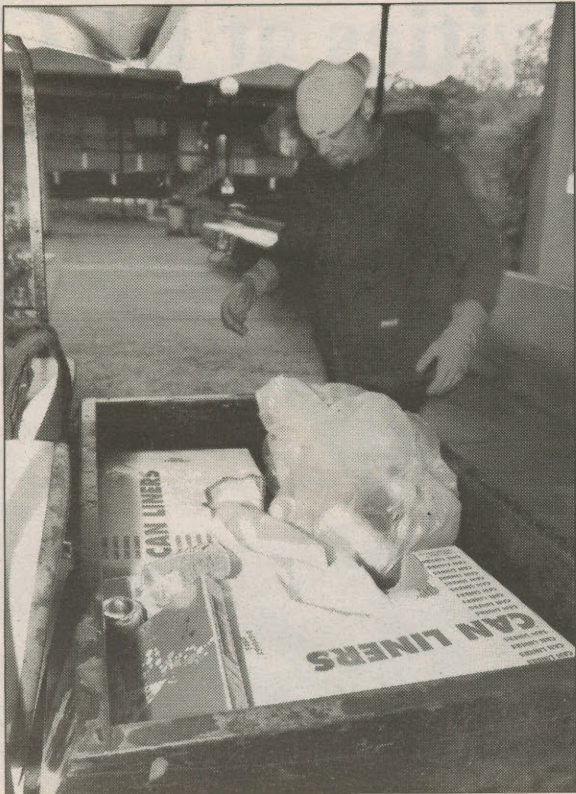


Photo Isaac Viel



Photo Isaac Viel

Lane Community College has its own share of dirty jobs. Custodian Shelly Turner makes her trash run with Torch staff member Mark Jackson. Turner takes approximately six hours every day three times a week to collect the trash on campus. Far left — Jackson found that his once clean adidas are wrong for the job.

The Daily Grind

This campus doesn't clean itself



MARK JACKSON
Features Editor

This is a series on the silent workers of the campus who do the dirty work for us.

Let me expose you to the hard working men and women of Lane Community College. This will be a yearlong tribute to the people behind the scenes at LCC. The people who make student life easier with the sweat of their brow. So without further introduction, I give you the Daily Grind:

Shelly Turner has been a general Services Staff member at LCC for the past ten years. As a custodian, Shelly

is responsible for the trashcans on campus, stocking bathrooms, and day-to-day cleanup.

Turner believes the worst cans on campus are at "the north end of the LCC kitchen." Although the staff appreciates Turner, the student body could lend a helping hand by recycling in the proper can.

When working with Turner I noticed that students didn't really pay too much attention to us as we

passed. The worst part of the job was the distinct smell of sour milk and cigarettes when taking off the top of the can. The drainage of the bags was a close second.

After taking out the trash with Turner I realized the substance behind her motto "grab it and stuff it." I had no desire to stay around the can after opening the lid, but to keep the earth green we did a lot of digging in the bags for recyclables. After forty-

five minutes of digging, I vowed to properly place the plastics where they belong from this day forward.

"I love my job and the people I work with," said Turner. I must agree that the time spent with Turner was well worth the effort.

I ask that student's take a little more time when dumping their trash to hit the right can. If not for our dear custodians sake, do it for the earth.

Americorps Vista opens new doors, not windows

Americorps reinforces the ethic of volunteerism at LCC

Don Delany
Reporter

Penny Parks, a service learning VISTA project leader and Oregon Campus Compact member at Lane, understands the need for volunteers in our community.

She is no stranger to the burden poverty can have not only from working with VISTA, but in her personal life. "I was homeless once as a student [and I] feel like I'm paying back, that I have an opportunity to

make a difference in peoples' lives... You don't always find jobs like that."

Later this month, Parks will be participating in a presentation for VISTA volunteers entitled "Privilege and

Poverty." This seminar hopes to "shed light on the insensitivity that privileged people can have on those who aren't privileged," she said.

Parks stated how much importance college participation in VISTA programs could have not only on the students themselves but the

community at large.

Americorps VISTA began under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 as "a domestic Peace Corps, as part of the 'War on Poverty.'"

Since its inception, Vista has focused on volunteerism in the capacity of fighting poverty and helping to improve the lives of many underprivileged Americans.

Projects vary for they are determined by what aid the specific community needs.

As of 2007, there are around 6,000 VISTA volunteers working in 1,200 projects nationwide.

For Lane students, the benefits of joining VISTA are not limited to the satisfaction of providing community-

based aide.

The VISTA program provides volunteers with \$4,725 towards education expenses for the repayment of student loans as well as for future undergraduate or graduate level college costs or with the option of an end-of-service stipend. Also, while working with VISTA, all eligible student loans and payment of accrued interest on loans are deferred while the volunteer is committed to a VISTA project.

According to the US census bureaus data of 2004, 49,293 residents live below the poverty line with 14,044 being children in Lane County.

"VISTA's purpose here is to build

a capacity in existing systems and ideality stimulate student leadership so that students can be the driving force to the community service that we do and the connectivity to the community that the collage has," she said.

Students who also wish to contribute to their community can sign up for the National Make a Difference Day on Saturday, Oct. 27. For more information, contact Parks at 463-5456 or email her at parks@lanecol.edu. Students who wish to find out more about VISTA and how to get involved in a VISTA project can visit <http://www.americorps.org/> or contact directly at questions@americorps.org.

New Director of Facilities Management and Planning

The FMP has a new director with big plans for Lane campus

Mark Jackson
Features Editor

David Willis is the new Facilities Management and Planning coordinator. Willis moved from Central Point, Ore. to Lane County to be near his family.

He had other options but decided he "wanted to make a difference in peoples lives," and plans on increasing the work-study force and internship program in the FMP's office.

Willis has worked at Abbot Laboratories in Salt Lake City Utah, where he was principle plant engineer. His duties included responsibility for all the capital projects, systems, infrastructure, portions of the maintenance staff, and house

keeping. Willis had about 1,500 people in his plant. Prior to Abbot Laboratories, Willis worked for Aero Space, Simi conductors, and food processors.

Willis has a very diverse background, and loves his career path. Educationally, David Willis holds Bachelor degrees in Construction Management and Engineering, as well as a master's degree in Business Administration.

For Willis, who has always loved maintenance and project work, Lane Community College is a perfect fit, and one could say it is in his blood.

He had a grandfather who was a structural engineer known for building the world's first triple Ferris wheel, as well as being involved with the team that designed the concrete bases for the Alaskan pipeline, and the Disney Land

people mover.

Willis based his inspiration for choosing his career path on his grandfather who encouraged him to stay in school and see it out. After twenty-three years in the business, Willis has proven his grandfather's encouragement to be well placed.

Willis hopes to see an improved campus wide safety upgrade from egress path signage, to non-slip floors and fire evacuation safety charts. He would also like to create a "Garden of Eden" in the areas of gardening.

"I am very impressed with the FMP team and the people who work here, they are professionals and some of them are extremely good at what they do," said Willis.

"We have a great team here to build on

and I continue to be amazed at how well they respond to crisis situations, such as unexpected power outages, which we had two of during the summer term."

David Willis pointed out the importance of being aligned with the college's missions, visions, and goals to help protect the assets that are here at Lane. He wants to extend the useful life of the buildings, equipment, infrastructure, and provide a reliable, healthy and safe work environment for the students that attend and work at LCC.

David Willis encourages people to get involved with his office as soon as possible. Call the FMP office at 463-5216 and you will be directed to the person who can help you start to make a difference on campus.

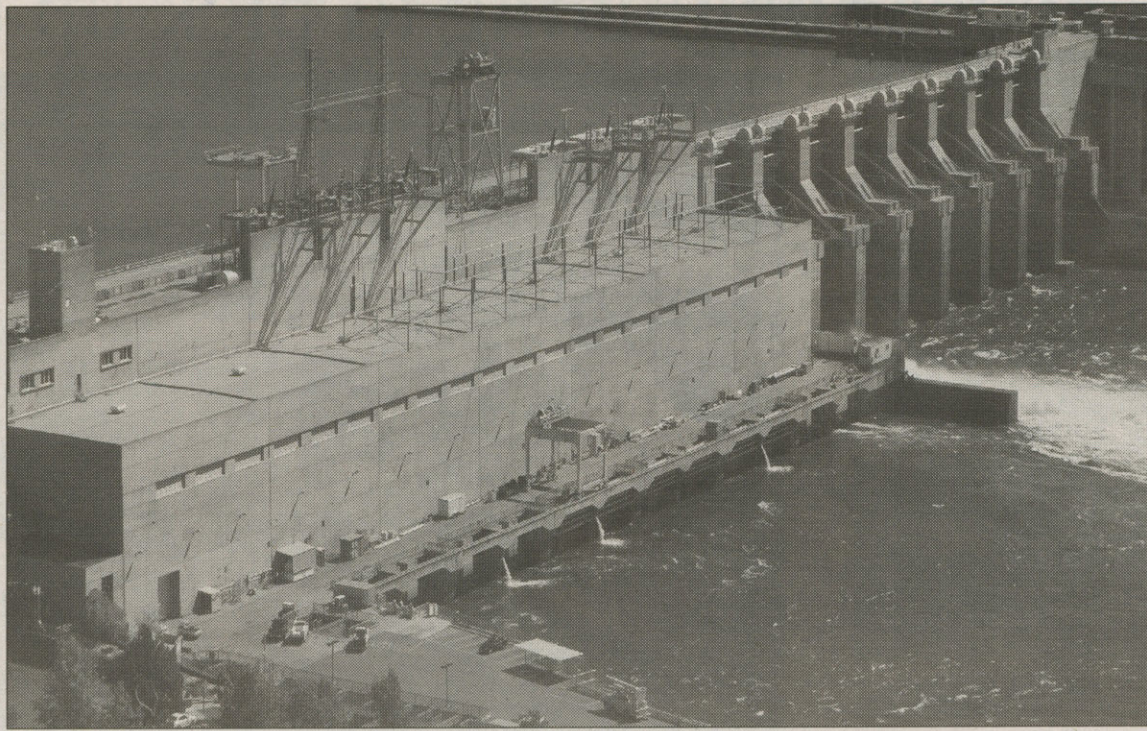
Eugene hosts one of few showings of new documentary

*Environmental battles
focused in Pacific
Northwest film*

Nicole Perkins
Arts Editor

"River Ways," a new documentary featured in the upcoming Eugene International Film Festival, will be shown on Friday, Oct. 5 at 11:30 a.m. All films of the festival will be shown at Regal Valley River Center. Over 80 hours of film from around the world will be shown over the weekend, including one focusing on an environmental issue in the Pacific Northwest.

Colin Stryker directed "River Ways," which won Best International Documentary at the recent Everglades International Film Festival in South Africa. The documentary is about whether to remove four dams on the Snake River in Eastern Washington, and those who were affected by the decision. The dams are criticized for their negative impact on salmon population, but the agricultural communities rely on the dams and



Courtesy of Colin Stryker

The fate of the Lower Monumental Dam is one of the issues covered in "River Ways."

counter the efforts to remove them.

Featured is a group of characters with mixed perspectives. A Native

American fisherman living in an encampment on the Columbia River struggles as the salmon numbers

dwindle. A farmer in Washington fears the removal's affect on his marginal business. A commercial

fisherman clings to an industry in economic decline.

There are more views expressed from environmental activists, irrigators, sport fisherman and salmon biologists.

The combination of interviews and observations results in what the director describes as a "portrait of an issue that reaches to the heart of the ideological differences that characterize and divide the Pacific Northwest."

Stryker first became aware of the Snake River Dam controversy in 2000. He explained that underlying the question of whether to remove several dams were powerful ideas about the use of natural resources in a modern society.

"I knew almost instantly that this was the topic about which I wanted to make my first feature film," Stryker said.

Stryker said that the film had to be neutral on the issue of removing the dams.

"Regardless of my own feelings on the issue, what interested me about it was the variety of perspectives the issue represented, and how this reflected on society's approach to

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New season of poetic slam competition begins in Eugene

*Award winning poet featured
in opening night*

Nicole Perkins
Arts Editor

The first round of the Eugene Poetry Slam, scheduled to include open mic readings, featured poets and "poetic slam" competition, is set to begin.

The initial slam will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6 at The Fenario Gallery on Willamette Street in Eugene.

Described as part spoken word, part rock concert, part sporting event, poetic slam is the competitive performance of spoken word combined with theatrical elements.

The Eugene Poetry Slam follows guidelines set by Poetry Slam Inc. (PSI), a non-profit organization that oversees the international coalition of poetry slams.

There are four simple rules for slam competition: you must perform only your original work, you are allowed three minutes, no musical instruments, costumes or other props are allowed, and you cannot repeat a poem from any previous slam in the season.

PSI's mission, as stated by the official website, is to "Promote the performance and creation of poetry while cultivating literary



Photo courtesy of Eugene Poetry Slam

Poet Ryler Dustin has participated in slam competitions for three years

activities and spoken word events in order to build audience participation, stimulate creativity, awaken minds, foster education, inspire mentoring, encourage artistic statement and engage communities worldwide in the

revelry of language."

Any guests attending the Eugene Poetry Slam can sign up to participate during the evening. The slam portion has two rounds. The top three poets, judged by volunteers from the

audience, win cash prizes and a spot in the April play-offs. At the play-offs, participants can qualify for the finals in May.

"[My suggestion] to someone who has very little or no experience on stage is to do the open mic before entering the slam," said Jorah La Fleur, the host or "slammistress." She explained that though the competition part is fun, it could be discouraging for new poets to have their work compared to someone more experienced.

"I tell anyone who wants to slam to put the numbers out of their head completely and just go for it with all of their heart. That is really what these events are about," said LaFleur.

Poet Ryler Dustin will be the featured poet at the Eugene slam on Saturday. Dustin has appeared on the final stage of both the IWPS (International World Poetry Slam) and the National Slam, placing eighth in the world.

Dustin began his involvement with poetic slam when he attended an open-mic poetry reading three years ago. He was inspired to reconsider his career plan as a dental hygienist to audience-judged poetry slams.

The Eugene Poetry Slam will begin at 8 p.m. Oct. 6. It is always held on the first Saturday of the month. Signup for participation in open mic or competition opens at 7:30 p.m. There is a cover of \$5 and the event is open to all ages. For more information contact EugenePoetrySlam@gmail.com.

Scholars speak on Japanese calligraphy

*Lecture presented by
the Japan Foundation
gives insight to history
and culture*

Nicole Perkins
Arts Editor

A traveling lecture on the origin of the Japanese Kanji Ideogram stopped at Lane Community College on Tuesday, Oct. 2.

"Forest of Words: Painting with Visual Language" is a lecture and demonstration put on by the Japan Foundation, a Los Angeles based organization devoted to the education of Japanese culture.

Eugene was only the second stop in the five-venue trip, also visiting Los Angeles, LA; Seattle, WA; Santa Fe, NM and Las Vegas, NV.

Chinese characters were introduced to Japan in six-century, B.C.E. "The Japanese adopted the written

language, but read and pronounced in Japanese," said Satoko Motouji, an art instructor at LCC. Kanji is still used today, in combination with the Japanese alphabet.

The lecture began with an introduction by Consul General Egawa, from the Oregon-Japan organization, celebrating its hundredth year. "Japan has a long and rich history with Japan," said Egawa.

Kanji expert Tetsuji Atsui, a professor at Kyoto University in Japan, conducted the lecture while artist Hirokazu Kosaka translated. Kosaka is the artistic director of Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles.

Atsui explained that kanji is oldest form of writing that is still used in modern language. Tortoise shells and animal bones were the first medium used for recording kanji symbols.

During the demonstration Atsui explored the translation and evolution of various kanji symbols. He explained that kanji symbols

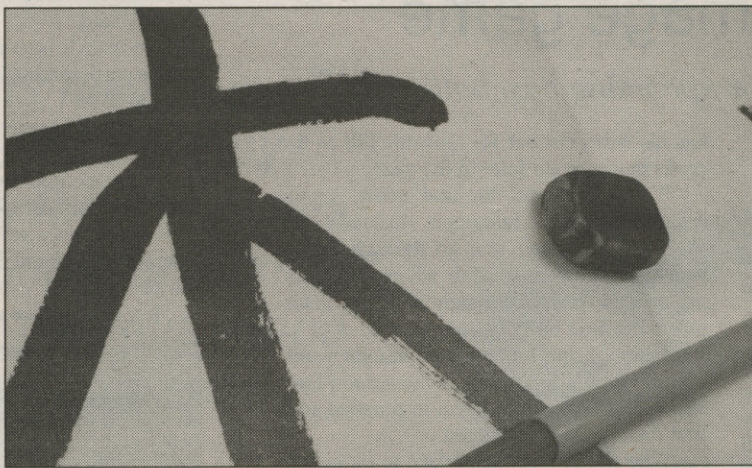


Photo Curtis McCain

The kanji symbol for tree was part of the calligraphy demonstration.

can be combined to create another meaning. The symbols for "man" and for "words" are combined to create "trust." Symbols for "to stop" and "weapon" create "brave."

Overall the lecture provided an

informative view of the history of the ancient writing form, giving a brief insight to the Japanese culture.

For more information on kanji or events held by the Japan Foundation, visit www.jflalc.org.

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Women's soccer beginning to pick up the pace

Momentum continues to build with back-to-back Titan victories

Bob Rogers
Reporter

Supported by two goals from freshman Emily Wagner, the lady Titans continued their winning streak by defeating Clark Community College 3-1 on Sept. 29.

This victory improved the team's spot to third in the standings of the NWAACC South. This brings its league record to 6-3 with an overall mark of 7-4.

Despite winning 13-0 in their previous outing against Lower Columbia, there was no hangover playing Clark.

"We're working on making sure we aren't our worst enemy. We're trying to be mentally focused despite being very tired and to have more intent," Coach Dean Smith said.

Some questions have been answered. Injuries and fatigue will remain a factor all season, but the lady Titans have remained relatively healthy despite its depleted roster. "Leslie Clark is the only one that has any sort of nagging injury," Smith stated.

Fatigue should become less of an issue as the season progresses due to the roster increasing from 14 to 16 to give much needed rest. Smith said, "We will be able to substitute more

often and manage minutes better."

"This team has four big guns," Smith said.

Wagner and sophomore forward Kori Wilgus have emerged as legitimate league threats in goal scoring. They are currently ranked third and fourth in total goals scored. Kayla Stewart is also ranked in the top 11 of the league for goals scored. The lady Titans also have Wilgus and Heather Bishop in the top 10 of assists as well. "Teams can't concentrate on stopping one person," Smith said.

Next on the schedule is a home game against Yakima on Oct 3 at 2pm. In their previous meeting Lane pulled out a 4-0 victory. Smith describes Yakima as a much-improved team motivated to avenge its previous loss.

Looking ahead, the lady Titans will be looking to balance the shift of power in the league by beating undefeated Clackamas. Smith has gotten a feeling for the teams' attitude about the upcoming game. "It's a game the team is excited about and can't wait to see. Clackamas has a really good defense, but early goals will be key for us to kill their momentum," Smith said. Visiting Clackamas will play Lane on Oct. 5 at 1pm.



Photographer: Isaac Viel

Sophomore Kori Wilgus of Lane dribbles past Lindsay Steinmann of Clark last Saturday at the LCC Soccer fields. Wilgus also went on to score a goal in the 28th minute.

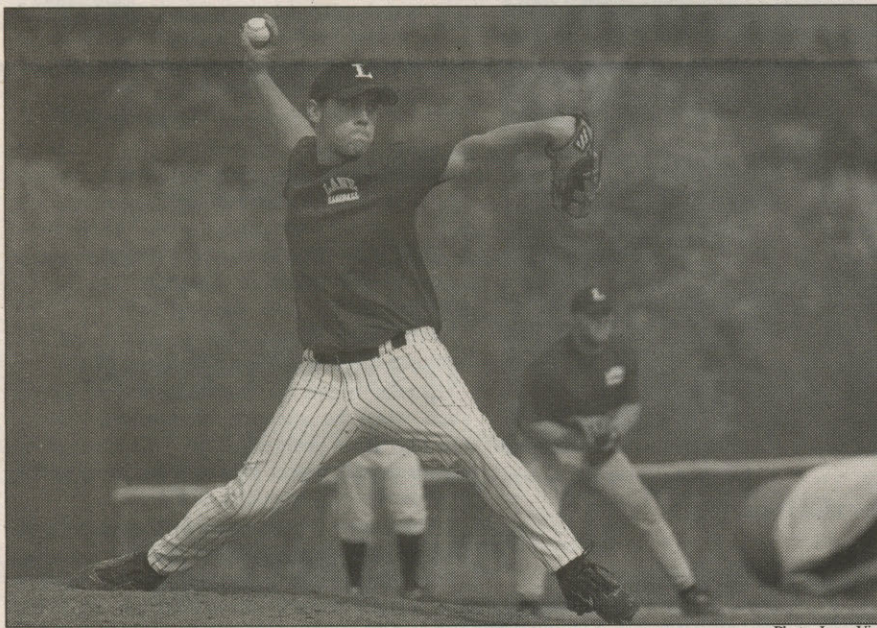


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Pitcher Tony Brighton and infielder Matt Solders in last Saturday's game against Siskiyou Junior College.

Titans start practice season with scrimmage game

Titans start work early for upcoming baseball season

Mike Guidice
Reporter

The LCC Titans baseball team faced off against Siskiyou College and the Oregon Baseball Academy for their first, of four official scrimmage games last Saturday, Sept. 29.

Even though the Titans played a rough first game, it was a good chance for them to get their feet wet and let people see what they could do. "So far into the first two weeks of fall practice I see a lot of potential, but also a lot of new players," Rob Strickland, head coach for the LCC Titans, said.

With a team consisting of 60 percent freshmen 40 percent sophomores, Strickland

has his work cut out for him this fall as he crafts the team for later in the year.

"I see an awful lot that needs to be redone, reworked, relearned. Basically the same type of thing you go through every year, especially in the fall when you have not so nice weather. Already it's kind of set us back a little bit," Strickland said.

Although the fall baseball season won't see any official games, it is the season that allows the team and players to practice and find their place in the game.

"The fall is very important to us in the sense that we get a chance to see who can do what, who's going to be able to follow the guidelines of the program and who really wants to be here," Strickland said.

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ROB STRICKLAND
BASEBALL HEAD COACH

Cross Country Competition

Titan cross country team hits the ground running at first race of the season

Mike Guidice
Reporter

The Titans' cross country team competed in the Willamette Invite in Salem over the weekend, putting on a solid overall performance.

"We had some real shining moments mixed in some disappointment," Head Coach Ross Kemply said.

For the men, Sophomore John Randall and Freshman Lukas Fenley highlighted at the event, with the latter setting an impressive PR in the 8k. Attracting the praise and respect from his head coach, Fenley was able to register an extremely impressive effort in the race despite training on a limited basis before the race.

For the women, Freshman Leah Twombly led a good team effort and had a solid meet in performing strongly in the 5k.

"The women ran extremely well; we look forward to a couple weeks from now when we expect to take some huge steps forward," Kemply said.

The team's next meet is Oct. 6 where they will be participating in the Clark Invite in Battle Ground, WA.

"I love this meet, the teams are small and we usually do pretty well," Kemply noted. "I'm especially excited about our women's team - I think we could definitely win it."

Kemply has a very optimistic outlook for his team in general and expects to be successful and compete in every event.

"It's going to be a pretty exciting year in all



Photo: Courtesy of the LCC Athletic Department

Titan Leah Twombly runs in the Charles Bowles Invitational, held in Salem Or.

aspects; we have two of the largest teams I've ever had... our whole coaching staff has been putting in long hours and were looking forward to the rest of the season."

Late breaking soccer update

On Wednesday, the lady Titans shut out Yakima Valley by a final tally of 3-0 in a battle between two second place teams. Leading the way for Lane was freshman forward Kayla Stewart who accounted for two goals; one in the 25th minute and one in the 59th.

Also chipping in with a goal was

freshman midfielder Rachael Rounds, she struck in the 87th minutes of the contest. Kori Wilgus and Aili Johnston had assists on the day.

Amanda Krundieck was credited with the victory and she recorded a dominant performance in shutting out the opposition.

ASLCC president speaks out

*A few words with
Daniel Dawson*

**Edmund Thompson
Reporter**

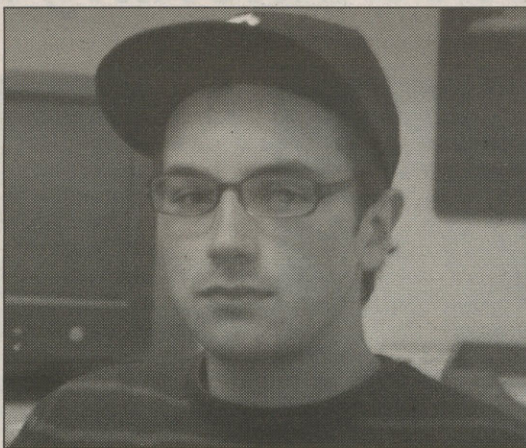
How many new students at LCC walk by Room 210 in Building 1, and wonder what the acronym ASLCC stands for? Well that same question was on my mind, so I decided to interview the president of that acronym. Daniel Dawson is the president of the Associated Students of Lane Community College; ASLCC for short. Although my interview with Daniel lasted less than a half hour, I learned some valuable information about what our student government does for students.

The Torch: There are a lot of new students attending LCC this year. What would you like to tell them about student government?

Daniel Dawson: Basically we're here to serve as a bridge between the administration and you, the students, and we're here to help and educate you on lobbying issues, as in State lobbying issues addressing the college funding, the recently allocated budget that is not quite sufficient, how Lane didn't do as well as other colleges, despite the fact that it's the biggest allotment the State ever allocated to a community college. And just overall be a presence on campus and that if you need any kind of resource or any kind of help, we're here.

The Torch: As President, what are the main issues you would like to discuss today?

Daniel Dawson: First and foremost we're looking into acquiring a dentist for the main campus at LCC. I would like to see LCC students get full service dentistry at a student's discount. Also, increasing student involvement with lobbying efforts, and to continue the fight for a fully funded, post secondary college. To try to persuade



Daniel Dawson

students to be less apathetic about the school they go to and to try to make a difference at the campus they learn at.

The Torch: What will your administration try to change this year?

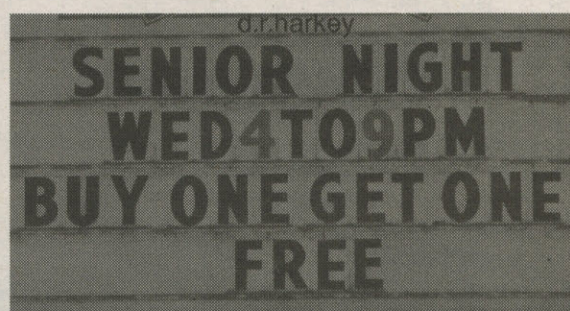
Daniel Dawson: To continue to educate students on the debit card; the EduCard, but ultimately we would like to push for direct deposit, which they are already looking into as a result of last years administration and some of the work of the continuing students that are now in the student government.

The Torch: Do you have a final thought for our readers this term?

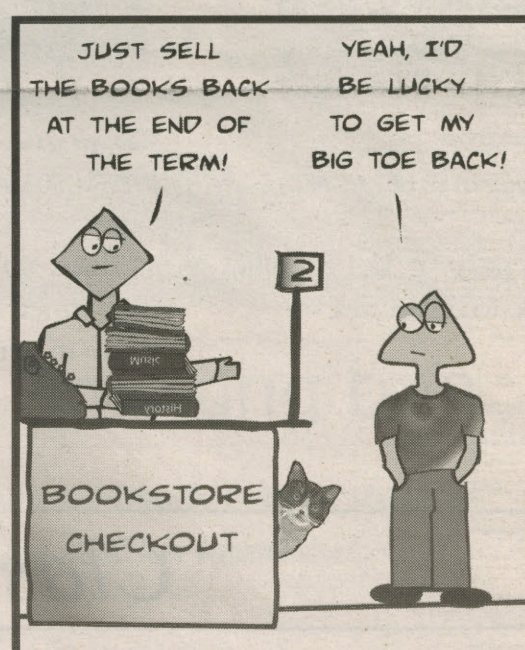
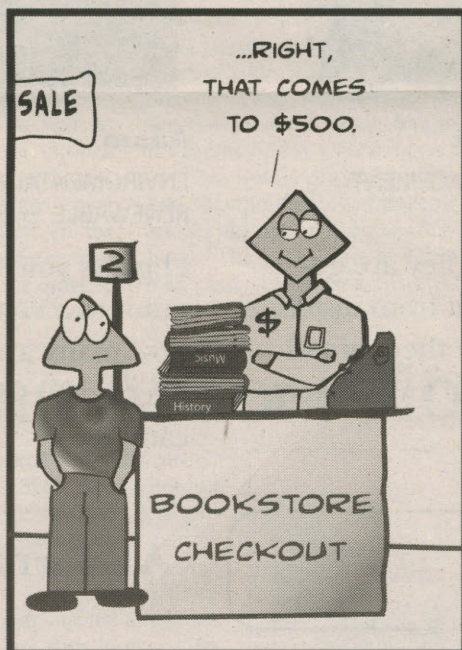
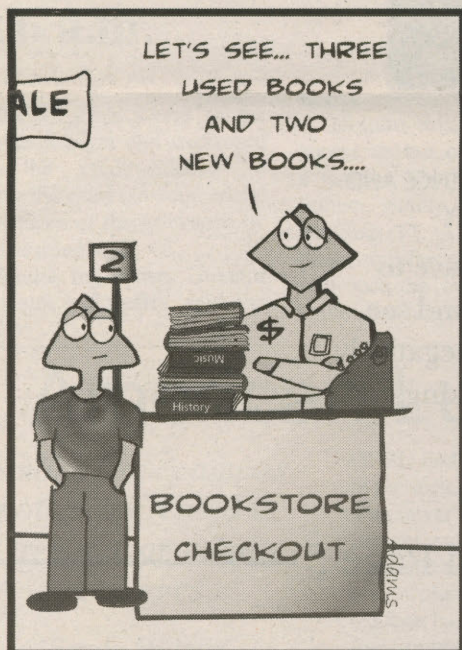
Daniel Dawson: Let's work together and make something happen. We should all be working together to make LCC better because we've invested years of our future into this place, so why shouldn't we invest in its future?

Scribbles on a Paper

A while back during the meat scare, bear meat was secretly tested to see how well it could sell. Little success was actually ever heard of....



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Or the day takes the black-armed knight
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So that I may yet remain to reveal another peeling dawn*

-Light

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How would you feel about a smoking ban on campus?



Oonha
MULTIMEDIA DESIGN

"I guess I wouldn't mind, it would kind of suck I guess."



Chris Benstene
JOURNALISM COMMUNICATION

"I wouldn't mind a ban, but it's kind of perfect the way it is with the designated smoking areas."



Synthia Spencer
DANCE

"I tend to think a no on a smoking ban, because they already have smoking sections, and there is so many things that are controlled already."



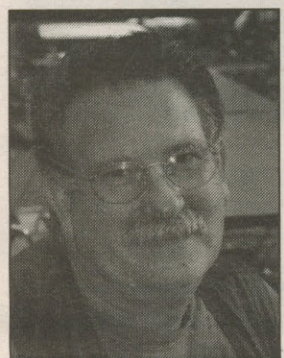
Lindi
DANCE

"I would just like to see someone enforce the smoking sections that are already in place."



Jasmine
PRE MED, DANCE

"No, but I think that they should move the smoking sections that are near buildings."



Jerome
COMPUTER NETWORKING

"I'm for it, but I'm allergic to cigarettes."



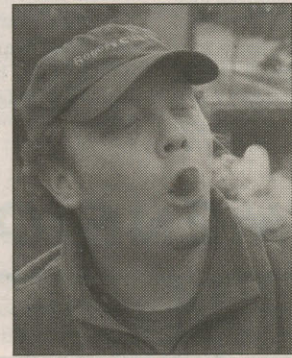
Sanjo mae
INTERN, SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE

"I think smoking should be banned from public place in general."



Ann Scholz
ENERGY MANAGEMENT

"I think if they are going to ban it from inside campus are they should have a place for smokers to go."



Adam
ENVIROMENTAL SCIENCE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

"I guess you'd have to put it to a vote and see how many are negatively affected by smoking on campus."

Interviews by Sandy Wilcox and photos by Monica Carson

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"I'd like people to walk away from River Ways with a sense that they now know this issue, not inside-out because that's impossible, but with just a tip-of-the-iceberg awareness and understanding," Stryker said. "And I'd like them to carry just a smidgen of this awareness and understanding into their everyday lives and the issues we all are concerned about, no matter what our political persuasion."

"River Ways" will be shown

on Friday, Oct. 5 at 11:30 a.m. All films of the festival will be shown at Regal Valley River Center.

Tickets are \$7 for a viewing of one film. An all-films pass for the festival is available for \$35 and \$65 for an all-access pass, which includes all films and workshops. You can purchase tickets online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/17575, calling 1-800-8383-3006, or visiting Eugene and Springfield locations of Bi-Mart.

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