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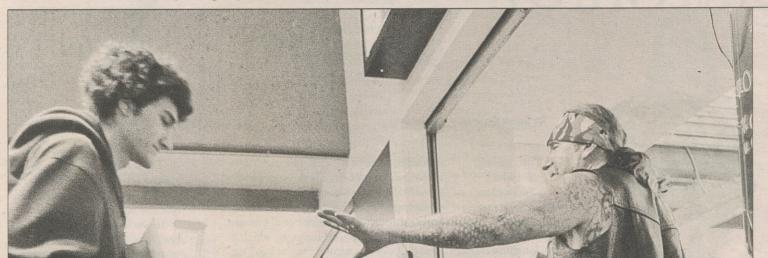


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If buying textbooks feels a bit like armed robbery, try having your backpack stolen at the same time.

Jacked.

By JENN BRAGG . Reporter

A lone wallet lies on a rack outside the Titan Store. It's the first week of classes and there are piles of backpacks waiting to be reclaimed by shoppers inside.

A passerby sees the wallet and grabs it. Instead of walking downstairs and out of the Center Building — with the commotion inside and around the store, it'd be easy to do — the individual hands it to a Titan Store employee. Soon the wallet should be reunited with its owner.

Not everybody is so lucky.

So far this term, there have been at least five accounts of theft reported to the Public Safety office. The majority of those thefts took place outside the Titan Store. Taking into account the sheer volume of people going in and out of the bookstore these numbers may not seem drastic, but to the five individuals whose things were taken, it's a serious

A new term can be hectic, especially at the college bookstore. Students' backpacks and other personal belongings become more vulnerable to theft.

During the first week of the

term, it's not unusual to see 100 students in the Titan Store at any given time. This means there could be up to 100 backpacks left outside the store. Some are kept in lockers, but most can be found on the floor or on metal racks just outside the entrance.

This can present an opportunity for thieves.

The bookstore maintains a "no backpack" policy — this helps cut down on thefts from inside, but what about the area outside, where students leave their bags? Well, there's always the lockers just outside the store's entrance.

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Second lecturer will speak about the start of Islam

'Visiting Scholars' series focuses on understanding

> By Monica Christoffels Senior Reporter

As political turmoil in the Middle East and North Africa continues to increase, so does the need for cultural understanding of the region and the religious history that shapes it today.

The college's "Visiting Scholars in Islam" series hopes to do just that with its second guest lecturer of the year, Stephen Shoemaker.

Shoemaker will speak on the beginnings of Islam and Christianity in his upcoming lecture, "Reading the Qur'an with Albert Schweitzer, or Jesus, Muhammad, and the End of the World."

The lecture is scheduled to begin in the Center for Meeting and Learning, Room 104 at 5:30 p.m. on April 7. The event is free and open to the public.

An associate professor of Religious Studies at the University of Oregon, Shoemaker received his doctorate from Duke University in 1997. His primary interests and research focus on ancient Christian traditions and the relations between Near Eastern Christianity and formative Islam.

'My goal is to clarify our historical understanding of the beginnings of Islam by using the same sort of methods and perspectives that scholars generally have used in studying the beginnings of Christianity and Judaism," Shoemaker said. "I hope that the students come to appreciate the variety of different approaches that are useful in studying the beginnings of the Islamic tradition."

Shoemaker recently authored "The Death of a Prophet: The End of Muhammad's Life and the Beginnings of

Registration

By MIKE PARTEE Senior Reporter

More than 7,000 students at LCC received e-mails recently notifying them that they had been cleared for advance registration. Usually, students would have to visit a counselor in order to become eligible for priority registration.

But because of an overwhelming influx of new students — many are returning to school in order to gain relevant training after being laid off while others are giving community college a chance in order to save money on tuition - the counseling department is considering

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revival of William Shakespeare's comedy

"Taming of the Shrew."

The Student Production Association's spring performance is the old Shakesperean classic:

Taming of the Shrew

WHAT IT IS:

In this play-within-a-play Bianca is the beautiful daughter whose father will not allow her to be married until he has found a suitor for his other daughter Katherine.

Katherine is angry and shrewd and considered unfit to marry. Petruchio offers to marry Katherine and tries to break her off her shrewdness, which opens the doors for Bianca to

This play is performed by the Suppositi to the audience and to Christopher Sly, a drunk who is tricked by a Lord.

By Sanne Godfrey . Features Editor

shrewdness was portrayed through physical comedy. Rice often stormed off the stage, stomping to make her presence known and grunts throughout to voice her discontent. She acted like a spoiled teenager, which is probably close to accurate as the legal age to get married at this time was 12 for girls

Her performance is so immaculate that the audience starts to understand why nobody will marry this obnoxious

convey her role as the loveable Bianca through her innocent looks. Glidden is finishing her first year in the Theater Arts program and although her character isn't as well-spoken or charismatic as Katherine's, she fits the part quite well. She comes over as an innocent young victim caught in the middle of it all.

However, as the play continues and the focus shifts away from her and onto Katherine you can tell that this girl is

written by William Shakespeare that has endured many remakes and modernization of the story. Thankfully, the Student Production Association and director Judith "Sparky" Roberts decided not to update the original play.

technology that was not present in Shakespeare's era such as video projections, they were able to keep the overall feel of the late 16th, early 17th century.

The entire cast seemed to enjoy being believe in themselves." Their acting is convincing and funny.

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CHANGING LANES



ANDY ROSSBACK

New term, new folks

A note for those just joining

Thanks for tuning in and welcome to LCC - or as I like to call it: The Wild Wild West. Let me show you around a bit.

Those of you used to galloping around on a pony, you'll have to give it up. In this here west, we ride rolling backpacks only.

If you listen closely, you can hear the thumping of the plastic wheels on pea gravel — sounds like hoof beats to me.

Covered wagons? More like '94 Honda Civics.

Texas Hold 'Em? More like Texas Instruments.

The campus from the air appears to be built in the shape of a maze. The philosophy: If you can navigate a maze for two years, you'll do fine at a university.

Don't worry, you'll find your way around eventually, cowpoke.

The college actually used to be a maximum security prison. The security system was flawless because it takes — at least — two years to escape the maze.

You can still check out some of the cells in the basement of the Center Building. I had a class in one last term.

O.K., I'm lying about the prison part. But wouldn't all the concrete finally make sense? Evidently, cement was very stylish in 1967 — when this campus was built. That very interesting food wallpaper in the cafeteria - have you noticed it? Also hip

Who's here? Everyone imaginable. Old. Young. Smelly. Fresh. Conservative. Liberal. Radical. Fascist. Communist.

And that's just the faculty . . . Interestingly enough, I don't think we have any cowboys. Some west we are, right?

We do have a Native American Longhouse, though. It's right next to Building 30 - our watering hole.

You can't get a shot of whiskey but you can get an ice cold fruit smoothie.

You'll be hard-pressed to spot nomadic gunslingers, damsels in distress or anyone wearing spurs but you can find just about everyone else.

It's community college, folks, and that's the cool thing about it: Anybody is welcome — with open arms, nonetheless — if they can find a place to park. On that note: Welcome to the new frontier.

A note for Mary Spilde, our college president:

Ready the tow truck, I'm coming for your parking spot. Soon.

Managing Editor Andy Rossback is at 541-463-5109 or a.rossback@gmail.com



Foundation board names two new members

Appointees are tasked with promoting the college and fundraising for scholarships

By Maygan Beckers

Two new faces will join the LCC Foundation the next time it meets.

Rosie Pryor and Don Rainier were appointed to the Board of Trustees on March 16, 2011.

The LCC Foundation is set up to benefit students and the college. From scholarships to facilities in need, the Foundation provides support for students. Janet Anderson, executive director of the LCC Foundation, says members of the Board of Trustees act as ambassadors and advocates for the college.

"They are the body of the foundation and they make sure we're on the right course, that we are investing our money wisely, and increasing resources so we can help the college in more ways," Anderson said. "Rosie Pryor's connections to influential people is extensive and she will bring a passion for community college education to the Board."

Pryor, who is also running for the Board of Education, is currently Chief Marketing and Strategy Officer at Oregon Community Credit Union. Pryor is connected to the college not only because her father being founder and president of Clatsop Community College in Astoria, but because her son is enrolled at LCC. She has lived in the Eugene area for approximately 40 years and enjoys helping her community.

One of Pryor's previous experiences in helping her community was working on the Political Action Committee to help LCC pass its bond measure three years ago. The Political Action Committee asked the voters to tax themselves so they could raise money to build new buildings and improve existing buildings. She helped create

the campaign that persuaded voters to support the bond measure to vote "yes."

"Many of the improvements that have been occurring on the campus in the last three years are a result of that

bond measure passing," she said.

As a new member of the board,
Pryor is planning ahead.

"I have developed lots of friends and business associates, many of whom might not know about opportunities to help LCC (by donating money or participating in programs that LCC offers.) As I learn more about all of the range of ways that people can help Lane, then I will systematically start contacting all of those friends and business associates and let them know about how they can plug in," she said.

Pryor declares her goal of what to accomplish in the Foundation Board, "I hope to be really successful in bringing resources to Lane. I hope to be really successful in helping Lane expand its circle of life-long friends."

As for a result of her future accomplishments at LCC, Pryor said: "I fully well expect to be personally enriched in the proces. I'm looking to feel even better about Lane than I already do."

On the other hand, Don Rainier, married to Lisa Rainier and father of Devon, 13, and Justin, 10, comes from a different background. Although Rainier grew up in Eugene, he currently lives in Portland and is the Senio Vice President for Ferguson Wellman Capital Management. Ferguson Wellman Capital Management manages money for other community college foundations, not including LCC, as well as other non profits and families.

"My expertise comes from working with other community colleges in the same way that other investment professionals work with the LCC foundation," he said.

Rainier is an alumnus from LCC who grew up going to plays at LCC, as well as running for district meets in high school at LCC.

After completing four years at LCC, Rainier attended the University of Oregon for two years.

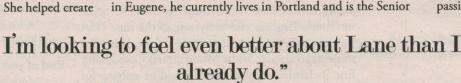
"Don Rainier has a depth of knowledge of finance investment that he's going to bring to our Board of Directors and also brings the passion of an alumni to the Board," Anderson said.

Rainier wants to give back to the college. He feels LCC provided him with a good education personally and academically.

"I hope to meet really excellent people that have a passion for the college and I hope to utilize my expertise and my connection to further the mission of the Foundation," he said.

In Rainier's previous experiences, he spent nine years with March of Dimes as a Board member, two years of which he was Board Chair, and continues to do fundraising for them. March of Dimes is in the business of research and programs for families that are affected today by mostly premature birth.

"One of the things that struck me with the Board of the March of Dimes was the passion that the committee had throughout the volunteer work," he said. "I look forward to getting to know those people that have the same level of passion for the mission of the LCC Foundation."



— Rosie Pryor, recent appointee to the LCC Foundation Board of Trustees



Associated Students of Lane Community College



DON RAINIER

Rosie Pryor

Lane Community College Student Groups		
ADDA - American Draft & Design Assn.	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday 1:00 pm	Bldg. 18, Room 206
APISU Asian - Pacific Island Student Union	Weekly, Wednesday 11:30 am	Multicultural Center
ASLCC Student Government Meeting	Weekly, Monday 3:30-5:30 pm	Bldg. 3, Room 216
BSU - Black Student Union	Weekly, Monday 1:00-2:00 pm	Bldg. 1, Room 226B
Council of Clubs Returns on April 19th	Every Other Tuesday 3:30-5:30	Bldg. 1, Room 206
Geology Club	TBA	Bldg 16
Green Chemistry Club	Weekly, Monday 1:00 pm	Bldg 16, Room 145
Jazz Club	Weekly, Wednesday 3:15-4:15	Bldg. 6, Band Room
Lane Student Democrats (LSD)	2 nd & 4 th Thursday 7:00 pm	Bldg. 19, Room 246
Lanestock (Council Sub-Committee)	Weekly, Friday 1:00-2:30 pm	Bldg. 1, Room 206
LASA – Lane Arts Student Association	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday 1:30-2:30	Bldg. 11, Alcove
LCC Dance Club (LCCDC)	2 nd & 4 th Friday 1:00-2:00	Bldg. 1, Room 206
LCC Smokers Club (Clean-up Crew)	Ongoing Effort @ the	Smoking Shelters
LCC XYZ (formerly QSA)	Weekly, Tuesday 4:00-5:00	Bldg. 19, Room 246
Learning Garden Club	Time/Day TBA	In the Garden
LSU - Latino Student Union	Tuesday 11:30a & Friday 1:00p	Bldg. 1, Room 201
NASA - Native American Student Assn.	Weekly, Friday 3:00-4:00	Bldg. 31, Longhouse
OSPIRG	Monday 2:00 pm, Thurs 4:00 pm	Center, Basement
Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Zeta Chapter	Weekly, Thursday 4:30 *on 4/14*	Bldg. 3, Room 216
SPA - Student Productions Association	Weekly, Thursday 4:15 pm	Bldg. 6, Blue Door
Table Tennis Club	Weekly, Thursday 6:30-9:00 pm	Cafeteria (South wall)
Veterans Club of LCC	Tuesday & Weds. 11:00a-1:00p	West side of Cafeteria

Student Government Logo Contest Ends April 19th!!

The students will have the final decision on the spring ballot, prize is a Titan Store gift card valued at \$200 Please bring your digital submissions to the ASLCC Communications Director in Building 1, Room 210.

Get Involved with ASLCC!

Are you interested in an Executive or Senate Position for 11-12? Elected positions include President/Vice President, Treasurer, Multicultural Programs Coordinator and 10 Senators.

Step – by – Step Process to become an ASLCC Elected Official:

- 1. Pick up the application in Building 1, Room 210b or 206/wall display after 4/4.
- Verify that you are eligible for office. Details are on the application and online.
 Fill out your application and turn it in before the deadline of April 19th 3:00PM to the ASLCC Legal Secretary, Bette Dorris; be prepared to answer any
- questions regarding your application or eligibility. No Exceptions to deadline.

 4. Attend a Mandatory Orientation presented by the advisor, sessions are available April 20 & 21 @ 2:00 & 4:00 in Building 1, Room 206. Pictures and Bios taken.
- 5. Begin campaigning on April 26 and not a day sooner or risk disqualification!

Pep Rally on April 7th near the Cafeteria! Come support your Titan sports teams! There will be entertainment, raffle prizes and swag!

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NEWS BRIEFLY

Teatro Milagro's live production of "Duende La Lorca" will take place April 28 in **Building 6, Performance** Hall. The show is free and open to the public. The performance will chronicle the life of Frederico Garcia Lorca, a Latin author who inspired other artists. The play has already been performed in Portland and Southern Oregon and will make an appearance at the Cesar Chavez Diversity Conference in Colorado later this month. For more information, contact Donna Koechig at 541-463-5307.

The International **Program collected** \$1,400 to benefit the victims of the 9.0-magnitude earthquake and ensuing tsunami that devastated Japan late last month. Students in the cafeteria collectied donations last

The 2011 Career Fair will be hosted April 20 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Center for Meeting and Learning. Career and employment advisers recommend those interested come dressed as they would for a job interview and provide

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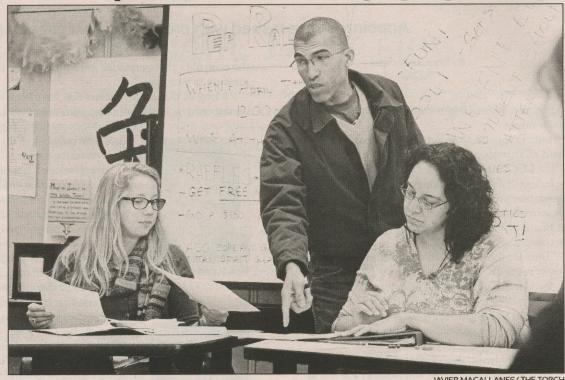
a resume. There will be door prizes, including three credits worth of free tuition, tickets to a Blue Door Theater production or lunch for two at the Renaissance Room. The fair is sponsored by the college's Career and **Employment Services**, Eugene Area Radio Stations and U.S. Bank. For more information, contact Tina Hunter at 541-463-5687.

The AARP is still offering tax help in the cafeteria every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 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 for more info.

The Eugene Water and **Electric Board is raising** rates beginning in May. The local utility says power and water services will see an increase of up to 3.3 and 6.9 percent, respectively. Officials cite higher costs for renewable energy and lower wholesale rates as causes of the increases.

The Torch is hiring. Call 541-463-5655 for more

Clubs plan Salem trip, pep rally



Eric Richardson (center) points out the agenda during a Council of Clubs meeting April 5. The council consists of representatives from each club on campus.

Plans for an Earth Day celebration and the college's second-ever pep rally also materialized during the semi-weekly meeting

Monica Christoffels

The Oregon Student Association laid out plans for the organization's trip to Salem April 25 at this week's Council of Clubs meeting. ASLCC senator Tomas Bautista said every one of the nine OSA member colleges are trying to get at least 100 of its students to attend. While Multicultural Coordinator Eric Richardson said students would be rallying for "a plethora of reasons," Bautista said the gist of the event is to oppose Gov. John Kitzhaber's proposed cuts to higher education funding for the 2011-13 state budget,

"Education is the most important thing," Bautista stressed, adding that schools would have to "jack up tuition or start cutting staff and programs" in order to deal with funding shortages.

In other meeting notes:

Council plans pep rally

Bautista spoke on the upcoming pep rally, scheduled for Thursday, April 7, at noon outside (or, if it rains, inside) the cafeteria. Raffle prizes and Titan Store gift cards will be given throughout the rally, ond pep rally "ever," according to Richardson.

the senate to fund three pep rallies per year with any available miscellaneous line-item monies.

Earth Day plans materialize

SLSC representative Toby Kubler volunteered to lead the organizing committee for the campus Earth Day celebration, though he said he didn't want to officially commit before consulting his group.

The two-day event will also feature an activity

fair, at which clubs will have the opportunity to promote themselves to students. Along with the Center building, Kubler is eyeing the Longhouse as a potential venue for the event's activities, citing its state-ofthe-art media center as one of its many highlights.

"A lot of people haven't been in the Longhouse yet," Kubler said. "It's a sacred place."

End of year festival plans continue

Modeled after the hippie- and music-centric Woodstock Festival of 1969, this year's Lanestock is scheduled for June 3. Last year's event purportedly costed \$10,000, but the current organizing committee said new sponsorship opportunities will lower costs this time around. Lanestock 2011 will offer musical workshops on the guitar and didgeridoo, children's activities and student activism opportunities.

The committee wants to keep the event as ecofriendly as possible, and will be contacting local, sustainable businesses about getting involved.

Students for Liberty clears up misconceptions

Confusion over whether SFL, currently unrecognized by ASLCC as an official student group, was affiliated with a political party resulted in a denial for group ratification at Monday's ASLCC Senate meeting. The discussion carried into the council meeting as SFL representative Ryan Wilson and Jeffrey Borrowdale, philosophy and religion professor, provided more information about the group.

Richardson pointed out that no student union is allowed to receive money from student fees if it is affiliated with a political party. Borrowdale clarified that, though it is based on Libertarian ideals of individual rights and personal freedoms, the club is not associated with the party and has no intention of sending funds to political campaigns.

Recruiting for 2011-12

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Contact:: Christina Salter, 463-5813 or Tammy Simpson, 463-5296

along with a grand prize for the student with the best display of Titan spirit. This will be the college's sec-They've never really had rallies at Lane," he said. Richardson also said he was considering asking

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The No Cash Clothing Stash, located in a hallway on the first floor of Building 12, allows visitors to snag up to 10 free pieces of clothing per visit.

The concept is simple: you give a little, you get a little. The campus resource was once located in Building 5 above the gym, but a remodel of the building displaced the service for a few months.

Now that it's back, students have a place to drop off lightly used clothing and pick up some new threads, as well.



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The cafeteria sandwich bar has got some of the best deals on campus when it comes to quality grub.

At \$5 for a full sandwich and \$2.50 for half, you can't go wrong.

For \$5, you can even grab the soup of the day and half a sandwich. It's an especially enticing deal when you see how much the good folks at the sandwich bar stuff between two slices of bread.

The sandwich bar is located in the cafeteria in the Center Building and is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

You can usually find Troy Benny, pictured right, and his fellow sandwich makers blasting a wide array of music as they work. While the meals sometimes take awhile to craft, they're definitely worth the wait.



COMING UP

Peace Symposium asks: share the water

By Victoria Stephens
Web Editor

The 2011 Peace Symposium will be held April 15 in the Longhouse. The theme for this year's event is "Water for Life Not for Profit." Featured speakers include several tribal leaders including those from the Winnemem Wintu Tribe of Northern California whose homelands were impacted by the building of the Shasta Dam.

Scheduled lectures include:
"The Impact of Raising the
Height of the Shasta Dam
on Tribal Homelands" by
Mark Franco, headman of the

Winnemem Wintu Tribe and Caleen Sisk-Franco, the chief and spiritual leader of the tribe will speak on the spiritual, ecological and cultural purposes of returning the salmon to the McCloud River.

Agnes Baker Pilgrim, a
Takelma elder of the Confederated
Tribes of Siletz and member of
the International Council of 13
Indigenous Grandmothers, will
be speaking on "The Sacredness of
Water."

Also on the agenda are talks by Debbie Davis, policy director for the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, based in Oakland California. She will be speaking on water as a social justice issue, water privatization and the current bottle water controversy; Teresa Huntsinger, director of Oregon Environmental Council's Clean and Healthy Rivers Program and Mayor Kitty Piercy will speak about local water issues. Janet Essley will show an art presentation called "Daughters of the Earth."

One of the key elements to be discussed is the destructiveness of water privatization as demonstrated by the bottled water industry. When large companies mine water to the point of depleting aquifers, ground waters have fallen and streams have dried up, leaving the local community

with an ecological disaster and their water shipped out of the area.

"And then there is the bottles themselves," said Stan Taylor, director of the Peace Center, citing their toxic elements which disrupt hormones, produce cancer and seep into the food chain and "producing mountains of trash," such as the large floating plastic islands of debris found in the oceans.

Taylor said that water issues are central to peace. "From a peace and justice standpoint, as water becomes scarcer more conflict will occur," he said, adding that military planners consider how

they will secure water and that "water will become like oil, a resource to be fought over." This is due not only to water privatization, but to global warming which is causing snow packs and glaciers to melt, limiting fresh water reserves on the planet.

"Water is a human right and should be affordable and accessible to everyone," Taylor said.

The schedule will be broken down into three sessions, the first dealing with water and indigenous rights, followed by water justice and the third is water as a human right not for commercial profit. The event runs from 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Students and faculty hop aboard the C-SPAN Digital Bus

KINZLEY PHILLIPS

The C-SPAN "digital bus" brings political news to the eyes, ears and hands of the students. On Thursday, March 31, the new gadget-packed Cable Satellite Public Affairs Network digital bus, worth more than \$1.5 million, made its first trip to Oregon, and simultaneously its only visit to a community

"We've stopped at one middle school and two high schools and we are going to Portland to visit Corban College," marketing representative Jenny Marland said.

For those who don't know much about C-SPAN it's a non-partisan public affairs network that provides information to over 100 million homes everyday. The network reports on all three branches of government each with its own TV stations supplemented with radio programs, a comprehensive webpage, podcasts and applications for iPad, iPhone, and

"C-SPAN is funded by cable and receives about seven cents out of each persons cable bill," marketing representative Chris DeManche said.

The digital bus itself represents the network by going around to schools and raising awareness about their public service while trying to get youth involved in politics.

"I started in Tucson, Ariz. two and a half weeks ago," digital bus driver Terence Bilal said.

Inside the bus viewers get to view all the different types of broadcasting C-SPAN has and use touch screen computers to explore web content. The bus had twelve hi-def flat screens, three laptops, and models to show all of their apps.

"C-SPAN is funded by cable, so we work closely with them to plan stops," said Marland. "We aren't trying to advertise, this is a public service."

C-SPAN has been working particularly hard on appealing to a younger audience by establishing itself on social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter, in addition to developing handheld services like the application coming out for the droid next month.

It's cool that C-SPAN is on social networking sites because it's more easily accessible to the younger generation," student Dayna Capron said.

There were a lot of different people who stopped in to check out the display, students young and old as well as faculty and community members.



JAVIER MAGALLANES/ THE TORCH

Students get a tour of the C-SPAN digital bus as it makes a stop on LCC campus March 31. That was the bus' only stop at a community college.

"You have to pick the topic. I watch C-SPAN on cable occasionally," professor of Geology for the science division Mike Mitchell said.

People have different things they look for from C-SPAN for some they just want to current events and for others it's the best way for them to keep a close eye on congressional

"I like to keep up on what's going on in Europe and the Middle East because my husband is a retired military man," student Nancy Murphy said.

Much of what C-SPAN covers has been arguably said to be angled toward an older audience because much of the content revolves around recorded proceedings. However, C-SPAN tries to engage youth by supplementing with different types of stories like aweekly 30-minute interview featuring people who have changed digital media.

"You have to be a good student of politics and to some degree humanities to understand today's news," student Douglas Aguirre said.



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REGISTRATION

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alternatives. For now, the closer a student is to completing a degree, the higher priority they get for registration.

Advance registration was originally introduced to LCC approximately 10 years ago as a way for students to receive guidance on classes they needed to take in order to attain their desired degrees.

As events on and off campus evolve at an ever-increasing pace, the college's counselors and academic advisers feel they need to evolve in order to better serve the college's many students.

"We wanted to help people with accurate advice so they didn't sign up for classes they didn't need or for classes that they weren't ready to take," Beth Landy said.

Landy is a counselor and instructor at the college and a key proponent of the redesign that is currently being developed. A new system for advance registration is tentatively set to launch with the start of Fall 2011.

The temporary fix affects students whose advance registration eligibility was set to expire during Spring or Summer terms. It will allow faculty a chance to redesign and revamp advance registration and counseling practices.

A side benefit of the automatic clearance is less time spent waiting to see one of the limited number of counseling or advisory staff available.

We don't want students to be forced to wait for hours to see us if they don't need us," counselor Jill Siegfried said. "We're still available to students who have questions."

Anybody who is curious to see if they are



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- Jill Siegfried, Counselor

cleared for advance registration should log in to myLane, click on the myEnrollment tab, under "Student Status," click "Check Your Advance Registration Status."

Students who are cleared do not need to see their program counselor or academic adviser. Advance registration for summer classes begins on May 3, with a list of offered summer courses becoming viewable around a week before then.

Fall registration begins May 17 for students who have been cleared.

If a student isn't cleared for advance registration under the temporary fix, they still need to see their program counselor or academic advisor before becoming eligible.

"We definitely want to see new students, because it's important for them to get on the right track from the beginning," Landy said. "If people that have been cleared have questions about what classes to register for summer and fall, they are strongly encouraged to come in."

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TRACK AND FIELD



Sophomore sprinter Chris Stubbs claimed the 400-meter title at the Willamette University Invitational on April 2. The Willamette High School grad finished the race with a time of 48.29 seconds.



RACING TO EXCEL

Titan runners and throwers polish their skills after taking a few months off

By ALAN K. Fox . Sports Editor

he Titan track and field team has started the season with some strong performances in several events, which could lead LCC to have a strong run at the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges championships in May.

The team most recently took its talents to Salem to take part in the Willamette University Invitational on April 2. The event hosted both two and four-year schools from Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

On the women's side, sophomore Katie Davis finished top in the triple jump with a mark of 35'

Other Lady Titans with standout performances came from freshman Lindsay Beard, who was the top finisher in the pole vault with a height of 11'8", and freshman Jordan Brunetti, who finished fifth in the Javelin with a total of 127 meters.

"My technique is slowly coming back. I took a year off from vaulting and it's taken a while to get back in to shape," Beard said. "I'm still a foot under my best mark, but for the first big meet 3.55 is a good mark."

The long distance team for the Lady Titans had

a solid showing as well.

Three standouts from the LCC cross country team, Laura Jackson, MaCayla Claver and Rachel Jensen, showcased their skills in the 5,000-meters. All three of the women finished with a time a qualifying time of less than 20 minutes.

"I thought the Willamette meet had some exciting races going on and there was some great competition present," Jackson said. "Overall, our

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Left: Sophomore hurdler Richard Arnold joined the Titans after graduating from Westview High School in Beaverton.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Joe Offer Baseball

Offer was named Male Athlete of the Week based on his performance against SWOCC on April 5. He was 3-for-4 at the plate. Laura Jackson Track and Field

Jackson was named Female Athelte of the Week based on her performace in the 5k in Salem at the Willamette University Invitational on April 2.



THE FOX TROT



ALAN K. Fox

Say hello to spring

Spring time is here.

The smell of fresh-cut grass illuminates your senses with a sign of happiness that can only come when the sun is shining.

You wake up to the noise of birds chirping outside your window as they return from their trip south.

As the sun is shining, people have that certain look of comfort that you don't normally see throughout the year here in the Northwest, due to all of the rain they endure.

Trips to the coast sound more appealing due to the sun being present and it helps defeat the cold coastal winds that cruise up and down the Oregon coastline.

With that all being said, spring is way more than that to

Spring in the sports world is an exciting time.

Here in Eugene we may not have a local major league within even 200 miles, but we are able to catch that same atmosphere at PK Park while watching the San Diego Pardes' minor league team, Eugene Emeralds.

Here at LCC we also are lucky to have the Titans baseball team, who is coming off of a second place finish in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges' playoffs last season.

This season looks to be another exciting one to watch and see of the Titans can make another special run at a championship

They have added a new skipper to the team who has added his touch to the team and giving it more of a Division I

So if you get a chance, you should go watch a baseball game here on campus and enjoy some fun in the sun.

Nationally, you've got Major League Baseball's opening day, which just warms a sports fan's

Once opening day is here, it seems like summer is right around the corner and the thoughts of heading to a ballpark to catch a game sends shivers down a baseball fan's back.

The smell of the stadiums' food and especially the hot dogs cooking, the smiles on the children's faces as they show up to the park with their glove on their hand and the taste of a nice cold beverage while watching the game is a picture that you don't see at most other sporting events.

I love spring.

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Tatyana Pozdnyakova is a world-class athlete who won numerous awards during her time as a runner for the Soviet Union's national team. She is now the college's assistant cross country and track and field coach. TUNNINGS

By ALAN K. Fox . Sports Editor

I was never focused on winning. I just wanted to do my best and I think God helped me."

- Tatyana Pozdnyakova, asst. track and field coach

rowing up in the small autonomous Republic of Buryatia, Tatyana Pozdnyakova wanted to be like her older sister. She envied her sister for her success going to a university and traveling to cities all over the Soviet Union.

Pozdnyakova enjoyed nothing more than watching her sister train. There was just something there she wanted.

When her sister would come home from

college, Pozdnyakova would do her best to imitate her and her running style.

Pozdnyakova was very competitive in everything she did. She had a love for all sports.

"Î was very energetic and I always wanted to be the best, but I never thought I would be successful at track and field," Pozdnyakova said.

Once she turned 18, she began to follow in the footsteps of the sister she once really looked up to. Pozdnyakova began to run when she started college.

While running was something fairly new for her, she was very successful at it.

She was a mainstay on the Soviet team for 11 years from 1980 — 1991.

At the IAAF World Cross Country Championships during the period of 1981 through 1985, Tatyana was part of two Gold Medal teams, 1981 and 1982, and also was part of two Silver Medal teams, 1983 and 1985.

To add to those accomplishments she is also a seven-time Soviet Union champion.

"When you become the Champion of the Soviet Union, especially in those times, it was very honored and prestigious," she said. "When you succeeded it was inexpressible happiness."

Pozdnyakova has performed on some of the biggest stages in the world, including the World Cup, World Championships, Championships of Europe and has qualified for the Olympics on four different occasions.

She never did get to chance to run in the Olympics even though she has qualified and had results that matched those considered

Once the Soviet Union disintegrated in 1991, Pozdnyakova had a stint with the Ukraine national team and also started to focus on long distance running.

While she had so many awards and accomplishments in her younger years, her running success was just like fine wine, it was getting better with age.

At the age of 39 Pozdnyakova started to run marathons. Between 1994 and 2006 she competed in 27 of them, winning 12, and acheiving runner-up in six.

Two of the biggest wins in her career were her overall titles in the 2003 and 2004 Los Angeles City Marathons.

"I was never focused on winning," she said. "I just wanted to do my best and I think God helped me."

Once you turn the age of 40 your are considered to be in the Master Class and she owns several world-records in runs for the class.

Pozdnyakova has also been named female Masters Runner of the Year by Runner's World Magazine.

In 2006, she decided it was time to hang up the running shoes and retire from professional running.

Once retired, she still had the passion and

love for the sport, so she chose to put that passion into coaching.

She was also an agent for other

She was also an agent for other professional runners from the Ukraine, Belarus and Russia.

At the end of 2009, Pozdnyakova and her husband Alex, a former Soviet Union and Ukraine national champion, decided to move to Oregon to look for a coaching job.

She soon received a call from LCC's head cross country coach John Scholl.

Now she and her husband are helping coach the Titans to what could be a championship season.

Her career has now turned full-circle. She started with a dream: to be like the sister who was able to run at the collegiate level.

Not only has Pozdnyakova done that
— she has run at the professional level
and set world records — she's passing her
knowledge on to student runners who
aspire to do the same.



EUGENE JOHNSON / THE TORCH

Recording the splits of her runners, assistant track coach Tatyana Pozdnyakova keeps her team on track.

You win some, you lose some

Titan men go 1-1 in doubleheader against Southwestern 7-1, 6-7



Pitcher John Linscott checks first base for a runner during the season opener at PK Park in Eugene. The Titans are 9-9 for the season, including 4-2 in league play.

ALAN K. FOX

The Titans baseball team wrapped up this week with a split in a doubleheader in Coos Bay against Southwestern Oregon on April 5.

In the first game of the day the Titans (9-9,4-2 Southern Region) took out the Lakers with a 7-1 victory

Sophomore pitcher John Linscott pitched eight innings and threw around 100 pitches with four strikeouts and only allowing the Lakers only run.

"It felt really great to be out there. The weather was nice and my arm felt really loose," Linscott said. "I felt like I was hitting the zone, and I'm real glad to be a part of the team this year and lead like I can."

LCC was able to rebound from the Lakers' (7-11, 3-3) only run in the second inning with a three-run third inning and never trailed again.

The Titans were able to put on an offensive clinic against the Lakers.

"I was really happy with the way that our bats came alive," head coach Dean Stiles said. "Skip Spencer put some good swings on it and Darrell Hunter is still obviously swinging the bat really well."

Sophomore catcher Skip Spencer kept his hot streak at the plate by hitting his third double of the season.

The nightcap marked the return of last year's Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges leader in saves,

Phillips was out with a shoulder injury that has kept him out for most of the season. In his return he was able to pitch 2 2/3 innings in relief.

'It feels good to be back on the mound, but coming off the injury it was kind of tough," Phillips said. "It's a little bit frustrating not being back to where I was (last year) but it's working and it doesn't hurt at all."

Coach Stiles was confident with having Phillips back and having him on the mound with Spencer.

With Phillips and Spencer in the game, we always feel confident that we can run those guys out be confident every time," Stiles said.

The game was a back-and-forth dual before SWOCC was able to score the go ahead run in the bottom of the eighth inning off of a RBI by the Lakers sophomore infielder Dillon Fugate, sealing the 7-6 victory for SWOCC.

We got punched a little bit early (in the second game) and instead of rolling over and because we were on the road we fought back and tried to give ourselves a hand and it just didn't happen the way we wanted too," Stiles said.

The Titans return to the field against Clackamas on April 9 at LCC with weather permitting. If the game is unable to be played in Eugene it will be played in Oregon City.

TRACK

From Page 7



Assistant coach Tatyana Pozdnyakova gives Rachel Jensen some pointers during a recent practice.

team gave an awesome effort and I believe we presented ourselves in a positive way."

In the 10,000-meters, Gylany Crossman finished with a qualifying time of 39 minutes 51

The men took charge in the running events of 400 meters or less with having someone finish in the top-five in the 100-, 200- and the 400-meter runs and claiming titles in the 200-meters and 400-meters.

Sophomore Chris Stubbs claimed the 400-meter title with a time of 48.29 seconds, and Jordan Latt finished tops with a time of 22.36 seconds.

In the 100-meter run, Dusty Jarvis took fifth-place with a time of 11.04 seconds, and in the 200 meters

In the pole vault, Jordan Parker finished in the top spot with a height of 16'2.75". That mark was a personal best for Parker.

Other men finishing with qualifying marks were Jacob Berkner, who finished the 5,000-meters with a time of 15 minutes and 44 seconds, and Cesar Perez, who finished the 10,000-meters with a time of 33 minutes and 31 seconds.

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Our view

Open forums are positive ways to shape the future.

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Write us

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

Look left. Look right. Drive slow.

For the second time this year, we've seen a serious incident on 30th Avenue just outside the college campus.

A Toyota Highlander and Nissan Sentra collided just after 7 p.m. on the evening of April 5, five months after a 57-year-old Eugene woman was struck and killed on the same stretch of highway.

The incident occurred when the Sentra was exiting the college campus, heading westbound on 30th when the Highlander, heading westbound, sped into it. The two vehicles collided nearly head-on.

Both drivers were transported to Sacred Heart at Riverbend in Springfield after Goshen Fire responded to the scene.

Public Safety officer Christopher Turner said it best: "People need to slow down."

And, it's true.

Drivers on the roads that lead to the college's parking lots, most notably Eldon Schafer Drive to the east and Gonyea Road to the west, are in too much of a hurry.

It's especially bad when drivers are stuck behind Lane Transit District buses on their way to and from class. Cars and trucks can be seen recklessly zooming around LTD vehicles in an attempt to shave seconds off what is surely a lengthy trip from south Eugene or Interstate 5 to LCC.

Parking lots are also host to various near-misses.

While covering Wednesday's collision, our editor was privy to a few near-misses in the parking lot due to drivers whizzing around above the posted speed limit of 15 mph.

Remember that when behind the wheel, you're in control of tons of metal that can easily cause a lot of damage to people and other machines.

The best way to prevent collisions on campus is to keep a close eye out for any potential hazards.

The message is doubly important for anyone walking through LCC's parking lots.

If you're behind the wheel, at worst you have a dent on your hood, worst-case scenario for the person who gets struck is pretty grim.

Take care on our lots and these accidents can easily be avoided.

ON A SIDE NOTE

Reporting isn't easy



EDER CAMPUZANO

News is a tough thing to cover. I don't mean to minimize the work anyone else does on campus. After all, we have people training to be nurses and firefighters around here.

So, while peoples' lives might not depend on whether or not we can write in-depth album reviews or moving features stories — never say never — we put in our fair share of work every week.

Sometimes our job is exciting, like our front page story about the vehicle collision this week or our coverage of the man who was caught recruiting women for questionable photo shoots late Winter

You can find drier stories in these pages often enough. Trust me, our reporters have quite a time turning a story about a meeting or a club budget into something you want to read.

Although these stories fall on opposite sides of the interest spectrum, it doesn't make one type any less important than the other. After all, we wouldn't cover what some students call "the boring stuff" if it weren't essential.

Some club budgets are affected by student elections in May. The Board of Education's decisions impact tuition, college operations and new projects, such as the new Downtown Campus.

It's our job to bring you the information you need in addition to discovering stories about interesting people related to the college.

And some of the folks in the newsroom

have been doing an exceptional job of it this week.

I won't lie: It's been a bit rough for everyone at The Torch over the last seven days.

A couple of our editors have been out sick due to different ailments. Another editor may not be able to attend school for the rest of the year due to an injury.

And in the face of these absences, the rest of our staff has done a stellar job of stepping up to the plate.

If you're savvy enough to read the staff box every week, you'll notice a few changes.

Warren Hollinshead and Kinzley Phillips are pulling double duty on the news section. Monica Christoffels has also been promoted to senior reporter due to her outstanding work on deadline.

All of our editors thus far have done a great job of generating stories that interest the college's staff, students and faculty, and I'm confident our three new appointees will rise to the challenge.

I'd just like you to do them a favor and let us know one thing: what would you like to find within these pages and on our website? We're always looking for a good story and get genuinely excited when we find it.

Our meeting and on-campus event coverage will always exist — after all, we're just as interested as you are in knowing when the next tuition increase is coming.

But it's the little things that make this college what it is. We want to find more stories like the one about Ian McMenamin, the business student who runs a successful coral business. Or the Native American beading class our reporters can never find that's advertised on 25Live. This campus is teeming with interesting stories. What's yours?

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CORRECTION

The March 31 story on the ASLCC meeting incorrectly stated that the Oregon Student Association is seeking an increase in funding. The group attended the meeting solely to give a budget presentation. The Torch regrets this error.

THUMBS

Saturday Market returns

Yes, that venerable downtown Eugene tradition has returned for another six months of weekend fun. If you're new to the area, Saturday Market is a place where local vendors and farmers can showcase their wares and the event is usually punctuated by some excellent local music as well. Check it out in the Park Blocks adjacent to U.S. Bank starting at 10 a.m. every Saturday.



Hidden treasures on campus

As our story on page three indicates, there are plenty of gems on this campus if you know where to look. The No Cash Clothing Stash — which recently found a new home in Building 12 — allows students to receive up to 10 pieces of lightly used clothing at no cost. It's also a great place to drop off a few things you might not need anymore for those who are looking for some new duds. Did you know Public Safety can jump-start your car if it runs out of juice on campus? We won't go into great detail here. There's more than that out there. Do you know of any? Call us!

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Texas transplant turned news editor



WARREN HOLLINSHEAD

With a change in setting, weather and lifestyle the 2010-2011 school year has quickly become one of the most prodigious years in my memory.

When I packed my car in mid-June of last year and hit the road from Texas with no destination in mind, I never thought a wonderful place like Eugene would be discovered. All I knew was that Interstate 20 went west from Dallas and Fort Worth and I felt good following it.

From the heart of Texas to the Pacific Northwest was a drastic change, some may see it as slight "culture shock," but I had found my home.

When I arrived in Eugene it seemed to fit every aspect of my lifestyle. It offered options of advancement that few other areas in the country seemed to have. It offered beautiful scenery to explore on my days away. And quite honestly some beautiful disc golf courses.

With a devout interest in gathering and sharing information, playing disc golf, helping to educate those who care to be educated and expressing a strong love for sports Eugene could not have fit any better to my liking.

After taking my first semester at LCC and shedding my fears of public chastise, I walked through the front door of The Torch willing to give it my all.

Immediately, my editor in chief Eder Campuzano put me to work. My first assignment was to cover the I Can, One Can Food Drive.

It was a swift introduction to the world of journalism and one I will never forget. From then on it was off to the races. I buckled down and chased every story that I was assigned and pressed to do my best for the readers.

Eventually, I found myself working with the sports department traveling to Albany, Salem and Kennewick, Wash. to cover our very own Titans. It was right where I was hoping to be, pen in hand and court in sight.

I had found my niche in society. I had found that moment of glory that was previously unknown to me.

That moment of success has led me to this point, this day, this issue to introduce myself as The Torch's very own interim news editor in Brett Stanley's absence.

With this newfound authority within the newsroom one quote comes to mind.

"With great power comes great responsibility," Uncle Ben said in Stan Lee's Spider-Man.

I may not be able to hoist hooligans and thieves alike with webbing, but I can share information with the world through my web of truth and a little whit.

I promise to all of our readers to be truthful, responsible and honest to the best of my ability. Never will I try to steer our beloved readers in the wrong direction. I will hold myself responsible for the news that is reported in The Torch and promise that it will be based on the truth.

To me one thing is important — facts. And I intend to fully share every fact with every reader who is interested.

I hope you enjoy my progression as much as I will.

KICKING IT COASTAL

Let's figure this place out together



KINZLEY PHILLIPS

Who is a college student?
Where does a thirst for learning originate? Where does the knowledge you gain lead you? Is there more to college than earning a degree? Is college a means to an end? Or is it an experience beyond a definition?

The answers are different for all of us. LCC fosters students of every age and background with radically diverse reasons for being here. But these questions apply to all of us.

Hi, I'm Kinzley Phillips, The Torch's new assistant news editor. I came to LCC with all these questions and more, not certain of what I wanted to gain from my college experience. My work at The Torch has developed subsequently from a desire to discover answers. It has allowed me to learn, not only about the educational functionality of the college, but also about many of the unique individuals and groups that make LCC a culturally rich environment.

As assistant news editor I want

to continue to bring to light the pressing issues our campus faces with journalistic integrity. One of my professors told me that "as a journalist you become a temporary expert in all different kinds of fields." I plan to become an expert on the people and the purpose that drives LCC to be what it is today.

I encourage students at LCC to come to The Torch with anything they feel answers these questions, or contributes to the characterization of the college as a place of growth, learning and experience.

Since I'll be spending time trying to get to know all of you, I should tell you a little bit about myself, too. I'm from a miniscule coastal town you've probably never heard of called Yachats, Ore. Before college I filled my time with ballet, student government, and annual and a number of fledgling clubs that never went far. I graduated at 17 and moved to Eugene with very little clue as to what I would do here.

After I overcame my lovesick longing for the ocean, and learned the hard way not to turn my back on my wallet or bike, I finally found my niche in Eugene here at The Torch.

So just know that I'll be asking lots of questions, and I need your answers to help us all learn and grow together, as we discover what college is all about.

KOS'KORNER

Infectious fan enthusiasm won it for the Ducks



RYAN KOSTECKA

I've grown up a huge sports fan my entire life and it's pretty safe to say I eat, sleep and breathe sports. Just ask my girlfriend, she'll attest to this. I've been to hundreds of high school, college and professional sporting events, but I have never seen a crowd as energetic and have such an impact on the outcome of a game as I witnessed April 1.

I was sitting in section 105, row C, and seat 9 of Matthew Knight Arena watching the Ducks take on the Creighton Blue Jays in the championship of the College Basketball Invitational. Now I've been to my fair share of Ducks sporting events, including 10 football games within the past two years and every game of this CBI tournament and never have I seen a crowd be so into the game and make themselves so heard. Whenever it seemed like the Ducks were going to fall behind, the student section would do something to ignite the crowd, which in return would fire up the players and push for more.

With the Ducks leading 31-30 to start the second half, Creighton scored a quick six points to take a 36-31 lead and caused Oregon's head coach Dana Altman to call a timeout. While the timeout was going on, the student section started chanting "GO-DUCKS" and before long, the entire crowd of 9,334 was chanting right along with them.

When the Ducks came out of the timeout, Oregon guard Garret Sims stopped at mid-court and just stared around at the entire arena with a shocked expression on his face. With an obvious bounce in their step, the Ducks went on to outscore the Blue Jays 8-2 and retake the lead 39-38 with 14:15 left in the second half.

Out of all the Ducks' sporting events I have attended, I have never seen a crowd so caught up in the outcome of the game. During every timeout, the crowd would continuously drown out the PA announcer with their chants, with some directed at Creighton's coaches and players.

There was one specific instance with Creighton up by two and their best player had just picked up his third foul of the game. The Ducks were just standing around looking for something to rejuvenate them when all of a sudden you start to hear this chant coming from the Oregon student section. It starts out faint and soon it becomes extremely clear and starts echoing throughout the entire arena. "Run to daddy, run to daddy." It was directed at Doug McDermott, the star player for the Blue Jays, who's father happened to be the head coach of Creighton.

While hearing this chant, Ducks freshman point guard Jonathon Loyd started to giggle at midcourt where he received the inbounds pass. He then dribbled up and promptly hit a three-point basket from the right wing that put the Ducks up by one, a lead they wouldn't relinquish until three minutes left.

With the score tied, Creighton had the ball with 20 seconds left and called a timeout, no doubt setting up a chance for a final score that would win them the championship. While the timeout is going on, the student section starts to clap and scream "OOOOOOOOOO." Soon

though, each section of the arena starts to do the same thing, and within 30 seconds you have 9,334 people standing, clapping, and all screaming "OOOOOOOOO" at the top of their lungs. The teams broke their respective huddles and head out onto the court. Ducks guard Malcolm Armstead starts waving his arms up and down and while doing so, the crowd gets louder and louder.

Creighton inbounds the ball; their guard takes two dribbles and tries to yell out to his teammates to run their play. The arena is so loud that Creighton can't hear each other and then the improbable happens. Creighton point guard Antoine Young steps on the mid-court line to get away from the defensive pressure and promptly turns the ball over. The crowd goes insane! Oregon is going to get the ball back with 17 seconds left and a chance to win the game.

From there on out it will be history.

E.J. Singler scores the winning basket with two seconds to play and the Oregon fans rush the court to celebrate their championship. As the celebration continued, I looked down from my seat and imagined "what if?" What if the fans hadn't shown the support the team deserved? What if they didn't yell and scream as much as they did? What if they decided to still be a "football" school and not show up for basketball games.

In a season full of what ifs for the Oregon basketball team, they ended it with all of the questions answered. They ended it with one of the best and most memorable seasons in team history. Senior Joevan Catron summed it up best when he said, "We owe this to you." He then lifted the CBI championship trophy above his head and gestured it to the fans that in return did what they do best: clap, yell and scream "GO DUCKS."

Carle Ernst speaks at the Center for Meeting and Learning on March 8. The speech was part of a series of lectures that focus on understanding the Islamic culture.

LECTURE

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Islam."

There are 1.2 billion Muslims in the world, so understanding Islam is essential to understanding global society," said Jeffrey Borrowdale, who teaches philosophy and religion courses.

He's also one of the main organizers of the lecture series, which kicked off the week before Spring Break with a speech by Carl Ernst, a religious studies professor at North Carolina University.

Borrowdale, one of the main organizers of the lecture series, says students should come to Shoemaker's presentation to gain "a better understanding of Muhammad and the religion he founded, which continues to affect the world in very significant ways.

"Whether it's understanding the religious motivations of terrorists, the continued conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan or the populist revolts in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya, a knowledge of Islam is key to understanding what's going on," he said.

The Visiting Scholars on Islam lecture series won \$1,000 in March as a recipient of the Schafer Innovation Awards. Its two-year initiative partners with the UO to invite prominent scholars to campus to speak on Islamic religion and contemporary issues regarding the Middle

Mark Harris of the counseling department was also part of the leadership team that organized the series.

"It is useful for LCC students to hear a treatment of the subject that goes beyond what you would read in the media," he said.

In the first lecture in the series, titled "Rethinking Islam in the Contemporary Era," Ernst addressed issues such as the historic presence of Muslims in Europe and the U.S. as well as anti-Muslim prejudice today.

Sonya Christian, vice president of Academic and Student Affairs, preceded Ernst's lecture with some welcoming remarks.

"Conversations about religion require a focus on learning first because, although we may be steeped in our own religious beliefs, we are seldom intimately knowledgeable of other religions," Christian said. "Academia is the appropriate environment to discuss controversial and delicate issues," she continued.

Such an environment encourages a diversity of ideologies and perspectives, "allowing learners to stretch their thinking and wrestle with new or difficult ideas."

The Visiting Scholars lecture series came just a few months after the controversial cancellation of a non-credit course on Islam Studies.

The course, "What is Islam?," was to be taught during winter term by Eugene resident Barry Sommer, a member of Pacifica Forum. The forum is a discussion group that holds its meetings on the UO campus.

Unaffiliated with the University, Pacifica Forum is listed as a white nationalist hate speech group by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

ASLCC and the UO's student senate, UO President Richard Lariviere and former President Dave Frohnmayer, have denounced the forum's anti-Semitic statements.

Christian addressed concerns regarding the Islam course's cancellation in December.

The academy [at Lane] has ultimate responsibility over its curriculum and its personnel," Christian had said. "We are not coerced by external agencies and remain true to our mission, core values and purpose.'

Christian also noted that the college's courses in Religious Studies - specifically "Religions of the Middle East," which highlights Islam, Christianity and Judaism in equal segments — are "broad, deep and robust," and regarded as such by faculty at the UO and Oregon State

The Islam lecture series will conclude this year with a presentation from Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, associate professor at Reed College, on May 19.

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This is a free service provided

"Students should put

their backpacks in lockers

that we provide outside the

store. We provide quarters

that they can give back

to us," Lisa MacDonald, student services coordinator

said. "It doesn't cost them

This year, security

along the hallway where bags are kept, as an extra measure. "If you take it, we will see you!" read a few

signs accompanying the

"Try not to leave any valuables unattended. Take

advantage of the lockers that

Smith says the first thing

a student should do in the

Public Safety immediately.

If the theft occurred outside

the Titan Store, any staffer

in the vicinity should be

alerted, as well. Public

Safety's non-emergency

number is 541-463-5558.

event of theft is to alert

are there. And don't bring

anything you absolutely

don't need to campus," Public Safety Director Jace

Smith said.

cameras have been installed

there for.'

anything. That's what they re

by the Titan Store.

THINK ABOUT IT

What do you do on the weekends?



"It can be anything from mixing and mastering, going out for drinks. I might hang out with my girlfriend or go to a show."

> Uriah Kaykas-Lea multi media



"I have family time with my four-yearold daughter. We do fun stuff like watch movies. Occasionally, I go out for a couple drinks on Friday nights if I have a baby sitter."

- Janene Block



"I like to go geocaching. It's really fun when you have nothing else to do."

- Austen Thomas International Relations



"I entertain my children; we go to the movies and shop at the mall. Whatever I can afford to do."

> Nancy Milbrodt business



I spend a lot of time with my son. We go horseback riding or camping, anything outdoors.

physical therapy



"Besides thinking about the homework I should be doing, I have a job packing parachutes."

> April Dumert undeclared



- Cimarron Laird



"I go to concerts, hang out with friends and go climb Smith Rock."

> Caleb Pruzyuski undeclared



"I clean my house, sleep and do random projects.

- Tae Richard undeclared



"Homework. Taking care of the household and animals. Also fun stuff like cooking, camping and hiking."

- Tracy Jackson administrative assistant



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