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Josh Christensen, shown here answering questions last term for The Torch "Think About it," died at age 28 in an car accident while driving to Bend on Highway 126.

Student killed in Saturday's snow storm

Highway 126 proves fatal over the weekend

> Isaac Viel Editor in Chief

With snow falling hard all over Oregon on Saturday, Jan. 5, it was beginning to look like a possible repeat of last year's stalled Winter term, which left classrooms deserted and chairs unfilled, yet there is one chair that will remain empty.

Joshua Christiansen, 28, was accompanying friend Norman Good and his three children on their way to Bend on Highway 126 when Good's Isuzu Trooper lost control on the ice and slid sideways into the opposing westbound traffic where it collided with the Chevrolet Colorado pickup truck of Antonio Sanchez and his two

Christensen was pronounced dead at the scene while the others in the car, including Good's three children, ages 4, 6 and 8, were rushed to St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. Oregon State Police reported that everyone was wearing safety restraints. No one was speeding.

Christensen, who was studying to become an engineer, had just started at LCC last term, "He's been wanting to go to school for a long time ... and then transfer to OSU," Melissa Christensen, Josh's wife, though the two were separated, said. Josh wanted to do something with math and engineering, which is what interested him in taking classes at LCC, Melissa explained.

"He was just a fun-loving, good friend, good father," Melissa said. "Everyone said 'it was just his time,' but I don't believe that," she said.

Josh leaves behind a daughter, Destiny Christensen 8, whom he was very close to. "She

thought her dad hung the moon and the stars," Melissa said. "He loved soccer and he got her into soccer and she loves it," Melissa said. "And volleyball" said the faint voice of Destiny from the backseat while Melissa was driving.

The soccer loving LCC student had planned to coach Destiny's soccer team as well as play. "He wanted to try out for the soccer team for LCC, but he never really got that far,"

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Landmark civil union laws postponed



Joan Bayliss of Temple Beth Israel bestows a final blessing over the Jan. 2 candle light vigil held at Eugene's First Christian Church in protest to the postponement of Oregon's civil union law.

Oregonians gather to protest delay of equal rights laws taking effect

> Sandy Wilcox Assistant News Editor

On Tuesday, Jan. 2 advocates and supporters gathered across the state of Oregon along with Basic Rights Oregon to hold candlelight vigils in support of House Bill 2007 and Senate Bill 2, which were set to take place on Jan. 1. Supporters of the two bills were also protesting the temporary restraining order against the enforcement of the laws, which U.S. District Judge Michael Mosman issued on Dec. 28.

SB 2 would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and House Bill 2007 would establish legal recognition of same sex relationships. Both were ratified by Oregon's legislature and signed into effect by Governor Ted Kulongoski on May 9, 2007.

The temporary restraining order was issued due to a suit, titled Lemons v. Bradbury and filed against the State of Oregon and Secretary of State Bill Bradbury. The plaintiffs claimed that rejected signatures gathered for a referendum against HB 2007 and SB 2 were actually valid.

The restraining order will prevent the laws from going into effect until the next hearing, which will be held on Feb. 1

The suit was filed by The Alliance Defense Fund, an Arizona-based group which, as stated in their purpose statement, is "a legal alliance defending the right to hear and speak the Truth through strategy, training, funding, and litigation."

"The delay of our basic rights hurts us, hurts committed couples and caring families and diminishes our whole community. We've worked so hard and waited so long and we are outraged," Sally Sheklow, a guest speaker advocating civil unions said at the Jan. 2 candlelight vigil held in Eugene.

One of the candlelight vigils was hosted at the First Christian Church on 11th and Oak Street in Eugene. The vigil consisted of supporters of the civil unions gathering together to listen to various guest speakers discussing the positive effects the unions would have had if the laws would have taken

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GED students to receive tuition waiver

Board of education approves pilot incentive program

Sandy Wilcox Assistant News Editor

Lane Community College has recently approved a six-credit tuition waiver for students who have completed their General Educational Development degree.

At the Dec. 12 LCC Board of Education meeting, the board voted and approved a 50 student pilot GED tuition waiver program. The tuition waiver will become effective this term for students applying for the

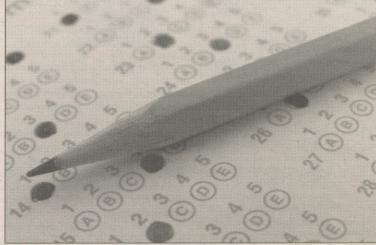
"Basically what the board approved was a six-credit tuition waiver for 50 GED completers. And our goal is to help those 50 students but also to continue on. This is a launching pad for them," Dawn DeWolf, division chair for the Center for Learning Advancement and Adult Basic and Secondary Education, said. "The whole goal of the program is designed to help students get started, get all the admission and financial aid stuff they need to have in place and then continue on for two years or however long it is for them. If it's a degree or even a career technical program that's less than that.'

The tuition waiver will only be available to students who have worked with LCC's GED program and gone on to pass all the required tests in order to receive their GED. Students wishing to receive the tuition waiver must also have achieved an average score of 520 to be eligible.

"They [the students] have to have done pretty well on the test and they have to have completed some initial admission kinds of things in order to apply. So they have to prove that they've met with an adviser for example, that they've kind of got a plan together for up to three terms at Lane, unless their goal is completion sooner than that," DeWolf said.

Students will also be required to have met with an adviser and discussed an academic college plan, taken or plan on taking a college success class and filed for financial aid, scholarships etc., in order to be eligible for the tuition waiver.

"We want them to either have taken already a college success class or plan on using their tuition waiver to take a college success class. We feel like that will really help them



get grounded in what it means to be a good student," DeWolf said.

"They will have to have met with a councilor or academic adviser and developed a plan, applied for financial aid and scholarship and those kinds of things. In other words they're putting a plan together and the plan includes thinking beyond just one term," She said.

DeWolf discussed that this program is a real incentive to individuals that might not have thought of anything beyond acquiring their GED, in which they might not have had the means or motivation to continue on with their education.

"It is an incentive and it's actually a solid plan to help them succeed because it isn't just getting into college its being prepared and knowing what it's going to take financially, what it's going to take academically and that they are prepared as possible to succeed, that's what we're hoping to do," DeWolf said.

DeWolf believes that the program is a "terrific opportunity for students" and is "very thrilled that the board is supporting it."

Need for change is now in our hands

Youth voter turnout is just the beginning of things to come



The need for change is long overdue in the world and nowhere is it more widely publicized, televised and criticized than right here at home in America. With the presidential money-spending machine, err... primaries, well underway the magnifying glass is now on us, the youth voters.

With overall voting rates staying nearly stagnant since after the tumultuous 60s and through the doldrums of the last 40 years, the voting rates are back on the rise, and for good reason. Americans young and old are determined for change. The melting pot is bubbling and

beginning to spill over with fevering optimism and it is beginning to show at the polls.

After Barack Obama won the Democratic caucus in Iowa and Mike Huckabee won for the Republicans, it was clear that the youth vote is in fact a force to be reckoned with, yet again. With Obama's campaign revolving around the need for change, he, or perhaps his campaign manager, never underestimated the 18-30 year olds, who in the past have been all but absent at the polls in comparison to the older generations.

The youth voting rate, the need for change and the eclectic mix of presidential hopefuls is going to make this election one to remember no matter what the end result. Long time Republicans are looking to Democratic and Independent front-runners and the same goes for a small handful of leftwing voters who may now vote their minds and hearts as opposed to following their party blindly.

Now, with the New Hampshire primaries in the books, a new twist again has occurred.

Though it was speculated that Obama would take the win for the Democrats, it was not so and the victory was given to Clinton. McCain, who is also counting on the youth vote for his seat in the oval office, took New Hampshire for the elephant and is head strong as the traveling circus heads to Michigan.

With the back and fourth of the race and the need for something new and fresh for our country, I can't help but get caught up in the action. This will be my third time that I will be of age for a presidential election and I am excited. Though there is going to be a tough time ahead for whomever wins the popular vote in November and plenty of issues that need to be resolved after the utter mishandling of this presidency, I am ecstatic to see my peers out there working to make sure change does happen.

When I read emails from student groups and walk around campus and see the active voter recruitment and beginnings of a new student movement, I begin to imagine what it might have been like to walk across a college campus when Richard Nixon, Robert Kennedy and George Wallace, among others were touring the country rallying for support for their shot at the presidency. Forty years now have past since the exasperated 1968 elections and it's as if there is not just a magnifying glass over this election but also a mirror, which reflects some of the same ideologies and campaign key issues which make a striking resemblance between Vietnam and Iraq and the people yearning for end to American imperialism.

So keep on keepin' on my fellow peers. We have so many options to help make this a time of real change by getting involved with the student groups, local or national campaigns, reading the papers, following along, staying informed and voting what you think is going to move this country forward in a positive direction. No matter what the end result may be in November it's important that we show the naysayers and skeptics that we do care and that we are willing to do something about it.

Students deserve a 'thanks'

Participants in on-campus organizations show hard work

and tenured students alike are finding their classes, buying their books, and just getting settled. Now is a great time for students to find clubs or organizations of which they want to be a part.

Even for students that don't want to join, now is also a good time to at least recognize the students who give up their valuable time to work for you. From student government to the Students for a Democratic Society to the Torch, students across campus work full-time

to achieve their goals.

The great thing is that the students who participate in all of the organizations campus has to offer give up their already hard-pressed time and energy to work for other students. Some get paid, some don't. Those who are fortunate enough to get paid do so for a pittance. It is not a sustainable wage by any means, which means that students probably have to work outside of school, when there is little time to do so.

Students at LCC specifically flock in large groups when it comes to statewide events, such as the Northwest Student Leadership Conference on Nov. 9, during which LCC brought more than 40 students, a number comparable to Southern Oregon University, which brought 47.



At LCC, there are a variety of guest speakers who regularly visit, thanks to students. During fall term, Pre-Law instructor Steve Candee invited "War Made Easy" author Norman Solomon to come and speak. Groups are also available for support and providing resources such as the Vet Center and the Women's

Recourse Center

Student organizations are run and organized by students. People who have little see a problem and sacrifice personal lives, grades, and sanity to achieve a solution.

These goals are never self-serving; they are goals such as Higher Education Reform, Dental Health services on campus, a productive student newspaper that will continue on for the following years, expanding campus-wide knowledge on subjects that not all students have had exposure.

LCC has many clubs to join, and thus many students who deserve a thank you. For a list of clubs that are available go to Student Life and Leadership in Building 1, Room 210.

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New Year's resolutions

This year I'll follow my mother's motto: be nice, clean your plate and don't fuss



New Year's is the time when we look back on the past year and hopefully plan ahead for a better one. We make all kinds of resolutions – lose weight, study harder, make more money – the list goes on and on.

My mother was never one to make resolutions. Her motto was that if you're leading a good life, you don't need to make any changes. She would say: "Be nice, clean your plate and more importantly, don't fuss." My mother firmly believed the world would be a much better place if everyone would follow these basic rules.

When I was a child, I didn't quite understand this philosophy. Why do I need to be nice when someone else is acting like an ass? Why do I have to eat the food on my plate if it tastes bad? And fussing? I can tell you without a doubt that if I hadn't fussed (loudly and continually) at various times in my life, I would never have gotten anywhere. I wouldn't have finished college, I wouldn't have received that raise and I certainly wouldn't have gotten that first divorce.

I believe there's a bumper sticker out there that reads, "Well-behaved women rarely make history." My mother, who had only a seventh-grade education and lived on a farm almost her entire life, would have never understood. Why would women want to make history anyway? In her opinion, a good woman has her name in the paper three times in her life – when she's born, when she marries and

when she dies.

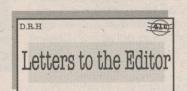
Now 90 and residing in a nursing home, my mother has been out of touch with reality for several years. After nine decades that included countless strokes and other maladies, she resides in her own private world. She believes it's 1941 and Franklin Roosevelt is still president. She recognizes nobody unless she met that person prior to her 24th birthday. Furthermore, she loves television, but doesn't understand the mechanics of it, not to mention the little people who live inside this big box.

So what does this have to do with New Year's resolutions? Everything, in my opinion. For years, I thought my mother's views, although sweet and endearing, were very old-fashioned and not easily applied. Today, however, I think exactly the opposite.

In years past, I have made many resolutions in an effort to improve the quality of my and my family's life. My resolutions, however, were more about changing what was on the outside instead of what was on the inside. They were all about finding a better job, getting that promotion, earning more money, and of course, buying more things.

As I've gotten older, my attitude toward resolutions has changed somewhat. Oh, I still want more money to buy more things. That's not going to stop anytime soon, but I do give a lot more credence to my mother's words of wisdom. Although a simple woman with few wants, she understood the fundamentals of living a life that was good and decent. She didn't care about money or material things, but she did care about her husband and her children. Traditional in every way, she was the keeper of the kitchen, the sorter of the socks, the lady of the house.

Perhaps all of us could benefit from my mother's rules. Just be nice, clean your plate and don't fuss.



LCC 'Christmas' float questioned

I just returned from the Springfield Holiday Parade and was surprised to see a float by Lane Community College that honored only one holiday, Christmas. It's not that I'm against Christmas or the celebration thereof, it's that I'm for fostering an environment of inclusion that promotes multiculturalism. I thought Lane Community College shared these goals, if not by the college's stated values, then by the public funding it receives.

The argument isn't whether Christmas is a Christian or secular holiday, it's whether people who don't celebrate the holiday felt respected and celebrated by the college's Christmas display. This was a perfect opportunity for the college to provide public recognition to minority cultures and traditions. There are several holidays celebrated during these few months and a public institution should be respectful of all of them. I'm certain Lane's students reflect this diverse population and would welcome a multicultural holiday display including Kwanzaa, Ramadan, Hanukkah, Bodhi Day, Winter Solstice, Diwali, etc.

Our growing diversity as a community requires that we become more sensitive to one another. If a multicultural display is too difficult to prepare for a holiday parade, then perhaps a display that is entirely neutral with regard to holiday celebrations would be more appropriate. It was an opportunity to educate and appreciate diversity, which the college missed. However, it was also an opportunity for the college to learn that celebrating the cultural practice of the majority of people isn't celebrating diversity.

Ruby Oldham Springfield, Ore.

Project Homeless Connect brings community together

Lane County offers a day of caring

Willa Bauman News Editor

The second annual Project Homeless Connect for Lane County is scheduled to take place Feb. 8 at the Lane County Fairgrounds. Free services, ranging from basic needs such as backpacks and bike locks to vaccines and medical examinations, will be provided by more than nine service organizations and over 300 community volunteers, including the LCC Culinary Program, LCC's Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group and the LCC Medical Office Assisting program. Last year, 1,007 homeless guests attended Project Homeless Connect.

The 2007 Combined One Night Shelter Count and Street Count reported 2,296 people homeless on the streets or living in temporary shelters. "This is a serious social problem in our community and one that must be addressed," Commissioner Faye Stewart said in a press release last year. "Coming together as a community to provide support to single adults, youth and families who are homeless is a needed step in the right direction.'

National PHC purports to do just that, stating that its mission is "to bring communities together to create and promote tangible solutions that remedy the homelessness of their neighbors." There are now 500 Project Homeless Connect events in the United States taking place in 115 different cities on a yearly basis.

The event was conceived for Lane County after representatives from private service providers, the Lane County Human Services Commission, Cities of Eugene and Springfield and the United Way of Lane County attended the 2006 Oregon Leadership Summit on Ending Chronic Homelessness. "When walking out



Courtesy of Project Homeless Connect

A volunteer cuts a guest's hair at the 2007 Project Homeless Connect at the Lane County Fairgrounds. This year's event will be held Feb. 8.

of the summit Kitty Piercy said, 'We really ought to do this," Pearl Wolfe, Co-Chair of the Steering Committee and summit attendee, said. "We just emailed a bunch of people to help us

By the time Eugene held its first event in 2007, Portland had already hosted three annual two-day events. "The people in Portland were our gurus. They do one event for singles and one for families," Wolfe said.

Although the Portland PHC served over twice the number of homeless guests, Wolfe was satisfied with Lane County's turn out of 1,007 people. "Publicly we were expecting 300, but privately we would have been happy with six," she said. In fact, the event was so popular that the organizers had to close early. closed the doors to new entries at 3 p.m. but we continued to offer services until 5 p.m. You have to stop at some point," Wolfe said. In a press release, Commissioner Stewart called the event "a phenomenal success."

This February, Wolfe expects improvement from last year, with more space for the medical area which will expand into the adjacent Atrium building and more emphasis on popular programs. "We had the eight teams do a debrief after the event and we sent out a form to have people say what didn't work and what did work," she said. Wolfe explained that one of the busiest areas was medical. Another popular area was haircuts. "We're going to have before and after pictures this time. People always need medical, but they rarely get a chance for a professional haircut. It's kind of like the bread and roses thing."

LCC's Medical Office Assisting program will participate again this year, helping with vital signs in the medical area. Last year, MOA students measured blood pressure, pulse, respiratory and temperature for hundreds of homeless guests. "We lost count at over 500 people," Marty Pittman, MOA program coordinator, said. Pittman expects 25 students will work in shifts again this year, assisting Volunteers in Medicine.

Part of NPHC's mission is to bring the community together to help homeless people within a safe and caring environment. This mission was a major part of the Eugene event, with organizers and volunteers emphasizing respect and connectivity.

Wolfe related the story of eating with a homeless man. "He lived in a trailer with no heat on his aunt's farm. She made him come [to the event]. We had some really good outreach going on, we got some people who don't usually use services.'

"It's not just a feel-good event, it's helping the community understand homelessness, Wolfe said. "It demonstrates that homelessness is for people.

volunteer information, contact Elizabeth Runte at 741-6000 or email erunte@ unitedwaylane.org.

KLCC leaves main campus

Radio station broadcasts from downtown

Willa Bauman News Editor

KLCC began operation from its new downtown location on Jan. 4. The station, licensed to LCC, has been on the air since 1967 and has broadcast from LCC's main campus since the college was built in 1969.

An open house will be held during the evening of March 7, during the First Friday Artwalk downtown. Locally renowned guitarist Don Latarski will perform.

Don Hein, Program Director of KLCC, said the move to 136 W. 8th St. is beneficial to the station in a number of ways. "I don't think the [current] space was designed as a radio station, but it became a radio station early on," he said. "It's not very sound-proof and we're all sharing offices. Our equipment is all getting very old, it's from the mid-eighties." Now the radio station will broadcast from five new state-of-the-art studios, paid for in part by individual donations and federal grants, all part of KLCC's Building Community Campaign.

Hein said that rather than alienating LCC students, the new space will continue to encourage student involvement, through volunteer opportunities, work study or general training. "There won't be a change in our connection to students if students currently listen to us," Hein said. "We still have volunteer and work-study opportunities for students."

In fact, KLCC General Manager Steve Barton said the move will help KLCC further connect to students. "We'll have more space which means more opportunities to bring people in, or for training. The hope is that we'll have more opportunities for students from LCC and UO, because we work with them too. [We'll have] more production rooms, training space, and classrooms which we didn't have before."

Most of the funding for the move came from individual donations, but grant money contributed as well. Major donors, including Meyer Memorial Trust, the Oregon Cultural Trust and the Ford Family Foundation, helped raise over \$2.4 million for

KLCC, a listener-supported, independent radio station, broadcasts to more than 88,000 listeners per week within a 100 mile radius of LCC's main campus. With 81,000 watts of power, KLCC 89.7 FM is the most powerful public radio signal

The station is a charter member of National Public Radio, which provides programs attracting two thirds of KLCC's listener base. KLCC is the only NPR member station in

Adhesive is applied before Space-Saver Specialist Installer Randy Collins lays the carpet of a music storage area in KLCC's new downtown location. The radio station's new home increases the number of such storage areas.



Budget wins award

Willa Bauman News Editor

For the third consecutive year, LCC has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

An LCC press release explained that the award the college recognizes budget's effectiveness as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications piece.

"It's a good budget in terms of what you have and how it's planned and organized," Greg Morgan, associate vice president of finance, said. 'A budget is a plan put in financial terms."

The GFOA bases its recommendations on criteria of effectiveness and organization. "Trying to meet the standards pushes us to a higher level of accountability and discipline," Morgan said.

College accounting is also due for an award from the GFOA. The results will be announced next month.

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"We believe in equality for everyone, we believe in our partnerships, our families. We want to protect and care for each other. We believe we shouldn't have to wait one day longer, not one day longer, for basic rights and protections," Sheklow said in response to the delay of the civil union and anti-discrimination laws taking effect.

"Thomas Jefferson taught us life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. When the laws of our government inhibit that pursuit and they deny that liberty, when they devalue that right, they must be changed," Dan Bryant, senior minister at First Christian Church, said during a speech given during the Jan. 2 candlelight vigil in Eugene.

Well over 300 people attended the vigil, holding candles in silent protest to the

temporary delay of their own and fellow Oregonian's rights.

"While we wait, hundreds of caring and committed couples here in Lane County and thousands across Oregon continue with no legal recognition, no protection and that's discrimination. Parents continue to be denied the right to protect their own children, family members continue to be kept from the hospital beds of their adult partners," Sheklow said.

Although the hour-long vigil consisted of only a few minutes of candle burning, Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy gave a speech, and volunteers from the crowd discussed their personal feelings regarding the civil unions. Soromundi Lesbian Choir of Eugene performed songs and Joan Bayliss of Temple Beth Israel gave a final blessing.

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Melissa said.

LCC student Tom Humphries, who lived with Josh, remembered his friend of two years. "Josh was going to help me study for math," Humphries said. "[Josh] was a really kind person ... always willing to help out ... that's just the kind of person he was," he said.

Papa's Pizza, on the corner of W. 11th and Chambers, will host a fundraiser for the Christensen family Tuesday, Jan. 15 to help with funeral expenses.

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Life @ Lane

LCC in the blogisphere

Life@Lane provides students the opportunity to get more connected

> Lana Boles Features Editor

The Internet increasingly offers individuals the means to reach out to others from the safety and anonymity of their computer.

LCC's response to the growing cyber community is Life@Lane, a studentmoderated blog that furnishes the college with a virtual podium from which students can share their ideas.

Life@Lane was created in June 2007 "to provide a communication tool for current and prospective students, to create a community that's accessible 24-seven, to provide an additional resource for information and to become recognized as the go-to place for information," Jeffrey Brady, blog moderator, said.

Life@Lane is guided and monitored by two student moderators, Brady and Jessica Rojas. "My job is to create and post a new topic every week," Brady said. "There are two official moderators' but the subject posted every week is created either by one of the moderators or by the team of Student Service Associates." Brady explained that blog moderators are also supposed to look for any comments that are in violation of LCC Student Code of Conduct and respond to other people's weekly comments.

Every week that LCC is in session a new topic is posted and students have the opportunity to comment on that or another subject. Weekly discussion subjects have included the effect of technological advances on chosen career paths and education, the registration process for students, a possible smoking ban on campus and holiday festivities.

In the Aug. 31 post, the moderators asked bloggers how Life@Lane was doing as a newly created blog and reminded students to be respectful. All six posted responses had something positive to write about the blog.

Blogger EgoStepho gave praise to the blog moderators for doing "a fine job," but also wrote, "I would like to see you tackle some more controversial issues like the Lane debit card debate you posted back in June. The discourse around that subject was very interesting and informative."

"I really enjoy reading the weekly blog, even though I have never posted a comment. I think the blog helps bring Lane into the age of technology," blogger Spotunit posted.

The blog is easily accessed from the LCC website, www.lanecc.edu, where the Life@Lane link is in the bottom right corner. It can also be accessed at www. blogs.lanecc.edu/index.php.

Transitions to Success helps women plan for the future

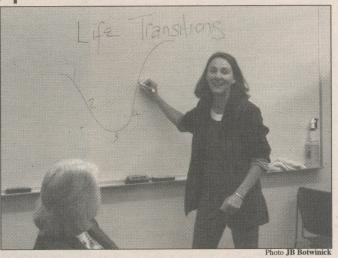
Program works to reintegrate individuals into academia

> Cheryl Rade Reporter

or more than 20 years, the Transitions to Success program at LCC has helped female students of all ages ease into college life. Located in the Women's Center in Building 1, Room 202, the program is designed to assist women in making academic plans based on their individual strengths and

Jill Bradley, coordinator of the Women's Center, explained that the program's primary focus is on women who are experiencing some form of transition in their lives, whether it is divorce, widowhood, or the loss of a job. 'The most common reason is they want to have a better life," she said. "They want something different.'

Thousands of women from all walks of life have completed the transitions program since its inception, Bradley remarked. Many have been attorneys and doctors, while others have never finished high school or held a job



Lola Broomberg explains a diagram for her Career and Life Planinng class in the Transitions to Success Program.

outside the home. "All need help in finding out what their options are," Bradley said, explaining that the program allows them to make quality decisions about their future in the company of other women who are going through the same process.

The program is a first-year experience for women, she continued, as well as a learning community, meaning that many of the classes are linked together. "Students do better when the course material is interconnected and has a theme," she advised.

The core classes of Transitions to Success include four credits in Life Transitions, Bradley noted, which address personal growth issues, relationships and communication, and three credits in Career Life and Planning, a segment that focuses on values, career exploration and goal setting. The completion rate for these core classes stands at 95 percent or better, she stated.

Jessica (wanted only her first name used), 24, a nursing student who completed the program in 2005, described the Transitions to Success experience as life changing. "I procrastinated

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The stray cat strut

Local non-profit works to alleviate the pressures of a growing cat population

> Lana Boles Features Editor

Feral cat colonies can be found in barns, under porches, behind restaurants, and even on LCC's main campus. "The Humane Society of the United States believes that feral cat overpopulation is a communitygenerated problem and that every community has a responsibility to work toward a solution. The HSUS is concerned about feral cat populations, the welfare of individual cats, and the welfare of wild animals," HSUS posted on its website.

"The HSUS advocates community-based Trap-Neuter-Return programs with on-going responsible management as the most viable, longterm approach available at this time to reduce feral cat populations."

One organization that is working locally to limit the population growth of feral cat colonies in a humane manner while also providing basic veterinary services and cat food is Stray Cat Alliance.

"Stray Cat Alliance provides lowincome cat caregivers with financial assistance for cat food, vet care, spaying and neutering ... especially for people who care for feral cat colonies," Executive Director and President of the Stray Cat Alliance Board, Deanna Kuhn said.

"The spaying and neutering of cats is really our focus," Kuhn said. SCA has helped fix approximately 3,400 cats in the Eugene/Springfield area since its creation in July 2001.

SCA is currently participating in Spay Day 2008. Greenhill Humane Society has donated the money to spay and neuter over 350 cats. SCA is collaborating with Greenhill Humane

Society to provide these services at no cost to low-income cat caregivers throughout Eugene and Springfield. SCA began receiving calls on Dec. 10 and within a few days was booked through March for the free sterilizations.

'If you're going to a regular vet, it can be anywhere from \$80-\$100 for a female and for a male it's anywhere from \$37.50-\$100," Cathy Bill, treasurer of SCA, said of the costs of sterilizing cats.

"There're a lot of vets who are doing something to help too," by offering lower cost spaying and neutering, Bill said.

Bill, who also works with Pet Adoption Network, Community Veterinary Center, and Florence Area Humane Society, provides rescued cats temporary care and shelter in her back yard while she finds them stable

There are three cat enclosures in Bill's yard where rescued cats are housed until a permanent home can be found and one very large enclosure for all the cats that Bill has rescued and kept.

"The cats that are in my yard, all seven or eight, are all rescues from a feral colony at the end of the street and they have chosen to live here," Bill said.

All the cats in Bill's fenced yard have the tip of one of their ears clipped off. "The ear clip is a universal sign that means that they are feral or stray and they've been spayed or neutered," Bill said, which makes identification of spayed and neutered cats convenient.

You have a colony at LCC," Bill said. There's a dozen or more cats, she explained. "It's a very well managed colony. People are there every single day to feed. It's very well managed and if you notice every one of those cats has an ear notch."

The SCA is also dedicated to preventing the neglect and abuse of cats, helping low-income individuals with veterinary costs and people about the necessity of spaying and



Photo Curtis McCain

Cats share an outdoor enclosure in the backyard of Cathy Bill's Eugene home. Rescued cats are kept in the three shelters until permanent nomes can be found

neutering.

"About 150 cats a year get emergency care with our help," Kuhn said. SCA offers vouchers up to \$40 to relieve some of the cost of veterinary care.

Only a few veterinary offices will accept clients through SCA. These include Cat Care Limited, Cascade Animal Clinic and The Arc Veterinary

"Sometimes it's just a matter of getting people into the vet," Kuhn said. Once they have an appointment they often manage to produce the money necessary to pay the costs that are not covered by SCA.

"We screen people who call for help," Kuhn said. "But most of the people who call are truly needy." Kuhn remarked that if a few dishonest people slip through the cracks she's not worried. "I'm more concerned that the cats are getting the care they need."

SCA also provides food for lowincome caregivers. There are people caring for cat colonies who just cannot afford to feed an entire colony, Kuhn commented, so SCA provides quality dry cat food twice a month to those people.

Since SCA is a non-profit organization, Kuhn explained the majority of funding comes from donations. "More than half of last year's \$14,000 budget came from donations," she said.

Fundraising is essential to SCA. Last October, SCA raised over \$2000 at Sweet Cheeks Winery with a silent auction of items from over 20

On Feb. 12, from 5 - 8:30 p.m. WineStyles, located at 2846 Willamette St., will host a wine tasting. Half of the profit will be donated to SCA.

In addition to donations, "what we need now are board members," Kuhn said. SCA's Board of Directors meets three to four times a year and is responsible for decision-making and

fundraising. Volunteers are also needed. "Volunteers answer phones and screen

Stray Cat Alliance

More information, success stories and related links can be found on the SCA website at www.stravcatalliance.com. Interested volunteers can call 607-4219 e-mail SCA at fixcats@ hotmail.com Donations or correspondence may be sent to P.O. Box 26043, Eugene, OR 97402.

calls, they also make appointments with vets," Kuhn said. The SCA biannual newsletter (latest issue out this week) and the website were designed by volunteers.

"We're making a little bit of difference, but we have a long way to go," Bill remarked. "I would love to work my way out of the rescue business ... it's going to be a few years, not my lifetime I think."

'Conversing In Stitches' puts a new spin on fiber arts medium

First winter exhibit hosts work by Brenda Jones

> Nicole Perkins Arts Editor

A contemporary look at traditional fiber arts will-mark the first LCC Art Gallery exhibit of winter term. Brenda Jones is a fiber artist in Kansas. Her work was chosen out of a number of applicants in LCC's call for artists.

At first glance, the collection appears to be mainly aprons. They're not ordinary, however. The pieces are all made of manipulated and stitched paper. Jones enjoys making traditional garments and experimenting with the

"I feel motivated to turn something traditionally thought of as craft and sometimes not given serious thought into an article that uses many of the same materials and processes yet is not used as a functional item," she said.

Jones likes the connections she can make in her art between her ideas and the traditional pieces made by relatives before her. "I am interested in the conversation that goes along with that, including what makes a work function as either craft or art or both."

Jones waxes the paper in order



"Conversing In Stitches" is the first exhibit of the Winter Term in the LCC Art Gallery, located in Building 11. The work is by fiber artist Brenda Jones who uses embellished paper and paper products to create aprons. A lecture on the exhibit will be given on Jan. 24.

to give it a translucent appearance and a durable shape. Ordinary paper products, like coffee filters and dryer sheets also appear in some of her works. Jones then stitches the embellished paper in patterns similar

"I often choose garments as the base for the work because I want the pieces to be related to histories and stories of women," Jones said Marilyn Robert, a fiber arts instructor at LCC said she likes the "fresh and provocative approach to the medium." Robert will give a lecture in the Art Gallery on Jan. 24 at 12 p.m. covering "the complex role of contemporary

The exhibit, Conversing In Stitches, will be held in the LCC Art Gallery located in Building 11. The show will run from Jan. 7 to 31.



DIVA opens doors for independent filmmakers; features UO graduate's documentary

OpenLens Festival hosts workshops and screenings

Nicole Perkins Arts Editor

Independent Oregon filmmakers will have an opportunity to screen their work at the Downtown Initiative for the Visual fourth annual OpenLens Film Festival from Jan. 11 to 13.

The festival hosts competitions for filmmakers with prizes including the title of 'Best Juried Award' and "Audience Choice." The festival also includes workshops and will screen films from winners of the high school Youth Visions competition.

The highlight of this year's festival is the Friday night screening of "Monster Camp." The documentary, produced by festival host Aaron Douglas, is a true story of the Seattle chapter of the New England Role Playing Camp. The film captures a real-life version of the computer game "World of Warcraft." For 48 hours players are thrown into a fantasy where they can be anything, dress in anything and have almost any power they chose.

Douglas grew up in Springfield, Ore. and graduated from the University of Oregon



Downtown Initiative for the Visual Arts, located at 110 W. Broadway in downtown Eugene, is hosting the OpenLens Film Festival from Jan. 11–13. The festival screens independent films and hosts workshops on film making.

in 1983 with a degree in journalism. In 2004 he began to study filmmaking at the Art Institute in Portland.

"Monster Camp," which he co-produced with Cullen Hoback, is his fourth film. Douglas will also host a workshop on Sunday of the festival.

On Saturday, there will be a screening and workshop on "Current TV," an independent cable network station created by Al Gore in 2005. "Current" showcases short documentaries, and a third of the network's content comes from freelance and budding

filmmakers around the

The OpenLens Film Festival kicks off with "Monster Camp" on Friday Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. General admission is \$5, or \$3 for students. The rest of the festival's events take place on Saturday and Sunday with a range

of admission price.

All events will take place at DIVA Center located at the corner of Broadway and Olive in downtown Eugene. For a complete listing of the festival's workshops and screenings, visit www.diva.proscenia.net/ divamedia/openlens.

Winter term LCC events

Jan. 18-19 Oregon Jazz Festival Concerts. Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the LCC Performance Hall. Tickets available at the door.

Jan. 22-25 Winter Market. A variety of vendors will showcase arts, crafts and collectables in the

Feb. 1–16 Buying Time. An S.P.A. production directed by Chris Pinto showcases the talents of LCC students and instructors in a drama, based on a true story, written by Michael Weller. A prominent law firm in the Southwest suffers a crisis of conscience when caught between the demands of a huge industrial client and a pro-bono environmental group. The firm's idealistic leader, Bennett Traube (played by Parsa Naderi), struggles to keep his colleagues on track while negotiating firm politics, career choices and the appeals of a provocative, driven environmental attorney. Performances will be held in the Blue Door

Feb. 21 Faculty Music Concert Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the LCC Performance Hall. Tickets will be available at the door.

Feb. 29 and Mar. 1 Collaboration Dance Concert 8 p.m. in the LCC Performance Hall. Tickets will be available at the door.

Mar. 6 and 9 Lane Chamber Orchestra and Lane Symphonic Band term performance. Mar. 6 at 7:30 p.m. and Mar. 9 at 3 p.m. in the LCC Performance

Mar. 13 Concert and Chamber Choirs and Spectrum Vocal Jazz term performance. 7:30 p.m. in the LCC Performance Hall.

Mar. 14 Lane Jazz Band and Spectrum Vocal Jazz term performance. 7:30 p.m. in the LCC Performance

Mar. 15 Winter Shakespeare Showcase. Theatre students, literature students and members of the community will perform Shakespearean scenes and monologues from Shakespearean. 7 p.m. in the Blue Door Theatre.

JANUA Sports The Torch

Lady Titans shine with early hoop record

Micah Mahling comes off the bench to shine for LCC

> **Bob Rodgers** Sports Reporter

The lady Titans have come through the winter break right on track. They still haven't lost on their home court and have started the journey for another NWAACC title by beating Clackamas Community

College 75-59.

LCC had a strong performance by freshman guard Micah Mahling who came off the bench in the Clackamas game to lead the team with 15 points, 14 rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Mahling's contribution only added to LCC's bench outscoring Clackamas' 45-11. Every player on the roster was in the scoring column for the win.

The team shot 41 percent from the field, and had a strong inside presence with

The lady Titans securely remain in second place in the NWAACC South division with a 13-3 overall record with 1-0 in league play. LCC trails Umpqua in the standings but will have a chance to change to that on Jan. 16 at 5:30 p.m. when the two teams collide in Eugene.

The next matchup is against Chemeketa in an away contest on Jan. 12 at 4 p.m.

Women's basketball schedule

Jan. 12 at Chemeketa 4 p.m.

Jan. 16 Umpqua 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 19 Mt Hood 4 p.m.

Jan. 23 at SOCC 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 26 at Portland 4 p.m.

Jan. 30 Linn-Benton 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 2 Clackamas 4 p.m.

Feb. 6 at Umpqua 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 9 Chemeketa 4 p.m.

Feb. 13 SOCC 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 16 at Mt. Hood 4 p.m.

Feb. 20 at Linn-Benton 5:30

p.m.

Men's Basketball schedule

Jan. 12 at Chemeketa 6 p.m.

Jan. 16 Umpqua 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 19 Mt Hood 6 p.m.

Jan. 23 at SOCC 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 26 at Portland 6 p.m.

Jan. 30 Linn-Benton 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2 Clackamas 6 p.m.

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Feb. 13 SOCC 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 16 at Mt. Hood 6 p.m.

Feb. 20 at Linn-Benton 7:30



Lane Community College's Jesi Burton, takes charge in a 104 to 37 victory over the Portland Community College Panthers Wednesday, Jan. 9.

Men's record improving with lineup changes

Despite loss, LCC team hasn't lost footing

Bob Rodgers Sports Editor

The men's basketball team has started league play on Dec. 5 with a loss, but is still above .500 for the season with a 9-7 record overall record and is fifth place in the NWAACC South division.

Clackamas defeated the Titans 81-72 on Dec. 5 in its first league game. LCC looked sharp in the first half going up by seven points but ultimately couldn't hang on.

Freshman Brent Jones led start seeing who the go to behind, Jake Wiles chipped in 20 points as well.

Both teams shot close in field goal percentage, the difference in the game were the three-point percentage and blocked shots for Clackamas. Clackamas out shot LCC in three pointers by 10 percent and had a strong inside defense with six blocked shots that proved too tough.

During the break from school, the non-league schedule was a good way to

the way with 23 points, one guys of the team would be. steal and one block. Not far Over half the team has stepped up and has proven they can score points and display the intangibles to challenge for a starting position. The starting lineup has been experimented with virtually every game to

LCC's next game is an away game against The Southern Division third place team Chemeketa Community College on Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. The next home game for the Titans is Jan. 16 against Umpqua at 6 p.m.

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coming here," said the single mother of three boys, explaining that she was initially fearful about attending college. "Going into Transitions, it really gave me a cushion and support. I knew I could come here and get a better education and hopefully graduate one day."

Before attending LCC, Jessica said she held a variety of jobs, but knew she needed to do something extra to provide a better life for herself and her sons. "I wanted a career, not just

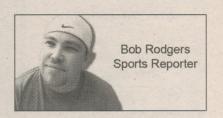
a job," she said. "And that's what Transitions is doing for me ... there's nothing it doesn't provide. You're able to see what is a reachable goal for yourself. It helps you calm down and say, 'Yeah, I can do this.

Deanna (wanted only her first name used), 28, completed the program with Jessica and agrees wholeheartedly with that concept. "[The program] made me feel more comfortable about coming to campus," she said.

"I didn't know anything about financial aid, how to get it, how to apply for it, and they helped me.'

Married with two children, Deanna tried attending college years before, but found the process too overwhelming. She said she could not have done it this time without the help of Transitions to Success. "It gave me so many resources," she said. "There's a resource for everything."

Guarding the **Point**



truly great thing has happened in my life recently ... the triumphant return of American Gladiators. I'm not sure how that ties in with my topic, but I just wanted to mention it.

I will say the break from school has been great, I've sat at home in a gluttonous stupor melting my brain reliving my childhood memories of American Gladiators and watching virtually all the college football bowl games. They've all been entertaining, but I've come across an unexpected conclusion. The problem isn't really the side effects of sloth like activities, but rather realizing how ridiculous, over hyped and most of all mediocre most of the bowl games are.

Let me break it down for you. Teams in college football need a minimum of a par season or six wins and six losses to even be eligible. If that criteria isn't an encouragement of mediocrity I don't know what is. Why should any team be rewarded for that?

A lot of people argue that unless the game is part of the high payout, highly publicized Bowl Championship Series, then the less prestigious bowls are just for the fans of those teams. I can't disagree more. I think the less prestigious bowls aren't for anyone.

I'm a person who loves to travel, but traveling to places like Albuquerque, Boise, Mobile or Detroit just does not seem all that exciting. I've personally traveled to Oregon Duck bowl games in the past. I'm a man with the means to have made the Oregon bowl game this year, but not once did I consider traveling to the Sun Bowl located in amazing El Paso, Texas. Every bowl game can't be played in Hawaii, Florida or Vegas and since the team isn't playing for a championship or national respect, what's the point?

These bowl games obviously exist for a reason, otherwise they wouldn't have 30 plus bowl games a year. There are the sponsors, cities, schools, coaches, and the athletes themselves, which gain far more than the fans. The sponsors gain recognition of their name with the exposure of the schools, commercials and in-game plugs.

Schools of course get perks when accepting invites from bowl sponsors of even bottom feeder bowl games like the San Diego County Credit Union. These come in various forms as academic scholarships for students as "gifts," aka money for the athletic programs that are usually not spoken about depending on the bowl.

Many coaches are dependent on these bowl games by having incentive laced contracts where getting bonuses are based on attending these bowl games. Regardless of what bowl your program attends, it's just another resume builder for the coach. Honestly, I'm not sure how winning the PapaJohns.com Bowl really builds anything more than a bigger beer gut, but it's truly how the system is in college

Unless you are a fan of a perennial college football powerhouse, smaller schools must come to a realization: The more meaningless bowl games your program attends and specifically wins, the more your coach gets overpaid and/or improves his chances to move to a more prestigious school. Who cares if your completely average 7-6 team ends the season in a bowl game, which is essentially a glorified early season out of conference game? Your school is getting paid and your coach is leaving you. Awesome!

Let's not forget about the bowl hosting cities taking in their own share of the pie for the tourism dollars and the athletes getting their own perks like iPods, Playstations and free meals. So we come down to this one

question, are the bowls really for the fans? You want to make all the bowl games really mean something for the fans? If American Gladiators has taught me anything, maybe we could have a giant tournament? What am I thinking? That's about as silly of an idea as the American Gladiators itself.

Calendar of Events

Thursday 1/10

Make connections with the Latino Student Union and enjoy arroz con leche or rice with milk. Multicultural Center, Building 1, Room 201. All day.

Friday 1/11

Students for a Democratic Society weekly meeting. Building 1, Room 210. 3-5 p.m.

Queer Straight Alliance gathering. Building 1, Room 206. 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

OSPIRG meeting, public welcome. Basement of the Center Building. 4 p.m.

Saturday 1/12

Peace vigil at the old federal courthouse, 7th and Pearl, Eugene. 12 p.m.

Sunday 1/13

Last day to drop classes for a full refund by 12 a.m.

Monday 1/14

"Modern Day Mystics: A Taste of Consciousness," video or audio with discussion. Downtown Athletic Club, 999 Willamette St. in Eugene. 7 p.m.

Tuesday 1/15

Savage Lecture Series: Tokyo. Lecture by Hiroo Ichikawa, planner and writer who studied Tokyo's reconstruction after World War I. Part of a lecture series on architecture and planning responds to major city disruptions. University of Oregon, Lawrence Hall, Room 177. 7:30-9 p.m.

Update Bus Pass stickers for Winter Term. LCC Bookstore. Bring Bus Pass and 'L' number to LCC Bookstore. Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m to 4 p.m. through the end of Winter Term.

Wednesday 1/16

Melissa Hart, instructor at the UO School of Journalism and Communication presents a lecture entitled "Confessions of a Queerspawn' - Writing Humorous Memoir on Serious Social Issues." Located in Hendricks Hall, Room 330. 12-1

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Monday-Friday: 2:30pm - 8:30pm

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Homeowner/Business owner in rural area of Cottage Grove seeks live in Nanny for three year old boy on half acre. Room and Board paid. Able to work around schedule. Call Janette, 946-1615 or 228-8719.

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Thank you Stray Cat Alliance for the emergency vet care and medicine you helped provide for my cat! - Diana White

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Project Homeless Connect, a one-

day service event for homeless members of the community, seeks volunteers for a number of positions on Feb. 8, 2008. Call Volunteer Coordinator Sophia McDonald (541) 682-3770 if interested.



Sudoku

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'Will the Primaries provide a viable candidate for you?'



Audra Erickson Physical Therapy

"No, but I have to choose from one of them, ... I'll choose based on what they do."



Rebecca Abbate **Dental Hygeine**

"I hope so. It's so up in the air right now, I would love to do a lot more reading before I choose."



Bob Hester

Pre-med

"Yeah, because of Iowa and New Hampshire, people have a better understanding of politicians' viewpoints and what they're all about."



Colleen Lewis

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"All I can say is I hope so."

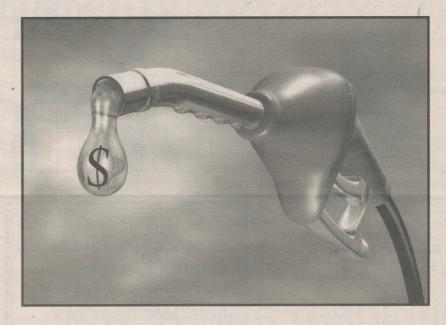


Nathan Newlun

Undecided

"At this point it's not looking likely."

Interviews by Nicole Perkins Photos by Curtis McCain



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