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SPORTS

Titans sneak out a win in overtime

LCC clears
major hurdle,
playoffs in sight

By TREY CALDWELL
Reporter

On Saturday, Feb. 7, the LCC Titans got their second Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges conference win by beating the Chemeketa Community College Storm in overtime 79-76.

Freshman Darrell Wilcox hit a game-tying three point shot with 17 seconds left in regulation — sending the game into overtime. This was the first game to go into overtime this season for the Titans. The poise LCC displayed in pulling off this tough victory had Head Coach Bruce Chavka excited about the possibilities for the remainder of the season.

"That was the team we formulated over the spring and summer," Chavka said. "I have emphasized to our team all year long that if you play with passion, defend hard and rebound, you can beat anybody. We overcame a lot in this game, including our high scorer [Brent Jones] fouling out in regulation."

"We were playing a good team with a lot of great players," Assistant Head Coach Brian Stamme added. "We have talked about not forcing shots, playing good 'D' and hitting the boards. We did all those things really well."

This game had a drastically different feel than the first meeting between these two schools. Chemeketa defeated LCC 85-62 on Jan. 17, in Salem, behind clutch perimeter shooting and Titan turnovers. In that game, the Titans found themselves down early, and had to play catch-up to a 10-point halftime deficit.

This time it was a tightly fought contest, and

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Brent Jones jumps past two Chemeketa defenders and puts in a layup in the second half of the Titans 79-76 win over Chemeketa on Saturday, Feb. 7. LCC is now in a three-team race with Linn-Benton Community College and Southwestern Oregon Community College for the Southern region's fourth and final playoff spot. Photo by JB BOTWINICK/The Torch

Increased enrollment not enough to offset funding loss

No clear
solutions for
budget crisis

By TARYN ACKELSON
News Editor

Enrollment increases bring additional revenue to the college in a time of financial crisis, but with budget projections leaving LCC with a possible \$3-4 million deficit for the year, the tuition will not be enough to make up for state funding losses.

The full-time equivalency for the fourth week of Winter term 2009 was 3,362.3, LCC's Director of Institutional Research Assessment and Planning Craig Taylor reported. This is a 16.5 percent increase over Winter term 2008. Of those, 2,971.7 are enrolled in credit courses, up 18.2 percent from last year.

What does this mean for LCC?

"That's a very big question," Taylor said, "that's currently being considered extensively as we prepare budget projections for the 2009-10 academic year and also review our budget situation for the current year."

"Overall, enrollment has been more than it was last year," Chief Financial Officer Greg Morgan said.

The governor's recommended budget, published on Dec. 1, 2008, allotted \$485 million to the 17 community colleges of Oregon for the 2009-11 biennium, a \$15 million decrease from the operational budget of the previous two years. Public schools, Kindergarten through grade 12, and the Oregon University System received increased budgets for 2009-11 — community colleges did not.

The next budget projection will be released on Feb. 20. LCC President Mary Spilde does not expect it to reveal good news for community colleges.

The November forecast led to 1.2 percent cut in state funding across the board for the current year, Spilde said. This resulted in over \$700,000 in budget cuts at LCC so far. That figure could grow to \$4 million, Spilde reported, if current estimates from the state economist soar past the projected deficit of \$150 million to upwards of \$300-800 million for the state as a whole. Of that, community colleges look to lose \$25 million for this year. There are no clear figures at this time as the college prepares for new projections later this month.

If additional cuts do reach those levels, "we'll have to cancel promises we've made," Morgan said. These promises include student expectations, employees, infrastructure and supplies, as every dollar has been

Volunteers needed for English as a Second Language to help immigrants, international students

Opportunities provide students with tools for
mastering linguistic skills

By APRIL BROOKS
Reporter

Carlos Rodriguez, 57, is from El Salvador; he has been in the United States for 25 years. His goal is to be a truck driver. He said he has a perfect driving record and is an excellent driver — his only obstacle is his still-broken English.

Rodriguez is working on his English skills through the adult English as a Second Language program at LCC. ESL serves immigrants and international students in the community by helping

them improve their English.

Students who participate in this program come from many walks of life, with a bouquet of goals and educational needs. ESL is taught in multilevel classes where the students have varying degrees of fluency.

In order to continue to provide these services, ESL is asking for help in filling several volunteer positions.

"We couldn't do it without them. Without volunteers, students drop out because of frustration," ESL Instructor Indira Bakshi said.

Volunteers assist in a variety of ways, including leading small work groups with guidance from the instructor, helping students with pronunciation and writing during pair and group activities, and tutoring individual students.

"The program needs more volunteers because many students need more personal assistance," Rodriguez said.

"Volunteers are great to help teachers maximize use of class time, and working one-on-one and in small groups to help students with specific language development needs," ESL Instructor Cybele Higgins said.

Volunteers must be able to speak and write English, take directions from an instructor, be

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Random facts:

- On April 19, 2001, faculty-led academic journal, "The Community College Moment," published its first issue.
- In April 1997, LCC printed the first annual schedule of credit classes.
- On Feb. 7, 2002, all campuses and satellite centers were closed due to a windstorm. An oak tree blew over, pinning a woman who retained bruises.

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Letters to the Editor

Protectionist language questioned in stimulus bill

I have a concern that the stimulus bill will contain protectionist language requiring that any money spent must be spent on goods produced in the United States. While that would seem to be a good idea, it is not good from a macroeconomic point of view because it may violate trade agreements such as NAFTA or the WTO to which the United States is a party. Such a violation will simply lead to retaliation by other countries and the net result will be a reduction of the gross domestic product for the United States and for other countries.

Oregon is, according to information in the business section of recent Register-Guard issue, the seventh-ranking state in terms of being dependent on international trade. Therefore, any protectionist language in the stimulus bill would hurt Oregon's economy and likely increase our existing 9.5 percent unemployment rate.

A protectionist bill, known as the Smoot-Hawley Tariff, was passed during the Great Depression of the 1930s, and rather than help alleviate the impact of the Depression, it simply made it worse. We should not repeat this mistake!

G. Dennis Shine
Springfield, Ore

Ready to speak out

We are David Minor's parents. On June 2, 2008, we lost our precious son in a tragic bike accident at 13th and Willamette. Afterwards, we were exposed to many media articles, not only about the details of the accident, but also about the fact that he was not wearing a bike helmet, followed by the implication that had he been wearing one, he would have survived. When these articles were appearing last summer, it was too close to the date of his accident for us to feel strong enough to respond. However, since we continue to read articles about both the accident and the issue of a mandatory bike helmet law, we would like to clarify any misconception that wearing a helmet would have saved David's life.

Of course, we wish he had worn a helmet every time he rode, and we strongly support the use of bike helmets, but we would like everyone to understand that, according to the neurosurgeon who saw David in the emergency room, a helmet would not have made a difference in this accident because of the severity of

the injuries he incurred.

We would like to set the record straight for two reasons: one the implication that a helmet would have saved him is not accurate, and two, that it is very painful for us to continue to read about our son in this way.

He was so much more than the young man who didn't wear his helmet, he was a passionate believer in the environment, sustainability and social justice, and we feel it is much more appropriate that he be remembered for these things.

Another thought is that we wouldn't want anyone to think that wearing a bicycle helmet protects you from everything. Riding a bike while wearing a helmet still requires you to follow the rules of the road, and to be aware of everything around you.

Had David and the driver of the car looked each other in the eye, as the new Eye to Eye safety campaign promotes, there might have been a different outcome. We will never know.

We are so very sorry that this accident occurred, and that the driver has continued to suffer. We are suffering, too. It was a tragedy for all involved, especially our David.

Again, we definitely support the use of bike helmets, and the concept of all motorists, cyclists and pedestrians following the rules; being mindful of each other; and sharing the road.

We would also like to see safer bike lanes for cyclists, and even bike boulevards, where cyclists are mostly separated from motorists and pedestrians. Where helmets are concerned, however, we respectfully ask that everyone please leave David's name out of the discussion.

Thank you,

John and Susan Minor

Consider safety first

In response to the Jan. 29 edition, I would like to clarify some information that was given to The Torch by Vice President of Finance, Greg Morgan. It was stated in the article "Financial and insurance liability issues fuel LCC policy against firearms. An armed security force on campus would entail training, different retirement packages and a divergence from Oregon University System norms."

LCC does not fall under the Oregon University System as described in Oregon Revised Statute 352 and is not governed by that law, only the 8 State Universities. There are no separate retirement packages if officers were to be armed. Oregon Revised Statute 352.385

addresses Special Campus Security Officers and specifically restricts from being armed and their participation in the law enforcement/fire fighter retirement system.

Community colleges in Oregon are governed by Oregon Revised Statute section 341 and nowhere in that section does it prohibit the arming of Public Safety officers. In fact, it allows for the appointment of law enforcement officers for the purpose of traffic enforcement in ORS 341.300. LCC Public Safety officers are licensed under Oregon Revised Statute 181.870 and could be armed under Oregon Administrative Rule 259-060-0070.

I like and very much respect Morgan, but we are polar opposites on this issue. I would not continually beat this drum if I felt the administration was more proactive in your and our safety. He is responsible for the money spent on campus; my duties are to protect the assets of the college, which are the students.

Without the students there is no college.

OHSU has already issued tasers to their officers and has taken steps to arm them. They rely on Portland police for their police response and have a waiting time of approximately 15 minutes for multiple officers to respond. By the Officers Job Description, we cannot intervene unless we can do so safely and by policy are not to put ourselves in dangerous situations. This puts the officer in a professional witness situation; they must stand and watch an incident while waiting the 20-40 minutes for one Sheriff's deputy to arrive.

For those students who have never felt threatened at LCC, you might take some time to interact with those students and staff members who have been victims of stalking, thefts, or accosted by transient personnel, you might get a different perspective on life at Lane.

Since 2006, Public Safety has suffered a 50 percent reduction in its work force, from 10 full-time officers to 5 on Main Campus. According to internal Job Announcements there may be as many as 20 additional facilities personnel hired for the upcoming bond project construction. But there is not one additional public safety officer position advertised.

I would ask the students and staff to remember the Autzen Stadium sniper in 1984, Thurston High School in 1998 and Virginia Tech. Isn't it time the college became more proactive than reactive? The college likes to consider itself innovative in the areas of learning and sustainability; maybe it is time they thought that way about people's safety.

WD Perkins
Public Safety

ESSN presents students with information on bill to change formation of unions

Local organization works to pass Employee Free Choice Act, make unions more accessible

By TARYN ACKELSON
News Editor

Representatives from the Eugene Springfield Solidarity Network and Jobs with Justice will visit Main Campus on Tuesday, Feb. 17, seeking endorsements from student groups and informing students about the Employee Free Choice Act.

"The Employee Free Choice Act is the most important piece of legislation for unions to come about in 50 years," Nancy Forrest, staff organizer with ESSN, said. "It restores the way organizing happens in this country."

ESSN aims to bring labor unions together with religious congregations and community organizations in support of "civil and economic rights of all working people," reads the ESSN website. Allied with ESSN, the Eugene-Spring-

field chapter of JwJ is working to bring the issue of current union formation processes to the attention of LCC students.

"ESSN is serious about brokering relationships with students and student groups. We need the support of people," Forrest said.

ESSN will have informational handouts to provide to students, along with cards for students to sign in a show of support for EFCA. "The cards will be delivered to Congress," ESSN representative and LCC environmental science student Todd Lea said. "We want to collect as many cards as possible for Lane County."

Unions across the nation have already gathered over 1 million cards for EFCA to deliver to the House of Representatives.

Forrest believes EFCA will pass in the House, and the groups will continue targeting

the Senate.

"EFCA is a great benefit to the student," Lea said. He believes that because many LCC students are young this may be the first time they've heard about workers rights and EFCA. "It's about them, and about the future," he said.

Lea estimates that ESSN has collected about 350 cards so far and aims to collect more than 500 before sending them to Congress.

EFCA will allow employees to choose the union-formation process. EFCA "opens up the possibility to join a union to those who didn't have that opportunity before," Lea said.

Opponents of the bill include Wal-Mart. "We believe the Employee Free Choice Act is a bad bill and we have been on the record as opposed to it," Wal-Mart spokesman Dave Tovar told The Associated Press.

Rallies formed in Los Angeles, Calif. at the

County Federation of Labor offices one week ago in support of EFCA.

The Associated Press reported that hundreds of workers and supporters crossed 10 miles of the city to the West Los Angeles Federal Building, passing local businesses where they stopped to support those who were working for low wages.

Contrary to the past, several unions are now backing universal or single-payer health care. "Unions will bargain for supplemental insurance if they're unhappy with the coverage," Forrest said. "Having good health care options can clean up many disputes with management."

Forrest said that passing EFCA is even more important now because of union support of universal health care, as the support increases the chance that this type of health care will be provided to Americans.

A tobacco-free campus remains an option

Discussions bring speakers from tobacco-free institution, American Lung Association

By TARYN ACKELSON
News Editor

Proponents for creating and maintaining a tobacco-free campus came to Main Campus for a discussion on Friday, Feb. 6.

"My goals were for the discussion to be informational and to open an dialogue," Employee Wellness Program Instructor Wendy Simmons said.

Simmons estimated that around 30 people attended the discussion. Attendees ranged from individuals who support a smokeless campus and those who believe they have a "right" to use tobacco products on LCC property.

Andrew Epstein, school policy manager for the American Lung Association in Oregon, spoke at the discussion "Tobacco-Free Campus Policy in Oregon." As workplaces become increasingly tobacco free, students expect tobacco-free learning environments, Epstein reported.

Epstein presented that the Oregon Tobacco-Free College Initiative is working to build local and statewide

partnerships as research, education and advocacy develops to aid in creating healthier environments for students and staff.

Ty Patterson of Ozarks Technical College presented the example of his tobacco-free institution, made up of 11,000 students and 1,000 full- and part-time employees.

After August 2003, when OTC joined the few 100-percent tobacco-free institutions in the United States, the Center of Excellence for Tobacco-Free Campus Policy was created in 2004 to aid interested colleges in establishing similar policies. As director of the center, Patterson travels to discuss and conduct workshops on how campuses can accomplish the same feat. Over 120 colleges have since adopted similar practices.

LCC removed several designated smoking areas from Main Campus prior to Fall term 2008. Locations were moved toward to perimeter of campus in an effort to keep second-hand smoke away from building main entries, building vents and passersby.

"In 2007, we surveyed a small sample of tobacco-free institutions,

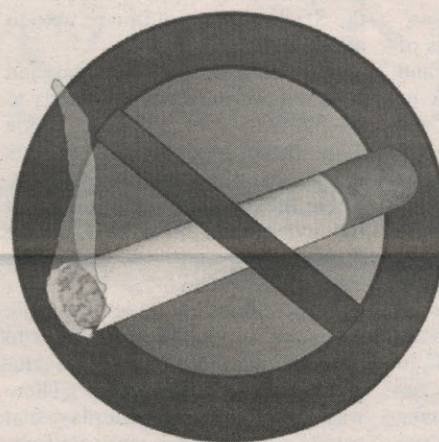
mostly community colleges. None of the institutions that responded reported a decline in anticipated enrollment," Patterson reported at the discussion. OTC continues to survey tobacco-free colleges.

Information on OTC can be found at <http://otc.edu/about/tobaccofree.php>.

Portland Community College plans to go tobacco free in September 2009 as part of the New PCC Health Initiative. September 2008 saw PCC restrict smoking to designated areas only, as a step toward removing tobacco from campus.

The University of Oregon has recommended that a senate of employees will vote in March to determine whether the campus should ban smoking and tobacco. Simmons believes this may help promote a smoke-free environment at LCC, as UO acts as a role model of standards expected of the many LCC transfer students. "More and more places are going tobacco free," Simmons said.

The Torch reported in the Sept. 25, 2008 issue that initial discussions on LCC becoming a smoke-free cam-



"More and more places are going tobacco free."


— Wendy Simmons
Employee Wellness
Program instructor

Illustration by JB BOTWINICK/The Torch

pus arose years ago following student complaints and research that showed secondhand smoke to be detrimental to non-smokers and students who had recently quit smoking, or are in the process of cessation. In 2008, a campus-wide survey showed that a slight majority of LCC students would favor a smoke-free campus, if smoking

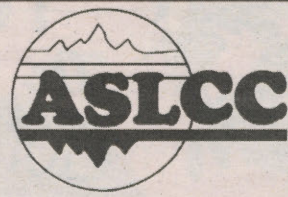
cessation services were offered at low or no cost.

Simmons said she has been thanked for the removal of some smoking areas around the Center Building. She has also received feedback that some areas should still be moved, or that current locations are not placed in "the best of locations."



**NO CLASS
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Associated Students of Lane Community College

ASLCC Events

- February 26th
Oregon Student Association Lobby Day
- February 28th
Inner(sex)tionalty & Education; Bldg. 17, Rm. 309
- March 4th 10am-4pm
Open mic in the Northeast end of the cafeteria
- March 4th 6-8:30pm
Lane preview night

ATTEND LCC LOBBY DAY IN SALEM ON APRIL 9TH

If interested in these events and/or Student Gov't:
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**Council of Clubs
Ratified Clubs:**

- Black Student Union
- Culinary & Food Service
- Phi Theta Kappa (Honors)
- Native American Student Association
- Queer-Straight Alliance
- Latino Student Union
- LCC Learning Garden
- Green Chemistry
- Students for a Democratic Society
- Fitness Training Club
- Lane Student Democrats
- Human Services Club
- Ceramic Arts Student Association
- Student Productions Association

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The No Cash Clothing Stash provides students with free clothes and more

The No Cash Clothing Stash, an ASLCC ratified club, was formed to assist LCC students and their families with clothing needs. Stash employee Suyapa Maxwell is browsing through clothes, they are donated from students and community members along with local businesses including Buffalo Exchange, Wal-Mart and Deluxe Clothing. Photo by JB BOTWINICK/The Torch



"Sometimes it's nice to get to go shopping when you're stressed, but students spend so much money on school and textbooks they can't really afford it ... So they can come up here and get something for free."

— Lena Harding
Stash Employee

'Free your style' at no cost

By KRYSTIN MCCULLEN
Reporter

The halls and bulletin boards of LCC carry its advertisements, and the cafeteria is home to a rack or two of its clothing, but the No Cash Clothing Stash is more than just a random collection of occasionally displayed, donated items; it's a student-led organization that aims to help students and their families.

The No Cash Clothing Stash has been around for about 15 years, but was only ratified as a club by the Associated Students of LCC in October 2007. Since then, the organization has been able to make a few changes, including being run by students in the work-study program; improving its office space in Building 5, Room 301; conducting fundraisers to pay for supplies; and advertising its business.

"Everything is free and students are allowed five articles of clothing a day per person," Clothing Stash

employee Amanda Brown said. "We hear people say that if it weren't for the Stash, they wouldn't be able to afford clothes."

Buffalo Exchange, Wal-Mart and Deluxe Clothing donate regularly to the No Cash Clothing Stash. Aside from these contributors, students donate or often exchange items. There are two main drop sites, at the gymnasium level of Building 5 next to the stairwell, and at the Women's Center.

"There have been a lot of people that come in looking for clothes to do job interviews in," Stash employee Lisa Rathbun said. "There was just someone yesterday that came in because his work uniform needed khaki pants, so he came in and got like five pairs of them."

"The Work-Force Network will also send people over here so they can look for stuff ... That's the one instance where we let people who aren't students get clothes for their jobs," Brown said.

The No Cash Clothing Stash staff believe its presence is important to LCC students.

"We get people thanking us all the time," Stash employee Lena Harding said. Many students not only use the Stash as a place to get free clothes, Harding continued, but also as a place to release anxiety or just vent. "Sometimes it's nice to get to go shopping when you're stressed, but students spend so much money on school and textbooks they can't really afford it ... So they can come up here and get something for free."

Harding also said that the Stash is a great place for single parents or people with kids. "I wish it were more accessible, though," she said. "Being at the top of the stairs makes it hard for everyone to come by and we can only bring so much down to [the racks in] the cafeteria."

Aside from clothes and shoes, the No Cash Clothing Stash also accepts donations of small appliances

and toys for children. "Anything that's not too big to carry up the stairs," Rathbun said.

"I've seen the flyers, but I didn't know it was available to all students ... I plan on going up [to the Stash] soon to see what kinds of things they have," LCC student Melissa Lake said.

"I think it's a good program because I've encountered some ex-offenders who came out [of prison] with no support base, only the clothes on their backs, and they could go get clothes for interviews," LCC student Mustafa Moore said. "There are a lot of resources available to students that they don't even know about."

Elijah Thompson, who's been an LCC student for three years, said that he stops by the Stash about once a week. "This place makes a good impact on the campus because students here don't have a lot of money to spend on clothes and you can compare their clothes to St.

Vincent de Paul or Goodwill.

"[The Stash] is especially good if you have kids because they grow out of clothes so fast and they always seem to have a lot of kids' clothes here," Thompson said.

The No Cash Clothing Stash brochure reads, "this is a great way to fight consumerism ... and to use the resources already available ... take something you need and give back something you don't ... or, just know that if you are in need of something, help can and will be provided to you at no cost."

The No Cash Clothing Stash is located above the gymnasium in Building 5, Room 301. It's open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Stash has a selection of items for men, women and children, including clothes, shoes, toys, books and general household items. Donations are accepted anytime, either at the bottom of the stairs outside its office, or at the Women's Center.



The No Cash Clothing Stash is located above the gymnasium in Building 5, Room 301 and is open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Photo by JB BOTWINICK/The Torch



Ian McNicol's work has been shown in Portland and New York. He is one of the few artists shown in the gallery that has no affiliation with LCC. Photos by JB BOTWINICK/The Torch

MUSIC THROUGH SCULPTURE

Portland artist unites distinct modes of expression

By **BENNETT MOHLER**
Arts Editor

At first glance, the LCC Art and Applied Design Gallery seems like it's been transformed into a woodshed. Closer inspection reveals that these wooden obelisks are actually visual interpretations of one artist's taste in music. From composite wood sculptures to wall reliefs, Ian McNicol uses his art as a medium to channel music.

McNicol has always let the music lead his art, but it hasn't become a conscious element of the Portland-based sculptor's work until now. LCC's gallery is showcasing McNicol's work until Feb. 19, in his first Eugene show entitled "Some Aspects of Soundscape."

"The theme of the show is my

relationship with music," McNicol said. "The show's title is somewhat misleading because it's a very visual show."

McNicol has been a professional artist for the past 10 years using a variety of materials including stainless steel, cast polymer resin, found objects and paint. He also specializes in building electric and acoustic guitars.

McNicol's work at LCC's gallery consists mostly of wood sculptures. Most of the pieces are three-dimensional wall reliefs, but there are some composite statues made of multiple pieces of wood.

As the show's title implies, the work displayed is related to song titles and song lyrics that have influenced McNicol in the process of making the pieces.

"I chose [music] as the theme for this show because it carries through my entire career as a sculptor," McNicol said.

Examples of this include "Thurston 1," a reference to Sonic Youth and "Prefuse," which pays homage to the hip-hop group Prefuse 73.

McNicol has always enjoyed listening to music as he creates his artwork, but for this show, he wanted to focus on the influence the music had on what he was making.

"I noticed that when I'm painting or sculpting, I pick up the rhythm of what I've been listening to and the music just became an element of the composition," McNicol said.

McNicol's work was displayed at Gallery 7126 in Portland when it first opened in 2002. He has been represented by the gallery ever

since.

Some of McNicol's wood sculptures were also featured in a group show for the Amsterdam Whitney Gallery in New York.

"That was quite an experience," McNicol said of the New York show. "The art walk in New York is insane. There are so many people there. The streets are packed."

This is his first show in Eugene. There was no particular reason McNicol chose LCC. It was just an available gallery.

"There was a call for artists and I answered," McNicol said.

McNicol, however, is no stranger to Eugene, as he has colleagues who live here and has visited several galleries such as New Zone and Fenario Gallery. He had never been to LCC before, but found the cam-

pus enjoyable.

"I was really impressed with the campus and the gallery specifically," McNicol said.

McNicol's show at LCC is currently the only display of his work. He is in a transient period, working on other things.

"I'm taking time to focus on my promotional stuff," McNicol said. "There's not a lot going on right now, which is a good thing cause I'm working on this commission piece."

Most of the pieces on display were created for the show. Some were previously shown at McNicol's show in New York.

"Most of the show is brand-spanking new," McNicol said. "I was really crunching cause the snowstorm cut out some time I had off work that I was going to use."

McNicol will be talking about his work on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 3 p.m., with a reception following immediately afterwards at 4 p.m.

To check out more of McNicol's work, visit <http://www.gallery7126/artists.htm>.



Art student Jade Holt takes a minute in between classes to view Ian McNicol's work. Photo by JB BOTWINICK/The Torch

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What to watch:
The upcoming week
in sports

Feb. 12 - Feb. 18

EUGENE SPORTS

LCC Titans

Women's Basketball at home:

- Clackamas Community College
Saturday, Feb. 14, 4 p.m.

Men's Basketball at home:

- Clackamas Community College
Saturday, Feb. 14, 6 p.m.

Eugene Generals Hockey

Lane Ice Center at the Fairgrounds

- Seattle
Sunday, Feb. 15, 5:50 p.m.
- Seattle
Monday, Feb. 16, 5:50 p.m.

Oregon Ducks

Women's Basketball at home:

- Washington State
Thursday, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.
- Washington
Saturday, Feb. 14, 2 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse at home:

- UC Davis
Saturday, Feb. 14, 1 p.m.

Editor's TV picks

NBA Basketball

- Blazers vs. Warriors
Thursday, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.
KEVU-LP (ch. 4)
- Magic vs. Hornets
Wednesday, Feb. 18, 5 p.m. ESPN

NBA All-Star Game

- Eastern Conference vs. Western Conference
Sunday, Feb. 15, 5 p.m. TNT

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69: Titans' winning
streak continues

Titans' full-court press proves too much for Chemeketa, as LCC trounced the Storm 97-59 on Saturday, Feb. 7. With four games remaining, the Titans are in a three-way tie atop the Southern region standings. Photo by JB BOTWINICK/The Torch

LCC stays hot; looking to
avenge lone conference lossBy TREY CALDWELL
Reporter

The Titans beat the Linn-Benton Community College Saints Wednesday, Feb. 11, 96-57, extending their record home winning streak to 69 games. Four days earlier the LCC beat the Chemeketa Community College Storm 97-59.

The game was never really close, as LCC's size and defense constantly harassed the Storm.

This was the second substantial defeat over Chemeketa in Northwest Athletic of Community Colleges conference play. The Titans previously defeated the Storm 83-51 on Jan. 17.

"We played great pressure defense," Head Coach Greg Sheley said. "They had a hard time getting across half court. We came out with energy and our focus was good. It was nice to see that."

"We were really aggressive in our press," guard Sheena Cole agreed. "We were flying around [on defense]."

LCC collected an overwhelming 32 offensive rebounds in this game, constantly keeping possessions alive and wearing down Chemeketa. The Titans put back 21 second-chance points, compared to just 10 for the Storm. "We mainly focused on blocking out and going hard for every rebound," forward Theresa Brown said. "We knew we could take it to them, we just

wanted to hustle for every board."

"We were bigger than them in general, and stronger," Cole added.

The Titans' defense also forced 36 turnovers, routinely picking off passes and taking them back the other way. The Titans scored 41 points off turnovers for the game. The Storm only had three steals for the entire game; three different Titan players had more than three steals individually, led by Cole's seven.

For the game, LCC outshot Chemeketa 91-51, and had a 40-point lead at the half. Players were given time off the bench in the second half, as the Storm was simply overmatched. However, in the second half, the Titans were not as sharp as Sheley would have preferred. "I was disappointed. We wanted to hold [Chemeketa] under 30 points in the second half," Sheley said. "They lost focus, starting with the first unit."

Cole led the Titans with 18 points, four assists, five rebounds and seven steals. Carmen Williams added 17 points in 19 minutes along with five rebounds. Lynette Minthorn had 15 points and seven rebounds.

Traci Thompson had 13 points for the Storm, while Alma Siva-Ramirez added 11 points and seven rebounds. They were the only Storm players to reach double figures.

The Titans have momentum heading

into the final weeks of the season. The team will have a huge match against Clackamas Community College on Saturday, Feb. 14. The Titans will put their home winning-streak on the line. Both teams are part of a three-way tie on top of the NWAACC South division. Clackamas defeated the Titans 91-78 on Jan. 24 behind Shayla Fetters 32 points.

"We are very excited," Cole said. "This is the one we really need to take care of. We want to get a little revenge and show that last time should not have happened."

"We did not play well and [Clackamas] played really well," Sheley said. "I think everybody is amped and ready to get some payback."

"I can't wait. I was ready last week," Brown said. "We are aware of the home streak and don't want to be the team it ends with. I'm confident, the coaches have a good game plan and we outsize them. We are going to have to focus on their three-point shooters, especially Fetters."

The game on Feb. 14 is also part of LCC Employee Night, in which all LCC employees and family members get into the game for free. Sophomores on both the men and women teams nominated outstanding faculty members, and awards will be given to these members during halftime of both games. Chocolate hearts will also be distributed to employees during both games.

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the Titans were able to pull it out with their own ball security and clutch shooting. "We played with a ton of passion," Chavka said. "We wanted to play, we wanted to compete."

LCC did not have any turnovers in the first half. "That is the first time in 17 years of coaching that I have seen a team go through the entire first half without a turnover," Chavka said. "Turnovers make a huge difference on any level of basketball."

The Titans had only seven turnovers for the entire game, and looked more poised than they did in the earlier defeat to CCC. The Storm only generated six points off LCC's limited miscues.

The Titans also played better perimeter defense in this game, limiting the Storm's deadly shooters to only 4 of 12 behind the arc.

As opposed to the last game against

Chemeketa, the Titans "were more focusing on individual match ups," Stamme said. "In the first game, no matter what defense we played, we were off of their perimeter shooters. They were comfortable shooting threes. We played man the entire second half of this game, just focusing on closing out. We got all the way out there on them."

Sophomore guard Cody Britton made the deciding basket when he drained a three-point shot from the corner with 17 seconds left in overtime. "He stepped up big time," Chavka said. "That shot was huge. He was named captain for our team about a month ago, and his leadership has stepped up."

Jones led the Titans with 18 points and five rebounds before fouling out. Britton had 15 points, going four of eight from three land, including that overtime-forcing three. Quentin Guidry had 16 points, four

assists and three rebounds.

Suquan Gary's 21 points and five rebounds led Chemeketa's offense. Landon Boucher had 17 points and four rebounds, but was held to only 1 of 4 behind the arc. Boucher torched the Titans with five threes and 24 points in the team's first meeting.

The Titans take on the Clackamas Community College Cougars on Saturday, Feb. 14, in Eugene.

Clackamas has been ranked No. 1 in the Horizon Air Polls since the Jan. 6 poll, and is undefeated in the NWAACC South.

The game is part of LCC Employee Appreciation night. All LCC employees and their families get in for free. Sophomores from both the men and women teams have nominated faculty members to receive recognition.

Outstanding Faculty Awards will be given to the faculty members that were nominated at halftime of both games.

LCC joins library conglomerate in Orbis Cascade Alliance

New system links library with over 35 colleges, universities in two states

By CHRIS COOPER
Reporter

Outkast's album "Speaker Boxxx/The Love Below," the comedy "Knocked Up," and that book for geology class that was sold out at the bookstore just found a new way to make it into the hands of LCC students.

LCC is now on the same page as the University of Oregon, the University of Washington and 35 other universities, colleges and community colleges in Oregon and Washington. As of Dec. 1, LCC is the newest member of the Orbis Cascade Alliance, allowing access to over 27 million books, magazines, DVDs and CDs. With the new system, Summit, LCC's online library catalog, allows students to borrow materials from any of the schools in the Alliance.

The new system can be accessed from the LCC library's home page, or by going to <http://summit.orbiscascade.org>. Requested items generally arrive at LCC's library within two to five days.

"The changeover has been pretty smooth for the most part," Library Circulation Services Coordinator Raymond Bailey said. "Just a few quick fixes on our end."

LCC decided to switch to the new system because the old company, Innovative Interfaces, refused to provide the necessary software for schools and libraries to share materials with each other, Bailey said.

"Students can receive their requested material faster now that we've made the switch to the new Summit system," Library Information Tech Coordinator Linda Grenz said.



Volunteers Jessica Van Dusen, Rachel Berck, Matt Damiano, Lucia Black conduct a food tasting lesson for ESL students. To continue providing services, ESL is seeking additional volunteers. Photo courtesy of INDIRA BAKSHI

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flexible and help others succeed. It is also very helpful for the students to interact with native speakers, so bilingual volunteers are especially encouraged.

Volunteers are needed in Springfield on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and on Main Campus on Mondays, Wednes-

days and Fridays between 8:30 a.m. and noon. There are also volunteer opportunities outside these hours.

For more information on volunteer possibilities, contact Bakshi at (541) 463-3419 or visit http://geocities.com/indira_bakshi/volunteers.html.

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promised and Morgan reports that there is none to spare.

LCC is planning for a normal Spring term, although additional cuts to state funding could lead to fewer classes and services, and decreased staff and faculty. Although the possibility of a shortened Spring term is unlikely at this time, administration, the budget committee and the LCC Board of Education wait for the Feb. 20 projections.

An overall enrollment increase of about 9 percent Fall term 2009 brought approximately \$1 million in additional funds to LCC, of which it netted about \$400,000. The funds only cover about half of what has been cut from this year's budget, not enough to offset the loss. Continued increases in enrollment — as a hostile job market sends recently unemployed individuals back to school — will help offset the losses, but not enough to act as a solution to the lack of state funding at present or future times.

"Of course, we will be aggressively working at the legislature to convince them to be more strategic and that they should not cut community colleges while we are seeing a high level of growth," Spilde wrote in a Jan. 16 e-mail addressing budget developments.

"It looked like a normal year. There was less money for raises but it looked like we'd do just fine," Morgan said. "It turned into a completely different situation."

In addition to future budget woes, the state deferred the last payment to LCC for the current biennium from April until July, leaving LCC operating under funds from January and nothing else from the state until summer. "If they ask us to make further budget cuts, they will be asking us to give back money we haven't received," Spilde said.

LCC has the highest paid full-time faculty in the state, Morgan said. He and Spilde report

that about 80 percent of LCC's budget is generated by payroll expenses. To save on college costs, vacant, full-time positions have been filled by part-time faculty, following state and national trends. "This is not unique to Lane," Morgan said.

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Wednesday, Feb. 4, Senate Bill 338 passed in Salem, Ore. resolving to borrow \$176 million for a "job package" to create jobs in maintenance, many at universities and community colleges. This awarded \$52 million to community colleges, \$8 million to LCC, for deferred maintenance. The funds may only be used on projects submitted to the state and projects must be in motion by April 30. This economic stimulus from the state is intended to create jobs for projects the college already intended to complete.

Hiring pools have been posted and LCC will add employment and use contractors to address maintenance needs such as roofing, pipes, carpeting and lighting. These funds will cover some projects the Bond did not and Morgan reports that although passing the Bond helps, it was never enough to cover all deferred maintenance on campus.

No further development has taken place in establishing changes to the essential budget level, which has been pinned as the main reason community colleges saw decreased funds. At the Jan. 14 LCC Board of Education meeting, Community Colleges Workforce Development Commissioner Camille Preus stated that she believed there would be a solution within a month.

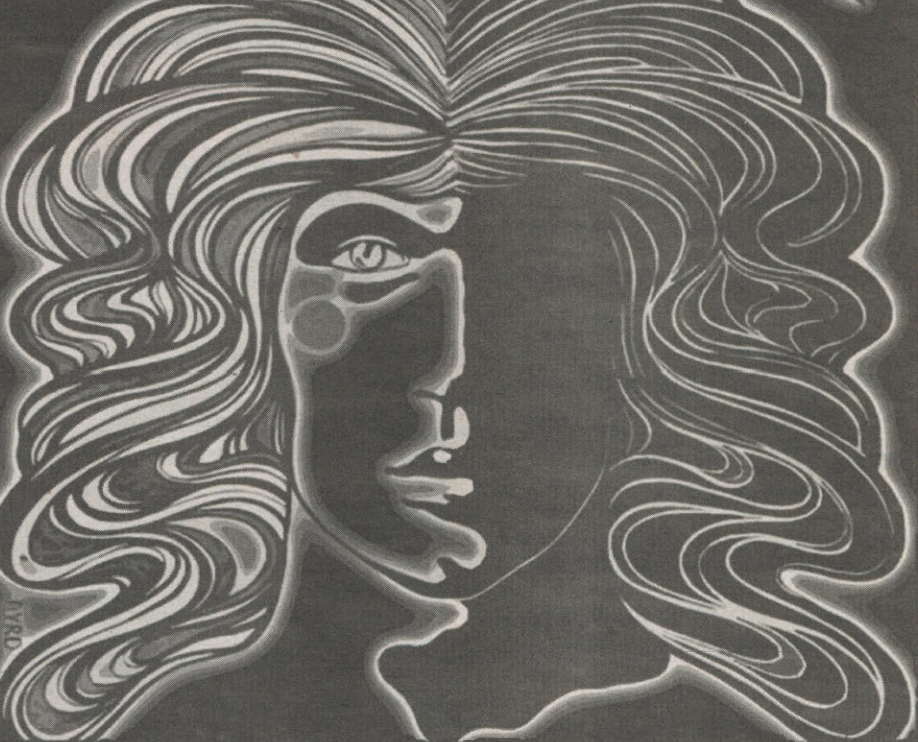
Workshops draw diverse audiences



From Feb. 6-8, the 8th Annual Oregon Students of Color Conference brought students to LCC campus for three days of more than 70 workshops, evening entertainment and three keynote speakers. A total of 257 students from across the state attended, including 45 LCC students. Lamont Carey, known for his spoken word, was one of the three keynote speakers. Photo by JB BOTWINICK/The Torch

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'What do you hope to gain from the economic stimulus package?'



"Really, very little. I'm not out of work. In terms of personal economic benefit, I see very little."

Steve Candee
Instructor



"Hopefully, something for education. Other than that, I don't hope to gain too much."

Jacob Robinson
General Studies



"You know, there's a lot of things I hope happen. I don't know if it'll necessarily achieve them all. I hope people can have more access to their education and the things that they need."

Charlotte Johnson
Undeclared



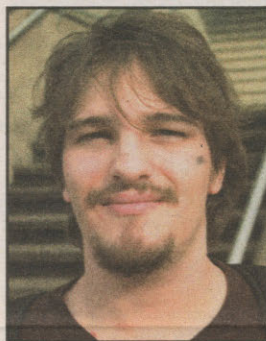
"I think people are kind of panicked and nervous. I just hope we feel a little more positive and can work, and go to school, and pay our bills."

Lynn Songer
Instructor



"I don't expect to gain anything from the economic stimulus package. I think it's a plan they came up with for the bankers."

Frank McCracken
Nursing



"I guess more employment for the people I'm living with so they can help pay rent."

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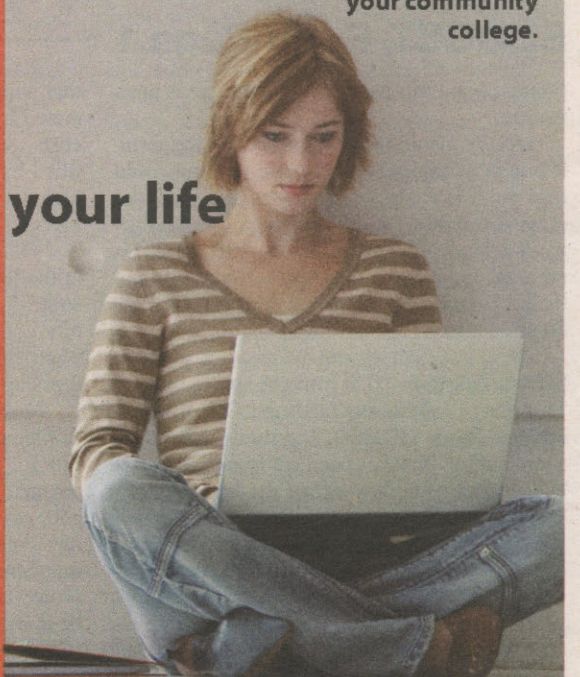
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