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Student debit card undergoes revisions

Financial aid program simplifies process for students

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News Editor

The LCC debit card may have less fees and new features for the new year. The program was designed to simplify students' financial aid process by providing direct access to financial aid money through the card at enrollment services, online and at retail locations in Eugene. It also is intended to reduce college postage costs when sending out financial aid packets.

Since the program began in 2006, students have voiced concerns about the convenience of the card, the safety, and the number of fees they were paying.

"The problem wasn't so much in the debit card itself but in the fees associated with the debit card," Alejandro Jaurez, campus organizer for Associated Students of Lane Community College, said.

These fees included a \$1 ATM withdrawal fee per use, a \$3 "live" operator fee, and a \$25 fee if the cardholder is found at fault. There is a \$5 charge for a new card.

However, after negative feedback from student leaders and survey results submitted by LCC student Robert Dow who found students are "overwhelmingly against the debit card," Evision, the company providing the debit card, has changed aspects of its pilot policy including phone support at LCC to eliminate the \$3 fee for live support during campus business hours.

Greg Morgan, Associate Vice President of Finance, said the debit card also has the new "bill-pay" feature, in which students can pay their rent through the debit card. "Some students would get financial aid and that's what they'd live on, so they'd use it to pay for food, but they couldn't use it for their rent. That was one of the nuisances," he said. "Now you can go online and send a check to the landlord."

Student government is also looking at the possibility of a direct deposit feature instituted in the debit card program. Barbara Delansky, ASLCC adviser, said LCC is exploring the ways other colleges use debit cards. "Sonia Christian, Kate Berry and myself are doing some inquiry into how other community colleges do it," she said

Chemeketa Community College in Salem is one of the schools using direct deposit which allows students to access their money faster and with less hassle and involvement on the part of the college.

However, direct deposit at LCC is still very much in the planning stage. Morgan explained that cost is one of the program's detractors. "Direct deposit is very expensive," he said. "We'd have to increase our workforce several times over to keep up. The company currently provides all of the services for us."

Although the feature has its drawbacks, it is still on the table for discussion. "We're looking into it," Delansky said.

Safety is also an issue with the card, and the tactics of credit card companies are being attacked by OSPIRG in its new "Feesa" campaign. It is designed to educate students about the "other side" of credit card marketing.

However, Morgan said part of the decision whether or not to use credit cards and the LCC debit card has to be left up to the student. "There are some students that say you shouldn't have that kind of product out there, because students might make mistakes. We believe that students can make their own decisions," he said. "It's not like you're signing your life away."

'Harvest dinner' rakes in the dough

LCC Foundation brings a gourmet dinner, auction and entertainment for sponsors, guests

Megan Johnson
Managing Editor

On Oct. 26 Lane Community College hosted the annual Harvest Dinner which was co-produced by the LCC Foundation and the Culinary, Art and Hospitality programs.

The dinner was a fundraising event for the college. This year about 400 guests came to the event.

Kathy Thomas, coordinator of the event and a board member for the LCC foundation said that the goal for the event was to raise \$230,000. Last year, the event raised \$210,000, and this year the event grossed just over \$200,000.

About 140 students from the culinary and hospitality programs participated in cooking and serving the dinner, and 50 students, mostly scholarship recipients, volunteered and participated in service and clean up.

The event included not only a dinner, but also silent and live auctions as well. Up for bid were such items as an Alaskan Cruise, a 1.5-carat bridal jewelry set, and a variety of culinary packages, all of which were donated by local companies for the auction. The faculty in the art department also donated a variety of pieces to be auctioned.

Jennifer Salzman, who was in charge of gathering the art for donation, explained that the event is beneficial to the Art Department because a portion of the money that was raised goes back to the art department and is used for keeping the art gallery operational.

Each year, the Culinary Department hires a guest chef to come work with the students in preparation for the event. This year the guest was Jack "the czar of mushrooms" Czarnecki, who owns the Joel Palmer House, a restaurant in Dundee, Ore. This year, the 'czar' spiced up the menu by including mushrooms in every dish.

Kathy Thomas, coordinator of the event and a board member of the LCC foundation, said that tickets were sold out far in advance.

"Often times a non-profit organization has difficulty selling out for an event," Thomas said.

However, it was no problem for LCC. The allure of a talented guest chef; several desirable items available for auction; and a night of entertainment all contributed to the quickly sold-out status, despite the hefty sum.

The cost of a table ranged from \$100 to \$10,000.

Doug Austin, a guest of the Harvest Dinner, bids on items at the silent auction. Items included an Alaskan cruise and a bridal jewelry set.



Photo Monica Carson

OSPIRG hits campus hard when it comes to upcoming events

Campus organization plans for the rest of the year

Sandy Wilcox Asst. News Editor

The Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group has big plans for the coming year at LCC with a proposed campuswide Dodge Ball tournament, a continuing fight for affordable text books, Sustainapalooza and much more.

Probably the most rigorous of OSPIRG's upcoming events would be the Don't Dodge the Issues, campus-wide Dodge Ball tournament that is being planned this term.

"I think it makes a lot of sense to have a big event that gets all student groups together. So, I want to have a dodge ball tournament ... all students are invited to have teams, any student group can have a team and jump in. I want to get 15 or 20 teams all in the basketball court or in the soccer field depending on the weather," Joe Marino, LCC OSPIRG campus organizer, said.

Marino stressed how great he thought it would be for students to get involved in the event, mentioning clubs and groups across campus he hoped would be willing to join in the dodge ball festivities. The hope is to bring forward issues they don't want to see dodged, before speaking on the upcoming hunger banquet that OSPIRG will be holding.

"This will be sort of a sister event to our hunger banquet which will be more of a professionally driven and adult style event at the end of the term on Nov. 16. It will also be a volunteer fair and a food drive, but we're basically working to highlight a lot of hunger and homelessness issues at lane through this hunger banquet. So the Dodge Ball tournament will go out with a



Photo Curtis McCain

Geo Bitgood and Joe Marino give Michelle Hovey more information on OSPIRG's new compost campaign. The campaign is among many events planned for the academic year.

big bang, have a lot of fun, involve a lot of students. The hunger banquet will involve a lot of community nonprofit groups and hopefully more faculty and staff from the school as well," Marino said.

OSPIRG's Sustainable Foods Campaign and students from Intro to Sustainability are currently working on a cafeteria composting project. The hope would be to lower the 21.74 percentage of LCC waste, which is attributed to cafeteria food waste which is currently not composted. So OSPIRG will be staffing a composting bin in the cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday for the rest of the term. The recycled food will help to provide compost for the campus

gardens, which in turn will provide food for the cafeteria.

"Your food scraps will help us to make Lane a more sustainable campus. So, on Thursdays we'll be in the cafeteria working to save the college money, promote local foods and support a more sustainable school," Marino said.

The continuing campaign for affordable textbooks continues with OSPIRG looking into the possibilities of online textbooks also known as open-source textbooks. Currently, Charles Long, coordinator for the TextBook campaign, has been researching the use of online textbooks and meeting with faculty across campus to discuss adopting some form of

an open-source textbook model, in order to ultimately lessen the cost to students.

"Teachers have definitely always wanted to lower textbook cost. They aren't doing this on purpose. They just don't have the resources to get open-source textbooks, I'm just finding ways of getting them easier," Long said.

Amber Alexander, coordinator for Campus Climate Challenge, discussed some of the upcoming events and issues that will be addressed by the Campus Climate Challenge campaign beginning with the recent light bulb exchange.

"Incandescent bulbs use about 160 pounds less carbon a year and save you six to seven times less what you'd pay a year, retail cost in the store," Alexander said.

As far as upcoming events for the fall term, the Campus Climate Challenge will be having a movie night and some coal power versus wind power wrestling matches where actors will walk up to a crowded spot and break it down right there on the spot, which Alexander referred to as "guerrilla theatre."

Alexander stated that the year's upcoming Sustainapalooza, which is planned for April 26, is still in the planning stages.

"We're hoping to make Sustainapalooza bigger than it was last year, we're hoping to make it off-site somewhere in the community, off-site so we can have more community involvement," she said.

"We're looking for bands right now, we might also have circus performers. We don't have a site yet, but that's a week after Earth Day and the week leading up to that we will be doing a lot of earthfriendly events on campus."

Features

ASLCC execs share goals and aspirations for school year

The Associated Students of Lane Community College is a group of students who represent the entire student body of LCC's main campus. Every year elections are held to nominate students to represent LCC in student government.

Student government helps organize events, provide funding for student clubs and properly represent the students in meetings. The council is also there to allow students to have a say in what goes on around LCC. Students are encouraged to stop by if they want to start a club, hold an event, become involved in student government, serve on a college committee or express opinions or concerns about ASLCC.

\$46.25 of LCC student fees go to ASLCC, but what is this money used Did for? Here's the breakdown of where this money goes:

\$11.94 — ASLCC operating expenses

\$8.00 — Student Health Services

\$8.00 — The Athletic Department

know? \$3.00 — OSPIRG \$3.00 — Long House

\$2.44 — Oregon Student Association

\$1.75 — The Torch

\$.50 — Student Production Association



Daniel Dawson

Major: AAOT

Dan Dawson is the president of the student body. He represents the LCC student body, where he provides a student voice for committees and meetings. He is also on the Oregon Student Association Executive

What would you like to see happen this school year?

"We're trying to find a way to get a full time dentist on staff here at LCC. I would like to see this happen because there are many students who choose not to go to school because they need to work to get health and dental benefits. We already have a health center for students who go to LCC, and if we get a dentist for students to use free of charge, then we can increase the number of people who can attend LCC and be able to have these resources if needed.

"I also would like LCC to turn into more of a community. Most people just come here for classes, do their thing, and then leave. They aren't very connected with the school or many other students who attend. LCC should be a social community that can connect us to others with the same views or interests. Also, I don't want to disappoint

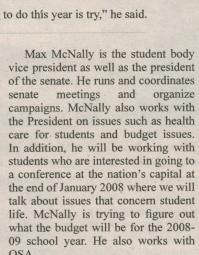
anyone. The standards have been set rather high for me because a lot of people think I'm a joke. I really am very passionate about what I want to do. At the same time, the standards are low because some don't think I'm capable of achieving much.'

How do you envision these goals happening?

"The full time dentist should be fairly easy to pull off. We may look into increasing student fees at most \$10 more than what it is now. That's the highest we would raise fees, if that. If you think about it, \$30 a year isn't much to pay for dental care. We still have a lot to figure out before this will actually happen. If it does, it'll be great for LCC. As far as making LCC more of a social community, I would like to start getting social groups or study groups for students.

"LCC is our community, and most of the students who go here probably live within a few blocks of each other. I really want LCC to be entertaining and have more social interactions. Also, I would like to see students get excited about going to the nation's capital in January, where we can represent student life and talk about budget issues as well as other issues such as health care

"LCC is our community. The worse thing we're going to do this year is try," he said.



What are your goals for the school year?

"My goals for this year are pretty simple, I want to begin the direct deposit option, expand on our health care options as well as childcare and look into getting a full-time dentist on campus for students. Also, I want to organize students to get excited

about going to the capital in January. We will also be starting to have voter education classes and

encourage students to register to vote for the upcoming elections." How do you plan on achieving these goals?

Max McNally

Major: Multimedia Design

"The full-time dentist thing will take a lot of planning. We'll first have to look into how much it will cost and how we'll get the funding for it. With the voter education classes, we'll be discussing the local measures that affect downtown Eugene and other aspects that will affect students. We'll also be talking about Measures 49 and 50, and what those are about."

Cody Anderson is the treasurer for ASLCC. He keeps track of expenses and holds the student government to its designated budget.

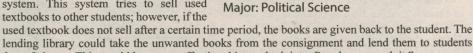
What are your ideas and aspirations for the school year?

"I want to institute a lending library for textbooks." This would be a system where students can borrow textbooks at the beginning of the semester for free unless they don't return them. There will also be agreements that students will have to follow in order to use the lending library.

"Another goal I have for the school year is to designate an area in the cafeteria that can be turned into an open-mic, coffee shop-like environment. Students could use this area for concerts, poetry slams and other events. It would have a stage with a microphone set up for concerts and other

How do you plan on making this possible?

"(For the lending library) I plan on trying to retool the book consignment system. This system tries to sell used textbooks to other students; however, if the



Cody Anderson

lending library could take the unwanted books from the consignment and lend them to students free of charge. This would be a very affective thing to look into. People are worth it."

Where will you get the money to achieve these goals?

"The lending library wouldn't need any funding because we could use leftover books from the book consignment.

"We will look into having the theater department help build the stage for the café environment. We'll also look into getting community donations such as couches and seating. As for the rest, we'll use the money from our budget."

How long will it take for your goals to go into effect?

"I plan on having the lending library running in a few terms. Hopefully I'll have the café going as soon as possible. We first have to get approval from all who are involved in this goal. I hope this will be running before my term in office ends."

Leif Brecke is the coordinator for the multi-cultural program and events. He gets multicultural groups together to put on events. He also coordinates a lot of student groups and makes sure that certain meetings that are necessary take place.

What are your goals for the school year, and how do you plan on making those happen? "I want to make sure that students from diverse cultural backgrounds are represented properly. I also want to make sure that all students have a voice and that a consensus will be established. This will be made possible by having a lot of meetings where students can come and express anything they want. I will be holding and

OUL ake control. Get involved

Leif Brecke Major: Anthropology

coordinating these meetings, as well as many other activities."

Is there anything else you would like the LCC student body to know? 'There are meetings every other Friday evening at 5 p.m. for student clubs who don't get direct funding. Clubs can send someone to represent their club in our meetings. The other Fridays, we have meetings about events and activities that will be happening or think of new ideas."

Interviews by Emily Ash and photos by Curtis McCain

Lane's Kori Wilgus out muscles Jennifer Muchmore for position to change the momentum of the game. The Titans went on to shut out its opponent 3-0.

Titan soccer scores another win in NWAACC series

3-0 victory over SOCC secures Lane a spot in the first round playoff games

Bob Rodgers Sport Reporter

Kori Wilgus scored two unassisted goals to help the lady Titans clinch a NWAACC playoff spot with a 3-0 victory over Southwestern Oregon Community College on Oct.

"We talked about the importance of this game and that it would seal our playoff hopes. I knew it would seal us for second seed. Last year we lost to SOCC in a game that was ugly," Coach Dean Smith said. "This was my first win as a coach against them. There was lots of incentive for our team to take this game

Freshman Tracey Goodell was the first to score in the game with an assist by Brittany Nielson at 32 minutes. Goalkeeper Amanda Krumdieck continued her streak of 11 shutout games.

game easy by earning a yellow and red card for its play.

'The red card came towards the end of the game when it was 3-0. The only way to stop us was to kick us in the legs. They did it three or four times when our girls beat them, I was surprised they didn't call it more," Smith said.

A Halloween showdown proved to be scary for Lower Community Columbia

LCC blew them out for the second time this season 6-0. Emily Wagner and Kayla Stewart lead the way with two goals each, but this victory was a team effort with four separate players scoring.

Krumdieck's play at goalie, along with the defense of the midfielders has helped LCC achieve third overall in the NWAACC for goal scoring margin. Seventy-six goals have been scored against league opposition and only 12 goals

SOCC didn't make the have been allowed against the lady Titans. LCC hasn't been scored on since Oct. 5.

After clinching a playoff spot, resting the team wasn't an option. Rachel Rounds and Abby Timothy had to quit due to scheduling conflicts. Starting midfielder Leslie Clark has had issues balancing her schedule as well. Clark will remain with the team, but will play in select upcoming. games. "The roster is at 13. There's no chance to rest players, we don't have that luxury," Smith said.

One game of the regular season remains at playoff bound Clark Community College, Nov. 3 at noon. Although it doesn't affect either team's playoff seeding, Smith described it as a delicate

"I'm curious about talking with their coach before the game. We just need to have the same understanding that we're both going to play in the playoffs. We don't need to get too aggressive and put ourselves in dangerous situations that can risk injury. However, we're still going to go at the fastest pace as possible. We're going rest the day before and go 150 percent during that game."

The lady Titans will start their quest for a title on Nov. 7 at 1 p.m. by hosting a first round playoff game. This will be a match-up pitting LCC, the second seed of the South division, against the third seed of the North division. The North opponent has yet to be determined.

Smith was quick to explain why the season has gone so well. "I'm really happy with the girls' effort throughout the year. We had a small number of players; some had to sacrifice their positions to play new ones. They had to be flexible and they invested in a team effort. That has been the difference in our season.'

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America's favorite pastime is better than other sports



"There's only one post season, there's only one Fall Classic, there's only one October!"

Let's pretend for a second that every time I see those commercials advertising the MLB Playoffs I don't want to punch Dane Cook in the face, but I digress. I must admit that the World Series has captivated me like a 12-year-old boy once again. How long has it been since I've felt this way about baseball? Oh yeah, exactly a year ago.

Let me not mince words: I like baseball; I just don't like regular season baseball.

Like many kids, I played Little League, watched Eugene Ems games, collected Jose Canseco baseball cards and chomped down Big League Chew. I really can't pinpoint the exact time when I jumped off the baseball bandwagon; one morning I woke up and realized football was just better. Because of my childhood

love for baseball, I admit, I felt guilty about it for a while.

Don't think I'm just picking on baseball. Let me throw out a couple other sports that also fall within my range of-contempt for their regular seasons: basketball and hockey. Don't misunderstand: I love all sports. A day does not pass that I don't log on to ESPN.com and six other sports websites. That doesn't even include all the sports related podcasts I'm signed up for.

What makes those sports good, but not better than football, are their meaningless regular seasons. A standard NFL season has 16 regular season games. A standard MLB season has 162 games. For example, let's say the Chicago Bears go 10-6 during the regular season. To match that same record, the Chicago Cubs would have to lose 65 games.

Look, I understand the math; the winning percentage is the same. Honestly, does anyone really want to see his or her favorite team lose 65 times? 65 separate awe-inspiring exercises of futility?

Don't get me started on doubleheaders in baseball, a concept that even baffles athletes of every other sport. Let me see if I understand this; after we're done playing a hard fought baseball game that only lasted a meager four hours, we're going to change pitchers and play a second game right after to make sure the first gåme wasn't a fluke? I'm not sure I have a mental or alcohol tolerance level that high.

Every regular season game in college football and the NFL are consequential from week to week. How many college teams with two losses play for national championships? Zero. How many NFL teams that start the regular season 0-3 make the playoffs? Less than 15 percent. Combine the regular season competitiveness with automatic playoff suspense and it's no accident the NFL is the highest profiting and most watched sports league in America.

The point is that I don't like to see meaningless games for five months only to be blown away with an instant display of world class athleticism, gut wrenching player determination, and wicked gamesmanship for a short period known as the playoffs.

Mediocre and far too lengthy regular seasons devaluate the impact and excitement of sports that are amazing to watch. Like I said, postseason MLB, NBA and NHL are a treat to watch, but they will never change their regular season scheduling format. Consequently, their popularity probably won't change either.

P.S. — Why do baseball managers wear uniforms?





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THINK ABOUT IT

How do you deal with Oregon winters?



Katie Munson

Education

"I usually become very unmotivated and anxious, expecting failure. Bad weather brings me down."



Karen Krumrey-Fulks

Instructor

"I don't like the Oregon winters so I try to vary my activities and get outside when there's even a hint of sun."



Amanda Brown

Education

"I find ways to get off my butt. Taking exercise classes, etc."



Steve Courie

Music

"Find a girl to keep me

Interview & photos by

Trio brings talent, experience into classical arrangements featuring variety of instruments

Baroque and modern performance at Blue Door Theatre

> Nicole Perkins Arts Editor

Jaliph ensamble, formed by Liz Hoffman, Philip Bayles and Jaclyn LaRue are performing in LCC's Blue Door Theatre. The band plays classical music, with pieces spanning from Baroque to the 21st Century.

Hoffman has taught private flute lessons at LCC for eight years. She and LaRue began playing music together five years ago. In March of this year, the two asked Bayles to

Bayles jumped into the Eugene music scene in 1977 when he founded the Eugene Opera and served as the conductor and artistic director for 10 seasons. "I've made my living primarily as a free lance conductor, and secondarily at the keyboard,

piano, harpsichord and organ," Bayles said. The show, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m., is broken up into two sections, the first half in the Baroque style and the second half from the 19th and 21st



From left to right: Philip Bayles, Liz Hoffman, and Jaclyn LaRue, of the Jaliph Ensemble, practice at the Blue Door Theater for their upcoming performance on Nov. 2.

centuries. "There is an interesting variety of music on this program," Bayles said. "We will be doing three different and very expressive works from the Baroque era, then two much more recent pieces. There are five different works, and also five different instruments in this concert."

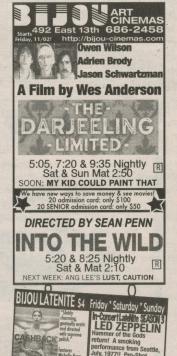
"I'm most looking forward to playing our contemporary piece," Hoffman said.

The concert is held in the Blue Door Theatre. Tickets are \$8 to 10 available at the door.

CARTOONIST RICK CHU SCRIBBLES PAPER A ON .. WHAT? As in not October 31st LETS GO TRICK OR TREATING!







Support the arts

With the holidays just around the corner, the Ceramic Art Student Association can help alleviate the stress of trying to find a unique gift. Scheduled for Nov. 7-8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the cafeteria will host CASA's biannual pottery sale and fundraiser. Proceeds from the sale go to the artists and CASA who uses money for various equipment and guest artist lecturers.

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