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Students lobby in D.C. conference

ASLCC president's decisions spawns controversy

Sandy Wilcox
Asst. News Editor

Every year, Associated Students of LCC sends several students to an annual Washington D.C. legislative conference. Although the conference is available to all LCC students, ASLCC did not advertise the event to the student body. Leg Con participants were picked solely by Dan Dawson, ASLCC student body president, instead of being chosen by the ASLCC senate.

The 39th Annual Grassroots Legislative Conference & Student Lobby Day, held in Washington D.C. on March 15 through 18, hosted college students from across the country. Six LCC students attended the conference in order to gain valuable training and information on how to lobby and discuss higher education issues.

Even though the minutes from ASLCC's meetings reflect discussion of the conference, there was no external advertising of the trip directed towards LCC students at large.

"There were multiple issues that limited the advertisement for this ... but when you look at what happens we really want students to be invested in this, due to the fact that it's a very large chunk of money to send someone," Dawson said.

ASLCC budgeted \$4,000 for the trip, with \$1,300, of the \$4,000, coming from LCC President Mary Spilde, approximately \$1,500 coming from the ASLCC controlled Snack Shack and \$1,200 coming from student fees.

"If we were able to, we would bring a more diverse group of students. Personally, I feel that. But the issue is that it's a really expensive trip and we're sending people that have been involved, that have the skills to not only go and learn but also go and participate in the process," Trillium Starchild, ASLCC senator, said.

When asked, the student government did not currently have the total cost of the trip calculated. When estimating the total cost of the trip, the figure came to be \$6,588. In breaking down the total cost, it was estimated that the cost for airfare was \$2,256, hotel rooms at \$2,016, total conference fee at \$750 and the food budget at \$1,566. The cost per person was estimated at \$1,098.

This would bring the estimated amount of money actually taken from student fees from \$1,200 to \$3,788.

"It is student money ... that we use. But what we do is we use this money to hopefully create a better representation for the students ... so it would do no good for us to bring someone who has no interest in the political field but wants to go on the trip.

"You get a lot of knowledge there

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Students push for Obama

New campus group promotes Democratic presidential candidate in wake of Eugene visit

Bennet Mohler
Staff reporter

The LCC Students for Obama group, a chapter of Oregon Students For Obama, has been setting up a small booth in the LCC cafeteria since early March. The group has been recently recognized by the national Obama campaign, and Obama thanked LCC in his March 19 speech at the University of Oregon's MacDonald Court.

The two main purposes of the Students for Obama booth are to register students to vote and inform students about Barack Obama's policies 2008 election. Chapter Coordinator Matt Keating, Assistant Administrator Missy Champer and Volunteer

Dave Carvo ran the booth. "Right now, we're actively registering voters and educating students on issues concerning the elections, Obama's platform, and ... spreading the word," Keating said. Throughout the afternoon, Keating enthusiastically informed passing students on points of Obama's platform and facts concerning the 2008 election including the April 29 deadline for voter registration and Oregon have closed primary system.

"If you're not registered as a Democrat, you won't be able to vote in the Democratic Primaries. I used to be an Independent myself, than I switched to Democrat to

make sure Obama is nominated," Keating said.

When Senator Barack Obama spoke in Eugene at Mac Court on March 19, the arena filled to capacity. Approximately 14,000 people came to hear the candidate discuss foreign, domestic and social issues ranging from the war in Iraq to overseas labor and affordable health-care. Obama promised change to the screaming crowd, which overflowed into the tennis courts behind Mac Court.

"You will have a president that has taught the constitution, that believes in the constitution, that will obey the constitution," Obama stated.

KLCC 89.7 FM kicks off its 2008 Spring Radiothon

The local NPR affiliate aims to generate \$285,000 from fund-raising events

Taryn Ackelson
Reporter

KLCC 89.7 FM began its Spring Radiothon to raise funds through an on-air campaign for new and renewing members on Thursday, April 3, at 6 a.m.

The Spring Radiothon will continue through Thursday, April 10, at 12 p.m. unless KLCC is able to meet its goal of \$285,000 before that time.

Efforts to raise the funds before the deadline have included a pre-Radiothon "Thon Buster" campaign. In addition, Cyber Day, which encouraged listeners to make contributions online at www.klcc.org, took place Tuesday, April 1.

KLCC gave away tickets

throughout the Cyber Day on April 1 for the comedy group Capitol Steps on April 23. All funds received before 5 p.m. on April 2 helped to meet Radiothon's goal.

KLCC receives over half its funds from the local listening audience as well as the local business community. Listener contributions alone generate 35 percent of the total operating budget.

KLCC is licensed through LCC, which provides a large portion of the funding required to keep the station on the air. It is the main affiliate of National Public Radio in Eugene and Springfield.

The station provides non-commercial news, talk and entertainment programming, as well

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Evergreen SDS chapter suspended

What is LCC's protocol for group suspension?

Bennett Mohler
Reporter

The Olympia Students for a Democratic Society chapter's group status was recently suspended by Evergreen State College's administration. The administration's decision was based on Olympia SDS electing to going through with two events even though they had been cancelled by Evergreen's administration.

The two events in question were a panel discussion on the San Francisco 8 and a folk show. Both events were cancelled only two days before the events were initially scheduled to take place.

Although the suspicion hasn't been confirmed by administration, a riot ensuing after a Dead Prez concert on Evergreen State College campus grounds was allegedly caused by the wrongful arrest of a black concert attendee named Kaylen Williams.

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Speakers praise alternative transit's benefits to Oregon

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On a cold, windy day, a small number of representatives from the city of Eugene, Lane Transit District and Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group gathered at the Downtown Eugene bus station to hold a news conference on March 27 concerning OSPIRG's new report on alternative transportation in Eugene and Oregon.

Speakers Matt Wallace, OSPIRG consumer associate, Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy, LTD Assistant General Manager Stefano Viggiano, and LCC student Sean Portman discussed their personal experiences with Eugene's transit system and the larger need for alternative transportation in Oregon and America.

"People are ready to make the right choices for America's future if only they're given the right opportunity," Wallace said, opening the presentation.

He said "public transportation is the key" to solve a number of issues, including America's dependence on foreign oil, exorbitant local parking costs and rising fuel prices.

Piercy continued the discussion by praising LTD on the new EmX bus rapid transit route, which shuttles passengers from Downtown Eugene to Springfield faster than previous services. EmX garnered Eugene the international 2008 Sustainable Transportation

Honorable Mention award from the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy, becoming the only United States project to win the award this year. In January, at the end of its first year of operation, EmX had carried approximately 1.4 million boardings.

Piercy mentioned that city employees receive free bus passes. "We want to get them out of their cars as much as we can," she said. She also emphasized the need for higher maintenance attention for the buses.

The next speaker was Viggiano who also stressed the need for more funding for maintenance and preservation while praising the EmX route. "The challenge for us is to find ways to expand our service," he said.

Portman, who organizes LCC's OSPIRG "Keep it Wild" campaign, closed the presentation with some personal experiences with LTD. He explained how he had relied on the Eugene bus system for many years before moving to Maryland where he was surprised with the lack of service. In Eugene, LTD enables him to go to LCC, a location otherwise inaccessible.

Also speaking as an environmental advocate, Portman stressed the beneficial role alternative transportation plays in decreasing traffic and reducing environmental impact.

The discussion was in response to a new report by OSPIRG titled "A Better Way to Go: Meeting America's 21st Century Transportation Challenges with Modern Public Transit," which, according to an LCC news release from March 26, is the "first-ever report of agency-specific gasoline and CO2 savings." The report examines the challenges



Photo Curtis McCain

On March 27, Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy, spoke about the importance of state funding for maintenance and preservation of LTD vehicles, at Eugene Station on 10th and Willamette.

America's transportation system is facing, and analyzes how current rail and bus projects help Eugene and Oregon. The report is in response to the 2009 expiration of the current federal transportation funding system.

KLCC, from page 1



Photo Curtis McCain

KLCC kicks off its Spring Radiothon in hopes of raising \$285,000 starting Thursday, April 3 at 6 a.m. and continues until Thursday, April 10 at 12 p.m. unless their goal is reached.

as a wide range of music genres. NPR reaches an audience of 26 million Americans each week, including more than 88,000 KLCC listeners within a 100 mile radius of

Eugene. The Eugene station is one of more than 860 independently-operated, non-commercial public radio stations that broadcast NPR programs as well as a combination of national and local programming. KLCC is the most powerful public radio signal in Oregon, with 81,000 watts of power.

The station has been on the air since 1967. In addition to its main transmitter in Eugene, KLCC has transmitters located in Cottage Grove, Oakridge, Riddle and Sisters.

There are also five sister stations broadcasting KLCC programming: KLBR in Bend, KLFO in Florence, KLCO in Newport, KLFR in Reedsport, and KMPQ in Roseburg.

Listeners can become members and help support KLCC during the Spring Radiothon through online contributions or by calling 463-6001 or 1-800-922-3682.

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but you need to bring it back to our organization so that we all learn from it. If that doesn't happen there would be no reason for the trip," Josh Canady, state affairs director, said.

The official process for choosing students to go to Leg Con previously involved a selection team, which included the president, who would choose and recommend candidates to the senate. The senate would then review the candidates and vote, Dawson said.

Dawson said that because of time constraints, he reviewed the candidates based solely on their essay, forgoing the standard interview process. Of the seven candidates who applied, he chose the six that would then go to Leg Con.

When presenting his choices to the senate, Dawson recommended that the senate accept his recommendations in order to save time, instead of reviewing and voting on each individual candidate. The senate accepted his recommendation and did not go through a formal vote process.

The six students selected by Dawson to attend the conference were Dawson himself, Max McNally, student body vice president, Canady, Senators Starchild and Jonathan Morton and Latino Student Union member Jose Bustillos.

According to Dawson, some of the criteria ASLCC looks for in a student applying to attend Leg Con, are continuing LCC students who wish to gain experience in lobbying for higher education issues, especially in regards to LCC and who show interest in student government and higher education issues.

Even though all six candidates who attended Leg Con fit the criteria, only four of them have confirmed future involvement with ASLCC and LCC.

Four of the candidates who attended Leg Con fit the criteria laid down by Dawson, all of whom will also be

returning to LCC and will have varied forms of involvement in and with the student government.

Dawson also attended and went through training at last year's Leg Con. When asked why he was returning this year, he said, "I'm really going just to be someone who's been through it before, someone who's definitely open to talk about anything."

When asked if he would continue at LCC or ASLCC, Dawson stated, "At this time I'm not going to comment on that," he later stated, "Next year I will be back at Lane. Depending on what happens politically, with the student government, will determine my involvement. No, I am not going to run for an elected position. I will give you that."

McNally, who lobbied for higher education with ASLCC in Oregon's 2007 legislative year's was not present at last year's Leg Con. He will not be returning to LCC next year.

"I will definitely still be involved somehow in higher education and definitely in some kind of leadership position. I'm hopefully going to the U of O next year."

"I probably won't be running for office, but I definitely want to get involved and still advocate for student issues... I will be back in the [Oregon] capitol next year. I will definitely be up there lobbying even if it is just as a student at large," he said.

Before leaving for Leg Con, participating students gathered to discuss what they hoped to bring back from the conference.

Some students hoped to bring back a workshop encompassing the information they gained from Leg Con.

McNally discussed that the proposed workshops will help to train members of ASLCC to lobby in Oregon's 2009 legislative session.

"We'll be holding open workshops so if any students are interested to go to

that and learn about lobbying or to learn about the legislative process in regards to higher education and how they can affect the higher education system in Oregon, they would definitely be welcome to go to that," he said.

ASLCC will be holding a series of three workshops this term, all of which will be hosted by the students that attended Leg Con.

The first workshop, which will be held on Wednesday, April 9, at 3 p.m., will be hosted by McNally and Canady and will focus on higher education issues on the federal level.

The second workshop, which is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, at 3 p.m., hosted by Dawson and Bustillos, will give students insight into lobbying techniques.

The final workshop in the series, which is slated to occur on Wednesday, April 23, at 3 p.m., will have Starchild and Morton discussing effective time and staff management in student groups and the workplace.

Starchild believes that access to college is one of the most important things to be addressed and is happy to have the opportunity to gain valuable lobbying experience, which can help her address issues such as access to college.

"I think that it is pretty much our job to create more access to education. It's exciting to get the opportunity to be more versed in how to go about doing that," Starchild said.

"I hope that while I'm there I learn about the students going first and foremost and just being more familiar with my cabinet and the people who are pursuing my position next year," Dawson said in reference to what he hoped to gain from this year's conference.

It was reported to The Torch that due to a failure to fulfill contractual obligations, Dawson will be stepping down as student body president effective Monday, April 7.

"There is no way to effectively express personal loss. We just try to cover the territory: For every soldier killed we believe there may be as many as 20 who arrive home with serious injuries."

JEFF HUNTER, COORDINATOR,
"EYES WIDE OPEN OREGON" 2008 TOUR



Photo courtesy of Eyes Wide Open

One aspect of the "Eyes Wide Open Oregon: the Human and Economic Costs of War" exhibit is the 102 combat boots that represent Oregon soldiers who have died in combat. The exhibit uses mixed media to communicate the cost of the war in Iraq. The Lane Peace Center presents "Eyes Wide Open Oregon: the Human and Economic Cost of War," April 3 and 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the LCC cafeteria and Bristow Square.

Empty boots, hard hats: reminders of the fallen

'Eyes Wide Open' exhibit brings the human and economic costs of the Iraq war to LCC

Lana Boles
Features Editor

The local costs of the war:

Since beginning of the war, citizens of Eugene have paid **\$148,600,000** in taxes to fund the war in Iraq.

For the same amount, **30,230** Eugene citizens could have had full-coverage health care since the war began. Or, **25,452** university students could have had tuition and books paid for.

If Congress passes the war-related spending request for fiscal year 2008:

It is projected to cost the citizens of Lane County **\$106,700,000**.

It is projected to cost the citizens of Oregon **\$1,251,800,000**.

-Data from the National Priorities Project

In a visual representation of the human cost of the Iraq war, 102 pairs of empty combat boots will each accompany a photo with the name, age and hometown of every Oregon soldier killed in Iraq.

About 3,300 flags with the names of American soldiers who have perished in Iraq will be displayed. Hard hats will also be on display representing the Oregon contractors killed in Iraq.

"Eyes Wide Open" is a transient exhibit made up of boots and flags, photos and stories that communicate the financial burden and human casualties of the war in Iraq.

In 2007, the exhibit visited 26 locations around Oregon, including downtown Eugene. It will be on display for two days at LCC, finishing each day with a closing ceremony from 4-5 p.m.

Cities throughout the United States have hosted the exhibit as well, which testifies to the thousands of American soldiers who have died in the war.

"The boots with photos and memorabilia from families and friends brings life back to our fallen soldiers that exist in our minds as statistics," Jeff Hunter, coordinator of "Eyes Wide Open Oregon" 2008 tour, said.

In each town, local volunteers help with setup, sharing in the ritual of arranging the exhibit in the morning and taking it down in the evening. The boots are placed in neat rows. Visitors are able to move through the display, some have left letters, pictures, flowers, American flags. Some people linger. Some people cry.

Another aspect of the exhibit, "Dreams and Nightmares," a memorial with more than 300 pairs of shoes, statistics, personal accounts and photos extends the circle of awareness beyond Oregon and the United States to include the impact of the

war on Iraqis.

"People are sometimes shocked as if awakened from a dream. The war is too much for many to contemplate and is then simply ignored, off the radar," Hunter said.

"In the tradition of the Quakers, they have ... what they call 'speaking truth to power,'" Stan Taylor, co-chair of the Lane Peace Center said. In 'speaking truth to power,' the exhibit attempts to convey factual information about the true cost of the war in Iraq without a political agenda.

The financial burden of the war is broken down into figures from the National Priorities Project that apply to each locality the exhibit visits. "We then look at that money and estimate how much health care could have been covered, how many teachers could have been hired, how much tuition and books, scholarships could have been distributed," Hunter said.

Projections of what various towns throughout the area pay in taxes on a daily or yearly basis are displayed on posters and handouts.

Hunter reported that Oregon has contributed over \$6 billion since the beginning of the invasion of Iraq. And according to Hunter, the war is costing U.S. taxpayers \$724 million per day.

Through mingling the demonstration of the human toll via, flags, photos, and footwear, with the literal cost to Americans, "Eyes Wide Open" attempts to convey a more complete cost of war.

"It shows in a real visceral way, the true cost of war," Taylor said.

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The exhibit is sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, Rural Organizing Project, Military Families Speak Out and Veterans for Peace Chapter 72.

HPV vaccine available at LCC Health Clinic

CDC suggests Gardasil for preventing some strains of cancer-causing virus

Lana Boles
Features Editor

LCC Health Clinic offers female students Gardasil, the first vaccine for human papillomavirus, the virus that causes genital warts and cervical cancer.

Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that girls and women between the ages of 11 and 26 be vaccinated against HPV.

"[Cervical cancer] is the only cancer that we know of that has a direct link to a virus that can be prevented," Nadine Wilkes, registered nurse, said.

The vaccine has been available at the health clinic since last spring with a brief cessation due to lack of funding.

At the LCC Health Clinic, the cost of Gardasil is around \$135 per shot. The vaccine is administered in a 3-shot series.

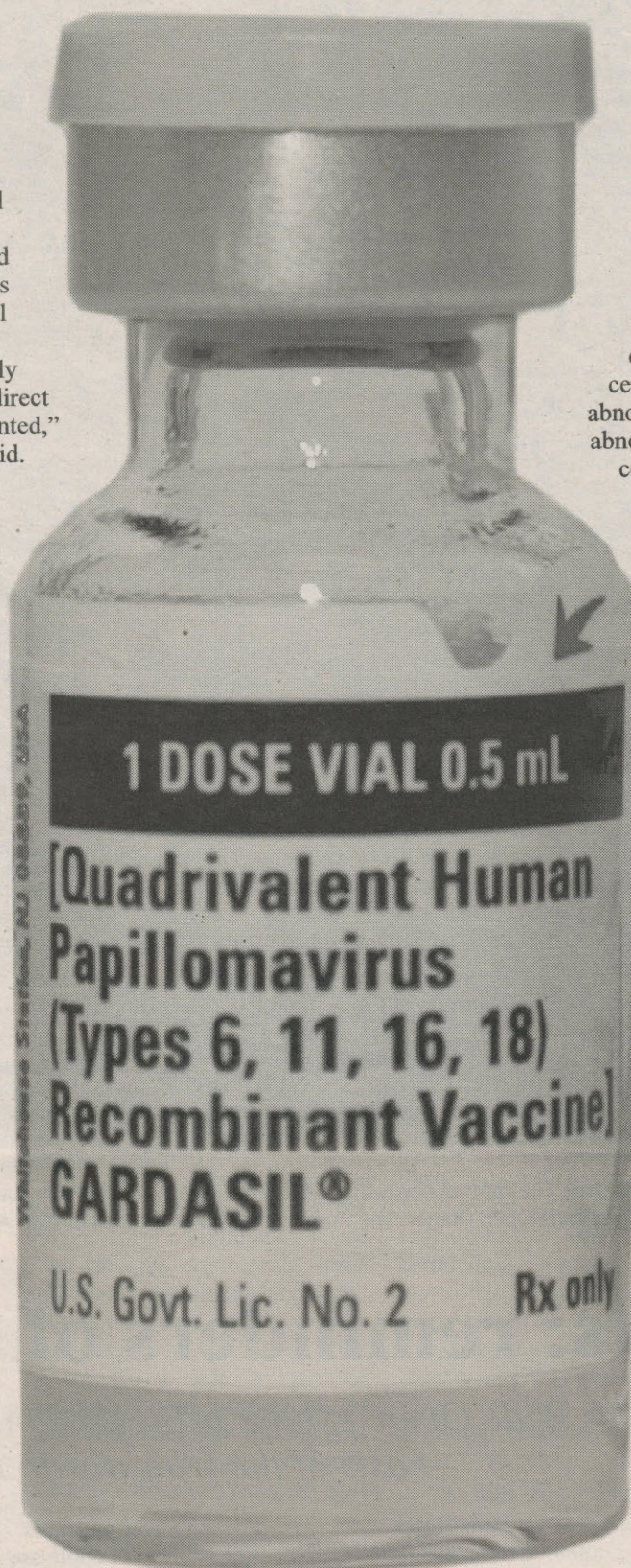
"The problem we have [at LCC Health Clinic] ... we have to buy small lots of it, so our prices fluctuate a little more than" other health care providers, Wilkes said.

There are assistance programs through the vaccine manufacturer, Merck. LCC Health Clinic can assist individuals with applying for manufacturer discounts.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Gardasil in 2006. In a press release from June 8, 2006 the FDA stated, "The vaccine is effective against HPV types 16 and 18, which cause approximately 70 percent of cervical cancers and against HPV types 6 and 11, which cause approximately 90 percent of genital warts."

"There are 140 to 150 kinds of HPV ... those include the warts on your hands and feet to the ones that are causing the cancer of the cervix. There's only a few that cause cancer of the cervix," Wilkes said.

According to CDC, cervical



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NADINE WILKES
REGISTERED NURSE

cancer can also be prevented with routine cervical cancer screening and follow-up of abnormal results. The Pap test can identify abnormal or pre-cancerous changes in the cervix so that they can be removed before cancer develops.

In a press release from March 11, 2008, the CDC stated that 18 percent of female adolescents in the United States are infected with human papillomavirus.

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection. Most people who contract HPV will experience no symptoms or health problems and their immune system will fight off the virus naturally.

"Today's data demonstrate the significant health risk STDs pose to millions of young women in this country every year," Kevin Fenton, director of CDC's National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB Prevention, said in a press release. "Given that the health effects of STDs for women — from infertility to cervical cancer — are particularly severe, STD screening, vaccination and other prevention strategies for sexually active women are among our highest public health priorities," he said.

The only vaccine for HPV, Gardasil, is administered in a series of three shots. The prescription drug company Merck manufactures the vaccine.

photo Curtis McCain

Approximately 20 million Americans are currently infected with HPV.

• 6.2 million people become newly infected with HPV each year.

• At least 50 percent of sexually active men and women acquire genital HPV infection at some point in their lives.

• About 1 percent of sexually active adults in the U.S. have genital warts at any one time.

• The American Cancer Society estimates in 2008, that 11,070 women will be diagnosed with cervical cancer in the U.S.

• The retail price of the vaccine is \$120 per dose — \$360 for full series.

- Data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website

Florence site offers scenic beauty, diverse curriculum

Satellite campus is a small but interesting part of the LCC network

Cheryl Rade
Reporter

Nestled among the sand dunes and pine trees of Coastal Oregon lies LCC's satellite site in Florence, a picturesque campus serving Western Lane County and the Oregon Coast.

Only one hour's drive from Eugene's main campus, the site is noted for its well-rounded curriculum as well as its scenic beauty.

Robert Purscelley, director of LCC at Florence, pointed out that there are more than 100 students enrolled on a full-time basis at the site, with 65 percent as credit students.

Last year, he said, the site saw an increase of 8.3 percent in full-time equivalent students.

Praising the instructors at the Florence site, Purscelley

explained that nearly all the credit instructors are retirees from lengthy academic careers at other locations and have chosen to work in Florence simply because they love teaching.

"Students are blessed to have so many excellent instructors," he said. "I think [the site] is a special place because of our human resources."

Purscelley, with an associate's degree from LCC and both bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Oregon, has been at the helm of Florence's LCC site since 1999.

"Residents of Western Lane County are very supportive of LCC, which is evident by the fact that we receive nearly \$20,000 in student scholarships annually," he said.

Describing himself as a "blue collar" manager, Purscelley said he enjoys building partnerships

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ROBERT PURSCELLEY
DIRECTOR OF LCC AT FLORENCE

and staying active in the community.

"When you think of the Florence Center, you need to view it as a mini-version of main campus, and my role varies in extreme ways," he said. "One moment I'll be speaking at a Chamber of Commerce event promoting the college and within

several hours I could be dealing with a dog entering the building and needing to find its owner. It's this variety that I enjoy."

Purscelley noted that the Florence site, which is located at 3149 Oak Street, has active partnerships with the PeaceHealth Siuslaw Region, Linn-Benton Community College and Southwestern Oregon Community College. Programs such as nursing, diagnostic imaging, health records technology and prerequisites for nursing, in addition to an associate of arts degree, are available at the Florence campus.

One of the unique aspects of the Florence site, Purscelley pointed out, is that the college is tailored to fit the needs of the entire community. In addition to providing college credit courses, it offers a wide variety of enrichment classes for students of all ages. Some of these classes

focus on senior activities, art techniques and computer skills.

Since Florence is considered a retirement community, Purscelley explained that it is sometimes a challenge to retain young students.

"Most graduating high school students look for more social opportunities than you find in a typical tourist/retirement community like Florence," he said. "It's an ongoing struggle, but I am seeing more and more high school seniors attending our center."

When asked to comment on the best part of his job, Purscelley was quick with a response. "We live in such a beautiful part of Oregon with magnificent natural surroundings. It's rare when you live and work so close to the ocean beach that you can have lunch and return to work in 45 minutes."

Cherry Poppin' Daddies 'Bust Out' of hiatus

A more mature album takes the band in a new direction

Nicole Perkins
Arts Editor

After years of laying low, the well-known genre-bouncing band, Cherry Poppin' Daddies, is storming back into the music scene with a new album and tour.

"Susquehanna," the band's sixth album, is not scheduled for national release until June 10, but Eugene will be getting an advanced preview of the new album at the CD release concert April 26 at WOW Hall.

Cherry Poppin' Daddies first began playing the Eugene music scene in 1989 when frontman Steve Perry joined together two groups of friends for a band that combined a punk rock sound with jazz and soul music.

"We merged the idea of schooled music with unschooled," Perry said.

Perry was a chemistry major at the University of Oregon when he first became interested in playing music and realized a career in science may not be the way for him.

At the time he was influenced by the rising West Coast punk-rock scene, but Perry was also interested in mixing sounds and experimenting with different genres. "I wanted to do what I



Photo courtesy of In Music We Trust

The Cherry Poppin' Daddies have been a staple in the Eugene music scene since 1989. A new album, "Susquehanna," will be nationally released on June 10, but locals will get a preview at a CD release party on April 26 at the WOW Hall.

wanted to do," he said.

Cherry Poppin' Daddies' career was a slow buildup from the early shows to the band's hit "Zoot Suit Riot: The Swingin' Hits Of..." The band had been playing swing songs from earlier albums, but as demand grew, a compilation CD was released. The album would eventually sell two million copies.

"We could feel it for about a year beforehand," Perry said concerning the rising popularity of the swing scene that would lead to the album's success. He

remembered audience members coming to shows dressed up in 1940's garb. "Something was happening," he said.

Swing was not the only sound Cherry Poppin' Daddies created, however. "We've always been a band who does a lot of genres," Perry said. He credits Eugene as part of the reason for the Daddies' variety of sounds. "I grew up on the East Coast — it's much more conservative there. I think I wouldn't have been allowed to be as wildly diverse anywhere else."

After heavy touring following

"Zoot Suit Riot's" success, the Daddies decided it was time for a break. They had been going strong for 10 years and slowing down allowed band members to explore personal interests. While some members worked on separate music projects, Perry completed a degree in molecular biology at the UO.

In 2007, Perry wanted to make another album and approached the rest of the band with the idea. "We had kind of a nice way ... practice occasionally and then have a show ... Making a record

complicated things," he said.

Now, after two years, "Susquehanna" is ready for release. The album, like most of the Daddies' work, is a mixture of musical styles.

"Bust Out" starts the CD with a blast of horns and guitar with a heavy Latin sound. Rock, rockabilly, swing and flamenco tracks fill the rest of the album weaving together a story.

"The whole record is sort of a process. It introduces characters like a film or a book," Perry said. "Through the songs, although each is different, underneath are ideas that go through it."

"Susquehanna" follows the life of a man trying to understand how his life has led to the messy state he is in now. Each song reveals a little more about his past to help him discover who he is. "It's about memory and loss ... trying to figure out 'what went wrong ... how did things get so f---ed up?'" Perry said.

The Cherry Poppin' Daddies will host a CD release party at the WOW Hall on April 26, to give Eugene a preview of the band's new sounds. "We're really high energy ... It's relentless," Perry said of the band's performances. He said that because of the variety of music they play, the band "doesn't seem like a bunch of fogies. We're not the Rolling Stones ... yet. We're closing in on it."

In addition to the WOW Hall show, "Susquehanna" is available to download for under \$10 at www.daddies.com. For concert details, visit www.wowhall.org.

High school artwork on display

"Untitled" (far right) by Emily MacKenzie and "Raining Ink" by Jerika Turner are two pieces featured in the High Art Show in LCC's art gallery. The gallery (below) invited all the Lane County high schools to submit their top five artworks. Once at LCC, a jury selects favorites to award scholarships and prizes. Three \$300 scholarships are awarded to students to use for tuition or supplies at LCC. On April 11, the students with pieces in the show will visit LCC for an award ceremony and tour of the campus, as well as the opportunity to use LCC's art studios.

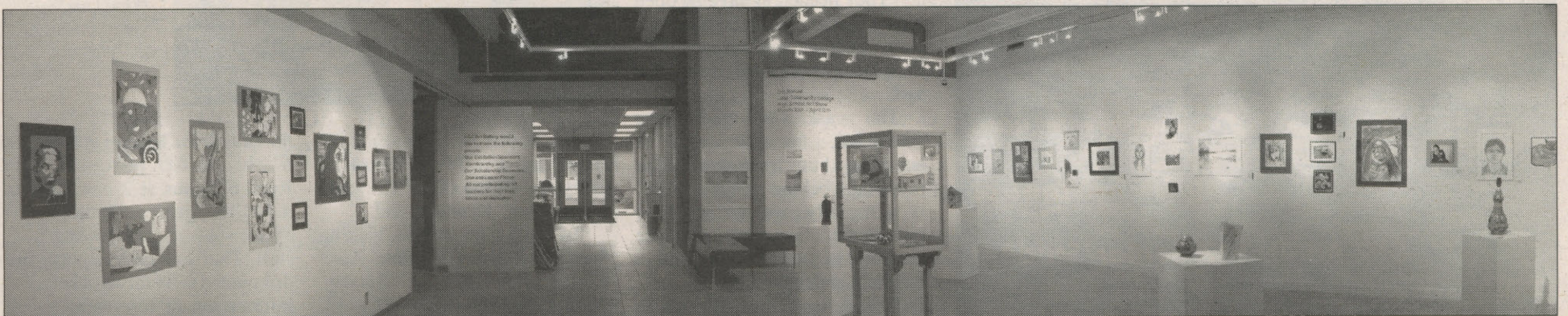
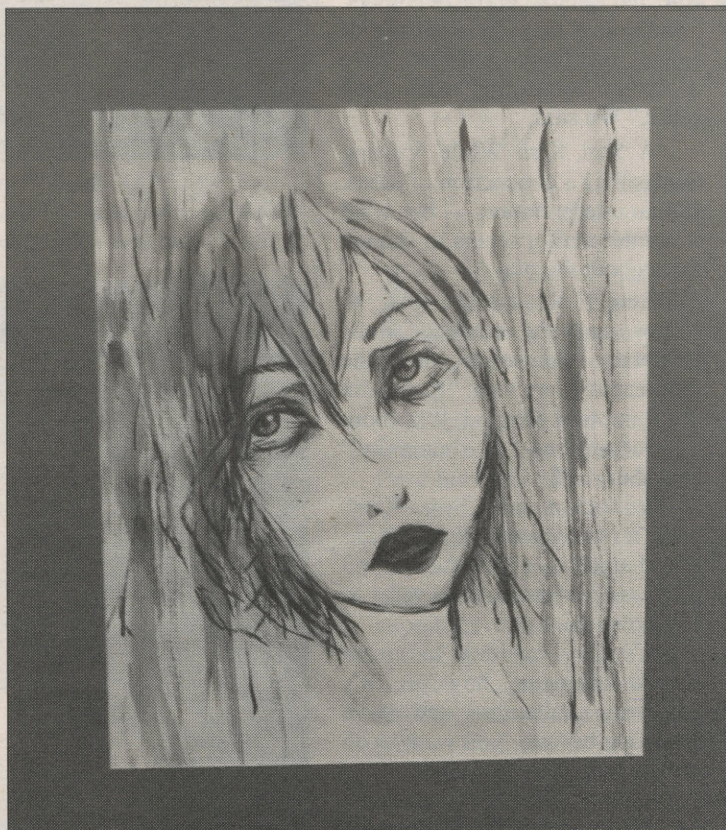


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Barbie Wu, playing Cyprian, and Dylan Skye Kennedy, playing Samuel, are two of the small cast performing "A Soft Kiss While Visiting Samuel," which opens April 3 in the Blue Door Theatre in Building 6. The original script was written and directed by LCC student Johnny Ormsbee.

A 'Soft Kiss' makes campus debut

S.P.A. performs original script, an exploration into human thought

Nicole Perkins
Arts Editor

"Working on this play has been like walking through a desert wasteland for eons, then finding a pool of primordial goo and going skinny dipping. Impermanence. Jazz," said Dylan Skye Kennedy, the lead actor in "A Soft Kiss While Visiting Samuel," the latest Student Production Association project.

On April 3, S.P.A. actors will take the stage for the world premiere of the play, written and directed by LCC student Johnny Ormsbee.

The play is centered around Samuel, a young man whose demeanor changes for each new situation and visitor. "Samuel

claims he is only a man, but he is also us," Kennedy said.

Each actor shows incredible dedication and commits to his or her role completely. There is an obvious community spirit between the small cast of people. "When we come together there is no judgement, just open arms — we are a unit, a machine that cannot work without all its parts connected on the highest levels," S.P.A. President Michelle Nordella, who plays Lucy in "Soft Kiss," said.

Lucy begins the play wrapped in Samuel's arms. She is close — sometimes clinging — to his side throughout the first act. The relationship the two characters share jumps back and forth between caring and cold. "Lucy just wants to be loved, but in a

way, I think she sees how alone humans must be at points in their lives," Nordella explained.

The first act ends as it began, only with a new woman in Samuel's embrace. Cyprian, played by Barbie Wu, is in some ways a mirror image of Lucy's role, but a stark contrast in others. "She's in a way the opposite of Lucy, yet Lucy and her have a strong connection with each other," Wu said.

"A Soft Kiss While Visiting Samuel" is a concoction of ideas. It's an interpretation — but what it is interpreting seems to change throughout the play.

There's no specific plot to follow, and the audience must immerse themselves in the moment at every turn. "It is about the formation of mind. It is about the conditions of humanity," Ormsbee said.

The actors in "Soft Kiss" have a rare opportunity to shape the characters, since there is no previous performance to refer to for direction.

"It's very exciting to create a new character, however, it's also very challenging and nerve wracking because you want to do it well so badly," Wu said.

"It was vital that these people be able to adapt to the kind of theater we were doing," Ormsbee explained.

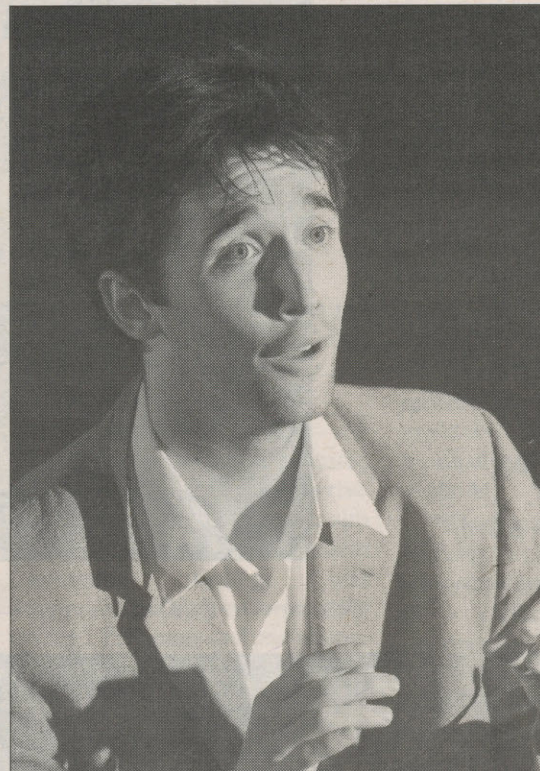
"They needed to have an open nature about them because we were never going to approach this thing as a traditional work," he said.

The cast and crew have succeeded, for this play is anything but traditional. The meaning behind "Soft Kiss" is a mystery, which leaves an opportunity for every audience member to come away with a different understanding.

"I just want the audience to take something with them. It



"A Soft Kiss While Visiting Samuel" opens with Lucy (Michelle Nordella) and Samuel (Dylan Skye Kennedy) embracing.



"When I heard it read aloud I mostly just laughed, and I'm sure my eye-balls twinkled a bit," Kennedy said referring to when he first heard of the play. Kennedy, a theatre arts major, has performed with the S.P.A. in multiple projects, including the Fall term production of "King Lear."

doesn't matter what that may be. Hopefully, it will be different for everyone. Or the same. The same is good too," Kennedy said.

"A Soft Kiss While Visiting Samuel" begins Thursday, April 3 and runs through Sunday, April 6 and then April 11 - 13. Performances begin at 8 p.m. in

the Blue Door Theatre in Building 6. The Sunday performance on April 6 begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$8 for students, seniors and LCC staff. Thursday performances are discounted to \$8 for all tickets. For information or reservations, call the S.P.A. office at 463-5761.



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Track team goes toe-to-toe with Division 1 schools

LCC finds its footing on Hayward Field

JB Botwinick
Sports Editor

Several members of LCC's track and field team faced off against Division 1 athletes at the Oregon Preview hosted by the University of Oregon. Not only were the LCC tracksters able to keep up in the top notch competition, but some found themselves towards the head of the pack.

The March 22 meet was hosted at Oregon's historic Hayward Field. The warm, sunny day brought out a large number of spectators as well as strong performances and fierce competition. The contest gave the LCC team a chance to size themselves up against athletes from several Division 1 schools, including the University of Oregon and Portland State, as well as many smaller schools ranging from Division 2 to community colleges.

Matched up against bigger schools, the LCC athletes proved they could compete at the higher level topping Division 1 schools in eight events. LCC held their own against Eugene's premier track and field school with Titans placing higher than the Ducks in four events.

"They all stepped up. They all really performed. I was really impressed that nobody was intimidated," Cody Fleming, assistant coach for LCC track, said. "We went toe-to-toe with Division 1 juggernaut, University of Oregon and we didn't back down."

Freshman Jewel Martin placed well in the women's 100-meter hurdles, taking third place behind Oregon's Brianne Theisen and Kalindra McFadden. The third-place finish is nothing to scoff at since Theisen and McFadden are considered two of the best heptathletes in the country. LCC's Amy Nelson took tenth in the event.

Nelson also took tenth place in 400-meter hurdles just over two tenths of a second behind teammate Danica Bates



Photo Curtis McCain

LCC's Sam Helland pole-vaults at Hayward field in the Oregon Preview. Helland did well in the meet and vaulting a personal best of 15.7 ft. It was his best performance since competing in high school.

who took ninth.

Pole vaulting continues to be a strength for LCC with Sam Helland taking third place with a personal record of 15.7 feet. The PR was his first since high school.

"It was a good day ... I was well rested. I just went into it with the expectation that I would get something big and it happened,"

Helland said.

Robby Feagles also did well with an honorable eighth-place showing. JoLena Boatsmen showed her skill with a fifth-place finish in the women's pole vault.

LCC pole vaulting is at a level it hasn't been at in years, with three vaulters over 15.7 feet. The positive environment created

by the close-knit team may be a large factor in the team's success.

"I want to succeed and I want them to succeed and vaulting is the best when everyone is doing well," Helland said.

LCC throwers did well at Hayward. William "Billy" Wills was first in the shot put. Wills is a member of the LCC track team though he competed unattached in the meet. Cyrus Hostetler placed fourth in the javelin. Though Hostetler took fourth, the big news comes from one of his throws that went out of bounds.

The throw had a distance of around 220 feet, according to spectators. Had it been counted, it would have beaten first place distance by about eight feet.

The distance didn't surprise Hostetler due to his performance while in training. "I've thrown a lot further in practice. I've got a lot more in me," he said.

The LCC track team is now in high gear for the season and is ready to face the challenges the looming championship will bring.

The team hopes to see a boost from some new athletes joining the ranks for Spring term as well as some athletes who haven't seen competition yet this season.

"After this weekend we're going to start showing more of our cards. We held a lot of people back early in the season just to focus on training and avoid any injuries," Fleming said.

One of the athletes joining the team for the spring is Jared Axelrod, last year's champion in the high jump. With Axelrod and two female sprinters joining the team, Fleming believes the new additions will be positive for the team.

"It's going to give us a new spark with the new faces around," Fleming said.

New athletes, along with the solid performances shown by LCC so far, make them a note worthy team in the conference. With their wellspring of talent this could prove to be a big year for LCC track.

"We're going to come guns blazing from here on out, so NWAACC conference look out," Fleming said.



Titan baseball team finishes strong preseason

Season opener postponed due to bad weather

Taryn Ackelson
Reporter

The Titan baseball team wrapped up the preseason with two tournaments and a strong record of 12-6.

The two tournaments tested the Titans as the Winter term drew to a close. The team won the Gentry Ford Classic in Ontario, Canada, when they captured four wins. The tournament took place over the weekend of March 14-16.

"You win a preseason tournament and that's usually pretty important. It's usually one of our goals just to get the players to believe in the bigger goal of winning an NWAACC [Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges] title, and winning in a tournament type situation," Rob Strickland, head coach, said.

The Titans defeated the Malaspina Mariners 11-1 on Saturday, March 15. A home run was supplied by sophomore Eric Brown.

The following day the Titans won again for the tournament championship, with the Titans 8, Mariners 4. Another home run came from Brown, and a save was made by freshman Marc Novak.

They played Malaspina



Photo JB Botwinick

Sophomore utility player Eric Brown watches the ball approach while at bat in a home game against Concordia.

University-College, a Canadian team from Vancouver B.C., a total of three times over the weekend.

"It was a four-team tournament, we just ended up playing the Canadian team actually three times, Treasure Valley once and Centralia once," Strickland said. "That's just how it turned out with the championship game."

LCC secured an 8-2 win in the second game of the tournament against the Centralia Trailblazers.

"We got excellent starting pitching the entire weekend. The starters all went five, six or seven

innings for us, and that was really critical for us to win," Strickland said.

The players jumped out in front early in the game against the Treasure Valley Chukars. Strickland credits the pitching lineup for the win against TVCC. Despite a few errors the Titans claimed an 8-6 victory over the Treasure Valley team.

The Titans suffered only one loss during the tournament in its first game with Malaspina, Mariners 9, Titans 1.

The weather was problematic

with a mix of sun, rain, wind and even snow. "The wind was changing all the time, blowing in, blowing out, but still those are things that you just have to deal with," Strickland said.

In addition to the weather, finals week was a major obstacle for the team to overcome. Between games the team spent time resting, studying, and refueling for upcoming games.

"Realistically, winning the tournament wasn't my major concern," Strickland said. "[The players] passing their finals, that's

quite a bit more important."

LCC continued to show preseason power in an Auburn, Wash. tournament the weekend of March 21-23. They attained two wins, one against the Green River Gators of Auburn, Wash. and the other when they faced the Pierce Community College Raiders of Puyallup, Wash.

LCC and PCC split a doubleheader, leaving LCC at a loss of 7-5 and defeating Pierce 1-0 in the games on Saturday, March 22. In the second game Ben Schreiner held Pierce to three hits and struck out 10.

In its 4-1 victory over Green River on Sunday, March 23 the Titans had a total of 10 hits and gave up only five hits to the Gators. The second game of the doubleheader was rained out.

Coach Strickland wanted his players to focus on finals before the league season began. They had a chance to rest after the Auburn tournament allowing the players to practice while focusing on final exams.

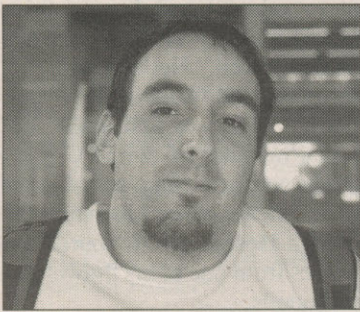
Due to weather conditions the March 27 game at Clackamas Community College was cancelled and rescheduled for Thursday April 3. Clackamas is currently 9-7 in the Southern region standings.

Additionally, the game against Linn-Benton Community College on March 29 was rained out.

"At times we're really showing

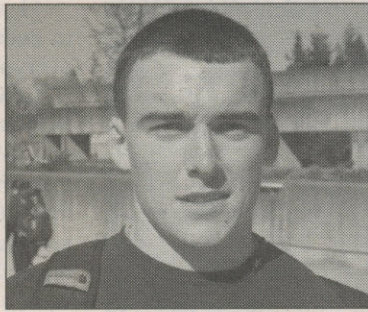
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'Would you be interested in going to Washington D.C. to lobby on higher education issues with ASLCC?'



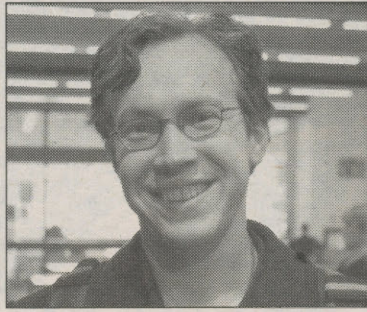
James Richardson
Business

"I don't believe in actually promoting things like that ... I know that's contradictory to a lot of people's opinions but I don't really care about it."



Jesse Pierson
Undeclared

"Yeah, just to learn more about everything ... just to help out with everything, to teach people who didn't know. Get all the information and come back and share it."



Jonathan Heritage
Political Science & Theatre Arts

"Yes, I would say that I feel very good about it. Anytime you can get experience where you feel like you're more connected to the process."



Nicole Robinson
Nursing

"Yeah. Knowing what's actually going on and what you can do about it is important. I guess I don't really know much about it. Where would you find out about that anyways?"



Maryn Abbate
Undeclared

"I probably wouldn't actually do that, just because I don't usually voice my opinion in that loud of a way."

Interviews by Sandy Wilcox
Photos by Curtis McCain

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Although Williams was finally released because of the crowd's demands, a riot ensued anyway, resulting in about \$30,000 worth of damage. The riot possibly led to administration's cancellation of the SF8 presentation and the folk show.

Evergreen State College failed to comment, but Olympia SDS is now suspended as a college group, meaning they "cannot access their budget, have meetings, or book events," Brendan Dunn, Olympia SDS member, said.

These events concern members of the LCC chapter of SDS.

"It's a very scary precedent that could be used throughout the country ... Having a protest causing the cancellation of related events is the beginning of ending freedom," Cody Anderson, LCC SDS member, said of the events.

Leif Brecke, chapter coordinator of LCC's SDS, disapproved of Evergreen's decision to suspend Olympia SDS's group status. "It was a mistake on the part of administration. There should be more student input on a decision like that."

However, no such prohibition has yet been forced upon LCC's chapter of SDS. In fact, LCC has not had to cancel any events that were already scheduled by

student groups on campus. Regardless, LCC hasn't had any occasion where it has had to answer to any form of protest, let alone a riot. "There's been nothing in our experience at Lane with SDS that has raised any concerns with me," Mary Spilde, president of LCC, said.

The SDS chapter at LCC hosted an assembly with the San Francisco 8 on the Main campus on March 6, with no apparent disturbance.

"I haven't heard a peep," Barbara Delansky, director of Student Life and Leadership, said about the event. "We advertised it. Nobody raised any questions. I didn't receive any calls from Security. There was no reaction from the community."

Although LCC's SDS chapter has expressed concern regarding the events in Evergreen State College, the administration of LCC doesn't think the events set any precedent for how a similar situation would be handled on LCC campus. Brecke agrees that there really hasn't been much disagreement between our SDS and LCC's administration. "We've had a great relationship so far. The biggest disagreement we've had yet is the reforming of LCC's debit card."

When it comes to de-authorizing a group's status, LCC's administration hasn't found any event that would call for such action, and if it did, it would only be a temporary occurrence until the immediate problem at hand was solved.

"The only circumstances I can foresee in canceling something would be if there was a high likelihood of an unsafe environment or a disruption of our academic program in any way. But it's never gone there," Spilde said.

LCC's administration holds the general policy that any situation that impedes the safety of people on campus requires immediate intervention. This assessment has less to do with the content of the situation, and more to do with the danger that it presents to students.

Even though the administration recognizes the necessity to defuse dangerous situations, even if it means canceling an event, they currently don't see any need to make immediate judgment on the status of the parties involved in the event.

"Unless it was an emergency situation, the administration at Lane wouldn't make an announcement that a club was de-authorized. I think that there would be an

effort to talk to the individuals involved, to look at all of the issues, and to have an open, transparent process that would lead to a decision," Spilde said.

LCC's policy on possible repercussions for groups when they have violated conduct goes through process instead of administration having the final word.

"Our conduct code does allow us to do immediate suspension until it's resolved," Delansky said. Still, these situations haven't become an issue for administration or LCC's student groups to deal with. "I think I've had more occasion to defend an event going forward than to shut one down. Administratively, we have a lot of support for students rights to conduct their own affairs, but they have a responsibility in a manner that upholds," Delansky said.

Regardless, LCC's conduct in setting up events is designed to catch any problems and assess risk before administration even passes the event.

"While we don't have a specific policy that says, 'this is when we'll shut something down', I think our other policies create the environment in which that never becomes the issue," Delansky said. "I think it's our involvement up front that keeps us from getting into these problematic situations."

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spots of brilliance without hitting, our defense and our pitching, especially our starting pitching," Strickland said. Going into league season play the Titans strive for consistency every time they play. They're working on eliminating mistakes and having a well-rounded team, with the shared goal of a profitable season.

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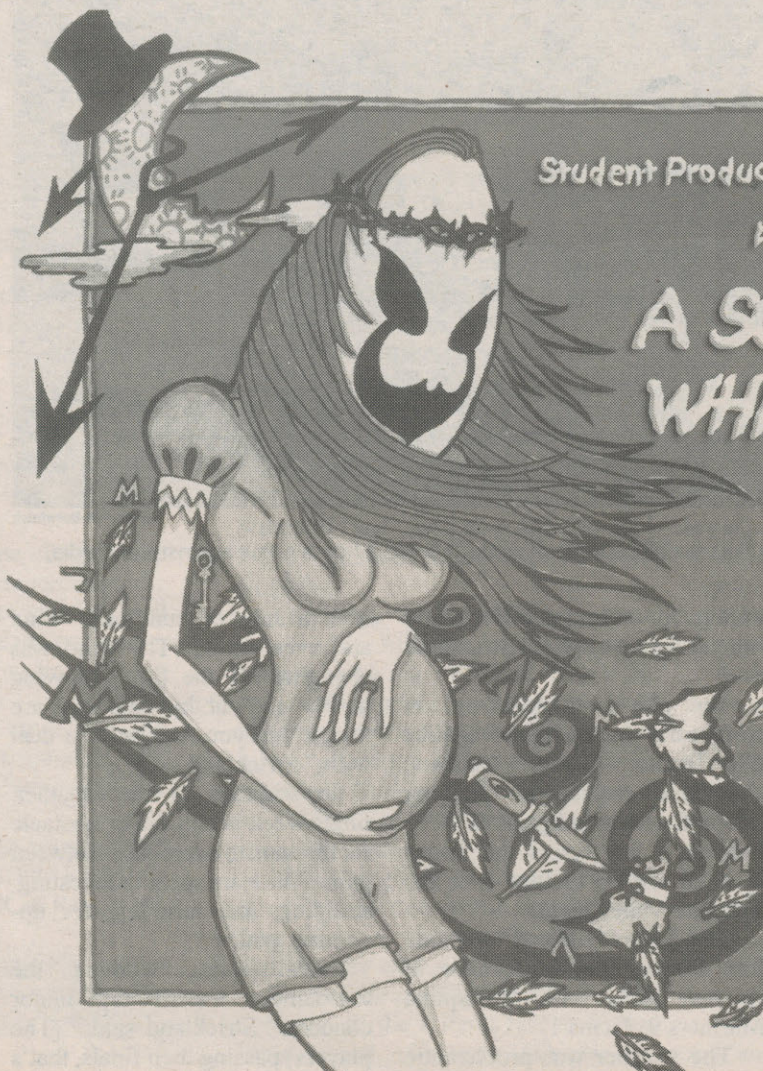
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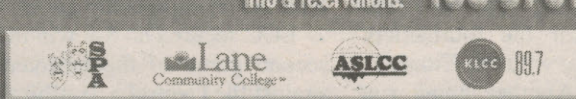
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