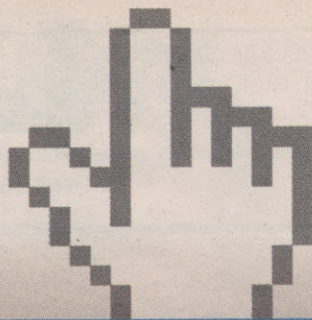




POWERING UP

\$675,000 solar panel array provides access to technologies of the future

MAYO FINCH | Reporter

A giant solar panel array in the west parking lot of the LCC main campus was built over the summer and will allow students access to the technologies of the future, today.

"A big part of building the solar station was to gain LEED gold certification for Building 30," Dennis Carr, the college's chief Human Resources officer said. "The main reason was to build a solar station lab for instructional use by our Sustainability and Energy Management Programs."

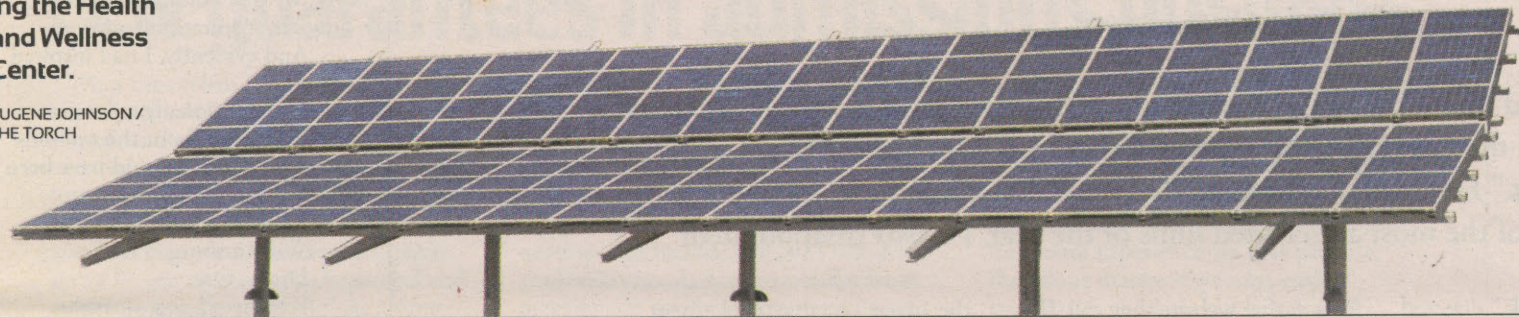
The project provides an estimated 40 kilowatts of power. That is enough electricity to power six large homes per year. The power currently generated by the solar array is being fed back into the electrical grid that is powering the Health and Wellness Center.

The Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design — known as LEED — standard is a type of certification for construction projects with a low environmental impact. The certification levels are rated by a points system. Areas like water management,

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Longhouse draws funding from many sources

Costs for project doubled since 2002

ALANDO BALLANTYNE | Reporter

The Longhouse project, eight years in the making, is finally nearing completion. After years of setbacks in the form of increasing construction costs and dwindling revenue, the LCC Longhouse Committee plans to complete the project before the annual Native American Student Association Powwow in December.

The committee has secured \$1.1 million of the total \$1.6 million needed to pay for the project's construction. The remaining \$500,000 required to finish the project was provided by the college in the form of a loan, which is currently being paid off by a \$3 per-term tuition surcharge.

Started in 2002, the current budget is more than twice what was originally forecast. Skyrocketing construction costs raised the bill by more than 42 percent in the first year alone.

In January of 2002, the Board of Education pledged \$250,000 to the Longhouse's construction. Twilia Souers and Francisca Johnson co-chaired the Longhouse Committee — a coalition of students, staff and faculty members — and oversaw fundraising efforts. Under the committee's direction, 59 corporations, four foundations, 233 individuals, 11 organizations, three student organizations, and 11 Oregon tribes contributed approximately \$500,000 towards the project.



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The LCC Longhouse, \$1.6 million and eight years in the making, is expected to be completed on Nov. 1. The project was funded through donations, student fees and a loan from the college.

Individual donors contributed \$229,000 of that total, while Oregon tribes contributed \$202,000. The remaining \$61,000 was raised through the work of student groups such as ASLCC and the Native American Student Association as well as foundations, corporations and other organizations.

The project has also been supported through the work of other LCC departments, including landscaping, IT support, project management staff and partial construction efforts.

In order to complete the project as soon as possible, college administration loaned the remaining \$500,000 towards the Longhouse's construction from other college funds. This loan is still in the process of being repaid, primarily through continued fundraising and a \$3 student activity fee, assessed once per term. Students approved the fee during the 2006 ASLCC elections. Initially the \$3 per-student contribution allocated \$70,000 annually for the project, although increases in enrollment

since 2006 have caused an increase in this revenue to the tune of an additional \$15,000.

The \$1.6 million budget covers construction costs, but doesn't cover incidental expenses such as kitchen supplies, furnishings and a state-of-the-art teleconferencing system. Separate fundraising is in place to cover these things, including generous kitchen materials contributions from a local area business, and a \$15,000 sum the LCC IT department

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ON CAMPUS

No room for clothing stash

Officials say there is nowhere to relocate campus service

MIKE PARTEE | Reporter

Employees of the No Cash Clothing Stash arrived on LCC's main campus Sept. 24 to find the entrance to their workplace gone. Where a stairwell once stood, there was nothing but concrete.

"The Stash," as many students have come to call it, is a free service that provides lightly used clothing at no cost. The program's philosophy is simple: you give a little, you get a little.

Plans to relocate the Stash began in mid-May, when then-ASLCC President James Manning and the student senate were told that the college had acquired a surplus of \$30,000 from student fees.

After surveying students, the senate decided \$30,000 of the surplus would be invested in an effort to relocate The Stash to the cafeteria. Those plans, however, have been scrapped due in large part to a pending remodeling of the Center Building.

According to Executive Dean of Student Affairs Helen Garrett, similar plans for Building 5 prompted the early removal of the Stash.

"As part of the remodeling that happened over the summer, we removed a set of stairs that led to space used for the clothing stash," Garrett said. "It became a fire safety issue due to the fact that any space where there are students needs to have two exits in case one is blocked by fire."

ASLCC, however, is looking for a temporary fix. Current President Mario Parker-Milligan says one idea was to relocate the Stash's operations to the student government headquarters in Building 1, Room 206.

"But that's just not feasible for all that goes on here," Parker-Milligan said.

Barbara Delansky, LCC's associate dean of Student Life and Leadership, has been working with bond project manager Bob Mention to find a solution that will bring the service back.

"Space is really tight at the moment and we just don't have anywhere we can allocate for the Stash," Delansky said.

Though the Stash isn't currently open, donations of clothing and shoes can still be made in ASLCC's headquarters.

"The No Cash Clothing Stash will be back as soon as we can find a temporary home for it," Parker-Milligan said.

That temporary home has not yet been found.

FILM REVIEW

the social network

Fincher and Sorkin explore the origins of the phrase 'Facebook me'

LISA BALL | Reporter

As I walked into Valley River Center to watch "The Social Network," there was a sign on the door going into the mall that read, "See Valley River Center on Facebook." Facebook has become that huge. I saw it as great foreshadowing before seeing one of the most anticipated films of the year. I wasn't disappointed.

"The Social Network," directed by David Fincher, tells the tale about the founding of the social networking website Facebook.

In the film's opening scene, a testy conversation takes place between Mark Zuckerberg (Jesse Eisenberg) and his wholly fictional girlfriend, who claims dating him is like "dating a Stairmaster." Eisenberg portrays Zuckerberg as a brilliant but insensitive college kid whose arguments quickly pin the opponent with verbal battles that can't be won.

This behavior continues throughout scenes of legal depositions that take place later. The film cuts back and forth from the Harvard days, where Zuckerberg creates the website, and the later legal wranglings with former schoolmates Eduardo Saverin (Andrew Garfield) and the twin Winklevoss brothers (both played by Armie Hammer). Zuckerberg is a brainiac with little social ability who wished he could join high-end fraternities or hang out with the popular rowing team.

One drunken night he creates a website that allows viewers to vote on the hotness of Harvard coeds, whose pictures he hijacks from sororities' online directories, known as "facebook." The result is that his site gets so many hits that it crashes the university's server.

Impressed by the resulting buzz on campus, the Winklevoss twins from the rowing team contact Zuckerberg with the idea

for a dating website they call The Harvard Connection. Zuckerberg later refers to them as the "Winklevii" in one of many great bits of dialogue. He agrees to help them only to immediately begin avoiding them.

The reason is that he's sprouted the Winklevii's Harvard Connection seed into a venerable great Oak — a social networking site with the ability to create one's own group of "friends." He hits up Severin for startup money and launches what is first called "The Facebook,"

which is, for now, exclusive to Harvard. It becomes a sensation, and they begin expanding, first to other schools (and later, the world).

Sean Parker (Justin Timberlake) sees the site following a one-night stand and is immediately taken by the idea. He contacts Zuckerberg, and the fun begins. Zuckerberg and Parker are like magnets, one drawn to the other. Timberlake is great as the charismatic Parker, the great opposite to Zuckerberg, who is often in his room writing code. (The real Mark Zuckerberg is known to wear a t-shirt with "Code Monkey" emblazoned on the front).

Parker's already been on the Napster roller coaster. He lives like a rockstar in the Bay Area, and Zuckerberg decides to move there. His friend Saverin gets left out of the action as he's in New York, trying to find

the advertisers that Zuckerberg doesn't want. As The Facebook becomes the next big thing, the Winklevoss brothers get wind of it, and decide to sue.

Fincher and screenwriter Alan Sorkin (The West Wing) have woven a fascinating story into a well-crafted film, captivating from beginning to end. The story is about the creation of Facebook, but its overlying themes are what grab you — youth, friendship, betrayal, and the greed/money/business wheel that spins once something like Facebook becomes a huge success.

Zuckerberg may not have "three friends to rub together to make a fourth," as he is told in the film, but that's not the point. Zuckerberg's forward-thinking genius is what makes him tick.

Zuckerberg has never taken the offers of over \$1 billion to sell his idea, either. Though it's valued at over \$25 billion today, he's still the owner, and his billionaire status is merely a number thrown around.

I predict nominations for Best Picture, for Eisenberg in his best role yet, and for Sorkin's awesome screenplay. However, I didn't like the first scene entirely. It was the harshest portrayal of Zuckerberg, and it was unnecessary. I would have chosen something more engaging for a first scene — perhaps one where we see Zuckerberg's first signs of genius?

Go and see this movie. And when you do, notice the score and soundtrack, by Nine Inch Nails' Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross. You'll hear great quality in the dark ambient tracks, and great choices in the songs, such as the Beatles' "Baby You're a Rich Man."

Then, Facebook me.

CHANGING LANES



ANDY ROSSBACK

Rioting (revisited)

I was wandering through a neighborhood near the UO campus shortly before midnight. Unintoxicated, of course.

As I turned the corner of 14th and Mill streets, I stood before 600 students huddled in the middle of street. (The Register-Guard reported 400 students. You say tomato, I say tamato.) My heart nearly stopped.

Dancing. Drinking. Rioting.

The not-so-flattering mugshot you see above flashed into my head. It haunted me.

My first column was about myself, inspiration and riots.

And evidently, I had inspired a riot.

Unintentionally, of course.

I thought about the millions of other places I could have been at that very moment.

Kent, England.

Williamsburg, Va.

Drain, Ore.

Yet, there I was — at the epicenter of an alcohol-fueled rampage that would cost the city of Eugene more to clean up than a small earthquake.

On their first day in town, I was watching the freshmen passionately claw their way to the middle of the riot.

It was heavily symbolic of them clawing from the 18 year grasp of their overprotective parents.

Yet to be homesick, the booze flowed down their gullets.

I joined a young couple on the corner of Mill Street and we speculated about how the police would handle this thing.

We didn't speculate for long, because the flashing blue-and-red lights of Eugene's finest were soon shrouded by the thick green smoke of teargas.

I thought about an e-mail I had received earlier that day from a reader.

She shared a story about her husband being arrested for felony riot in the 1970s during the filming of Jack Nicholson's "Drive, He Said" in Eugene.

The clip showed up in the movie.

"(He) is in handcuffs and on the ground, but it isn't a staged shot," she wrote.

Imagining myself on the ground in handcuffs, I decided that was as good a time as any to get the hell out of there — the last thing I need is a baton-shaped imprint across my beautiful face. I'd have to update my mugshot.

2 a.m. neared.

With the riot now defunct, I treated myself to some Mexican food that would give me a worse hangover than anything the freshmen rioters could ever drink and trudged home.

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NEWS BRIEFLY

Parking lots C, D and E will be reserved Oct. 15 for a series of events planned in the Center for Meeting and Learning. It is recommended that students and staff find alternate lots during this time. Disability parking in these lots will still be available. For more information, contact Carolyn Philes at 541-463-3511.

The David Joyce Gallery in Building 19 will host "Food, Field and Fiber," an exhibit featuring fiber-based arts by 12 local female artists. The gallery is located on the second floor of the building. An artists' reception is planned for Nov. 4 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, contact Julie Fether at 541-463-3518.

Bonnie Simoa will perform a traditional Balinese dance in the Blue Door Theater on Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m., followed by a slideshow and a short informational session. Simoa recently returned from a sabbatical in Bali. General admission is \$10, \$5 for students, seniors, and LCC faculty and staff. For more information, contact John Watson at 541-463-5161.

Advance registration for Winter term 2011 will begin Oct. 17 at 7 a.m. Students who have not yet been cleared by the Counseling Center to participate in advance registration must do so before this date. All Fall term fees must be paid by midnight Dec. 2 or students will be dropped from all Winter term classes. For more information, contact the Counseling Center at 541-463-5322.

The printmaking studio has relocated temporarily due to a remodeling project in Building 10. The studio is currently located in Building 13, rooms 10 and 106. For more information, contact Susan Lowdermilk at 541-463-5413.

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CLUBS

Voter registration drive advocates students' voices

Student groups seek 800 new voters before Oct. 12 deadline

JESSE GRAY | Reporter

The Oregon Students Public Interest Research Group, Oregon Students Association and ASLCC have been registering students to vote across campus in hopes of sending a message to Oregon legislators. Their message — students are a significant voting bloc.

"We are registering 800 new voters working in cooperation with the student vote coalition," said Garret Long, OSPIRG's campus organizer. "The main focus of our campaign is to get politicians to pay attention to young voters and what they think about these issues."

While OSPIRG has been registering voters and getting involved in the voter registration drive since the beginning of Fall term, OSA began its voter registration efforts during the summer.

"Our goal is to register 3,000 new voters at Lane Community College and at this point we are at 1,700 since Summer term began," OSA Campus Organizer Philip Shilts said. "On a state-wide level, our goal is 20,000 and we are right at the 8,000 to 9,000 point."

The organizations often band together issues such as tuition and book prices are issues that are unique to students.

According to Shilts, the state government does not track student voting registration. That means it's up to individual groups, such as OSA, to lobby Salem on students' behalf and show them that colleges across the state are registering and voting in large numbers.

The only way that students can be taken seriously is to register to vote, be knowledgeable about the issues and actually cast their ballots, Shilts said.

"If young people like us don't know what's going on with the ballot issues, we students are lost," OSPIRG member Alechia Pacewicz said.

As class sizes continue to go up, funding for those classes, including teachers, keeps going down. As students continue to register to vote and cast their ballots, they can have more of a direct control over the future of their education. Issues such as school funding are decided by state legislators and budgeting committees. As students become more involved, their voices begin to carry weight and those issues that are important to them gain more prominence, voting advocates say.

"Our voices need to be heard, and your vote is your voice," said Long, the OSPIRG campus organizer.

To find out more information about how to register to vote visit the OSA/ASLCC booth in the cafeteria. OSPIRG will also be holding voter registration drives throughout campus as well as a voter drive "blitz" on Oct. 12, which is the last day to register new voters for the mid-term elections. The voter registration "blitz" will include games and events for students.

College offers cessation classes

MIKE PARTEE | Reporter

LCC has made the move to a tobacco free campus and out of the chaos generated by the change, many questions have arisen as to what the future holds for students who currently smoke tobacco products.

The college has put forth plans to start offering smoking cessation classes to students, faculty and staff who want to make the transition to a smoke free lifestyle.

After a three-year study of Oregon's other smoke free schools, Executive Director of Student Affairs Helen Garrett is confident that LCC can successfully make the shift.

"The new smoking shelters are only a stopgap," Garrett said.

"We are using them as a one year transition period and then they will be gone."

This means students at Lane will soon not be allowed to smoke anywhere on campus.

The college's smoke free policy has raised

concerns that the other schools that are currently tobacco free have not had to face.

Due to its close proximity to heavily forested areas, the forest service has raised concerns that smokers might accidentally set forest fires due to careless smoking if they were allowed to smoke too close to the outer perimeter of the campus.

Other smoke free schools in Oregon have a more urban setting and pose less threat to the environment by people trying to go off campus for a cigarette.

"The new spots were chosen for their ease of accessibility for all students whether wheelchair bound or not," Garrett said. "We aren't telling you that you can't smoke. We are just trying to make Lane a more healthy place for all who come here."

Freshman art major Kearstan Nichols is happy about the college's change. "I have really bad asthma and it's really hard to breathe with cigarette smoke in the air," Nichols said. "It's nice to be able to breathe freely."

Smoking classes

LCC will begin offering smoking cessation classes in order to promote the college's new smoking policy. The classes will discuss proven techniques for breaking the habit as well as resources for those trying to quit at low or no cost.

Times are as follows:

- Nov. 3, 1 p.m.
- Nov. 9, 2:30 p.m.
- Nov. 18, noon

A location for the seminars has not yet been confirmed. For more information, contact Wendy Simmons at 541-463-5551.

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Vaccines available as flu season looms

AMANDA WOOLDRIDGE | Reporter

While a pending H1N1 epidemic doesn't have the world up in arms, the regular flu season is among us.

LCC students, employees and their families are eligible for the 2010 influenza vaccine which will be supplied by the college's health department. The vaccines also protect against the H1N1 virus.

The Health Clinic, located on the first floor of Building 18, is administering the vaccines in order to minimize the spread of

the disease.

The flu shots will be available starting Oct. 5 at 9 a.m. in the Health Clinic and Oct. 12 in the Downtown Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Those interested should wear a short sleeve shirt. The cost of the service is \$25, payable in cash or check only.

The shots will be administered at the following times:

- Oct. 7 — 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Oct. 13 — 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Oct. 15 — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ON CAMPUS



Sid Leiken
Springfield candidate

Pat Riggs-Henson
Springfield candidate

Jerry Rust
West Lane candidate

Jay Bozievich
West Lane candidate

County commissioner candidates visit campus

West Lane, Springfield candidates visited campus on Tuesday to discuss their campaigns with political science students

EDER CAMPUZANO | Editor

Candidates for the West Lane and Springfield seats on the Lane County Board of Commissioners visited Steve Candee's "Problems in U.S. Politics" class Tuesday in order to discuss their campaigns with students.

Former LCC Board of Education member Pat Riggs-Henson and Springfield Mayor Sid Leiken are vying for the Springfield seat on the board and former commissioner Jerry Rust and Jay Bozievich, another former LCC board member are campaigning for the West Lane district.

Each candidate was given 10 minutes for an introduction before students were allowed to ask questions.

Leiken outlined his accomplishments as Springfield mayor to promote his candidacy. He cited the Sacred Heart at Riverbend project as an example of his philosophy that county government should work in cooperation with business development.

"Is it going to make it easier to do business in Lane County?" was Leiken's approach to policy creation.

Riggs-Henson called on her experience as a member of LCC's Board of Education as the foundation for her belief that education is the key to economic growth.

Rust and Bozievich took different approaches to expand the county's ability to generate revenue.

While Rust proposed sustaining a network of vineyards from Cottage Grove to the coast, Bozievich believes the key to expanding Lane County's economy is to control expenses and create a business-friendly environment.

"The largest challenge we're going to have is funding our public entity," Rust said, referring to Lane County as a \$250 million business.

Bozievich maintained that his track record as a fiscal conservative is easy to trace. "Google me," he repeatedly told the crowd. His main approach to balancing the county budget was to support the middle class.

"Our private sector isn't doing very well," Bozievich. "Whenever we make a decision, we should be asking ourselves, 'does this make it easier to do business in Lane County?'"

After introductions, students were allowed to pose questions to members of the panel. Subjects ranged from the proposed EmX line on West 11th Avenue to job growth in Junction City. Leiken was the last to answer and held an optimistic outlook on the future.

"If people say it can't be done, I assure you that in Lane County, it will be done," he said.

Social science major Josh Whitehead attended the panel and viewed it as a positive opportunity for LCC students.

"These guys are going to represent my district," he said. "It's good to have some input from every commissioner."



Associated Students of
Lane Community College



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All interested parties should refer to the application for more information on this position as well as requirements and stipend. The Deadline to apply for this staff position is October 15, 2010.

Senator Positions are also open - until filled.

Pick up a petition packet from Bette Dorris - Building 1, Room 210B

Club or Group	Frequency	Time/Day	Place
ASLCC - Associated Students of Lane Community College - Senate	Weekly	3:30-5:30 Monday Student Government	Building 3, Boardroom
ASLCC Council of Clubs	Bi-Weekly	3:00-5:00 every other Tuesday, October 5 th	Building 1, Room 206
Black Student Union (BSU)	Weekly	1:00-2:00 Wednesday	Building 1, Room 201
Latino Student Union (LSU)	Weekly	11:30-12:30 Tuesday	Building 1, Room 201
Native American Student Association (NASA)	Weekly	1:00-2:00 Thursday October 7 th	Building 1, Room 201
LCC Dance Club (LCCDC)	Weekly	3:00-4:00 Thursday	Building 1, Room 206
Learning Garden Club (LGC)	Weekly	12:00-1:00 Monday	Building 1, Room 206
Sigma Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society	Weekly	4:00-5:30 Thursday	Building 19, Room 232



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Soccer winning streak ends after 2-1 loss

LCC loses first game since Sept. 12

ALAN K. FOX | Sports Editor

The Titans (7-3, 5-2 Southern Region) five-game winning streak was put to an end on Oct. 6 with a 2-1 loss to Chemeketa (4-5-1, 3-2-1). This was the women's first game on LCC's brand new turf field.

The shots on goal were one-sided with Chemeketa out-doing LCC over a two-to-one ratio, 17 shots to seven.

Freshman forward Bronte Jorgensen — currently tied for fourth in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges for goals scored — put the first goal on the scoreboard with a shot inside the 28th minute with an assist by freshman defender Shelby Campbell.

The lead was short lived.

The Storm was quick to respond when freshman midfielder Lindsey Aldaco-Manner scored five minutes later, and Chemeketa seemed to outplay the Titans for the rest of the half with ball control and defense.

"The first half we definitely got outplayed, but we weathered the storm and came into halftime with the score tied 1-1," head coach Dave Ellis said.

The Titans controlled the ball during the second half of the game and had a couple of crucial missed shots on goal. They were

unable to score. The game looked as if it was going to end in a 1-1 tie, but The Storm was able to score its second goal of the game inside the 83rd minute by freshman forward Elena Acosta.

This was the Titans' first loss since Sept. 12.

"It was definitely disappointing to lose at home," Ellis said. "We adjusted our formation and I think that we had the run of the ball in the second half, and we were a little unlucky to not score a couple goals. We made some panic decisions in some important moments, and made one little mistake there in the end."

Olympic game a different story

LCC played a physical game in its second home game of the year against Olympic (3-4-1, 1-3-1 West Region) on Oct. 2, extending the win streak to four games with their second consecutive 4-1 victory.

Two freshmen — midfielder Jenna Lewis and forward BreAnna Garcia — led the Titans to victory with two goals apiece. Garcia added an assist as well.

Reed Levings was another standout player in the match against Olympic. She seemed to be in the middle of most plays and had two assists.

"Reed Levings really stood-out," Ellis said. "Her ball-

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JAVIER MAGALLANES / THE TORCH

Bronte Jorgensen scored the only goal during Wednesday's loss to Chemeketa.

The schedule

LCC will play Bellevue on Oct. 9 at noon at LCC's main campus. On Oct. 13, LCC will play Southwestern in Coos Bay at 2 p.m.

Ducks overcome early adversity to beat Stanford

Win moves Oregon to No. 3 in polls, jumps Boise State

ALAN K. FOX | Sports Editor

In front of a wild Autzen crowd, the Ducks (5-0, 2-0 Pac-10) were able to overcome an early 21-3 deficit in the first half, but Oregon continued its great play getting the come-from-behind 52-31 victory over the Cardinal (4-1, 1-1).

Defensive coordinator Nick Alotti's defense, which has only allowed seven points all season, did not allow any points in the second half forcing two crucial turnovers.

One of those turnovers was a play by Stanford's Chris Owusu. The wide receiver caught a six-yard catch midfield, but was hit hard by Oregon's Javes Lewis. Owusu fumbled the ball and Ducks safety Eddie Pleasant picked up the ball, returning it to the three-yard line. LaMichael James would score on the next play, giving Oregon its first lead of the game 38-31.

"Oregon out-played us in the second half, we made mistakes and they forced us to make

q+a with mike bellotti

Alan Fox had the opportunity to chat with Mike Bellotti, an ESPN analyst and former UO athletic director and head football coach. Fox asked Bellotti about the college football season as a whole, and his thoughts on the Duck program.

Q: How is your first season at ESPN going?

A: It's fun and exciting to talk about college football. Everybody asks me if I like my job and I say yes. In this job you don't get any victories but the better thing is you don't get any losses.

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No. 11 Eddie Pleasant sprints toward the endzone after recovering a fumble from Stanford's Chris Owusu in the third quarter.

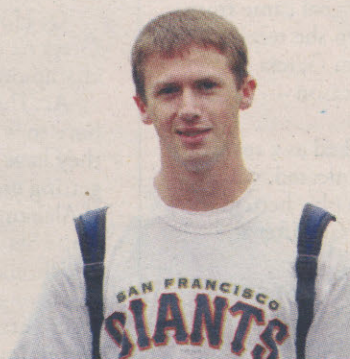
TITANS OF THE WEEK

Rachel Jensen XC

Jensen, a freshman from North Eugene, was selected as Female Titan of the Week and also Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges' Athlete of the Week based on her performance at the Linfield Preview, where she placed fifth.

Michael Bellamy XC

Bellamy, a sophomore from Marist High, was selected as Male Titan of the Week based on his performances at the Whiskeytown Relays and the Linfield Preview. He was part of the winning team at the Relays and placed 21st at Linfield.



THE FOX TROT



ALAN K. FOX

Vick soars again

Do you believe in second chances?

I have always believed that there is no reason that a person doesn't deserve a second chance, well besides some of the obvious. In the end it usually works out.

I have made mistakes in my life, and I feel that most people do.

Without a second chance where would I be?

If you made a mistake, where would you be?

I think that we are seeing this same thing with the Philadelphia Eagles and their quarterback, Michael Vick.

Think about it — less than three years ago, it looked like the guy would never set foot on an NFL football field ever again after being thrown in state prison for close to two years for hosting dog fights.

I have an idea of what your thinking.

"How could you be so dumb and throw it all away?"

Trust me, I felt the same way.

Some questioned when the Eagles sign him, if it was a PR stunt, including myself.

The whole time, I hoped that he would be able to have the chance to prove that he still had what it takes to be the stud that he once was.

Let's face it, when Vick was in college at Virginia Tech — and especially once he was in the NFL — he played like nothing that we had ever seen at the quarterback position.

He had the speed and moves that were almost Barry Sanders-like, but at his position we had never really seen anything like that.

Vick also was named to the Pro Bowl three out of his first five years in the league, and was awarded an ESPY award for Best NFL Player by ESPN in 2003.

Now look at the guy. After not really playing much football in three years, he is absolutely killing it this season.

Before getting hurt this weekend he had the second best QB rating in the league and was tied for fourth in the league in touchdowns.

Thank goodness the Eagles traded the face of the organization for a no-name, Kevin Kolb, who couldn't get the job done before taking a shot to the dome.

Without a second chance for Vick, where would the Eagles be?

The NFL and ESPN seem to be loving it as much as I am. You can't seem to turn on SportsCenter or the NFL Network without seeing Vick coverage.

A second chance well given if you ask me!

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Titan baseball looks to improve NWAACC play

Players and coaches play fall baseball to prepare

SARAH DELP | Sports Reporter

After a loss to Lower Columbia in the 2010 NWAACC championship game, Titan baseball is working through a fall training season in order to prepare for another run at a Southern regional championship.

Practices and scrimmages are well under way as the Titans prepare nine returning starters to start the season. Baseball doesn't

officially start until spring, but "Fall Ball," as the team calls it, has its advantages.

"We're just trying to win everyday," assistant coach Justin Filip said. "We want to compete in everything we do at practice. We think if we do that, we have a very good chance to be an NWAACC tournament team."

Jimmy Sanchez, Matt Myrmo, Shay Huskey and Joe Offer are returning for their sophomore seasons as well as all-league pitchers Nick Phillips and Chris Reed.

Joining them will be transfers Ben Higgins, Skip Spencer, Elliott Sherrel and Jackson Wilde, alongside a new freshman class.

A new addition to the coaching staff this year is Dean Stiles from the University of Oregon. A volunteer assistant there for the past two years, he will be bringing a fresh outlook and an added experience to the coaching staff.

"I think we have the potential to be even better than we were a year ago," Filip said. "We know it won't be easy, but we like our chances."

Titans' baseball has two remaining home scrimmages for the fall.

The Titans face off against Linn-Benton on Oct. 16 before finishing the fall season in Salem against the Corban Lions on Oct. 23.

Titans' XC finishes well at Linfield Preview

Women finish fourth, men finish fifth

ALAN K. FOX | Sports Editor

The Titans traveled to McMinnville on Sept. 25 to run in the Linfield Preview, an invitational meet attended by teams from Oregon State University, Linfield and the UO Running Club.

On the women's side, the Titans finished in fourth overall, only one point behind Linfield.

North Eugene High School graduate Rachel Jensen led the Titans, finishing fifth overall. Jensen crossed the finish line 30 seconds behind the leader with a time of 24:08.43 in the 6k run.

LCC's fourth place finish was the highest ranking by any community college in the race.

Also finishing on the top 20 was sophomore

Megan Hale, who finished 15th, freshman Laura Jackson, who finished 19th, and freshman Caitlynn Holmes who finished in 20th.

Six Titan women's runners finished in the top 30 in a heat of more than 50 participants. The men had five finishers in the top 30 in a 50-runner heat as well.

Freshman Jacob Berkner once again was the top finisher for the Titans on the men's side. He finished 15th overall with a time of 27:50.92 in the men's 8k run.

The Titan men finished fifth overall, which was also the highest finish for any community college team at the invitational.

LCC sophomore Michael Bellamy finished 21st overall finish with a time of 28:34.95.

"Our team has become very close in the past month, we've all become great friends outside of practice, which in turn has made us better teammates when it comes time to focus on our training and competition,"

Bellamy said. "All season so far these guys have dedicated themselves to the sport and the team, and seeing that day after day in practice adds fuel to the fire when the gun goes off at the start of a race."

The Titans look to improve on their success so far early in this season.

"We have a lot of season left, and we will improve with each race in time to peak at the NWAACC championship meet," Bellamy said. "I'm excited to see what we can do. This is a completely different team from last year and I have been enjoying it more and more as the season progresses."

While coach John Scholl was satisfied with his team's performance in McMinnville, he knows there's still room to grow.

"There were some performances that stood out, but we definitely have several things to work on over the next three weeks before our meet at Concordia on Oct. 16," Scholl said.

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winning in the midfield and her entry passes definitely pushed us out ahead."

LCC came out and scored quickly with a goal by Lewis inside of the fifth minute. That goal was an assist for Garcia.

The Titans were able to put another goal on the scoreboard when Jorgensen got an assist from Garcia inside the 25th minute.

"I was pleased about how I played and how the team played," Garcia said. "Jenna's goal to start off the game was exciting and set the momentum of the game. My goal that followed was what we have been working for during practice."

The Rangers were able to put a goal on the scoreboard scored by freshman defender Angelique White right before the half.

The Titans started the second half fast, scoring the last two of the goals within the first five minutes.

"I was a little upset with the goal we gave up right before half, but we came out and responded with two quick goals in the second half," Ellis said.

The Titans got a bit of a scare after Lewis' first goal of the game — she twisted an ankle and was down for some time before being assisted to the bench by Ellis and the team trainer. She did not return to the game.

Garcia claimed her second goal of the game off of Levings' second assist.

"We know we still have a great deal of room to improve, and we will keep working to achieve our potential," Garcia said.

"I'm proud of the team," freshman defender Teybra Welsh said after the win. "It really has come along way since I joined the team."

Lewis shared similar sentiments.

"We have been doing such a great job this season and I am very proud to be a part of it," Lewis said. "Yesterday, the whole team played excellent."

"I think we came out and dominated the game right from the beginning and continued our continuous attack from the Clark game," Ellis said after the Olympic game. "I am very happy."

Third victory came in Vancouver

The Titans were able to extend their winning streak to three games with a 4-1 victory on Sept. 29 when they traveled to Vancouver, Wash. to play Clark (1-7-2, 1-5-1).

Bidwell led LCC in Vancouver — she contributed to all four goals in the game. She scored twice and handed out two assists.

"I think that we all played really hard and we did the work that we needed to in order to get that win," Bidwell said. "It wasn't perfect, but we put in our best efforts throughout the whole game."

Clark prevented the Titans' fifth shutout of the season shortly before halftime after a goal by sophomore forward Anna Blakeslee inside the 39th minute.

The Titans went into halftime up by one, 2-1.

The final goal came from Bidwell when she received an assist from Garcia — her first of the season — sealing the victory.

"We worked as a team and communicated, which helped us to play better," McDonagh said after the game.

The Titans' next game will be at LCC on Oct. 9 against Bellevue at noon.

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The bad thing is you don't get to win, but the good thing is you don't lose. When a player gets hurt it doesn't rip my heart out and when a player is suspended, I don't stay awake at night trying to figure out what went wrong.

Q: How do you feel about the college football season so far this year?

A: I think it's going really well, especially for the Ducks. They are undefeated. I think they have passed two really big tests with the Arizona State game on the road and the Stanford game, which is one of the highest-ranked teams they are going to play, potentially, until they play Arizona. I think that the fact that Oregon passed Boise State in the polls was going to be inevitable if they continued to win. It's not about Boise State, it's about their schedule.

Q: What do you think the national perception of the Ducks is this year?

A: I think the national media is starting to catch on, especially with the success from last year with all the notoriety surrounding the Boise State game last year and the USC game on Halloween. Those things will upgrade the profile. Certainly you have to win and then the close-fought loss in the Rose Bowl to Ohio State. Then there is the high-scoring offense that they have this year, it really has the attention of the nation.

Q: How do you feel about the job that Chip Kelley has done since taking over?

A: Chip has done a tremendous job both as a coach and an icon for the program. He does things in an East Coast manner and once you get used to him, it's somewhat refreshing.

Q: How do you feel about Oregon's chances of a national championship?

A: The reality is obviously they have to win every game, but I think they have a chance because they're getting great play and publicity. If Alabama, Ohio State, Oregon, Boise State, TCU, Nebraska and Oklahoma all go undefeated — which is a strong possibility — then it gets really interesting. Then it becomes a popularity contest — somewhat who

has been more impressive — and I think the Ducks can hang its hat on the quick-strike offense and fast scoring. I think people would want to see Alabama and its power team and its defense versus the frenetic pace the Ducks set.

Q: What is your overall thought on the BCS process and the changes it has made?

A: You know, I used to be an outspoken anti-BCS person because I thought that they did not do a very good job a couple of times that we were involved in terms of getting it right, but I do think that they made changes and I think that put together a system that they got it as good as it can be to establish who is going to be number No. 1 and No. 2. Are they going to get it right every year? Well no, but generally it has been very clear-cut. This year can be very interesting, like I said. In fact, if all those teams go undefeated then it's not going to be how you did but how the teams you played did.

Q: What are your thoughts about the Pac-12 coming soon?

A: I think it was a very bold move by [Pac-10 commissioner] Larry Scott. If you can envision that Nebraska, Texas and Oklahoma would have come into the Pac-10. That would have been the most unbelievable thing in the world. It would have made the Pac-10 the most powerful conference in the nation. I think it scared people. Colorado and Utah are both very good teams. Utah lately has been very vocal in the national picture — they are ranked in the top 10 right now — and Colorado has improved and we will see what happens with them the remainder of the season.

Q: What are your thoughts on the play of LaMichael James?

A: I don't only think he is the best back in the league, but I think he is one of the best in the nation and probably the most explosive back in the nation. That's not a surprise to me either. LaMichael is a great [running] back and we knew that when he redshirted three years ago. We knew that he was something special. He is unbelievable. He's not the biggest back but he sure packs a lot of power in that small stature. As this thing goes on, he will be a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate this year.

DUCKS

13th straight home victory for UO

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mistakes and they capitalized on them," Cardinal quarterback Andrew Luck said.

It was the 13th straight home victory for the Ducks and the 10th straight win in Pac-10 play. Oregon's last loss in the conference was to Oregon State during the 2007 Civil War game.

This season's 5-0 start for the Ducks is only the eighth undefeated record in Oregon's 115-year history and the first since the 2002 season.

"We are nothing more than 5-0," head coach Chip Kelly said. "It's a one week season. Washington State will get our full attention."

The Oregon offense was led by quarterback Darron Thomas and James.

Thomas threw 20-for-29 for 238 yards and three touchdowns, but he had two interceptions in the first half. He also added a career-high 117 yards rushing and another touchdown on the ground.

"He did a tremendous job. He doesn't get rattled," Kelly said of Thomas' performance. "He can run the ball. We can put those rumors to bed that he can't run a football."

James set a career-high 257 yards rushing on 35 carries and three touchdowns. He also set another career-high with his 76-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter. This was the longest of his career. With his performance, James has moved into 10th all-time on Oregon's rushing list with 2,258 yards.

"I don't worry a lot about the yards, I worry about the wins," James said. "My focus isn't on being the best running back in the nation, it's on being the best team in the country. I don't care about winning a Heisman, I care about helping us stay undefeated."

Wide receiver Jeff Maehl moved into the 10th spot on Oregon's all-time receptions list, with his three catches that went for 50 yards and a touchdown.

Luck threw 29-for-46 for 341 yards and two touchdowns. He also threw two interceptions, both of which were picked off by Cliff Harris.

"It was just a desperation throw, he just threw it up and I got it," Harris said talking about the second of his interceptions.

After being down 21-3, the Ducks responded with a touchdown pass from Thomas to Maehl, which was followed up by an onside kick that was recovered by kicker Rob Beard. On that drive James scored on a five-yard touchdown run, making the score 21-14.

"It will be interested in looking at some of the film of plays that really changed the game like that onside kick," Stanford head coach Jim Harbaugh said.

Stanford was able to score on a pass from Luck to a wide-open Coby Fleener on a 36-yard touchdown pass during the following drive.

Oregon was quick to respond with a touchdown of its own when Thomas connected with Josh Huff for a 41-yard touchdown pass just eight plays later. The score at that point was 28-24, but Stanford was able to extend its lead to 31-24 when kicker Nate Whitaker kicked a 46-yard field goal with no time left in the half.

"We were kind of jittery at the beginning of the game," Thomas said, "But once we got comfortable we started running our plays and it was back to regular football."

This was the first time that Oregon and Stanford had played as ranked teams.

Oregon will travel to Pullman, Wash. to play Washington State (1-3, 0-1) on Oct. 9.

Our view

The No Cash Clothing Stash is a valuable resource to students for a number of reasons.

Who?

The editorial board consists of Editor Eder Campuzano and Managing editor Andy Rossback.

Write us

Keep it short, sweet and civil. Under 350 words. Send letters to torch@lanecc.edu. Attach name, address and phone number.

EDITORIAL

Dude, where's my stash?

Reporter Mike Partee posed this question while compiling his article on the sudden disappearance of the No Cash Clothing Stash for this week's edition.

The service has long been a resource for LCC students, from those who are looking for a free pair of slacks to wear to a job interview to individuals who practice frugality. In fact, some folks just like the idea of recycling clothing instead of throwing it away.

The Stash, as it's affectionately called by students, is something different to

everyone. And therein lies the major conflict with its sudden removal. As a resource that encourages the concept of a campus community, it's sad to see the No Cash Clothing Stash receive the short end of the stick.

It wouldn't be so bad if student coordinators and employees got a heads up before showing up in Building 5 to find that the entrance to their workplace was simply gone. At least they would have been able to make temporary plans in order to provide uninterrupted service to the resource's users until a perma-

nent fix was found.

While we're assured the service will return eventually, the lack of clarity on when and where is unfortunate. Not only are the Stash's staff and coordinators left out of the loop, but its users, some of whom are in dire need of its services, are equally clueless.

ASLCC planned to use part of a \$30,000 surplus it acquired last year to relocate the No Cash Clothing Stash to the cafeteria, but those plans have also been placed on hold for an indefinite amount of time due to a

pending remodeling.

Just as customers at large retail chains depend on a certain level of consistency, students deserve equal consideration in the operation of one of LCC's oldest and most valuable resources.

We're not looking for a solution. All we want to know is if there's a plan (or plans) to find even a temporary place for the No Cash Clothing Stash and the assurance that everyone from facilities management to ASLCC is working in the best interest of the student body.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Few guarantees in admissions business

At a time when Lane's enrollment is at record levels, I continue to visit high schools and tell prospective students why we are such a good option for their future. At a time when parking spots are scarce, I continue to answer e-mails and field questions from across Oregon about Lane's diverse career/technical and academic transfer programs. At a time when no classroom space is available between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., I continue to arrange campus tours and visits for students and families to determine if Lane is the right place for them.

Why, given the massive enrollment surge at Lane, do I seek more interested students? Because in the college admissions universe — where I live and breathe all year long — there are few guarantees.

You see, college admissions has one consistent element: the calendar. Fall is always the traditional start, and spring the traditional end. Financial aid applications are always due as soon after Jan. 1 as possible, and students hunt for schools throughout the fall, apply by the winter and select their destination by May 1.

There is no guarantee students will just come to Lane (and even if there were, I'd argue we don't just want any student, but the best, most motivated students.) There is little promise we will always be a key player in statewide and national conversations — but given how our facilities are finally coming up to speed and our program offerings are always changing, things are looking up. And most of all, there is no predicting when

Lane will once again have to compete for students. Even with the enrollment surge, we are in the mix for many prospects, but not always atop their lists.

It's no secret many majors on campus are already in high demand, with some starting wait lists for the 2011-2012 academic year. At Lane, we suffer from programs so strong and respected across the state that we can't hire enough faculty to meet the student demand (and even if we did, we'd soon run out of physical space to offer classes in.) But when faculty and staff question why we need to have students tour campus, when certain departments and programs don't want to attend recruitment events, and when interested students from Lane County or anywhere in Oregon call or e-mail, only to receive no response to their inquiry, my blood begins to boil.

College recruiting is really about packaging. In my world, the package is the product. If a prospective student visits a college or university and has a positive experience (easy parking, well maintained grounds, friendly tour guide, faculty contact, informative materials, etc.), that student is much more likely to apply and potentially enroll.

If a prospective student has a miserable experience (no parking, broken glass, cigarette butts, no personal interaction with current students or faculty, etc.), it's likely that student will not apply, and also likely he or she will tell his or her peers about his or her bad experience.

Now more than ever, it's critical the Lane package look as sharp as possible.

We are going the right direction (new Health and Wellness Center, new Native American Longhouse, renovations to existing facilities, smoke-free campus), but no matter how good our degrees are and no matter how strong an on campus classroom experience we may provide, they don't matter if we can't entice students to check us out first hand.

When we go to students (high school visits, off campus events, Lane County Youth Career Fair, community outreach) or they come to us (Mid-Willamette College Fair, Lane Preview Night, Hands-on Career Day), it is more important than ever before that Lane's package looks appealing. This is an effort everyone on campus can contribute to, and whether or not you pick up stray trash, volunteer to let a visiting group sit in on your lecture or respond to a curious student's e-mail, you are helping to build an attractive, well-founded and rich package that will be more intriguing as a result.

In order to attract as widespread, talented and diverse an audience as we can, I urge the college community to invest in the Lane package. While we can't control the package's every element, if we influence what we can everyone will benefit and help generate a better rounded campus life. A life worth living.

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LETTER

An open letter to Art Robinson

Mr. Robinson, I have received your letter asking for money. You assume that since I own a business, and have a conservative voting record, that I will support you. Fact is, for the first time ever, I'll vote for Democrat Peter Defazio. Here's why: your websites say public education is tax-financed "socialism," that schools are "dens of child abuse" which produce kids whose intellectual development is "permanently retarded." You say public schools should be abolished.

Not even the Taliban go that far. Worse, you fail to mention that you earn a living — not as a scientist — but by hawking a cheap home-schooling program, and that the reduction or elimination of funding for public schools could put millions in your pocket.

In contrast, Peter Defazio has provided over \$319,000 from his personal after-tax salary to fund scholarships for students here.

Moreover, Defazio consistently votes against wasteful spending. And as a senior member of congress, he has brought thousands of jobs to our district.

Art, you talk about taking America back to the 1950s. Your positions on education, global warming, and nuclear waste will take us back to the Ice Age.

Steve McNamara
Eugene

GUEST COMMENTARY

Parker-Milligan: Voter registration, autumn and more

Welcome to another year at Lane Community College. For some of you it's your first time here on campus, and for everyone else welcome back. Fall 2010 marks the beginning of a new era at LCC; with the implementation of the Tobacco-Free policy, the unveiling of the brand new Health and Wellness Building and the long-awaited opening of the Native American Longhouse. Controversial and innovative could describe these, but thinking long-term I hope these all can be seen as positive and beneficial.

Autumn also marks the transition from summer to winter, where the lush colors of our landscape fade away for a few months. In Oregon, leaves start to wither and fall to the ground, we start adding layers of clothes and turn more inward, naturally,

but I'll remind you this is the season of learning; where knowledge flows best in this brisk air, so don't turn too far in or else you might lose track of the term and more important, ourselves.

ASLCC, your student government, has been working all summer to prepare for this year. Thus far we've registered over 2,000 students to vote, which is a monumental achievement itself, but our goal of 3,000 would be record for this little community on a hill in Eugene. Registering students to vote at LCC is one of our most effective tactics in enacting positive change for students, so I'll apologize now for causing you to hear "are you registered to vote?" so many times over the past couple weeks.

With the students we register here

and across the state with the help of the Oregon Student Association, we will be able to prove to state officials that Oregon students are a constituency of voters that deserve respect, especially when we lobby, on behalf of you all, this coming January in Salem.

Our state is facing a \$2.7 billion budgetary shortfall, which could mean fewer services, less financial aid and higher tuition across the state. As detrimental as that sounds, we won't just be working on making post-secondary education more accessible, we'll also be working right here on campus representing the student voice on various college governance councils and boards.

However all of this would be for nothing if we weren't listening to the

students' wants and needs. What are you all concerned about, what do you all want from your student government and college? We are in your classes and eating with you in the cafeteria and riding the over-packed buses that bring you up the hill, but if you want to come to us directly, please do. Our offices are located in Building 1, Room 210. Ours doors are open to you. After all, we work for you, the Associated Students of Lane Community College.

In closing, I hope we all can take this opportunity to begin anew, start fresh and open new horizons.

Mario Parker-Milligan is the ASLCC president and can be reached at 541-463-5335.

Besides educational use, the Longhouse features a story circle which can be used for community gatherings such as a powwows.

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LONGHOUSE Project features video gadgets

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contributed to get the Longhouse AV system off the ground.

The high tech video conference system will, among other things, enable elders and other instructors to teach both credit and non-credit classes from distant locations. In fact, Janne Underiner's American Indian Languages class utilizes telecommunications in order to hold

concurrent sessions with a class in Grand Ronde.

"The system enhances what we can be offered in terms of Native American programming by allowing them to connect with other colleges, tribes and museums," said Donna Koechig, LCC's chief Diversity and Affirmative Action officer.

Final completion of the long-standing project is estimated to be around Nov. 1. Those interested in contributing to the Longhouse Memorial Campaign can log onto www.lanec.edu/nasa/longhouse/fund.html, or call 541-463-5226. These funds are meant to repay the \$500,000 loan.

SOLAR

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materials, use of resources, location and planning are considered when LEED awards a certification. The icing on the cake for the Health and Wellness Center's gold certification in the program was the solar station in the parking lot.

The solar station's roof is composed of 162 photovoltaic panels imported from Germany. All of the components other than the panels were manufactured in Oregon. The design, called a "Rain Frame" takes into account the local climate and allows for rain runoff and is positioned for optimum collection of light.

There are eight car charging stations to be used in the future for charging electric cars that come to campus.

"Policies and procedures still need to be worked out," Carr said. Currently, there is no exclusive parking around the solar station and is general parking for anyone. There is also no standard for metering the use of the charging station.

It all falls into place

Since 2007, Eugene Water and Electric Board customers have had the option of paying a little extra to support renewable energy. Currently, more than 3,000 EWEB customers have opted to pay an extra cent per kilowatt hour of service. The revenue from those rates allowed for the creation of a Greenpower grant fund.

The \$100,000 grant was aimed at a solar project that integrated education and investment in future technologies and LCC seemed like the perfect candidate. The college's acquisition of the grant became the seed money for the solar station.

In 2008, Governor Ted Kulongoski declared that Oregon was positioned to be a national leader in the transition to electric vehicles, solidifying the college's strategy to develop a solar powering station on campus. The end goal is to integrate the LCC solar power station into a network of similar projects stretching from British Columbia

to Northern California on the Interstate 5 corridor.

"The school has a value of sustainability," LCC President Mary Spilde said, referring to the college's core values. A section of the college's mission statement encourages forward-thinking approaches to sustainability and environmental concerns.

The education requirements that Greenpower grant applicants were required to meet allowed the college's Energy Management program to be involved in the building of the site.

After the initial \$100,000 investment from the Greenpower grant, the project needed additional funding. Lane County residents approved an \$83 million bond for improvements to the LCC campus. The \$575,000 needed to complete the project came from the bond money. One percent of the bond money was earmarked for renewable energy.

The initial \$800,000 projection for the project included two 35 to 40 kilowatt car charging stations. When actual costs came back at nearly double the initial estimate, the project was scaled back to a single station at a current total of \$675,000 with some receipts still coming in.

Students and staff are apprehensive, but supportive

The solar panels are generally seen in a positive light. While many question whether or not they'll be useful in the short term, it's agreed that the project will pay for itself in the future.

"Given how many people have electric cars, it's a feel good gesture," said academic counselor Mark Harris. "It is an investment in the future and I'm all for innovation."

The concern about investing in technology that is still in the prototype stage has not been missed by students either, although the general attitude is supportive.

"Who has electric cars that comes to Lane?" said student Korene Pearson. "On the other hand, putting back into the grid is always worth it. It's forward movement, it's progressive. What we don't do now, we will get hit in the face with later."



JAVIER MAGALLANES / THE TORCH

LCC has yet to determine the cost of plugging in electric cars.

"I don't know if it's a good idea or not," said Jeremy King, a music major. "I'm not sure how many people are using it, but at some point it will be money well spent."

Todd Wynn, vice president of Portland's Cascade Policy Institute does not see things the same way.

"There are 200 electric vehicles currently in use in the state of Oregon," Wynn said. "In a recession, every cent counts and a project like this seems a little off the mark."

Wynn feels that when the market feels electric cars are viable and economical, the infrastructure will come. "Using tax dollars to subsidize electric vehicle owners that are typically higher income earners anyway, this project just doesn't make sense," he said.

Education is the root of it all

"We are an instructional facility," LCC President Spilde said. "Getting students involved is a great value to the institution."

Faculty from the Sustainability and Energy Management programs came up with the original concept for the idea in the spring

of 2009. The education goal was to build the solar lab for students to see first hand varying applications of a solar station.

Students will monitor the meters under various conditions to learn about the efficiency of solar panels.

"When the panels are cleaned, the students will see the difference in efficiency from what they were prior to being cleaned," Carr said.

Students will also help the college save money. Oregon Business Energy Tax Credits will be accumulated as the meters run.

"When future projects happen on campus we can use the credits for construction," Carr said.

Students' information will be translated into tax credits that the school can pass on to builders in turn for materials costs.

"The value on the returns will not be known for while," Carr said. "But we should have a good idea as early as this fall."

Editor Eder Campuzano contributed to this report.



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