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Challenge grant issued for longhouse

Project is one step closer to reaching its goal

Willa Bauman
News Editor

The Spirit Mountain Community Fund has issued the second of two \$50,000 challenge grants for the Native American longhouse to be constructed on LCC's campus. It would be the first longhouse in the state to be built on a community college campus.

"Once we have this \$50,000 we may be down to the last \$200-300 thousand," Aaron Shonk, grant coordinator for the Lane Foundation said. "We're really on the home stretch in terms of raising this money," he reported.

The Native American longhouse has been in the planning stages for years but has continually been stalled because of the lack of funding. "Frankly, longhouses are hard to fund. We've worked with the tribes, and many of the tribes have given us money. We've gone to a lot of places and been turned down at a lot of places," Shonk said.

Director of Annual Giving Kathy Thomas cited the longhouse at the University of Oregon as a reason that donors seem to be reluctant to contribute to the project. "This particular project has been challenging to fund because there is already a longhouse in our community at the University of Oregon," she explained. "It's really frustrating because there's been a lot of education that's needed."

Education is one of the goals organizers have for the longhouse. "At LCC we have a number of students who don't meet the university profile. We have the largest self-identified Native American population attending a community college in the state," Shonk said.

Thomas added that many of these students might feel more at home on a campus explicitly supporting their heritage. "They feel comfortable in something that echoes something of their culture and homeland. Some students come from very isolated situations on a reservation. Having a longhouse on campus will increase the campus' education of Native American culture," she said.

While construction of the longhouse continues to plod along, Shonk said the project is requiring more and more money. "Costs for public construction have well out-paced inflation over the last fifteen years," he reported.

The challenge grant funding cycle is ending soon, with \$28,000 out of Spirit Mountain's \$50,000 raised, as of January.

"We've asked for an extension," Thomas said. "If they provide that extension we'll have additional time to follow up with additional funding. We're pursuing contributions from donor-advised fundraising and in-kind contributions of materials, whether it's kitchen equipment or tiles or other materials."

To contribute to the longhouse construction fund, contact Kathy Thomas at 463-5538 or visit the Lane Foundation website, www.laneccc.edu/foundation.

58th home victory!



Photo Isaac Viel

Titan sophomore Mercedes Alexander holds the ball high while looking to get around the Umpqua Community College freshman forward Deanna Tupai in the Jan. 16 game held on the LCC campus. The Titans defeated UCC Riverhawks 70-65 for a record-setting 58 home game wins.

Student government positions available

Winter term opens with senate and communication director positions unfilled

Sandy Wilcox
Assistant News Editor

The Associated Students of LCC is currently looking to fill a spot in the senate and the position of communications director.

Although the senator position will be available until someone applies for the position and is voted in, the deadline for applicants wishing to fill the communications director position will need to have their applications turned in by Jan. 21.

"Some of the duties would be communicating with all the news channels locally, The Torch, the local newspapers, really just being a liaison between student government and LCC and any form of media in getting out the information in what the student body's doing and any events that are happening and those types of things," ASLCC Senator Jonathan Morton said.

"As well as coordinating with ways to outreach and get to the students and make sure that they are aware of the positions and all that. And also you're just kind of the communications between everybody in the senate and executive branch,

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Hit-and-run victim returns home

Student's recovery exceeds expectations

JB Botwinick
Reporter

Cheers and applause greeted LCC student Torey Moore as she arrived at Papa's Pizza with her parents Joe and Terri Morneau last Tuesday. The appearance marked the hit-and-run victim's homecoming after 49 days in the hospital.

Moore was the victim of a hit and run on Nov. 7, 2007. She was struck on her way home from a friend's house and was found by Miguel Bustamante a short time later. Upon arrival at the emergency center nurses told Bustamante that had she been found any later Moore might not have survived.

Family and friends welcomed Moore to the fundraiser hosted in her honor by Papa's Pizza.

Fifty percent of the restaurant's proceeds for the night were donated to a medical expense fund. At the end of the night almost \$1,900 was accumulated.

Moore, 20, was also reunited with Bustamante who was on his daily paper route for the Register Guard when he spotted Moore. "When I got up closer I could see someone was seriously hurt so I pulled off and ran out there," Bustamante said. "I checked for a pulse and there was one and she was breathing and



Photo Curtis McCain

Hit-and-run victim Torey Moore and the man who found her, Miguel Bustamante, talk with family and friends at a benefit held in Moore's honor at Papa's Pizza on Jan. 7. The benefit raised an estimated \$1,900 for Moore.

bleeding pretty bad. I called 911 and stayed in the street with her in case any cars came."

Bustamante was all smiles as Moore presented him with the gift of a silver pin in the shape of angel. Since the accident Bustamante has been referred to as Moore's personal angel. Moore will wear an identical

pin in his honor. Bustamante agreed to accept the gift only when Moore was able to pin it on him herself.

"I'm just glad I was there, she seems like a terrific person," Bustamante said. He has been welcomed into Moore's family with open arms. "We'll be spending many evenings and visits together that I'm

looking forward to, they're a terrific family."

Many community members and various groups have been responsible for raising money for Moore's medical costs, which have risen into

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TOAST AND ROAST

TOAST: To Shawnda in the cafeteria for her speedy and friendly service.

ROAST: To Governor Ted Kulongoski for exceeding his authority in requiring people to prove they're in the United States legally in order to get an Oregon driver's license.

TOAST: To Top Ramen for making such affordable food.

ROAST: To the fact that Blenders employees aren't able to keep tips.

TOAST: To LCC for receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

ROAST: To the Food and Drug Administration for approving cloned animals for food.

TOAST: To people who smoke in designated smoking areas on campus.

ROAST: To late-night talk show hosts for going on the air, despite the writer's strike.

TOAST: To the LCC women's basketball team for 57 consecutive home wins. You're the best!

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How to console a divorcing friend: just listen

Several weeks ago I got together with a dear friend (I'll call her Maggie) who was going through a difficult time. She had recently lost her job and, to make matters worse, she was in the middle of a very messy divorce – her second.

Depressed and lonely, Maggie hadn't left her house in weeks, but when we spoke on the phone that day, I convinced her to let me come over for a visit. When I arrived at her home that evening, she appeared surprisingly lovely. No red-rimmed eyes, no raggedy housecoat smeared with ketchup, not even a bad nail job. She looked fabulous.

Nonetheless, Maggie was emotionally devastated and repeatedly made statements such as: "I can't believe this is happening to me," and "I need to buy more wine, but I can't afford it." Desperate to find employment, she talked about possible jobs in the area, but feared going through the job-hunting process again. As for her estranged husband (I'll call him Arnold simply because I dislike that name), she found it impossible to use his name in a sentence unless punctuated with a serious obscenity. It was safe to say that she was in "the anger stage" of her break-up.

Throughout the years, I have witnessed several



Cheryl Rade
Reporter

of my friends go through nasty disentanglements. What were once fabulous relationships that included terms of endearment such as "soul mate," "my true love," and "he's the one" had become shredded memories characterized by adjectives unsuitable for print in this

publication.

Maggie's situation is special to me, primarily because she's my friend and I know what a great person she is.

Blonde and blue-eyed with an athletic figure, she is gorgeous and no one would ever believe she had given birth to three children. Plus, she is bright and has a quick wit that keeps people on their toes.

When I handed her these compliments, she thanked me, but then quickly remarked how her husband thought she was fat and stupid and that he never thought she was pretty enough. My heart sank when she spoke, and I could tell the sting of her estranged husband's words remained as sharp as ever.

Throughout the course of the evening, Maggie continued her rant against Arnold, relating all the infractions he had committed, the holidays he messed up, the birthdays he ignored, the verbal slights. This went on for some time and by the end

of the night, I myself wanted to shout obscenities at Arnold.

The reason I'm focusing on Maggie is three-fold.

First, I am writing this on Jan 7, which many lawyers are calling D-Day because it's the busiest day for divorce filings (I have many theories here, but I'll address them some other day). Second, Maggie is my friend and I care about her.

No one wants to see a friend in pain. Third, and most importantly, the loss of a relationship is tough. Whether or not you're married, living together, dating, whatever; relationships are commonly our anchors in life and when we lose those anchors, we often lose ourselves.

I didn't have any answers for Maggie, but then she really wasn't looking for any. She simply wanted to talk, especially to someone who would just listen and not give unwanted advice. She hated that an acquaintance of hers had suggested jumping into the dating game again and that Arnold isn't the only fish in the sea. That may be true, but he was her Arnold. Her fish.

When I left that evening, Maggie seemed in better spirits, but I could sense her uneasiness. She was scared, yet she put on a good front. With a big smile, she hugged me and thanked me for listening to her husband bashing. I told her that's what friends are for. To listen.

My encounters with a different point of view

How a temporary change in mobility affects perspective

I recently broke my leg in a stupid accident that was entirely my own fault. I am now reduced to crutching around awkwardly or wheeling from place to place, trying to travel the path of least resistance.

Until a person's mobility is limited, it's difficult to really understand what it means to have limited access to places that are easily reached with two fully functioning lower limbs. I have a nagging suspicion that I don't even know the half of it.

For the most part, the world is designed for people who have the use of all four limbs.

I've faced narrow hallways and aisles in supermarkets that are difficult to maneuver around. I've found myself standing on one tired and half-numb foot and two metal poles in a packed elevator with people who appear to be capable of scaling the stairs.

I've had to call ahead before going out for the evening to make sure certain destinations are wheelchair

accessible and I've sat smiling at people dancing, wishing that I could



Lana Boles
Features Editor

get out there and shake it with them.

I've learned to use my body in ways that I would not have considered before. I've figured out how to lift a wheelchair onto my porch and into my car while standing on one leg. I even, somehow, managed to lift a five-gallon jug onto the water dispenser that sits on a counter at shoulder level.

Finding ways to get around the temporary loss of the use of part of my leg is something I've gotten used to.

What I haven't gotten used to

is some people's complete lack of consideration. There are people who could use the stairs but choose to take the elevator even though it means my wheels are nearly crushing the toes of the woman who is eight months pregnant, those who watch me try to balance on one leg on the scooter in the supermarket while desperately trying to grab the eggplant that's just beyond my reach and the people who look at me with disdain as I apologize profusely for merely trying to get around them in narrow hallways.

Luckily there are folks on the opposite end of the spectrum who go out of their way to be helpful and polite, people who are cooperative and caring, like the guy who got off the elevator as it began to fill up because he clearly felt guilty for not using the stairs in the first place, the teenager who wouldn't take a tip after helping me out to my car at the grocery store, the friends who have been wonderfully accommodating, or the strangers who rush over to help me with the door because they see me struggling to open it.

When I tell people about these

experiences they often look at me with sympathetic eyes, shake their heads and ask how much longer I have until I get the cast off. As much as I appreciate their sympathy, I know that this is temporary. In a few weeks, a month or however long it takes, my leg will be healed, the cast will be cut off and I'll be able to dance, use the stairs and take my dog for walks again.

In the end I'm thankful for this experience because it's given me another perspective. I've seen an ugly side of humanity that I'm sad exists, but I'm glad to know because I never want to be that person. I want to be aware of the people around me and always remember that we're all human beings who need each other's respect and support.

I've encountered some genuinely caring individuals who reaffirm my hope that the world could be a cooperative human community, where instead of fulfilling personal needs and ignoring everyone else's, people truly care about each other and make that effort to support one another.

After thousands of miles in 19 days, I love America again

Spending time in a foreign land helps one editor realize the grass is not always greener

From Dec. 15, 2007 through Jan. 3, 2008 I was in a foreign land 7,000 miles away enjoying the company of my brother who lives in Southern Belgium and is working for the U.S. Army.

The excitement of getting away for a few weeks from school and the paper was overwhelming as I boarded my first flight from Portland's PDX to Washington D.C.'s Dulles airport. I had been waiting for the day that I could see Europe and it was finally happening. As the plane touched down in Brussels, Belgium, my heart was racing in anticipation of what I would see and do and the people I would meet.

Before I took the trip I had so many ideas of what I would find and how it would be in Europe. Man, was I wrong. Americans, myself included, who have not been to Europe, have certain ideas about what it's like in Europe and I'm here to say that most of the ideas are dead wrong and need a bit of updating.

A lot of people think that Europe is very progressive and 'green' compared to us dirty American polluters. I'm sure most of you have heard the comment following the lines of how in

Europe public transportation is so great that hardly anyone drives in the big cities. Guess again. Trying to navigate Paris on a busy weekday can resemble any U.S. city at 8 a.m. There is horrible traffic, horrible smog. A lot of the people are driving and not taking the revered public transportation.

Another misconception about Europe is that we, as Americans, are a fat, slothful society



Isaac Viel
Editor in Chief

compared to Europe. Wrong. Being in countries like Germany, Belgium, England and France I was shocked when I saw the amount of overweight people. Just looking at the people I realized that we are not much different when it comes to the size of our waistbands. According to the Center for Disease Control, in Oregon 20-24 percent of our population is overweight and the European Commission reports that many European countries are beginning to show obesity rates near, and sometimes exceeding, the U.S. Hard numbers and personal experience puts to rest the rumor that we Americans are more portly than our European counterparts.

Thinking back to transportation leads me to another point that people tout the availability of cheap train tickets, which allow you to get all over Europe on a student's budget. I like getting out alone and being independent, so when I was over there I figured I would hop on a train and spend a few days chugging around. Well, as it turns out, trains are not cheap in Europe and to top it off, they seem to require you to change trains at every big city. By the time you reach your destination, you've spent almost a whole day getting there. The reality of a quick and efficient European trip is that to get to other countries you need to fly, which in most cases is cheaper than the train and gets you there in mere minutes or hours and can cost the same, or even less than the train. While I was there I discovered Ryanair, which offers flights to most European cities for as low as one Euro cent, plus tax, which amounts to about \$20-30 ... much better than the train.

I loved Europe and I had a great time visiting my family, but I left with a whole new mindset and a renewed appreciation for our country. When my returning flight finally reached PDX and I walked out into the bitter cold Oregon air, I felt a rush of relief to be home. Never again will I doubt that America is a great country to live in, or let ideas from others affect my judgment without proof. Sure we have our problems and now I see why it is so important to solve them, because I want the future generation to love this country as much as I do now.

College recognizes service, dedication of two LCC volunteers

Board of education approves resolutions to commend two long-time volunteers

Willa Bauman
News Editor

The LCC board of education meeting was rife with veneration on the evening of Jan. 9 when members approved two resolutions honoring Lane Technical College founder and LCC Board member Lyle Swetland, who passed away on Nov. 26, 2007 and long-time KLCC volunteer Frank Nearing.

Under Resolution 518, LCC President Mary Spilde presented the Swetland family with a painting by LCC faculty member Jerry Ross, titled "Road to Lane."

"Lyle Swetland helped build that road to Lane and helped build Lane," Spilde said.

Swetland, who lived to be 88, was instrumental in founding Lane Technical College, LCC's vocational predecessor. He continued to be deeply involved in college policy-making, serving as director of development from 1969-83.

In his dedication speech, board member Robert Ackerman illustrated Swetland's involvement in those early years. "The landscape of 1964 and 1965, when Lyle was on the Board of Education was quite different than it is now. It was certainly in a new world when the Board was founded in 1964," he said.

"It was a unique time for us because we knew we were at the forefront of educational history in Lane County ... Lyle Swetland was a great community college board



Photo Curtis McCain

LCC President Mary Spilde presents instructor Jerry Ross' "Road to Lane" to family members of Lyle Swetland on Jan. 9. Swetland and newly retired KLCC news reporter Frank Nearing were honored that night.

member, he was patient, he had vast integrity and we respected his judgment and it's very interesting to follow in his footsteps here today and I take particular pride in knowing him, following him and I'm pleased we can honor him today."

Swetland's daughter, Susan Bloom, said her father felt a great affinity for the working class. "He was always an advocate for labor and for working people. I think that's why he wanted to start the college, to have opportunities for vocational training.

He was a Democrat. He was just an out-there guy who did the best he could for the community."

While LCC evolved away from Swetland's original vision as a strictly technical college, he remained involved throughout his career. "He was always proud of the college," Bloom said. "It gave opportunities for people to better themselves."

After posthumously honoring Swetland, the board of education went on to approve Resolution 519, honoring KLCC news reporter Frank

Nearing, who recently retired after 23 years of service.

Nearing and his wife Pat were both present to receive their print of Ross' "Road to Lane" and accept the honor.

"[Nearing] has always been the consummate professional, honoring the news in a respectful way, and honoring the college," Hall said. "And I must say, from my own perspective, the jokes Frank and I shared were frequently the highlight of the meeting."

Spilde also added her memories to the dedication.

"I'd like to take a moment to tell one story I have about Frank," she said. "I was interviewing for the position of president, and Frank came to the interview. The board members were arrayed along the sides of the table and I was at one end and Frank was directly opposite me at the other end, and during the course of the interview, especially when I was asked the question, 'what would you do if the Board micro-managed' I caught Frank's eye.

"I almost laughed out loud when I looked at his face. It's a great memory of that interview and how Frank's twinkling eyes at the other end of that table made the process a little easier."

Audience and board members witnessed that humor for themselves when Nearing took the floor to accept the honor.

"Whoever planned this gathering seems to deserve a gold star for two reasons. First of all I had to postpone a root canal to come to this and secondly it happens to be my 89th birthday." He continued, commending both the college and his family, "LCC faculty has served me well in the past in pursuit of my broadcast journalism degree.

"Pete Peterson helped my hone my writing, Don Hein was the first to put me in front of a microphone, speaking of my family over in KLCC, and Tripp Summer was my news director and I say without contradiction, never did I leave the studio after finding a story without hearing Tripp Summer say 'thank you, Frank.' And that was kind of a pat on the back and a little motivation. So I thank you all, to my wife Pat, who gave me motivation when she said, 'I get much more work done when you're out of the house.'"

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what ever the president contributes to your list of duties," Morton said.

Applicants for the communications director position must commit at least 15 hours to the position, be able to attend both the Monday and Wednesday 3-5 p.m. ASLCC meetings, be currently enrolled in at least six credits and carry at the least a 2.5 grade point average.

ASLCC's student body president will review the applications and then turn them in to the senators who will elect the new communications director.

The previous Communications Director Teyan So, stepped down due to personal reasons, but was unavailable for comment.

The ASLCC senator position has similar requirements to the communications director positions but applicants who wish to apply will be required to gather 100 signatures from registered students at LCC.

Morton discussed the ease of gathering the signatures by "getting yourself out there" and "pushing those boundaries." He said he stood up in his classes and asked fellow students if they would sign his senator petition.

"As a senator it's ten hours required per week, same meeting requirements, same GPA requirements, same credit requirements. With the senate you are basically a little bit freer to approach your own initiative. The things you really want to focus on, you can kind of focus on," Morton concluded.

On Jan. 14, ASLCC President Dan Dawson nominated James Manning for the position of senator. The same day he was sworn in as a senator by the ASLCC senate, leaving one senate position left open.

Senators work with fellow members of ASLCC as well as other members

of LCC to "enhance the quality of life for students on campus." Senators also participate in various committees and become involved in both local and state government; they also vote on various campus-wide issues.

"Nobody's really limited as to what they can do. Obviously as the student body we try to stay focused on things that are applicable to school and to [other] schools which does include interaction with the local government the state government and the federal government," Morton said.

Former Senator Stephanie Baker stepped down from the position at the beginning of winter term, opening up the position for more applicants.

When asked why she stepped down Baker said, "I didn't really care for politics, too many meetings ... I discovered that they wanted more of my time then I was really willing to give." Baker did concluded however, "It's worth trying out even if you don't enjoy it that much or decide not to stick with it."

Senator Morton described being able to efficiently juggle his classes with his responsibilities as a senator and cautioned that applicants must be aware that classes and school comes first before ASLCC.

"It's been a wonderful experience for me. I plan on continuing to advance in student government and become more and more involved.

"The senator spot has been a really good starting off point for deciding where I wanted to direct my time and my energies, being a senator has definitely shown me how little is known about the student government and how little of the student body really is aware of what we do," Morton said.

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the hundreds of thousands. The three main groups spearheading the effort are the Coburg Grange, Coburg Fire District and Coburg Connections.

"We have been raising for the medical expenses. There was a spaghetti feed at The Grange sponsored by the fire district and The Grange," Bill Judd, family friend of 10 years, said.

Judd has been a leader in the fundraising for Moore and in the organization of events. He has been put in charge of the money that has been raised for the medical expense fund. Along with the money from the spaghetti feed and Papa's Pizza fundraisers, many individual donations have also been received.

"Torey is kind of the community child. It seems that anybody who lives in or about Coburg knows her and has received at least one hug from her. She's a hugging fool. She likes to hug and smile. She is a special girl," Judd said.

Over the past months Moore has been in the hospital recovering from her facial injuries as well as the brain trauma caused by the accident and has just recently returned home. Her recovery has surpassed all expectations.

"The hospital, the doctors, everybody told us right out of the gate that she'd be there four to six months and getting her out in around 49 days was a miracle," Moore's father Joe Morneau said.

Although she is able to return home Moore still suffers from severe memory loss and will be in therapy for several months. "She is

Hit and run ...
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doing so much better in everything but the memory is the worst part, its going to take the longest to get back," Moore's mother Terri Morneau said.

Moore hopes to return to LCC next September if she is able. Until that time LCC has suspended her enrollment and given her a full refund. "The school has just been awesome," Joe said.

In the meantime, Moore's parents are just happy to have her home. When asked how it felt to have his daughter home Joe replied, "She's home, she's alive, what more can I say."

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4 Cooperative living gives students the opportunity to co-exist while saving money

Communal living offers a strong sense of community

Cheryl Rade
Reporter

Living in a housing cooperative may not be for everyone, but for many students from LCC and the University of Oregon, it's a perfect solution to their housing needs.

Presently, more than 70 students occupy three buildings: the Campbell Club and the Lorax Manner are for undergraduates and the Janet Smith House is for graduate students. All are owned and operated by the Students' Cooperative Association in Eugene.

Peter Kass, 23, recruitment coordinator for the co-op since last summer and a former member, explained that co-op living offers students a great opportunity for affordable housing. Aside from the financial benefits, the co-op also provides students with a secure environment and a strong sense of community. Each student has assigned duties involving everything from housekeeping to food preparation to maintenance.

"This is a system of respect and egalitarianism," Kass said, pointing out that the co-op is not run by majority rule, but by consensus, which is a critical aspect of the organization. "A freshman who's just moved in has just as much say as a senior who's been here for years," he added. "Everybody has a voice."

One of the major benefits of the co-op is its affordability, Kass noted. Per term (approximately three months), the cost is \$1155 for a single room and \$880 for a double during the fall, winter and spring terms. The fee is slightly less during the summer sessions. The cost includes all utilities and access to the Internet, as well as food (including prepared lunches and dinners) and even toiletries.

The Lorax Manner, located at 1648 Alder, is a vegan house, whereas the Campbell Club at 1670 Alder is vegetarian and the Janet Smith House, situated at 1790 Alder, does allow meat, but it must be organic, locally-produced meat. The co-op attracts a certain type of student, especially those with particular dietary concerns, Kass stated. "It's not just for students who want cheap rent," he said. "It's for people with very strong beliefs, especially dietary."

Melanie Sicotte, business manager of the SCA since 1998, said the three buildings were initially constructed as fraternity and sorority houses, with the Lorax Manner being the oldest (built in the 1920s). She explained that co-op housing is much different than life at your parents' home or in a dormitory. "There



Photo Monica Carson

Leland Earls, Paul McBride, Coen Beorn, Ian Lamb and Troy Gredin congregate in the kitchen of the Lorax Manner, the vegan student cooperative located at 1648 Alder.

are no RAs, but there are rules," she advised. "And when you break the rules, it's your peers who are going to call you on it because your peers expect you to follow the rules."

Most students who choose co-op housing know what they're getting into, Sicotte noted. "When people feel like part of a community, they feel inspired to step up and do things," she said. "Usually, after a term or two, they're really into the swing of it."

Although the bulk of the student co-op population comes from the UO, Kass said approximately 10 LCC students are currently members. One of them, Monica Joseph, 18, explained that she heard about the co-op through several friends who had previously lived there and suggested that she apply. Presently in her second term at the Lorax Manner, the Eugene native praised the co-op's strong sense of community and good food. "I love it here," Joseph said. "I'm vegan so it's easy to eat here. We get really high quality food."

A freshman majoring in environmental science, Joseph plans

For more information on co-ops, visit
www.uoregon.edu/~asuosch/index.php.

to live at the co-op during her entire college career. "As long as I go to school in Eugene, I can't see anywhere else I'd want to live," she said.

Another LCC student at the Lorax is Troy Grudin, who hails from Fountain Valley, California. Also a student at UO, he resided in a quad prior to moving into the co-op last fall. "When I lived in a quad, there was nothing communal," he said. "You don't share anything with people. Here, you share with people. I like the idea of community."

At 35, Grudin claims to be the oldest member of the Lorax Manner, but he doesn't mind. He stated, "I like it here. You get to meet some cool people and spend time with them. I've made a lot of new friends here."

Jonathan Morton wears many hats while working to achieve his goals

Student returns to school after several years; finds his path with family, school, coaching

Lana Boles
Features Editor

The whistle sounded. Shoes squeaked against the gymnasium floor as new players jogged out onto the court seeming unsure, moving awkwardly towards their positions. Jonathan Morton sat in the bleachers and beamed with pride, speaking with ebullience about this year's team, as his son Micah threw the ball to his teammate.

Jonathan hardly took his eyes off the game. He watched as the teams moved up and down the court, explaining the challenges of living out of town and how that has affected his children's opportunities to be involved in team sports.

Jonathan's two sons, Micah, 11, and Aidan, 9, live with him, his new wife Lauren and his mother and father, Jean and Arthur. "I have a very wonderful family that has really pulled together and helped me out."

He has full custody of his children, but his sons' mother gets involved in the boys' lives as much as she can. "Because of all the trouble I had in my personal life, marriage was very rough ... I ended up with my children," Jonathan said.

Jonathan wears many hats. He's a father, a newlywed, a full-time student, and a bartender. He's involved in student government as a senator and works as a teacher's assistant.

For his second time around, Jonathan, 35, has been a student at LCC since Fall term of 2006.

He originally moved to Eugene from California just four days after graduating from high school, and enrolled at LCC. He just wasn't ready to be a dedicated student, he said, so he left college and went to work.

"I got into the restaurant industry and did everything from dishwasher to general manager, but decided after about 15 years that I literally was sitting in front of a TV and watching an average show I've seen a million times and thought that I could be doing homework and I'd really enjoy it," he said. In March of 2006 he had applied to LCC, got his financial aid together and was ready to go back to school, when something happened one night that could have knocked him off his path.

Jonathan was driving home one evening



Photo Isaac Viel

Juggling work, school, and other responsibilities, family is a top priority to Jonathan Morton. He gives words of encouragement to his son Micah, managing to fit his son's basketball game into his busy schedule.

after tending bar. He said he drank one beer after his shift. "I got in an accident and I got a DWI. It was a pretty intense thing," Jonathan's tone changed as he said, "It was a very unfortunate series of events."

He agreed to a Breathalyzer test, which indicated that his blood alcohol level was 0.09, that's 0.01 over Oregon's legal limit for driving

at the time. The event "really woke me up to the fact of what driving intoxicated really is," he stated. He was facing one year in jail and three felony charges because one person suffered minor injuries.

A felony conviction would've made him ineligible for financial aid. "My main goal was no felonies, no jail time so I could take care

of my kids and so I could go to school, and it worked," Jonathan said. "Through a lot of perseverance and a lot of hard work and help from a lot of people I got through all of that."

For the entire year, his license was revoked and he didn't have access to public transportation because he lives 15 miles out of town. "Fortunately, I have a really wonderful father who drove me to and from school and work for an entire year," Jonathan said.

"There were a lot of situations that really could have diverted me off this path ... I could've just said 'you know what, I can't do this,'" Jonathan emphasized, "but I pushed and I pushed."

Jonathan had originally started on a path towards working in social services, but discovered that it was not the right fit for him. "I'd taken some sociology classes, so I've pursued that path, changed my major to sociology," he said.

Although he has many other responsibilities, Jonathan's grades are important to him and he has been able to maintain an A average. "When I came back I was at a 2.33 [GPA] and now I'm at a 3.59," he said.

He's very involved in ASLCC and hopes to continue being a part of student government in the future. "I like Jonathan a lot," Barbara Delansky, who works in Student Life and Leadership Development, said. She looks forward to his continued involvement with student government.

He credits LCC in helping him succeed as a student. "A part of it I really do attribute to LCC and the way that the school is formulated," he said. He cites the ability to interact with the faculty as a benefit to his education. "There are so many opportunities for interaction in such a personal one-on-one level."

Jonathan's ultimate goal is to teach high school students. "I love the idea of being able to change the future," Jonathan said. He looks forward to the "opportunity to relate young minds and young lives to the rest of the world and show them how it all connects."

"I know I'm on the right path finally and I really just hope that anybody who's going to school can keep persevering and keep working through even if it takes 15 or 20 years ... I've gotten out of the way of the universe and everything's just been falling into place."

Prominent musicians are guests at jazz festival

Students benefit from exposure to and instruction from world-renowned artists

Nicole Perkins
Arts Editor

LCC music students as well as high school and middle school bands from Oregon and Washington receive advice and instruction from recognized jazz musicians in this year's Oregon Jazz Festival.

From Friday, Jan. 18 to Saturday, Jan. 19 LCC hosts a number of accomplished jazz artists, who teach an instrument-focused clinic, give feedback on performances and perform a solo during student shows.

This year's guest clinicians are trombonists Dave Glenn and Luis Bonilla, saxophonist Dan Gailey, and pianist Dana Landry.

The festival begins with a performance by the Lane Jazz Band on Friday at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Oregon Jazz Band from the University of Oregon. Ron Bertucci, LCC music instructor and the festival's founding director, believes the performance is a unique experience for LCC music students. He said the performance is "more magnified because of the focus of the festival. When our group performs, it's for a more educated audience. The light is just a little brighter on our group." On Saturday, 32 high school and middle school bands from the local area up to Washington perform throughout the day for the guest clinicians, and afterward receive feedback and direction.

Following the performances, students attend the clinics. Bertucci explains that it's beneficial to students to hear instruction from professional musicians. "They're learning from people that have done it. Insight and inspiration they just can't get from their band," he said. "It's a lot more intense and direct." Bertucci believes the festival is important to students because

it offers "exposure to world-class artists. The guys playing are the leading people in their field," he said. At the end of the day, two school groups are chosen to perform and represent the festival, followed by a performance by Bonilla, pianist Randy Porter, bassist Dave Captein and drummer Gary Hobbs.

"Not only will we be listening to (Luis Bonilla) play, but we'll be hearing him talk about experiences he had when he too was an aspiring musician."

PAUL HOOPER
LANE JAZZ BAND

too was an aspiring musician," he said. Hooper, freshman music major at LCC, has played the trombone since the fifth grade. "The OJF is a great opportunity to meet professional musicians who have perfected the craft we students are working so very hard towards," Hooper said.

Performances are held in LCC's Performance Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 18 and Saturday, Jan. 19. Tickets on Friday are \$10, \$7 for students and seniors. On Saturday, prices are \$18, \$12 for students and seniors. On both days tickets become available one hour before the show. For more information, call 463-5202. "Not only will we be listening to him play, but we'll be hearing him talk about experiences he had when he too was an aspiring musician,"

Bonilla, this year's featured guest, is a renowned New York trombonist. In addition to playing professionally, Bonilla is a music professor at Temple University and the Manhattan School of Music.

For Paul Hooper, a trombonist in the Lane Jazz Band, Bonilla's visit is a special opportunity. "Not only will we be listening to him play, but we'll be hearing him talk about experiences he had when he

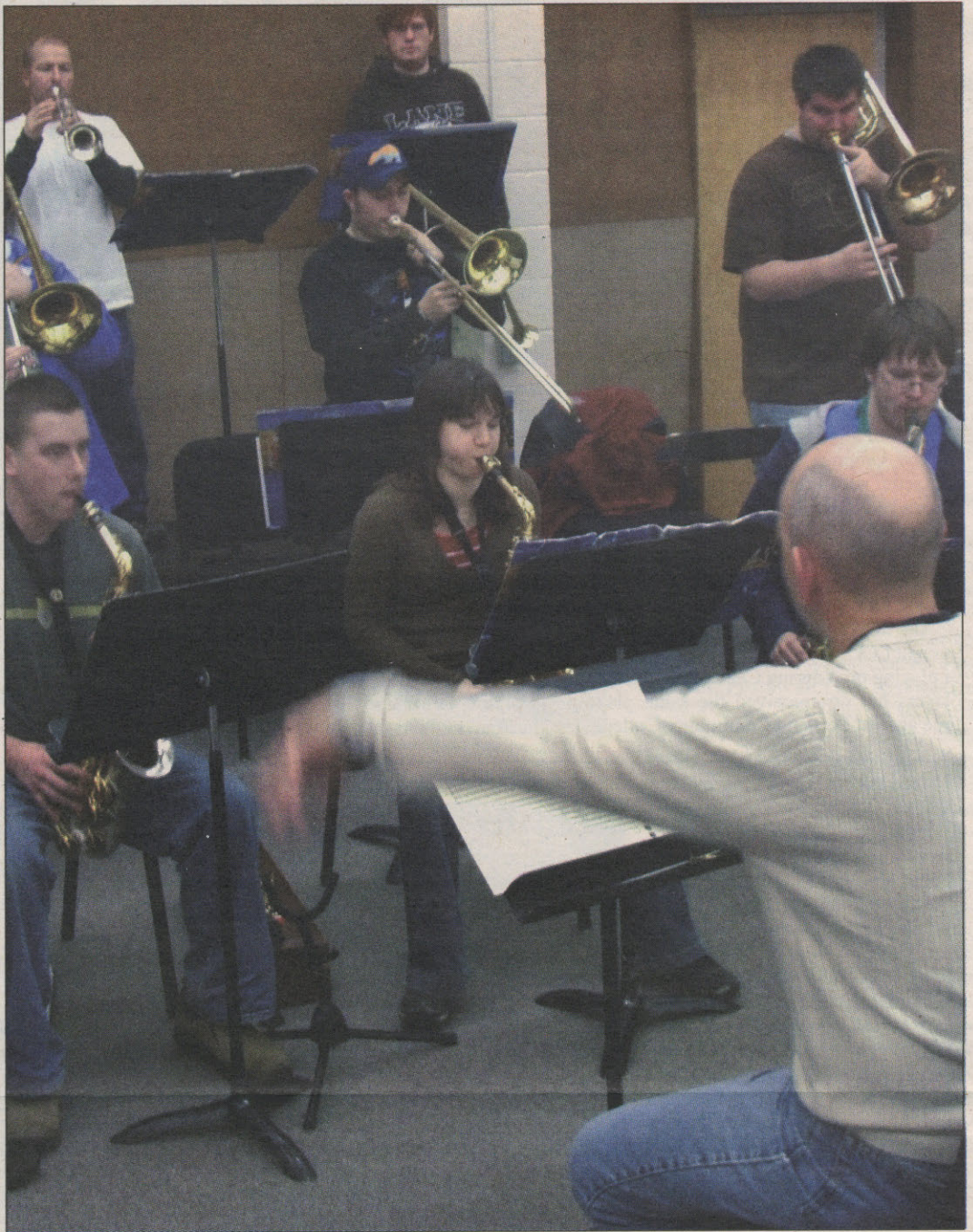


Photo Curtis McCain

LCC Music Instructor Ron Bertucci directs the Lane Jazz Band. The band performs Friday, Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the LCC Performance Hall as a part of the Oregon Jazz Festival.

Red Tornado a thunderous success

Portland musician Leigh Marble releases new album, tours west coast



Photo courtesy of Alex Steinger

Leigh Marble released his second solo album, "Red Tornado," in Oct. 2007. He is starting a west coast tour, stopping at Luckey's in Eugene on Feb. 1.

Nicole Perkins
Arts Editor

A steady pounding drumbeat opens "Lucky Bastards," the first track of Leigh Marble's sophomore solo album, "Red Tornado." The album hit Portland stands in Oct. 2007 and is hailed as one of the town's best local albums of the year.

"Red Tornado" ties in a combination of rock, folk and a little bit of blues in his bold and captivating new release. His songs offer inside looks to his life history, as well as a reflection on the world around him. Musicians Ben Macy and Jason Russell, who he met up with through Craigslist.com and have been playing with for two years, back up Marble's vocals and guitar.

Marble, 31, has been a part of the Portland, Ore. music scene for the past ten years. He moved from the east coast after college, looking for the ideal place for his work. To Marble, Portland "seemed like a good town to do music in. Since then it's become a better town to do music in," Marble said.

In middle school Marble taught himself guitar, first showing an interest in rock music. He developed his singer/songwriter style from listening to artists like Tom Waits and Ani DiFranco, taking an interest in "groovy heavy sounds with intelligent lyrics." Marble intertwined some of his early rock influences with his more current folksy sound on "Red Tornado," creating songs

with purposeful lyrics and strong beats. "My instincts go back to rock paradigms," Marble said.

The rock n' roll re-introduction to Marble's work is especially apparent on "Lucky Bastards," the CD's stronger opener. "I'm proud of rock being back in the formula," Marble said.

Like many musicians, Marble has his own approach to writing songs. "It usually starts with a lyrical phrase," he said. "Pretty much right away I figure out how it will fall over the beat. Walking is a good way to write." Marble adds the drumbeat next, establishing the rhythm and incorporating the melody last.

Marble started work on "Red Tornado" in Aug. 2006. Due to preoccupations in another band and his personal life, work on the album was off and on until mid-2007.

When the album was complete, before its release, Marble said he did something he hadn't done before. "I had a little listening party with friends to get feedback for last minute changes," he said. "Mostly what came out of it was a feeling of accomplishment. That was the defining moment of 'okay, it's done.'"

Next, Marble said his plans are "touring far and wide." He is starting a tour of the west coast, going to the east in April. Marble will play at Luckey's, located on Olive Street in downtown Eugene, on Friday, Feb. 1 at 9 p.m. For more information on the event or Marble's music, visit www.leighmarble.com

Lady Titans edge Umpqua for first place in Division

Bob Rodgers
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team has put itself atop of the NWAACC South division with a big win against Umpqua 70-65 on Jan. 16.

"Umpqua was a very physical team, really tough. We had to match their physical play with intensity," Head Coach Greg Sheley said.

"Everyone was aware of this game; either team didn't take it lightly. It was just two good teams playing hard," Sheley said.

LCC's record has improved to 16-3 overall, with a division mark of 4-0. This keeps the lady Titan's home winning streak intact with 58 straight games.

The Umpqua showdown for first place was setup with a road victory on Jan. 12 over Chemeketa Community College. Mercedes Alexander came off the bench, had 11 points and grabbed 14 rebounds, while sophomore Stephanie Stephens brought in 19 points, leading LCC to the 67-47 win.

The depth of the team is starting to show as eight LCC players got double digit minutes of playing time during Chemeketa game. All players but one received the same playing time against Portland Community College.

The lady Titan's next home game is against Mt. Hood Community College on Jan. 19 at 4 p.m.

"We've been mixing and matching our lineup all season, but everyone is getting experience and we're shaking things up. It's nice if we're in foul trouble or if there are injuries, it's nice to have that depth," Sheley said.

The women's basketball team is trucking right along beating their opponents by an average margin of 27.5 points, only losing by an average of seven points. The margin of victory is probably a little deceptive as LCC beat down Portland Community College by 67 points, but the lady Titans have not been tested in any of its victories thus far, except Umpqua.

Losing isn't great, but it's nearly impossible to go undefeated in the NWAACC. "I really had high expectations because I knew what we had going into the season. Those losses showed we aren't as good as I thought we would be. The last couple weeks, we've been working harder and practicing better. We're heading in the right direction," Sheley said.



Photo Isaac Viel

Denay Martin, the sophomore guard for the Umpqua Riverhawks, competes for the ball with LCC freshman guard Sheena Cole while the two fall to the parquet floor Jan. 16 at LCC.

LCC team beats PCC, loses to Chemeketa

Bob Rodgers
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team fought a closely contested game against Chemeketa Community College but ultimately couldn't close it out, losing 75-69 in an away game on Jan. 1.

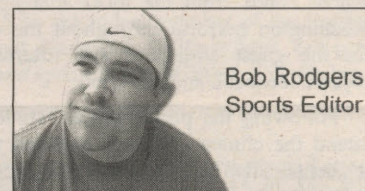
The Titans (10-8 overall, 1-2 division) won the turnover battle but went cold in the second half by shooting 28 percent from the field, which doomed the Titans.

Freshman guard Dominique Watson lead all scorers with 24 points, five rebounds and five steals. Aric Wright came off the bench and provided a boost of 13 points, five rebounds and two assists and steals.

The game featured 11 ties and three lead changes, but the Titans couldn't capitalize.

On Jan. 9 LCC defeated the Portland Community College Panthers in an away contest 92-85.

Watson and Travis Mouton anchored the team with solid performances for combined 45-team points. Kyle Winkler chipped in 16 points and three assists and rebounds.



Bob Rodgers
Sports Editor

Oregon needs pro teams

The Seattle Seahawks were embarrassed on national TV last Saturday in its blowout loss to the Green Bay Packers. I couldn't have been happier. My contempt and antipathy for the seachickens is easy. What's not to hate?

First, let's get the petty things out of the way. I categorically cannot support any team that wants to pay for the services of the greatest professional sports failure of all time, Ryan Leaf. Seattle employed Leaf on their practice team for Super Bowl XL. Had they won the Super Bowl, we'd see the abomination known as Ryan Leaf walking the streets with a championship ring.

The whole issue really comes down to jealousy and being obligated to cheer, or adopt any team not located within Oregon as my "local" team.

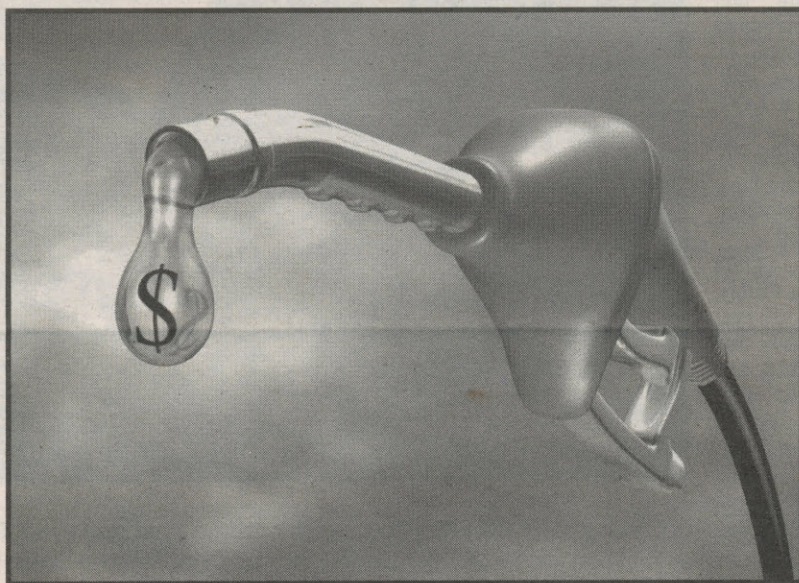
I've tried to be the cool guy, and be part of the Pacific Northwest sports team adoption program. I've just had far too many years of the Seattle teams, leaving me at a breaking point.

The breaking point isn't nearly as scary as it may sound. It just means I'm in the same boat as a lot of Oregonians are and have been for a long time. We want more professional sports teams in our beloved state.

Portland is the 25th most populated city in America. P-Town ranks ahead in population compared to the cities of Atlanta, Cleveland, Kansas City, Oakland, Miami, New Orleans, and St. Louis, all of which have two or more professional sports franchises.

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Day of environmental films shown on campus

Discussion, food and prizes all part of a student organized event

Nicole Perkins
Arts Editor

The Global Action Movie Day will showcase a list of films on Thursday, Jan. 17, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 3, Room 216, welcoming all students to view and discuss environmental issues of today.

LCC student Sonja Mae organized the day of environmental awareness as a project for her sustainability internship. Five movies are to be shown throughout the day. Mae said she chose the films from

instructors' suggestions. "I tried to choose movies that cover issues like water, population and climate change," she said.

It is a free event and guests are welcome to drop in at any time. Tea, coffee and local and organic snacks will be available. The food was donated by local businesses such as Hideaway Bakery, Toby's Family Foods and Emerald Valley Salsa.

The movie schedule starts with "No Vacancy" at 8 a.m., followed by "Thirst" at 9:30 a.m., "An Inconvenient Truth" at 11 a.m., "Kilowatt Ours" at 1 p.m. and the last film, "Affluenza" at 3 p.m.

In between each film, there will be a discussion and raffle drawing for eco-related prizes like canteens, home compost machines and travel mugs.

Cartoon Rick Chu

SCRIBBLES ON A PAPER



Rick Chu 2008

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

					1	3		
	3	6	5		7		1	
1		8				5	9	
3	1			8			5	
			3		2			
	5			1			8	3
	4	9				2		1
	8		9		3	4	6	
		3	1					

Answer to Sudoku

1	4	3	8	9	5	2	6	7
5	6	8	1	2	7	3	9	4
9	2	7	6	3	4	5	1	8
6	9	1	2	7	3	8	4	5
3	7	5	4	6	8	9	2	1
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Solution to previous puzzle

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Brit. Virgin Islands (abbr.)
- 4 Viking
- 8 External covering
- 12 Belonging to (suf.)
- 13 End (pref.)
- 14 Mississippi bridge
- 15 Compass direction
- 16 Maenad
- 18 Broad structural basin
- 20 Water nymph
- 21 Abdominal (abbr.)
- 23 Stair post
- 27 Sp. instrument
- 32 Annoy
- 33 Insect
- 34 Misrepresent
- 36 You (Ger.)
- 37 Hindu month
- 39 Female noble
- 41 Bird

- 43 Eur. Economic Community (abbr.)
- 44 Trespass for game
- 48 Gamin
- 51 Puce (2 words)
- 55 Shoe size
- 56 "Uncle Remus" rabbit
- 57 7th incarnation of Vishnu
- 58 Cathode-ray tube (abbr.)
- 59 Convey
- 60 Black
- 61 Kilometers per hour (abbr.)

DOWN

- 1 Conquer
- 2 Anatomical duct
- 3 Limp
- 4 Off-track betting (abbr.)
- 5 Compact
- 6 Razor-billed auk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

GAD	ANAK	COSM
IHI	BUNA	ORTS
BES	ANIMAL	FAT
EMMA	ADO	
ACTON	ARCAS	
MENUITEM	SOGA	
AGT	PIPAL	NRA
DALE	COLOSSAL	
EDEMA	STAAT	
ECU	PRAE	
GRASSSTEM	UCA	
OPHI	EYAS	CDC
AMAS	DENS	TCH

- 7 Central points
- 8 Dive
- 9 John, Gaelic
- 10 Banned pesticide
- 11 Compass direction
- 17 Chin. dynasty
- 19 Dance

- company (abbr.)
- 22 Cotillion attendee
- 24 Jab
- 25 Ancient Gr. city
- 26 Dregs
- 27 Heddles of a loom
- 28 Handle
- 29 Beak
- 30 Guido's note (2 words)
- 31 Shooting match
- 35 Equal opportunity employer (abbr.)
- 38 Household linen
- 40 Nat'l Endowment for the Arts (abbr.)
- 42 Chin. pan
- 45 Rhine tributary
- 46 Crustacean
- 47 Blood (pref.)
- 49 Amer. Assn. of Retired Persons (abbr.)
- 50 Eng. spa
- 51 Abate
- 52 Yorkshire river
- 53 Race the motor
- 54 Israelite tribe

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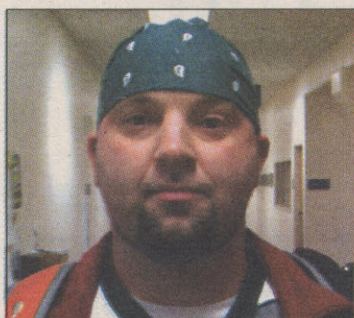
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'What would you think Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. would say is the main world issue of 2008?'



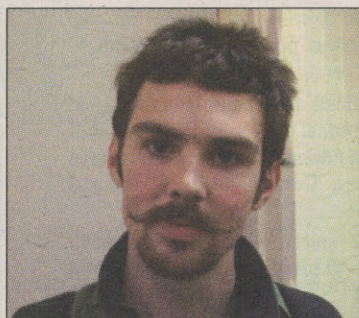
Thaddieus Coberly
Elementary Education

"He always stood for peace and right now there is so much at stake. He believed in peace and right now there's a war going on."



Jeff Fine
Sociology

"He would be disappointed. We went backwards from the '60s. Non-violence is the way to world peace."



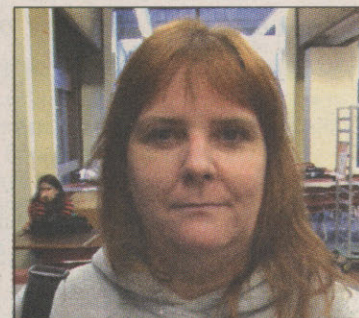
Leon Rogers
Biology

"The disparity between the developing countries and the modern industrialized nations."



Natalia Perez
Undecided

"Poverty. I think that there's a big gap between the very poor and the wealthy. We would wipe out poverty. There's a lot of money out there and it's not being dispersed."



Jane Dunn
Human Services

"I think global warming and the way we treat our planet."

Interviews by Nicole Perkins
Photos by Curtis McCain

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vicinity. We have the manpower, but the question remains. Do we have the fire?

We know football is high in demand in Oregon as both Reser and Autzen stadiums are sold to capacity every Saturday during their respective seasons. Common sense says the National Football League will eventually expand because its overwhelming popularity leaves money sitting on the table as the most watched professional sports league in America. Would Oregonians embrace anything less than an NFL franchise? Would anyone care about a Major League Baseball franchise?

I don't love baseball, but honestly I'd settle for a MLB franchise at this point. We can't ignore the economic impact it would have on our state.

I considered shooting Uncle Phil an email asking for the Portland NikeMen NFL franchise, but realized he was too busy giving money to build a new basketball arena for the Ducks. I have no problem with that, so he's off the hook for a while. Maybe we could get Paul Allen, the owner of the Trailblazers, to shell out for an NFL franchise. Considering he already owns the Seahawks, I'm not sure he or the NFL shares my dream.

Local billionaires don't grow on trees you know.

January 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.

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