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OUT FOR BLOOD

The Lane Memorial Bloodmobile drew 80 pints blood at LCC this week

HANNAH HYNES-PETTY | Reporter

Every 33 minutes, someone in Lane County needs a blood transfusion, according to Marshall White, director of marketing and recruitment for the Lane Memorial Blood Bank. The Bloodmobile rolled onto the LCC main campus on Oct. 19 for the annual Fall term donation drive. As long as a city bus, it houses four donation seats, two screening rooms and can collect 10 units of blood an hour.

"We've collected almost 40 pints today," Bloodmobile driver Jack Pierce. On average, the Bloodmobile collects seven pints an hour.

Samantha Wheatley, a criminal justice major, donates every time she sees the vehicle.

"It gives me a sense of helpfulness," she said.

Donation drives are held at businesses, churches, community organizations and high schools. In 2009, Cottage Grove High

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LCC instructor Karen Krumrey (left) and student Christian McCain (right) donate blood during the Bloodmobiles visit to campus Oct. 19.

LTD adds bus routes, no parking solutions yet



EUGENE JOHNSON / THE TORCH

Early morning buses are crowded with students on their way to classes. Record enrollment has increased riders on LTD's services to LCC campus.

■ Torch archives show that parking has been a problem since at least 1998.

BRETT STANLEY | News Editor
& ALICA LUCK | Reporter

The sight is at least 12 years old — drivers navigate aimlessly through LCC's at-capacity parking lots looking for an empty space.

LCC students and staff have had trouble parking for longer than you'd expect.

Torch articles dating back to 1998 — when the college's enrollment was considerably smaller — recall scenes in the college's many parking lots that echo what's seen today.

With the recent downturn in the economy, students are coming to LCC in

increasing numbers. Because of this, college staff is encouraging students to ride the bus, car pool or ride their bikes.

Last year, college administrators took one step in alleviating the parking problem by creating temporary gravel lots.

"It was also in the summer of 2009 we repainted the lines and relabeled spots as compact," Chief Human Resources Director Dennis Carr said. "We issued temporary bus passes, too. In summer of 2010, we had no funding for temporary bus passes."

The \$27 transportation fee funds the college's student bus pass program and pays for parking lot maintenance and repair.

According to Andy Vobora, Lane Transit District head of marketing and communications, \$15.97 of the transportation fee funds the Lane Transit District bus pass program.

Production of the bus pass itself is \$2.50. The rest of the \$27 is reserved for parking

lot maintenance. Because the cost of bus service to the college is paid for by funds provided by the transportation fee, LCC hasn't seen any cuts in service. In fact, new routes have been added.

"Last year for the first time LCC bought some more trips, if you look at the bus 82 schedule, the highlighted routes are the ones that got added," Vobora said.

Carr says that parking has been a problem for quite a few years and that college officials are thinking of solutions to turn to when the economy takes a turn for the better.

Carr also urged students to better time their bus rides and possibly take a bus that arrives earlier. "We encourage students to take the bus at 20 minutes after the hour and 30 minutes after the hour, rather than take the one at forty minutes after the hour because the ones in the middle of the cycle after often times less full than the one leading up to the start of classes," Carr said.

ADMINISTRATION

There's a Beaver in Building 3

New HR manager is a transfer from OSU

HANNAH HYNES-PETTY | Reporter

Monday was a bit hectic for Darcy Dillon. LCC's new human resources manager spent the majority of the day settling into her new office and getting acquainted with her co-workers.

"I'm trying to meet new people, and I'm still getting oriented," she said. Though busy, Dillon was interested in talking benefits with employees and faculty.

Dillon will directly supervise the HR benefits team, while managing employee relations, benefits and labor relations both in the public and private sectors.

A certified HR professional, Dillon earned her Professional in Human Resources Certification in 1996. Every three years Dillon must recertify — PHRs require recertification through continuing

education activities to ensure that they're up to date with the most recent human resources policies.

She received her bachelors of science at Oregon State University, continuing on to earn her masters of business at the same institution.

Dillon joined the OSU staff in January 2009, where she held the post of HR Manager for the Arts and Sciences Business Center. Dillon also supervised recruitment for employees and faculty.

OSU has six business centers,



Darcy Dillon
New HR Manager

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Bonnie Simoa dances the night away

Dance instructor brings Balinese dancing to LCC

AMANDA WOOLDRIDGE | Features Editor

Not many people can dance in front of a large audience. Even fewer can do it for 45 minutes straight while they're bound by three layers of cloth and weighted down by an elaborate head ornament.

Bonnie Simoa, director of LCC's dance program, accomplishes it with poise.

After taking a four-month sabbatical in Bali, Simoa has returned to LCC, bringing with her the gift of Balinese dance, which she performed Saturday in The Blue Door Theatre.

"When I perform this dance, I pray to have energy and focus," Simoa said, referring to the stamina and strength it takes to go through the lengthy and intricate dance.

Simoa visited Bali for the first time 14 years ago. She went to Bali to search for a deeper meaning and understanding of dance.

Although Simoa had already produced her own successful dance company — The Bonnie Simoa Dance Company — and has performed for countless other outfits, her thirst for the knowledge of dance in different cultures was powerful enough to drive her to travel to Bali once again last spring.



COURTESY OF JOHN WATSON

Bonnie Simoa poses in an ornamental headdress that she wears while performing her Balinese dances.

During the performance, the audience watched with unyielding concentration as Simoa danced across the stage with delicate and mesmerizing movements that many attendees had never experienced.

The enthusiasm that Simoa showed during the 45-minute performance exemplified her love and passion for dance.

"I feel a ferocity and sensuality when I dance," Simoa said. "The dance is definitely an emotional experience from start to finish."

The purpose of Balinese dance is to satisfy the gods and bring health and prosperity to the people. Simoa studied the art of Balinese dancing with her mentor Sang Ayu Ketut Muklen, one of the last surviving Balinese teachers of her generation.

The dance is typically performed by three individuals and has a very abstract feel to it. Each dance is different and is intended to tell a story through the movements, music and emotions conveyed through the dance.

"I have been practicing every couple of days," Simoa said. "I do the whole dance at least once on the days that I practice. The memorization of all the moves is one of the hardest parts of the dance itself."

After the performance was over, Simoa answered some of the guests' questions and gave special thanks to the people in her life that made it possible for her to return to Bali.

"I want to dedicate this performance to my teacher Sang Ayu, whose patience, humor and friendship inspire my love for her and this beautiful dance," Simoa said before thanking college staff and administrators for supporting her trip to Bali.

CHANGING LANES



ANDY ROSSBACK

I got it in the bag

"Native American medicine bags are the traditional container of supernatural powers," the guest speaker said. "These powers can protect us and bring balance to our lives."

"Right," I thought to myself.

I was in my Native American Autobiography class and we were making medicine bags that day.

The previous night I had received news that I would not be taking the position I had applied for as editor of the Torch.

I wasn't feeling my best to say the least. I certainly wasn't capable of taking a medicine bag seriously.

Two other people ran against me for the editor position: Old Editor and New Editor.

Old Editor was editor last year and hoped to continue his tenure into this year. New Editor is now my boss.

I gathered my stones, dried corn and other various materials for the bag. I assembled the bag following the directions of the guest speaker.

He warned us that making the bag incorrectly can cause bad luck. We also had to believe in the bag for it to work, he said. With an I-don't-want-to-be-here look on my face, I laced up the bag and forever sealed my fate.

When I arrived back at the Torch offices, I placed my pathetic excuse for a medicine bag on the table as I thought it would make a great centerpiece.

I told the staff about it. I cracked some jokes about the bag and then let it go.

I had no intention of ever seeing it again.

I gave my congratulations to New Editor. Old Editor arrived while I was doing this.

"Let me see your keys," Old Editor said to New Editor.

"You're fired."

Old Editor fired New Editor for the remaining week of the term. He cited no reasons.

I shared looks of shock with the rest of staff. Slowly, all eyes gravitated to the medicine bag.

"That thing is cursed," I said.

I learned a powerful lesson about Native American culture. It cannot be taken lightly. However, that didn't solve what was to be done with the cursed bag.

After a summer away, New Editor greeted me.

"I've got a present for you."

The cursed medicine bag hung above my desk.

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GAME REVIEW

Kirby's especially cute yarn

Main protagonist is 'nothing but a ball of yarn and a couple of eyeballs'

EDER CAMPUZANO | Editor

There are those who will dismiss "Kirby's Epic Yarn" because of its visual style.

These people must really hate fun.

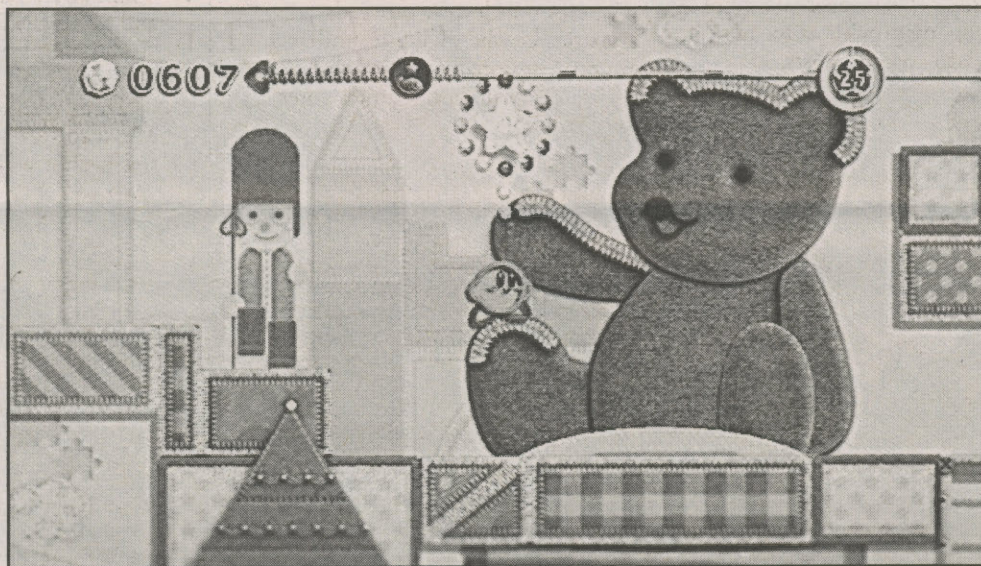
To give up on Kirby's latest outing because it's too cute would be a crime. The game's beauty is in its simple gameplay and elegant art direction.

Everything in "Epic Yarn" looks as though the development team bought the material at Jo Ann Fabrics. Heck, the main protagonist is nothing but a ball of yarn and a couple of eyeballs. Kirby sums up the game's art direction perfectly during its opening scene when he says "This place feels like pants."

I'll admit, the storyboard cutscenes are filled with enough cutesy sound bites and adorable characters to make any self-respecting adult skip through and the game is a bit on the easy side.

For one thing, forget what you knew about falling into bottomless pits — you can't die in this game. Kirby is rescued by a group of small birds whenever his jumps fall short. Make Kirby dive into a pit of lava and the little guy may be singed when he returns to the fray, but he continues on as though nothing happened.

The game doesn't stray far from the



COURTESY OF NINTENDO

traditional move-right-until-you-reach-the-end-of-the-stage mechanics that have been around since before the first "Super Mario Bros." Really, that's all you have to do to beat "Kirby's Epic Yarn." Just make it to the end of the stage safely.

Fortunately, the game's simplicity is balanced by a system that rewards perfection. The beauty of the title is in its point system.

Every stage contains gems. The more gems you collect, the higher your score at the end of the stage. There are three different levels of completion — bronze, silver and gold. Get a gold rating by collecting 90 percent of the stage's gems and you increase your chances of unlocking secret levels.

That's right — in order to see everything "Kirby's Epic Yarn" has to offer, you've got to explore every nook and cranny of each stage. Not only that, but if you bump into any sharp

objects or fall into a bottomless pit, Kirby loses all of his gems. You have about five seconds to recapture your treasure before it's gone forever. Fail to retrieve your gems and you can look forward to replaying a stage until you can make it through unharmed.

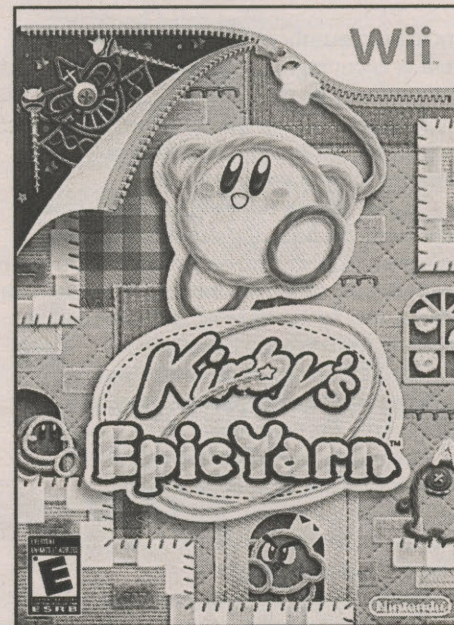
The gem system adds a sense of danger to the game that would be missing otherwise and gives the title replay value. Kirby's latest outing is also more fun with a friend.

If you've got a second Wii remote, you

play as Kirby while a friend can assume control of Prince Fluff, who looks exactly like the game's eponymous hero, but he's blue and sports a crown. Many of the game's secrets are easier to access by picking up a friend and throwing them onto high platforms.

"Kirby's Epic Yarn" will obviously appeal to children and it's a great title to have at social gatherings. The learning curve is nearly non-existent and the amount of hidden material is enough to satisfy any veteran Kirby fan. Although it's not as frantic as "New Super Mario Bros. Wii," the title is entertaining nonetheless.

Don't let his cuteness fool you — Kirby means business.



At a glance

Kirby's Epic Yarn

ESRB Rating: E (ages 6+)

Developers: Good-Feel, HAL Laboratories

Publisher: Nintendo

Platform: Wii

MSRP: \$50

In English, please

Ballot measures without the jargon

JESSE GRAY | Reporter

It's the middle of Fall term. You're busy, we get it. As a general rule most people do not have the time, energy or desire to read into each and every ballot measure and see how it would affect them. That can be attributed to the wordiness of those measures in the voters' guide. That's where we come in. We've translated the jargon so you don't have to. Here's a sampling of some of the measures you'll be voting. And, yes, they're in English.

**City of Springfield
Measure 20-173**

This measure renews a fire and life safety services levy approved by Springfield voters in 2005. A "yes" vote would levy 36 cents per \$1,000 of a home's assessed value for five years beginning in 2011 to staff a fifth fire engine crew. To put it in perspective, a three-bedroom house appraised at \$150,000 would cost its owners another \$54 in taxes per year. This measure renews current local option taxes.

Measure 70

This amendment to the Oregon Constitution expands the availability of home loans through the Oregon War Veterans' Fund. Currently, veterans must have received an honorable discharge and must have served for more than 210 consecutive days or

been released because of injury or disability in order to qualify. Veterans must also apply for loans within 30 years after being released from service and must show ability to repay the loans. This measure amends the Oregon Constitution to make loans available to more veterans, including those who served in the National Guard, others who have honorably served overseas and veterans who have not seen combat. This measure would make low-interest home loans a lifetime benefit and would increase the number of honorably discharged veterans and surviving spouses who are eligible for the low-interest loan program.

Measure 73

This measure requires increased minimum sentences for certain repeated sex crimes and incarceration for repeated driving under influence charges. A vote of "yes" on this measure increases the minimum sentences for certain repeated sex crimes from 70 to 100 months to 300 months if the measure passes. It also imposes a minimum of 90 days of incarceration for repeated driving under the influence (DUI) convictions. There are currently no minimum incarceration sentences for repeated DUI offenses. This measure does not contain any provisions for raising money to cover its costs.

Measure 74

Establishes a medical marijuana supply system, research program and allows limited selling of marijuana. A "Yes" vote establishes a low income assistance program for medical marijuana cardholders, a research program and grants limited state regulation authority. This measure would allow limited marijuana sales. A "No" vote retains current law without supply or assistance programs for medical marijuana cardholders or authorization for state organized scientific programs or medical marijuana sales. These services would be funded by fees imposed on them by the measure's passage.

Measure 76

Amends Oregon's Constitution and continues lottery funding for parks, beaches, wildlife habitats, watershed protection beyond 2014 and modifies the funding process. A "Yes" vote continues constitutional dedication of 15 percent of lottery proceeds for parks, beaches, wildlife habitat, and watershed protection beyond 2014 and would modify the funding process and allocations. A "No" vote retains the current constitutional provision dedicating 15 percent of lottery proceeds to parks, beaches, wildlife, and watershed protection through 2014. Continuation requires voter approval.

AROUND TOWN

Here's 5 things to do in Eugene on a budget

LISA BALL | Reporter

If you're at LCC, chances are you're digging into your pockets – or even your couch – every time your friends say they want to go out. After all, the starving student is a stereotype for a reason. Here are five things you can do in Eugene that won't break the bank.

Diablo's Funk Jam is free on Thursday nights and it's getting more popular every week. The jam is run by Reeble Jar sax player James Green, and many of Eugene's top musicians (and some unknowns) play together in improvised jam sets. Dancing, merriment and pool games happen as well. 959 Pearl St. 541-343-2346

Cinemark 17 Theaters' matinees are \$5. Of course, 3-D films cost more. Movies 12 has "cheap seats" featuring films that have been out for awhile. The cost is \$1.25 all day Wednesdays, \$1.50 before 6 p.m., \$1.75 after 6 p.m., and \$2 Friday and Saturday after 6 p.m. Both are at 2900 Gateway St. in Springfield.

Happy hour at Chapala's Mexican Restaurant offers free nachos with a drink

purchase every day from 4-6 p.m. Of course, you're practically obligated to order their fantastic margarita if you're dining at a Mexican restaurant. Don't try ordering this special at Oakway Center — the deal is exclusive to the 29th Avenue location. 68 W. 29th Ave. 541-683-5458

Ballroom dancing at U of O is becoming quite popular, thanks in part to shows like "Dancing with the Stars." Get your groove on any Friday night with lessons during the first two hours for free. Admission is \$4 for students. 220 Gerlinger Hall.

Your place probably has somewhere to sit, right? Do you have a computer and Netflix? Grab a friend, make some popcorn and browse through some of the ridiculous titles available for instant streaming. Sure, you've got "30 Rock," "All the President's Men" and other A-list fare, but we're in love with "Transmorphers 2." With these tips, you should be able to get a good bang for your buck while enjoying what free time you have in your schedule.



International Halloween Dance, Hosted by ACAC!
Friday, October 29th
5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Bldg. 1 Rm. 206 Any questions? Volunteer? Email ross_preston@yahoo.com

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Associated Students of Lane Community College			
Club or Group	Frequency	Time/Day	Place
ASLCC – Associated Students of Lane Community College	Weekly	3:30-5:30 Monday Student Government	Building 3 Boardroom
ASLCC Council of Clubs	Bi-Weekly	3:00-5:00 every other Tuesday, November 2	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	Building 1 Room 201
Lane Arts Student Association (LASA)	Twice per Month	1:30-2:30 on the 2 nd & 4 th Tuesday	Alcove in Art Bldg. (11)
Student Productions Association (SPA)	Bi-Weekly	4:15 every other Thursday, Oct. 28 th	Building 6 Blue Door
Geology Club	Weekly	2:00-3:00 Monday	Building 16 SRC
Jazz Club	Weekly	3:15-4:15 Wednesday	Building 6 Band Room
Table Tennis Club	Weekly	6:30-8:00 Thursday	Cafeteria
LCC XYZ (Formerly known as the QSA - Queer-Straight Alliance)	Bi-Weekly	4:00 every other Thursday (opposite Council of Clubs)	Building 1 Room 212
LCC Dance Club (LCCDC)	Bi-Weekly	3:00-4:00 every other Thursday Oct. 21, Nov. 4	Building 1 Room 206
Learning Garden Club (LGC) *Meeting in learning garden during good weather	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

NEWS
BRIEFLY

The Learning Garden Harvest Dinner will occur Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Garden tours will begin at 1:15 p.m. and again at 2:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. LCC culinary students will prepare soup made from garden produce. Soup will be served at noon. The Learning Garden provided more than 1,000 pounds of produce for the college last year. For more information, contact Jennifer Hayward at 541-463-3010.

Bonnie Simoa and a group of contemporary dancers will perform in the Ragozzino Performance Hall on Oct. 29 and 30. Sarah Ebert, Brad Garner, Cynthia Gutierrez-Garner, Shannon Mockli and Sarah Nemecek will join Simoa on stage. For more information, contact John Watson at book_arts@yahoo.com.

Physics X students discuss their research every Wednesday at 5:50 p.m. in Building 19, Room 16. The Oct. 27 session will be presented by Tobias Brown and is titled "What Do Geckos and Wormholes Have In Common?" For more information, contact Dennis Gilbert at 541-463-5049.

The Downtown Center computer lab is open for business and operates 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays, and 9 a.m. to noon on Thursdays and Fridays. Lab use is limited to current students, instructors and other college staff. Lab hours are subject to change. For more information, contact the Continuing Education Department at 541-463-5252.

The American Association for Women in Community Colleges will host its kickoff lunch on Oct. 25 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Center for Meeting and Learning, Room 105. This meeting is open to the public. Seating is limited. RSVP with Siv Serene Barnum at 541-463-5849.

Haunted houses have sprung up all over the place. Here are just a few of the events open to the public through Halloween:

- **Haunted Mill** — 169 Elkhead Rd, Yoncalla. Oct. 26 through Oct. 28, 6 p.m. to midnight. Oct. 29 through Oct. 31 5 p.m. to midnight. Admission Oct. 26 is four cans of food. Oct. 27 through Oct. 31, admission is \$10 or \$8 with two cans of food.
- **Chamber of Darkness Haunted House** — 24800 Hwy 99, Monroe. Oct. 29 and 30, 7-11 p.m. Admission is \$6. 541-847-5161.
- **Haunted Corn Maze** at Lone Pine Farms — 91909 River Rd, Junction City. Fridays through Sundays in October. 7:30-10 p.m. Admission is \$15 Friday and Saturday, \$13 on Sundays. 541-688-4389.

WOMEN'S CENTER

St. Vinny's program helps students save

Students may earn up to \$3 for every \$1 they contribute, certain restrictions apply

BRETT STANLEY | News Editor

Visitors to LCC's Women's Center learned of an education savings account during a brown bag talk on Oct. 19.

Colleen Stewart, Individual Development Account specialist for St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County, Inc. informed students Tuesday of a matched funds savings opportunity for college students.

The account, known as an "Individual Development Account," matches \$3 for every \$1 saved by a student. The savings account is a "goal oriented savings plan," Stewart said.

The IDA plan started as a congressional initiative in 2000 to help low and moderate income households acquire assets, according to Stewart.

"We're really targeting certain portions of the population, one of those is college students," Stewart said.

Student applicants for an IDA account must interview for application and must meet criteria before being allowed to participate.

Applicants' gross income must be at or below 80 percent of \$32,200 and cannot exceed \$20,000 in assets for Lane County, must be an Oregon resident, must be able to

save a minimum of \$25 per month, and must take an asset training program.

The maximum amount a person can save is \$3,000 with a matching amount of \$9,000 and participants can have one account open at a time and only two per lifetime, per household. Funds must also be spent within a certain time frame based on the amount of time a person's goals are set for.

Savings goals can range between six months and three years, according to Stewart.

Matched funds must also be spent on program specific items, such as tuition, books, fees, and equipment that may aid in the completion of an academic program, according to Stewart.

Though funds can be spent on tuition, they cannot be spent on paying back student loans. "Funds can only be spent on 'forward' expenses," Stewart said.

IDA accounts and the banking and fiduciary institutions that administer the accounts are FDIC insured. However, Stewart did not know how the banking institutions managed or invested account holders' savings.

Stewart also mentioned several different types of IDAs, including accounts for business and home ownership.

Board progresses on final plan for downtown campus

Classroom spaces will feature Apple Store-like designs

BRETT STANLEY | News Editor

The LCC Board of Education made progress towards finalization of plans for LCC's new downtown campus during its monthly meeting on Oct. 13.

Project manager Jill Sherman of Gerding-Edlen Development Company and architect Jim Robertson of Robertson-Sherwood Architects updated the board on the progress being made to LCC's downtown campus project.

"We are nearing the end of schematic design, which is anticipated for mid-November," Sherman said. "That's kind of the first phase of the design process. At that point, we will be looking at the college for further approval."

Some of the classroom design will be based on Apple Inc.'s chain of Apple Stores. One key element of the "Apple classrooms" is that they will feature glass walls.

"We're calling them an 'Apple classroom' because some of the newer Apple Stores are utilizing these kinds of educational spaces to show off their equipment and systems," said Robertson.

The new campus will also boast housing for students, though the number of beds and apartment design may change at a later date, according to Robertson.

"In part the idea is to design well designed but efficient units, because clearly we want to build only what we need from a cost perspective," Sherman said.

The student housing will also include a small number of single occupancy studio apartments in conjunction with more

traditionally-styled dormitories.

Sherman also said there would eventually be a poll posted on the MyLane portion of the LCC website, asking students about how much they would like to pay for and what students would like to see in the new student housing project.

After Sherman and Robertson's downtown campus presentation, the board moved on to approve moving towards a 50 year "master plan" for the college.

The master plan is a conceptual vision for the college, according to LCC President Mary Spilde.

"We have started to develop a master plan for the college," she said. "We've tried to frame this recommendation so that it gives flexibility."

The board of education also voted unanimously to approve a tentative contract with the Lane Community College Employees Association.

ASLCC president Mario Parker-Milligan also informed the board of students' frustration with what he called "the parking situation."

"The students are frustrated, to say the least, with the parking situation," Parker-Milligan said, adding that transportation in general is a sore spot among many. "I think students want to know what the parking situation is going to look like in the next year or so and if there's going to be any solution to it."

Parker-Milligan also informed the board of the 3,474 students ASLCC registered to vote and was congratulated on being the Oregon Student Association's first community college chair.

EDITOR'S COMMENTARY



BRETT STANLEY

The new news guy

I'm the new news editor for the Torch this year. I've been around the past few weeks and have met some of you and missed others.

Already I've heard complaints from a few students about Lane, your (I mean *our*) financial aid office, academic counseling and tuition.

Well, I'm a transfer student from Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham.

I have you beat.

Pessimistically, I give MHCC about two years before it has to close up shop.

The front end of the financial aid office is headed by three women I've often referred to as The Financial Aid Cerberus.

It might suck that your financial aid doesn't get disbursed when you want, or that it's not as much as you want. But have you ever had your aid arbitrarily revoked when you reach 70 credits, 20 below the number needed to graduate? I have.

Trust me when I say you (we) have it easy down here.

As a new resident of Lane County, the out-of-district tuition I'm paying is, I'm pretty sure, still cheaper per credit than MHCC's in-district tuition.

MHCC has a gargantuan \$5.8 million budget shortfall, a looming \$3 million repair bill for a blown electrical system, and may be looking at cutting faculty, staff and academic programs, as well as increasing tuition \$5 more per credit hour.

Of course, the administration, board of education and president of MHCC say that cutting programs is a last resort.

As a seasoned reporter, I have my doubts.

Prior to coming to Lane, I was news editor, photo editor and one of three copy editors for MHCC's student newspaper, the Advocate.

I held these positions off and on, sometimes concurrently, throughout two years at Mt. Hood.

I can boast that in my first year, after three weeks at the Advocate, I was approached by Bob Watkins, the adviser there, and offered an editorship.

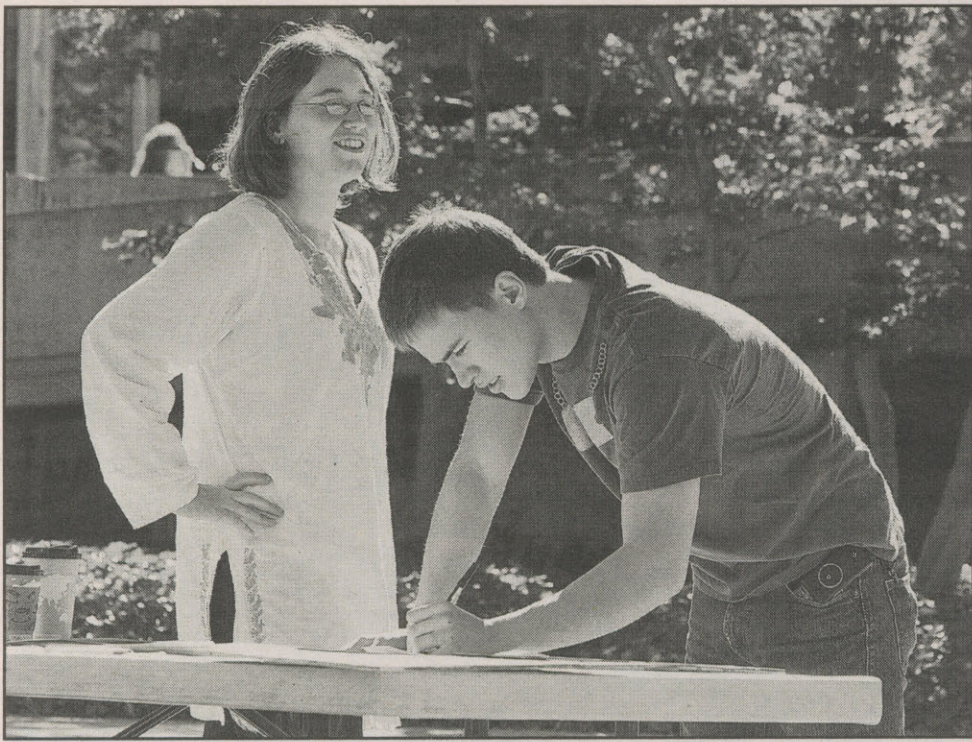
I consider myself fairly good at what I do.

What I want to bring to the Torch is a sense of what news is, and how to tackle it. I want to watch where your money is being spent and how.

More than anything, I want to inform, as much as humanly possible, the students as to the goings on with the administration, ASLCC, clubs, and campus events that might impact their lives.

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OSPIRG



JAVIER MAGALLANES / THE TORCH

OSPIRG Chair Ariel McCoy (left) observes as Richard Harnsongkram signs a petition that will be sent to President Barack Obama to protest offshore drilling.

Group seeks to end offshore drilling

HANNAH HYNES-PETTY | Reporter

In just three months, 200 million gallons of oil gushed into the Gulf of Mexico.

On Wednesday — the six-month anniversary of the Gulf oil spill — the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group kicked off its “No Drill No Spill” campaign to end offshore drilling.

The campaign is focused on gathering petitions to send to President Barack Obama’s administration in hopes to dissuade the re-opening of offshore drilling.

The moratorium on offshore drilling was lifted Oct. 12.

“People have been on board,” OSPIRG Chapter Chair Ariel McCoy said. After two hours of demonstrating, three of the 18 petitions were full — totaling 55 signatures.

“We’re [setting up tables] tomorrow and on Friday,” McCoy said. “I would like to see 1,000 signatures from this.”

Additionally, OSPIRG wants to send a photo petition with 200 photos of demonstrators holding a “Stop Drilling Now” sign to the Obama administration.

The “No Drill No Spill” campaign included a representation of the oil spill on the lawn near the Center building. “The grass is the ocean, and there is 500 square feet of black plastic,” McCoy said. “One square foot represents 400,000 gallons of oil.”

According to Earthjustice, a non-profit public-interest law firm, 6,104 dead birds, 605 dead sea turtles and 95 dead mammals, including dolphins, have been collected in the area affected by the Gulf oil spill.

“I really hope [Obama] listens to these issues. By calling him we’re putting him to his word,” McCoy said.

OSPIRG hopes for 50-100 demonstrators to call.

“It’s really important. If he’s not being receptive to this then there’s no hope left,” McCoy said.

OSPIRG is hoping to launch more campaigns and more events of this nature

“Anything that will get [the government’s] attention,” McCoy said. “[I’m] just interested in making a change, really making a difference.”

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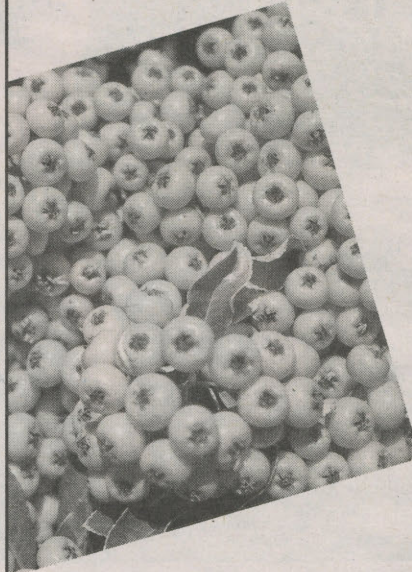
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SMOKING

Titan Store
now selling
nicotine gum

Cessation classes
have also been
scheduled to help
students quit

MIKE PARTEE | Reporter

The transition to a tobacco free campus continues as locations for smoking cessation classes have been finalized and the Titan Store begins its sales of nicotine gum.

Building 4 will host the first class in Room 104 on Wednesday, Nov. 3, from 1-2 p.m.

The second and third classes will be held in Building 5, Room 206 on Nov. 9 and Nov. 18 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and noon to 1 p.m. respectively.

To assist people in the process of quitting, the Titan Store now sells packages of nicotine gum. Every package comes with ten pieces of gum and sells for \$5.

"We haven't sold a lot of gum yet," Titan Store Director Jennifer Steele said. "We don't know if the students are seeking other resources like the health clinic or if they are making it to the designated areas without too much inconveniences. We also wonder if people are aware that we have it for sale now."

Due to the fact that the gum is an age-restricted item, students wishing to purchase it should prepare to provide photo ID at the checkout counter.

Sophomore multimedia design student Heidi Shafer didn't know the gum was for sale in the bookstore and highly doubted that others did.

"I think they are both valid options," Shafer said. "Not for me per se, but I think it's best for people trying to quit to have an active support system."

JAMMIN' BETWEEN CLASSES



JAVIER MAGALLANES / THE TORCH

Twenty-year-old Lorin Smith entertains smokers in Parking Lot K Wednesday. Smith is a multimedia student focusing on audio engineering. "I got time between classes," he said. "Most of the smokers are pretty pissed about being moved to the edge of campus so I try to give them something to smile about."

Health clinic hosts vaccination; has Gardasil

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The LCC Health Clinic is hosting another round of flu vaccination sessions. This time the focus is students.

Vaccination sessions will begin at 1 p.m. and last two hours on Oct. 29 and Nov. 1. Health Clinic officials will administer the shots in Building 30, Room 132 and the cost is \$25.

The clinic is no less busy than it was last year, when an H1N1 pandemic had most of the world on edge. Operations at the Health

Clinic are a bit more orderly these days.

"Because we don't have the H1N1 scare, people are more complacent," Faculty Nurse Nadine Wilkes said.

Clinic officials decided to host a second round of vaccinations due to the looming flu season. According to Wilkes, the number of reported cases for the disease peak around finals week.

Sleep deprivation, inconsistent diets and high stress contribute to outbreaks of influenza in late November and early December.

Wilkes says the flu season at LCC usually stretches from late October to early May. In order to combat the virus, clinic officials recommend regular hand washing and keeping hands away from the face.

The Health Clinic has also recently acquired a supply of Gardasil, a vaccine proven to prevent certain types of human papillomavirus — a leading cause of genital warts and more than 90 percent of cervical cancers, according to Health Clinic officials. Gardasil is available in the clinic for women under 25 and the cost is \$10.

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EWEB

Rely on us

Hoop recruits netted for fall

ALAN K. FOX | Sports Editor

Men's basketball will have a lot of new faces on the court this year. Head coach Bruce Chavka has added players from Texas, California and Oregon to this year's squad.

Sophomore transfer Ethan Guiles is a 6'5" inside player from Grayson County Community College in Denison, Texas. He can play either the power forward or center position.

"He is a big strong player who plays with a lot of intensity and works really hard," Chavka said. "I expect big things from him and should grab a lot of rebounds for us. What a great find for us."

The Titans recruited heavily California Bay Area in the offseason.

One of many players highlighting that recruitment effort is 5'9" point guard Matt Juillerat from Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, Calif.

"Matt is a very strong point guard who is very mature," Chavka said. "He is a great leader and we expect a lot from him."

Alfred "Justice" Thomas, from Freemont High School in Oakland, Calif, is a 6'5" player who can play both forward and center for the Titans this year. He also was a First Team OAL All-City team member.

"Justice is a physical force inside and knows how to use his body and is a great rebounder," Chavka said. "I think he has a really bright future."

DeShawn Washington, from Castlemont High School in Oakland, Calif, is a 6'2"

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Ducks move to No. 1 in AP, coaches polls

Oklahoma takes No. 1 in initial BCS poll

ALAN K. FOX | Sports Editor

The Ducks (6-0, 3-0 Pac-10) have reached a milestone that they have never reached before.

Chip Kelly's fast-paced offense and high-powered defense has been climbing the polls all season, and with an Ohio State loss to Wisconsin, the Ducks are now ranked No. 1 in all of the major polls. The sole exception is the Bowl Championship Series poll.

The Ducks started the season at No. 11 and have climbed to the top spot in just seven weeks.

Oregon claimed 39 first-place votes and 1,471 points overall in the AP poll, 24 more than No. 2 Boise State.

Being ranked in the top spot doesn't guarantee Oregon a spot in the National

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CROSS COUNTRY

RUNNING AROUND

Women finish sixth and men finish seventh at Puma Invite

The Titans traveled to Portland on Oct. 16 to run in the Puma Invite, hosted by Concordia University.

Sophomore MaCayla Claver, who ran unattached for LCC, finished 13th

overall with a time of 18:16.8 in the 5k race. Two other

Titan women, freshmen Rachel

Jensen and Laura Jackson,

finished among the third of

the race. Jensen finished

with a time of 19:05.1

and Jackson finished

with a time of

19:26.9.

"I really enjoyed the course and I'm glad that I had the opportunity to be able to race there," Jackson said. "I thought my team did really great and put in a lot of effort into their races and a lot of us even improved our 5k times, so it was a pretty exciting day."

Six women set a personal best for a 5k run, and LCC finished sixth overall in a run that only included two other community colleges.

"I feel like the girls ran pretty consistently starting with our first runner all the way to the seventh runner," head coach John Scholl said. "The goal for them was to stay packed for as long as they did, and I saw a lot of separation but I think everyone challenged themselves and ran really well."

On the men's side, freshman Aria Kiani was the Titans' top-finisher. He ran a time of 26:48.7 in the 8k run.

The other top Titan finishers were sophomore Michael Bellamy, who finished with a time of 27:23.7 and freshman Miguel Niveves, who ran a time of 27:42.5.

"On the guys' side I feel that a lot of them got caught up in the race, and took off a little too fast, which you can't do in a 8k," Scholl said.

The Titan men anticipated tough competition in Portland. Freshman Reyes Rivera felt the team did well overall.

"I felt that everyone gave it their best shot and showed amazing efforts," Reyes said.

Scholl seemed pleased with the team's performance as well.

The Titans finished in the seventh and final spot of the race.

"The goal of today was to challenge our kids, get them out there and have no race strategy and



Aria Kiani was the Titans' top-finisher on the men's team at the Puma Invite on Oct. 16 in Portland. He ran a time of 26:48.7 in the 8k run.

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THE FOX TROT



ALAN K. FOX

Forget the BCS poll

We use computers for everyday tasks. We use them for homework, Internet surfing, Facebook and storing important information. But what do they know about football?

All of the polls have Oregon ranked No. 1. Well, except for the BCS poll, which is mostly based on computer polls and some sort of formulation of information.

If the coaches and the writers have the Ducks ranked No. 1, why don't the computers? I know you can bring up strength of schedule. So the Sooners have wins over No. 16 Florida State and No. 22 Texas, Oregon has a win over No. 12 Stanford.

The Big-12 this year is really soft and does not pack the punch that it has in the last few years. I know that most of the major media still says that the best conferences in the nation are the SEC and the Big 12, but the truth is the Pac-10 looks to have the advantage this year.

I just hope that the BCS doesn't screw the Ducks like they did in the 2002 season, where they overlooked Oregon for a Big-12 team, Nebraska, who ended up getting their butts handed to them in the national championship to Miami.

Sometimes it works

The BCS hasn't always gotten it wrong, because some seasons it has been obvious who the top two teams were. In a season like this, where there could possibly be seven undefeated teams at the end of the season, it could be a scary situation.

One positive thing to think about is the fact that one of the initial BCS top two teams has made it to the national championship game in most of the years it has been around, so let's hope that it is the Ducks and not the Sooners.

I know what you're thinking — "Wow he is such a homer, always cheering on the home team."

The truth is, I am actually a huge Ohio State fan, and I became a Ducks fan when I moved to Oregon back in the early '90s.

The fact that the Buckeyes had to lose to make Oregon No. 1 was a little bittersweet. After the Buckeyes' Rose Bowl victory over the Ducks I told my friends that if it came down for a chance at a national championship, I would hope for the Ducks to win.

Can you imagine how this city will be if Oregon wins a National Championship?

Let's hope the computers get it right if the Ducks continue this winning streak.

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TITANS OF THE WEEK

Aria Kiani XC

Kiani was selected as Male Titan Athlete of the week based on his running performance at the Puma Invite in Portland on Oct. 16. He was the top finisher on the men's team with a time of 26:48.27 in the 8k race.

MaCayla Claver XC

Claver was selected as Female Titan Athlete of the Week based on her running performance at the Puma Invite. She ran unattached and finished 13th overall with a time of 18:16.8 in the 5k race.



Clackamas shuts out Titans

Last year's Southern Region MVP dominates Wednesday match

ALAN K. FOX | Sport Editor

The top two teams in the NWAACC Southern Region faced off at LCC Wednesday. The Titans lost to Southern-Region leader Clackamas 3-0.

Clackamas' Jennifer Jackson — last year's Southern Region MVP — scored all three of the Cougars goals.

Jackson's three-goal performance also moved her into the top spot for goals scored in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges.

Head coach Dave Ellis admits that Jackson's performance put a damper on Titan morale.

"That took a little steam out of us," he said.

The Titans (8-4-1, 6-3-1 Southern Region) started the game aggressively, but the effort seemed to slow down after the first goal by Clackamas (11-2, 10-0) inside of the 16th minute when Jackson scored off an assist by Clackamas sophomore forward Jennifer Almond.

"Clackamas is ranked No. 2 for a reason. They are a very, very good team," Ellis said. "I think the first 15 or 20 minutes we really took it to them."

The Cougars controlled the ball for the remainder of the game.

Clackamas scored its second goal inside of the 44th minute of the first half when Jackson took advantage of an assist by freshman defender Aryn Rayford.

"That killed our momentum and killed our desire for the second half," Ellis said.

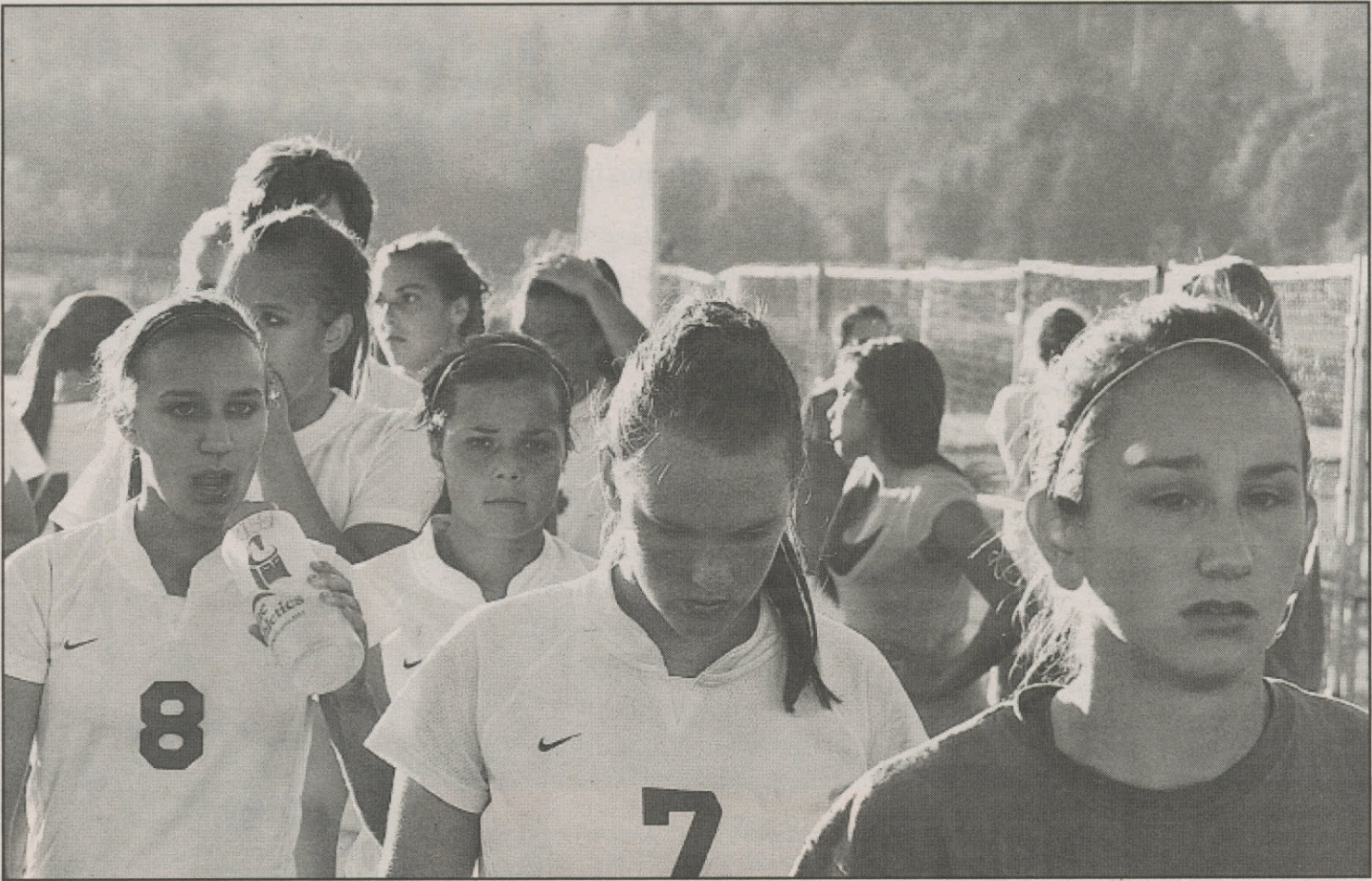
The second half was more of the same. The Cougars controlled the ball and their crisp passing kept the ball from the Titan offense.

Jackson got her third goal inside of the 78th minute from a corner kick assist by sophomore defender Kahyra Ramirez.

This was the first time that LCC has been shut out all season. Defeat aside, Ellis believes the game was an overall positive experience for his team.

"I think that we can take some good things out of this game and some lessons for some things that we need to learn on," Ellis said. "These are the games that we need to get ready for the playoffs."

The Titans next challenge comes at LCC on Oct. 23 at noon when the women face off against Clark.



ALAN K. FOX / THE TORCH

A dejected Titans soccer team looks to move forward after the 3-0 loss to No. 2 ranked Clackamas on Oct 20. The Cougars are the only NWAACC team guaranteed a spot in the playoffs.

NWAACC Southern Region Standings		
Team	Season	League
X-Clackamas	11-2-0	10-0-0
Lane	8-4-1	6-3-1
Chemeketa	5-6-3	4-3-3
Clark	2-8-3	2-6-2
SW Oregon	0-12-0	0-10-0
X = Clinched playoff spot		

Upcoming schedule			
Oct. 23	Clark	@ LCC	12 p. m.
Oct. 27	Chemeketa	@ Salem	2 p. m.
Oct. 30	SWOCC	@ LCC	12 p. m.



ALAN K. FOX / THE TORCH

Kiki McDonagh, Katie Bidwell and Marissa Morris fight for a loose ball against Clackamas on Oct. 20.

BASKETBALL 'DeShawn is a great slasher'

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guard who will be new to the team, as well.

"DeShawn is a great slasher, who can really jump and is very coachable," Chavka said.

Other California recruits include two more Oakland natives. Darrell Breazell, another Freemont grad and Tyree Newman from Castlemont also join the Titans this year.

Breazell is a 5'7" point guard and Newman is a 6'6" bigman who can play both forward and center.

"Darrell is a quick penetrating point guard and has great ball handling skills. I am really excited for his future," Chavka said. "Newman is a long and athletic player who will block a lot of shots for us."

LCC also added players from throughout Oregon.

Two players from the Eugene area added to the team are Ellis McNulty, from Springfield High School and Nick Lindsay from South Eugene.

McNulty is a 6'3" guy that can play both shooting guard and small

forward for the Titans.

"Ellis is very athletic and can get to the rim," Chavka said. "I am really glad he is a Titan."

"Lindsay is a 6'5" forward who is well coached and came from a good program," Chavka said. "He is a slasher who can really shoot the ball."

Brendan Schumacher, from Marshall High School in Portland and Devin Harvey from Westview High in Beaverton also join the Titans. Both players are 6'5" and will add size to the LCC lineup.

Chavka also added two players from Medford.

Josh Pecktol is a 6'2" guard from North Medford High.

"He is a strong player, jumps well and is a great competitor," Chavka said.

Gonzalo Duran from South Medford is a 5'9" guard who will add depth to the roster.

"He is a great defender and a good leader," Chavka said.

Rounding out the class is three-point shooter Daniel Ketchum, a 6-foot guard from Sisters High.

Daniel is a strong, athletic, three-point shooter who can handle the ball," Chavka said. "I am very happy with the class of guys we brought in this year. We have some local guys and we also reached out and got some guys from other areas."

"We have some local guys and we also reached out and got some guys from other areas."

— Bruce Chavka, head basketball coach



EUGENE JOHNSON / THE TORCH

Head coach Bruce Chavka has the men's basketball squad ready to start the new season. The new players have been heavily recruited from Oregon and California.



ALAN K. FOX / THE TORCH

Ducks run onto the field before the Stanford game on Oct. 2. They rose to No. 1 in the Associated Press and coaches' polls two games later.

DUCKS

Alabama lost to South Carolina on Oct. 9

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Championship game — in the last two weeks the No. 1 team in the nation has lost. Alabama (6-1, 3-1 SEC) lost to South Carolina on Oct. 9 and last week Ohio State (6-1, 2-1 Big 10) was upset by then-No. 18 Wisconsin.

"What I'm really fired up about, to be honest with you, is 49 days from today, because that's

the only time it counts," Kelly said. "On Dec. 5th, if you're one or two, then it's really relevant. Today, obviously it's an honor for these guys. But 49 days from today, we'll be jumping up and down, jumping around, doing all the stuff."

Oregon's highest-ranked season other than this was the 2001-02 season when Mike Bellotti was the head coach and had Joey Harrington as the team's quarterback. The Ducks went on to beat Colorado in the Fiesta Bowl.

Oregon hopes that the losing streak for the No. 1 team in the country stops at two weeks when they host UCLA Oct. 21 at Autzen. The game will be broadcast on ESPN and ESPN 3D.

BASEBALL



Kyle Hoover slides home during last year's game against Linn-Benton on May 20. The boys of summer have played numerous exhibition games in preparation for the 2011 season. The Titans took second at the NWAACC tournament after a 6-0 loss to Lower Columbia. The men look to improve on a 33-17 record.

THE TORCH FILE

Titans take one win, one loss during doubleheader

LCC wins first game 2-1, Linn-Benton takes second 4-2

SARAH DELP | Sports Reporter

You win some, you lose some.

That pretty much sums up the outcome of a double-header between LCC and Linn-Benton Oct. 16. The Titans took a 2-1 victory in the first game, but lost to Linn-Benton 4-2 in the second. The Titans took an early lead in the first game and maintained it for a 2-1 win in the first of two games on Saturday. After outfielder Nate Jackson had an RBI-single with two outs in the third inning, LCC was able to prevent a tying run in the fifth, when Trevor Ryan threw out the runner to hold off LBCC for the win.

"Our whole team practices how we play," Ryan said. "After I threw the guy out at home, our assistant coach Jeff Lyle came up to me and said the reason I was able to do that,

is because I practiced that right before the games, and I practiced that in practice."

Daniel Copeland had an impressive play in the eighth when he made a diving stop at third and threw home for the out. Skip Spencer and Elliott Sherrell had strong at bats with a combined four hits. Twelve pitchers made an appearance during the 18 innings played overall.

The Titans fell to the Roadrunners in the second game.

So far this fall, the Titans baseball program has put an emphasis on player development, while still playing competitively.

"Our coaches have organized new practice schemes for every day to improve our individual game, and aide us as a group to be even better as the weeks go on," Ryan said. "We have been able to see improvement from week one, till now and it looks promising. Our whole team has been great at practicing how we want to play and I'm really excited to see how the season unfolds."

Titans play a double-header against Corban University, Oct. 23, at noon.

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have them see what it's like to compete against other people that are going to

push them," Scholl said.

The next meets for Titan cross country include the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges' Southern Regional Championships on Oct. 31 and the NWAACC Championships on Nov. 14.



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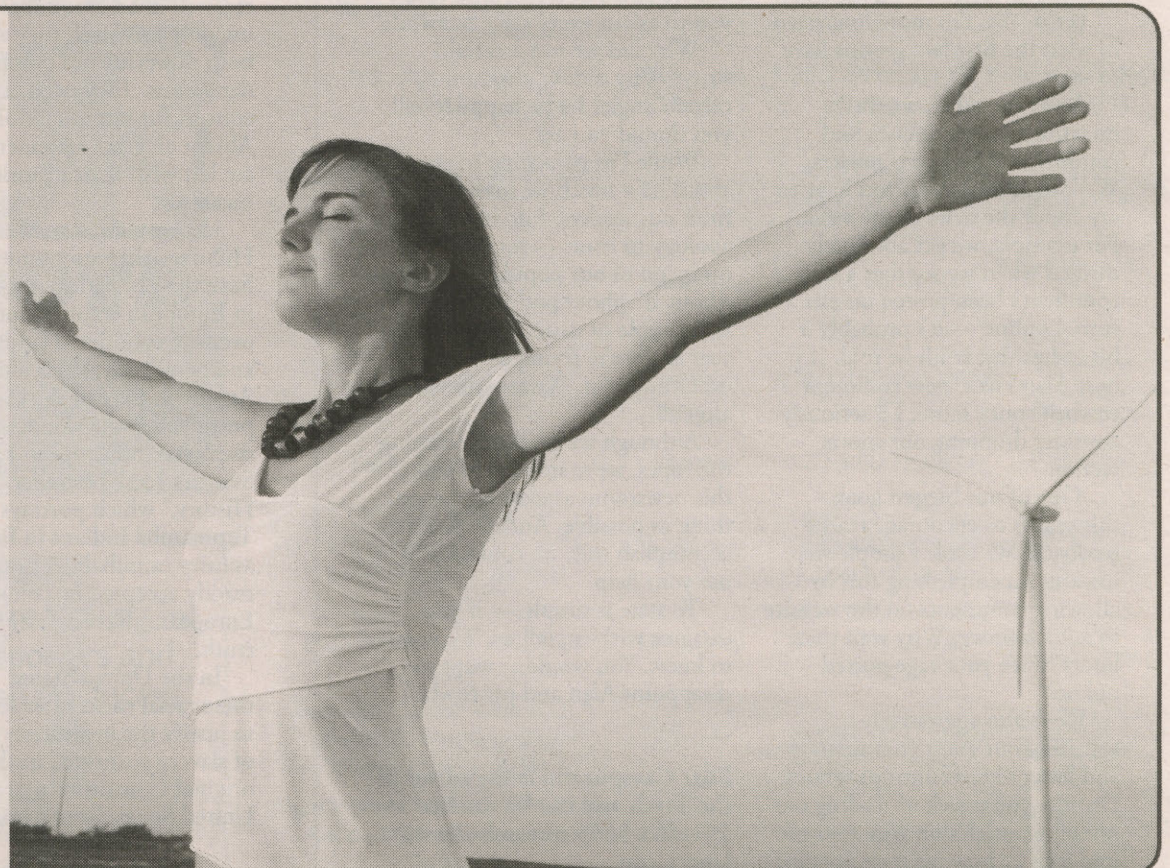
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Keep thanking local taxpayers for their contribution to your education

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Write us

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

Bad economy? Now the fun part

EDITORIAL

When the economy went sour in 2008, voters decided to pass an \$83 million bond. The first two issues of the Torch contained lengthy centerpieces on new construction on campus.

We can thank taxpayers and their acceptance of the bond measure for those new buildings.

The college should consider itself lucky — it's not easy to pass bond measures, even during good times.

But, for some reason, Lane County residents are willing to shell out a bit extra to help

LCC grow.

Area taxpayers made a smart decision to invest in education at such a critical time.

Thanks to that money, more nurses and auto technicians will be put in the local workforce.

In a bad economy, thousands of people return to school to retool and enter a new career path.

Two years ago, when the bond passed it might have been hard to see the logic in spending money on construction projects.

Now for the fun part.

Those buildings are built. Students are inside them right now. They're learning.

Those newly retooled students will soon be entering the workforce and will be responsible for some part of the economic recovery in Lane County.

The money helped expand the LCC campus and the minds of students.

And it doesn't stop there.

In a joint effort between the City of Eugene and LCC, a new downtown campus should be built within the

next three years.

The city has pledged approximately \$8 million of the \$35 million project, with the rest being funded partly by some of that bond money.

Plans for a residence building — something usually unheard of for community college campuses — are also running smoothly.

The college is actively seeking student input on features for the residence halls.

It's a beautiful thing.

For that, we must thank the taxpayers:

Thank you.

EDITOR'S COMMENTARY

Disagree with us? Let me know

Word on the street is that we ruffled a few feathers last week.

What can we say? We're a news organization.

I fielded calls on Thursday morning from a number of people who thought that we were out of line for printing "Context Conundrum," our front page story detailing the controversy Wendy Huhn's "Eat" piece generated in the David Joyce Gallery. Others thought we missed the point of the story with our editorial.

And, of course, there those who thanked us for breaking the story.

Personally, I'm more interested in what the first two groups have to say.

As a newspaper, we thrive on constructive criticism and commentary from our readers. We love to hear what you have to say about the news of the week. For example, we get absolutely thrilled when we see that a new comment's been posted on our stories online — it's probably a bit unhealthy, truth be told. If I hear Alan Fox's "new comment cowbell" once more, I'll seriously consider dropping our sports section.

One of our biggest goals this year is to encourage reader feedback. We took a simple step towards accomplishing this by allowing comments on the website to auto approve. Why wait three hours to see your rage posted online?

We're also aggressively soliciting our guest commentary and letter to the editor programs. I'm sure you're sick of reading our rambling articles on why we can't find jobs or how we start riots in

downtown Eugene — no matter how well-written and beautifully crafted those pieces may be — so help us out on that front and chime in.

Hear that? You're getting a free license to openly speak your mind on matters and issues that you care about. There's just one catch — keep it tasteful and limit yourself to 750 words.

If there's one question we teach our reporters to ask of every source, it's "why?" Why is that huge solar panel structure in the middle of Parking Lot N? Why is there a bunch of students wearing "Vote OR Vote" shirts handing out root beer floats in the cafeteria? Why should I listen to the new Jimmy Eat World album?

As a media outlet, we're not above asking this question of ourselves. In fact, I encourage my reporters to ask if there's a newsroom process they're unclear on. It's also a question we'd love you to ask us every once in awhile.

Why did we run a certain story? Why did we choose a certain angle? I'd be happy to tell you should you ask.

While I'm preaching to you about how much we love to hear from our readers, I do have an apology to issue — sorry for the omission of our popular "Think About It" photo poll in the first couple of issues. It's a new year and we're trying to figure everything out. We are students, after all.

Although we're all still learning the ropes, we're striving to make this newsroom as close to the real thing as possible. And, in order to accomplish this, we could really use your help.

To state it simply — if you disagree with us, tell us. We want to know. You wouldn't want to disappoint Alan and his cowbell.

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Eder Campuzano
Editor

GUEST COMMENTARY

Artwork contains racist symbol

The article "Context Conundrum" and the editorial "Art debacle must be discussed," included in the Oct. 14 Torch, missed the issues that should have been the heart of their story concerning Wendy Huhn's artwork entitled "Eat."

The story line is simple. The artwork contains the image of a "pickaninny

cannibal" that has a racist history. This history is offensive and threatening to people of color and their allies, and creates an unwelcoming and unsafe atmosphere at Lane Community College.

Images are never neutral. Racial caricatures convey messages about power relationships. Since images are received at an emotional and unconscious level, they are both powerful and potentially dangerous. They need critical context for interpretation. Absent an artist statement, we are left with their historical meanings.

Images similar to Wendy Huhn's pickaninny cannibal have their historical origins in European colonization over the conquered lands and peoples in Africa and the Americas. One of the earliest portrayals is the woodcuts displayed in European Hans Staden's 1557 bestseller "True History," which portrays the Tupinambá Indians in Brazil as lusty cannibals. A history readily accepted by colonizing Europeans, but far from the truth.

In the United States, these racial caricatures served to justify the institution of slavery enshrined in the original Constitution of the United States. Media images

of Uncle Tom, Jim Crow, Black Sambo, Mammy, and pickaninny black children, conveyed messages that slavery tempered the savage nature of the African beast, making them happy and satisfied under their slave master's benevolent gaze. These images convey messages about relationships of power that place whites in the privileged position and cast non-whites as inferior.

Particularly relevant is the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decision "Brown v Board of Education," which outlawed racial segregation in schools. The Court overturned their previous 1896 "Plessey v Ferguson" decision which held that 'separate but equal' facilities satisfied the Equal Protection clause of the 14th amendment. The Court relied on psychological studies focused on children in both segregated and integrated schools. One of the studies' key findings was that black children in segregated schools, when given a choice, preferred to play with white dolls over black and that these children gave the color white attributes like "good and pretty" and while black was seen as "bad and ugly." The researchers concluded that the children internalized racism caused by discrimination and segregation. Based upon these findings, the Supreme Court ruled that segregation carries a message of black racial inferiority that is internalized by both blacks and whites and for this reason is unconstitutional under the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment.

Given this history, it should be obvious why people of color and their allies were offended by Wendy Huhn's artwork "Eat." The image of the pickaninny cannibal is painful because it renormalizes racist power relationships and makes

them contemporary at Lane Community College. The benign intent and good will of both the artist and the art committee does not erase the historical context.

This is not a simple free speech issue. It is clear that artists have the right to create art of any type, whatever the message. But it is not true that they have the right to display the art anywhere they like. In "National Endowment for the Arts v Finley," the US Supreme Court ruled that government institutions are under no obligation to fund art that violates values the government wishes to promote. In our case, Lane Community College is under no obligation to display art that runs counter to the college's core value of making Lane a welcoming environment for people of all races, ethnicities, genders and sexual orientations.

Also in regard to free speech, when artists display artwork in public exhibits, they become "public figures" with respect to the art displayed.

As public figures they should be prepared to respond to critiques of their work. If artists wish to minimize controversy, they should provide a critical context for interpreting their work. Otherwise the historical context fills the vacuum. That is precisely why Mark Harris asked Wendy Huhn to supply an artist statement about the message she intended to convey. As a public figure representing her own art, it is unfortunate that Wendy Huhn received Mark Harris's request as a threat, instead as an invitation to engage the Lane community about the meaning of her art.

Stan Taylor is an instructor of political science at LCC and chairs the Lane Peace Center.



Stan Taylor
Instructor

Thumbs ...

People who give blood



How many times have you given blood? Once? Twice? The Center for Meeting and Learning honored those who

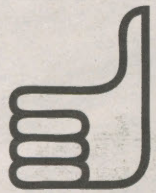
have donated at least 100 times. Sources say every donation saves three lives. How many lives have you saved?

It's election season



If you're anything like us, you can't stand those horribly-directed commercials and radio spots that come on just when your favorite America's Next Top Model rerun is getting good. On the other hand ...

Election season is almost over



Two more weeks. These three words are what keep some of us going every day.

For a bunch of journalists, you'd think we'd be excited to have such a constant stream of news to report on. Tell us — would you want to spend an hour writing 15 inches on Chris Dudley's campaign? Didn't think so.

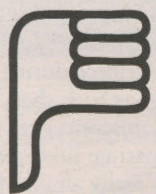
Parking crunch eases

Have you driven to campus lately? Although the lots are full at peak times — namely between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. —



we've noticed it's considerably easier to find a parking spot on campus. Way to take the bus, people.

Random fire alarms



There have been a few instances this year when, for some unexplained reason, an alarm has blared and caused a building

evacuation. Upon investigating, we can never get a straight answer to our inquiries. Let's hope this isn't an initiative to get us to walk more.

Lady Titans are on a streak

Looks like the women's soccer team is going to make it to playoffs. Congrats on an outstanding game against SWOCC!



COMMENTARY

From Army tanks to blood banks

America has a long way to go before eradicating homophobia

In the military, there's a policy that prohibits anyone who "demonstrate(s) a propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts" from serving. In blood banking, this policy bans gay men from donating blood — for life.

Before donating blood, the Food and Drug Administration requires that male donors are asked if they have engaged in sexual activities with a man after 1977. If the donor answers "yes," they are no longer eligible to donate.

Since 1986, the FDA has enforced life-deferral bans, which prohibit men who have sex with men (MSMs) from donating blood.

The FDA implemented this policy due to "HIV prevalence 60 times higher than the general population" in the gay community and HIV-infected donated blood.

The AIDS epidemic that swept the nation began in 1977. It was a dark time for our country. By 2007, more than half a million people in the United States died from AIDS, according to AVERT, an international HIV and AIDS charity.

The ban was implemented during a time of great crisis and fear in the medical community and in our country. AIDS was still relatively unknown and many people were dying from it.

"The worst chapter in the history of our industry was from 1980 to the early '90s," said Douglas Engel, executive director for Lane Memorial Blood Bank. In the mid-'90s, blood bought from a San Francisco blood bank was \$95 per unit, with 10 percent of the proceeds going directly into their legal defense funds.

Malpractice lawsuits were at a high due to the large number of blood donation recipients contracting HIV. However, now that we have a greater understanding of HIV, AIDS and



Hannah Hynes-Petty
Reporter

how to reduce the risk of infection via donated blood, the ban is antiquated.

According to the FDA, the detection of HIV infection is particularly challenging when very low levels of virus are present in the blood, for example, during the so-called "window period."

The window period is the time between contraction of HIV and when it can be detected. In the 1980s the window period was six months. Due to advances in technology and a greater understanding of HIV, the window period is now 11 days.

The medical community has discovered new medicines and therapies to help combat HIV and AIDS, yet we are resistant to change our preconceptions. The ban reflects our society's prejudices since it is based on the assumption that all gay or bisexual men are high risk for HIV.

"The FDA is always looking out for what will make the blood supply safer," Engel said. However, straight men who have sexual activities with HIV-positive women have only a year's deferral before being eligible to donate blood.

Why can't the gay community donate blood? There needs to be a compromise in which gay men are given a year's deferral and medical testing — the same requirements of a straight man who has engaged in sexual activities with an HIV-positive woman — before being eligible to donate.

In June 2010, The Williams Institute determined that "lifting the FDA ban would increase the nation's blood supply by more than 200,000 pints a year. An additional 130,150 men would likely donate."

We do not face a national shortage of blood, so the extra 200,000 pints could be sent to third world countries.

"Every year, people in developing countries die because they don't have donated blood," Engel said.

If one pint of blood can save three lives, a global blood donation could potentially save 600,000 people a year.

Before the deferral due to Mad-Cow Disease, a New York blood center imported a quarter of a million pints from Germany.

Up until the early 2000s, blood moved internationally — if the lifetime MSM deferral was lifted, international blood trade could be reinstated.

"Developing countries don't have the infrastructure" to collect blood donations Engel said. This is our opportunity to be good Samaritans and help save lives.

The FDA wants a zero percent risk of infected blood donations, so accepting donations from men who have had sexual contact with HIV-positive women seems counter-intuitive. It is discriminatory and reflects society's homophobia.

The FDA's official site states that "[The] history of male-to-male sex is associated with an increased risk for the presence of and transmission of certain infectious diseases, including HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. FDA's policy is intended to protect all people who receive blood transfusions from an increased risk of exposure to potentially infected blood and blood products."

However, no medical procedure has "zero percent risk." We need to spread awareness about the risk of HIV transmission via sources other than blood transfusion.

Medical help can only do so much to combat HIV and AIDS. We need a social reform.

"If you don't have to sneak around, you can be who you really are, fully at peace, not closeted, [then] the risk of HIV may very well go down because you're out," Engel said.

We have a ways to go before overcoming homophobia in our society — lifting the ban on gay men would be a step forward for our society. The most effective approach for social reform is for people to be heard, and through the acceptance of the LGBTQI community, we can overcome a disease that devastated our nation.

Editor's Mail Bag

Eugene resident endorses Pat Riggs-Henson

Jobs and health care are top concerns of Pat Riggs-Henson, candidate for county commissioner and just about everyone I talk to.

Pat is going door-to-door with her campaign to find out what Springfield citizens want to happen. She is one of the top long time leaders in the community for job development.

I think her idea-in-progress to lower the age limit and extend health benefits for those who wish to retire early is brilliant. It would open up a lot of higher paying jobs to new employees and lower the cost of health insurance.

Pat's 14 years on the Lane Community College Board has given her important insight on how LCC job development benefits those seeking skills necessary for Springfield's future.

Do vote for Pat Riggs-Henson for County Commissioner.

Ruth Duemler
Eugene resident

Downtown campus plans missing key component

Mary Spilde invites me to "hold fast to your dreams" in the Sept. 24 issue of the Torch. My dream is to be kicking back in an affordable apartment where I can look out my living room window and see the library that I helped vote into existence.

What an inspiring view that could

be! The affordable apartment would allow me to work on fulfilling some other dreams without having to work all the time just to pay for housing. I want to be able to define my own future and my own world.

Alas, it is not to be. Quoting directly from the feasibility study ("Under Construction" on the LCC website) "... student housing at the DTC would be expected to support the College's growing international student enrollment. The housing is intended to target these particular subsets of the College's student population who are more likely to be able to afford the rents associated with a new, downtown high quality housing project. ..."

Let the rest of us "eat cake" then. One begs to ask the question: Why is the college getting into this business? The funding sources are the campus repair bond measure, controversial urban renewal district monies, federal stimulus money, a land gift from the city to LCC (\$1) and the raising of donations for the dorm project.

According to the current plan none of the proposed dorm rooms will have a view of the Downtown Public Library.

Martin Williams
LCC student

Board member endorses Pat-Riggs Henson

Lane County and its board of commissioners would be well-served with the inclusion of Pat Riggs-Henson, commissioner candidate for Position 2,

Springfield/Eugene.

Local and statewide leaders and workers know Pat Riggs-Henson has the knowledge and experience to manage the policies inherent in governing a public body with a compassion for the workers who have to execute the tasks. Government works better with her in a leadership role.

In my work with her on the Lane Community College Board of Education, Pat demonstrated a personality that helps bring people together to solve problems. She is not a wedge that drives people apart. She is often the bridge that brings them together. And in Lane County we know the value of good bridges.

Her sense of commitment and dedication to meet her obligations is the driving force that makes her want to reach beyond what may seem impossible in times of trial and tribulation.

Her abilities serving as chair of the LCC Board of Education demonstrated she was a capable leader. Her constant awareness of the concerns of the worker demonstrated her compassion for the people. Her efforts in this campaign demonstrate her passion to service.

I am proud to join other leaders including senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, Representative Peter DeFazio, Sen. Bill Morrisette, reps Terry Beyer, Nancy Nathanson and Phil Barnhart, former mayor John Lively and many more who endorse Pat Riggs-Henson to represent Springfield on the Lane County Board of Commissioners.

Pat Albright
LCC Board of Education member

THINK ABOUT IT

How do you feel about gay men not being eligible to donate to blood?



"That's unfair! If it's an AIDS risk thing, we're all at risk for AIDS."

Ariel McCoy, General Studies



"I don't have a feeling about it in particular. If they have the right blood, I don't see a problem with it."

Benny Hudnell-Almas, Undeclared



"Them not being able to donate is discrimination."

Jimmie Berguin, Undeclared



"I gives me an excuse to not donate blood. I can understand their concern, but it's unfair."

David Friedenberg, Culinary Arts Major



"I didn't know about that. It doesn't seem right. They can screen my blood to see if it's infected after I visit a third world country — that option should be there for gay men."

Cloud Pemble, Performing Arts



"I didn't know that was an issue. I think that if they're willing to help, why not?"

Nancy Milbrodt, Secretarial



"I didn't know it was like that. Now that I do, I think it's wrong."

Katy Colgan, Medical Imaging



"As long as you meet the health criteria, your sexual orientation shouldn't have any bearing on whether or not you should be able to donate blood."

Marisa Hastie, Program Coordinator



"I can understand where they're coming from because of STDs, but that's bullshit. When I think of [the ban], I think of the army and 'Don't Ask Don't Tell.'"

Emily Sunstine, General Studies



"There's such a prevalence of STDs all over our society, not just in the gay community. You can get AIDS in many different ways."

Noël Sunstine, Art

ON CAMPUS



JOSH ROSE / THE TORCH

LCC Food and Beverage Manager Mike O'Neil gets his blood drawn Tuesday in The Lane Memorial Bloodmobile.

BLOOD

Local high schools honored for blood drives

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High School was nationally honored for having the best school blood drive program in the country according to America's Blood Centers.

"Marist [High School] and Cottage Grove [High School] are big rivals. They compete to see who can donate the most blood. The student coordinators get the word out, they're amazing," said Pamela Fudger, a phlebotomist at the blood bank.

"I really like going to the high schools, everyone is so enthusiastic," Fudger said.

A widespread misconception is "I have a common blood type so I don't have to donate. Actually, the more common it is, the more people need it," White said.

The blood bank needs to collect 81 pints a day to satisfy its obligation to PeaceHealth and two other out-of-state hospitals. If Lane Memorial does not reach its target number of pints, the blood must be bought from different dispensaries in the nation.

"If there is a national shortage, a unit [of blood] can run \$200," Donor Services Supervisor John Fornda said.

The blood bank has about 9,000 donors a year. Of those donors, approximately 1,000 will not meet donation requirements.

"Only 38 percent can actually donate," said White, who started donating blood when he was 28.

"My colleague was dying of Leukemia. You want to do something, but there's nothing you can do...[so] I donated blood."

"As many people have, I've lost someone I care about, so in part I do it for her."

Cancer patients need specific blood components because chemotherapy can damage their body's ability to make platelets. Apheresis donation is a "special way to save a life."

"Pheresis is so, so important for cancer patients," White said.

"It's no different than giving whole blood, you can barely feel it," said Kat Sanderson, during her 88th pheresis donation. "I was in the Airforce during Vietnam, and I was a donor back then."

There are a variety of misconceived notions about blood donating; however, "I think most people are really afraid of needles," said Fudger.

"It just feels really good to help someone," said White.

The Bloodmobile's next stop will be at the Civil War game at Reser Stadium on the Oregon State University campus. There will be free pizza and cookies. Every year there is a large turnout.

HR

Dillon left OSU to come closer to home

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which take care of different departments. The Arts and Sciences Business Center which supports the colleges of Liberal Arts, Sciences, Education and Honors College.

Dillon left OSU on Oct. 6 in order to be closer to home. Although she worked in Corvallis, Dillon commuted from Eugene.

Janice Brew previously held the position, leaving in June 2010 for other employment opportunities.

Among her first goals as LCC's newest human resources manager, Dillon hopes to start working on open enrollment for the Section 125 Plan, which allows employees to choose between different types of benefits.