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ASLCC election results are in

Race ushers in a new student government

Shawn Cook
Reporter

LCC's student elections saw a significant increase in voter turnout, with 739 students voting online this year for the May 12-14 and 373 students voting last year.

Josh Canaday and Jonathan Morton were elected to ASLCC president and vice president, respectively, with a total of 451 votes, beating out Trillium Starchild and Meghan Krueger who captured just 272 votes.

In what ASLCC adviser Barbara Delansky described as "a clean race," Eric Edmond beat Charles V. Winn IV for the position of treasurer. Liza Rosa-Diaz, who ran uncontested, was elected campus events/multicultural program coordinator by 617 votes.

All seven senators on the ballot, along with three write-in candidates, were elected.

"There was excellent support for the online voting system," Delansky said, crediting Ron Rourke and Darlene Baker for "making sure that only eligible students voted and no one could vote more than once."

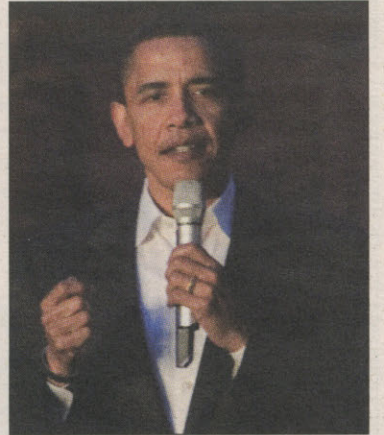
The ballot also asked students whether Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group should continue to receive \$3 from students as part of students' mandatory per term activity fees. The measure was supported by 521 students, overwhelming the total "no" vote of 127.

Canaday, excited about the win, said, "we plan to make improvements." For elected



New ASLCC executive staff tackles campus issues. Clockwise from top left, Eric Edmond, treasurer; Jonathan Morton, vice president; Liza Rosa-Diaz, campus events/multicultural program coordinator; Josh Canaday, president.

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Barack Obama

Obama takes state vote with slim win

Piercy, Torrey face off in November

Willa Bauman
News Editor

Senator Barack Obama took the Oregon primaries Tuesday night, May 20, with an 18 percent win over Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton.

In Lane County, 44,093 votes were cast in Obama's favor, while Clinton lagged behind with 26,148 votes.

For the Republican primaries, John McCain captured Oregon overwhelmingly, with 85.62 percent to challenger Ron Paul's 14.38 percent.

Jeff Merkley won a seat on the Oregon State Senate with 164,600 votes across Oregon. Steve Novick was runner-up with 150,445 Oregon votes, capturing 41.4 percent of the vote.

Nonpartisan Measure 51: Crime Victim Rights passed by 50 percent, receiving 433,181 Oregon votes. Measure 52: Crime Victim Rights passed by 24.8 percent, receiving 446,420 Oregon votes. Measure 53: Civil Forfeiture Related to Crime passed by 2.4 percent, with 289,349 Oregon votes.

Kitty Piercy and Jim Torrey will face off again on the Nov. 4 ballot, because neither mayoral candidate received over 50 percent of the vote. The other two candidates, Nick Urhausen and Jim Ray, each received less than 2.5 percent of the vote.

Andrea Ortiz is the new Eugene councilor for Ward 7, winning by 20.5 percent over John Crane.

Springfield mayor Sid Leiken ran uncontested, receiving 10,332 votes.

Russ Burger was re-elected as nonpartisan sheriff by an overwhelming 75.1 percent. Daniel Schmitz came in second, with 13.5 percent.

Rob Handy narrowly won the nonpartisan north commissioner position 4, defeating Bobby Green by 4.1 percent.

Barbara Nielsen won Douglas County clerk by a landslide, receiving 80.1 percent of the vote.

Looking to fulfill a core value

College's bid for diversity

Willa Bauman
News Editor

Academic institutions and corporations across the world battle to be viewed as "diverse." LCC is no exception.

Diversity is one of the college's "core values," and LCC is the only community college in Oregon with the positions of diversity coordinator and ethnic studies coordinator. The college has a diversity council and many student support services that target minority students.

But how well is LCC proceeding down the path of inclusiveness?

LCC President Mary Spilde says she has especially focused on the issue, and encourages affirmative

action in new hires. "We want to make sure our students see people here that share the same ethnic background and life experience," she said.

According to a benchmark report, LCC had 56 employees of color in fall of 1995, which is 5.7 percent of LCC staff. In fall 2007, the college reported 96 employees of color, or 10.1 percent.

The largest percentage increase over the 12 years was in the percentage of managers of color, which rose from 2.9 percent in 1995 to 8.6 percent in 2007.

While LCC's overall percentage increase of employees of color is greater than the University of Oregon, which rose from 9 percent

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Students sashay to morning classes outside Building 3. LCC has an open admission policy, so administration says they focus on retention of diverse students rather than recruitment.

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Worth a mention

RANDOM STORIES FROM
AROUND THE WORLD

AOL News recently published an Associated Press story about an African grey parrot that was lost and roaming the streets of Tokyo looking for someone, anyone, who could help it find its way home.

Initially, police found the lost bird, but were no help trying to locate the owners. They failed because they did not simply ask the bird where he lived.

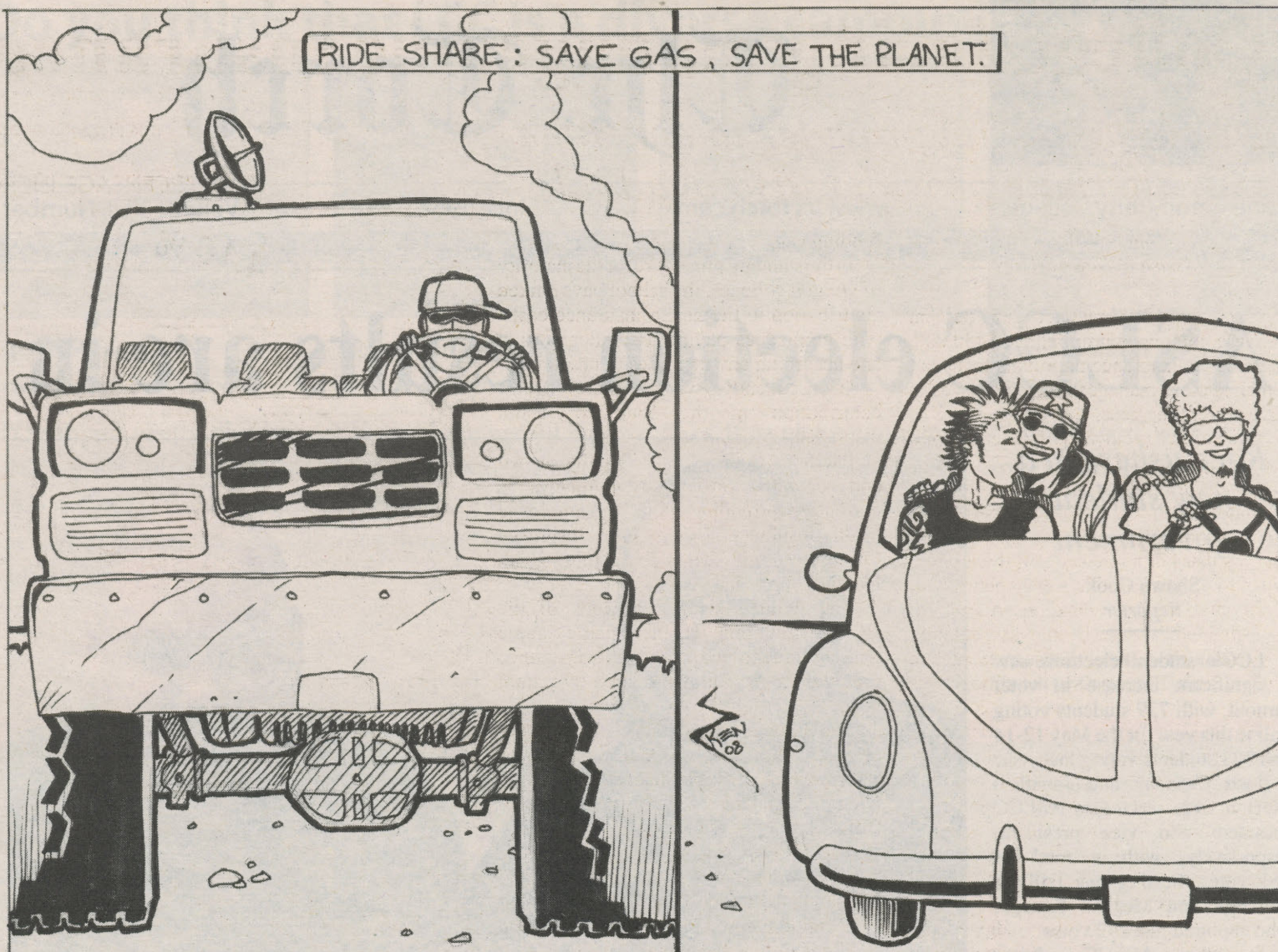
Days later the orphaned bird was passed on to a local veterinarian, who found that Yosuke the parrot had been trained for just such an event.

"I'm Yosuke Nakamura," the bird proclaimed to the vet.

Not only did Yosuke know his name, but also his home address, right down the exact street number.

Policeman Shinjiro Uemura checked out the address and found that the bird was singing straight: the information was correct and Yosuke was returned home.

It just goes to show, if someone finds a lost animal, ask it where it lives first before calling the police. The Torch thinks that bit of advice is worth a mention.



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Being queer is not a mental illness

Taryn Ackelson
Asst. Sports Editor

Can living your life be considered a mental illness? If reclassification of homosexuality takes place in the newest version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, for many it will.

Recently, I learned that Psychologist Kenneth Zucker, one of the "experts" appointed by the American Psychological Association to work on revisions of the DSM in the gender and identity disorders workgroup, is known for his publications and methods of treatment concerning homosexuality and gender dissonance.

Gender dissonance or Gender Identity Disorder as recognized by the APA is a condition in which the physical or biological sexual assignment does not match the gender that a person identifies with.

GID is currently in the DSM. However, the code for diagnosis may change under Zucker's involvement.

The current concern is that homosexuality will be added under the umbrella of GID with pressure from Zucker and his colleagues,

including Sexologist Ray Blanchard, who was appointed by Zucker, to work in the subgroup that will rewrite GID.

"Instead of having a very balanced committee they're constructing their committee chairs of all with the similar mindsets and it looks like they'll take this in a particular direction," Allison Cleveland, executive director of the Gender Center Inc., said.

According to an e-mail originating from the Gender Center in Eugene, Blanchard's "core theory is that transpeople are 'really' sex offenders or homosexuals, and homosexuals are mentally ill." This sparks fear in the hearts of those who are part of the greater queer community, as well as for their loved ones.

If these claims are true and Zucker does intend to group all kinds of homosexuality under the heading of GID, conversion therapy will replace medical help for transpeople.

"The suspicion is that this is probably part of a larger plan to view homosexuality as a pathology," Cleveland says.

Placing homosexuality back in the DSM as a mental illness is a step backwards in time. This is a human issue, not just a gender dissonance or queer community issue.

The threat of these revisions would treat people, who are already fighting conservative society, as though they are diseased or mentally ill.

"We rather suspect that this is part of a larger plan to put folks of this mindset into positions of influence. So then, the outcome would be very predictable and it will confirm to the ideology of the people that created this," Cleveland reiterated.

These revisions are a threat to American society, and the acceptance that has come with time and knowledge of what it means to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or transsexual.

Modern times have helped advance the language and made resources available to a wider range of people through publications and the Internet. Revisions to the DSM would be a step backwards to the dark ages, as it would seem, and unravel much of this acceptance.

Although this is not an imminent threat, it is a possibility that I just can't imagine living with. Cry out if you are opposed, and let your voice be heard before changes are made. No one should be fearful of coming out because of the possibility of being tagged as mentally ill.

To view and sign a petition objecting to Zucker's involvement in the committee for revisions check out www.thepetitionsite.com/2/objection-to-dsm-v-committee-members-on-gender-identity-disorders.

Spokespeople from the APA were unavailable for comment.

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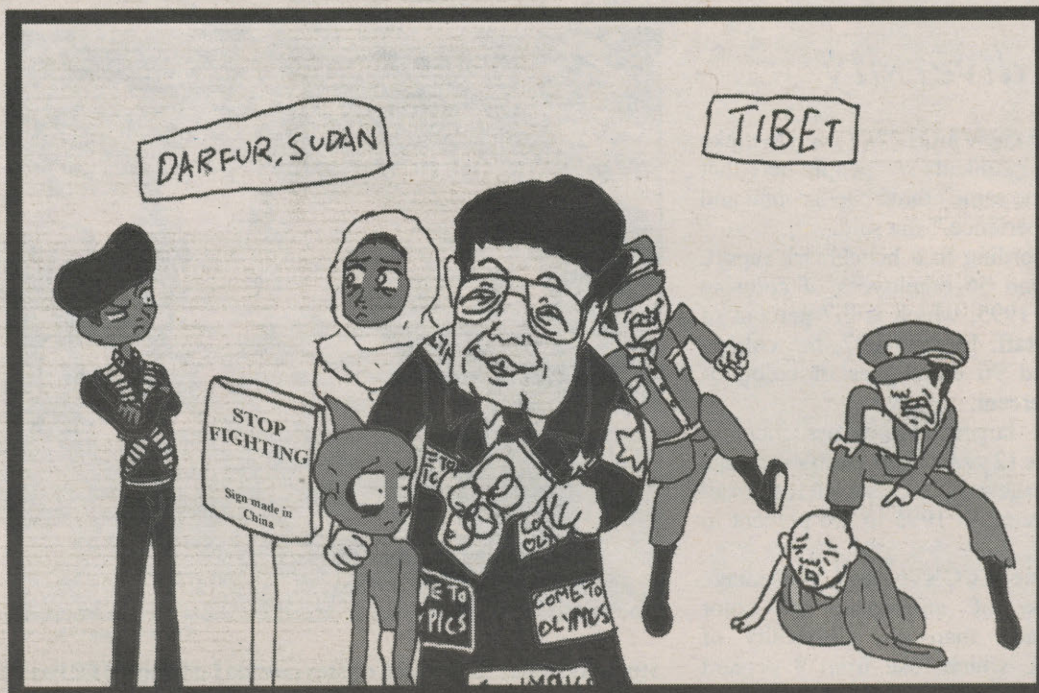
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College facing manageable insurance increase

Discussions with provider to end June 30, alternate provider also available

Sandy Wilcox
Assistant News Editor

LCC faces a predicted 4.5 percent increase, totaling approximately \$450,000, to its health insurance premiums this year, which is more manageable than last year's 12.1 percent increase.

The college is currently budgeting for a six percent increase.

Dennis Carr, executive director for Human Resources, said, "Six percent is really good. We should be very pleased that it's that fair a renewal and if we buy it down to 4.5 percent that's even better."

In an all-staff presentation on Feb. 14, an estimated 10 percent increase, totaling approximately \$1 million, was presented to college staff. If necessary, the college was ready for up to a 10 percent increase.

"In fact, this year, if it was as high as we had feared it might be, it would absorb every penny we had hoped to put into compensation," Greg Morgan, associate vice president of finance, said.

Morgan believes that the compensation increases will "never [be] as much as you want but there will be a little bit." The remaining money that was budgeted, up to six percent, will then go to employee compensation.

This year, a cost-containment proposal, or shared-risk model, is being presented during the college's union and insurance bargaining processes. Morgan discussed that the model will spread the cost around so as not to over exert the college's budget.

"Part of our cost containment is to negotiate how much the college can afford. That's new to Lane. In the past, the college has absorbed all the increases," he said.

LCC's health insurance policy is unique for Oregon community colleges because it does not have a college-contribution

funding cap.

In the standard procedure for the majority of Oregon colleges, the school pays a fixed contribution to the health insurance costs, with employees paying a smaller portion and absorbing any increases to premiums.

"Consequently, we have the highest contribution in the state to health insurance," Morgan said.

Pacific Source, a locally-owned and operated insurance company, is currently providing LCC's employee health insurance. LCC's Joint Insurance Committee will begin bargaining with Pacific Source this year.

The findings and discussions of the JIC will determine whether Pacific Source will continue to be the college's insurance provider for the following 2008-09 school year.

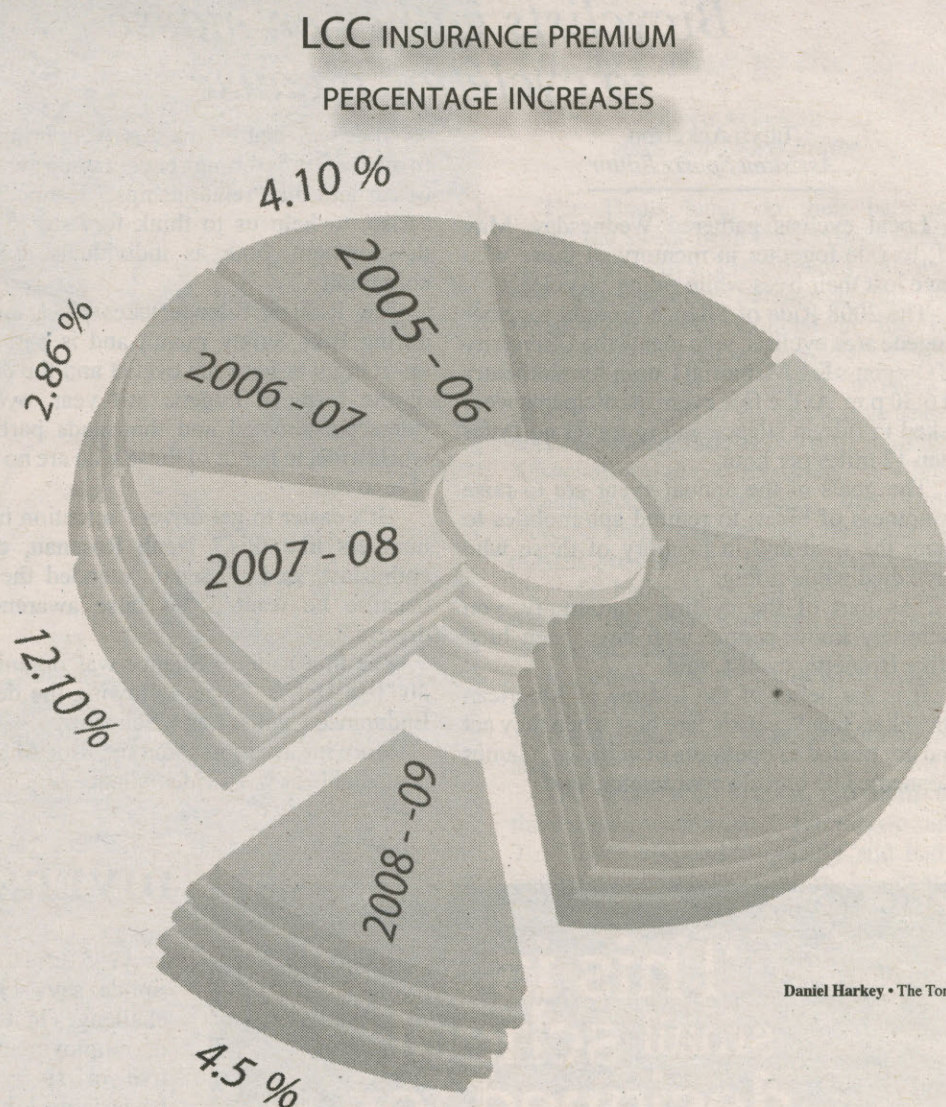
The college could switch to another provider — the Oregon Educator's Benefit Board, which was established by the 2007 Oregon Legislature when it passed Senate Bill 426.

The OEBB is a state-run, mandatory health insurance pool for K-12 schools and Educational Service Districts, a pool that LCC is not required to join but could, if the JIC finds it to be beneficial.

"The problem is that's a brand new program and no one knows where [the OEBB] will go ... We are with another local carrier, Pacific Source, so we have the option to shift to the new trust or not. The problem is once we go into the state trust there's no backing out," Morgan says.

Morgan concluded that "it might be a good idea" for the college to have the opportunity to do a "wait-and-see," and that any decision would be up to the JIC.

If LCC decides to join the OEBB and subsequently drop Pacific Source as its provider, the OEBB's services will not be



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available until October.

A decision on whether the college will continue with Pacific Source and or join the OEBB must be reached by June 30.

In response to joining the OEBB, Carr stated, "Oregon community colleges ... are trying to be very thoughtful and cautious about the decision itself to go into OEBB. We want to look at the rates as well as what's good for both the college's employees as

well as the college's budget."

The unions for both the faculty and classified staff also have the option to opt out and join the OEBB if the college decides to renew its plan with Pacific Source.

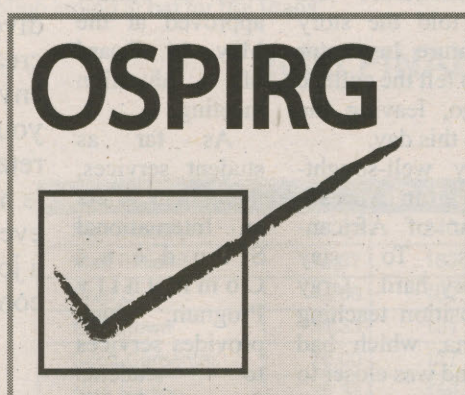
If either of the unions decided to do so, the college would have to institute an insurance bridge plan for either union that decided to join the OEBB. The bridge plan would run from July 1 through Sept. 30.

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members of ASLCC, the new term starts June 1. "We're going to start organizing people right away," Canaday exclaimed. "We'll have a full senate, and a lot of experienced people are returning, which will help us function properly."

"Over the summer, we plan to set goals for next year and gather information about what students want and what the school needs. We'll also be working on voter registration and getting the word out about the bond," he said, referencing a measure put before Eugene taxpayers, which could bring millions to LCC for renovation projects.

Morton, ASLCC vice-president, echoed Canaday's enthusiasm and thanked the students who took the time to vote. He said, "we hope to carry the momentum that got started with the campaign over to next year ... I'm really happy about the increase in



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turnout. It gave me a nice sense of pride getting out talking to students."

Morton continued, "instead of asking students to come to us, we're going to talk to them more. We're going to come to you."

ASLCC winning candidates

President

Josh Canaday

Vice President

Jonathan Morton

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Eric Edmond

Campus Events / Multicultural Program Coordinator

Liza Rosa-Diaz

Senators

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Bonnie Dominquez
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A silent ride of remembrance

*Bicyclists gather en masse
to cycle for a cause*

Taryn Ackelson
Assistant Sports Editor

Local cyclists gathered Wednesday, May 21, to ride together in memory of those who have lost their lives while riding bicycles.

The 2008 Ride of Silence brought together Eugene area cyclists, who met at the University of Oregon's Erb Memorial Union Amphitheater at 6:30 p.m. At the free event, participants were asked to ride in silence and to travel no faster than 12 miles per hour.

The goals of the annual event are to raise awareness of bikes, to remind automobiles to share the road and in memory of those who have died while riding.

"As part of the cycling community, you definitely know people who have been hit," Mike Brunette, cyclist, said.

It is the belief of the League of American Bicyclists that "cyclists fare best when they act and are treated as operators of vehicles," James Kennedy, UO bicycle coordinator, said.

"The way that I think this event brings light to bike safety, is through encouraging awareness of car and bike relationships," Kennedy said. "Also, to help us to think forward in safety development, both as individuals and as a community."

The Ride of Silence takes place annually during Bike Safety month and is part of the on-going war between cyclist and the dangers of the road. In Eugene last year, over 200 riders participated and thousands participate worldwide, in honor of those who are no longer able to ride.

"It's easier to get drivers' attention in large numbers like this," Noah Rosenau, cycling enthusiast, said. Rosenau attended the event because he wanted "to raise awareness of drivers."

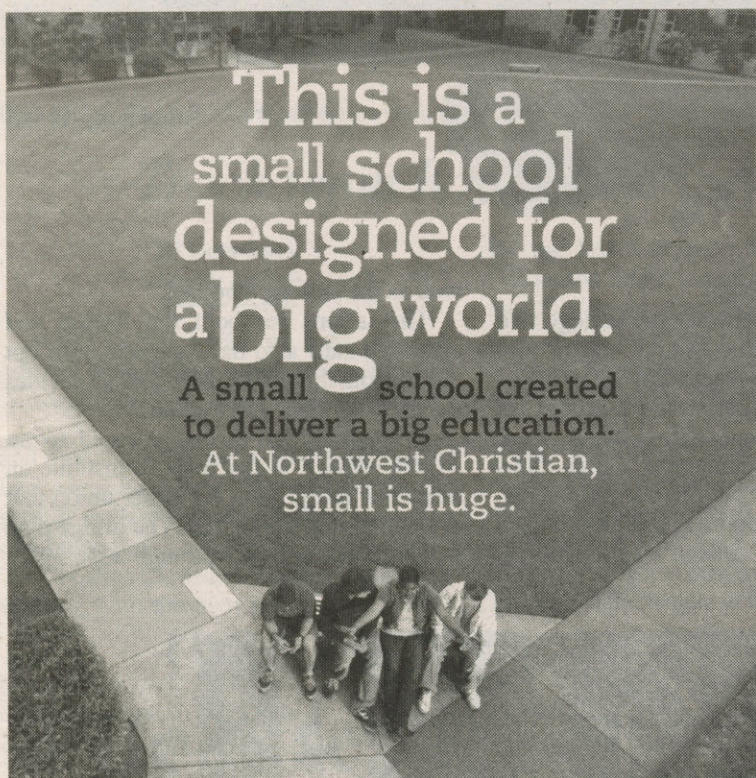
The first Ride of Silence was organized in 2003 in Dallas, Texas following the death of Endurance Cyclist Larry Schwartz.

More information about the Ride of Silence is available at www.rideofsilence.org.



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Approximately 120 - 150 local cyclist prepare to ride together in silence to honor the memory of the people who have lost their lives in bicycle accidents.



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GRADUATION 2008

Graduation for credit, certificate and GED students will be on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at the Lane County Fairgrounds and Event Center in the Exhibit Hall. The ceremony will begin at 4:00 p.m. Graduates will meet at 3:00 p.m. in the Performance Hall to line up. Doors to the Exhibit Hall will open to guests and the public at 3:30 p.m. If disabled guests need special seating please call Tina Lymath at 463-5336 to reserve a space and receive instructions.

DIVERSITY, from page 1

in 1995 to 10 percent in 2005, Spilde says LCC faces unique challenges in increasing diversity of employment. "Over the last five or six years we haven't been doing a lot of hiring ... we haven't had the resources to fill every position. When you live in a predominately white community, as we do, if we're relying on people coming from this community, it's harder to diversify," Spilde explained that to counter this, the college does national searches to fill faculty and management positions.

However, sometimes LCC just can't offer enough to attract and keep diverse faculty. Susan Carkin, division chair for Language, Literature and Communication, told the story of African Literature Instructor Francis Gray, who left the college about a year ago, leaving the position vacant to this day.

"She's a very well-sought-after commodity - an African-American scholar of African-American texts. To stay competitive is very hard." Gray was offered a position teaching in North Carolina, which had comparable pay and was closer to her family.

Because of Oregon's generally lower salaries, not only for faculty but also for management positions, Spilde continued, it is even harder to attract diverse faculty and staff. She stated that even if the money was good enough, LCC's outside community is inhospitable to some. "A vibrant community has the kinds of services available in the community, whether it's nightlife or social gatherings where there's that sense of community within a particular culture. Where we live kind of lacks that."

Spilde explained that "the day-to-day things" really add up. She remembered how LCC's past vice president, who was African-American, couldn't find a place to get her hair done, and said how this emphasized the community's lack of support for minority populations.

Internally, Spilde emphasized the importance of creating a welcoming environment for all and discussed her achievements

in these areas: she instituted a Diversity Plan and a chief diversity officer position last year because "one of the best practices is to have leadership in cultural diversity reporting directly to the president." Donna Koechig now fills that role.

Recently, the college has integrated diversity into many aspects of college life, with a Multicultural Center, Ethnic Studies program, Lane en Espanol on the college's website, to provide bilingual information to Latino students, and an American Indian Languages project. The impending Native American Longhouse project is in its final stage, with a builder approved at the May 14 Board of Education meeting.

As far as student services, the college offers an International Student Community Program, which provides services to students from over 110 countries and includes International Coffee Talk and English Conversation Partner programs, as well as the Native American Program to help students make a smooth transition to college. There are several women's programs, including Transitions to Success and Alternative Career Choices for Equitable Student Success. Student groups such as Black Student Union, Queer Straight Alliance, Native American Student Association and the Latino Student Union help educate the college and the student body about an individual demographic's needs and accommodations.

Carkin said that because LCC is an open admission school, there is little control of student diversity. Instead, "it's about how we handle who comes to us," she said.

Carkin attested that out of all the student complaints she processes, very seldom does she see one concerning an issue of

diversity.

According to an e-mail from Kate Berry, Women's Program director, as of May 20, the 2007-2008 academic year has seen two incidents of racial harassment reported through the informal process. One incident concerned staff from a community agency and was subsequently resolved. The other involves alleged disparate classroom treatment and is being resolved through the division chair. A formal student complaint was filed concerning racial discrimination in a college department process and was found to be without basis.

Spilde explained that the Diversity Council periodically reports to the board to keep tabs on LCC's journey toward diversity.

"The issue of diversity and creating a welcoming environment where you can recruit and retain people of color is not something you're ever done with. It's a journey that takes continual work."

MARY SPILDE
PRESIDENT

Every month, benchmarks reporting on many aspects of the student body and employment are released. Recently, they were all posted on www.lanec.edu/research/ir/benchmarks.html.

There are several departments offering curriculum about an aspect of diversity. Carkin said the English Department will have a Native American Literature class, an American Working Class in Fiction and Non-Fiction course, and several World Literature offerings next year.

"I am really proud of the diversity of our literature offerings," Spilde said. "The faculty in that area have done a wonderful job and I would say the offerings are as diverse ... as any community college I've seen."

While new programs, new courses and new awareness have helped to increase LCC's diversity status, President Spilde said it's a long road ahead. "The issue of diversity and creating a welcoming environment where you can recruit and retain people of color is not something you're ever done with. It's a journey that takes continual work."

One man's fighting spirit

Long-time black belt guides students towards healthier bodies and minds

Nicole Weber
Reporter

Wes Chamberlain has been teaching LCC students the fine art of passing a soccer ball, the ancient art of karate and the eclectic art of personal defense for the last 30 years.

Those who have taken his classes know the intense respect he has for the skills and knowledge of the martial arts, but few know how hard he works to bring these same abilities and information to others.

As a child, Chamberlain became fascinated with martial arts after he saw a karate master doing a demonstration on a late night talk show.

It wasn't until his brief time at the University of Oregon that Chamberlain received his first formal training. But it was his time in the army that refined his self-defense skills and his weekend dedication to karate, which gave him much of the ability he has today.

Receiving his black belt in 1970, Chamberlain was familiar with the benefits of such knowledge. He had seen them first hand, and the desire to share that feeling with others was always in the back of his mind. Once it became apparent that he had a flair for teaching, Chamberlain began to teach general physical education classes at LCC but his primary focus was always in soccer and the martial arts.

Working part-time doing construction and maintenance and part-time teaching at LCC it would seem that one would have little time to do much other than rest, but this was not the



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LCC Instructor Wes Chamberlain demonstrates a karate technique to his students to ensure that they perform the move correctly on their partners.

case with Chamberlain.

After budget issues cut the continuing education karate classes, Chamberlain decided to supplement the need by opening his own studio. Located in an old church next to the Goshen Fire Department, his studio provides an outlet for adults to learn the skills of karate and self-defense.

However, this was never a commercial venture for Chamberlain.

Even prior to his health problems, Chamberlain found that there was some peace and well-

ness in maintaining a healthy body. And a healthy body leads to a healthy mind. But after seeing the first hand benefits of total health, the call to share this knowledge became a priority. Chamberlain explained that even the doctors agreed that his good overall health aided in the speedy and successful recovery and has lead to a cancer-free life for the last 12 years. Chamberlain is inclined to agree.

The nightly classes not only afforded Chamberlain the ability to work out in the evenings,

but also gave him yet another venue to teach his philosophy of wellness and give others the opportunity to better themselves. It's not only about the physical aspect of learning the moves and techniques that he hopes they get from the classes but also the betterment of the mind.

"Karate is like a precise dance. In order to be an elite participant, you have to have mind/body involved. Otherwise you won't be elite," Chamberlain said.

But the knowledge gained in his classes can also have a more

direct and immediate benefit.

Personal defense is one of Chamberlain's favorite classes to teach. "I feel like I reach the people that really need the help," he says.

Chamberlain draws from wherever he can to find the most effective methods of defense. Whether it is books, television or other people, he adapts his curriculum to find the most useful means of defending one's self. His self-defense classes pull techniques from karate, aikido and judo to wrestling all the way to old-standby street fighting. "Whatever works," he says.

The goal of his classes is to give his students the ability to defend themselves. Chamberlain seeks to give students techniques that they could learn today but use tonight if the situation arises. But by no means should that be the first option, Chamberlain emphasized.

Always one to avoid physical altercations, Chamberlain's interest in learning martial arts was simply to be able to defend himself if he had no other option but to fight. This is the method he teaches to his students today.

Avoid, evade and run are his first three recommendations. Fight only as a last resort. A good deal of his classes is as much about talking one's self out of a situation as it is about actually fighting through it.

Likewise, Chamberlain puts little emphasis on the belts that so many seek when taking karate. It isn't about the belt as much as it is about the knowledge and skill that the belt represents.

Many students can advance quickly and do well, but seeking to purely move through the ranks as fast as possible is not what Chamberlain is about. He seeks to hold himself and his students to a high standard of understanding themselves and their abilities.

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Coming back — giving back

LCC nursing graduate returns to campus as instructor

Cheryl Rade
Reporter

When Cindy Cabrera-Bratton, 33, graduated from LCC's nursing program 12 years ago, she didn't know that she would someday return to campus as a member of the nursing faculty.

"I actually wanted to go to law school," the first-year nursing instructor said, explaining that upon completing the nursing program in 1996, she obtained a bachelor's degree in business management from Northwest Christian College with the intention of attending law school.

Cabrera-Bratton said, "I went to the University of Phoenix and was doing a dual [graduate] degree in business management and nursing. And as I started going through the nursing courses, there was something about nursing that I really liked."

After earning her master's degree in nursing in early 2007, Cabrera-Bratton learned there were faculty positions available in LCC's nursing department and

was encouraged by a relative to apply. Having never considered teaching as a career option before, she was a bit nervous about the initial interview.

"It was really funny coming back," Cabrera-Bratton said. "A lot of people in the interview were people who had been my instructors."

They were very supportive and encouraging so it was kind of a comfortable interview and they have continued to be supportive."

Cabrera-Bratton pointed out that teaching is a very difficult profession that requires a tremendous amount of dedication and commitment.

"I would never have thought it was so incredibly hard, but it is a monumental task," she said. "Luckily, I have had a lot of people here who have been so incredibly supportive."

Although teaching can be overwhelming at times, Cabrera-Bratton noted that interacting with students is very rewarding.

"I like watching them have those 'aha' moments. When

they're starting to put something together and I feel like I helped them get there."

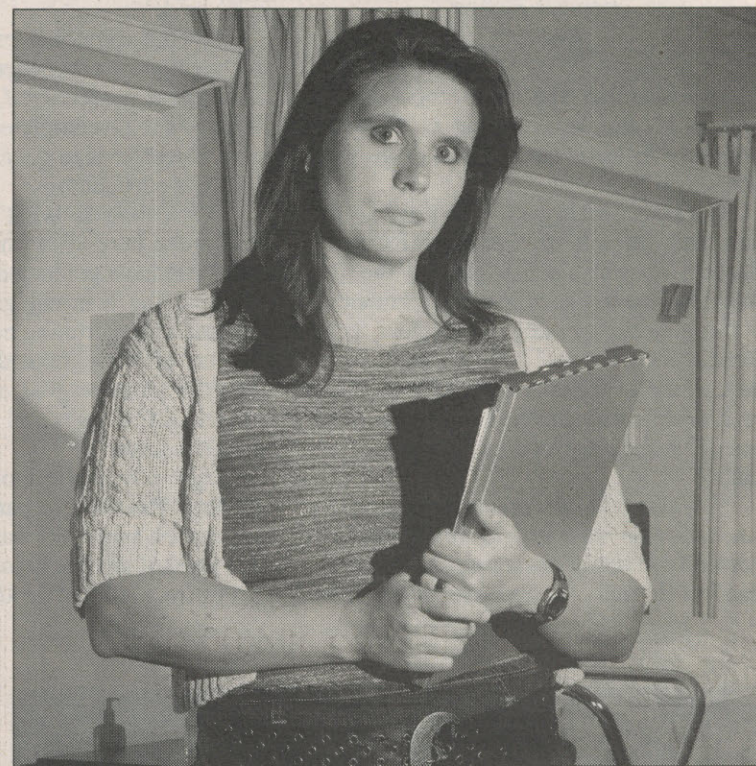
Along with student interaction, Cabrera-Bratton said she loves the flexibility that teaching brings to her — both professionally and personally.

Married with a blended family of six children, ranging from four to 16-years-old, her daily life is hectic, to say the least.

When asked how she manages, the active mother and teacher replied, "It's always been a feat. Luckily, I have a great supportive husband. Literally, every minute of the day from the time I get up 'til the time I go to bed, I'm juggling family and students, but I love it all."

Cabrera-Bratton credits her mother for inspiring her interest in nursing, as well as instilling such a strong work ethic in her. "My mom went through the nursing program here and she would bring me in for some of her classes when I was a little kid," she said.

Now, with several months of



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Cindy Cabrera-Bratton stands in the hospital-like training room for nurses. After graduating from LCC's nursing program 12 years ago, she returned to campus as a member of the faculty.

teaching under her belt, Cabrera-Bratton said she would like to continue teaching for a long time. "It's a challenge to feel like I'm educated enough to teach this

next generation of nurses and know that they're going to leave here and be able to grow in their profession and know that I gave them a good education."



Curtis McCain • The Torch

Geo Bitgood harvests vegetables in the Learning Garden, which will be donated to LCC's Culinary Department.



Curtis McCain • The Torch

Brendan Lynch, treasurer and co-founder of the Learning Garden Club, gathers crops into bags and puts them into coolers for transportation.

Learning Garden Club raises campus awareness of sustainability

Reducing the carbon footprint one garden at a time

Bennett Mohler
Reporter

The Learning Garden Club, a student group on campus, is giving LCC an opportunity to learn the benefits of growing one's own food.

The club's main goal is to raise awareness and promote organic local food production. They also donate much of the food they produce to the culinary department.

"A majority of our produce goes to the Renaissance Room," Kris Elsbree, president of the LGC, said. "We have no direct relationship with the culinary department, but a few culinary students are part of our club."

"We also offer leadership experience for students who want to join. It's a great opportunity to apply managing skills," Brendan Lynch, treasurer and co-founder of the

LGC, said.

The club came into existence last year and spent most of its energy and resources building the garden itself.

Now that it's completed, the group's primary objective is to get a class established in LCC's curriculum.

"Curriculum is what's going to keep this garden here after [the group's current members] have graduated," Elsbree said.

While the learning garden is pushing forward with recruiting new members who can stay on throughout the next academic year, the ultimate goal of establishing an official LCC class is still a little farther off on the horizon.

"Right now we're looking for as many students who want to participate as possible," Lynch said. "We want to take it to the next level of student involvement."

"We're a student group, so anyone can

join," Elsbree said.

The club will operate during the summer. They are planting a winter garden in August for which they will need volunteers. They hope that getting people involved with the garden over the summer will encourage them to stay in the fall.

Every Friday, the LGC hosts a workshop at the garden, located near the Family Center on campus.

The club will attend Tayberry Jam, a sustainability and permaculture conference that will take place July 18-20 on Cougar Mountain. The club will also partake in the upcoming "Know Your Local Farmer" dinner at LCC.

The group is also well supported by several school departments. Some classes are giving extra credit for participation in the garden.

"We've noticed that more classes are

giving credit for involvement, particularly sustainability classes," Lynch said.

"Jennifer Hayward, sustainability coordinator, and Tammy Stark for water and conservation are both heavily involved in the learning garden club," Elsbree said.

Brian Kelly, food source coordinator, is currently drafting a grant proposal for the Meyer Fund to start up an organic kitchen. LCC will be the first school to have a green culinary program if he succeeds. If students are interested in participating in the LGC, the best way to contact them is through their e-mail, lccgarden@yahoo.com.

"The best thing you can do for your community is grow your own food," Elsbree says. "There's no better way of eliminating your carbon footprint than cutting out the middleman that ships food to your grocery store from who knows how many miles away."



Akebia Silver Bells



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Windmill Palm

Singing the longhouse blues

Pura Fé Crescioni to perform at May 29 Longhouse benefit

Lauren Hutchison
Reporter

Pura Fé Crescioni follows a long family and tribal tradition of song, tempering ballad-based blues with a wide range of influences.

Her upcoming Eugene concert will benefit the LCC Longhouse project. The completed longhouse will house classes for LCC's Native American Student Program and provide a cultural center for LCC's 650 Native American students.

"We have to stay strong and support each other near and far," Crescioni said in support of the Longhouse project. "I never forget how great it is to be a part of something that empowers our youth and our people to hold on to everything that we are."

Crescioni is a member of the Tuscarora tribe of North Carolina. She grew up in New York City in a musical household. "Music is my first language," Crescioni explained. "My mother, grandmother and their sisters all sing. They say we have four generations of seven singing sisters in a row."

"Where my mother's family comes from, singing in chorus family groups is a very common and old tradition," she said. "Even though I grew up in New York City, this family tradition would be the foundation of my first influence."

Her mother sang professionally, and she followed suit, singing professionally on Broadway, in bands and for various recordings before founding a renowned women's a capella trio, Ulali.

"Our sound really changed a lot in native contemporary music," Crescioni explained. "I put harmonies with social tribal songs, hand drums and rattles, and then began to write my own tunes with political content, different languages and more."

Crescioni left Ulali and moved to the Pacific Northwest in order to pursue a solo career. Her latest album, "Hold the Rain," is a record of her personal odyssey. "I left my home in North Carolina as a homeless musician, mourned my father's crossing over and left my group, Ulali, all at the same time. It was a hard time for me," she remembers.

"Hold the Rain" is a collaboration with Seattle-based guitarist Danny Godinez. With Godinez' acoustic guitar and Crescioni's pristine, soulful voice, "Hold the Rain" is a solid blues release, heavy with her personal experiences. "It was no longer an album of my tribal connection, but my new searching outside and in," she described.

This release is not outside of the native music tradition, since so much of blues has grown from Native American culture. Crescioni claims that history doesn't always tell the whole story. "Just as the food people eat in this country comes from Indian cuisine mixed with other cultural foods, the blues is no different," Crescioni described. "Shuffle rhythms in blues are the same round dance beats in native stomp dance. All of the New Orleans music is so wrapped in both African and Indian music as one sound."

"If you listen to old songs from either indigenous culture, African or Indian, you'll hear that a combo happened in the sound through slavery and mixing of blood. You become one expression," Crescioni explained. "It is their culture and experience as the



Patricia de Gorostazu • Courtesy photo

Pura Fé Crescioni will perform for a Longhouse fundraiser at the McDonald Theatre on Thursday, May 29 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketwest.

children of captured people. So much developed out of the oppression."

Through the universal language and contributions of thousands of years of culture, blues continues to deliver a poignant message of struggle and hope that will remain relevant for all time. Through song, Crescioni acts as an ambassador for her cultural history and for blues lovers everywhere.

Crescioni will perform at the McDonald Theatre at 8 p.m. on May 29. She will also be at the silent auction and reception, which begins at 6 p.m.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$20 or \$25 at the door. They can be purchased through TicketsWest. Discounted tickets for students are available for \$10 through the Recreational Sports Department.

For more information on the Longhouse Project, visit www.lanecc.edu/nasa/longhouse. More information on Crescioni and her music is available at www.purafe.com.



Tim Duffy • Courtesy photo

Pura Fé Crescioni, who recently released her blues album "Hold the Rain," will also appear at the fundraiser's silent auction and reception, which begins at 6 p.m.

LCC Longhouse Initiative

Goals:

LCC hopes that the completed longhouse will create a center of learning where people of many cultures gather in peace to share ceremony, learning and culture, and serve as a "cultural bridge" for facilitating Native American students transitioning back and forth between their traditional culture and the culture of higher education.

Cost:

The estimated cost for the Longhouse project is \$1.6 million. \$1 million in donations have been made. \$600,000 must be raised to complete the Longhouse.

Building:

The Longhouse building structure and exterior may be completed as early as September 2008.

Fundraising:

The Longhouse project received \$250,000 from LCC Board of Education, donated as matching funds. Other funds and in-kind materials were donated from students, businesses, organizations, foundations, tribes, casinos and individuals. In Spring 2006, Lane students voted for a \$3 mandatory student body activity fee to support the Longhouse project.

Memorial and honoring donations are now available. The name of the person who is being honored or remembered will be placed on a brick paver outside the Longhouse in the Storytelling Circle. Donations may be made through the Native American Student Program or by visiting www.lanecc.edu/nasa/longhouse.

Peace Center asks 'Why We Fight'

Last film of May series explores America's dependence on war

Nicole Perkins
Arts Editor

The May Peace Film Series, put on by the Lane Peace Center, is closing this Tuesday with the feature film, "Why We Fight."

One of the Peace Center's goals is to use education as a tool for fostering peace in the community. The film series was created to spark discussion amongst attendees on topics of peace and justice. "The film series is an offering for the students and staff at Lane Community College," says Stan Taylor, co-chair of the Peace Center.

The series has shown films every Tuesday throughout May. Although Taylor said the attendance has been small, the discussions after each film have



been "lively and strong," and have made the event worth the effort.

"Why We Fight," showing Tuesday, May 27, is a documentary about America's wars over the past half-century and the people behind them. It looks at where the country is, how it got there and where it's going.

The film, which won the 2005

Sundance Film Festival's grand jury prize, delves into America's economic bind to war and exposes the possible dangers a growing military industrial complex can pose for America.

"From my perspective, the film demonstrates that we in the United States need to recapture our democracy and reprioritize our ideas of what makes us safe," Taylor said. "Arms alone will not make us safe, in fact they increase our insecurity."

The film will be shown in LCC's Building 17, Forum, Room 310. It starts at noon and a discussion will follow immediately afterwards.

For information on other upcoming Lane Peace Center events, visit www.lanecc.edu/peacecenter.

Ken Ashcraft • The Torch

All-star faculty jazz band rocks the house

*Benefit concert features
LCC faculty
for a night of music*

Bennett Mohler
Reporter

An evening of jazz will be presented by a collection of LCC music faculty on Tuesday, May 27.

The event, directed by long-time LCC Music Instructor Nathan Waddell, will feature a congregation of the LCC music department's faculty members playing a selection of jazz standards, contemporary jazz songs and even an original composition or two.

The ensemble will include Waddell on string bass, along with Ron Bertucci on trombone, Dennis Caffey on drums, Olem Alves on guitar, David Bender on trumpet, Hashem Assadullahi on saxophone and an unconfirmed appearance on piano by Vicky Brabham.

Waddell took over the duty of putting together this event after John Workman, a jazz combos instructor who previously organized it, passed away in 1997.

Waddell is humble in describing his role, "I don't really direct it," he says, "I just make sure everyone knows the dates."

Each band member partaking in the performance chooses three songs. The group then reaches a consensus on the best of the chosen tunes and puts together an approximate 90-minute set.

The performance will include jazz standards such as "Dear Lord" and "Have You



Curtis McCain • The Torch

Ron Bertucci, an LCC music instructor, has been playing the trombone since he was 10, almost 40 years ago. Bertucci and other music faculty are putting on a jazz concert Thursday, May 27, with all proceeds going to the John Workman Scholarship for Performing Arts.

Met Miss Jones?" as performed by John Coltrane and "Blues For Alice" by Charlie Parker.

The group also plans to perform "Mambostinato" by Luis Bonilla, who recently performed at LCC during the Oregon Jazz Festival.

"The form is pretty treacherous," Ber-

tucci says regarding the tune.

The group will also be performing a piece that Bertucci himself wrote.

At the event "there's no dance, no comedy, no poetry, just music," Waddell says.

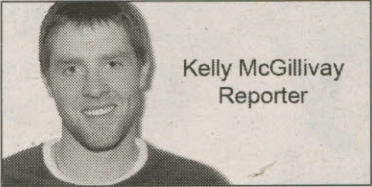
All the proceeds of the show go to the John Workman Scholarship Fund, which provides grants to outstanding students of

jazz.

"That's the main benefit of the whole thing," Waddell said. "We'll just do it and see, like any other concert out there."

The concert will be held at LCC's Blue Door Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students. For ticket information, call 463-5202.

Today's role models



Kelly McGillivay
Reporter

The definition of "role model," according to the American Heritage Dictionary, is "a person who serves as a model in a particular behavioral or social role for another person to emulate."

Turning on ESPN or checking out the latest sports news on the Internet has brought some very troubling news for the current and future generations of kids who look to athletes as role models.

On April 14, Denver Nuggets' star Carmelo Anthony was pulled over by police on suspicion of driving while under the influence. A year before, he was pulled over by police and marijuana was found in his car. He was also suspended for 15 games following a fight during a game against the New York Knicks last season.

Roger Clemens allegedly had an affair with country music star Mindy McCready, which began when she was 15. Recent claims have linked him to the ex-wife of former professional golfer John Daly. His former trainer, Brian McNamee, claims he has taken steroids. He also has a reputation to "headhunt" batters, once throwing a shard of Mike Piazza's broken bat mere feet in front of him during a 2000 World Series game and received a \$50,000 fine.

Marion Jones was America's track and field sweetheart, sweeping Americans off their feet with her big smile and smooth stride, until she tearfully confessed in 2007 that she had lied about using steroids and announced her retirement from track and field. She was stripped of the three gold and two bronze medals she'd won at the 2000 Olympics, and was sentenced to six months in prison for perjury.

All are exceptionally gifted athletes, whose talents brought them to the top of their respective sports, but their lapses in personal judgment send the wrong messages to young American fans that look up to these giants of sports. It's about time athletes realize that playing sports is more than just making millions of dollars. It's about showing the youth of America how to be at the top of the game, on and off the field.

These athletes, and the countless others who continue to jam police blotters and stir the pot of speculation and controversy, fail to think of the youth who look up to them.

Kids who are shown on television during sports broadcasts or photographed wearing jerseys proudly displaying their favorite player's name, have little idea who they are really supporting. They just see the great plays and achieved feats, and are blind to the extra-curricular activities their favorites take part in.

Athletes' actions are teaching today's youth that despite being at the pinnacle of their sport, character and decision-making on and off the playing field is not important or morally significant, but rather, their performances and career statistics overshadow their personal actions.

Baseball season ends with losses



JB Botwinick • The Torch

Chuck Behnke, left field, gives a frustrated look at the dugout as he returns to the field after a rough inning at bat for the Titans.

Titans battle to the finish

Taryn Ackelson
Assistant Sports Editor

The Titans hung up their bats and wiped the sweat from their brows, ending the season with a 23-25 record following two heartbreaking defeats against Mt. Hood Community College in the last doubleheader of the season.

Thursday, May 15, MHCC traveled to take on the Titans in the last league season doubleheader before the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Championships. Although the Titans were no longer hunting for one of the two playoff positions for the Southern region, they still had a chance to move MHCC in the rankings if they had been able to defeat the second-ranked team.

In the first game the Titans were trounced by the MHCC Saints. The final score was 10-0 and ended early in the seventh inning, due to the 10-run rule.

The score was held at 0-0 until the third inning when MHCC scored two runs. The Titans responded quickly and had a potential opportunity to score, however, a controversial call was made by the umpire. A ball hit by Kevin Shepherd was called foul, however, several spectators heard or saw the ball hit the third baseman's glove. The call stood, despite protest from LCC Head Baseball Coach Rob Strickland.

In the fourth, MHCC scored six more runs before the inning ended with a double play, preventing the Saints from doing any more damage.

The ninth run for MHCC was scored in the fifth inning, and the tenth and game ending run happening in the sixth.

The Titans took time to recover from the loss following the first game. A fierce battle ensued between the two teams, proving to fans and to the team that the Titans were not willing to give up.

Steve Mabeus took the pitcher's mound for LCC and no runs were scored by MHCC in the first inning. The LCC baseball team

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2008 FINAL TEAM STATS FOR TITAN BASEBALL

Wins=23 Losses=25

Pitching Report

PLAYER	IP	#BAT	RS	ER	BB	HITS	HR	HP	W	L	S	AVG	ERA	*SO
Ben Schreiner	57.00	240	31	27	19	53	0	4	5	6	0	244	4.26	53
Matt Bellando	42.67	182	24	19	13	40	0	1	1	5	2	238	4.01	30
Brett Swett	44.00	182	17	10	4	29	0	3	5	0	0	166	2.05	30
Eric Brown	31.33	131	15	12	11	22	0	5	2	4	0	191	3.45	26
Scott Carpenter	26.00	127	18	12	21	23	0	1	1	1	1	219	4.15	24
Nick Nading	39.33	159	19	16	24	30	0	2	1	2	0	226	3.66	24
Steve Mabeus	48.67	202	22	12	14	43	1	5	4	2	1	235	2.22	23
Sean O'Connor	37.00	146	19	16	10	33	2	6	2	2	0	254	3.89	16
Tony Brayton	19.00	88	15	13	4	24	1	1	0	1	0	289	6.16	12
Marc Novak	6.33	32	1	1	6	4	0	1	0	0	1	160	1.42	7
Daniel Trueblood	7.00	36	9	8	3	9	1	2	1	0	1	290	10.29	4
Andrew Lindsey	13.00	64	9	7	8	9	1	3	1	1	2	170	4.85	3
Jody Potter	1.33	9	4	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	500	13.50	2
Andrew Goodpaster	1.33	5	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	500	0.00	1
Total for Team	310.00	1359	171	133	117	269	5	29	19	20	6	222	3.86	209

Batting Report

PLAYER	AB	BB	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TBB	*AVG	SLG	OBP	SB	SO	TB
Kyle Hansen	59	6	13	21	16	4	1	0	4	6	356	458	426	4	10	27
Chuck Behnke	131	10	11	43	33	10	0	0	17	10	328	405	397	3	13	53
Brooks McKee	71	6	14	22	16	4	1	1	11	6	310	437	393	3	27	31
Andrew Goodpaster	132	15	20	39	25	11	2	1	18	15	295	432	359	4	40	57
Dan Schlottmann	114	13	15	30	26	4	0	0	11	13	263	298	362	4	11	34
Tyler Bish	139	22	26	35	26	7	2	0	18	22	252	331	356	6	33	46
Kevin Shepherd	152	28	32	38	34	4	0	0	16	28	250	276	371	13	23	42
Jody Potter	80	9	17	19	15	3	0	1	9	9	238	313	386	1	26	25
Carter Cullen	53	7	7	12	9	3	0	0	5	7	226	283	313	0	13	15
Eric Brown	111	20	17	25	15	7	0	3	17	20	22	369	355	0	34	41
Hayden Ausland	94	2	8	20	14	3	0	3	12	2	213	340	238	2	17	32
Nick Nading	48	4	4	10	9	1	0	0	8	4	208	229	273	1	12	11
Corey Staniforth	120	10	16	25	18	6	1	0	18	10	208	275	263	7	27	33
John Miles	57	0	8	11	11	0	0	0	4	0	193	193	190	0	7	11
Matt Solders	33	6	4	6	5	1	0	0	3	6	182	212	341	2	12	7
Jake Van Cleave	33	6	9	6	5	1	0	0	4	6	167	194	289	3	8	7
Total for Team	1463	166	223	362	277	69	7	9	177	166	247	323	336	53	326	472



LCC Track and Field team • Courtesy photo

Pole-vaulter Adam Brink prepares for a vault in the University of Oregon Twilight Meet at historic Hayward Field. Brink's explosive vaults have earned him first place in his division nationally.

Track team hopes to seize victory from Spokane in championship meet

JB Botwinick
Sports Editor

When LCC's track and field team set out for the championship meet, they left with only one goal: beat the Sasquatch.

Spokane Community College's track and field team has had a Titan target on its back since the Sasquatch took over the top spot in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges.

"Spokane has been a dominant machine, winning both the men and women's titles

for the last four years in a row," Grady O'Connor, LCC's head track coach, said. But O'Connor feels that the Titans may have what it takes to topple Spokane's NWAACC championship dynasty in the May 22-23 meet. "Our chance is as good as we've had in a while. We can spring an upset," he said.

O'Connor believes that for the men, the championship will come down to a shoot-out between LCC and top ranked SCC. "We are really in a dual meet with Spokane. The rest of the league is way back in third,"

O'Connor said.

The good news for the LCC men is their multitude of talent and top-ranked athletes. Javelin thrower Cyrus Hostetler and pole-vaulter Adam Brink are ranked number one in the division, not only in the NWAACC, but in the nation. Jeremy McAllister is leading the NWAACC in the men's running events. LCC will have the advantage of former NWAACC 10,000-meter champion David Morgan and Bruce Burbank, the current men's multi-event champion.

Key events for the men will be the

pole-vault and 1500-meter run. LCC has a strong core of five talented pole-vaulters lead by Sam Hellend, Robby Fegles and Brink, all of whom are highly ranked in the NWAACC.

In the 1500-meter run, LCC has five athletes who are capable of finishing in the top eight. O'Connor hopes to capitalize on the team's depth in these events to accumulate points.

On the women's side, LCC is riding the

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Life after LCC: students capitalize on athletics



Mercedes Alexander

LCC's Mercedes Alexander began her transition from Titan to Redhawk after recently signing a letter of intent with the Seattle University and accepting a full athletic scholarship to play basketball at the private school.

SU is a Division II school that is currently switching to Division I. Although the team will only have probationary status next year, Alexander will be able to participate in Division I as a senior.

Alexander's talent, intensity and court presence could be easily recognized by anyone who saw her play. Her accolades as a Titan have earned the respect of the fans, her team and her coach.

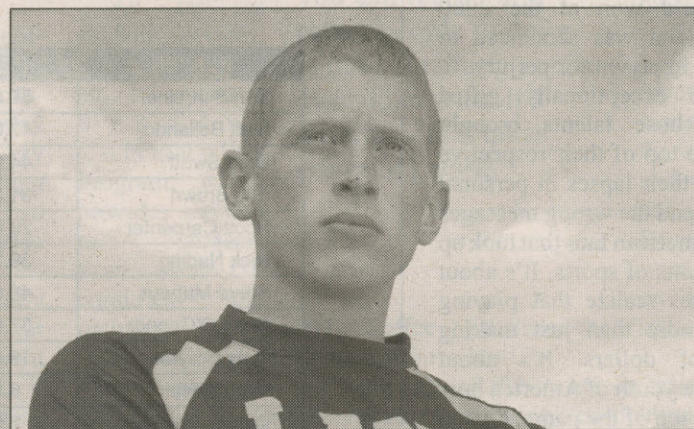
"She was a major contributor to our success," Greg Sheley, LCC's head basketball coach said. "When it was crunch time in the game she knew when to take over."

Alexander is currently the record holder for most rebounds in a game, season and career. She put up big numbers for LCC throughout last season and helped lead the team through a successful, yet troubled, Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges championship tournament.

"She is a good mixture of student athlete and a good person," Sheley said. He went on to describe Alexander as light-hearted, fun to be around and well liked by her teammates. He believes that through her play at LCC she has truly earned this chance to move on to a higher level and, with the help of her scholarship, do it debt free.

"I think that she's going to be successful," Sheley says, "she'll have a good two-year career there and I think she'll be a great contribution to their team."

—JB Botwinick



Cyrus Hostetler

It's widely known that participating in LCC sports can help get an athlete onto a higher-level team at a bigger school. But for javelin thrower Cyrus Hostetler, the time he spent on the track and field team may get him into the Olympics.

Hostetler's throw of 233' 7" at the University of Oregon's Twilight Meet earned him a spot in the upcoming summer Olympic Trials in Eugene. The throw also broke an LCC school record of 217' that also had been held by Hostetler.

June 27, he will join the best athletes in the country as he competes in the B section for javelin. Although he has only qualified for the B section, if he ranks in the top 10 he would then be eligible to travel to China to compete in the Olympic games.

Competing in Olympic Trials has

been a long time goal for Hostetler, and although many expected him to fulfill that goal, few believed it would happen so fast.

Hostetler has been an enormous asset to the track and field team this year. His consistent first-place finishes and record-breaking throws set him apart early in the season. He finished fourth in the NWAACC multi-event championship, playing a major role in the success of the multi-event champion, Bruce Burbank, and is currently ranked number one nationwide in the junior college division for javelin. He is heavily favored to take first place in the NWAACC championship meet.

In the future, Hostetler plans to attend the University of Oregon, pursuing an architecture degree, while competing for its track and field team.

—JB Botwinick



JB Botwinick • The Torch

Matt Bellando takes a turn at the mound in the first game in the double-header against Mt. Hood, May 15. Mt. Hood won the game 10 - 0.

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got up early in the game, raising the score to 2-0. The first run was scored by Shepherd and the second by Chuck Behnke. Eric Brown hit a double but did not make it back to home.

The Saints responded by evening the score to 2-2, lighting up the score board with a succession of twos: two runs for each team, in the second inning, with two balls, two strikes and two outs.

From behind the plate in the third, catcher Kyle Hansen reminded the team to communicate. Spectators seemed to hold their breath as inning after inning allowed no runs for either team and the brutal battle between the Titans and the Saints raged on.

In the third inning, Brown was struck with a pitch, "wearing one" for the team. He

earned a free pass to first base. The bases were loaded as Corey Staniforth stepped up to bat. In a tense moment for Titan fans, the ball was struck and Staniforth ran toward first where the third out was claimed by the Saints.

The dueling teams took the game into three extra innings until the heartbreaking tenth inning. MHCC earned a third run after a ball was overthrown by the Titan defense, a fatal error for the team; a fourth run was scored shortly after.

Tyler Bish wore one on the arm and walked to first. No new runs were earned for the Titans. Although the team had been defeated, they left with the pride of having gone head-to-head with a team that has beaten them for the past three years, including this season.

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the wave of success after a slightly unexpected victory in the Southern Region championships. But that wave may fall short due to the vast amount of effort it took. The women "are still beat up from letting it all out at the regional meet," O'Connor said.

Jewel Martin and Danika Bates, two of LCC's top athletes, are both competing on shaky knees. Bates wore a knee brace while practicing during the week.

The lady Titans are going to rely heavily on the two to lead the way in several events. Martin primarily in the sprints and hurdles, and Bates, the women's NWAACC multi-event champion, in the multitude of events she competes in. Crystal Bradford, last year's champion in the 100-meter hurdles, and Leah Twombly, the women's distance

specialist, will also be essential to the fulfillment of the team's hopes.

The highly competitive 100-meter hurdles will be the big-ticket event for the women with five lady Titans vying for a spot in the top eight.

It's championship time for the Titans. As the season culminates, hopes and expectations are high. For some, the meet will be their last chance to prove themselves as Titans.

For others, it's their chance to set a tone for next year. For the team, it's a chance for LCC to do what it hasn't done in years, rise to the top of the NWAACC.

The team's mentality may be reflected best by one sentence from O'Connor to his athletes, placed at the bottom of their itinerary. "Go Titans, make it happen!"



LCC Track and Field team • Courtesy photo

Freshman Max Perry pauses before a try at the shot-put pit at the Willamette Last Chance Qualifier meet.

So long, LeBron

A player's talk out-weighs his talent

LeBron James and the Cavaliers were sent home Sunday, May 18, as the Celtics knocked off the Cavs 97-92 in what might have been the NBA's

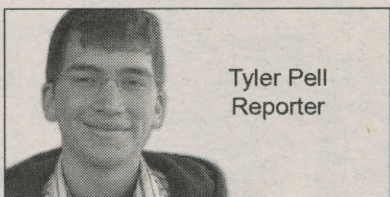
most entertaining game seven of this decade.

As a Celtics fan, I'm beyond relieved to finally see them move onto the Eastern Conference finals where they belong. However, as a fan of comedy, I'm saddened to have seen the last of LeBron this season.

What other player is self-absorbed enough to give us a quote like "A LeBron James team is never desperate." This was said after the game five loss no less.

The self-appointed "King" is already speaking about himself in the third person, and I can't get enough. Yeah, it may be arrogant, but who cares, it's funny! Maybe someone can talk him into just showing up for press conferences for the rest of the playoffs so we can get even more of LeBron talking about LeBron.

What I find even more absurd than LeBron speaking in the third person is his attitude. I would have thought that one of the "King's" veteran-teammates would clue him in and let him know that desperation isn't such a bad thing

Tyler Pell
Reporter

on the basketball court. Instead, Celtics forward Paul Pierce showed him first hand. With the Cavs trailing by three with just one

minute to go in game seven, LeBron stood and watched as Pierce dove right in front of him to corral a loose ball that ended up sealing the game and the series for the Celtics. Paul Pierce was desperate to win, and win he did.

To be honest, I'm not that surprised. Anybody who is drooled over, like LeBron, has been since he was in high school, is bound to be a little full of themselves. Signing a \$90 million shoe contract before you go to prom can have that effect. But then again, besides his financial achievements, his crowning moment as a pro was an embarrassing four-game sweep at the hand of the Spurs in last year's finals.

Everybody knows LeBron's potential is downright scary. But until he realizes that his place among the NBA's greatest has yet to be guaranteed, he should do himself a favor and get his game up to par with his world-class ego.

Besides, I figure the better he becomes, the more he will speak about himself in the third person. So in the end, we all win.

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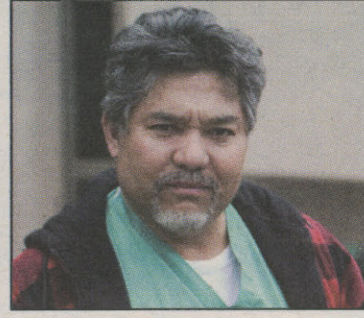
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"I think so, if we're talking culturally."

Interviews by Nicole Perkins
Photos by Curtis McCain

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Knowledge is the key in Chamberlain's philosophy. Understanding the techniques, the laws and the goal of learning to defend one's self is paramount in his teachings. Chamberlain summed up his teaching best when he said, "Know yourself and your ability well enough to create a limit, and [don't] go beyond that limit."

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