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LAST YEAR, WE DRANK MORE THAN 109,136 CANS OF SODA*

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***Actually, that's just how many cans made it to the college's recycling center. At five cents per can, the college made \$5,456.80 to reinvest into the recycling program.**

STORY BY ALANDO BALLENTYNE • Reporter

Recycling saves big bucks.

Instead of paying for trash disposal, the college saves an estimated \$40,000 per year by recycling used soda cans and bottles and maintaining a compost heap. Approximately 55 percent of waste material on campus is disposed of this way.

The college recycles all manner of material, from glass to metal and plastic containers. As recycling coordinator Mike Sims says, "basically any carbonated beverage container."

In the 2009-10 fiscal year the college recouped \$5,456.80 in rebate funds for the recycling of 109,136 beverage containers alone.

The process begins after the contents of

the hundred-odd recycle bins are collected.

First they are sorted out in a large garage south of the Facilities Management and Planning building.

Once the cans, No. 2 plastic bottles and PET plastic bottles are separated, they're trucked up to the Oregon Beverage Recycle Cooperation, located in north Eugene.

The OBRC pays the standard refund of five cents per container, which usually ends up being around \$300 to \$450 per shipment.

The money received from the rebate directly funds further recycling efforts at LCC, mostly purchasing additional recycle bins and

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Downtown project is still on track

Groundbreaking scheduled for March 4

By KINZLEY PHILLIPS • Senior Reporter

The Board of Education continues forward momentum on the college's Downtown Campus project.

Members were hard at work Feb. 9 talking logistics about how to obtain the full \$53 million necessary to complete the campus improvement.

Despite a deficit of \$5 million, college President Mary Spilde continues to work with architects to maintain the project's fast-track schedule.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the downtown campus will be Friday, March 4. The ceremony will begin at the Eugene Public Library before moving over to the project construction site.

The board gave Spilde the okay to hire a contractor to assess the soil in the project area.

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ASLCC grants cash for proposals

Three step process secures funding for projects

By KELLY POWELL • Senior Reporter

Fill out a form. Go to a senate meeting. Get your money.

There are a few more steps in the process, but this is the basic procedure groups must go through when requesting funds from student government.

The money from these funds request derives from the \$7.44 student activity fee ASLCC receives each term. This is a part of the \$46.25 every credit student pays per term.

Student government's total budget allocated for funds request through the end of Winter term is \$52,061 as of Feb. 8.

Student clubs and individual students may petition ASLCC for funding to support their causes. Those who are granted

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Joshua Rasmussen sorts through a container of recycled bottles collected around campus Feb. 8. He is one of many workers who sort more than 100,000 cans and bottles annually.

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REVIEW



By LISA BALL • Senior Reporter

The Blue Door Theater was abuzz with excitement Feb. 3 for the opening of “One Flew Over The Cuckoo’s Nest.” Author Ken Kesey’s best friend Ken Babbs was in attendance, lending support to the Student Production Association’s three-week run of the play adapted from the novel.

“No one will out-do the writing of Ken Kesey in this novel,” Babbs said as he introduced the play.

And Babbs would know.

He was Kesey’s wingman since the two first met in 1959. The cast and crew for this production made the power of Kesey’s words come to life with a well-crafted, poignant yet funny presentation of this play.

The production features a cast of odd characters who reside in a mental institution with the narrative provided by Chief Bromden. He tells of the “Combine,” a societal machine that crushes those in its path. This machine’s figurehead is Nurse Ratched, who controls all on her ward with fear and manipulation.

Enter social misfit and rogue Randle P. McMurphy, who brings this motley crew together. He ignites a power struggle that goes deeper than anyone expects. The seriousness of the scenario is wrapped in comedy as we see each patient’s silly yet sad humanity.

Kunu Dittmer, a talented student of Native American descent, plays Chief Bromden. My concerns that Dittmer’s youthful and serene appearance would detract from his performance were soon put to rest as he built his Chief Bromden character with pain that was palatable and whose native roots were yanked out harshly, exposing raw nerve.

Much in Kesey’s book about the chief and his “extinct” tribe is unspoken, yet it was felt in the production with Dittmer’s depth of character here. Another standout is Joseph Tanner Paul, who plays Billy Babbitt.

Paul, in his first S.P.A. performance, has captured Babbitt in all his stutter-filled despair as he

nearly finds himself, only to be verbally destroyed by Nurse Ratched. The character of Ratched is memorable in that we see how strongly she believes in her methods, but are blind to her truly cruel nature.

Slade’s vocalizations bring a chill even when she makes a simple announcement like “time for medication.” Our misfit hero, Randle P. McMurphy, played with great zeal by Johnny Rogers, is a great catalyst throughout the tale. He seems to know he’s heading toward doom in his pursuit to liberate all of the institution’s patients from the claws of Ratched and the Combine itself.

Like any good martyr, McMurphy goes towards his fate without a backward glance. The ensemble cast has been well chosen by director Chris Pinto. As a director, his abilities unlock the creative talent of his students.

Pinto’s choice of music, with the use of indigenous songs both old and new, worked well. The choice to present the play at the Blue Door Theater and its intimate setting allowed the audience inside the walls of the asylum.

The depth of the material in Cuckoo’s Nest has many layers that give food for thought long

after the final curtain. Sanity, madness, crime and punishment, society, sexuality and hopelessness are all woven in the framework of a mental ward filled with “loonies.”

“A little crazy is very important,” said Izzy Whetstine, another of Kesey’s friends who was in attendance opening night.

To take with us some deeper musings on these themes after seeing “One Flew Over The Cuckoo’s Nest” is well worth the price of a ticket. ■

If you go

One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest

When: Feb. 10-12, 18 @ 8 p.m. Feb. 13, 19, 20 @ 2 p.m.

Where: Building 6, Blue Door Theater

Starring: Johnny Rogers, Sabra Slade, Kunu Dittmer, Joseph Tanner Paul

Director: Chris Pinto
Admission: \$10 general, \$8 students and seniors. Tickets available at lanecc.edu/tickets or Building 6 box office

CHANGING LANES



ANDY ROSSBACK

Uncle Phil is your friend

I’ve heard a lot about Phil Knight and his Phil-anthropy. Please, excuse the pun.

“He could have given that money to the 4J School District — they need it desperately!”

Or:

“What about University of Oregon academic programs?”

If you’ve been living under a rock for the past decade, Knight is the CEO of Nike, Inc. and a UO alumni. He also donates heavily to the athletic programs at the university.

In 2008, The Oregonian reported that his donations to the UO were estimated at \$230 million.

The money is mostly channelled into athletic programs, but most people would rather see this money directed at academics, which they see as more important.

Don’t get me wrong — I’m not the world’s biggest athletics supporter. In fact, I can barely benchpress 90 pounds (once) and the sight of a football brings back bad memories.

I also consider UO academics to be highly important, as I will soon be a student there.

However, I look at this a completely different way. I don’t complain when I see Knight donating buckets of money to this area.

The successful revitalization and redevelopment of Eugene is going to require some serious cash. If Knight can pony up the dough to build an arena named after his son, so what? It’s going to attract more businesses and make that part of Eugene a better place.

I like that Knight not only donates the cash, but he stays involved in the process to ensure that his funds are used to the best of his intentions — and the project is “done right,” in other words.

So far, I’ve seen Knight’s projects set a high standard. That’s a good thing. You can bet LCC paid attention to these buildings when drawing early plans for its new downtown campus.

Other buildings going up around Matthew Knight Arena feature the same kind of sustainability and aesthetic beauty that Knight has made a trademark in his projects.

No matter what you think about how the money should have been spent, that area of Eugene looks a heck of a lot better than it did.

The benefits of Knight’s projects reach beyond what we know.

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NEWS BRIEFLY

Applying for a scholarship or want to? There is a workshop Wednesday, Feb. 23, from 3:30-5 p.m. For more information contact Jackie Bryson at brysonj@lanecc.edu or 541-463-5164, Career & Employment Services.

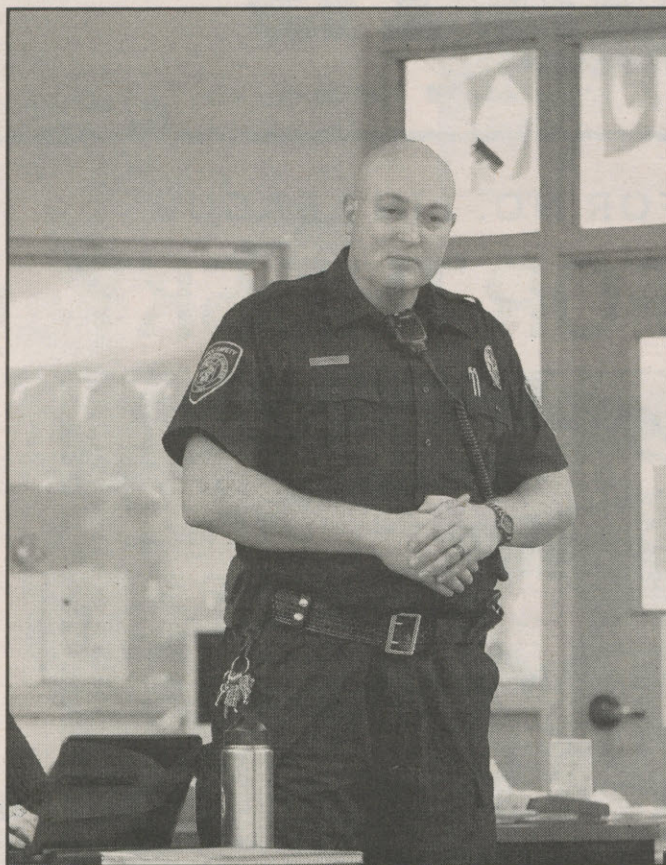
A benefit concert for the college's "Women in Transition" program will be held Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ragozzino Performance Hall. The event will feature Soromundi and the Lesbian Chorus of Eugene. General admission is \$10 and \$8 for students and seniors. An all day choral workshop will also be held earlier that day. There is a \$25 registration fee for the workshop. The deadline to register is Jan. 11. Contact Barbara Delansky at 541-463-5667.

"They have names for girls like me." The Lane Art Gallery is hosting an exhibit by Portland Artist Julie Perini. The show opened Monday, but runs through Feb. 17. The exhibit will showcase experimental video and films stills. For more information, call the Art Department at 541-463-5409.

Biology instructor Joe Russin will host an informational session for those interested in taking BIO3B in Costa Rica during the summer. The course is designed to satisfy four credits of lecture science credits for the AAOT. Contact Russin at 541-463-5452 or russinj@lanecc.edu.

The KLCC Microbrew Festival is this weekend, 5 - 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 11-12 at the Lane Events Center. Live music begins at 7:30 p.m. each night.

The AARP is still offering tax help in the cafeteria every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. until April 15. Help is free, just bring all applicable documents. Contact Tina Lymath at 541-463-5336 or Sharon Looney at 541-461-7707.



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Public Safety Officer Jake Ryker handed out an updated public safety brochure before his presentation at Tuesday's Council of Clubs meeting.

ASLCC

Senate approves conference request

24 students will attend NWSLC in Portland

By BRETT STANLEY • News Editor

The third time's the charm for ASLCC's Northwest Student Leadership Conference funds request.

The request, which had been tabled twice before was approved unanimously and without discussion Monday, Feb. 7.

The funds request totaled \$5,703.50, according to Communications Officer Tracy Weimer. That would allow 24 students to attend the conference at Portland State University Feb. 18 - 20.

Those who attend will spend the weekend in Portland.

Monday's meeting also saw debate over how many individuals student government will budget for to attend a national conference in Washington D.C.

The Grassroots Legislative Conference and Student Lobby Day is hosted annually by the U.S. Student Association and takes place in March.

ASLCC voted to budget for 12 students to attend the conference, with eight senators expressing interest in attending.

ASLCC can take as many students as its budget allows and any LCC student can go, provided they apply and are approved through ASLCC.

During debate, senator Jordan Lexa passionately dissented from any sort of approval of ASLCC attending the event at all.

The deadline to apply for the event, also known as Leg-Con, is Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Monday's meeting also heard debate over whether or not to raise the amount of dues paid to the Oregon Community College Student Association to three different due tiers ranging from \$5,676.52 to \$7,007.47 annually. The action-item was tabled until the next ASLCC meeting.

Student senate meetings are held every Monday from 3:30-5 p.m. in Building 3, Boardroom.

Council sets dates for rally, fair and other events

Public Safety officer offers tips to prevent break-ins as well

By EDER CAMPUZANO • Editor

Council of Clubs will host a pep rally for winter sports Feb. 24 at noon in the cafeteria as decided during the groups meeting Feb. 8. This will be the second event of its kind.

The first rally was the conducted in late October and was the official unveiling of the college's mascot, Ty Voltage.

Public Safety officer Jake Ryker also gave student representatives a short presentation on how to avoid vehicle break-ins, a crime he says is uncommon but will occur in spurts.

"They're kind of nomadic," Ryker said of perpetrators.

He also says the target vehicles for thieves are early '90s Hondas and that the easiest way to prevent break-ins is to install an after-market lock.

Such devices retail for about \$20, Ryker said.

• The council will host an activities fair Feb. 24-26 in Bristow Square. Each club will staff an informational table for the event. The Dance Club will host a cake dance.

• The XYZ Club's funds request for \$500 to attend the Power of One Conference in Portland was tabled due to the amount exceeding what the council may approve upon initial presentation.

• OSPIRG's necessities drive for the homeless is seeking donations of clothing, non-perishables and other items, such as toothbrushes and combs. Donations may be dropped off in the club's office on the ground floor of the Center Building.

• The Lane Student Democrats and OSPIRG will co-host a public viewing of the documentary "Food, Inc." as part of their food safety awareness drive Feb. 24 in Building 19, Room 246.

• The Black Student Union's will host a Black History Month celebration Feb. 27 in the Performance Hall starting at 4:30 p.m.

Council of Clubs meets every other Tuesday from 3:30-5 p.m. in Building 1, Room 210.



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Contest!

Lane Community College Student Groups

ASLCC Student Government	Weekly, Monday 3:30-5:30	Bldg. 3, Room 216
Council of Clubs **on Feb. 22**	Every Other Tuesday 3:30-5:30	Bldg. 1, Room 206
BSU - Black Student Union	Weekly, Wednesday 1:00-2:00	Bldg. 1, Room 201
LSU - Latino Student Union	Tuesday 11:30 & Friday 1:00	Bldg. 1, Room 201
NASA - Native American Student Assn.	Weekly, Friday 3:00-4:00	Bldg. 31, Longhouse
LASA - Lane Arts Student Association	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday 1:30-2:30	Bldg. 11, Alcove
SPA - Student Productions Association	Thursday 4:15	Bldg. 6, Blue Door
Geology Club	Weekly (Field Trip Coming Soon)	TBA
Jazz Club	Weekly, Wednesday 3:15-4:15	Bldg. 6, Band Room
Table Tennis Club	Weekly, Thursday 6:30-9:00 PM	Cafeteria (South wall)
LCC XYZ (formerly QSA)	Weekly, Tuesday 4:00-5:00	Bldg. 19, Room 246
LCC Dance Club (LCCDC)	2 nd & 4 th Friday 1:00-2:00	Bldg. 1, Room 206
Learning Garden Club	Time/Day TBA	In the Garden
Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Zeta Chapter	Weekly, Thursday 4:30 ish	Bldg. 19, Room 246
ADDA (American Design & Draft Assn.)	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday 1:00	Bldg. 18, Room 206
Lanestock Committee	lanestock2011@gmail.com	Bldg. 1, Room 206
APISU (Asian - Pacific Island Student Union)	Weekly, Wednesday 11:30	Multicultural Center
LCC Smokers Club (Clean-up Crew)	TBA	Cafeteria
Veterans Club of LCC	Weekly, Tuesday 12:00-1:00	Bldg. 19, Room 250
OSPIRG	Mon @ 2:00 & Thu @ 4:00	Center, Basement
Lane Student Democrats (LSD)	2 nd & 4 th Thursday	Forum Bldg. 17, 310

Attention Graphic/Arts Students: ASLCC Logo Contest!

Contact the Student Government office at 541-463-3171 or come to Building 1, Room 210.

Visit the Facebook page and click events <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=326433213529>
The ASLCC is looking to update the image we use to represent the student government, and we want to hear from you! This contest is open to all LCC students - We represent all students at Lane!

Get Involved with ASLCC!

Are you interested in running for an Executive or Senate Position for 11-12?

ASLCC Coalition Potluck!!! Friday Feb. 11th 3:00 PM Longhouse

This potluck is sponsored by the Council of Clubs. Please bring a dish that relates to your club and as many of your club members as possible!

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Lady Titans dominate Roadrunners

By ALAN K. FOX • Sports Editor

The Lady Titans headed an hour north to Albany Feb. 5 to take on Southern Region rival Linn-Benton and returned victorious after an 81-51 win over the Roadrunners.

Sophomore forward Ashley Smith recorded her sixth-straight double-double with 27 points and 11 rebounds, and continues to work her way to becoming a possible Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges MVP.

Smith leads the NWAACC in both scoring and rebounding with her 24.5 points and 10.9 rebounds per game averages.

"The game went well, we were able to work on things and improve on them for later in the season," Ashley Smith said. "As a team we are getting better at the little things coach has been talking to us about fixing."

The Lady Titans (16-4, 6-2 Southern Region) jumped out to an early lead and entered halftime with 41-16.

LCC's scored on more than 40 percent of its shots from the field in the first half and 41 percent from behind the three-point arch, and played a very effective defensive strategy. The Lady Titans were unable to maintain that type of consistency during a previous matchup against Clackamas, when the

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WHAT'S ON TV?

NBA

Feb. 10 LA Lakers @ Boston
5 p.m./TNT

A highly exciting match-up of the two top teams from last year's league play and the Lakers look to get back on track with a win.

Feb. 12 Boston @ Orlando
12:30 p.m./KEZI

This is a match-up of two of the top teams in the Eastern Conference. It's possible this could be an Eastern Conference Finals match-up.

NCAA Basketball

Feb. 12 (1) Ohio State @ Wisconsin 11 a.m./ESPN
Ohio State puts its #1 ranking on the line against Big-10 rival Wisconsin as possible player of the year and freshman of year Jared Sullinger showcases his skills on national TV.

MMA

Feb. 12 Strikeforce and Global: Silva vs Fedor
The main event puts Fedor Emelianenko (32-2; #3 Heavyweight) vs. Antonio "Bigfoot" Silva (15-2) in a fight that could surprise a lot of people that have Fedor the highly favored fighter.

MEN TIED FOR NO. 1 IN LEAGUE

REACH FOR THE SKY



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Sophomore forward Robby Allen skies over defenders from Linn-Benton. The men's win put them neck and neck with Chemeketa and Clackamas for No. 1.

Lindsey seals game with seconds left

By WARREN HOLLINSHEAD • Senior Reporter

The Titans are No. 1.

Well, at least they share the spot with Chemeketa and Clackamas in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges' southern region after a 46-45 win in Albany Feb. 5.

Even more impressive than the men's league standing is the fact that they pulled off the narrow on the road with three absences.

"We found a way to do it," head coach Bruce Chavka said. "I don't know how we did that, it was ugly."

Freshman forward Nick Lindsey put up his first double-double of the season, amassing 13 points and 11 rebounds throughout the game. He sealed the game with two key free throws with two seconds left in the game.

With the score tied 45-45, Lindsey found himself at the free-throw line with the game literally in his hands. His first shot nicked the left ridge of the basket and dropping through to give the Titans the leading point.

"Now, we just have to keep playing like

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Nick Lindsey
Men's Basketball

Lindsey was selected as Male Athlete of the Week based on the crucial free throws he made in with 2.1 seconds on the clock, which clinched the game against the Linn-Benton Roadrunners Feb. 5. He finished the game with 13 points and 11 rebounds in the 46-45 victory.

MaKenzie Ficek
Women's Basketball

Ficek was selected as Female Athlete of the Week for the second time this season due to her 22-point performance against the Linn-Benton Roadrunners Feb. 5. She hit six three-pointers during the game and helped lead to an 81-51 victory for the Lady Titans.



THE FOX TROT



ALAN K. FOX

Seasons changing

Some say change is good and some say change is bad. Truth is, things change.

Every year in early January, the sports world takes a big change.

Football season ends and the only active major sports are the NHL and the NBA while pitchers and catchers get ready to report to Spring Training for all MLB teams.

The NFL has become the most popular of all the major sports leagues. It can be depressing for fans because they do not follow any particular team in spring and summer sports.

I personally love football, especially the college season and the excitement that surrounds it.

Now sports fans can get excited for the NBA All-Star Weekend and the fun events that are included in festivities.

The Dunk contest this year should be off the charts with the fact that Blake Griffin gets to showcase his freakish skills. The event, in general, is one of the most exciting of the weekend.

Shortly after that it are the NHL and NBA playoffs. Then, of course, there's March Madness.

There's no denying there is some major excitement that comes with the NBA playoffs.

The main question right now is who is going to finish a champion but most seem to assume that the champion will come out of the Eastern Conference.

In the East you have the major four teams, the Celtics, Heat, Magic and the Bulls. But in the West, there is the Jazz, Spurs and the Lakers. The Lakers have played like trash lately.

The NHL playoffs? "Well, who cares" is what most people would say.

Every year March Madness has basketball fans glued to their phones, computers and TV's looking for upsets and watching their brackets.

Last year, on the NCAA basketball website people could follow the games, but there was a button that would change the screen to a fake Microsoft Excel chart.

I will be glued to something to follow every possible minute.

April is time for some baseball. With the beginning of baseball it means that it's almost summer.

Both Major League and Minor league baseball games are exciting, and I cannot wait for the Ems to start the 2011 season.

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Sophomore forward Kristen Huff blocks a shot from Linn-Benton's Sami DeVore.

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team lost its first home game in more than nine years.

"We played a very solid effort in the first half and our defense was really good, very active, rebounded well and shot well," head coach Greg Sheley said.

The second half was more of the same.

The Roadrunners (5-13, 3-5) improved their shooting percentage and performance in the second half but were unable to score a fourth league victory.

"Second half I think we continued pretty good on the

offensive end and we had a little bit of a letdown, but still overall a pretty solid effort on the road," Sheley said. "This was a good positive win on the road. Usually it's a little bit tougher so we're happy with it."

Sophomore guard MaKenzie Ficek finished the game with 22 points and made six three pointers for the Lady Titans.

NWAACC assist leader Susan Smith had 10 assists for LCC. She increased her NWAACC-leading per game assist average to 8.3.

The Lady Titans play a back-to-back series Feb. 11 and 12. The team travels to Portland Feb. 11 to play the Panthers and then returns home to host to Mt. Hood Feb. 12. Tip-off is at 4 p.m.



MEN

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we have been," Lindsey said. "We have a good shot at winning league."

Sophomore forward Robby Allen accounted for 13 points and added nine rebounds.

From start to finish the score was close, never approaching a double-digit lead for either side. The largest lead came early when the Roadrunners were up 12-5.

With only 18 points at halftime and finding themselves down by five, the Titans entered the second half with newfound determination. Stiff

defense, tight passing lanes and contested shots became the story of the game for the Titans.

"Defense was my focus, personally," Allen said.

Holding the Roadrunners to a very low 18 percent shooting from behind the arc and 32 percent shooting overall was a defining point to the win.

The Titans didn't fare much better in shooting percentages, either. The men hit 28 percent of their shots from beyond the arc and only 32 percent from the floor overall.

The Titans take the floor on back-to-back nights next week. The first game will be played Feb. 11 in Portland against the Panthers. The team plays at home the following night against Mt. Hood. Tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Freshman guard DeShawn Washington pushes the ball to the basket between two Linn-Benton defenders.

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Playoffs

On Feb. 4 the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges released this years men's and women's basketball tournament brackets.

The tournament which is name "Racin' to the Basin X" will feature 16 teams from both the men's and women's divisions.

The playoffs will be held March 5-8 in Kennewick, Wash.

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EDITORIAL

You already paid for it, so go to D.C.

Next Wednesday is the deadline for students to apply for Leg-Con, a student leadership conference in Washington D.C.

Our student government has budgeted for 12 persons to go. Eight student senators have already expressed interest and will likely be sent on an "all-expenses paid vacation" to the federal capital as senator Jordan Lexa called it during this past ASLCC meeting.

We think more students should be sent.

Thus far, there has been

little to no advertising of Leg-Con on the part of ASLCC and it seems a bit unbalanced for eight of the 12 attendees to be student senators.

We think ASLCC should take as many students as possible — no matter the cost.

How many students could benefit from a trip to D.C.?

Civics and history are subjects woefully lacking in public education these days and ASLCC has the opportunity to bridge the gap, at least in part.

With our student government sitting on a handsome

nest egg that numbers in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, why not send 15 students? Or 20? Or even 30?

There is no reason. Plain and simple.

Student government took \$7.44 from you at the start of the term and if you attended LCC last term, you paid then as well.

You'll continue to pay that amount every term you sign up for a credit class.

Lexa, during discussion Monday, strongly dissented from ASLCC attending Leg-Con at all.

The Torch disagrees.

Not spending student fee money on students is akin to the federal government taking your taxes, then refusing to spend any of it on, well, anything.

Imagine a government that taxes you, then hoards the money. That is essentially what ASLCC is doing right now.

We are calling on ASLCC to send more people to Leg-Con. More students, and more ASLCC officials. Trust us, we need the lesson in civics.

LETTER

Cafeteria signs show lack of knowledge regarding homeless

In regards to the homeless signs that were on display in the cafeteria, I was dismayed at the lack of knowledge that the people running it actually had concerning the homeless. Those signs only represent a small demographic of the homeless population. Most are families, veterans and people suffering from a mental illness who have been lost in the system.

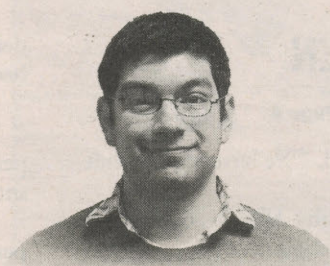
Another fact is that there are people that are not even homeless that fly signs in order to support addictions or supplement their incomes during the month. In a system designed to fail those in need with resources scattered throughout Lane County, lack of affordable housing and training programs, the number of homeless people is increasing by more than 20 percent each year.

If they truly want to advocate for those without a voice, they should donate their time at FOOD for Lane County's dining room on West Eighth Avenue or at the next Project Homeless Connect event in March.

I, myself, suffered chronic homelessness for over three years and thanks to the support of friends and being lucky enough to know where to find help I am now on my way to an AAOTA degree in political science.

Joyce Cowdin
LCC student

ON A SIDE NOTE



EDER CAMPUZANO

We can all learn from media studies

I know not many of you had the opportunity to make it out to Lane Preview Night. After all, the event was geared toward prospective students, so if you're in the position to read this newspaper regularly, you weren't really part of the target audience.

At the table we hosted, we got plenty of feedback from staff, faculty and prospective students. Over all, it seems we're doing a good job.

There are a couple of coverage of areas we're lacking — a few clubs and departments suggested we pay a bit more attention to their activities and, trust me, we heard them loud and clear — but that just proves we've got opportunities to learn and grow as news gatherers. After all, we're students and the newsroom is our classroom.

From what I hear, there's a lot of learning going on here. But it seems like there are others on campus who may benefit from what we're studying in Building 18.

During a small group session at Preview Night, I had a source for one of our stories approach me with a situation.

"Hey, you quoted me and didn't ask for my permission," they said.

I scratched my head and thought about it for a moment. I hadn't remembered interviewing anyone in the weeks leading up to the conversation or writing a story.

Except for that public meeting I covered the previous week.

And that's when it hit me: I had quoted a student government senator and didn't ask for their permission before printing the story.

But I didn't have to.

Under Oregon's public meetings law, any member of a governing body who speaks on the record of a meeting open to the public may be quoted without permission.

Just as our reporters and editors are learning the proper way to cover the news, our publicly-elected officials should know the laws regarding open meetings.

And knowing is half the battle.

THUMBS

Men are No. 1

It's not often the men's basketball team gets the credit it deserves. With an 83-home-game winning streak, the women were usually the focus of attention during home games. Now, however, the men are in a three-way tie for first place in their league. Make sure you check them out when they defend their position at home next Wednesday.

Budget shortfall

It's likely the college will face a budget shortfall of about \$3.5 million if Governor John Kitzhaber's budget goes through as-is. For a school that's already been stripped on numerous occasions, another round of cuts would be devastating.

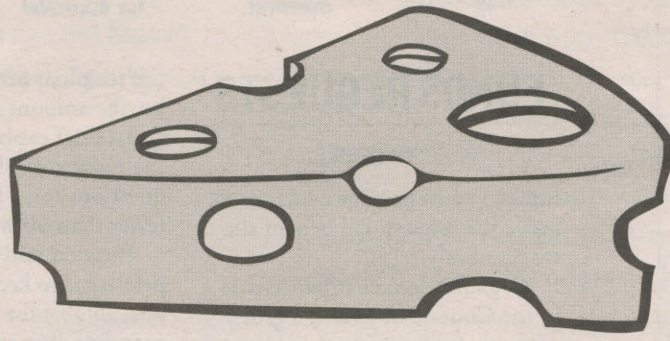
You can't get fired for Facebooking

A settlement has been reached in the case of a women fired from her job over posting negative comments about her boss. The National Labor Relations Board sued emergency response company AMR claiming that termination of an employee violates federal labor laws that protect employees when they discuss their bosses and working conditions.

AOL buys Huffington Post

In a \$135 million deal, Internet company AOL purchased The Huffington Post, a progressive news website. The purchase creates a combined audience of 117 million unique visitors, according to The New York Times. The Post, which was an independent news-gathering operation, now becomes part of a major news conglomerate. News sources need independence from big corporations. The deal makes The Huffington Post another casualty to greed. Surely, reorganization, budget cuts and more are to follow — all diminishing a once quickly-growing and reliable news source.

Cheese Heads unite!



Unpredictable Packers season yields a Super Bowl win that would make any fan proud

First off, let me tell you that I'm a "Cheese Head" and I have been a life-long Green Bay Packers fan.

True fans love their team passionately and thoroughly, and they are said to feel almost the same emotions as the players on the field during a victory.

I am no different.

We feel victorious, proud, and nothing matters more to fans than watching their favorite team win the championship game.

"Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing," famed Packers coach Vince Lombardi once said.

After this weekend, the Packers are Super Bowl champions after a solid 31-25 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

This is the fourth time since the merger in 1960 the Packers have taken home the Lombardi trophy.

Also, it is the latest of the 13 championships that Green Bay has taken back to "Title Town."

Too bad I couldn't be around for all of them.

This was one of the most unpredictable Packers seasons that I can remember.

They were plagued by injuries and coaches were constantly changing the roster on both defensive and offensive ends of the field.

The team lost several key players throughout the season, including Super Bowl MVP Aaron Rodgers, who went down with two different concussions throughout the season. The Packers even had two of its key players go down with injuries during the big game.

Even with all the adversity, Green Bay was able to finish the season with five straight victories, earning the team the NFC's sixth seed.

Once the team made the playoffs,

it played some of the toughest teams in the league.

They were matched-up with three of the top quarterbacks in the NFC and were able to control them fairly easy, which was exciting for Cheese Heads all over the country.

When you can beat up quarterbacks like Mike Vick, who won the NFL Comeback Player of the year award, Matt Ryan, who has only lost three games on his home turf and Big Ben, who was going for his third championship in just six years, that's impressive even if you're not a Packers fan.

With the Super Bowl win, the Packers became the first NFC six-seed to win every game on the road through playoffs and take home the Lombardi Trophy.

Can you guess who the last six seed to win the Super Bowl? Big hint: It happened in 2005 and they just lost.

Go Pack go.



Warren Hollinshead
Senior Reporter

GUEST COMMENTARY

Let's organize and solve America's problems

Tuesday, Jan. 25, President Obama gave his State of the Union address and focused not only on the strength of our economy despite the severe need of the people, but also on the capability of the people to create a new future.

"The first step in winning the future is encouraging American innovation. None of us can predict with certainty what the next big industry will be or where the new jobs will come from," he said. "What we can do, what America does better than anyone else, is spark the creativity and imagination of our people. Innovation doesn't just change out lives, it is how we make our living."

Immediately before speaking the words above, he said, "we need to take responsibility for our deficit and reform our government."

He then presented American innovation as the method of doing so. I strongly agree that we need to take responsibility, that we need to reform our government and that this is how we can do it.

Democratically organizing ourselves

seems the most American, easiest, and most effective way to do this. By organizing I don't mean throwing together marches (unless you're into that kind of thing, then have at it.)

I mean looking at a problem in our society and organizing the people and resources needed to resolve it.

Obama mentioned economic and political responsibility. In times like these, a lot of people have too little — too little nutritious food to eat, too little money, too little time, too little energy, and on the student side of the world, too little sleep. Some of us, on the other hand, have just a bit to spare — a few dollars, a few hours, a couple of tools or vegetables from our gardens.

I have been taught that to receive, I must give, and this approach has worked very well for me. In moving to Oregon, I decided to give to the community in any way I could to show my appreciation for being welcomed so openly and I have received more in the way of friends, information, support and community connections, than I could have ever imagined.

One way I contribute these days is by participating in the Energy Service Corps on campus. A joint project of OSPIRG

and AmeriCorps, started at Lane by just a handful of dedicated students, the ESC gives reduced energy bills to people who need it most.

We do this by assessing the energy efficiency of low-income homes and providing free weatherization services. We swap incandescent bulbs for energy saving CFLs, which may not seem like such a big deal, but according to the film "Wattage Ours," shown in Sonja Mae's Intro to Sustainability class, lights devour up to 40 percent of a home's electricity.

By swapping compact fluorescent lights and promoting the habit of turning off lights when a room is not in use, we help the people who don't have much money to keep more of what they do have. Among other services, we caulk gaps and install weather stripping to seal the envelope of the home, keeping heat inside.

According to Energy Star, simply sealing the envelope of your home can reduce your energy cost by up to 20 percent.

We also offer suggestions about how to resolve the largest energy drains, connect home owners with rebates for green technology, and let them know about the tax credits available for greening their home.

The best part about this is that the ESC offers Service Learning and internship opportunities to students, helping them to build their education and to build community relations. Next year, once we have secured the funding of AmeriCorps, we will be able to offer paid positions. If you're interested, email energyservicecorps@yahoo.com or join us at 2 p.m. every Friday in the OSPIRG office in the basement of the Center Building.

This is how one group on campus is already doing what Obama called for. We are organizing ourselves to satisfy a need and creating jobs in the process. The innovation of the people involved is birthing this national service anew, giving it Oregonian roots and helping to patch the social system where need is obvious.

In every meeting, we cultivate our strengths by learning how to organize ourselves. In every home, we build our community by letting people know we care and by giving them the tools they need to improve their lives just a bit. This is what democracy looks like to me.

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Alicia Markus
OSPIRG member

THINK ABOUT IT

Interviews by Javier Magallanes • Photos by Eugene Johnson

What are you going to do with your tax return?



"I won't be getting one this year. But if I did I'd use it to pay bills — take care of some business."

— Jerry Dickerson, aaot



"I'm a photographer, so it will probably go towards photography equipment and possibly a new camera."

— Caitlin Cooper, graphic design



"I'd put it into my bank and save it for when I have some bills to pay or need gas money."

— Kwame Humphrey, business



"If I got one I'd be spending it on bills. Maybe buy some car parts."

— Tom Sytsma, human services



"I'd buy a new guitar."

— Mitch Slattery, undecided



"Probably pay some bills... Not much else."

— Barbara Sullivan, faculty



"Mine will be going straight to my kid. All of it."

— Jesse Moberly, construction technology



"If I do get one, I'll probably use it to buy groceries."

— Ryan Peterson, undecided



"If I get any it'd probably go toward bills and maybe some other fun stuff."

— Dustin Donoho, emt

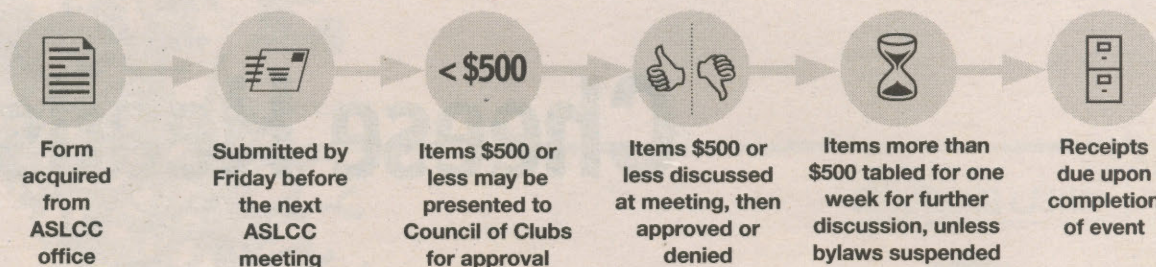


"Pay a home mortgage. Maybe some additions to the house."

— Dean Pixton, natural resource management



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FUNDS REQUESTS

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funding must provide evidence to prove the request will benefit the student body.

Organizations that participate in the Council of Clubs, a group of representatives from a variety of student groups on campus, are allocated an initial deposit of \$100 per term for such activities. Clubs on the council are expected to do their own fundraising and must be reinstated annually to ensure that financial records are accurate. The council is also required to maintain a record of participating clubs and meeting minutes.

"We encourage all clubs to do their own fundraising because we aren't there to be their primary source," ASLCC Treasurer Geo Bitgood said. "So far this year we've been presented with requests we've agreed with."

The process to obtain ASLCC funding begins with the submission of a funds request form. This form requires an outline of what the money will be used, and how it will benefit the students.

Each request must specify who

the recipient of the funds will be, the amount of the request and a brief explanation of how the money will be used. These questions must be answered in no fewer than 50 words on the form.

Bitgood said ASLCC's main priority is to keep all clubs accountable for how they are spending the money they receive.

"As the treasurer I expect the requests for funding to be itemized so we know exactly where the money is going," Bitgood said.

Student government meets at 3:30 p.m. each Monday. In order for a request to be considered, the request form must be filled out by the Friday prior.

At this meeting the fund request will be approved or denied. If a fund petition is \$500 or less the Council of Clubs may approve or deny a request.

Petitions exceeding \$500 must be presented to the ASLCC senate. Generally, these requests are tabled for one week, but may be granted on the spot if senators vote to suspend the bylaws.

The money clubs receive from ASLCC are used to pay for supplies, fund trips, event registration and to hire guest

speakers and other costs directly associated with the activity.

"For each person, they must bring all receipts and the money must match the receipts exactly," Bitgood said. "We need to know that this money is being used responsibly."

Bitgood says funds requests could be for something as simple as money to purchase cookies and drinks for a bake sale. Student government has also funded such outings as the XYZ Club's recent trip to Minnesota to attend the Creating Change Conference, an event that focuses on LGBT issues.

When groups attend events such as this, it's not unusual for ASLCC to ask event attendees to provide workshops in order to justify the expense of the trip.

A request made by the Student Co-op Association in November stipulated that part of that group's \$1,008 funds request to attend a conference on the Oregon Coast was dependent on the club's production of workshops upon return.

Those students have not yet conducted those workshops nor have they been reimbursed for the cost of the trip.

RECYCLING

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other supplies.

"We have one of the highest recycling rates among two and four year schools nationwide," Sims said.

After the waste is crushed and compressed into large blocks at the OBRC, it is sent to a processing plant in Portland, where it will be sold on a national or international commodities market.

While compost itself doesn't generate revenue for the college, it costs half as much to get rid of compost as the equivalent weight of regular trash.

Despite the cost savings and apparent ease of the process, there aren't many other organizations that deal with waste this way.

"It's a real tricky stream to handle," Sims said. "It can't have hunks of plastic or pieces of tin foil. There's no way to clean it."

The trick is in reducing initial contamination of compost. This is one of the reasons why almost

all cups, plates, utensils and other disposables in the cafeteria are compostable. That way, students can throw the food, plate and utensils into one container.

The college composts about 20 cubic yards of material per month — a dump truck with a 12-foot bed holds between 5 and 7 cubic yards.

But Sims says the estimated \$40,000 saved by recycling and composting isn't an exact measure of the total savings.

"There's the environmental cost of burying the trash itself, which over 30 to 40 years produces toxins that slowly leak into the water table," he said. "It's not just the trash, there's a whole army of machinery that uses fuel and produces pollution."

As part of Building 11 construction and renovations, the sustainability office will soon be getting a new recycling facility.

"This will allow us to be much more efficient and effective in the recycling process. We'll probably be able to reduce our operating costs by 15-20 percent," David Willis, Facilities Management

and Planning director, said. "Additionally this will give us some more capability to compete in the RecycleMania competition."

In 2009, the college placed seventh in the RecycleMania competition, a nationwide college and university event. The year before, LCC took fourth place in the same competition. National data is collected over a 10-week period that ranks schools based on amount of recyclables per capita, total amount of recyclables and total amount of trash.

Hopes remain high among sustainability officials for this year's iteration of the event.

"We're very excited about it. It will be a much healthier and safer environment for Specialized Support Services team," Willis said. "We're hoping to provide them with the opportunity for a multi-layer certification program that will give them the opportunity to qualify for independent employment."

Specialized Support Services provides training to adult students who experience developmental disabilities.

BOARD

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A final bid will be awarded Feb. 27 for a contractor to test on-site across the street from the Eugene Public Library. There is belief that poor soil of low bearing material might cause settling if precautions aren't taken to avoid it.

Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy announced in her State of the City address that \$100 million has been invested in downtown renewal, more than half of which is dedicated to the college's Downtown Campus project.

The project still faces a deficit of approximately \$5 million, a gap board members remain optimistic about filling by New Market Tax Credits.

However, if these projections don't pan out the project may require additional grants or loans because the college's general fund is already \$3.5 million short for this year.

The money allocated for the Downtown Campus is being used for academic buildings and student housing, which the board finds to be crucial to be in place by 2012.

The project itself has been on a fast-track schedule since its approval by the board during Spring term last year.

If the schedule is maintained, the new Downtown Campus may be open by Fall term 2013 at the earliest.

The academic building accounts for about \$35 million of the project's cost while the residence building is projected to be about \$15 million.

ADVERTISEMENT

Lane's Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Program is hosting a Shakespearean themed classical cuisine dinner, **"A Feast of Tales,"** featuring British cuisine on **Thursday, March 3rd.** There will be a silent auction beginning at 5pm and dinner will be served at 6pm. Tickets are priced at \$35 and you may purchase them online at www.lanec.edu/culinary/cuisine.htm