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Lana Boles

Passing The Torch

Media Commission selects newspaper editor – Denali goes without, again

Isaac Viel
Editor in Chief

Each year, the LCC Media Commission seeks new editors in chief for The Torch newspaper and Denali literary magazine, and as of May 22, their decision was final for one publication.

Although the Media Commission reached a decision on both The Torch and Denali positions, only The Torch will have an editor come June 6, due to the Denali applicant dropping out after garnering the position in an unopposed race.

Current Features Editor Lana Boles will take over The Torch on June 6. Boles, who began her career at The Torch in October 2007, quickly rose to the position of features editor. She has been a student at LCC since Fall term, 2007.

Before coming to LCC, Boles attended College of the Redwoods in Eureka, Calif. She plans to major in liberal studies and pursue a career in journalism.

Already off to a great start, Boles recently won two awards at the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association's Collegiate Day: Best Feature Story and second place in the Best Writer category.

When asked what she plans to do as editor of the student-run newspaper, she said, "I hope to put out a high-quality product that not only the LCC community but the greater Eugene-Springfield community can rely upon for consistently top-notch stories that reflect our diverse lifestyles."

Boles is enthusiastic about taking the helm for the 2008-09 school year, and will be looking to add editors and reporters who are seeking valuable experience in the newspaper industry.

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The Burmeister family • Courtesy photo

During the six months PFC James Burmeister was stationed in Baghdad, he received traumatic brain injuries and developed PTSD, which he struggles with to this day. He is currently housed at Fort Knox, where he is being court-martialed for desertion.

Eugene war resister awaits possible court-martial for desertion

Pfc. turns himself in after deciding to fight no more

Willa Bauman
News Editor

As a young man with post-traumatic stress disorder, Private First Class James Burmeister suffers from vivid nightmares, flashbacks, depression and frequent petit mal seizures and blackouts. As a young man who's made the decision to partake no more in a war he calls illegal, James could face imprisonment, dishonorable discharge or even the maximum penalty: death.

James, who grew up in Eugene, approached a U.S. Army recruiter in spring, 2005. He had been influenced by the tragic attacks on September 11, 2001, and had heard from a friend who was stationed in Iraq about the good things the American

military was doing for Iraqi people.

"My friend described the Iraq war as a humanitarian effort," James stated in his deposition to the Canadian government, to which he applied for asylum in 2007. "He told me that soldiers do not only secure the country, but they also provide aid to communities in need."

James' father and LCC food service employee of four years, Eric Burmeister, said he wasn't informed of his son's decision to join the military, and didn't feel his son had all the information he needed when he enlisted.

"He painted himself into a corner like all young guys and he really didn't have any options," Eric said. "Of course I knew different, but I didn't try to convince him

not to."

When James enlisted, he informed his recruiters that he had received a concussion in a car accident and suffered mild auditory nerve damage, which his father stated should have exempted him from service. However, James was told by the recruiter to keep quiet about the incident, and was never asked for medical records.

After enlisting, James was stationed in Germany, where he married his current wife, Angelique, in May 2005. He remained training in Germany through August 2005.

It was here that he began to question the work he would do in Iraq, and the purpose of the war effort. "My training mainly

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Pete Sorenson to speak on campus

Talk to focus on election reforms

Sandy Wilcox
Assistant News Editor

Lane County Commissioner for South Eugene Pete Sorenson will be speaking to students on campus Thursday, May 29, about his Voter Owned Elections project.

The Voter Owned Elections act would break away from what Sorenson calls the more traditional model of "contribution

owned elections."

"The voter owned system is a cleaner way to finance election campaigns. It eliminates special interest funding. It's also optional, only candidates who want to participate do so," Sorenson said.

A voter owned system would make it possible for under-funded candidates to campaign on the same level as wealthier, well-funded candidates and candidates receiving funding from special groups.

Candidates running for office would instead have to gather

valid signatures and \$5 donations from 0.6 percent of the registered voters in their district.

Qualifying candidates would then receive around \$2 per registered voter to spend on their campaigns. The act would also be statutory, not constitutional, allowing the legislature to adjust the act as necessary.

"Students at Oregon's community colleges and state universities will be helped by a voter owned system. Students don't give much money in the



Pete Sorenson

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Worth a mention

RANDOM STORIES FROM
AROUND THE WORLD

On the web, www.Metro.co.uk recently published a story about a pair of gentlemen from San Francisco who greeted their way into history on Monday, May 25.

Kevin Whittaker and Cory Jens wanted nothing more than to see their names published in The Guinness Book of World Records. To achieve their objective, they made a pact and shook on it, literally.

For nine and a half hours Whittaker and Jens shook hands making sure not to look each other in the eye or exchange pleasantries that would void the record.

The non-stop shaking eventually moved into a hotel bar and ended with a shattered record and a bottle of champagne.

Enduring sweaty palms, arm cramps and seemingly awkward bathroom breaks the two surpassed the old record by a whole 30 minutes, which was set by a pair of Germans.

"It's not that fun, believe me," Whittaker told the Metro. "I'm a little tired. My shoulder is tired. In fact, it's extremely painful."

Some people are acknowledged for running a mile the fastest, others weigh more than an '84 Honda Civic, but these two proved that just being friendly and little creepy can land you in the record books too. The Torch thought that was worth a mention.

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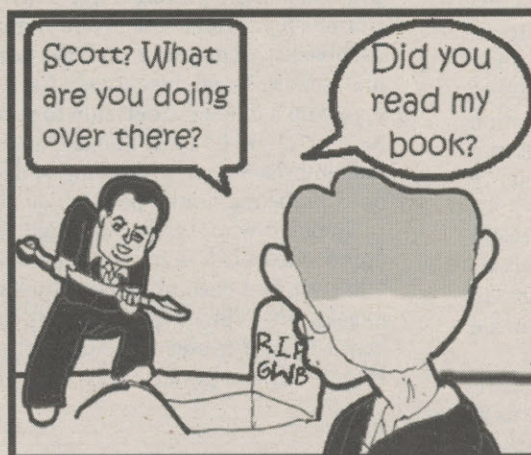
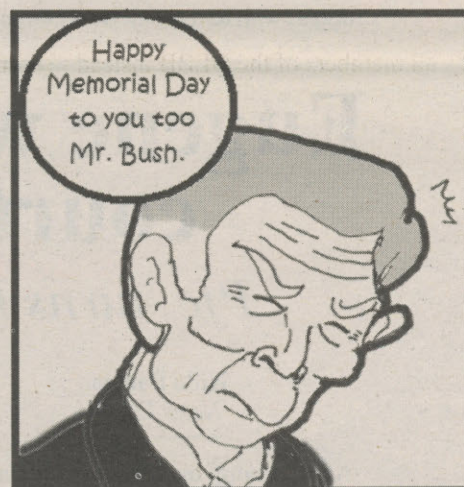
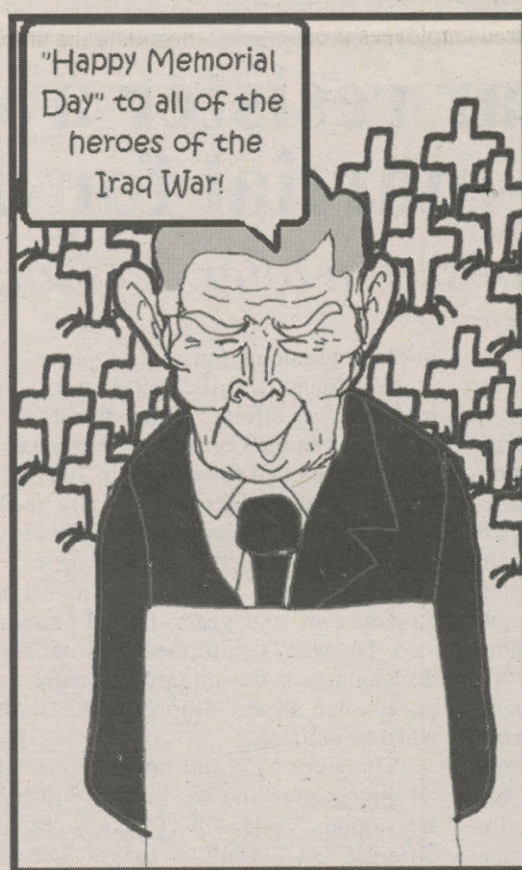
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Letter to the Editor

Voter turnout
on slim side

Shawn Cook is very good writer and is a nice addition to the Torch's reporting staff. That said, Cook stating LCC showed a 'significant increase' in this year's voter turnout lacks vital perspective. The 739 students who bothered to vote hardly represent the roughly 30,000 credit/non-credit students. Not that Cook

is responsible for a general lack of regard in the 'democratic' process. In fact, this apathy isn't even exclusive of LCC's elections. Slumber was apparent throughout Oregon during Thursday's primary elections. Dr. Michael McDonald of George Mason University gathered nationwide voter eligibility statistics that can be viewed at the following 'Link': http://elections.gmu.edu/Voter_Turnout_2008_Primary.htm. His calculations show Oregon having 2,745,234 eligible voters. But I hope we don't consider 39 percent, or 1,090,758 folks, a good turnout. Oregon produced the fourth highest turnout percentage of the states holding primary elections up to now. But, unfortunately, that's simply not saying much when you consider only 4,250,508 of Texas' 15,011,648

eligible voters voiced up. California has 21,725,632 eligible voters but just over 9,000,000 cast a ballot. But to really put this country's short-term memory in perspective, New York's 12,902,219 eligible voters produced only 2,561,221 ballots — that's 19 percent. Given the events that produced such vaporous sound bites like "the world will never be the same" I can't help but liken this complacency to protesters driving their car to a no-war-for-oil rally. I mean really, how far can this go? Have we become so desensitized that unless the candidates square off on Survivor we simply won't pay attention? Hey, who wants to be America's next top senator?

Apathy Union
Tom Adams

Submission
Guidelines

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College looks at new insurance provider

Faculty union makes request to opt into new insurers plan

Sandy Wilcox
Assistant News Editor

The LCC Education Association and LCC Employee Federation unions are currently looking at opting into the Oregon Educators Benefit Board as their primary insurance provider.

The OEBB is a state-run, mandatory health insurance pool for K-12 schools and Educational Service Districts, which community colleges have the option of joining. The 2007 Oregon Legislature established the OEBB when it passed Senate Bill 426.

The LCCEA has submitted a request to opt into the OEBB as part of its bargaining process with the college. The LCCEF has already concluded its bargaining process but is looking at opting in as well.

"The association thinks that the quality of the plans and the cost, being significantly less than what our current carrier or likely any other carrier could provide us on our own, make sense for us to go with the OEBB," Jim Salt, LCCEA union president stated on behalf of the associations.

"That brings into question

whether the college would be willing to make that transition on just one side if they aren't moving the entire college there," Bob Baldwin, LCCEF union president, said, in regards to just one union opting into the OEBB.

Currently, the college is with Pacific Source, a locally-owned and privately operated insurance company. LCC's Joint Insurance Committee is currently bargaining and discussing whether the college should continue with Pacific Source.

The full-service credit rating organization, A.M. Best, rates Pacific Source as a "stable" B++ organization with a "good" long-term outlook.

The JIC, which is comprised of representatives from the LCCEA, LCCEF as well as the college's management group, is also looking into the possibility of having the entire college joining the OEBB.

The main draw the OEBB has for smaller groups like LCC, is that it's an insurance pool whose numbers are being estimated at 160,000 to 180,000 insured members.

This would cause the cost of insurance claims to be spread to all members of the OEBB instead of having a specific group take on the full cost.

Salt discussed that if the college did decide to join the OEBB, "the question then would become one of how to move forth ... as well as bilateral negotiations between the groups as to what to do with the savings."

Baldwin stated that the LCCEF "could probably provide very comparable benefits and save two or three hundred thousand dollars a year and that's with the college paying the full cost of the policies." If the LCCEF opted into the OEBB.

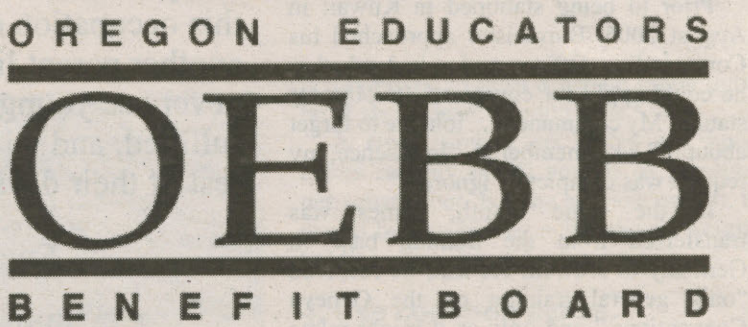
"It does seem like there's a potential for a win/win for everybody in this," he said.

Greg Morgan, associate vice president for finance and Dennis Carr, executive director of human resources, discussed that the savings acquired from switching to the OEBB would probably go towards such things as employees cost of living adjustments.

Part of the criteria for joining the OEBB does not allow members to opt out of the plan once in. This could leave LCC permanently stuck with any direction the OEBB decided to take, if the college decides to opt into that system.

One issue the college has had to face in the past when it comes to insurance premium increases is the higher age of employees. Baldwin discussed that Pacific Source's average insured age is 42, whereas LCC's average age of insured employees is 52.

"Statistically, we run a little older ... you add 10 years to the



PacificSource
HEALTH PLANS

"It does seem like there's a potential for a win win for everybody in this,"

BOB BALDWIN
LCCEF UNION PRESIDENT

average age of a 1000 insured people and all of a sudden that's a big chunk of money," he said.

The pool of insured members the OEBB is offering would lower the average age for the entire pool, which would in turn save LCC that additional money they would normally have to pay to a private insurer.

Baldwin said that the higher age of the college's employees has been the reason why LCC faces above average premium increases and higher usage rates.

The OEBB has three plans for members to choose from, Medical, Pharmacy, Dental and Vision. In addition, members can negotiate the amount of coverage that they feel they would use, to some degree.

An employee wishing to receive less coverage from the OEBB would in turn cause the group they were affiliated with to save money that said group could then return to the employee through such things as a higher cost of living adjustment or increased pay.

Currently, LCC's plan with Pacific Source does not allow for any variation of coverage by a person being insured by it.

The OEBB system is limited by statute to a two percent administrative fee, private insurers such as Pacific Source have no limit on additional fees. The OEBB is not taxpayer fee supported so there will be an additional "small charge" to cover the start up costs.

Spring Term Final Examination Schedule
For the week of June 9 - 14
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4:00 p.m. or 4:30 p.m.	M	4:00-5:50 p.m.
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consisted of engaging in raiding exercises," he said. "We did not receive any training whatsoever on humanitarian activities, such as food distribution or the development of civil infrastructure."

Prior to being stationed in Kuwait in August 2006, Burmeister approached his Commanding Officer and asked whether he could apply for conscientious objector status. "My commander ... told me to forget about it," he remembered. "In essence, my request was completely ignored."

In the same month, James was transferred from the training base in Germany to Kuwait. He said he received "only general training on the Geneva Conventions," and only as it might relate to rules of armed conflict and engaging the enemy. "All of our drills were once again designed to train in the event of engaging hostile enemies."

In September 2006, James was transferred to Iraq as part of Unit 118 First Infantry Division. Within the first few days of his deployment, James was asked to man the machine guns on top of the Humvees on "small kill team" missions.

In the now-infamous "small kill teams," a practice which has been disbanded due to public outcry, soldiers were asked to set up a decoy, such as a fake military camera, to trap Iraqi citizens. "The soldiers would place a sign on top of the decoy indicating that it had been installed for surveillance purposes. This was done even though the camera was not actually operational." James said there was no warning on the decoy that touching or manipulating the camera would justify an armed response.

Once citizens approached the camera, sharpshooters on nearby rooftops would open fire. "In some cases, the Iraqi victims looked to me like they were children," James said, "perhaps teenagers. I had heard from the last unit that they had managed to kill more than 30 people using these methods."

In his deposition, James remembers being "shocked" to be sent out on missions where he was asked to draw fire. He began to fire warning shots to the citizens, and continued to seriously question the war effort.

On three separate occasions, roadside bombs hit James' convoy, but it was the

"Every day, every week, every month, every year that this occupation continues, another parent like me will never see young dreams fulfilled, and will mourn the rest of their days."

ERIC BURMEISTER

third bombing, in February 2007, that left him with medical and psychological damage.

"I was manning the machine gun at the time the bomb exploded," he explained. He felt he had received a concussion, because he passed out for a short period of time. Two pieces of shrapnel were embedded in his face, and he noticed severe ringing in his ears.

James initially told the platoon leader he was "okay." He was sent back to continue working on the mission. "It was at this time I noticed I had some foreign objects embedded in my face," he said, and removed the objects himself before reporting the incident to his platoon leader, Sergeant Wilcox.

The day after the mission, James began to feel the full effects of the bombing. He began to have insomnia and nightmares. He fainted, and ended up bleeding from his nose. Upon full physical examination, the military doctor told James he saw "keytones" of diabetes in his urine, a diagnosis the doctor later admitted was false.

Shortly thereafter, James was sent back to Germany for "rest and relaxation," and to continue treatment for his medical issues, which now include sporadically losing consciousness from petit mal seizures.

It was in Germany that James was diagnosed with PTSD, and the high possibility that he was suffering from a traumatic brain injury.

Throughout his "R and R" time in Germany, James was expected to work



The Burmeister family • Courtesy photo

After enlisting in the military in 2005 and serving six months in Iraq before being wounded, Pfc. James Burmeister became increasingly against the war. He flew to Canada where he lived one year before turning himself in to military authorities at Fort Knox.

everyday on the military base. In early May 2007, James was summoned to a meeting with the Commander of the Rear Detachment Company and the First Sergeant, in which he was told to return to Baghdad immediately, regardless of his medical orders to stay in Germany. "They threatened that if I did not tell the doctor that I was feeling good, my military career would be over," he said.

At this time, James began to seriously question the United States' involvement in the war in Iraq. He left the American army base in Germany on May 4, 2007 and flew to Canada. He presented himself to the Canadian Border Services Agency on May 18, 2007, where he demanded refugee protection.

James lived for less than a year in Canada before his worsening health, family responsibility and the birth of his daughter forced him to turn himself in at Fort Knox military base in Kentucky, where he is now awaiting deposition of his case as a deserter.

"He wanted to get it over with," Eric said. "He just figured his back was against the wall. He'd be separated from his wife and his kid anyway."

Eric explained that James felt "nothing the army could do to me would be as bad as Iraq" and was tired of living as a fugitive. Now he lives at Fort Knox, no longer under total military supervision, but with limited outside access and in situations that could be detrimental to his PTSD. "He is quartered within earshot of the shooting range and tank training area, daily hearing the gunfire and explosions," Eric reported.

James has been prescribed a slough of anti-psychotic drugs, which he refuses to take. Jon Bjornson, retired board-certified psychiatrist and major in the Army Medical Corps in Vietnam, claims James was prescribed for the wrong psychological condition by Army medical officers. According to an e-mail addressed

to Ray Parrish, a lawyer working on James' behalf, the 23-year-old war resister is being treated for "bipolar disorder, mixed, type 1" instead of PTSD. Bjornson states, "Any physician clearing this individual, taking the pharmaceutical regimen above, for military duty, much less combat, should be liable for malpractice. James should be medically discharged for military service with service-connected disability."

A medical discharge is what Eric, Ray Parrish, Anita Anderson Dennis and various veterans' organizations, seek to obtain. While James has not yet been charged, Eric is optimistic but ready for a fight. "We're working at getting a civil lawyer real soon," he reports, since so far, military lawyers have handled James' case.

Even with a medical discharge from the military, James will have a long road to recovery. "He's experienced an awful lot of horrible things," Eric said. "It devastated him. People just don't realize what's really happening."

Eric said he's afraid his son is being punished in part because of the way he chose to speak out against the war in Iraq and U.S. combat tactics he called "illegal."

In response, Eric, and organizations like Veterans for Peace, have launched an extensive publicity campaign to tell not only James' story, but also the stories of other young war resisters and soldiers. "I want people to understand these soldiers, what they've witnessed and what they've been asked to do," he said. "In just the few years that he's been in the Army, it has taken its toll on me. I'm so angry. Every day, every week, every month, every year that this occupation continues, another parent like me will never see young dreams fulfilled, and will mourn the rest of their days ... I just want to hug my son again and hear him play his beloved bass guitar and see the joy on his face as the music brings forth the best in us all."

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Eugene GEARS up for bicycle club

City-based group offers support and events for cyclists

Taryn Ackelson
Assistant Sports Editor

The Greater Eugene Area Riders hopes to get more college students involved in upcoming events to help construct a larger, safer bike community.

GEARS President Paul Adkins is working to make the group "more fun."

"I think that in the past the group has not been very fun, especially from an outsider's perspective."

Adkins believes that student involvement would help to change the dynamic of the group, creating an environment that would help build a bigger, better bicycling community.

A typical GEARS event is a combination of bike awareness and good, clean fun.

The club was founded in 1991. According to Adkins, it is the only recreational bicycling club in the city. In February 2008, the club merged with the Eugene Bicycling Coalition, bringing bike advocacy to the forefront of the group's activities.

A balance between awareness and recreation creates a club that has a lot to offer students who are new to bicycling as well as college cycling enthusiasts.

The League of American Bicyclists designated Eugene as a silver community in 2004. A total of 84 Bicycle Friendly Communities are currently ranked between bronze and platinum. "Gold is our next goal," Adkins said.

A community must show achievements in each of the five Es to become a Bicycle Friendly Community: engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation and planning. The efforts of GEARS, such as bike education and community rides are what Eugene needs to move up in the ranks.

Kidical Mass, one of GEARS' ongoing events consisting of monthly rides that take place every third Friday.

Adkins recognizes that fewer children are riding bikes these days, and believes that events like this can help teach young people how to ride safely on streets.

"Maybe the name of it doesn't get college kids to check it out, but I would hope that it would in some ways," Adkins says.

Kidical Mass got its name from



Shane Rhodes • Courtesy Photo

GEARS President Paul Adkins at Kidical Mass with twin in tow, shows that bicycle awareness can be fun.

the Critical Mass movements, which are "a gathering of cyclists, to reclaim the streets for cyclists in a fun and unique way," James Kennedy, the University of Oregon bike coordinator and GEARS Steering Committee member, says. The original purpose of Critical Mass, according to Kennedy, was to take over the streets, and get automobiles to slow down.

"It's kind of like Critical Mass, but it's not at all like Critical Mass. There are no political overtones. It's all about getting families and

kids out riding around town," Adkins says. They always end the ride at a fun location, such as an ice cream shop or a park.

This event was founded by Safe Routes to School and GEARS in Eugene and is spreading to several other cities.

Adkins says that he'd like to see a lot more college students at Kidical Mass. "Truthfully I think that if even a dozen college students show up, the attitude of the ride would change a lot, and it'd be a lot more fun."

The GEARS' upcoming

general meeting on June 10 will provide opportunities for people who want to learn more about being better cyclists, or about biking to campus.

There will be several bike shops on location to present the new gear available in their stores. "For somebody who wanted to learn about getting into bicycling, it would be very cool," Adkins said.

On August 2-3, the ninth annual Blackberry bRamble and Jamboree will take place in Eugene. The Jamboree will consist

of two 10-mile loops through several Eugene neighborhoods.

The cost for the Jamboree will be \$5 per family and will begin at 9 a.m.

"I'd say, generally it's a very family, kid, community-oriented event. It's not oriented towards cyclists," Adkins said.

Participants can take part in one or both of the 10-mile loops, depending on their interest and activity level.

Adkins hopes that the ride will lead them into the community centers, where city leaders will be able to talk about the neighborhood and then join the ride.

The next day, August 3, the bRamble will offer serious cyclists three different distance options, a full-century ride of 100 miles, a metric century of 100 kilometers and a 43-mile route.

Each of the ride has a \$30 registration fee. Proceeds will go to benefit bicycle education programs put on by GEARS and the Bicycle Transportation Alliance in local schools.

The Blackberry bRamble is the biggest event organized by GEARS. "Traditionally, those kinds of rides have been attended by relatively serious folks, who are not just the people riding around town and to campus," Adkins said.

At the end of both events a blackberry treat and ice cream will be served.

Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m., a large group of college-aged students gather under the bridge at Washington/Jefferson Park to play bike polo. This event is on the GEARS' calendar but is not organized by the club. GEARS fully supports bike polo even though they are not responsible for putting it on.

Most people ride fixed gears, sporting the motto "one gear is all you need." There are usually 50-plus in attendance and the games last several hours, as Adkins described. "You could easily go and hang out and not have to play and still have a good time."

The exact rules are abstract. Adkins explained that six players, three on three, face off in a "cross between polo and hockey, but you're on your bike the whole time."

Adkins says that GEARS encourages individuals or groups to plan their own events and rides, connecting with the club to promote them.

GEARS' newly-improved web site can be found at www.eugenegears.org and provides in-depth information about the upcoming events, as well as how to join.

GEARS EVENTS

Ongoing events

Kidical Mass, every third Friday of the month, at 6 p.m.

Check the GEARS web-site for locations.

Bike polo, Thursdays 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

At Washington/Jefferson Park, under the bridge

Upcoming workshops and classes

Bike Day, June 7

Science Factory

Street Skills One, June 12, and Repeated on June 20, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Campbell Community Center

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Street Skills Two, June 21, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Campbell Community Center

Register at www.bikeleague.org or call Cindy at 682-5285. \$30

Races and Rides

Jamboree, Aug. 2, 9 a.m.

\$5 per family

Blackberry bRamble, Aug 3

Century ride begins between 7-8 a.m.

Metric century ride begins between 8-9 a.m.

de begins between 8-9 a.m.

\$30 per race

WOMEN'S TOP SCORES

100-meter dash

1st Heather Bishop

800-meter run

2nd Leah Twombly

1,500-meter run

3rd Leah Twombly

8th Tara Krempley

3,000-meter steeplechase

3rd Tara Krempley

5th Sierra Lee

10,000-meter run

5th Kathrine Barnhart

100-meter hurdles

1st Jewel Martin

3rd Crystal Bradford

4th Danika Bates

6th Amy Nelson

400-meter hurdles

2nd Amy Nelson

5th Danika Bates

8th Crystal Bradford

4X100-meter relay

3rd Danika Bates

Jewel Martin

Crystal Bradford

Heather Bishop

4X400-meter relay

5th Danika Bates

Jewel Martin

Crystal Bradford

Amy Nelson

Long jump

5th Jewel Martin

6th Danika Bates

Triple jump

5th Calie McVicker

Pole-vault

1st JoLena Boatsman

Shot put

7th Jennifer Deegan

Discus

8th Jennifer Deegan

Javelin

6th Danika Bates

8th Katrina Krempley

Heptathlon

1st Danika Bates

TEAM RESULTS

Women

1	Spokane,	276
2	Mt. Hood,	155
3	Lane,	117.50
4	Clackamas,	82
5	Clark,	67
6	SW Oregon,	63.50
7	Treasure Valley,	38
8	Everett,	16

Men

1	Spokane,	263.50
2	Lane,	215
3	Clark,	90
4	Clackamas,	78
5	SW Oregon,	52.50
6	Mt. Hood,	46
7	Treasure Valley,	30
8	Everett,	23
9	Douglas,	12



JB Botwinick • The Torch

Danika Bates, number 17 prepares to pass the baton to Jewel Martin in the women's 4X100 relay.

NWAACC track and

Titans face meet with team

JB Botwinick
Sports Editor

After two days of intense athletic exertion the members of the track and field team settled into their seats for the long journey home. They did so without the joy of a championship win, but the contentment of a team that had pushed itself to the limits.

The Titans traveled over eight hours to compete in the May 22-23 Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Championships in Spokane, Wash.

The men went into the meet hoping to dislodge Spokane Community College's grip on the championship title. The women were looking to attack the top ranks with the momentum they gained from their victory in the regionals. Both teams were also propelled by a jump-start in the points provided by Bruce Burbank and Danika Bates with their multi-event wins.

Day one found the teams focused on getting athletes qualified for the finals in their events. The Titans made short work of placing their athletes where they needed to be on a day with few final completions.

Good news came from the pole-vault team. Adam Brink, the junior college division's pole-vault leader, seized first place with a 16' 7" vault. Robby Fegles took second with a vault of 15' 5", while Sam Hellend tied for fifth with Spokane's Kraig Grant at 14' 3". Seth Lindquist followed up with a 13' 9" vault that earned him seventh.

JoLena Boatsman vaulted 11' 5", earning first place and giving a clean sweep of the pole-vault championships.

"We have a great team, we have two champions, everybody did great, there is nothing to complain about," Brink said.

Though the pole-vaulters set a positive tone for the first day, LCC Head Track and Field Coach Grady O'Connor was still apprehensive about his team's progress. Spokane dominated in the throwing events, stuffing Sasquatch throwers into the scoring positions at every turn.

"After day one we felt we let a few points get away," O'Connor said, "the Spokane throwers really took care of their business." Even though O'Connor still felt the Titans "were still in striking distance."

Day two began with the men's high jump. Seth Lindquist, Jarett Axelrod, Jeff Hester and Burbank all tackled the event for LCC. All had varied success but managed to make it to the finals. Axelrod faced some trouble caused by the day's high winds. After clearing a jump a particularly strong gale blew across the track shaking the pole and causing it to fall. The officials ruled that the pole had been dislodged by Axelrod much to the protest of O'Connor and several on-lookers. Despite the set back Axelrod cleared the height and moved on.

In the end Lindquist took fourth in the event. Hester took fifth, Axelrod seventh and Burbank eleventh.

Spokane lead the men's meet throughout



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Kathrine Barnhart runs the grueling 10,000-meter.



JB Botwinick • The Torch

Amy Nelson lands in lead in the 300-meter hurdles.



Jessie Robertsen • Courtesy photo

Curving herself over the bar, NWAACC champion JoLena Boatsman clears the height in the pole-vault.



Bruce Burbank, LCC top male scorer, arches over the bar in the high jump.

JB Botwinick • The Torch

field championships

-work and determination.

the morning and it looked as if LCC would be confined to second place when they caught a break in the 4X100 relay. Due to baton exchanges outside of the designated area Spokane was disqualified from the race giving LCC the chance to seize second place and the much-needed points it entailed.

In the 1500-meter run LCC took advantage of a lack of Spokane runners putting five Titans in scoring positions. Jeremy McAllister lead the way in a one two finish with Joe Churchill.

“With 120 meters to go, Jeremy just turned it on,” Cody Fleming, LCC’s assistant track coach, said.

With the big breaks in the relay and 1500 the LCC men not only managed to catch up to Spokane, but burst into first place. But the feat would be short lived as Spokane regained and extended their lead on the Titans.

The Titan Women battled for second place throughout the day relying heavily on their distance runners and Leah Twombly to lead them. Their big-ticket event came in the 100-meter hurdles. Four lady Titans placed in the top six for the event. Jewel Martin took first with a personal best of 14.6 seconds. Crystal Bradford found herself in third, Bates took fourth and Amy Nelson took sixth.

Cyrus Hostetler turned heads yet again with an unexpected boost. With a monstrous yell Hostetler broke the LCC and NWAACC records with a javelin throw of 241’ winning first place by over 50’. The distance places Hostetler 16th

nation wide in the B section for javelin.

“I couldn’t be happier for Cyrus. That was the quickest release he’s ever had,” Fleming said.

“It’s going to be great having him represent LCC in the Olympic Trials,” O’Connor said.

Though Hostetler’s throw inspired the LCC team, Spokane’s talent and depth proved to be too much for the Titans. Spokane swept the meet taking first for both the men and women. The LCC men took second and the women third.

“Spokane is a tremendous, tremendous program,” O’Connor said. He believes that if LCC continues to be Spokane’s only real competition SCC will remain unbeaten. “The other schools opened the way for Spokane,” he said. “We need the rest of the league to get better.”

Though his team didn’t walk away with the championship title, O’Connor is still happy with its performance. “We had a solid meet both men and women. We didn’t falter,” O’Connor said.

LCC’s athletes proved their worth with an outstanding team spirit and a refusal to back down. “They got everything out of it that they could right up to the end,” O’Connor said.

Although the season didn’t end in first place the Titan team is not deterred from championship aspirations. LCC is looking forward to next year with no regrets. “I’m proud of how we performed,” O’Connor said. “We just have to reload and try to get better.”



Jeremy McAllister leads the pack in the 1500-meter race.

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With a scream of exertion Cyrus Hostetler releases his javelin, the force of his throw launching him into the air.



Jordan Botwinick • The Torch

Billy Wills follows through on his throw as his shot put flies through the air.

MEN’S TOP SCORES

200-meter dash

4th Andrew Hastings

800-meter run

4th Jeremy McAllister
5th Joe Churchill

1,500-meter run

1st Jeremy McAllister
2nd Joe Churchill
6th Lukas Fenley
7th Ryan Erickson
8th Jacob Turner

3,000-meter steeplechase

3rd Dennis McCaffery
4th Jacob Turner

5,000-meter run

2nd David Morgan
5th Jacob Turner
8th Mike Vipham

10,000-meter run

2nd David Morgan

110-meter hurdles

4th Bruce Burbank
6th Dennis Olstedt

400-meter hurdles

5th Dennis Olstedt

4X100-meter relay

2nd Bruce Burbank
Dennis Olstedt
Israel Shebley
Andrew Hastings

Long jump

3rd Seth Lindquist
4th Bruce Burbank
7th Cyrus Hostetler

Triple jump

1st Seth Lindquist
3rd Bruce Burbank
5th Jeff Hester

High jump

4th Seth Lindquis
5th Jeff Hester
7th Jarett Axelrod

Pole-vault

1st Adam Brink
2nd Robby Fegles
6th Sam Helland
7th Seth Lindquist

Shot put

3rd Billy Wills
6th Chris Bellitt
8th Max Perry

Discus

5th Chris Bellitt
6th Tyler Lindgren

Javelin

1st Cyrus Hostetler

Hammer throw

2nd Tyler Lindgren
8th Mathew Shryvers

Decathlon

1st Bruce Burbank
4th Cyrus Hostetler
5th Jeff Hester

Sheley named as interim athletic director

*Head basketball coach
takes leadership role in department*

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Years coaching

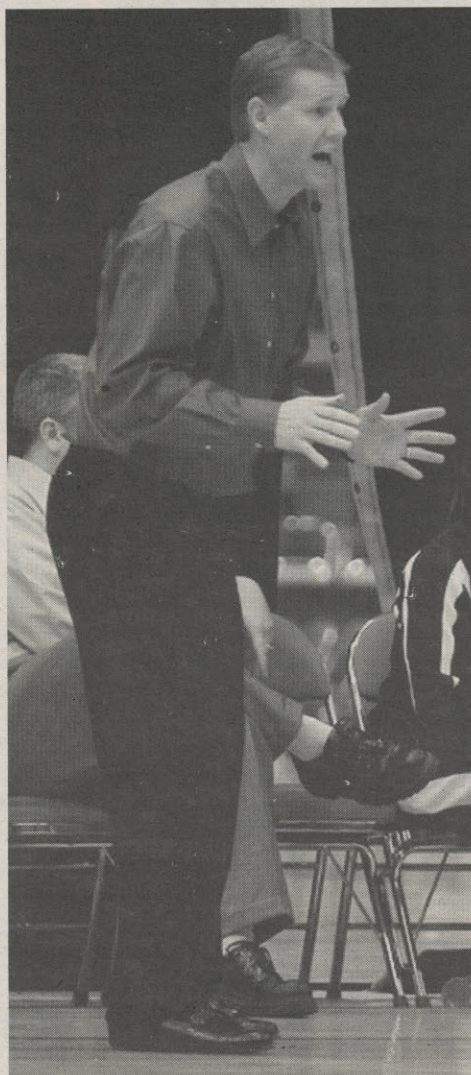
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Overall record

14
Playoff appearances

8
Conference/Division
championships

6
Final Four
appearances

2
NWAACC titles



Greg Sheley

Kelly McGilivray
Reporter

From making calls and meeting with organizers regarding field use and rentals to the process of forming an Athletic Leadership Group, every day for an athletic director is filled with new challenges and tasks.

Greg Sheley, the newly appointed interim athletic director for LCC has the tough task of keeping Titan athletics running smoothly on a daily basis, as well as performing his regular job as head women's basketball coach.

At the end of December, 2007 LCC's athletic director, Sean MonDragon, requested a change of assignment. Jan. 1, 2008 Sheley and Grady O'Connor, head track and field coach, assumed the titles of co-interim athletic directors. After several months of dividing duties between the two it was decided that Sheley would take over as the official interim athletic director.

"I'm looking forward to it and enjoying the process,"

Sheley says. "I want to get this department better and get stable."

Due to the recent financial situation LCC has been dealt, the athletics department has suffered from a lack of finance.

"If we had stable funding ... it would make everybody's job easier, with less stress," Sheley says.

Advertising in Titan Court is one way Sheley plans to relieve the financial burden faced by the athletics department. A burden he plans to combat with his proposed Athletic Leadership Group.

Under Sheley's proposed ALG plan, community members inside and outside of the campus, would go out to help generate funds.

"After the University of Oregon, high schools, Kidsports, I think we come in. We need to do a better job of promoting our product, promoting our student athletes, our successes and failures, everything. And try to hopefully generate a little bit more notoriety."

While Sheley doesn't expect to receive much, he

says even a \$1000 donation could go a lot further than in other athletic departments.

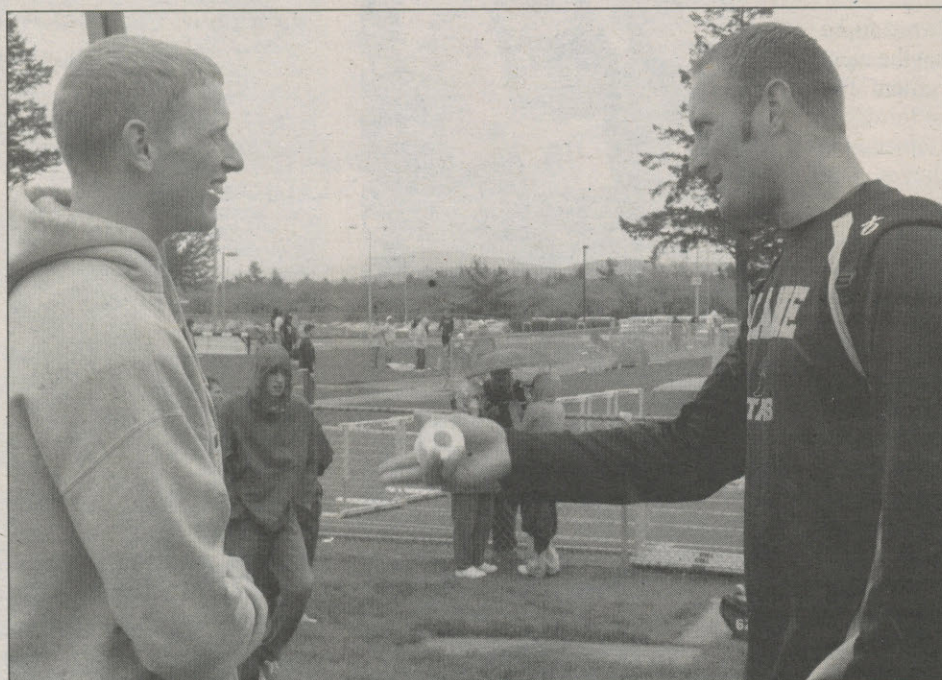
"Those that go to school here pay a little less, but they get a lot for it. And we're trying to use that approach, too. Those that would donate towards our athletic program, the amount that they would donate would have a larger impact versus other places," Sheley says.

The interaction and experience that the student athlete actually gets is what Sheley looks at as the most positive impact the athletics program has. He believes that it gives students another athletic and academic opportunity to use as a stepping-stone to succeed and progress towards getting a four-year degree, and possibly more.

With each passing day, a new challenge is laid in front of Sheley.

Whether it's little things such as keeping coaches on the same page, or larger issues such as funding, he is facing his challenges like his team faces its opponents; hard-nosed and man-to-man.

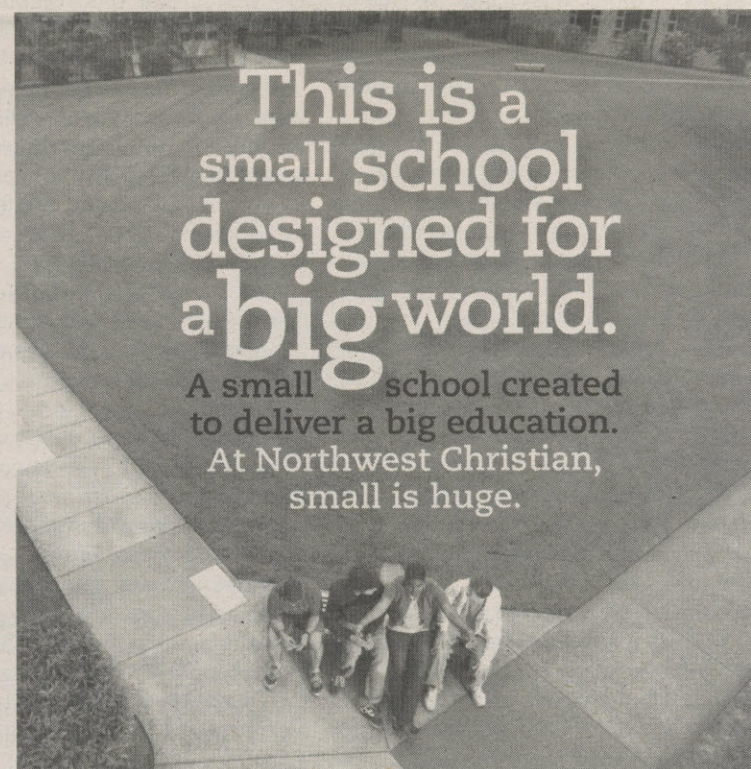
Behind the scenes at the NWAACCs



Cyrus Hostetler receives praise from Assistant Coach Cody Fleming shortly after Hostetler's record-breaking javelin throw.



ABOVE: Sam Hellend, Robby Fegles, JoLena Boatsman and Adam Brink watch the men's high jump, giving their support to the LCC competitors. LEFT: Even though Rocks Miller was injured mid-way through the season, she still traveled to Spokane to cheer her team on.



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Look before you leap

Summer tips on water safety from the experts

Nicole Weber
Reporter

Rising temperatures and spring fever seem to be emptying campus classrooms and filling the banks of the local rivers and lakes more and more every week. But warm temperatures don't necessarily mean warm waters, especially when local rivers are supplied with melting snow running down from the mountains.

The combination of cold water, poor preparation and alcohol are cited as the three most common causes of water and boating related accidents and deaths.

Last year, the state of Oregon saw 66 boating accidents resulting in nine deaths, according to the Oregon Marine Board. Overall, the state reported 23 drownings due to accidents with hypothermia.

Diving into rocks beneath the water and getting caught in swift moving water without safety equipment are among the top-ranked causes, according to the Oregon Center for Disease Prevention and Epidemiology. This ranks Oregon 10 in the nation for the number of water-related injuries and deaths.

These statistics mean a good deal of work for the Lane County Search and Rescue, Sheriff's Marine Patrol and the rural fire districts.

The search and rescue crew and the marine patrol respond to upward of 50 rescues a year in Lane County.

On average, they respond to 400-500 total calls a year, many of which are never reported due to the heavy flow of incidents. The unreported calls generally encompass anything from dehydration to bee stings

to severe sunburns, and are often treated by volunteers.

With 46 bodies of water, five rivers and three miles off the Oregon coast to monitor, Lane County sheriffs are responsible for patrolling

and responding to incidents in a 4,620-square mile stretch of land and all of the watersheds it harbors.

There is just too much water to patrol all of it habitually, marine deputy Paul Vitus explained. Vitus, along with two other marine patrol officers and Search and Rescue Coordinator John Miller, are the only staff assigned to protect the county.

Consequently, the departments are designed to be tactical response to incidents called into 911. Miller stated that during the summer, greater resources are allotted to marine patrol, making it likely that the officers may be flagged down on the water but generally they have to be reactive to situations.

With the expanse of Lane County, rural fire departments are often called out to the rivers and lakes to aid in situations where the sheriffs may be unable to respond quickly.

Goshen, Dexter, Pleasant Hill, Lowell and Oakridge fire departments recently received a combined \$160,000 in grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to purchase water rescue gear and receive rope and swift-water rescue training for their volunteers.

These five stations, with McKenzie fire department in Springfield, round out the most predominate water-rescue fire stations in the area.

Volunteers for both the fire stations and the sheriffs receive training in swift water

IF THE WORST HAPPENS

Get out of the water.

If you're caught in the water, the best thing to do is to try to get to the shore as quickly as possible. Stay calm and do not panic.

Work with the water.

If getting to shore isn't possible, never fight a current. Try to float downstream with feet in front of the body and the head up, so incoming obstructions can be seen. Try to paddle towards the shore at an angle, letting the water's current help with movement towards the shoreline.

Never try to stand in a current.

This often leads to injuries that make safe escape more difficult or the current may push a person onto their face and lead to drowning if they cannot correct themselves.

Always have a back-up plan.

Carry a whistle or waterproof light to signal help, Miller suggested.

If heading out onto the river, leave an envelope in the car or with a friend or family that contains the names and number of the people on the trip, supplies and beginning and ending locations for the journey. This information could be vital to rescuers.

rescue and rope training. In the case of the sheriffs, extensive diving classes are provided, where the volunteers are trained to search in murky, frigid water.

Vitus, Miller and Goshen Fire Station Training Captain Aric Higdon have a few basic ways to keep safe during the summer months:

1. Call ahead.

The Sheriff's Marine Patrol, Eugene Parks Department and Water Management, as well as many local water-sport related retailers often have recommendations and lists of water sites. These are places that are often patrolled, have been scouted and are calmer areas that are suitable for bringing children and leisurely water recreation.

2. Be aware of temperatures.

The most common misconception about local waters is that a warm day means a good day to play in the rivers and lakes. Unfortunately, snowmelt makes up the majority of the water in Lane County rivers and lakes. Despite an 80 or 90-degree day, the water may still be just above freezing. It can take less than 15 minutes for hypothermia to set in, Higdon warns.

At the other end of the thermal spectrum, sunburns and dehydration are two other common injuries associated with water recreation.

"If you're thirsty, you're behind the curve," Higdon explains. Staying hydrated keeps the body working and the mind clear.

3. Scout ahead.

Miller suggests doing a risk assessment. Find potential problems such as fast moving rapids or objects that may snare a person, inner tube or boat.

Rivers change constantly, Vitus cautions. Trees fall, rivers shift and gravel bars build up, causing changes in the path of the water. People are often caught in these snags and drowned as a result of getting caught in a strainer.

A strainer is defined as "anything water can get through but a person cannot," Higdon explained. People get tired, but the water never stops and it never gets tired.

It'll continue to push a person under until he or she is dead, Higdon stated.

A river moving six miles per hour exerts roughly 60-70 pounds of pressure per square foot. For the average person, it would be like having a 300-pound weight holding someone under the water.

4. Use common sense.

"Wear a life jacket," Vitus, Miller and Higdon all emphasize. The majority of water-related deaths could have been prevented if the victims had been wearing some sort of safety device.

The marine patrol claims to have never pulled a dead victim from the water who was wearing a proper life vest.

Alcohol and water don't mix, all three experts agree again. Not only does alcohol impair judgment but it can also impair dexterity, especially when mixed with the near-freezing temperatures of the water.

In addition, driving a boat while drunk can also carry the same penalties as driving a car drunk.

Another trend that has been surfacing are people attempting to float down rivers in small vinyl boats and rafts. These are not designed to withstand the heavy current and tough debris that may snag the craft along the way and thus have been dubbed "killer rafts" by rescue personnel. Aside from the possibility of stranding people in the water, these devices have a tendency to sink and essentially shrink-wrap themselves around the occupants, making escape impossible Higdon explained.

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During Finals Week

Managing the future of energy

Energy Management Program offers two-year degree with a multitude of career options

Bennett Mohler
Reporter

LCC offers two different degrees through the Energy Management Program. There is a two-year associate of applied science degree, and the same degree with the option of renewable energy technician.

These degrees can prepare students for careers in the energy management field and optionally as renewable energy system installers. These are non-transferable degrees and upon completion will certify graduates, enabling them to pursue careers as program managers, energy managers, energy analysts and other professions involving energy management.

"We're the only program that does this, not only in Oregon, but the whole nation," Roger Ebbage, director of the program, says.

The Energy Management Program has been around since 1980.

Graduates from the program, have been quite successful. Anna Scott, the energy analyst for LCC, is a graduate of the program, as is Lynn Ichner-Kelly, an energy

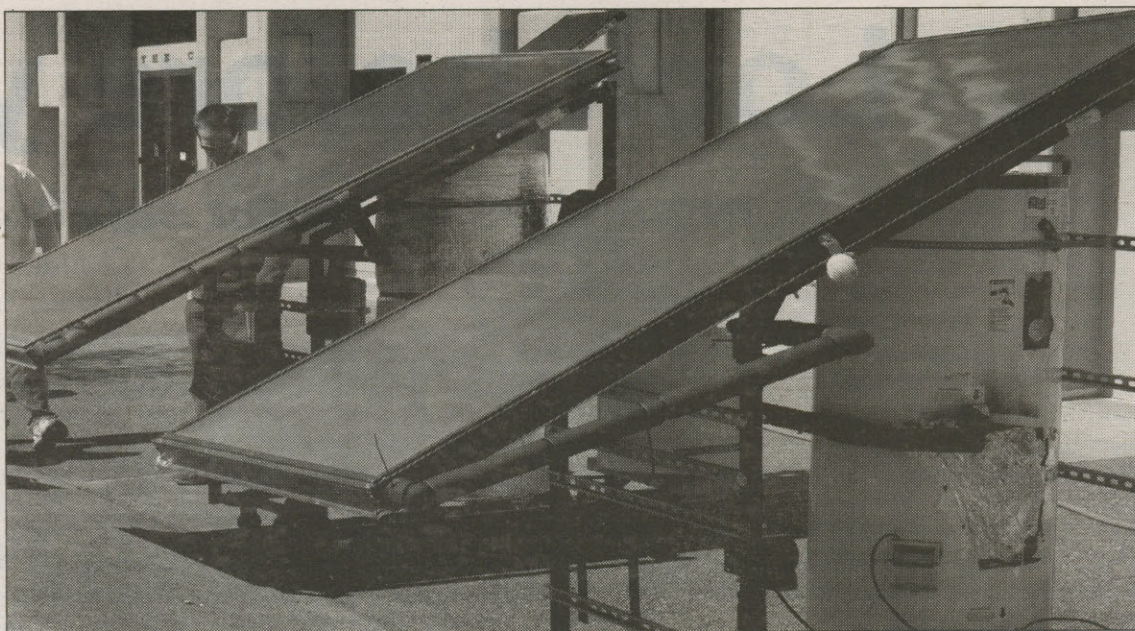
analyst for the City of Eugene.

"What we do is set people up for the demand side of energy management," Ebbage explained. "People in our profession do anything from energy studies on buildings, to program management for energy budgets. There are even careers in energy management for the Oregon military department."

The program is also unique in that its faculty members are also on the statewide advisory committee in Eugene, Salem and Portland.

The advisory committee is also comprised of professional practitioners in the energy management field. This limits their involvement with the program to only part-time positions. Ebbage is the only full-time member of the program. However, their professional involvement in the field allows the program's curriculum to stay up to date. The advisory committee makes recommendations for the program, suggesting ways to develop the curriculum around current technologies.

"[The committee] knows all the trends in the industry," Ebbage said. "And in this business,



Curtis McCain • The Torch

Students displayed solar powered water heaters outside of LCC's Center Building. Some of the parts were donated to the class and the finished products will be used for testing and then donated or installed on campus.

technology moves very quickly. We do a good job of keeping up with it."

Technology in energy management — including lighting, building power sources and water conservation — has been progressing rapidly throughout the decades, but recently there's been a peak in interest surrounding energy management.

"Everything from the war in Iraq, to higher gas prices has created an interest in not only ... sustainability and energy management, but more job opportunities," Ebbage said.

"The thermal and electric industries are growing so much, that graduates have so many job opportunities," Ryan Mayfield,

solar electric instructor, said.

The surge of interest is so large at this point that the program will accept 60 students for the next academic year as opposed to the 30 students it accepted this academic year. The program will also provide a two-year degree to become a water conservation technician.

This rapid expansion of the program will require more staff and human resources. This may prove difficult with Ebbage being the only full-time member in the program.

"I haven't had a problem yet," Ebbage says, "but with this massive expansion I can only hope that we'll have the budget for a few more full-time members in the program."

Some sustainability classes are included in the two-year program. Naturally, there are more within the renewable energy technician option. The Water Conservation Program is also under the "energy management umbrella," as Ebbage put it.

The program is very focused with little room for students to expand upon it. All six terms are planned out class by class.

"We literally manage every hour out of the student's academic day," Ebbage said. "After all, we're setting them up for a career in only two years. I take great responsibility in making sure these students are fully trained and ready for this profession when they graduate."

Scholarships and title found through Miss Lane County crown

LCC student will compete in Miss Oregon pageant

Aileen Wylie
Reporter

LCC student Nichole Mead, 20, was crowned Miss Lane County on April 5 at Powers Auditorium in Eugene, competing against nine other contestants in the local pageant.

As the new Miss Lane County, Mead received \$4,000 in scholarships and prizes. Mead's platform is "promoting awareness of the dangers caused by drinking and driving."

In addition to preparing for Miss Oregon, she will spend her year as Miss Lane County speaking to schools and groups about the dangers of drinking and driving.

During the competition, she performed a lyrical dance to the Christina Aguilera song "Hurt." She won both the talent and interview awards.

Scores are comprised of five parts: 35 percent talent, 25 percent private interview, 15 percent lifestyle and fitness in swimsuit, 20 percent evening wear and five percent on-stage questions.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for young women to brush up on their public speaking skills and earn tuition for college," Mead said.

Mead is majoring in psychology and communication, and plans to receive her Ph.D. and become a psychiatrist. She attended Portland Community College during the 2006-07 school year, where she was on both the Dean's and President's List. She currently attends LCC and plans to attend the University of Oregon this fall.

The majority of Mead's college tuition has been paid for by scholarships from the Miss America Organization.

Mead was crowned Miss Lincoln County in 2006.

She went on to compete at the Miss Oregon Pageant that same year against 24 other women throughout Oregon. Mead was the youngest to vie for the crown that year at age 18. She received a non-finalist talent award for her lyrical dance performance to Michael Weber's "Phantom of the Opera."

In 2007, she placed second runner-up in the Miss Tri-Valley pageant against 17 other women. The tri-valley pageant is known as a "sweeper": the last pageant of the season in which contestants throughout the state are eligible to compete. She was also a runner-up for a cover model contest for Fourpoints magazine, a Miss America affiliate.

This year, she will be competing again at Miss Oregon to be held June 26-28. All contestants are individually raising money for the Children's Miracle Network, the official platform adopted by the Miss America Organization.

A college scholarship will also be given for the contestant who raises the most funds. Donations may be made on the website, www.missamerica4kids.org.

The Miss Oregon pageant will be held at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center in Seaside, Oregon. For tickets and information call 800-394-3303. Miss Oregon is a preliminary competition to the Miss America Pageant.



Aileen Wylie • Courtesy photo

Nicole Mead accepts the crown for Miss Lane County on April 5 in Eugene. She won both the interview and talent competitions in the pageant.

Footwear from all walks of life

Museum invites guests to 'Walk a Mile in These Shoes' and see the stories they tell

Lauren Hutchison
Reporter

Footwear can tie people together and tell poignant stories, from the wear and tear on combat boots to the unnaturally tiny size of ancient Chinese slippers.

The University of Oregon's Museum of Natural and Cultural History features 200 important pairs in its exhibit, "Walk a Mile in These Shoes," running until Aug. 24.

"You can learn the stories behind the shoes, why they were made and why they're used," Judi Pruitt, administrative program assistant at the museum, says. "Shoes are things that we use every day, like our hands, and we don't appreciate them until we can learn more about them."

Opening just in time for the Olympic Trials across the street at Hayward Field, "Walk a Mile" is the temporary home of several famous pairs of shoes on loan from the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame.

Eugene is not just "track town," it's also Nike town, and the relationship between Oregon's track stars and their designer shoes is featured prominently in the display.

Bill Bowerman's original waffle irons for shoe soles sit alongside Steve Prefontaine's winning trainers, with Prefontaine's finishing times written on the fabric in marker.

For those who are not sports fans, there are many other pairs to peruse. There are some truly outrageous boots from KISS to ogle, and silver slippers from the musical "Wicked."

Oregon's politicians loaned their kicks, along

with their stories and shoe sizes. Shoes from around the world on display are often beautiful, perplexing and seemingly uncomfortable.

Footlockers around the exhibit open onto 100 years of American culture and footwear, decade by decade.

The 1940's locker features stylish pumps and crocodile skin loafers alongside boots from World War II.

Pairs from Native American cultures are featured with information about the materials and techniques used to make them. Oregon is also home to the world's oldest shoes: 10,000-year-old sage brush sandals preserved by a volcanic eruption.

Twelve of these sandals are on display, and museumgoers can see that even then, different styles were used.

More than a visual curiosity, "Walk a Mile" is a learning experience. Patrons can learn shoe trivia from "footnotes" around the exhibit.

Visitors can leave behind their own "shoepertinities" dealing with rituals and trivia that world cultures associate with shoes. There are many. Why do people tie old shoes to the back of a bride and groom's car? Why do people tie their shoes together and throw them into trees and telephone lines? How did shoe measurements come to be? The exhibit answers these questions and raises a few of its own.

Visitors can vote for their views on shoes: are they for style or for function? The results look neck and neck for now.



Jeremy Blanchard • The Torch

Steve Prefontaine's winning trainers are one of the pairs included in the museum's exhibit, in anticipation of the upcoming Olympic Trials at Hayward Field.



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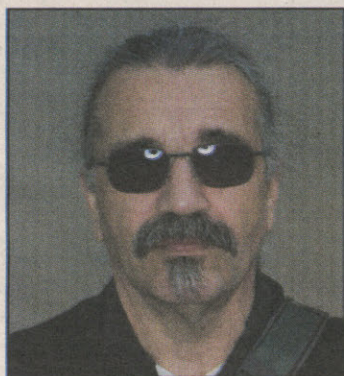
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Museum of Natural and Cultural History, Agate Street and 15th Avenue.

Hours:
Wednesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission:
\$3 general admission,
\$8 for families,
\$2 for seniors and youth.
Wednesdays are free.

"Walk a Mile in These Shoes" features 200 pairs of footwear that mark a place in time. The exhibit will be at the University of Oregon's Museum of Natural and Cultural History through Aug. 24.

'What do you think about the stairs on campus?'



Bruce Sanchez

Anthropology Instructor

"I really don't have any opinion on the stairs. I don't have a problem with them."



Chelsea Thaler

Dental Hygiene

"I think they're alright. The Center stairs are good when it rains because they're not slippery."



Erin Kossol

Undeclared

"They're not big enough or they're too small. You have to double-step them, but it's almost too big. They're long, too."



Sam Schachtner

Business

"They're so different everywhere and they're in strange places. There's no pattern."



Stormy Given

Undeclared

"Unfortunately, some people with disabilities can't make it up the large flights of stairs."

Interviews by Nicole Perkins
Photos by Curtis McCain

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political process so they are largely ignored by our current system. The voter owned system empowers students," Sorenson said.

He said, "we are asking the Oregon legislature to approve the Voter Owned Elections act. We are hoping they will give us a hearing this summer of fall."

Sorenson plans to present the act before the 2008-2009 Oregon legislature. A similar proposal was defeated in 2006.

Sorenson's talk will be held in the Forum Building, Room 308 at 2:30 p.m.

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Boles is already preparing herself for the editor position. She believes that this is a unique opportunity to connect people via the written word.

Frank Ragulsky, Media Commission member and adviser to The Torch is excited about the new editor. "Lana will bring great leadership skills to the paper. Her writing and editing skills and standards should help keep The Torch a first-class college newspaper," he said.

Although the Media Commission chose an editor in chief for Denali, Gen Schaak informed the commission that she would not be able to accept the job due to family responsibilities that will prevent her from fulfilling the duties of the position.

"I will still try to be involved to ensure its future, but I cannot at this point give it the attention it deserves," Schaak explained.

The Denali editor position will remain vacant through the summer. In fall, the Media Commission will begin the hiring process again.

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