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**ABOVE** Ben McCormick, 25, performs a stalefish grab as he enjoys another day on Mt. Bachelor during his snowboarding class. **BELOW** The mountain reflects from McCormick's goggles before he boards the lift.

# BIG AIR

*Showboarding class puts students on the mountain for credit*

**BRANDY DOMINGUEZ** | Assistant A&E Editor

**T**he mountain is the classroom and gravity is the law to be broken when it comes to students in LCC's snowboarding class.

Experienced boarders zoom through drifts of powdery snow and feel the crisp mountain air breathe around them while novices fight desperately for some semblance of balance.

"Snowboarding class has been a blast," snowboarding student Jennifer Long, 21, who has five years experience, said. "I definitely encourage other people to get into the class and enjoy it."

"I enjoy the aspect of riding with friends and having a good time," Glenn Dagleish, 21, said. "There's nothing like going into powder and being free."

There are six levels in the class. Level one beginners learn the basics. Learning to balance they're weight on the center of the board,

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## Cool buzz, sweet sounds

*Festival features brewers from all corners of the state*

**DAVID BRANHAM** | Reporter

More than 51 brewers poured into the Lane Events Center Exhibit Hall to celebrate good beer, music and education Feb. 12 and 13. The KLCC Brewfest raised approximately \$65,000 for the radio station and had more than 3,500 people in attendance. With a cheaper entry fee and the renown that comes with each succeeding year the numbers are expected to come in much higher.

"Anytime you get beer together and a whole group of people young and old all for the sake of something great, for education that's a beautiful and awesome thing," Josh Pfiem of Full Sail Brewery said.

Breathalyzer machines set up near the main exit provided a source of entertainment and safety. For \$1, a festival attendee could purchase a straw to blow

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## TRANSPORTATION

# LTD faces cuts due to budget shortfall

*Some routes may be eliminated completely*

**EDER CAMPUZANO** | Managing Editor

Lane Transit District is facing a budget shortfall of 20 percent totaling \$6.5 million over the next year. This means changes to routes, schedules and eliminations. Fortunately, few changes will impact service to and from Main Campus.

While none of the route changes are set in stone, LTD officials stress that they're all still speculative, the only proposed change to LCC service is a reduction of frequency in Route 82 trips beginning June 13. The 82 bus runs from Eugene Station, down Pearl and up 30th Avenue to Main Campus. Currently, the summer schedule has the 82 leaving Eugene Station in 30-minute intervals. If the proposed changes go through as-is, that frequency will be reduced to hourly service.

Every route and trip elimination LTD has considered includes adjustments to other routes in order to accommodate riders.

"Some people are going to need to walk a little further to get service," LTD spokesman Andy Vobora said. "But at this point, we can't say we've thought of alternatives to meet everyone's needs."

Lack of tax revenue LTD is collecting from employers due to the double-digit unemployment rate in the county and personnel costs that are rising at a rate higher than revenue increases are the

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## Lending a helping hand

*United Way provides volunteer opportunities*

**DAVID BRANHAM** | Reporter

Students seeking volunteer hours need look no further than Lane County's chapter of United Way.

A plethora of volunteer opportunities can be found by contacting the organization.

"With over 13,000 agencies in Lane County, there is something for anyone, no matter what your interests are," Volunteer Development Coordinator Kathy Arendsen said.

Volunteering doesn't necessarily require a substantial commitment of time.

"It could be a one day thing," Arendsen said.

The work available varies. Volunteers can find tasks ranging from providing care to birds of prey at the Cascade Raptor Center to helping out at

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## WTF?

by Kenny Ashcraft



### COMMENTARY

## Sweat the small stuff

In today's world, the small things are easy to miss. Take, for instance, the heavily over commercialized holiday that just passed.

With the onset of Valentine's Day, I realized that I didn't have a valentine for the first time in three years. Though I am glad that the relationship is at an end, at the same time I feel a sense of loss.

It's not for what was, but rather for the feelings of connectivity that relationships bring. It is truly a sad state when one is alone and doesn't feel the ties that a shared view offers.

Some people can not only function in a solo capacity, but excel at it. Others, like myself, find that being alone can feel like only being half a person.

For too long, I have derived my happiness from the partner I was with at the time. So when it came to being happy just for myself, I was totally lost. Valentine's Day pointed out this fact to me in all its harsh detail. There was nobody I could surprise with a small gift, so I felt sad and incomplete.

To assuage this feeling, I went to a Redbox and rented two movies that were totally my kind of thing. I took them home, cranked up the volume on the surround sound and watched them on my eight-foot projector screen. It wasn't five minutes before the empty feelings fell away and were replaced with feelings more typical to that of most men when faced with explosions and violence.

Some would say that the depression I experienced and the feelings of incompleteness are cause for alarm and are unhealthy. In my opinion, it is not only healthy to have those feelings, but it is also part of being human.

Loneliness and sadness teach us to appreciate what we have, while we have it. That way, we can understand the gift we have been given and work all the more at trying to keep it.

At the same time I miss the feelings of shared causes, I can appreciate this journey of solitude I am currently on.

Since my relationship ended nearly three months ago, I have realized some of the freedoms that I did not know that I had missed. The feeling of being the lone warrior on a battlefield who fights not for love, but for duty, is an amazing concept.

Whatever is in my refrigerator will be there the next time I open the door. It's a small and unimportant detail, but if there is ice cream up there that I put aside for later, then I want it to be there awaiting my next craving.

Lastly, this one small thing is the nicest freedom that single men the world over can appreciate — it's okay to leave the toilet seat up till next time.



**Mike Partee**  
Sports Editor

### GUEST COMMENTARY

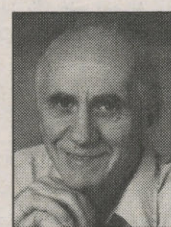
## Take charge of your own life

Most of us want to be true to our own belief systems. We want to respond the way we believe we should, rather than how we feel at the moment. Learn to follow your positive impulses in responding to situations. If you try to respond in the way you think others want you to respond, you will find it more difficult to feel good about yourself.

You probably grew up learning how to respond the way your parents and teachers told you that you should respond. You have learned those lessons from others, but you are an adult now. Now is the time to look at the way you are responding to the requests of others and make sure that you are responding the way you want to respond, not just the way you were taught. If you often don't like how you feel about what you are doing or saying, pay attention and try to determine why that is happening. Determine what changes you can make in your responses so that you will no longer be feeling negative about the actions you take.

You can learn to be in control and choose the behavior you desire. If you whine about

something, remember that you have chosen that behavior. Work at seeing how self-defeating it is to whine about things. Keep looking for the times you complain about things. Refuse to accept that behavior from yourself. Change your complaining attitude to one of observing and evaluating what is going on. The thing you change by complaining is how you feel, and how others feel about you. When you complain you make yourself feel bad. You also make everyone else feel bad. Also, you will generally get a less positive response from others when you complain.



**Dean Van Leuven**  
Guest columnist

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

### COMMENTARY

## DADT on its way out?

Score one for Dick Cheney.

During his latest Sunday morning podcast, the former vice president called for a reconsideration on the military's ludicrous Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy requiring gays in service to keep their sexual orientation to themselves — then he claimed to strongly support water boarding.

For the last few months, Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has advocated for a revision to the policy, claiming that, since the implementation of the policy under Bush Sr.'s administration, "society has moved on."

A Pew Research Center poll conducted in May 2009 concluded with 59 percent of its participants voting in favor of allowing gays to serve openly. Republican participants were split pretty equally on the subject — 45 percent favored the repeal of DADT, 48 opposed and 7 percent remained undecided.

If Congress makes the decision to repeal this ridiculous policy, it would mark a step in the right direction. The religious and social stigmas associated with homosexuality are completely outdated and based on nothing but fear and ignorance.

Even 65 percent of white Catholics surveyed by Pew Research favored allowing gays to serve openly, while 62 percent of mainline Protestants voted the same way.

Evangelical Protestants overwhelmingly voted the other way with a 55 percent opposition to a revision in DADT.

It looks like Mullen was right — maybe we've grown a little as a society since the Bush Sr. years. Now that's a pretty wonderful thought.

If only the state of California could come to the same conclusion.



**Eder Campuzano**  
Managing Editor

News Briefs

Free swine flu vaccinations

Lane County Public Health and the campus health clinic are offering free H1N1 vaccinations Thursday, Feb. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The vaccine will be available in the south cafeteria.

For more information, call Mona Arbuckle at (541) 463-5665.

Taxes are tough but help is free

Free tax help will be provided every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the south end of the cafeteria. The

help will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (541) 463-5336.

Midterms got you down?

Students looking for advice on grading options and the rest of the term can attend the Making Wise Choices workshop. Making Wise Choices educates students on GPA calculation and various grading options including pass and no pass, withdrawals and incomplete grades.

The workshop will be offered Friday, Feb. 19, 11-11:50 a.m. in

Building 1, Room 224, Monday, Feb. 22, 1-1:50 p.m. in Building 19, Room 248, and Wednesday, Feb. 24, 12-12:50 p.m. in Building 19, Room 241.

For more information, call Mary Parthemer at (541) 463-3133.

Select departments closed Friday, Feb. 19

The campus health clinic, Counseling, Advising, Testing and Career & Employment Services departments will be closed on Friday, Feb. 19, due to in-service.

Culinary arts to hold Native American dinner

To honor Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management students a dinner and silent auction will be held in the Center for Meeting and Learning on Thursday, March 4, from 5-6 p.m. The Native American cuisine dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$250 for a table of eight.

To reserve seats or tables visit <http://lanec.edu/culinary/cuisine.htm>.

For more information, call Julie Fether at (541) 463-3518

Fresh art exhibit

The David Joyce gallery in Building 19 will be displaying the artwork of John Holdway now through April 19. Holdway is one Eugene's upcoming fine artists. He uses oil and acrylic paints depicting still life.

Cafeteria cuts its hours

Due to a lack of business during the evening, the cafeteria will change its hours to 7 a.m. through 4 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, and 7 a.m. through 3 p.m. on Fridays. The new hours will start the week of Feb. 22.

Phi Theta Kappa spends Presidents' Day cleaning 30th Ave.

Honor society breaks records during latest cleanup

JAMES ANDERSON | Editor in Chief

LCC's honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, set new records for the number of volunteers and amount of garbage it collected along 30th Avenue during the afternoon of Monday, Feb. 15.

"Today we had 22 people show up," PTK Vice President Matt Ray said. "It's the most we've ever had."

"Everyone showed up on time today and worked really hard and we were able to finish really early," PTK President Trevor Moore said.

The honor society organizes a roadside cleanup every term. PTK strategically tries to plan the cleanups on holidays to ensure that participating students have the day off from school and campus will have less traffic that day.

Another record set by the organization is the quantity of garbage collected. "Today we collected 35 bags of garbage," Ray said. "One of our volunteers pulled an entire mattress out from the mountain."

Roadside cleanup records:

35 trash bags filled  
22 volunteers

Odds and ends found on roadside:

- Metal Grim Reaper statue
- Toilet lid
- Dollar bill
- Oregon Trail Card
- Cell phone
- Mattress
- Toyota emblem
- Christmas tree
- Several animal carcasses

BREW

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through that would indicate what their blood alcohol percentage was. Some groups were surprised and laughing at the amount that would show on the screen. It helped people remain aware of how easy it could be to drive above the legal limit.

"The main thing is, although it is an alcohol event, you want people to be responsible and have a good time," KLCC Membership Director Kris Fox said.

Prep work began in November for this year's festival and took a solid two months get off the ground. 362 volunteers gave their time to help run the event by taking tickets, serving food and cleaning up.

Every brewer that attended donated enough to cover the weekend. Fifty brewers contributed four to five kegs, filled with approximately 15 gallons of beer each.

Lyro Bell & His Only Friends and the Ty Curtis Band performed at 7:30 p.m., playing to the tune of patrons drinking an assortment of different brews.

One was a "collaboration" brew, a Belgian-style Cascadian dark rye ale. Ten local brewers were given a recipe for the beer and each prepared their own, submitting it to a vote of the people.

The tap didn't stop there — KLCC's largest homebrew competition so far was held behind closed doors, the winners have yet to be announced. GameStop donated the use of two Nintendo Wii consoles. Coffee and water were offered to those seeking something other than the microbrews.

The brewers seem to like doing the festival as much as the attendees.

"We like to do the festival, it gives us a chance to let people know what we do," Mike VanWyk said. By raising money for KLCC, these donors were also offered a unique opportunity for advertising.

"[Brewfest serves] a large audience, not just the college," Fox said. "Anyone is welcome to come and enjoy."

SNOW

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ride on the toe side — called "toe edge," and heel side — called "heel edge," and the stance that is most comfortable to the individual riding. Level six are those who know all there is to know. They practice flips, spins, ride on the half pipe, and explore other runs of the mountain.

The class runs from the second week of Winter term through the seventh week on Thursdays. The bus leaves Main Campus around 6:10 a.m. and returns to LCC at approximately 7 p.m. The schedule depends on what ski resort the class goes to. Every year, the class visits a different mountain — this year it's Mt. Bachelor.

Ben McCormick, 25, has snowboarded for 10 years. Though he broke his clavicle during a run, he keeps boarding. "Just have fun and go fast," McCormick said.

Snowboarding styles change with the rider and some tricks seem to take forever to master, but the key is to get out there and try and try again.

"I've been working on my toe edge," Long said. "I've been snowboarding for five years and still don't do that very well."

Free running, or free ride, is a snowboarding style that involves riding on groomed snow or floating in powder and incorporates a few jumps. Free ride boards are usually used for this type of riding. The boards are stiff and normally directionally twin-shaped. This means the tail is stiffer than the nose tip and is generally narrower and shorter. The stiffness of the board enables a fast turn in hard snow to hold. Unfortunately, it is not as agile as a freestyle board.

Freestyle boards are dedicated

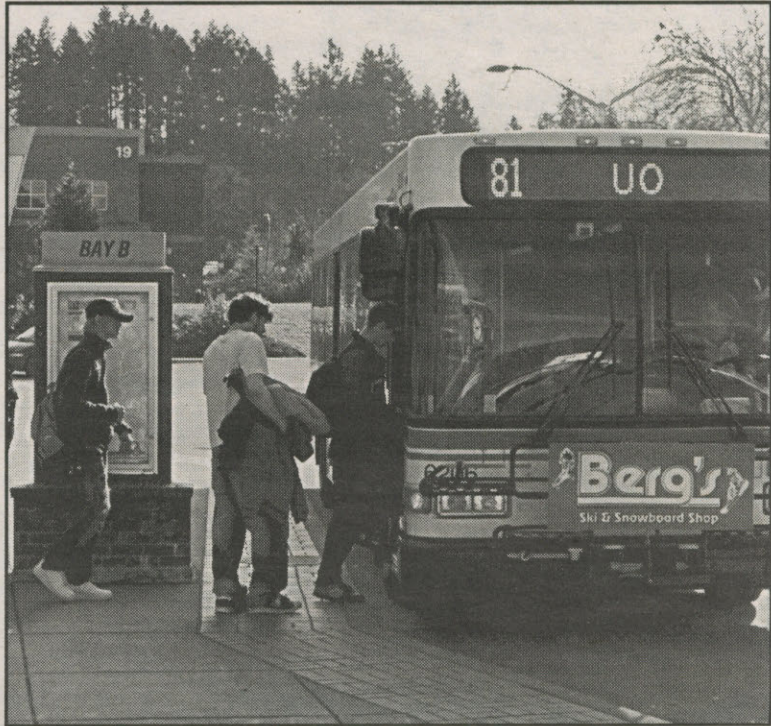
to tricks like jumps, jibs, flips and grabs in parks and half pipes. The board is therefore shorter with more flex.

It can either be twin tip or directional-twin. Twin tip means that the tail and the nose are the exact shape, making them symmetrical. This enables the rider to ride regular or goofy footed. Unfortunately, it is not good for carving turns and cruising fast, but it is user-friendly for beginners.

Regular and goofy are the most common stances in snowboarding. Riding regular means having the left foot forward and riding goofy means having the right foot forward.

People have enjoyed snowboarding on Mt. Bachelor for decades. Snowboarding is a sport that has actually been around for longer than most people think.

While snowboards have been



JACOB MARTIN/ THE TORCH

With a 20 percent budget shortfall, LTD faces the possibility of route elimination. For now, the only changes to LCC routes won't be implemented until Summer term, when the 82 bus will depart Eugene Station once an hour instead of every 30 minutes.

LTD

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primary reasons for the shortfall in LTD's operating budget

Ridership at LCC Station increased more than 55 percent from Spring through Fall term 2008 — from 1,301 daily riders on average to 2,205. January averaged 2,110 riders daily.

Usually, the first week of Fall term sees the highest ridership as students figure out their schedules and classes are added and dropped.

"October usually sees the highest ridership," LTD Service Planning Manager Will Miller said.

Trip interruption isn't extensive for LCC routes because a large

chunk of those expenses are paid by federal funds and the \$27 transportation fee Main Campus and Downtown Center students pay.

One of the biggest proposed changes is the elimination of the Breeze route, which provides frequent service between Eugene Station, Valley River Station and UO Station.

South Eugene also faces a substantial ring of cuts, with the proposed elimination of Route 25 — which provides service down Amazon Parkway and Fox Hollow Road — and a myriad of other trip eliminations.

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## New exhibit brings 'fresh' art

"Cut Pomegranate" is one of the many still life paintings by artist John Holdway. His work is currently on display at the David Joyce Gallery in Building 19, and will run through April 12.



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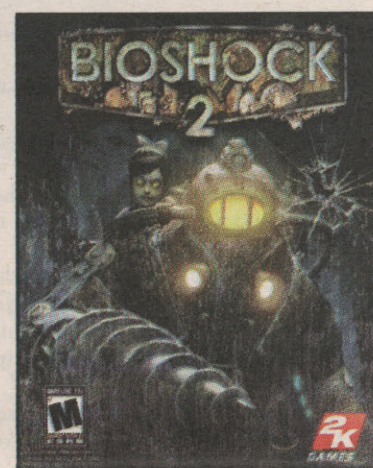


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## REVIEW



### Walk a mile in Big Daddy's shoes

*BioShock 2 sails familiar waters, introduces new friends and foes*

**EDER CAMPUZANO**  
Managing Editor

In *BioShock 2*, players return to the underwater dystopian metropolis of Rapture, but this time around, the adventure is experienced through the eyes of one of the most iconic enemies of the original game.

Set 10 years after the events of *BioShock*, the sequel is seen through the eyes of a Big Daddy — a genetically enhanced human outfitted in a deep-sea diving suit. Big Daddies are in charge of protecting Little Sisters. These denizens of Rapture are in charge of harvesting ADAM, a substance that grants humans supernatural abilities.

Controlling Subject Delta in *BioShock 2* feels much like playing as Jack in the original. The right trigger fires a standard weapon such as a machine gun, shotgun or bow gun, and the left trigger allows the player to fire a plasmid — an attack infused with a special ability.

Plasmids in *BioShock* were pretty straightforward. Electro Bolt shocked enemies, Incinerate set them on fire and Winter Blast froze them. This time around, several in-game scenarios require the player to set traps. The weapon and plasmid set have been altered to accommodate this.

For example, certain plasmids can be mixed to create whirlwinds of fire that wait for an enemy to

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# Diving in the deep end



CONTRIBUTED BY DONALD HEER

Donald Heer (left) and Shadow VanDussen are on a training dive at Clear Lake, Ore. Heer is the chief instructor for LCC's scuba class.

## Scuba course offers unique experience

STEVE ROWLAND | Asst. Features Editor

**I**t's not just another physical education class, it's another way to view the world.

After five weeks of training in the pool, classroom, and the ocean, a person in the LCC basic scuba course is awarded an Open Water Diving certification through the Professional Association of Diving Instructors, the world's largest scuba certification agency. This certification is the minimum qualification that allows graduates to dive down to 60 feet during the daylight hours anywhere in the world.

"Since a physical education class is required, why not take one that introduces you to a beautiful new world," head scuba instructor Don Heer said. He was standing a few feet from the pool while his instructors were working with a class of 20 students.

"From the basic certification you can go up the certification levels to the instructor certification. Then you can, if you so choose, live in a warm place like the Bahamas and make a living teaching scuba. Your certification is good for life and will change your world."

The cost of the five-week class includes all of the equipment necessary for the course with the exception of a dive mask (\$40-60 for many styles). The various certification levels start with open water, and continue with advanced, rescue, dive master, assistant instructor and instructor.

To become an instructor, an applicant must proceed through all levels. An instructor will have spent at least 100 hours in real-time diving experiences. This process can be

accomplished in less than two years.

"All of the necessary equipment for the class — tanks, fins, etc. — is provided. You only need to purchase a dive mask," Heer said. "Throughout the course, we emphasize safety along with having fun."

Heer's eyes strayed to his left. He called out to a student who was about to dip his entire regulator assembly into a fresh-water rinsing tank while the regulator was still open. "Are you sure you want to do that? What is wrong with that picture?" The student thought for a moment, then corrected his mistake and put his dust cap back in place. He wouldn't forget again. That's what learning is all about.

"Scuba introduces many students to a better understanding of their major studies. Perhaps you are taking biology; scuba expands it to marine biology," Heer said. "If you are taking forensics, scuba can show you about the underwater effects of deterioration. Students who are in welding, engineering, oceanography, climatology, archeology and more can benefit by seeing first-hand what is going on under the surface of our rivers, lakes and oceans."

As students came out of the pool, each had a similar statement to make about their experience — beautiful, exhilarating, awesome, and amazing. A father and son, Chris and Aaron Green, work together in the program. Chris was originally certified to dive nearly two decades ago, and decided to enroll with Aaron at LCC two years ago, when Aaron wanted to become certified to dive. They took classes together and progressed through the certification levels. Chris is now an instructor and Aaron is a dive master.

The smiles on Chris and Aaron's

faces spoke better than words of the comradeship between the two men. As other students were coming out of the pool at the end of the lesson, they too were smiling.

"Anybody can swim, but breathing underwater is exhilarating," said Mike Long, 32, a first time scuba student. His major is in water conservation.

"I like scuba because I can be like a mermaid," Holley Davis, 19, said. She's studying to become an elementary education teacher. "I'm going to continue next term and then go on until I get my Rescue Certificate."

Couples are also welcome to the class, especially since scuba is

a buddy sport. Heer said he and his instructors are very clear, "You should never dive alone!" Classes are large enough so it generally isn't long before you find someone you can buddy-up with.

"I've seen more romances start in scuba class than in any other," Heer said. "Scuba requires that the divers be responsible for each other's safety. Trust and respect go with the sport. This creates an atmosphere in which you soon learn what each other is made of."

One couple, in their 30s, are working together on their advanced certification. They plan on a scuba vacation this summer, off the

coast of southern California. The advanced certification allows them to dive down to 100 feet. One of their goals is to dive in and around shipwrecks.

"I enjoy being together ... and the freedom of swimming in weightlessness," Robert Malson, a second year drafting student said as he looked at the woman next to him.

"And I want to be with Robert," Carrie Tate, a medical student said. "After our vacation, we'll be coming back and continuing our certifications, at least through Rescue."

Scuba classes convene at the beginning of each term, four terms a year.



CONTRIBUTED BY DONALD HEER

LCC scuba students partake in a class session at Sheldon Pool. The cost of equipment rental—minus a mask—is included in the course fees. From left to right: Matt Fackler, Roald List and Kristin Agard.

# Titans keep it strong

Home game win against Chemeketa puts record at 78

MIKE PARTEE | Sports Editor

The Lady Titans took heavy advantage of Chemeketa's misfortune to win their 78th consecutive game at home on Wednesday, Feb. 17, with a final score of 98-53.

"I think we did a really good job of wearing them down," head coach Greg Sheley said. "They definitely were playing hard and hanging around."

Sophomore guard Sarah Brolsma Whitfield led the Titans with 27 points scored.

LCC put the lid on the Storm's offense and only allowed them six points in the first 12 minutes of play of the second half.

Chemeketa kept the game even until sophomore guard Shelby Leverenz of the Storm went down with a knee injury midway through the first half, which marked a turning point for Chemeketa's game play. "We have really good potential as a team," Leverenz said. "We just don't mesh well."

The Titans also triumphed over the Southwestern Oregon Community College Lakers on Feb. 13 with a final score of 104-57, despite the loss of one of their best players to back injury.

The game started off slow as both teams took their opponent's measure. The Titans had their defense online and allowed only 21 points to the visiting Lakers. The first half ended with a score of 35-21.

With the beginning of the second half, LCC returned to the court fully confident and recharged.

While maintaining a solid defense, the Titans brought their offense fully online.

The score climbed at a fast pace as the Titans

scored and stole the ball back to score again. Freshman point guard Susan Smith had five steals, while sophomore forwards Lynette Minthorn and Tiffany Rich had three.

When the Titans reached a 30-point lead on the scoreboard, head coach Greg Sheley started cycling in his reserves for some game time.

With less than seven minutes left in the game, the Lakers made a move fueled on desperation. The Titans matched their intensity and kept increasing the lead. There was just over 5 minutes left in the game when the Lakers called a time out with the score at 87-47.

A 3-pointer by Smith with just over a minute left put the Titans' score at the century mark. A foul by the Lakers on Smith added an extra point at the free throw line.

The Lakers ran down the court for two points with only seconds left. Smith brought the ball back in play and walked down the court to the buzzer, which announced the 77th consecutive home game win for LCC.

After the game, Lakers sophomore center Lindsay Sommers talked about what went wrong for her team. "We had problems with our cuts which made passing difficult," Sommers said. "We've been trying to work on our 40-minute game all season and we still have a ways to go."

Assistant coach Kevin Grumbley agrees. "They had problems with their cuts because for the first time all year our ladies were on top of their leads and kept them bracketed in," he said.



JORDAN BOTWINICK / THE TORCH

High-flyer Dominique Watson sails in to slam the points home in the Saturday, Feb. 13 game against the Lakers.

## Men dominate SWOCC, look forward to Chemeketa

Watson and Wright share the top-scorer spot

MIKE PARTEE | Sports Editor

The LCC Titans Men's Basketball team continued to play solid with their second win in a row, this time against the Lakers of Southwestern Oregon Community College on Saturday, Feb. 13, with a final score of 105-92.

The Titans started off strong and built a six-point lead, but the Lakers rallied and took that lead, holding on to it through most of the first half. With less than four minutes left in the first half, the Titans turned on the heat and brought the

score nearly even.

Freshman forward Kyle Warner made a three-point shot with less than 30 seconds left to put LCC back on top.

With time ticking away, the Titans got the ball back on a turnover and freshman guard Aric Wright raced down the court and shot the ball right before the buzzer for three more points. The first half ended with a score of 50-46.

In the second half of the game, the Titans continued to dominate the Lakers and kept up their high tempo.

All-conference sophomore guard Dominique Watson had to share the second highest scoring spot with Wright as both players scored 26 points.

Sophomore forward Lee Van Pelt of the Lakers led both teams in scoring with 28 points.

On Feb. 17, the men faced off against the number one ranked south division men's team, the Chemeketa Storm, and the men went into the game full of optimism.

"We can beat them this time," sophomore guard Darrell Wilcox said. "Last time we played them, we took them into double overtime before they were able to beat us."

Sophomore forward Justin Hartford was eager for the game. "They beat us last time," he said. "But this time is going to be different."

Results for the game can be found at <http://lcctorch.com>



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Lynette Minthorn (4) attempts a two pointer late in the game. The lady Titans' had no problem weathering the Chemeketa Storm Feb. 17.

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# Jesse Jackson inspires Eugene

*Speakers empower UO students with encouraging speech*

**DILLON BLANKS** | Copy Editor

University of Oregon's Holden Leadership Center and Associated Students of UO Multicultural Center collaborated to bring Reverend Jesse Jackson to the Erb Memorial Union Ballroom to deliver an inspirational speech. The message he delivered to students about equality, voting and how they can fight to make a difference in the world on Feb. 15 and 16.

Jackson is a civil rights, religious and political figure that founded the Rainbow People United to Save Humanity Coalition.

"The RainbowPUSH Coalition is a progressive organization fighting for social change," the organization's website stated. "As a mighty coalition of conscience; workers, women and people of color have the power to make the American Dream a Reality!"

Jackson ran for U.S. president in 1988. Although he wasn't elected, he continues to encourage individuals to vote and fight for issues.

"Use all available resources to improve your life," Jackson advises students. "One of them is



In his speech, civil rights activist Reverend Jesse Jackson touched on issues concerning race, gender, education and equality. Jackson's speech was accompanied by another from University of Arizona law professor Ana Maria Merico, who talked about experiences immigrants face in America.

DILLON BLANKS / THE TORCH

to register to vote. One's to study diligently [and] don't self destruct on drugs."

UO President Richard Lariviere and University of Arizona law professor Ana Maria Merico also spoke to the audience. Merico is a native of Buenos Aires, Argentina who has

taught in Argentina, Mexico and Spain. She also serves as faculty advisor for the Hispanic National Bar Association.

Merico informed the audience of her experience learning and growing in America. She also had inspirational words of advice for

students.

"The three points I wanted to make is — yes, you can," she said. "Be resilient, be a leader — of yourself. You open a path for the person coming after you, and then that person pays it forward and eventually it's a critical mass."

## VOLUNTEERS

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the Ballet Fantastique in a variety of positions.

"The payoff you get on both sides, for yourself and the agency or group, is amazing," Arendsen said. "Anytime you volunteer, it opens your eyes to your community."

An upcoming volunteer opportunity occurs March 17 at the Lane County Fairgrounds. Project Homeless Connect will offer assistance to those in need in by a variety of ways — one of which is receiving much-needed medical attention, according to Arendsen. Other opportunities include a project Feb. 20 to restore the Willamette River Front at Maurie Jacobs Park near the Greenway Bike Bridge from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Some newcomers may be interested in helping out at the Eugene Police Department in a few different ways or working at the Archaeological Legacy Institute in their office or working for the Lane County Ferret Lovers group.

The organization's website is <http://211lane.org> and offers a weekly volunteer spotlight which introduces individuals who have been active members within the organization. These individuals all have one thing in common — a philosophy Arendsen holds dearly.

"Pay it forward," Arendsen said. "Be a doer, don't just sit back and watch."

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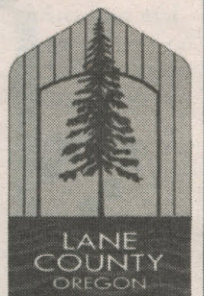
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Entertainment on the main stage at the Asian celebration consists of a variety of performances from many nations such as China and Japan. This year's celebration will include taiko drummers, Chinese lion dancers and belly dancing.

## A reflection of 25 years

*Oregon Asian Celebration 2010 unites community*

**SARA HOHENBERGER** | Features Editor

The Asian Celebration has been influential in bringing together the communities of Eugene and Springfield. This year's theme is a "Reflection of 25 years" to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the celebration.

To celebrate, the committee behind the event made a cookbook. Marvy Schuman, an LCC instructor in the Continuing Education Department, compiled and edited the cookbook in three weeks. "The cookbook is a nice way to celebrate 25 years," Schuman said.

The cookbook is designed with inexperienced cooks in mind. The recipes are divided into sections. There are 185 recipes in the cookbook.

The sections are rice and noodles, fish and seafood, poultry, beef and pork, vegetables, tofu and tempeh, drinks and desserts and much more. Schuman includes tips throughout the book to guide the cook through the recipes.

The cookbook also includes an index, cooking terms, pantry basics, herb and spice definitions, tips for baking breads and desserts, cooking time tables for vegetables and fruits, tips for buying the perfect vegetable and fruit, napkin folding, measure-

ment substitutions and much more.

The cookbook is compiled with recipes from community members. The recipes come from many different countries including Japan, Singapore, India, Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines, Thailand and China.

The Asian Celebration is one of Oregon's biggest annual events. More than 20,000 people attended the celebration in 2009. The celebration strives to celebrate all Asian cultures. The celebration is about unifying the community and cultures.

The event has many activities to keep visitors busy. There is entertainment on the main stage, cooking, martial arts and craft demonstrations, fine art exhibits, youth activities, and food and shopping.

Entertainment will include taiko drummers, Chinese lion dancers, belly dancing and many other family-friendly shows.

The 2010 Oregon Asian Celebration is Saturday, Feb. 20, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 21, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event is taking place at the Lane County Fairgrounds in the Lane Event Center.

Admission is free for children 12 and under and \$4 for ages 13 and up. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door. For more information on the event, visit <http://asiancelebration.org>.

## THINK ABOUT IT

## “How would an LTD bus service cut affect you?”



**Asha Stork**  
Social Work

“It would affect me greatly because I live in the country. I would always have to drive and that would waste gas.”



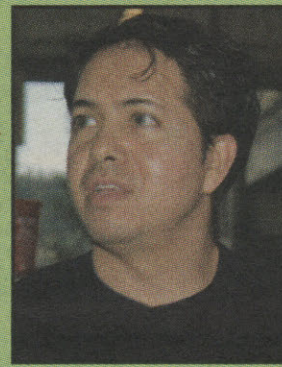
**Alexander Ester**  
Art

“I probably wouldn’t be able to get around as much. Sometimes ... it seems the bus doesn’t go far in the evening times. I can only imagine how it would affect people that live out on River Road. It keeps the city much less clogged with buses. But it makes it safer for bikers with less cars.”



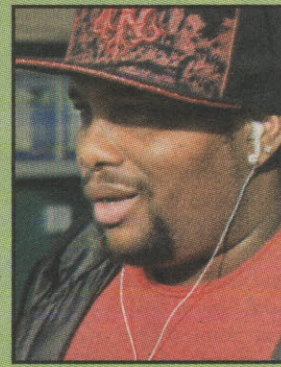
**Keina Gaylin**  
Undeclared

“I don’t really know. I know none of the routes I actually depend on are going to be cut out. But they said they would be changing times and how far the routes are going.”



**Gilbert Parra**  
Multimedia Design

“It would definitely increase the parking problem we already have here at Lane Community College. Since I drive here, that would affect me. More people would be driving and it would take up more parking.”



**Dan Cage**  
Renewable Energy

“I have not seen the specific paper work to see where they’re going to make the cuts at. But I’m sure it’s going to affect me in some way because I might need to catch the bus and now they don’t offer buses or they might cut them at ten o’clock so I might be stranded ... We still voice our concerns but they still make the cuts.”

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## BIOSHOCK

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step on them before they’re launched into the air engulfed in flames. There’s nothing more fun than setting a series of whirlwind traps in a hallway and watching every enemy that attempts to attack fly through the air.

Trip wires and proximity mines are also more prevalent in item boxes than they were in the original game. This new emphasis on traps also works well with the biggest addition to the game — multiplayer.

It wouldn’t be BioShock if this new mode didn’t redefine what we’ve come to expect from multiplayer. Every game mode is an original take on conventional multiplayer fare. “Survival of the Fittest,” for example, is an all-out deathmatch wherein the last player standing wins. “Capture the Sister” has players attempting to steal each others’ Little Sisters and placing her in a safe point on their side of the map.

None of these modes get stale, and the maps are designed so well that players must constantly be on the move if they hope to survive.

My favorite aspect of BioShock was the story, and the sequel is an excellent follow-up to that first adventure. Even though the environment is familiar, it retains the sense of mystery that made the original a classic. Cer-

### BioShock 2

MSRP: \$59.99  
Rating: M for Mature  
Developer: 2K Marin  
Publisher: 2K Games  
Release Date: Feb. 9, 2010  
Platforms: Xbox 360, PS3, PC

tain plot points from BioShock are expanded on, and several characters allude to the war between Frank Fontaine and Andrew Ryan — a major focus of the first game.

If you enjoyed BioShock, the sequel is a must-buy. This is one of two titles scheduled for release this year that I am willing to pay \$60 for.

For those of you who don’t particularly enjoy first person shooters, it still may be worth a rental. BioShock does enough things differently that certain complaints about the genre won’t apply.

*This review is based on the Xbox 360 version of the game.*

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