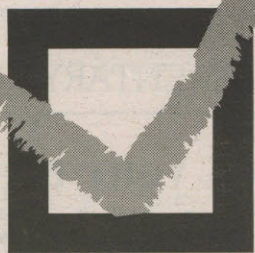


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A public forum for the students of Lane Community College since 1964

Panel urges student voter participation

JAMES ANDERSON | Editor in Chief

The Color the Vote student voter registration team organized a discussion panel on Thursday, Jan. 21, that included Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy.

KMTR Anchor Marc Mullins emceed the panel, which included Piercy and several other student voter advocates in the Eugene area.

Mullins introduced the panel members before asking them questions on such subjects pertaining to the importance of voting, showing up for elections and being heard on important issues. After this, the panelists took questions from the audience.

When Mullins posed the question, "How have you seen Eugene impacted by taxes and ballot measures in the past?" Piercy responded, "There is no past, because as long as [ballot measures] exist, they still affect you. The ballot measure that passed [in the early '90s] that cut property taxes and reduced funding for our schools — the lack of funding for higher education — we're still feeling that."

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Color the vote

How they did it

JAMES ANDERSON | Editor in Chief

Students belonging to several different LCC organizations came together to form a group called Color the Vote. The group had one objective — to unite under-represented student voters and community members.

The Color the Vote team organized speaker panels that included Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy, former Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber and Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown.

The team spoke to several classes on the importance of voting, and held a pancake breakfast to promote the importance of voting for the students on Measures 66 and 67.

LCC ranked third in the state for

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Where It's At

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Willow Lindsay accepts proceeds for the Haiti relief fund. Tasty treats were sold by ASLCC and OSPIRG Wednesday. The student organizations jointly raised more than \$500 during the sale, surpassing their goal of \$1,000 in proceeds for the Red Cross.

Saturday series of classes geared toward baby boomers

Successful Aging Institute offers hands on classes at LCC

CHRIS COOPER | Reporter

The Successful Aging Institute at LCC is offering a variety of classes in March to anyone looking to learn a little more about topics ranging from American Indian Culture to media networking.

The classes that SAI will offer are geared toward adults 40 and older, but are open to anyone wishing to attend.

The four classes that are being offered are American Indian Cultures: Then and Now, Get in Tune with the Classics, Fun and Easy Online Social Networking and Flavors of the Northwest.

American Indian Cultures will include hands-on arrowhead making, moccasin sewing, bead working, and going over instruction and meaning to traditional American Indian dance.

"This class will also cover American Indian culture from the past to the present," program director Barbara Susman said.

There will be a live quintet present for the class entitled, "Get in Tune with the Classics," and they will be performing music from various composers. The class will also cover world events that influenced the composers' works, according to a press release.

Where It's At

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CONTRIBUTED BY BARBARA SUSMAN

Students participate in a class called Flavors of the Northwest, a hands on course that involves cooking and tasting food from the region.

Blogging, "tweeting," YouTube and Facebook will be covered in the hands-on course regarding online social networking.

"Basic computer skills are necessary," Susman said when

referring to the class covering media networking.

Flavors of the Northwest is one of the more popular classes offered and is a hands on course that lets people cook and

taste foods from the region.

The four classes will run March 6, 13 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on LCC's Main Campus and will cost \$39. To register for these classes contact the SAI at (541) 463-4634 or at <http://lan-ecc.edu/sai>.

Free previews of the classes are being offered at River Road Park and Recreation District on Feb. 1 at 11 a.m., and at the Campbell Community Center Feb. 2 at 3 p.m.

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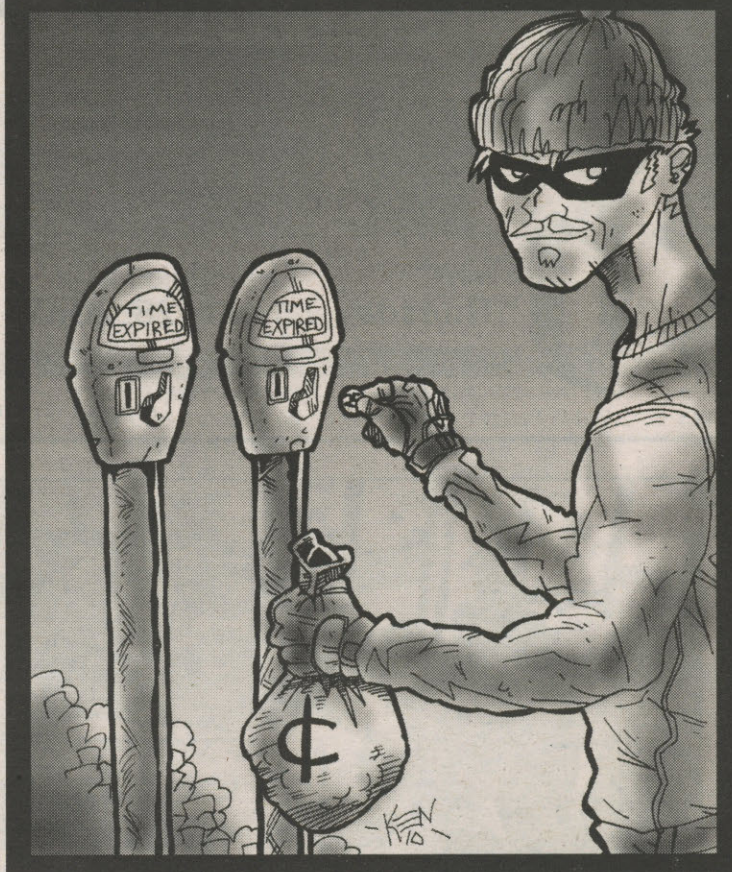
The following information appeared in the Jan. 14 edition of The Torch: **A front page story noted that five to 10 extra housekeepers have been employed due to increased enrollment. This was a miscommunication. Actually, these housekeepers were hired on a temporary basis for summer help. No addition full-time positions have been added.**

We regret this misunderstanding and strive to provide accurate information. If you believe we have overlooked something, please call (541) 463-5881.

WTF?

by Kenny Ashcraft

Have you seen this man?



GUEST COMMENTARY

Law, politics, and society ... as I see them

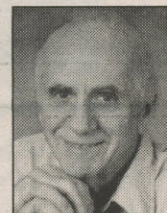
It is natural to want things to be our way. It is also natural for other people to disagree with us when they want things to be a different way. That is just the way the world works. How we respond to this is a matter of choice on our part. Many of us have learned to respond to disagreement by others as a threat to our achieving what we want – in some cases even a threat to our very existence. We see a “dog eats dog” world and we have to fight for our survival. As long as we look at the world that way, life will always be a struggle and war will always exist.

We don't need to give up acting in our own self-interest to find a better solution to this dilemma. All we need to do is realize that it is in our own best interest to find a peaceful resolution to the conflicts arising in our life and then act in such a way that the other party(s) involved will be able to come to the same realization.

Nonviolent conflict resolution

is something we started formally when we created the legal system. Our legal system has served us well in solving our differences within our own community. If we expand our idea of our own community to include the whole world we can develop a system of conflict resolution that will allow us to resolve our differences in a positive and non-threatening way. Once we do this, winning through force will no longer be the most effective conflict resolution tool – and we will be able to resolve our differences peacefully.

Dean Van Leuven has a Ph.D. in law and teaches the “Emotional Intelligence” class at the LCC Downtown Center.



Dean Van Leuven
Guest columnist

COMMENTARY

The next great epidemic

Proper eating and exercise habits can prevent disease

Recently, retailers around the country have made more of an effort to accommodate plus-size shoppers. In a story published in USA Today on Jan. 21, chains like Kohls, J. Crew and Coldwater Creek have been stocking inventory to meet the needs of a market usually seen as niche.

This news also comes at a time when the Center for Disease Control and prevention published a report indicating that 34 percent of U.S. adults are obese and 64 percent are classified as overweight or obese.

Of course, it's essential that everyone feel comfortable going into a store without feeling ostracized, but at what point do we address the larger issue? This is indicative of our lack of emphasis on health and fitness. When roughly two thirds of the nation's people are considered overweight or obese, something must be done.

In 1998, the New York Times

reported that schools facing budget deficits around the country either shortened or cut recess altogether in order to shorten school days. Exercise and physical stimulation should be a priority in the development of a child.

When you look at the debate on health care, childhood education of nutrition and exercise is one way for the country to curb the steadily climbing cost of treatment for preventable conditions like diabetes and high cholesterol. Targeting bad eating and exercise habits early could save Americans millions in health care costs when they grow older.

I'll admit – it's tough to put down the pizza and toasted subs and substitute them with high-fiber, low sodium alternatives. Think about the alternative – do you really want to give yourself an insulin shot twice a day? I know I don't.

Americans have nothing to lose from exercising and eating properly. Yes, it requires a bit of a commitment, but it's a commitment worth making.



Eder Campuzano
Managing Editor

COMMENTARY

Feed your head

Giving in to the idea of individuals first as a society is the first step to destruction. How do we change this? One thought is that we become involved in the local politics in the area, this has been previously entered as a possible source of food for your head. The next idea however is one more akin to the Boy Scout motto of “Be Prepared.”

Get involved in your community by cultivating a skill. In small communities in which many Lane students reside, skills are a valuable asset. For example back in the late '40s the Willamette Valley had been in the midst of WWII, and a flood occurred.

The power was down. People were isolated and telephones were not only new to the rural areas, but non-operational as well. In those times of desperation one group of skilled individuals shined. The other members of the group have been lost in time as memories fade, but one account remains.

Hannah Koch of Junction City was living in rural Lane county between Noti and Veneta when the flood was at its worst, she saw the problems that her neighbors endured without a source of communication. Being a H.A.M. operator for several years she decided to do what she could with her skill, be a communication point for her area.

Hannah contacted other H.A.M. operators in the area and organized a communications ring that would coordinate with emergency services and the effort to deliver goods or evacuate to higher ground if needed. These individuals banded together for several weeks to make sure that the people in their community were taken care of.

The actions of few drew people together as a community and strengthened the ties of neighbors for decades. Sure, operating a H.A.M. radio may seem antiquated in the scheme of things, what with cell phones being as prevalent as they are, but there are many other skills to immerse yourself.

There are skills that can be beneficial to you and be useful to others. For the outdoorsy type; you can learn about edible plants or the habits of forest creatures, become a guide in your free time, take local men/women hunting or fishing. Take the local elementary kids on a nature walk. (With the proper permission of course.) If you happen to be of the indoor persuasion try an emergency scanner.

You have all heard these scanners in the movies. They can be bought at Radio Shack for varying prices. The codes that make it all sensible are available on the infamous Internet. Really, the possibilities are endless. Find a creative way to feed your head with useful information and skills that can benefit you and the community more than perhaps Comedy Central or online gaming.

VERA VERITAS

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

No transportation fee means no free rides

A response to Lillith Lincoln-Dinan's letter entitled 'No campus class, no buss pass,' Jan. 21, 2010

Lilith, wow, what a dedicated student you are. My husband and I have so far put four children through LCC and our fifth one is currently attending. Let me tell you, I can relate to wanting to get the full use out of each and every fee I have paid over the years.

I remember just waiting until they got that bus pass. The one fee that you did not mention, among all the fees that you are paying as an online student, is the transportation fee of \$26 that it appears may not be assessed on students not enrolled in 'on campus' courses. I can understand that many online-only students would not want to pay that fee if they have no need to be on campus on a regular basis or otherwise use the bus.

One solution to your dilemma is to ask that you be allowed to have the option to pay the \$26 transportation fee as an online student so that students such as yourself can enjoy the benefit of the busses.

Keep up your enthusiastic involvement with college activities and I hope you will get this matter resolved.

*Beth Mali
Creswell, Ore*

THE SENTRY | PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

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

Monday, Jan. 11

Follow up: 9:42 a.m. — Public Safety checked on a vehicle in a Main Campus parking lot without license plates. A license plate check revealed the vehicle as stolen, confirming the vehicle as stolen or recovered by the victim. Follow up confirmed that the vehicle was in the possession of the victim.

Medical emergency: 11:28 a.m. — Public Safety received a call about a student who fell and twisted his ankle on the stairs of the Titan Store. The Health Clinic transported the student for checkout.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Assist outside Dept: 9:11 a.m. — A Downtown Center instructor felt threatened when a family member told her he would “get her” at class.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

Disorderly subjects: 10:50 a.m. — A faculty member called Public Safety concerning a student in the culinary department. The student, 35, appeared to be under the influence of a substance and was disruptive.

Thursday, Jan. 21

Escort: 3:51 p.m. — A female student requested a Public Safety escort to her vehicle because her ex-boyfriend was in the area.

Person contact: 7:39 p.m. — A homeless person was smoking a cigarette within inches of the front door of the Downtown Center and was trying to blow smoke into the entrance. When asked to smoke 25 feet away from the door by Public Safety, the man refused.

Emphasis on action

OSPIRG aims to tackle high-speed transportation, Haitian relief and open-source textbooks

CHAS CASSIDY | Assistant A&E Editor

The LCC Oregon State Public Interest Research Group kicked off the new year of activism with its Jan. 19 meeting.

OSPIRG will tackle a number of pressing issues this year including high-speed transportation, Haitian relief, open-source textbooks and homelessness.

“Hunger and homelessness is a big issue,” Hunger and Homelessness Coordinator Diego Davis, who spoke to new members at last Tuesday’s meeting, said. “People go hungry every day. Especially the kids — they miss too many meals.”

Davis hopes to raise \$500 for the Red Cross.

In addition to these concerns, OSPIRG hopes to close the only remaining coal plant in Oregon, which is scheduled to close in 2020.

“We want to get it closed by 2014,” Taylor

said. “That’s our new goal.”

OSPIRG is a student-run and funded organization is dedicated to bettering Oregon through community outreach and education. The LCC chapter, headed by Mike Reagan, is collaborating with grassroots organizations on and off campus.

“Individuals have a limited amount of power,” political science instructor Steve Candee said. “If we want to effect change, we have to organize.”

Internship possibilities would provide students with an opportunity to receive credit for their activism, benefiting both the student and cause.

Among the most vital purposes of OSPIRG is its ability to provide a framework for efficient activism.

“Grassroots organizations that are organized ... can have a tremendous effect on the legislature,” Candee said.

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student voter registration, beating Oregon State University and falling behind University of Oregon and Portland State University, according to ASLCC State Affairs Director Melissa Richards.

Color the Vote members gave 75 classroom presentations, Campus Events and Multicultural Programs Coordinator April-Kay Williams said.

Statewide, organizations registered 14,000 voters. ASLCC will rally at the state capitol, lobby and testify at hearings about the importance of funding for education.

“If students vote, they can make a change,” Williams said. “They can make a difference.”

Color the Vote Team —

April-Kay Williams
Sam Bennington
Niela Mcleod
Wesley Smith
Mario Parker-Milligan

News Briefs

Companions wanted for seniors

The Federal Senior Companion Program provides a tax-free hourly stipend of \$2.65 per hour to low-income adult volunteers, age 55 or older. The companions provide one-on-one outreach to frail, elderly and disabled adults for 15-40 hours per week.

To get involved, call Diana Gatchell at (541) 463-4630 or visit <http://www.lanecc.edu/scp>.

MLK award goes to Next-Step Recycling

Associated Students of LCC awarded NextStep Recycling with the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. award. NextStep founder Lorraine Kerwood is a distinguished alumni. Read more about her online at <http://tiny.cc/S3MZD>.

New bike racks installed on Main Campus

A new bike rack has been installed on the main sidewalk from Parking Lot N near Building 7. Two other bike racks were also installed near the Lane Transit District bus terminals in the west entrance of campus.

Where It's At

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Energy program wins camera

Josh Manders, project specialist in the energy program, recently won a brand new infrared camera for the energy program through a contest held by Tequipment.net. The camera is used to investigate faults within a building structure and check for electrical and mechanical faults. The camera retails for \$2,995.

LCC offers open house to high school students

1,500 expected to attend annual Lane Preview Night

SARA HOHENBERGER | Features Editor

Prospective high school students and their parents will get a chance to find out what LCC has to offer them. On Wednesday, Feb. 10, LCC will host its annual recruiting event Lane Preview Night.

The prospective students will meet faculty, learn about the many programs the college has to offer, and have a chance to win prizes such as bookstore merchandise and tuition certificates.

Lane Preview Night has been an annual event since 2004. In the past it was hosted at North Eugene High School, but since 2006, it has been held at Main Campus. Students have come to Lane Preview Night from all over Oregon, but most come from the Eugene and Springfield areas.

David Van Der Haeghen is the Student Recruitment and Outreach Coordinator and

has been running Lane Preview Night for two years.

Van Der Haeghen wanted to get the word out about Lane Preview Night on LCC’s website. “So many people get their information online these days,” he said. “That has really helped us get the word out to more people and attract more people from across the state.”

The goal of Lane Preview Night is to showcase what the college has to offer and let prospective students decide if they want to attend. “The best thing we can do is serve them and answer their questions and let them know if this is a good option for them,” Van Der Haeghen said. “That is really the goal of the program.”

“Money Matters” is one of the sessions

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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 room 210B in Bldg. 1 for further information. Applications are due on January 29th 2010.

•LEGCON.

Large Legislative Conference held in Washington D.C. focusing on grass roots organizing. Spring Break. For further information, speak with ASLCC representatives or Bette Dorris in Bldg. 1 Room 210.

•ASLCC is looking for Student Senators.

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

•Solutions committee meeting from 12:00-2:00 pm in Room 212 Bldg. 1 Next meeting is on February 5th.

•ASLCC Student Government Senate meetings

held in Room. 206 Bldg. 3, every Monday from 3:30-5:30pm.

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Oregon voters approve tax increases

Ballot Measures 66 and 67 pass with a 54 percent majority

EDER CAMPUZANO | Managing Editor

Oregon voters chose to avoid a potential \$733 million shortfall for state services when they passed Measures 66 and 67 by a 54 percent majority. Lane County voters passed the measures with a 64.6 percent "yes" vote.

"I'm very pleased we've averted a tragic situation," Oregon State Rep. Nancy Nathanson, D-Eugene, said.

The measures raise taxes on high-income Oregonians and corporations. If both measures failed during the Jan. 26 vote, LCC would have faced a multi-million dollar shortfall. The college's share of the state shortfall would have been approximately \$3 million, but there was no guarantee that's how legislators would have allocated the shortfall.

"If you saw the state of public schools now, it'd be hard to be opposed to this," Stand for Children Director Joy Marshall said. The organization is a grassroots public education advocacy group.

For Associated Students of LCC President James Manning, the passage of Measures 66 and 67 means he can shift his focus from advocating voter registration to lobbying for student rights in Salem.

"It's time to move on," Manning said. "We can't stop advocating for students now. The 'yes' and 'no' camps are done campaigning, but we've still got a lot of work to do."

Service Employees International Union Local 503 hosted a "Yes for Oregon" event in the basement of Oregon Community Credit Union on 11th Avenue in Eugene. Volunteers and politicians eagerly anticipated the vote count as it was update live on the Oregonian's homepage, <http://oregonlive.com>.

The room erupted in cheers when the Oregonian announced Measure 66 had passed by a 54 percent majority when 80 percent of the state's votes had been counted. Measure 67 had a voter approval of 56 percent at the time.

"This is not the end of the process, this is the beginning of a turn," Oregon State Rep. Phil Barnhart, D-Eugene, said to an eager crowd. "The whole country is watching what we did tonight."

During a time when jobless rates in Oregon have reached 11 percent, proposing a tax increase was a risky move for legislators, but Barnhart believes it paid off.

"Our kids and their kids can live well," he said.

After the verdict was announced, a few of the attendees at the rally popped open a bottle of sparkling wine and began serving volunteers.

"You really know you're in a college town when, even at a campaign victory party, you drink out of red plastic cups," volunteer Robert D'Andrea said.

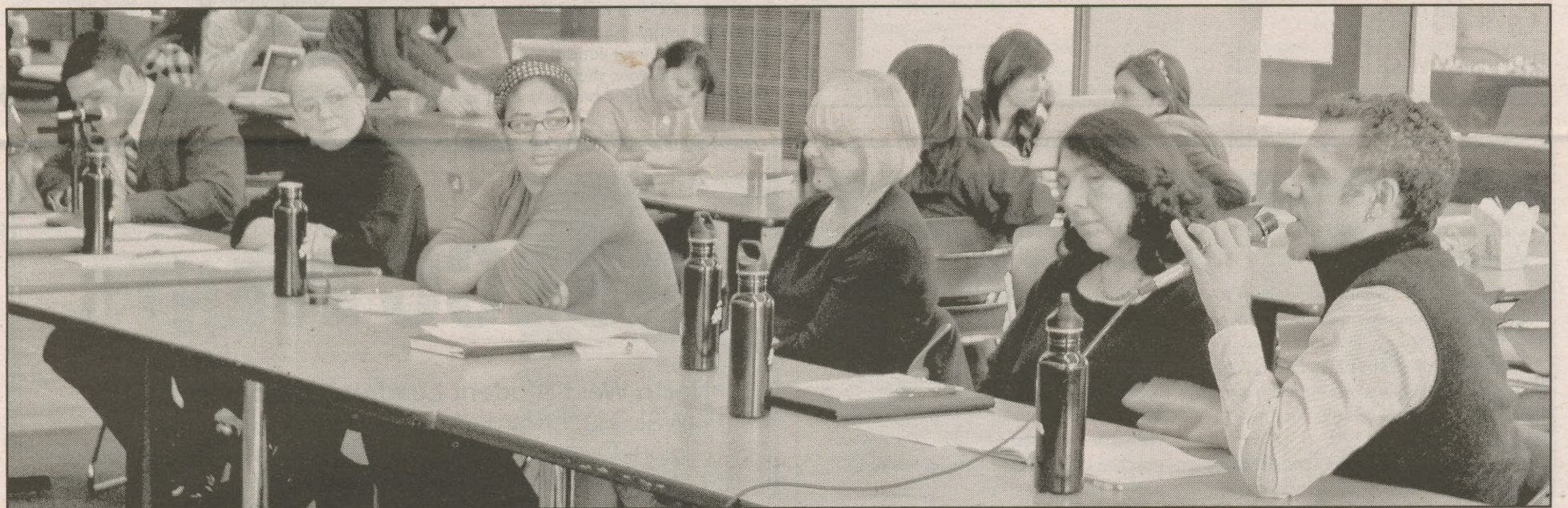


EDER CAMPUZANO / THE TORCH

Sandra Morgen and Margaret Hallock celebrate the passage of Measures 66 and 67 in the basement of Oregon Community Credit Union Jan. 26. The measures will raise taxes on corporations and the wealthy to curb a potential \$733 million shortfall for state services.

PANEL

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JORDAN BOTWINICK / THE TORCH

LCC's Color the Vote team organized the five-person speaker panel, which featured Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy. The event took place in the cafeteria on Thursday, Jan. 21, at noon.



**Eugene Mayor
Kitty Piercy**

Piercy was a teacher and community activist before being elected as Eugene's mayor.

"We used to think of ourselves as one of the top states in the nation, and now I think we're sliding past mediocrity and down — way below that. All of us have to have some passion about the future of Oregon. We need our tools — LCC, University of Oregon, to be accessible to everyone who needs to be educated, so they can have an education, get a job and raise their families. It shouldn't be based on how much money you have."



**Community Activist
Guadalupe Quinn**

Quinn advocates for human rights, especially racial and economic justice. She emigrated from Mexico in 1951, grew up in California and is active in several activist organizations.

"Another thing I think about is how confusing sometimes the measures and the ballots are and the fact that a lot of that information is only in English. This excludes a large number of folks who are citizens in this state, in this country, who may not have a handle on the English language. I don't know about any of you, but when you get those pamphlets, I don't even understand it in English."



**Eugene Equity and
Human Rights Manager
Raquel Wells**

Wells has a master's degree in Social Work from Portland State University. She has worked with youth of color to address the academic achievement gap, facilitates a support group for trauma survivors at the Trauma and Healing Center and teaches in the Women in Transition program at LCC — while raising a family.

"The most successful [efforts] are when youth work with other youth to garner support. Getting people to register, getting them to understand that their vote counts ... and also building coalitions — so that youth from other communities can see that our issues are linked with yours. When we as a community and youth see themselves as connected, we're more powerful."



**Eugene County
Commissioner candidate
Pat Riggs-Henson**

Riggs-Henson sat on the LCC Board of Education for 14 years and worked with Lane Workforce Partnership program and Lane County labor council as Chief Officer.

"At this point, when you have twelve plus ballot measures, and half the time if you vote, 'yes,' it means, 'no,' and the other times it's 'no' means 'yes,' the only way you can make yourself empowered is through education. And that's what you're doing when you come to these [panels], when you talk to everyone around you — in your family, in your churches, your homes — this is something that makes you empowered."



**Petersen Barn
Program Supervisor
Peter Chavannes**

Chavannes is the Petersen Barn Program Supervisor and has been involved with other youth programs such as ACT-SO and Youth to Make it Happen.

"I would want everyone to have the experience of standing in solidarity. I was a teamster for a while, and I was on strike. I've marched across the Golden Gate Bridge with 100,000 other people, and there's nothing like that experience."

Making a difference through mentoring



Committed Partners for Youth events

"Social Thursday" Mentor Recruiting Night

Jan. 28

5:30 p.m.

Pizza Research Institute

"Why Mentoring Matters"

Feb. 2

5:30 p.m.

Contact: Shawn Warren
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Volunteer Opportunities:

Contact: Patti Hansen
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The CPY-BBBS offices are located at 935 Oak St. in Eugene.

Local organization provides volunteer opportunities, life-long friendships

SERENA PIPER | Reporter

Students who want to make a difference in the lives of other by volunteering will find ample opportunities at Committed Partners for Youth, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lane County, an organization located in the heart of Eugene.

There is only one CPY-BBBS in the country – and Eugene has it. Children have been influenced by their presence and their work. Adults have been influenced by the opportunity to make such a difference in the life of a child.

CPY-BBBS is a non-profit mentoring agency that helps youth in need in the Eugene/Springfield area. Through its partnerships with elementary and middle schools, social services agencies and the juvenile court system, the program serves youth ages 6-17.

Parents call the organization daily asking for a mentor for their child, hearing through the grapevine just how life changing it can be. There is a waiting list of children wanting and needing a mentor – especially boys.

Currently CPY-BBBS is working only with children who are impacted by incarceration from a parent or the child itself. They also run a small mentoring program for adolescent girls aging out of the foster care system.

"We really don't have the money in this moment to help every parent who calls," Executive Director Susie Walsh said. "We are limited to working with children impacted by incarceration or a small number of girls aging out of foster care."

Volunteer mentors are greatly needed. From October 2009 through September 2010, in order to receive a new grant for the program, CPY-BBBS's challenge is to match 117 new children with mentors.

Youth may also be referred to the organization because they may have a parent or primary caretaker incarcerated within the criminal justice system, or they are struggling academically or socially in school.

"Offering these youth a caring volunteer adult mentor can positively affect their outlook on life and help give them hope for their future," Walsh said.

The process starts with a volunteer, at least 20 years old, who is matched with a youth.

The volunteer must go through training in which communication tools are shared, like positive reinforcement, trust-building and how to assist in the achievement of goals.

After a six-hour training and several other application requirements, including a background check, the volunteer connects with their youth and a friendship is formed.

A commitment of spending 10-15 hours a month with their youth is part of the volunteer-mentor responsibility.

Volunteer-mentor Sara was matched with her youth, Amy, in 2003. Amy was just turning 14.

What followed was the first phone call from Sara. She wanted to introduce herself and ask Amy what her plans were for the upcoming week. "I think the first thing we did was go and have ice cream," Amy remembers.

She and Sara did fun things like bowling, painting pottery at Brushfire, a do-it-yourself ceramic and glass studio, feeding ravenous ducks at Alton Baker Park, and sometimes just hanging out and playing Nintendo Wii. Through CPY-BBBS, they were also able to go see "The Nutcracker" at the Hult Center, take rock-climbing lessons and tie-dye their own shirts.

"The things we got to do through CPY were so cool," Amy said. "I knew that every time I got to hang out with Sara, we would have fun."

Other activities volunteer-mentors get to do with their mentees include going to Putter's Mini Golf, the Downtown Athletic Club and different museums around town.

A lot of these activities have sponsors who will happily hand out gift certificates or freebies to a mentor-mentee pair in need.

Amy was introduced to CPY-BBBS through her middle school counselor. Almost daily, she would show up to school depressed and just "wishing I was someone else," she said.

Amy has two older twin brothers who became involved with drugs and alcohol when they were young. They hung out with the wrong crowd, were in and out of rehab and



Committed Partners for Youth, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lane County takes both mentors and mentees out for recreational excursions throughout the year. The collaboration of these two organizations is the only one of its kind in the nation.

were constantly at John Serbu Youth Campus – a juvenile corrections facility.

Because of the problems with her brothers and the constant stress her family was under, Amy's parents divorced when she was 15.

"Basically, every day was a nightmare," she said. "I dreaded the weekends because that meant I had to be home. When Monday came, I was incredibly happy to have an escape from my family."

Most CPY-BBBS mentoring programs formally last a little longer than a year. However, some matches like to continue the partnership after that time is up.

"My mom was so surprised when Sara still wanted to hang out after our year-long match was over," Amy said.

As they hung out more often, their friendship became very easy. "I looked forward to hanging out with Sara because it was sort of like a release," Amy said. "I could sort of de-stress and just have someone to talk to. I don't really know where I'd be without a mentor like Sara and CPY."

Being a mentor, Sara has also felt very thankful for the opportunity. "Amy has taught me things, too," Sara said. "She has encour-

aged me to go back to school and get my degree."

Seven years later, Sara and Amy still hang out as often as they can. Sara is returning to graduate school and if planned right, she and Amy will graduate with different degrees at the same time. They hope to celebrate by backpacking through Europe.

Having a mentor makes a huge difference in every child's life. It means being there for their youth, or mentee, for all the big things – graduations, interviews and moving to different houses. They're also there for other things in the mentee's life, like getting good grades, staying on track and staying away from drugs and alcohol.

A lot of the youth going through the program have had hard things to cope with, and are probably still doing it alone.

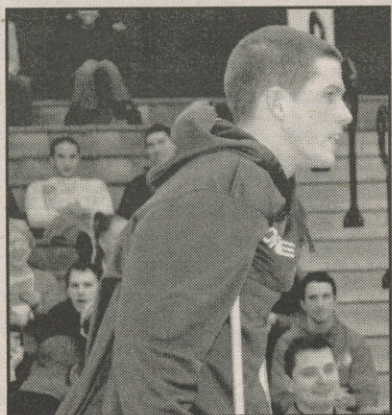
Some, like Amy, have siblings who are affected by drugs, alcohol and getting arrested many times. Some have a parent who is incarcerated. Some are homeless and need all the help and encouragement they can get.

CPY-BBBS may be able to offer college credit to volunteers. Skills learned in the program will be applicable to resumé.

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TITAN ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Kirk Forstrom

Fan favorite Kirk Forstrom keeps team up with enthusiasm

Titan basketball coach Bruce Chavka didn't hesitate when he nominated freshman forward Kirk Forstrom for athlete of the week.

"Kirk is a strong player with a lot of great potential," Chavka said. "It's going to be fun watching him and seeing what he can do."

Before joining the Titans' squad, Forstrom made a name for himself as an athlete at Westview High School where he participated in track and field. He played basketball when he was not in track.

Coach Patrick Coons of Westview High School was quick to praise Forstrom. "Kirk was a reserve for us on a very good basketball team. He was a key reserve."

"Kirk was very athletic at the post position and was very active. He could step out and shoot three's, run up and down the court on fast breaks ahead of the other post players, and could handle the ball well. He certainly was a quick post player."

"Kirk played with a lot of enthusiasm. It was easy to tell that he just really enjoyed basketball," said Coons. "When he wasn't practicing there was a good chance that he was somewhere else playing. He had a real passion for the game."

"Lastly, Kirk was a favorite of the fans because he was someone who could dunk the ball fairly easily and did often. It was all part of how athletic he was. He was a high jumper in our track program and was quite good at that as well."

Since coming to LCC, Forstrom has been a pivotal force in the Titans' game until a foot injury in the game against Linn-Benton brought his season to a premature halt.

Forstrom still attends practices and is at every game to cheer on his teammates. After the recent loss against Clackamas, Forstrom wished he could have been on the court.

"It's a 40-minute game, you can't play any less than 40 minutes if you're trying to win at least," Forstrom said. "It's almost like there is a wall there that we're trying to get past."

When there is 10 minutes to go in the second half, we need to be playing as strong as if we had just started, rather than using up everything we had in the first half."

Forstrom has hopes of continuing to play basketball for the rest of his life. If that should fail he will go back to University of Oregon and finish a degree in mathematics.

— Mike Partee, sports editor

Titans pull upset, 82-76

Men's team triumphs over Mt. Hood Saints

MIKE PARTEE | Sports Editor

The Titan men entered the court with grim determination and the hope that this time would be different. The Mt. Hood Saints couldn't stop LCC from pulling a major upset with a final of 82-76.

The team's powerhouse Dominique Watson led the board with 32 points scored for the Titans. The sophomore guard attributed the victory to the hard practices the team endured leading up to the game.

"That's what motivated us to play hard tonight," Watson said. "No hurt. No glory."

Head coach Bruce Chavka was very animated when the timer hit zero.

"I'm ecstatic," he said. "The emphasis was to play hard for 40 minutes and we did."

The Saints were the second ranked team in the Northwestern Athletics Association of Community Colleges' south division prior to the game.

Freshman point guard Leodis Roach entered the game full of optimism about the Titans' prospects of a victory. "We have a great potential," Roach said. "We just need to get on the same page with each other. We have nine games left and we need to win them all."

Getting on the same page might just have been the missing ingredient to this team. The inability to set aside ego and work together as a cohesive force has been a breaking point for many teams.

At 6-11, the Titans needed this



JAVIER MAGALLANES/ THE TORCH

Leodis Roach drives down the court against guard Drew Johnson. Mt. Hood couldn't keep the Titans from pulling a major upset Wednesday. The Titan point guard claimed two rebounds during the game.

victory to set the mood for the remainder of the season and potentially claim a playoff spot in the NWAACC finals tournament.

"I don't think that Mt. Hood is as good as the rankings show," freshman forward Kyle Warner said before the

game. "I think Umpqua has a better team than them." Warner scored eight points for LCC.

With this victory behind them, The Titans have their sights set on its matchup against the Panthers at Portland Community College on Jan. 30 at 6 p.m.



JAVIER MAGALLANES/ THE TORCH

Despite a heavy defense by the Mt. Hood Saints that knocked LCC off of its normal rhythm, the lady Titans won their 75th consecutive home game, 71-59. Sophomore forward Theresa Brown (#30) claimed 13 rebounds and scored 16 points in the game.

Women extend win record

Third annual Jam the gym a success

MIKE PARTEE | Sports Editor

The LCC women's basketball team has a lot in common with the Energizer bunny: they just keep going and going. With an extended national record for consecutive home wins now at 75, the Titans seem to live up to their mythological namesakes.

That 75th consecutive home game win came on the eve of Jan. 27 when the Titans dominated the Mt. Hood saints 71-59. The game proved a lot tougher than LCC anticipated due to the strong defensive stance of the Saints.

In the end, the strong offensive power of the Titans hammered points onto the scoreboard.

Sophomore guard Sarah Brolsma Whitfield carried her weight and then some by scoring 17 points, while sophomore forward Theresa Brown kept

the ball in LCC's possession with 13 rebounds.

The game against Clackamas Jan. 24 was no different. The Titans had some bumbles and there were some picked off passes, but the women rallied together and pulled off another amazing 85-73 win.

Sophomore guard Sarah Brolsma Whitfield started the game with a three-pointer that set the pace for the Titans. Clackamas managed to keep the score within 15 the entire game but could only gain two short-lived leads.

The Titans weren't the only winners that night. Part of the third annual "Jam the Gym" night was a drive for Food for Lane County. Four 50-gallon donation barrels were placed outside the doors to the gym to collect donations from supporters of Titan basketball.

The barrels were nearly full when coaches pulled them into the athletic office to await pick up by the Food for Lane County representative. "Man, these things are heavy," assistant coach Kevin

Grumbley said.

Jam the Gym saw record attendance that night, a fact that didn't escape notice by the statistics table. "I've been doing this for 11 years," Steven Grumbley, father of the assistant coach, said. "And this is the most people that I have seen at a home game."

During halftime, children formed an orderly line on the court for their chance to sink a basket and win ice cream. Some of the boys and girls who flocked to the court for their shot needed a little boost from the many coaches who organized the event.

Bi-Mart donated 500 shirts with the Jam the Gym logo on them and nearly all the shirts found owners. Scores of supporters donned their shirts for the game, lending the gymnasium a sense of unity.

The topping on the cake came in the second half when the refreshed and recharged Titans thundered back onto the court to send the Clackamas Cougars running for the hills.

Students cut footloose

New club offers students the opportunity to dance

EDER CAMPUZANO
Managing Editor

Dancers have a place to kick off their Sunday shoes now that the LCC Dance Club has been ratified by Associated Students of LCC. The club meets at 2:30 p.m. on alternate Wednesdays in the Center Building cafeteria. It caters to a group of students who have, until recently, had no official space to practice their craft.

Club president Jackie Thelen didn't think of dancing as much more than recreation until she took a few courses at LCC.

"It just lit a fire inside me," she said. "It's a different sort of communication we don't necessarily use all the time."

According to club treasurer

Geo Bitgood, the difference between dance and most other practices or hobbies is that dance doesn't require "traditional" supplies like paper, pencils or computers.

"In dance your supplies are space and the human body," she said. "As students, we don't have any practice space."

Currently, the only space dance students have to practice is the cafeteria. That limits the amount of participants any given exercise can accommodate.

"We love exploring movement," Bitgood said. "That's what it's all about."

The club is currently looking for places to hold regular meetings and have prospects both on and off campus. For the time being, however, they're settling for their digs in the cafeteria.

The club strives to be inclusive and welcomes anyone with an interest in dance, for the most part.

"One of my goals is to get more people in school involved," Thelen said.

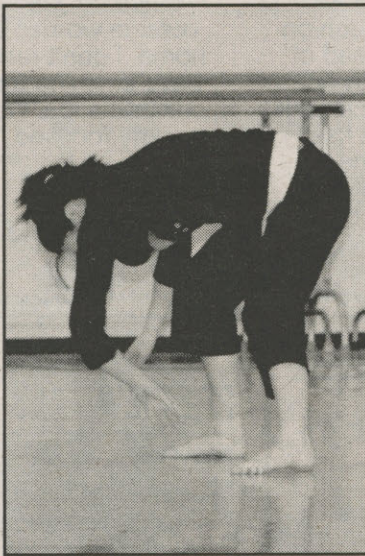
"There's no limitations," Bitgood said. "Unless you're violent."

LCC Dance Club

Where: Center Building cafeteria

When: Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m.

Contact: lccdance@gmail.com



Dance Club President Jackie Thelen busts a move during her hip-hop dance class in the dance studio in Building 5. A dance club was recently ratified by the ASLCC senate.



JAVIER MAGALLANES/ THE TORCH

Arts Briefs

"Move Over Mrs. Markum"

Far from being apathetic, LCC students have taken action to help the nation of Haiti after the crippling Jan. 12 earthquake. All proceeds from the opening night of the production "Move Over Mrs. Markham" will be donated to Haitian relief. S.P.A.'s first performance of the British comedy will be Feb. 5.

Where It's At

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Inaugural Brawl

The Emerald City Roller Girl's Inaugural Brawl will kick off the 2010 roller derby season Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Lane Events Center. Event begins at 6 p.m., doors open at 5. Tickets can be purchased at Emerald City Skates, Sweet Potato Pie, Monroe Street Café, and online at www.EmeraldCityRollerGirls.com. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

OSPIRG Film Showing

Thursday, Jan. 28 Oregon State Public Interest Research Group will show the film "Burning the Future: Coal in America," which ties into the organization's current involvement in closing Oregon's last coal plant. The film, directed by David Novack, will screen from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Building 17, Room 308. There will be free popcorn.

Where It's At

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REVIEW

Technical jargon breaks vampire flick

"Daybreakers" looks good on paper, not as great on the screen

EDER CAMPUZANO
Managing Editor

What if vampires became the majority of the world population?

This is the question "Daybreakers" poses, and while the film has the misfortune of being released

during the zenith of the re-emergence of vampires into pop culture, it has some good original ideas. It's a shame the execution of those ideas falls flat.

In the year 2019, vampires have replaced humans as the dominant species on Earth, and the latter has been harvested so extensively that they are now an endangered species. Unfortunately for the vampires, if they don't get regular doses of human blood, they devolve into deranged, bat-like creatures.

Edward Dalton (Ethan Hawke) works for a pharmaceutical company attempting to create an alternative nutrition supplement to human blood. The company is headed by Charles Bromley (Sam Neill), an entrepreneur intent on using Dalton's discoveries to justify raising the price of human blood. When Dalton sides with a clan of humans through the aid of a reformed vampire named Elvis (Willem Dafoe), lines are drawn and conflicts arise.

Films like this walk a fine line

between serious and cheesy. Those that succeed know how to either downplay or poke fun at their weaknesses. "Daybreakers" seems to go through an identity crisis. Writers and directors Peter and Michael Spierig acknowledge how ludicrous some of their concepts are through Dalton's research, but bog down the dialogue with so much technical jargon that it's nearly unbearable to watch.

The action sequences are entertaining for all the wrong reasons.

Car chases seem to occur without any evocation, and there's a particularly hilarious melee towards the end of the film where the frame rate is slowed and opera music is played to bodies flying through the air. It's highly reminiscent of "300," and that is in no way a compliment.

On paper, the concept looks pretty solid – humans seeking refuge from a government run by monsters, aided by Willem Dafoe wielding a crossbow. It's a shame the Spierig brothers couldn't pull it off.

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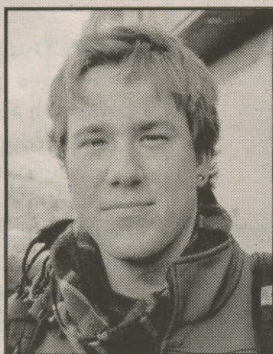
LCC's French Program and the Culinary Arts & Hospitality Program are coming together again to celebrate crêpe day. Crêpes will be on sale Tuesday, Feb. 2 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the cafeteria.

THINK ABOUT IT

"What distracts you most when you are on campus?"

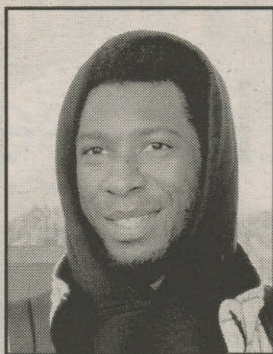
Elizabeth Christiansen
Art

"Probably the boys walking around and taking breaks between classes. I just want a cigarette and chat with people. I'm really social."



Casey Teague
Computer Science

"My phone, definitely. It's always attached to my hip at all times. I get phone calls all the time."



Anton Brown
Psychology

"Hanging out with friends too much on campus instead of actually studying. Basically, the campus environment itself can distract me. The food court is kinda distracting, too."



Tyler Starl
Art

"Thinking about outside worries at home. I don't really have anything that distracts me. I'm pretty focused."



Radhika Stein
AAOT undeclared

"Noise. A lot of noise ... People talking in class and I can't hear the teacher. And then I have some friends who are kind of loud, but I don't mind that too much."



Andrea Morris
Welding

"I usually don't get very distracted. I'm very focused in what I am doing, but phones going off in class is the main thing. That is probably why I'm used to distractions. I got used to it. You could hear I-beams dropping."

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PREVIEW

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being offered at Lane Preview Night. It is about grants, scholarships, loans, federal work-study programs and how to budget.

There is also a session called "The First Year Experience," which is designed to help prospective students ease into the transition from high school to college.

Other sessions include talks on disability resources, placement testing, 10 tips for college success and student involvement.

Van Der Haeghen believes the most popular event will be the session on financial aid.

"I always try to keep the parents and the students at the front of my brain when I design programs," Van Der Haeghen said. "What I hope for them is that they leave with whatever questions they came in with answered."

Van Der Haeghen hopes students leave

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with a sense of ease after visiting. "I really hope that they know after they leave, whether or not Lane is the best place for them," he said. "For the students who came into the program and knew already, I hope they're excited."

There were close to 1,200 in attendance last year at Lane Preview Night, but Van Der Haeghen is aiming for 1,500 to attend this year.

Lane Preview Night

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