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## CAMPUS SERVICES

# More students, more stress

Increased enrollment puts stress on campus services

ANDY ROSSBACK | News Editor

Enrollment is higher this term and that puts stress on many campus services, according to Helen Garrett, associate dean of Student Affairs.

Enrollment Services is seeing many people this term, mainly for financial aid reasons. Wait times can last up to two hours, with the busiest time of day being between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., due to the volume of people who come in unprepared and the few faculty members available to help, Garrett said.

"It's simply a matter of staff," she said.

Jennifer Steele, director of the Titan Store, said while higher enrollment has certainly affected the store, the staff has done well to keep things efficient. Of students randomly surveyed a 45 minute wait proved to be longest wait time.

"As a rule, the lines are a lot scarier looking than they are in practice," Steele said.

She has seen a 23 percent increase in traffic during Winter and Fall terms.

To combat the increased amount of students, store staff moved the ExpressLane terminal to the lobby of the Center Building and extended store hours.

The volume of students coming to the store

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## College to host annual scholarship workshop

Workshop promises to improve students chances of receiving scholarships

SERENA PIPER  
Reporter

College is great. Paying for it is another story. LCC's 11th annual How to Pay for College... In One Day! workshop will be held Saturday, Jan. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Center for Meeting and Learning, Building 19.

It's a free event to help students and their parents fill out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid and get advice on scholarship applications.

"You want to put together an application which doesn't have any spelling errors; things like that," Public Information Officer Joan Aschim said.

The scholarship and financial aid workshops are combined to provide an opportunity for students to ask FAFSA questions and to give tips on how to put together an effective scholarship application.

Financial aid professionals will be available to help students fill out FAFSA paperwork and on-

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**25-30 percent** increase in the amount of material collected by the recycling department.

**23 percent** increase of traffic in Titan Store and wait times of up to 45 minutes.

**Up to 2 hour** waits in Enrollment Services.

**Five to 10** extra housekeepers hired to help keep the campus clean.



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## AROUND CAMPUS



JAMES ANDERSON / THE TORCH

Secretary of State Kate Brown talks with President Mary Spilde during her visit to campus last week.

## Secretary of State makes appearance, encourages students to vote

Kate Brown speaks to students about the importance of voting

JAMES ANDERSON | Editor in Chief

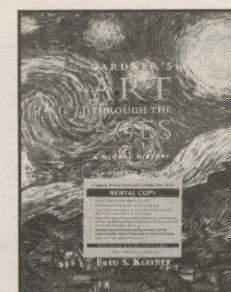
Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown visited LCC last week to encourage students to register to vote before the deadline.

"My first priority is making sure we get every student registered to vote before deadline, which is about five o'clock tonight," Brown said. "My second priority is to get folks to vote in the special election, which is Jan. 26 with two very important measures on the ballot — Measures 66 and 67."

Brown arrived at the cafeteria shortly after 10 a.m. to talk to students about voting.

LCC student Gulistan N.L. Machacek talked with Brown about her decade long experience working in hospice and her opinions on politics. "In that [line of work] you learn first hand about what's wrong with the system, but you also learn about what's right with it," N.L. Machacek said.

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"Art Through The Ages," left, retails for \$176 but a new rental program makes it available for \$56.

## Books for rent

Titan Store launches textbook rental program with affordability in mind

ANDY ROSSBACK | News Editor

Titan Store staff looks to save students a few bucks with a new textbook rental program.

The program began this term by offering three titles for rental, but staff are planning to expand the number of titles Fall term, Jennifer Steele, director of the store, said.

"We are constantly looking at ways to provide affordable options," Steele said. "The average price of a textbook is \$70."

The store will focus on books that are expensive because the main goal is to keep the cost down for students, Steele said. One book available for rental this term was "Art Through The Ages," which retails for \$176 but can be rented for \$56.

Students may rent books on a term-to-term basis and must sign a rental agreement and return the books by the first day of finals week. If the rental agreement is violated or the student fails to return the book on time, they will be charged retail value.

Barbra Bailey, textbook buyer for the store, said she is working with departments to ensure

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## THE Torch

The Torch will serve the LCC students, faculty, staff and community members by providing news relevant to academic life. In addition, The Torch will provide student journalists, photojournalists, graphic designers and web designers a positive environment and exposure to the highest standards of journalism.

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Do you have an opinion about the upcoming election? Send a letter to the editor.  
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# Be Heard.

### COMMENTARY

## Ballot measures 66 and 67 through the eyes of a college student

The battle lines have been drawn in the sand. On one hand there are those who see taxing the wealthy and businesses as the only way to fill the financial gap left by a lingering economy and the worst recession we have seen in quite a while.

On the other hand, there are those that see tax increases at such a financially unstable time to be counter-productive and harmful to the overall growth of the economy.

With that out of the way, as college students, we must ask ourselves why this matters to us. I see two possible sides.

The first side being that without the measures passing, there will be inevitable cuts to education. This means tuition increases, fee increases, and more money out of pocket for the "privilege" of bettering our lives.

While this is obviously not something that any of us would like to see, unless measures 66 and 67 pass, it seems to be the latest victim of a stagnant, if not slowly decaying economy.

On the other end of the spectrum, there are those who claim that with the passage of the ballot measures, businesses will be forced to either, one – lay off or cut back their workforce, or two – increase the cost of services to compensate for the cost of the

new taxes.

Any of us who go to school and work can attest to the fact that we cannot afford to have our hours cut back or be laid off. We depend on our jobs to bring us the money to pay for our homes, our food, and our education.

I am by no means an economic or financial whiz so I tend to listen to those who know more than I do. President Obama has stated over and over that in an "economic downturn," raising taxes is simply not the answer. This has been repeated by presidents of the past and has shown potential.

Presidents Kennedy and Reagan decided to cut taxes to spur economic growth and it worked. From 1962 and 1969, during the time in which the JFK tax cuts were in effect, investment grew at a rate of 6.2 percent in contrast to the 2.3 percent rate of growth after the cuts were repealed.

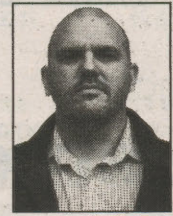
Reagan also saw the wisdom in lowering taxes in a time of economic turbulence. Real economic growth rose 3.2 percent during the Reagan years as opposed to the 2.8 percent during the Ford-Carter years and 2.1 percent during the Clinton-Bush years.

So what does this really mean? History has shown that in years of economic

troubles, raising taxes is not the way to go.

Perhaps it is time that we send Salem a message. The message is clear and precise – learn how to spend our money effectively and with wisdom.

As students, we have to carefully budget so that we can pay for school, food, hous-



**Jesse Gray**

ing, entertainment, etc. Why is it okay that we do not expect our government to budget as carefully as we do?

Yes, the economy is taking its toll. As students, we have to cut back on our expenses.

Entertainment, even food and gasoline, have taken cuts out of our personal budget so why is it that we expect our government to not make any cuts? It is inevitable that cuts will have to be made.

We have a choice to make as students. Do we pay a little more for school and books (which sucks) or do we run the risk of losing our jobs that pay for our housing, food, entertainment, etc.? To me the choice is simple – This is the wrong time to be raising taxes and the wrong time to be picking a fight with businesses who we all depend on.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Lane County services depend on 'yes' vote for ballot measures

Lane County services depend on "yes" vote for ballot measures

Measures 66 and 67 will be on your ballot, which will be arriving soon in your mailbox. I serve on the budget committees of two organizations that will be adversely affected if these measures fail and I would like to explain why many citizens of Lane County will be impacted as well.

One of the organizations on which I serve is the Senior and Disabled Services for Lane County. One of their major programs is Oregon Project Independence. If measures 66 and 67 fail, it is likely that OPI will lose its funding. This program allows seniors to stay in their homes by

providing some help to them with essential services. The entire Lane County delegation to Salem supports this program as it saves taxpayers money and the alternative would be forcing these people on to the Medicaid program, which would be much more costly to the taxpayers.

I also serve as a member of the budget committee for Lane Community College. At a recent board and budget committee meeting, Dr. Mary Spilde, the president of LCC, was asked what impact the failure of measures 66 and 67 would have on the college's budget and its ability to meet the needs of the increased demands for vocational and professional programs.

President Spilde replied that the college would lose close to \$3 million if these two measures failed. The major reason why LCC had a 15 percent increase in enrollment is the high unemployment rate in Lane County. If measures 66 and 67 fail, many citizens of Lane County will find that the college may be forced to reduce course offerings in such programs.

As you can see from what I have written, I think that it is to the benefit of taxpayers to vote "yes" on Measures 66 and 67. Please join me in doing so.

*Dennis Shine  
 Springfield, Ore.*

## LCC Board supports measures

On balance, our economy and our communities will be better served by voting "yes" on measures 66 and 67 in the January 26 election. That is why Lane Community College's Board of Education unanimously endorses their passage.

The current recessed economy forced the Oregon Legislature to cut allocations to education, safety and other human services. Further reductions will force another round of budget cuts at LCC and limit student opportunity.

The reductions would have been more severe if legislators had not also called upon Oregon's more capable members to pay an additional income tax to offset shortfalls. Measure 66 asks voters to endorse that action. The legislature also decided to bring the corporate minimum tax up to the inflationary appropriate \$150 instead of the \$10 charged most businesses for the past 80 years.

Based on our understanding of leading economists' analyses, the additional income

tax on individuals who make more than \$125,000 or households making more than \$250,000 will have no effect on 97 percent of taxpayers.

Estimates are that only about 10 percent of corporations doing business in Oregon will be significantly affected by Measure 67. Most will only pay the \$150 minimum, an additional \$11.67 per month.

It is our opinion that approval of these measures will have a more positive impact on our economy because of the multiplier effect of tax dollars being spent locally.

We ask voters to thoughtfully investigate these issues and vote "yes" for our communities, our economy and our future.

*LCC Board of Education  
 Chair Pat Albright, Vice-Chair Tony McCown, Bob Ackerman, Dr. Roger Hall, Susie Johnston, Dr. Gary LeClair, and Sharon Stiles*

## 'Yes' on 66 and 67

When our legislature convened last year, they faced a huge budget gap. What do you do when there is a shortfall of millions of dollars?

They had three choices: make up all the difference by cutting services, by raising revenue or do a little of both. Our legislators chose the third option.

They did the research, held the hearings and made the hard choices to cut programs where they could. And then they looked for a fair approach to raising revenue during hard times.

I will vote "yes" for 66 and 67. Our legislature did the work I elected them to do.

*Susan Cundiff  
 Eugene, Ore.*

## Martin Luther King Day

Lane Community College will be closed to the public for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday on **Monday, Jan. 18. No classes will be held** and no services will be available, except for scheduled events.



## News Briefs

### College launches interactive service to field student questions

Student Affairs has launched a new service, called AskLane, to help students find answers to questions about enrollment, financial aid and attendance.

Students may access the service by typing a question in the form at the top of the main page of the college's website.

"This tool will allow us to respond to real questions from students," according to a press release.

The service allows students to view the top 10 questions, related questions and a feature to rate responses. The service is accessible.

According to the press release, schools with a similar number of students have fielded up 96,000 questions in the first week of service.

For more information, visit <http://lanec.edu>.

### Changes coming to state phone system

The state of Oregon added an additional area code of 458 on Jan. 10.

Telephone customers calling in the 541 area code must dial that area code in front of local numbers in order to complete calls.

In a press release, the college reported that these changes would not affect campus phones. However, the release reminds faculty and students to update speed dial from office phones and wireless devices.

### Titan Store announces raffle winners

The Titan Store announced the winners of the winter raffle.

Danielle Brosseau won a brand-new 24-inch iMac in the raffle and Valerie Anne and Heidi Shafer both won \$250 gift cards to the store.

The raffle raised \$2,408 to benefit families this holiday season and fund scholarships.

### Agency networks parents with convenient childcare

Family Connections helps parents find childcare near their work, home or school with a call or a click.

The agency provides information on how to choose quality childcare and find a "nurturing and developmentally appropriate environment," according to a press release.

In addition, more than 40 classes are available Winter term for individuals interested in becoming a childcare provider or enhancing their skills as a provider.

For more information, call (541) 463-3954 or visit <http://lanec.edu/lfc>.

### Student government seeks MLK Day volunteers

Associated Students of Lane Community College is seeking students to volunteer a half or whole day to Habitat for Humanity on Monday, Jan. 18.

Activities include cleaning, shelving, sweeping, outside litter patrol and landscape maintenance and repair, according to a press release.

The event will take place at 1210 Oak Patch Road, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, contact Beverly Farfan at (541) 463-5395 or [farfan@lanec.edu](mailto:farfan@lanec.edu).

## THE SENTRY | PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

This weekly section lists the more newsworthy incidents that Public Safety gets involved in to keep our campus safe. This does not list all of their responsibilities. Some details are omitted to protect the identities of individuals.

### Monday, Dec. 7

**Alarm sounding:** 8:34 a.m. — Fire alarms went off in Buildings 24-27. Public Safety received calls from Securecom and Lane County Sheriff's office. This turned out to be a false alarm that needed to be reset.

**Counter contact:** 2:52 p.m. — Public Safety officer talked with a group of individuals causing trouble in the cafeteria.

**Person contact:** 5:35 p.m. — Public Safety made contact with two homeless people camped out in front of the lobby doors. The male appeared to be heavily intoxicated. The two complied without further incident.

### Tuesday, Dec. 8

**Vehicle roll-out:** 7:56 a.m. — A green Nissan rolled into a white BMW, causing minor damage to the BMW's right fender after being left in neutral with the brake off. The owner of the Nissan remembers setting the brake and leaving the vehicle in gear.

**Disorderly subject:** 9:52 a.m. — A female wearing a dark coat

was creating a disturbance at the Enrollment Services department while dropping a course after the refund deadline. She was upset and raising her voice.

**Welfare check:** 4:17 p.m. — Public Safety checked on a woman who was complaining about a young man exhibiting "erratic behavior" in the skybridge. The subject may be developmentally challenged and was in the presence of others who were developmentally challenged. Subject was leaning head back as if asleep and coughing. Officer was sent to check on the welfare of the subject.

### Wednesday, Dec. 9

**Person contact:** 7:33 a.m. — Public Safety made contact with a male about driving too fast in a gravel lot, and then advised him after he was uncooperative.

**Motor vehicle accident — non-injury:** 2:22 p.m. — Public Safety arrived to the scene after three cars slid off of the road due to ice. The accident was re-

ported by emergency telephone from a witness. Froggy's Towing was called for a 2004 Nissan pick-up.

**Disorderly subjects:** 3:11 p.m. — A verbal altercation was escalating between a student at the Downtown Center and an intoxicated non-student. The intoxicated individual accused the student of being cruel for leaving his dog tied outside, and was beginning to become belligerent. He started yelling and swearing at the student before Public Safety advised him to leave before the police were called. The intoxicated individual eventually left.

**Motor vehicle accident — non-injury:** 3:25 p.m. — An accident took place on 30th and Gonyea that resulted in a vehicle on its side. The accident didn't cause an injury or an obstruction. The sheriff's office was called to report black ice. One Public Safety officer had to jump into a ditch to avoid being hit by a sliding car.

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## STORE

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the books the store buys will be usable for at least two years.

"It takes us that long to recoup the cost of the book and shipping," Bailey said.

The store bought a \$4,000 software module enabling cash registers to rent books. The program is funded by the High Education Opportunity Act, which suggests offering textbooks for rental.

Students will find the rental books on shelves directly beside new and used books for purchase.

"We're just really excited to be able to do this," Steele said. "Rental is the best option for those who just don't have the money right now."

**Where It's At**

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### Looking to rent?

Students interested in renting books can visit Titan Store or check out the rental selection online at <http://titan-store.lanec.edu>.

## BLOODMOBILE COMING TO CAMPUS

Tuesday and Wednesday, January 19-20.

Contact: Vicki Doughty at (541) 463-5055

# ASLCC EVENTS

### • North West Student Leadership Conference.

NWSLC is the largest conference of its kind in the region. Over 600 attendees. Over 80 workshops on grass roots organizing. 20th anniversary. January 29th-31st. See ASLCC officials for registration information.

### • Administrative Assistant staff position is open.

Accepting applications. Consult Bette Dorris in Bldg. 1, Room 210B for further information.

### • LEGCON.

Large Legislative Conference held in Washington D.C. focusing on grass roots organizing. First weekend of Spring Break.

### • ASLCC is looking for Student Senators.

Pick up application from Bette Dorris in Bldg 1, Room 210B.

### • Remember to vote and turn in your ballots to the ASLCC student government.

This is a paid advertisement by ASLCC.



# Let the rhythm rock

*A special need filled at Musical Feet*

**SARA HOHENBERGER** | Features Editor

When the music turns on, Seth Crabtree and Kayley Kupka are in "the zone." Nothing can stop them from dancing and doing it well.

Kupka and Crabtree have been taking a hip-hop dance class offered at Musical Feet School of Dance for two and a half years.

Both students have Down syndrome, but that doesn't stop them from dancing or conquering the world.

Kupka, 20, is taking a few classes at the Downtown Center. She has been dancing for three years. Kupka really likes the dance studio, music and dancing. "I like hip-hop and my favorite teachers are here," she said. "I love dancing. I feel good when I dance."

Crabtree, 18, has been dancing at the studio for two years. "I love everything about dancing," he said. "I love music, too."

Crabtree has been dancing since he was six years old. He met his instructor Katy Lumbra three years ago. "I love the studio," he said. "I love Katy."

Being a dancer can be hard work, but not for Kupka and Crabtree. When they get out on the dance floor, they have attitude and confidence that is hard to come by. They do not let anything get in the way of a great performance.

The class meets from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Fridays at the dance studio. Lumbra has been teaching the class for two and a half years.

Lumbra has her master's degree in education and an endorsement in special education. She has a lot of experience working with students that have special needs and has even coached some Special Olympic dancers.

If Crabtree or Kupka are having a bad day or a hard time, Lumbra will start the class off with some support. She will talk to them and get them energized for their class.

It is hard for Lumbra to have a bad day around Kupka or Crabtree. She leaves her problems at the door of the studio, but if she is having a particularly hard day, her two students are able to cheer her up.

Lumbra starts the class off with a warm-up to get Kupka and Crabtree energized and ready for class.

Lumbra lets Crabtree and Kupka freestyle after the warm-up. This is their chance to dance to a song of their choice and show off their moves.

"I always leave time for the kids to just freestyle and have fun," Lumbra said. "They really love going home and working on their own routines and coming back and showing them and just rocking it out in the class."

Currently, Kupka and Crabtree are working on a routine for their upcoming shows. The first winter showcase is opening Feb. 20. The rehearsal took up most of the



PHOTOGRAPHS BY JORDAN BOTWINICK / THE TORCH

**Katy Lumbra (right) teaches special needs hip-hop dance classes at Musical Feet School of Dance in Eugene. LCC student Kayley Kupka and Seth Crabtree are in their second year of classes.**

class time.

Queen's "We Will Rock You" blasts out of the speakers. Lumbra encourages the two students to have attitude. And with a "5, 6, 7, 8" Crabtree and Kupka are off and dancing.

They learn a new step or two each class. They have been working on their current routine since September.

The students glide around the room with a commanding presence. Lumbra leads the students through the routines a few times and then encourages them to practice it on their own.

Kevin Rudolf's "Let It Rock" is song number two. Lumbra coaches the two students through the dance moves. Cheerfully, she tells Kupka and Crabtree to look up at the mirror or what would be the audience, and "let it rock" with their air guitar.

Assistant Director Angela Hubbard and Founder and Director of Musical Feet Jeanette Frame float in and out of the classroom. They cheer on Crabtree and Kupka and provide an enthusiastic audience to the dance class.

Not only are they running Musical Feet, but also they are active participants in the students' lives. They have a very hands-on ap-

proach to their roles at the studio.

Musical Feet is more than just a dance studio, it is a place where lives are changed. It has a warm and welcoming atmosphere the minute anyone walks in the door.

The staff is very friendly and caring. They go the extra mile to make not only Kupka and Crabtree feel welcome and loved, but all of the students that walk through the doors of Musical Feet School of Dance.

Hubbard greets every student that walks by. She stops what she is doing and smiles and guides students to their dance studio.

"We are a family-based studio, so our families are very important to us," Hubbard said. "We spend a lot of time making sure that our staff is qualified, our music and costuming is appropriate and that the families feel welcome and supported."

On this particular Friday, Crabtree and Kupka performed an impromptu dress rehearsal. Before class started, Lumbra, Hubbard and Frame help Kupka and Crabtree with their costumes.

The staff works together to make sure every class and performance runs without a hitch.

Not only do Frame and Hubbard run the

dance studio, they also make visiting families feel welcome and get to know each student and their parents.

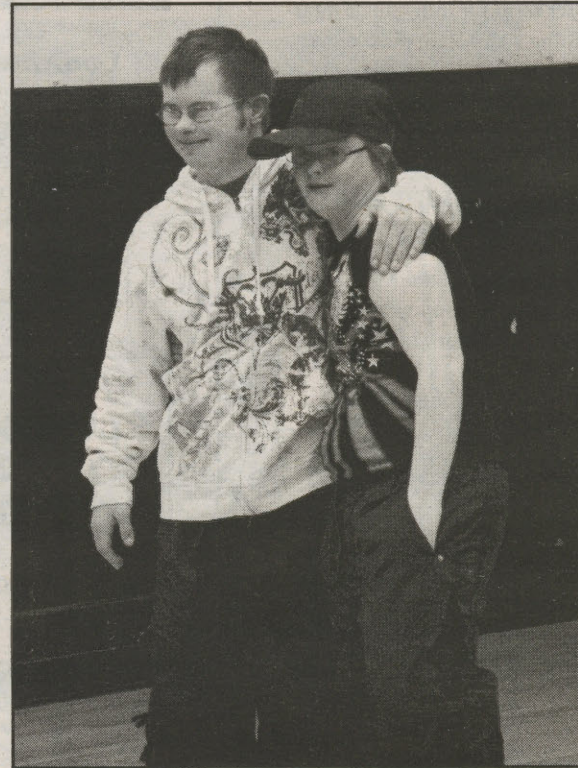
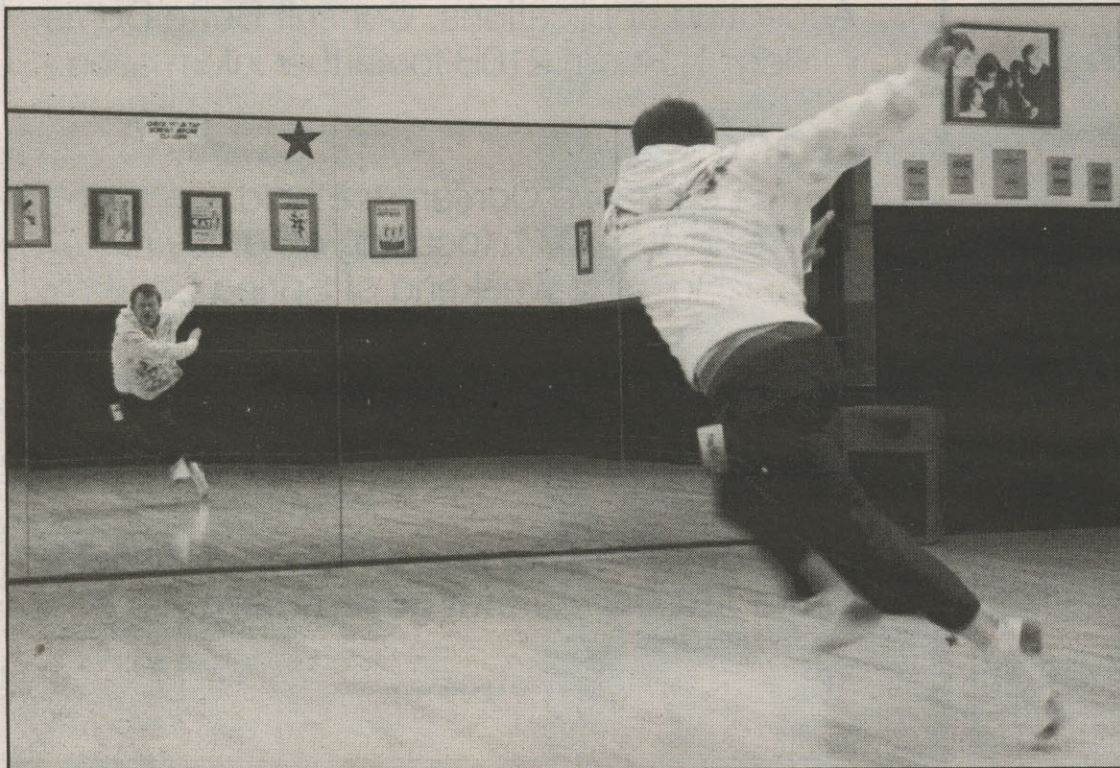
Frame opened Musical Feet in the late '70s. Her specialty in dance is tap. She is a nationally recognized teacher and choreographer. She has taught and performed at jazz festivals around the United States.

Not only is Hubbard the assistant director, she also teaches jazz, ballet, tap and hip-hop. She has accreditations through Dance Educators of America, which certifies the instructor to teach specific mediums and ages in dance. She has been dancing since 1991.

Musical Feet School of Dance has performed every year consecutively at the Hult Center for almost 25 years.

"The thing that is unique about us is that we're not just another bunch of dance classes," Frame said. "I call it the school rather than a dance studio ... It is a school of dance. We are providing education that is top-notch and our staff, including myself, are highly credentialed."

Musical Feet School of Dance is located at 420 West 12th Ave in Eugene. To reach the staff at Musical Feet call (541) 485-2938.

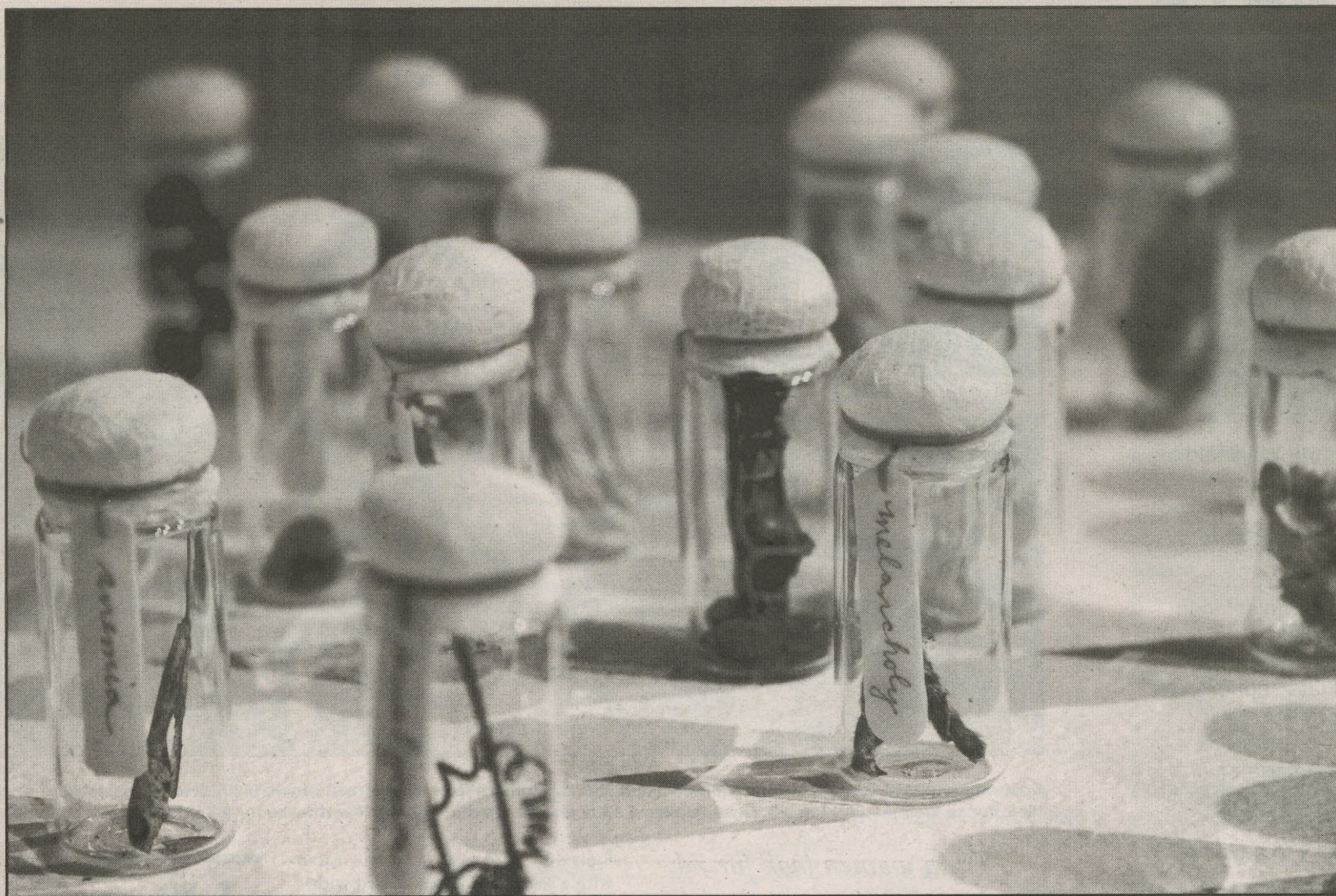


Crabtree (left) shows off his freestyle moves.

Kupka and Crabtree have formed a friendship through their dance classes.



## CHERYL COON | BOTTLED BUGS ON DISPLAY IN ART GALLERY



JAVIER MAGALLANES / THE TORCH

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It's At**  
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San Francisco artist Cheryl Coon's "artist books" are currently on display in the LCC Art Gallery in Building 11. The display's run began on Jan. 4 and is scheduled to run through Jan. 28.

## Dancing to the beat of their own drums

*Ragamala brings world-class  
performance to LCC*

**SIMON KEMP** | A&E Editor

The Ragamala Music and Dance Theater and Taiko drumming group Tokara will perform in the LCC Performance Hall Jan. 19.

Ragamala is a traditional dance in India that uses forms of music, theater, poetry, sculpture and literature to present a multi-dimensional art that explores the body, mind and spirit.

"In India, dance has been used both as a vehicle of worship and as an expression of profound emotions, a human being's most subtle states of mind," House Manager for the Department of Music, Dance and Theatre Arts John Watson said. "The Indian dance system is the oldest and most comprehensive in the world."

Tokara is an internationally renowned Taiko drumming group that will accompany the Ragamala dancers in their performance. Tokara have become known for their electrifying speed and power, as well as the group's own arrangements of movements that will incorporate smooth, circular motions of the Chinese martial arts and dance.

"The work explores the spiritual kinships between Indian and Japanese traditions," Watson said. "Ragamala's dance work provides a bridge between cultures both ancient and modern, exploring a unique style of living poetry for the stage. Rooted in Bharatanatyam, Ragamala blends dance, music, and poetry. Old forms are used in new ways to retain the past, enhance the present, and inspire the future."

The performance is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, in the LCC Performance Hall. Admission is \$15 for the general public and \$7 for students. Tickets are available online at <http://tickets.uoregon.edu> or at (541) 346-4363.

## Local jazz *swings* into center stage

*Oregon Jazz Festival  
comes to LCC*

**CHAS CASSDY** | Assistant A&E Editor

Every year, the Oregon Jazz Festival brings together the most talented jazz performers in the area for two nights of electrifying music. Jazz enthusiasts have the opportunity to experience concerts featuring world-famous performers and local jazz students Jan. 22 and 23.

In addition to the evening concerts, the Jazz Festival invites nearly 30 high school bands to contribute and partake in the festival, which includes competitions judged by expert clinicians.

"We invite high schools from all over the state of Oregon," LCC marketing manager John Watson said. "It's a very educational program."

All the clinicians are "masterful improvisers and jazz players," LCC music instructor Ron Bertucci said.

Day passes entitle holders to watch the competitions, sit in on workshops, and watch the students perform.

"You have carte blanche," Bertucci said.

While the daytime activities will take place at University of Oregon,

both evening concerts will take place at LCC's Main Stage Theater.

The Friday concert features the top University of Oregon group, the LCC band, and four of the nine clinicians as soloists. The Saturday concert includes the two most engaging high school bands, who will open for a special guest.

This year's guest is Seattle-based trumpeter Thomas Marriot, who heads the Thomas Marriot Quintet. The quintet includes a trumpet, saxophone, bass, drums and piano, ensuring a rich mixture of tones and musical promise.

As there are only 500 tickets, people interested in attending the festival should pick them up as soon as possible. Though there will be some tickets available for purchase at the door, purchasing a Saturday ticket in advance includes a day pass.

General admission for the Friday concert is \$10, \$7 for students. Tickets for the Saturday concert are \$18 for general admission and \$12 for students.

"You'd pay \$35 to \$50 somewhere else," Bertucci said.

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## TITAN ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**Sarah Brolsma Whitfield**

The athlete of the week is more than just someone that excels in a sport. While athleticism is a part of the picture, academics and humanitarianism also have roles.

Coach Greg Sheley was quick to nominate sophomore guard Sarah Brolsma Whitfield as athlete of the week because of her efforts on and off the court. "Sarah brings amazing energy to the game and we are lucky to have her," he said.

Brolsma Whitfield is undeclared in her major, but plans on transferring to a four-year school and continuing her record-breaking basketball career. "I grew up playing sports and my dad really supported me in basketball," Brolsma Whitfield said. "I really hope to play internationally."

Brolsma Whitfield recently took on a more active campus role as part of the Student Athlete Leadership Council. The council is a new idea brought out by Sheley this school year to encourage athletes to be more active in the community.

"We raised over \$400 this year for sleeping bags for the homeless and many of us served meals at the Whiteaker dinner," Brolsma Whitfield said. "It felt good to be able to help."

Brolsma Whitfield will graduate from LCC a term early this year and move on to a four-year school. She leaves behind many records in the '08-'09 season including 208 rebounds, 26 blocks, an 81 percent free throw average, 58 three point field goals made, and 154 three point field goals attempted.

LCC's record so far this season doesn't deny the possibility of another title. With 12-1, the Titans lead the South division of the Northwestern Athletic Association of Community Colleges in a race to the final four. "I want to leave Lane with another NWAACC Championship title," Brolsma Whitfield said. "And, since I want it, I am going to make it happen."

— Mike Partee, sports editor

TITANS 77 — UMPQUA 67

## Records are made to be extended



JORDAN BOTWINICK / THE TORCH

Sophomore guard Sarah Brolsma Whitfield (#20) and sophomore forward Theresa Brown (#30) defend against Umpqua's fast and versatile offense Wednesday, Jan. 13. Despite a slow start, the Titans downed the Riverhawks for a 73rd consecutive home win.

### Titan women look for 74

**MIKE PARTEE** | Sports Editor

The Titan women made 73 consecutive wins at home a reality on Wednesday, Jan. 13, against the Umpqua Riverhawks with a final of 77-67.

The Titans stumbled into the game against the Riverhawks and couldn't quite get their footing set in the first half, trailing 36-25 at halftime.

LCC blew into the second half like a hurricane. The team blasted through the deficit and took the lead for the first time in the game. Umpqua's defenses were reeling under the onslaught as shot after shot increased the Titans' score.

Because of three personal fouls, sophomore forward Theresa Brown didn't start the second half. "We tried to keep her from getting that fifth foul too early in the second half," Sheley said. "We really needed her there toward the end."

The Titans entered the game at 12-1 compared to Umpqua's record of 8-3. Freshman forward Andrea Anderson

looked forward to the Umpqua game with a sense of wariness mixed with eagerness. "We have to be careful of Riverhawks' lineup. They are small and fast," Anderson said. "We shouldn't have any problems because we have strong players with great height."

Coach Greg Sheley had mixed emotions after the game about his team's performance. "Umpqua played at its best potential tonight and we didn't," Sheley said. "Fortunately, we were able to bring it back in the second half and keep the lead."

Riverhawks guard Mykiera Russell zoomed around the court and seemed to be everywhere at once. "I have to be fast," Russell said. "I have to make up for my height."

LCC has had a great season so far and looks to make it greater with another NWAACC championship title. Three games this season have had points scored in excess of 100, while its last victory against Linn-Benton was a 80-42 blow-out.

Sophomore forward Theresa Brown seemed to be an unstoppable force

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against Umpqua by scoring 15 points for the Titans. "It's an honor to play on the home court for Lane," Brown said. "It's always nerve wracking, because you don't want to be the ones

who lose and end the streak." Brown set records in the '08-'09 season for scoring with 398 points and for her 298 rebounds.

"Freshman guard MaKenzie Ficek was definitely the player of the game in the second half against Umpqua with four key steals that kept Umpqua's offense mired," assistant coach Kevin Grumbly said.

"The Titans play a fast tempo, aggressive offense and we can do quick transitions with strong players," Grumbly said. "Most teams can't compete with that and don't have the ability to replace key players with quality backup like the Titans."

LCC looks forward to win number 74 on Jan. 23 against Clackamas at 4 p.m.

## Titan men shake off the dust with a win



Sophomore guard Dominique Watson soars over Riverhawk defenders to score two for the Titans who went on to win the game against Umpqua on Wednesday, Jan. 13, with a final score of 81-75 in an offense-heavy game. The Titan face off against the Lakers of Southwestern Oregon Community College on Jan. 16, in Coos Bay at 6 p.m.

JAVIER MAGALLANES / THE TORCH



## WORKSHOP

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line applications. Participants will learn about the Oregon Student Assistance Commission, Ford Family Foundation, Lane Community College Foundation, and resources for finding college scholarships as well as writing effective essays for applications.

Last year the workshop had more than 400 participants. This year organizers expect about the same amount, if not more, Aschim said.

LCC student and nursing major Chelsea Hartman is planning on attending. "I think workshops like that are extremely helpful for new students, or students that have been confused by the FAFSA before," Hartman said. "Some of the questions can be deceiving so having a step by step guide will be beneficial to a lot of people."

Perhaps the biggest problem for students attending any college is paying for it.

"I wish I could pay for college in one day," Jeni Braden, LCC Psychology and International Studies major, said. Braden is attending

Shasta Community College online, located in California, and LCC. She said her biggest concern right now is that she lacks financial aid.

"There wasn't a workshop in California that helped students with filling out scholarship applications," Braden said. "I would've gone, though, if there had been. It would've been really helpful."

Students can register for the workshop through ExpressLane. The Course Registration Number is 32142. Students who are considering attending LCC in the future or community members can register by calling LCC Continuing Education at (541) 463-5252.

Participants should bring their 2009 tax information and financial records. A lunch is also recommended if staying more than a couple hours.

More information and a complete schedule can be found online at <http://lanec.edu/ces/events.htm>

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## ENROLLMENT

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to buy books during the first week of classes highly affects parking, Kathrine Vos, director of public safety and housekeeping operations, said.

"It's been very busy and people have been very creative in trying to find a parking spot," Vos said. She believes Winter term has been a bit busier than Fall.

Students are blocking others in and even obtaining handicap stickers from disabled and deceased family members, she said.

"We've done everything we can to add additional overflow parking lots," Vos said.

But the campus still fills up, despite the addition of several hundred spaces. Between 9-11 a.m. it is nearly impossible to find a legal spot to park, Vos said.

Bus riders are also feeling the congestion.

Lane Transit District spokesperson Andy Vorbora said bus riders say that the LCC routes can be cramped at times.

"Certainly the ridership has been strong out at LCC," Vorbora said. "It's been really

solid."

Vorbora said students should take earlier buses if they have the flexibility because it can mean a lot for comfort. The next step is for LTD and Associated Students of Lane Community College to discuss more frequent service, he said.

Keeping the campus clean is another problem, according to Vos.

"The more people you have – the more dirt you have," she said.

Vos said that the increase in students has lead to the school hiring and extra five to 10 housekeepers.

Recycling coordinator Mike Sims said that his department has seen roughly 25-30 percent more material since summer and that slowed response times at first.

"The Fall term was busier for us because of the transition out of summer," he said.

Sims said that winter would not be as difficult because he now knows what to expect and plans to rely on procedures set up in the fall.

## BROWN

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At 10:30 a.m., Brown continued to Stan Taylor's "Peace and Conflicts" class.

Associated Students of Lane Community College's State Affairs Director Melissa Richards introduced Brown to the political science class.

"There's a special election coming up on Jan. 26, and we want to make sure that students are voting in that," Richards said. "It will determine increases or cuts to the state budget to the tune of \$733 million."

Richards informed students that they would have to register to vote again any time a change of name, address or party affiliation occurred. She addressed the class about the importance of student votes.

"November of 2008 was supposed to be a high student voter turnout," Brown said. "It was actually only 49 percent – which was better than normal, but that means that only

one out of two students voted."

According to Brown, voters over the age of 60 have a 90 percent turnout.

She continued to impress that the priorities of the over 60 age group were probably not going to be funding for higher education or low interest rates for student loans. She wants students to vote in the upcoming election on Jan. 26.

Brown was elected in November 2008 after serving in the Oregon legislature for 17 years. Her responsibilities included overseeing Oregon elections, campaign finance and initiative laws.

She started her work in the legislature as a lobbyist for the women's rights coalition in 1991. She had her first session in legislature at the age of 31 after winning the election by seven votes.

"Every vote really does matter," Brown said.

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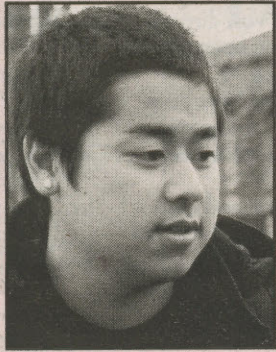
## THINK ABOUT IT

## “How are you going to make this year better than last year?”



**Lexis Taylor**  
Sociology

“This is my first year at Lane, so I’ll be turning in all my homework and trying to get an ‘A’ in my classes.”



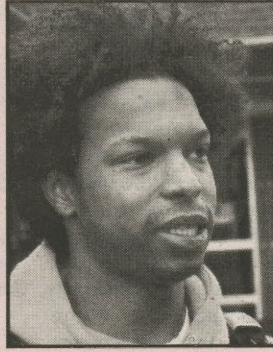
**Sean Kim**  
Business

“Study more and study harder.”



**Kenneth Altsatt**  
Energy Management

“This year I’m going to be doing my homework more.”



**Donte Sanders**  
Business

“I’m going to study more and apply myself at the library – stay on campus a little longer because when I am not on campus I don’t really study.”



**Andrea Bryson**  
Psychology

“Just a lot more freedom and doing what I want to do on my own time and I like being able to pick my schedule.”



**Karmen Lappin**  
Transfer

“I am not working so I’ll have more time to study, and I’ll be taking the bus so I won’t have to be worrying about parking.”

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- ➡ 4. Titan women win their 73rd consecutive home game against Umpqua Community College *See story page 6*
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