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The Great American Smoke Out comes to campus. **Read more on Page 3.**



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Student activists shift into gear

Interest groups come together to lobby for green legislation

JAMES ANDERSON
EDITOR IN CHIEF

LCC's Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group teamed up with several other environmental activist groups Friday to hold the Power Shift West '09 Campaign at the UO Erb Memorial Union to promote clean and sustainable energy practices worldwide.

More than 500 students and youth from 13 states attended the conference with the goal of promoting sustainable practices in government.

"We had a lot of community members come out from all different levels. Oregon, Washington and California were the big contributors," LCC OSPIRG campaign coordinator Katie Taylor said.

Special guests of the event included LCC Vice President of Academic/Student Affairs Sonya Christian, County Commissioner Pete Sorenson, and Corvallis Mayor Charles Tomlinson.

The attending students were promoting the passage of an international climate treaty at a United Nations summit taking place in Copenhagen, Denmark this December.

"We need student voices represented to let our demands known. We need a new green economy, we need the [Environmental Protection Agency] to actually regulate emissions. We need to make sure that this is actually an effective treaty," conference logistics coordinator Sean Courtman said.

Students and local activists hosted workshops on subjects including creative activism, fundraising and recruitment.



JAMES ANDERSON/ THE TORCH

More than 500 students and youth from 13 states attended Power Shift West '09 on UO campus.

Taylor ran two workshops in recruitment and then moderated a panel for 'greening your local community.'

Speaker panels included subjects ranging from alternatives to fossil fuels to the proposed high speed railway between Eugene and Vancouver, B.C.

The three-day conference ended with a demonstration march.

"This march is a visual demonstration of everything we feel," conference organizer Jeremy Blanchard said.

"We're ready to see a strong climate bill pass. We're not going to let special interests and lobbyists drag their feet on this issue."

The troop of chanting and drum-beating activists walked through the UO streets with signs

and props promoting global environmental reform.

"[This] conference that is all about empowering the youth of our generation and letting them know that they can organize and instill their powers into something that's going to protect their future," Blanchard said. "That's what clean energy and climate change is all about."

Taking it to the streets

Roadside cleanups yield interesting results

EDER CAMPUZANO
NEWS EDITOR

Where can you find a bag of heroin, five trash bags full of empty alcohol bottles and a handful of tennis balls? Members of Sigma Zeta, LCC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, discovered these items at different times

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BRANDY DOMINGUEZ/ THE TORCH

Phi Theta Kappa volunteers clean up the stretch of 30th Avenue in front of LCC campus Wednesday.

WHAT RIGHTS?

LCC panel discussion on workers rights

CHRIS COOPER
REPORTER

A panel discussion entitled "The Struggle Continues: Workers Rights and Organized Labor" took place Tuesday, Nov. 3 in Building 19, Room 217 for political science instructor Steve Candee's "U.S. Politics Through Film" class.

The three-person panel included Paul Hovley, Oregon Representative for District 8, Patsy Raney, LCC Women's Study instructor, and Nancy Forest, Staff Director of the Eugene-Springfield Solidarity Network.

"People are taking a look at the whole consumer driven society and that their primary purpose in this society is to be a consumer and a worker and not a citizen," Raney said.

She also thinks that as people start questioning this consumer-driven society, they will realize they can't afford to live the way they did before and will start to rethink some of the givens they took for granted.

"Now you have people starting to ask, 'Who is really benefiting from this type of economy?'" Forest said while discussing the current federal bailout and how it is affecting everyday people. "Single-parent health care. Employee Free Choice Act. These are things that constitute a bailout for people and not a bailout for Wall Street."

A big topic for discussion was labor unions and the role they play in helping employees get help with benefits and fair pay.

"When people start hitting rock bottom they will tend to join forces and ask 'What are we going to do? What can we do to change our environment?' So they band together to try and help each other," Hovley said, explaining how labor unions originated.

A common theme brought up during the panel was that

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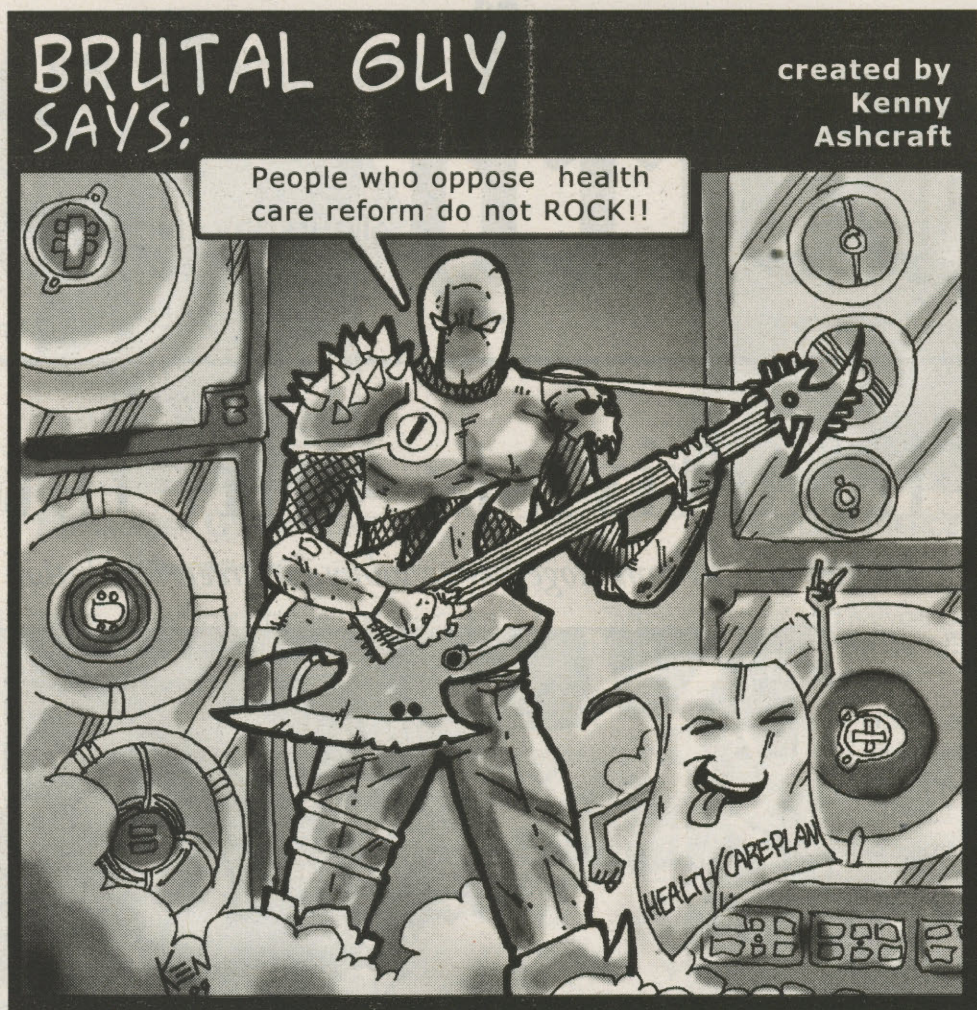
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In the Nov. 5 issue, the picture titled, "Student groups get down to business," OSA has the goal of registering 10,000 voters for the entire state of Oregon. The ASLCC is reaching for 900 voters.

Student body president, James Manning asserted that the student government group is non-partisan and does not take a stance on the voting measures.

Phi Theta Kappa is an honor society. The LCC chapter is Sigma Zeta.



EDITOR'S COMMENTARY

The stigma of a community college

I was raised in a blue-collar family. My grandfather labored in a mill for most of his adult life.

My brothers and I would crinkle our noses at the smell as we drove by the smoke stack. Our grandmother would remind us that the smell was where Grandpa made the money to put a roof over our heads and provide us with square meals.

In middle school, my brothers and I picked strawberries and green beans in the summer to help earn money for our fall school clothes. We had this work ethic instilled in us by example.

I held part time jobs throughout my four years of high school. I worked as a lifeguard at a wave pool, a server at a fast food restaurant and performed general sanitation at the cannery in Eugene. As soon as I was finished with high school, I got a full time job at a veneer mill in Eugene and stayed there for the next 15 years.

In the last couple years, after having been laid off, I found the means to return to school. LCC was the logical starting place for me.

I soon found out that I wasn't alone. There was a large segment of the student body who were returning students like me. There were students who were from families with similar blue-collar backgrounds and students who wanted to start their continued education in an affordable environment. Some students already had children to support on top of work and school.

This fall I started taking a class at the UO. The foreign language that I wanted to minor in isn't currently offered at LCC for credit.

The similarities in the demographics between the two schools were obvious. So were the differences.

It struck me as being strange, seeing teenagers driving around campus in new-looking BMWs and sporty Mercedes. Many of the students there seemed to have a sense of entitlement.

I remember one afternoon, while having a meal at a restaurant near the university campus, one girl talked with her friend very loudly about the trust fund that her dad had set up for her college education and rent expenses. I sat

there trying to act like I couldn't hear her and felt embarrassed for her at the same time. She was either socially oblivious or very proud of the silver spoon in her mouth.

I've also heard students who were self-conscious about being from LCC when they were with a group of university students. They seemed reluctant to admit that they attended a community college.

It's obvious to me that a lot of the students at the university have worked very hard to get to where they are. There are a lot of scholarship students there who also have families to support and work for their tuition, just like the majority of LCC students. I don't perceive them to be the majority there, though.

On days when I witness things that allude to the population at the university being generally more privileged, I feel a sense of pride in being someone who had to work, earn, and learn the hard way how to improve my life. In a lot of ways, LCC students are an underdog in society. Most of us didn't have a paid ticket into an expensive educational system.

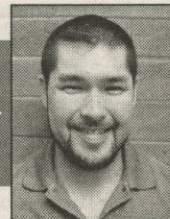
I've heard from LCC instructors that teaching at LCC is more learning motivated, whereas at the university, the job is more research oriented. Students here have better access to instructors than they do at the university and the tuition is much more affordable.

The Ph.D.s at LCC are officially referred to as "instructors." To me, this is demeaning to both professors and students. This implies that our credits lack the legitimacy that university credits offer. If an instructor has completed their dissertation and satisfied the requirements to obtain their Ph.D., I refer to them as "Doctor."

I often wear my LCC t-shirt or my Carhartt brand clothing to my UO class. I make no bones about the fact that I'm a student at the community college. In fact, I often correct UO students who assume that I'm a full-time student on their campus.

When I've earned the credits necessary to transfer to the university, I'll know that I've gotten myself there with the help of the local community college. That will be something I can be proud of.

James Anderson
 Editor in Chief



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Doesn't anyone read books for fun anymore?!

This is my first term at LCC and I must say: I am shocked. I am an avid reader and take pleasure from reading most anything in print. I frequently ask my classmates if they, too, like reading and I am constantly appalled by their answers. They vary from "No, not really," to "I hate reading!"

Having grown up in a house where books were not only valued, but treasured, it is difficult for me to hear people say this. I ask them if maybe they like reading fiction as opposed to nonfiction. The answers are still no. Given, not everyone answers this way. There was one guy who told me he liked reading factual manuals as opposed to fiction. Go figure!

I am saddened and upset because such a small percentage of the students I speak to enjoy reading. It makes me think something is wrong here. Why don't people even like reading "fun books?"

Is it because they can't make time, or because they lack comprehension and don't understand what they're reading? How did one of the axiomatic beauties of simply reading a book get looked over by so many?

It is sad to me that so many students are disinterested in reading. I feel they are missing so much. All I can say is I am glad I was raised to appreciate books, and I wish more people would consider entering the amazing world that is books.

Shira Mali
 LCC student



JAVIER MAGALLANES/ THE TORCH

Smoking remains an issue on LCC campus.

Wellness Center and American Lung Association advocate smoke-free campus

EDER CAMPUZANO
News Editor

The Wellness Center, in conjunction with the American Lung Association, is bringing the Great American Smokeout to the Main Campus for the second consecutive year.

The event's primary purpose is to promote a smoke-free environment for Main Campus visitors.

"The whole point of the day is to encourage people to quit smoking for 24 hours," Employee Wellness Coordinator Wendy Simmons said. "It's a win-win for both students and employees. It'll help cut down on second-hand smoke."

Simmons put the event together. According to her, it occurred on campus a few years ago, but with no real consistency until recently. Her goal is to make the event annual.

"Mainly what we did a few years ago was

hand out 'quit kits,'" she said.

This year, in addition to distributing the kits, which include items like gum, Play-Doh and other smoking cessation resources, the Health Clinic is providing medically-qualified individuals with a prescription for Chantix, a nicotine-free drug that targets nicotine receptors in the brain and prevents the drug from reaching it.

Another activity tied to the event is a cigarette butt pick-up. Participants will meet in the Building 5 lobby on Nov. 17 and scour Main Campus for discarded cigarette butts for an hour starting at 1 p.m.

The butts will be placed in a transparent container where students and staff will then have the opportunity to submit a guess as to how many butts it holds.

The participant with the closest guess will receive a Nike jacket. Second place earns a \$25 TitanStore gift certificate and the third closest

guess will earn a \$25 gift certificate to the LCC cafeteria. Anyone can participate in the competition, Simmons said.

Drafting major Alan Ayers frequents the smokers' area between Center Building and Building 17 and said quitting smoking isn't as easy as going cold turkey.

"It depends on your level of trying," he said. The only assured way he sees himself quitting is if he's cut off completely. "If my credit card wouldn't work for cigarettes, I'd be set."

The Chantix 101 course will be offered from 1:30 to 2 p.m. on Nov. 19 in the Health Clinic for individuals interested in acquiring a prescription.

Simmons hopes the Great American Smokeout will encourage individuals like Ayers to give quitting another try. And if they fall off the smoke-free horse?

"We always encourage people to try again," Simmons said.

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during their semi-annual roadside cleanups.

The latest cleanup was held Wednesday, Nov. 11. Students and volunteers met in Lot N on Main Campus at 9 a.m. Phi Theta Kappa adopted the stretch of 30th Avenue between Eldon Schafer Drive and Interstate 5 in 2006 and have been conducting these cleanups ever since.

"We're just out here to do our part and help clean up," chapter member Karlie Hibler said.

Volunteers come across the usual roadside fare like cigarette butts, candy wrappers and empty soda cans, but chapter adviser Velda Arnaud has stumbled across more exotic stuff. She discovered the heroin.

Ironically, the day she found the heroin, Public Safety officer Jim Harris warned her not to get struck by a vehicle. It's the only instance anyone's ever said that to her. With her luck, she said, that would be the year a car ran into her.

"I just stuck it in my pocket to give to Jim later," Arnaud said. "Just imagine me being wheeled to the hospital with illegal drugs on me."

The cloverleaf on the west side of campus isn't part of Phi Theta Kappa's usual route. When members of the organization strayed into the region during a pickup in 2007, they found a bit more than they bargained for — five bags worth of garbage consisting primarily of empty alcohol containers.

"It definitely wasn't one term's worth of garbage," Arnaud said.

"It's interesting we found a lot of alcohol containers [on the routes] going into campus, but not out," chapter member Suzi Garcia said.

The organization braves weather of varying degrees once a term to conduct the cleanup. Their first attempt in December of 2006 ended early due to colder-than-usual conditions. Slippery roads made the affair too dangerous to carry on.

"Oh, yeah, I definitely remember that," Arnaud said. "That was no fun."

Other than that, Phi Theta Kappa is out there once per term, except for summer. That is, unless there's a substantial amount of trash to pick up.

Titan Store raffles for good cause

Win an iMac and benefit fellow students

ANDY ROSSBACK
A&E Editor

For more than 20 years, the Titan Store has hosted raffles to benefit good causes.

This year is no different. The store will hold Thanksgiving and holiday raffles to benefit the LCC Women's Center, according to Titan Store administrative support specialist Vicki Colley. The money raised by the raffle will be used to help needy families during the holidays.

"It's a very rewarding thing for us," Colley said.

One of the prizes being raffled away is a basket that includes a name brand backpack, beanie, travel mug and various other school supplies. The Thanksgiving basket has a value of \$200. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the store for \$1 each or six for \$5.

A drawing for the winner will be held at 10 a.m. on Nov. 23.

"We wanted to give back to the students," Colley said.

The holiday raffle, which will begin selling tickets sometime in the coming weeks, will offer more spectacular prizes.

One winner will leave with a brand new Apple iMac valued at \$1,200. Two other winners will each receive a \$250 gift card to the Titan Store.

Women's Center Coordinator Jill Bradley has a hand in helping the families in need. The raffles will help LCC parents who have no other source for holiday gifts.

"The students who need this help are so appreciative," Bradley said. "It's for a great cause [because] it's a hard time



JAVIER MAGALLANES/ THE TORCH

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for people financially."

Bradley said that the experience is very rewarding for her as well.

"I get to be the matchmaker and pair the people who need the help with the folks who want to experience the joy of giving," Bradley said.

PEDESTRIAN STRUCK NEAR CAMPUS

Campus officers advocate safer driving

EDER CAMPUZANO
News Editor

An unidentified pedestrian was struck by a vehicle and reportedly injured at approximately 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 4, according to Public Safety officer W.D. Perkins. The accident occurred on 30th Avenue near Interstate 5 and Eldon Schafer Drive.

The pedestrian was wearing dark clothing, making it difficult for the driver to react quickly, according to Perkins, the officer on call at the time.

"The poor guy driving didn't see the man until it was too late," he said.

Lane County Sheriff's officers arrived at approximately 7:40 p.m., according to the dispatch log.

As fall progresses, the sun has been setting earlier and weather forecasts predict dangerous conditions through the weekend. Perkins suggests drivers practice caution when facing these conditions.

"The weather's wet and the roads are slick. There's leaves and debris all over the place," Perkins said. "Folks just need to slow down."

Titans return faster and stronger



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY JOHN SCHOLL

Despite the loss of three sophomores, Coach John Scholl looks forward to a winning season in 2010.

New coach promises a better future

MIKE PARTEE
SPORTS EDITOR

In LCC's last meet at Clackamas Oct. 31, MaCayla Claver placed second in the 5,000m course with a time of 19:24 and led LCC to the NWAACC Southern Region Cross Country Championships women's title. A final score of 31 was enough to clinch the women's title leaving Mount Hood trailing in second place

with 60 points.

Some would say that this has been a rebuilding year for LCC's cross-country team. LCC coach John Scholl would be inclined to agree.

Scholl is a former athlete from the University of Arkansas and a veteran coach with experiences from the universities of Arizona and Texas. He inherited a cross country team that was formed by director Grady O'Connor.

"Overall, I think this season's goal was getting everybody used to the turn over to me as coach," Scholl said.

"Sickness was a major issue that we were forced to train through," Scholl said. "Every-

one knew coming into this season that it was all about our upcoming meet in Vancouver on Nov. 14th at the NWAACC tournament. We really haven't been competing with a lot of depth this year because we have been conserving our strength and keeping our injuries light in preparation for the NWAACCs."

With the Vancouver meet left, Scholl is losing sophomore runners Travis Stevens, Andrea Gruber and Anne Hagy, but Cesar Perez and Claver should continue to make strong showings next season.

The Titan men finished in second, a single point behind Clark. Travis Stevens finished just

ahead of Perez to clinch the individual title. His time on the 8000m course was 25:55. "It was a rocky year for our men's team which ends a seven-year stretch of winning seasons," O'Connor stated.

Scholl is already making plans for next year. "We are going to recruit as much as possible and we are going to build a winning program," he said. "If anyone wants to come out and compete with us they have to be committed to a higher level of training."

Scholl is always looking for new talent, and advises anyone interested to contact him at (541) 463-5327.

Ellis makes it happen

New coach, new team

MIKE PARTEE
SPORTS EDITOR

What could be the worst fear of a new women's soccer coach? How about having zero returning players to start the season?

That was first-year coach Dave Ellis's reality. He has since turned things around and made a solid team.

The Titans finished the regular season with a record of 5-5-3 and lost to 2nd ranked Columbia Basin 2-0 in the first round of the NWAACC playoffs.

"Although we have been strong defensively, we lost out on a lot of points early in the season as we tried to refine our chemistry and our dynamics," Ellis said. "We have managed to play at an equal level with every team that has been across from us."

LCC suffered a severe double-blow with the loss of goalkeeper Marah Baker to a broken foot in the Oct. 17 match against Chemeketa Community College. She was replaced with veteran fielder Hope Gunter. There were strong hopes that Baker would return in time to finish out the season. Those hopes didn't come to pass.

Despite the support of the men's baseball team that traveled to Pasco, Wash. to watch the playoff game, LCC was shut out of its NWAACC championship dreams.

"Injuries and illness caught up to us," Ellis said. "We hit the crossbar and each post. Not our day against the defending NWAACC champs."

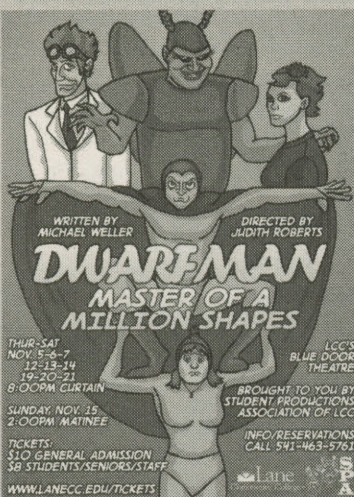
Ellis has been recruiting heavily with the idea of building a repeating championship squad. His goal is a simple one – win and keep winning.



JB BOTWINICK / THE TORCH

Mackenzie Fegeles (#10) was one of only three returning players this season. LCC finished the regular season with a record of 5-5-3 and lost to second-ranked Columbia Basin in the first round of the NWAACC playoffs on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

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The right fit

Fitness Education review

Students registered for Fitness Education must register for a one time, mandatory orientation, which covers course policies, general fitness information and an introduction to all of the equipment in the Fitness Education Center.

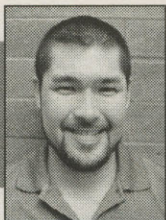
Students are guided in creating a well-rounded, self-paced fitness program for themselves.

After the orientation, students can attend exercise sessions during FEC usage hours to fulfill course requirements and meet personal fitness goals.

The FEC offers seminars on nutrition and fitness, fitness assessments, and personal training.

For students with a demanding schedule and their own individual goals, this class can accommodate their needs.

James Anderson
Editor in Chief



Schedule

Monday-Thursday

6:30-9 a.m.
12-6:30 p.m.

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6:20-9 a.m.
12-5 p.m.

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Instructor:
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JORDAN BOTWINICK / THE TORCH

LCC student Maygan Beckers utilizes the Fitness Education Center.

COMMENTARY

Wherever I may run

Physical health isn't just for the athletes anymore

MIKE PARTEE
SPORTS EDITOR

I could feel the steady pounding of my feet on the concrete as blood raced through my veins. My breath became ragged due to the sheer distance already behind me. I rounded the corner and could see my goal.

It was in that moment when I felt truly alive and confident about reaching my goal that the bus blew by my stop. A too conveniently placed puddle splashed across me. In defeat, I hung my head and trudged the 170 feet back to my house to await the next bus.

As a sportswriter, I don't have much need or care for physical activity unless someone else is doing it. I think that armchair quarterbacks across the nation would agree. I have allowed myself to soften up as my high school years fade in the past. I still do pushups to show myself that I am still the strong and vital man I used to be, but I am finding going down to be a lot easier than going up.

At the recent Oregon State Athletics Association high school cross country tournament, I watched runners from all over the state compete for the glory of being the fastest and strongest. Don't worry I wasn't there to run for the OSAA title.

Jed Tolbert from Henley High School looked supremely graceful as he crossed the finish line to win the boys' 4A division title. He barely even looked winded as he walked off the track. I guess I could

look the same way if I had driven the distance.

As my photographer and I ran from spot to spot to get the best photos and key interviews, I came to a very important realization – athletes aren't the only people who need to exercise. I was huffing and puffing from place to place hoping to find a convenient oxygen tank close to one of the coaches or competitors I was trying to interview. Being in shape myself would have made it easier.

On that note, LCC offers a great many physical education classes and sports of a less competitive nature. Students can participate in everything from beginning badminton to snowboarding. People at all levels can find a class to get healthier with.

Grady O'Connor is the director of cross country and track for LCC, but he is also my strength training class coach. For the first couple of weeks I could not move after my workout and his core exercises. Core exercises are aimed at strengthening the muscles in the abdomen and lower back. I tried to lift my arm to hug my girlfriend, cried like a baby and then dropped the seemingly dead appendage to my side.

That was then. Now, I feel stronger and better. I won't try to run any marathons yet, but next time I am going to make it to the bus stop on time with my oxygen tank in hand.

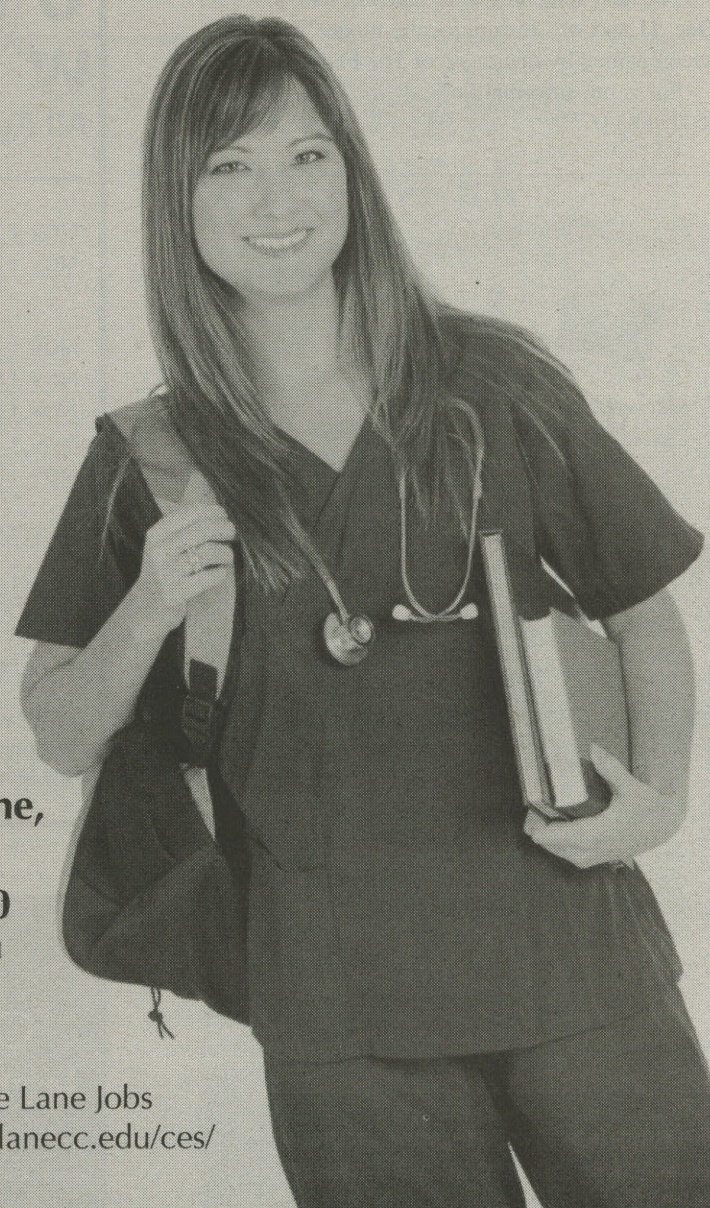
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New Zone gallery hosts local filmmaker's work

*Alexander Denison
will exhibit two projects*

HARI KHALSA
REPORTER

Eugene's New Zone Artist Collective art gallery will host screenings of local filmmaker Alexander Denison's films.

According to Gallery Coordinator and Treasurer Steve LaRiccica, New Zone is "a social club for dysfunctional artists."

"It's a mystery as to what the content of these films are [but] we are extremely excited to provide a venue to host the work of Mr. Denison," LaRiccica said.

The first film, entitled "Pizza Girl," is a drama filmed in an unusual style. Conventional techniques are blended with digital media. The film is 95 minutes long.

"Waiting," the second and shorter film, is 16 minutes long and uses techniques similar to the first.

"We're lucky to have him and we'd like to know more about him and his work," New Zone executive artist and board member Nicola Noetic said.

New Zone hosts film nights the second Friday of the each month and is a venue for local artists and filmmakers to share their projects with the community. The gallery is a non-profit business.

"We were aware of the other, bigger, 'for profit' galleries, and there are a large number of local filmmakers and not enough of these venues can accommodate all of them," LaRiccica said. "We decided to open up our space for these artists without an admission charge, but accepting donations."

New Zone promoter William Lotz hopes the films offer something new to audiences.

"We really do strive to meet the goal of introducing our community to fresh, experimental [and] innovative film producers who deserve attention," Lotz said.

This month's screening will be held on Friday, Nov. 13 at New Zone Artist Collective, 164 W. Broadway. Doors open at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

The next screening after that will take place on Dec. 11 and will feature locally made "Zairecka," accompanied by the music of The Flaming Lips.

For more information, call the New Zone at (541) 683-0759.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY STEVE LARICCICA

"Pizza Girl," is a drama filmed in an unusual style.

LCC instructor riffs with Eugene Symphony

*Larry Clabby invited
to perform at the Hult Center*

JAMES ANDERSON
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Eugene Symphony has invited LCC piano instructor Larry Clabby to play the organ with them for their performance of Camille Saint Saens' "Symphony No. 3."

Clabby, who started teaching at LCC in the early 1980s, is honored by the opportunity. "What I'm so excited about is they've asked a Lane faculty [member] to do it," Clabby said. "It's very cool."

A digital organ that sounds like a pipe organ will be provided for the performance.

"It's interesting to combine a pipe organ and an orchestral symphony because the pipe organ can conceivably play as loud as the orchestra," Clabby said. "So there's a sort of a duel going on."

Clabby believes the volume of the organ provides a type of threat to the orchestra due to its power. He plans to play quietly for a majority of the performance, "but there's a couple of sections where I'm going to 'let her go' and just wail on it," he said.

John Watson of the Department of Music, Dance and Theatre Arts believes this invitation reflects the musical abilities present at LCC. "For one of our instructors to be picked to do this is a big thing," he said.

The performance will take place at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19 in Silva Hall at the Hult Center in Eugene.

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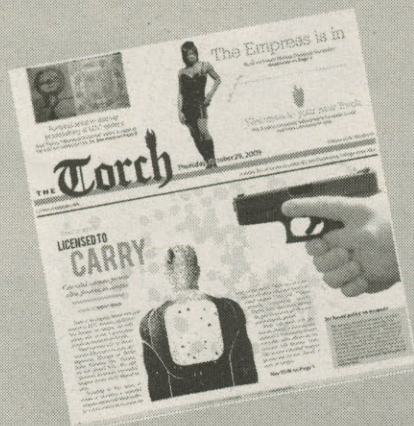
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PUBLIC SAFETY REDISCOVERS THE WHEEL

Patrol bikes will be the new campus norm

SIMON KEMP
FEATURES EDITOR

Public Safety has a new mode of transportation that has proven to be more agile, friendly and cheaper to maintain than its classic counterparts. After doing the math, Public Safety Officer William Speicher initiated the process to start the bike program on LCC's Main Campus. A single 24-speed mountain bike is the new norm on campus.

"I did a proposal listing the benefits of having a bike program," Speicher said. "It's green, and it's very fuel-efficient, and it's actually maintenance-efficient. And the officer who is riding it gets a pretty good workout."

Kathryn Vos, Director of Health & Public Safety, really liked the idea of the bike program from the first time she heard about it.

The bike program is in its infancy and consists of a single 24-speed mountain bike, but Public Safety is hoping they will be able to increase that number soon.

Bicycles are cheaper to maintain and use less fuel than Public Safety's conventional vehicles and Public Safety's T3 Segway. The Segway is battery-powered and requires less maintenance than a motor vehicle.

As an emergency vehicle, the bicycle has proven itself to be more efficient in its role on campus, not to mention doesn't run on fuel, making it more economical than a car.

Two primary differences between a bicycle and a car are their appearance and horsepower. A mountain bike trades the intimidation and strength of a car for agility.

"The bike is also pretty stealthy, whereas a car is going to announce itself," Vos said.

The bicycle has proven to be adaptive in the campus environment. It faces fewer obstacles navigating through campus and allows the officer riding it to get an intimate perspective of the campus and students.

"One of the best aspects of it is that we are a little more up close and personal with the students and faculty and staff, rather than being isolated in a vehicle," Speicher said. "It's a lot more user-friendly with our students."

Having a Public Safety officer on a bicycle allows students to identify with him easily. He also gets to learn more about everyone on campus, which can help in emergency situations where knowing even the smallest detail could make the difference between life and death.

An officer who is recognizable and approachable is more than just a safety measure — it's a revolutionary idea put into practice by UO and even the Eugene Police Department.

The bicycle holds its ground as being innovative both aesthetically and in practical application. The bicycle proves itself to be more ergonomic than a car or emergency vehicle in its role as a first responder. The ease of access on a bicycle is unique and perfect for maintaining public safety.

Dismounting is as easy as a hop, and if the officer needs to lock it up the only parking obstacle is finding something to tie it to.

"We've found when we've had a couple of emergency situations that we needed to respond to, the bike was usually there several minutes before anyone else was there," Speicher said. "As far as being a first responder, it really has some advantages there, because you can cut through places and go quite a bit faster than in a vehicle. You don't need to find a parking place, you're right there."

This makes the 24-speed mountain bike a substantial upgrade to Public Safety's manner of personal transport. The bicycle is environmentally friendly and economically sound, and LCC is riding that new trend.

"Other than being on foot, the car is probably the slowest way to get around campus," Vos said.



JAVIER MAGALLANES/ THE TORCH

Public Safety officer Bill Speicher poses next to LCC's new Smith & Wesson bicycle, specifically designed for law enforcement, security and public service officers.

Student association holds salmon bake

JAMES ANDERSON
EDITOR IN CHIEF

LCC's Native American Student Association held a salmon bake in the cafeteria at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6.

In the past, a majority of NASA events revolved around the annual LCC powwow. Once the event was over, the campus Native American community would go dormant. This year, the association plans to schedule regular events to keep the group thriving.

The three chairpersons of NASA, Kayla Godowa, Wesley Smith and Larry Lugo, plan to set a consistent agenda of events for the LCC Native American community. Smith's priority is to build a strong and united Native American community for LCC students and other local community members.

The association is considering another potluck in the spring, following the December powwow.

NASA Secretary Terra Baker wants to include the entire Native American community and advertises through Native American programs and tribal offices. The group's goal is to integrate their programs with



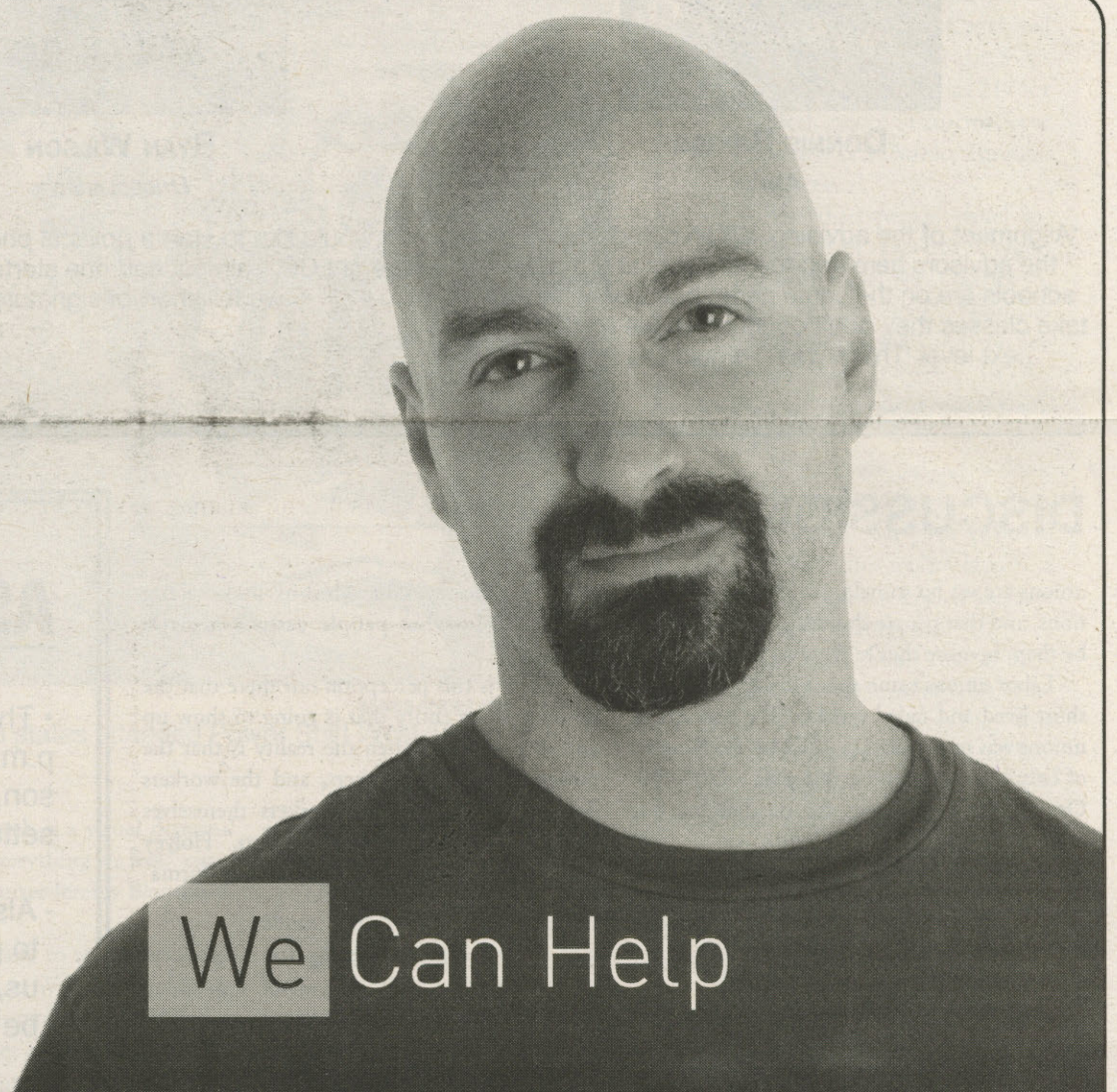
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Kayla Godowa, Mary Godowa and Robin Ruiz prepare frybread, a traditional Native American food, in the LCC kitchen.

UO and other community groups.

For the salmon bake, the association found support in the form of contributions from several sources.

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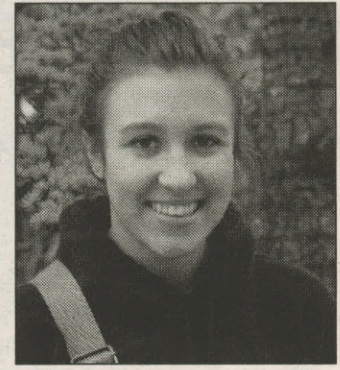
IZUMI HANSEN
DENTAL HYGIENE

"I would like to see Japanese students. I would like to meet international students."



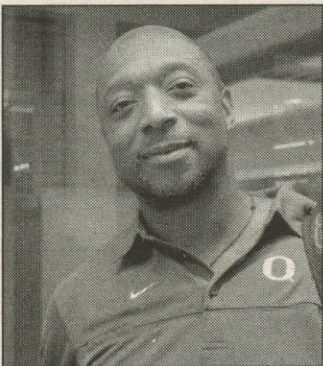
MARALYSSA GUSTAFSON
ANTHROPOLOGY

"Different courses. They spent money on the ramp. Classes are all close together. They should have them spread out more."



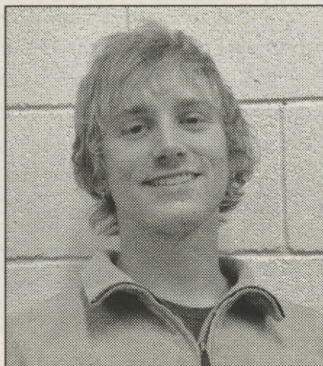
KATELIN PIERCE
UNDECLARED

"More compost and recycling bins next to each other, 'cause I feel bad just throwing it in the trash."



DONNIE BRIGGS
ART

"Alignment of the advising. When doing our majors the advisors here and the advisors at the other schools are on the same page, because when we take classes they don't count when we go on to the next level. That's what I would like to see."



RYAN WILSON
UNDECLARED

"I would like to start a political philosophy club here at LCC. I almost had one started last year but we fell short of signatures."



JAMES FLANDERS
ENERGY MANAGEMENT

"Probably a bike trail going to LCC. Bike access is my number one thing. That is my major issue."

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unions are set up to help people, not corporations, and that people shouldn't be intimidated by them because they're there to help.

Labor unions came about in 1866 but were short lived and faded quickly. The concept of unions was resurrected in 1869 by the Knights of Labor, whose membership rose to 700,000. One of the key focuses for the knights was child labor practices.

"Currently on the planet, other than children, women are the cheapest labor

there is," Raney said. Unions make a big difference in what people earn, especially women.

"There is this perception out there that the union is some entity that is going to show up and save the day, when the reality is that the power is with the workers, and the workers don't recognize that the workers themselves have the ability to form that union," Holvey said, summing up union strength and formation.

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They requested 12 salmon from the Warm Springs reservation and received 24. The college provided use of their kitchen and some culinary staff who prepared food as part of their training. The LCC Learning Garden contributed spinach and garden greens to the dinner.

Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management

program graduate Tamarro Roderick, a Native American, contributed her experience and supervision to the food preparation. Roderick contributes to the annual powwow dinner that serves approximately 1,500 people.

NASA meetings take place every Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Activity room in Building 1.

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• ASLCC Announcements

-The Student Senate meets from 3:30 to 5:30 every Monday in building 3, in the Board Room. We welcome and encourage students to come to our meetings and listen in on the proceedings or comment about a concern on campus or to let us know about something that you may be participating in. **We work for you!** Come and see us. We want to hear from you.

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