

HE PICKED UP THE PHONE AND HEARD gunfire

While Ebrahim Al-Hababi studies at LCC, his country is going through a revolution. One of his best friends died and he is torn between the love of his country and the safety of the U.S.

STORY BY SANNE GODFREY & PHOTOGRAPHY BY REBEKAH SAPP

He picked up the phone to see how his family was doing. Since the revolution started in Yemen, international student Ebrahim Al-Hababi has been calling home almost three times a day.

He can hear gunfire and people screaming in the background when the phone is answered. Then he hears his mother crying. Through her tears she is able to tell him that one of his best friends has just been killed.

"He was in a window, in his room, just watching the people in the street and the bullet came to him," Al-Hababi said. Three other people from his neighborhood have been shot as well.

Bullets are flying and people are afraid to go outside — they run the risk of being shot even if they're not participating in the rebellions against the government.

The high-class area in front of Sana'a

University where Al-Hababi used to live has transformed into a political and physical battlefield.

When he wakes up in the morning the first thing he does is check the news to see what's happening back home.

"It's very scary," Al-Hababi said. "I'm expecting to hear bad news every day."

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Vet reacts to bin Laden's death

By **WARREN HOLLINSHEAD** • News Editor

A nation watched Sunday night as President Obama made the announcement: Osama bin Laden, the man believed responsible for the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center, was dead. Bin Laden was shot in the head and killed during a mission to kill or capture him. The mission took place in Abbottabad, Pakistan and was led by a group of U.S. Navy Seals.

How does Sgt. Daniel Rodriguez, an army veteran currently enrolled at LCC, feel about this? He says the war is far from over.

"What we did is we went over there and stomped on a bee hive," he said. "His death does not represent the end to this war."

Rodriguez served for the Army through the beginning of the war in Iraq. Rodriguez enlisted in the army in January of 2001, nine months before the Sept. 11 attack. He was stationed in Balad, Iraq.

Bin Laden changed his life that day.

Since bin Laden's death, Rodriguez's Facebook status has been set to one quote, a single statement misattributed to Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I mourn the loss of thousands of precious

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Senior Companion Program in limbo

By **MAYGAN BECKERS** • Reporter

The Senior Companion Program has been going on for 37 years. But members of the program's administrative staff are waiting until October to find out if it will continue into 2012.

"Where we'll be on Oct. 1, we will kind of have to wait and see, because that is up to Congress," said Brett Rowlett, director of government and community relations for the college. "And, if they change the budget of the program by a significant amount, we will have to step back and look to see what the options are."

The Senior Companion Program is a federal program with a mission to increase the independence, integrity and quality of life for senior companions, volunteers, or the thousands of clients whom they serve through weekly visits.

The focus of work that the senior companions do is to work with frail, older adults who have a hard time maintaining their own independence without assistance. Companions also work with adults of all ages, from 18 and up, who are living with disabilities.

"We feel very special and honored because it started here at Lane Community College," said Barbara Susman, director of the Successful Aging Institute and the Senior Companion Program.

While two-thirds of the program's funding comes from federal government, one-third of the budget

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You can dance if you want to...



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Dancers in Ballet 3 practice their techniques in the new dance Studio. Instructor Florabelle Moses and Bonnie Samoa are looking forward to hosting events in the new studio.

New dance studio makes room for at least five more classes

By MAYGAN BECKERS • Reporter

The voters of Eugene said “yes” on bond funding for LCC facilities and since a new dance studio has been built at the college’s main campus.

The ground was broken on the studio last summer and completed for Winter term classes at the far end of what was once the fitness center.

There are ceiling to floor windows in the studio as well as a wide range of floor space, compared to the original dance studio.

The dance program has been advocating for building a new dance studio for approximately 15 years.

“Individual programs need to justify their needs over a long period of time to the administrators and the board for additional space,” Dance Program Director Bonnie Simoa said. “We have been doing that for approximately 15 years.”

The dance program has more than 500 students each term and was unable to offer concurrent classes with only one studio. However, with the available space in the new dance studio, the dance program is now able to offer at least five more classes.

“Any viable strong dance program with that many students has to have two studios in order to do the simple activities of having classes and rehearsal space,” Simoa said.

Simoa says the high ceilings give dancers a feeling that they’re dancing in a lot of space, so it allows their body physiologically to experience space in a broader way. With more space available, students who are performing in “The Works,” a Spring term dance concert, are able to practice choreography.

With dancers preparing for the concert since the beginning of the term, Simoa says the new studio has helped in many ways.

“The students actually have a place

to rehearse,” she said. “In the past when students would work on dances, they would work on them in their bedrooms, garages, outside and sometimes they would have to rent their own space.”

Simoa says the new dance studio has provided the opportunity for students to rehearse in the kind of space that they deserve.

“The Works” will be located in the Ragozzino Performance Hall, on May 19, 20 and 21. Approximately 10 routines will be in the concert ranging from modern, lyrical, belly dance fusion and African fusion with a wide range of music.

“We’re excited. We’re looking forward to building the next [studio],” Simoa said. “There is another one that is on the table that will hopefully be built just outside of Building 6. They are still looking at where they’re going to place it. We would give up our old studio, and then we would have our two dedicated dance spaces.”

Native dance classes find new home

By COLLEEN MIDDLEBROOKS • Reporter

Native American dance classes are being offered Wednesday and Friday nights in the LCC Longhouse.

The course is non-credit and is put on by the Native American Student Association.

“It really is an activity that is open to anyone with interest,” Native American Program Coordinator James Florendo said. “If there are enough students requesting a class, I will teach them.”

The class was once offered by the college’s dance department as a credit course. Although the dance department was in full support of the class and approved it, the class had to be removed

due to a shortage of space in the dance department. So, for a while Florendo taught the class for no credits at a local community center.

Now that the LCC Longhouse has opened, the class can now be taught on campus again, yet it still remains to be a non-credit class.

The course teaches a variety of forms of male and female inter-tribal powwow dance. It is organized to teach beginners the etiquette and behavior associated with participating in a powwow. It also teaches students how to dance and participate in a respectful way, by understanding the spiritual nature of Native American dance.

“Music is provided by CD and is the same music every class, as it is critical for

students to constantly hear and recognize the different songs and the respective forms of dance associated with the songs,” Florendo said.

The main focus of the course is to condition and get students into shape to dance to native music. In conditioning exercises students are shown different steps and body movements that will be necessary to dance. After conditioning students are allowed to “free” dance and try to include what they’ve learned into choreography that suites their attitude, skill and body type.

Funding and sponsorship are not needed, especially now that there is space to for the class.

Classes are held from 7-8:30 p.m.

CHANGING LANES



ANDY ROSSBACK

You’ve just been censored!

May 3 is World Press Freedom Day — a day set aside by the United Nations in 1993 to celebrate freedom of the press.

This year, one of the college’s Public Safety officers decided to celebrate it by censoring The Torch.

On Tuesday evening, a Torch editor monitoring a police scanner tipped off another editor that a student may have been having a seizure in the cafeteria.

I grabbed a camera and headed that way. Sure enough, a student had collapsed near the cash registers. First-responders gave the young man oxygen.

When I raised my camera a Public Safety officer swung around and told me I could not take pictures. He raised his hand as if he were going to block my lens and then stood in front of me.

I was baffled. It may sound insensitive, but the supposedly-seizing-student didn’t have any legal expectation of privacy. He was in a public place.

Student on the ground. Wide-eyed. Oxygen mask. It’s unlikely we would have used these pictures — but that is up to my editor. A skilled photojournalist could produce a photograph that respected the student’s privacy while providing readers with an answer to the question: “What the heck was going on the cafeteria?” Regardless, this incident sets a precedent.

The officer said my photographs would violate the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. It’s a typical wall college officials hide behind when dealing with student media.

HIPAA only applies to health care providers. For instance: I call a hospital and want to know information about a patient beyond their condition. Their response: “Sorry. That information is protected under HIPAA.” It doesn’t apply to Public Safety officers.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act is another act college officials use to deter student journalists. It simply says colleges cannot release a student’s records to anyone but the student. Doesn’t apply either.

Censorship of student newspapers is not rare. My high school paper was censored for — you guessed it — allegedly violating HIPAA and FERPA.

It undermines my education and the paper’s mission. Moral of the story? Even on World Press Freedom Day, some college officials don’t understand the law.

They should — the very thing you’re holding is at stake.

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Q&A with the Titan Store’s new retail services director

By **MAYGAN BECKERS** • Reporter

Tony Sanjume wears a few hats. The new manager of the Printing and Graphics and Mail Services departments has recently been assigned to direct the Titan Store. Sanjume sat down to discuss his plans for the bookstore.

Torch: What is your specific title at LCC?

Tony Sanjume: “I’m the director of retail services. I’m acting as the bookstore director and then I’m also the manager for Printing and Graphics and Mail Services.”

Torch: What are your day-to-day responsibilities?

Sanjume: “Making sure that Printing and Graphics, the bookstore, and the mail room are running properly and efficiently. Specifically with the bookstore, I will be making sure that we are staying current with the trends in the course materials business and providing the services and new products to people on this campus that they want and need.”

Torch: With over 20 years of experience in college bookstores, what was one of the best experiences that you have had in that environment?

Sanjume: “In my opinion, the best



Tony Sanjume
Director of Retail Services

experience has always been working with the student employees. Some of them will actually be in the store for four years or longer and it’s nice to see somebody come in as a rare young freshman who doesn’t really know the tasks specifically. Watching them develop into a lead employee who is responsible for something that is fairly significant in a bookstore is a memorable experience. It’s always nice watching students kind of develop as people. I enjoy working with students a lot.”

Torch: What do you hope to bring to the Titan Store?

Sanjume: “Maybe just a fresh eye to see opportunities for improving service. Also, I have a lot of experience in course materials and textbooks. I think that is an area in a flux right now where there is a big push towards digital and rental. I think there are a lot of different programs and it’s kind of a complicated environment now. So, I’ll help the Titan Store go down those paths and make sure that we’re prepared for whatever eventual media emerges as the predominate thing for colleges.”

Torch: Involving printing and graphics, what kind of printing and graphics do you do specifically?

Sanjume: “Printing and graphics is a department on campus that has a couple of

responsibilities. One of them is maintaining the copy machines all around campus. I make sure that the printers have paper and they work at all times. The printing and graphics involves things like Aspire and the course packs for the bookstore. The reason why they put these positions together is we are seeing if there is some sort of synergy between the bookstore and printing and graphics.”

Torch: What made you want to come to LCC out of all of the colleges in the United States?

Sanjume: “I thought it was a very good career opportunity. At San Diego State University, I was just in charge of the course materials. So, that’s kind of like being the assistant manager. In this case, it’s a director position. So, I am overall in charge. It’s kind of a career progression where I would get an opportunity to focus and change a bookstore to what I think it could be.”

Torch: Have you ever worked in community college bookstores before?

Sanjume: “Yes, earlier in my career I managed Mission College which was a much smaller community college in the California Bay area. I think that job showed me a lot about working with a very diverse student population because it was predominately Vietnamese and Hispanic in Mission College. It was also very big night commuter

school, so I think it was a good experience.”

Torch: What are some of your goals to make the Titan Store better than it is today?

Sanjume: “I just want to try to improve product assortment and make a more accessible bookstore. I’m going to try and get some feedback from student groups and the college and see what they would want to see in the bookstore. If their needs are feasible, we would try to bring it in. I want to make sure the store is serving the needs of the campus community as far as what kind of products they want, what kind of hours they require, and try to maintain the textbook and course materials department so it is as affordable as possible. That’s why we are exploring digital and rental. Because students have access to the Internet and they’re looking to have the lowest price points, the Titan Store needs to be responsive to that.”

Torch: Tell me a little bit about textbook pricing in general.

Sanjume: “We are trying to maximize used books so that will cause the prices to go down. We’re also trying to improve the rental program. The bookstore has already started in past semesters and kind of expanded, so that will make more books at a lower cost point. It’s an ongoing process. We already have a lot of rentals and hopefully we’ll be able to build it slowly overtime.”

Budget committee begins meeting

By **MONICA CHRISTOFFELS** • Senior Reporter

The college’s budget committee elected its new chair and vice chair within a matter of minutes at its May 4 meeting.

Dennis Shrine and Carmen Ubbina were swiftly nominated and voted into the positions of committee chair and vice chair, respectively.

During the meeting, members also reviewed committee responsibilities and discussed the proposed \$317 million budget for the 2011-2012 school year.

The college’s budget is based on Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber’s \$410 million proposal for the Community College Support Fund.

Chief Financial Officer Greg Morgan read aloud a message on the budget’s economic outlook from a document that was handed out to those in attendance.

“The economic climate continues to be challenging with high unemployment and

slow recovery in the near future,” Morgan read.

“Consequently, available public resources fall significantly short of what is necessary to serve students and the community at normal levels of support.”

As a result, the college used a combination of strategies to balance the budget: employee salaries were reduced in the form of furlough days, investment and maintenance expenses were cut, and students absorbed a tuition increase, including a two-year surcharge.

“We will not abandon our commitment to [providing] an affordable education for the community,” Morgan continued, “but we need to be fiscally sustainable to continue our mission.”

College President Mary Spilde said \$5.5 million in reserve funds had been set aside for the purpose of financial stabilization.

The budget committee will meet again on May 11 at 5 p.m. in Building 3, Boardroom.

Instructors get in The Moment

By **KINZLEY PHILLIPS** • Asst. News Editor

The Community College Moment is a professional publication compiled by the college’s faculty, dedicated to providing a forum for visionaries to express their research of academic, activist and community life.

The 11th volume is themed “Recovery” and it features essays, art, poetry and prose on the many ways people are coping with different recovery processes. The Moment will be released to faculty during an all-staff inservice May 6.

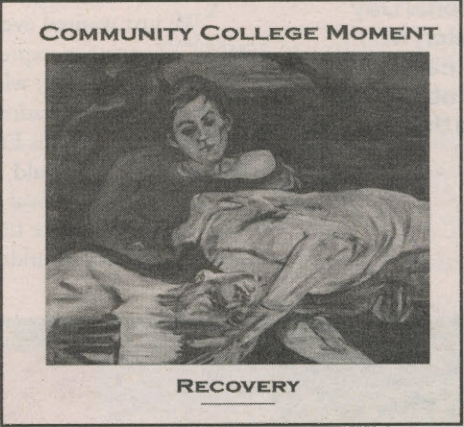
“There’s a concept in teaching that you should be working in your field,” co-editor Russel H. Shitabata said referring to the goal of The Moment. “They envisioned it as an opportunity to pursue that professional research and growth.”

Anna Malliris, the assistant vice president of Academic and Student Affairs, wrote a piece about her battle with cancer for this year’s edition of the publication. She describes the way her struggles parallel the burdens everyone bares in their lives, and how that path to normalcy begins with understanding and acceptance.

“I have to learn to live in the face of my own mortality, and in some ways that’s very liberating,” Malliris said.

The Moment also features eight selections of full color artwork, poetry on the spurs of grief, and essays about life at a community college, all centered on a loose conception of the word recovery.

“Next year’s theme is going to be



Freedom. We were partially inspired by what’s going on in the Middle East and liberation movements,” said Shitabata.

Shitabata also has big plans to search out a wider range of submissions geographically and sell subscriptions to libraries at other community colleges. The college’s Printing and Graphics department publishes The Moment on campus.

“The Moment ran about \$7.73 per copy at 800 copies, about five percent more than last year,” print shop project coordinator Tom Johnson said.

The cost of printing and lack of available funds are major reasons why The Moment is not readily available to students without request from an instructor. “Recovery” as well as past editions are available at the circulation desk in the library for student use.

“We don’t really have a student distribution model,” Shitabata said.

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ASLCC Student Government Meeting	Weekly, Monday 3:30-5:30	Bldg. 3, Room 216
BSU – Black Student Union	Weekly, Monday 11:00 am	Bldg. 1, Room 226B
Council of Clubs May 3 rd	Every Other Tuesday 3:30-5:30	Bldg. 1, Room 206
Disc Golf Club	Monthly, 3 rd Monday	TBA
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NASA – Native American Student Assn.	Weekly, Friday 3:00-4:00	Bldg. 31, Longhouse
OSPIRG	Monday 2:00, Thurs 4:00	Center, Basement
Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Zeta Chapter	Weekly, Thursday 4:30	Bldg. 3, Room 216
SPA – Student Productions Association	Weekly, Thursday 4:15 pm	Bldg. 6, Blue Door
Student Nurses Assn.	Monthly, 1 st Monday (May 2 nd)	TBA
Sustainable Living Skills Council/Club	First and Third Thursday	Bldg. 31, Longhouse
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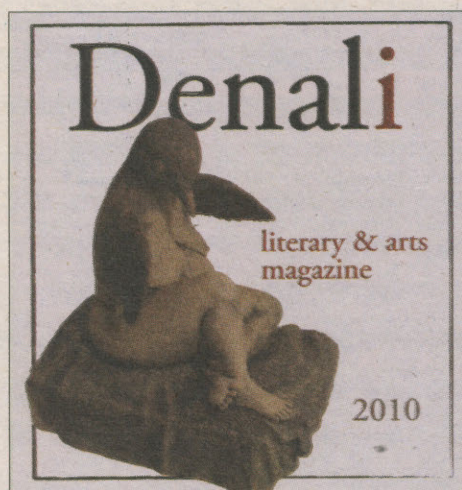
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The Torch

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The applicants must have completed at least six credits at LCC within the last 12 months and be registered for six credits per term at LCC while editor. The editor must maintain a 2.00 GPA or higher, can expect to work 30-40 hours per week, and will receive a monthly stipend of \$700 per month for 12 months. The editor will serve fall, winter and spring terms of the 2011-12 academic year.



Denali

The Denali editor selects and manages the 2011-12 student staff, organizes the production schedule and has the final word on all matters concerning the magazine. He/she must have a concrete understanding of, or the commitment to learn, the technical skills of the production process of a magazine. She/he can expect to work an average of 20 hours per week. A background in literature and art is recommended. Knowledge of InDesign and Photoshop is extremely helpful.

The editor must be an officially registered LCC student and must maintain a 2.00 GPA or higher. The Denali editor will be paid a stipend of \$550 per term and will serve fall, winter and spring terms of the 2011-12 academic year.



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Ebrahim Al-Hababi stands between Carolina Carrillo (left) and Paloma Toledo (right) as International Day winds down May 4. The event was hosted by the college's International Program.

All around the world

International Day offers opportunity to make friends, experience culture

By EDER CAMPUZANO • Editor

You heard it in a bunch of different languages: Hola. Zoowbee. Nín hǎo.

Students from all walks of life could be seen on the north end of the cafeteria May 4 during the International Day celebration.

Tables were aligned along the walls next to both entrances to the Center Building. Several countries' flags, from China to Mexico and Yemen, were on display in addition to samples of native dishes.

"It was like a little experienced I enjoyed to its maximum," Carolina Carrillo said. "We were able to bring a little bit of Mexico here."

Carrillo and her fellow tablemate, Paloma Toledo, sat in front of the Mexican flag with a steel tortilla press and myriad other relics from their native land.

Quinn Xiao, who hosted the China table, poured tea for folks who walked by her table and Joseph Yufan Meng stood by a world map nearby, showing passerby where he came from.

"The celebration is very good for people to exchange traditions and show their culture," Xiao said. "It's good for friendships."

The event was administered by officials from the college's International Program. Ebrahim Al-Hababi, who hails from Yemen, opened the event with a speech that detailed its importance.

"We just wanted everyone to know about [the program]," he said. "We want to express our culture."

Marco Moncayo, who moved to Eugene three years ago from his native Ecuador, attended the event in order to fulfill a requirement for his English as a Second Language class. But Moncayo says he would have gone out of sheer curiosity.

"I think this festival is marvelous," he said. "You have an opportunity to make friends. It makes you stop and think about how differences shouldn't produce conflict."



Nada Besbos demonstrates how to secure a head wrap. The Yemen native attended International Day with her husband and sister, who also hail from the Middle East. Besbos said she enjoyed observing other students exhibiting their native pride.

Toledo and Carillo were charged with holding down the Mexican table at International Day. Among the artifacts the two displayed were a tortilla press and beverages made in Mexico.



SPORTS

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LCC hosts track championships



EUGENE JOHNSON / THE TORCH

Trevor Prader pole vaults during the NWAACC multi-events at LCC May 2-3.

Formolo finishes second in decathlon, Poppe finishes seventh in heptathlon

By RYAN KOSTECKA • Reporter

On a sunny Tuesday afternoon, the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges crowned its decathlon and heptathlon champions. Winning the men's decathlon was Spokane sophomore Spencer Wordell and winning the women's heptathlon was Spokane freshman Shadle Dezelle.

Wordell finished first with 6,403 points, a new personal record for him. Dezelle took home her top-spot with 4,244, a new personal record for her.

For LCC, David Formolo represented the Titans extremely well, finishing in second place with 6,171 points, only 233 points behind Wordell.

"It felt good. There's a big difference between being happy and being satisfied," Formolo said. "I had higher goals than the ones that I accomplished in that decathlon, but I can't help but be happy with how things turned out."

Formolo placed in the top four of five events, including the top mark in the pole vault with a vault of 16'2" feet.

"Going into the second day, I knew beforehand that my placing wasn't going to look so hot, and that I needed to do big things in the vault to make up the ground that I had lost in my weaker events," he said.

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Titans sweep Storm



EUGENE JOHNSON / THE TORCH

Pitcher John Linscott has pitched 32 2/3 innings and has a low ERA of 1.71 and a low WHIP of 1.10.

Men avenge early season loss to Chemeketa

By RYAN KOSTECKA • Reporter

It was an all-around beautiful day for the LCC baseball team on May 3. Not only was the sun out and shining, the Titans avenged an early season loss to Chemeketa by sweeping the doubleheader by scores of 7-3 and 11-4.

"Honestly, today's games went like we expected. We expect to win every game," assistant coach Jeff Lyle said. "We didn't play well on defense but we were able to overcome it with our bats and pitching."

Sophomore pitchers John Linscott and Skip Spencer proved to be too much to handle for the Chemeketa batters as they both led the way on the mound in each game. ■ SEE BASEBALL » 6

THE FOX TROT



ALAN K. FOX

The playoff push begins

Now that May has arrived, it's crunch time for the Titan baseball team.

There are only four sets of double-headers left — with all but one scheduled on the road — before playoffs. It looks as if the team needs to keep up its little winning streak to secure a spot.

Over the month of April the team struggled to win two games in a row until last week when it won three consecutively.

The Titans host a double-header May 7 against Southern Region leaders Mt. Hood and what a way to continue this streak.

Road games remain

The remaining games after that are on the road, and the Titans wrap up the regular season with Linn-Benton in Albany on May 17.

I would love to see the Titans make another amazing run at a Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges championship, like they did last year before coming up just short.

It would be a great way to wrap up Spring term for not only the athletes and coaches but also for the college itself.

No championship yet

Several Titan teams have made the playoffs a few times this year, but unfortunately were unable to claim a championship. Let's hope that coach Dean Stiles and the team can get the playoff push moving and bring us one this year.

If you get a chance or if you have some free time you should head down to the baseball field, which is located down by 30th Avenue and support our home team against Mt. Hood Saturday at 1 p.m.

Support your team

If you can make it, support the team by wearing some Titan gear or at least a blue t-shirt or hoodie to show your support for the players since it could be the last chance we get to see this squad play at home.

This is a big weekend for Titan sports because it is the last regular season event at home.

Titans host championship

The track and field team will host the Southern Region Championships May 14 and that will be it until soccer starts in the fall.

So, come out and support your college athletic teams and have a little fun in the sun. Well, that is if the sun is there.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Jordan Latt
Track and Field

Latt was named male Athlete of the Week based on his performance at the Pacific Twilight in Forest Grove April 29-30. He had two top-5 finishes in the 100-meters and 200-meters.

Katie Davis
Track and Field

Davis claimed female Athlete of the Week due to her performance in the high jump and 100-meter hurdles at the Pacific Twilight in Forest Grove April 29-30. She finished fourth in the high jump and seventh in the hurdles.

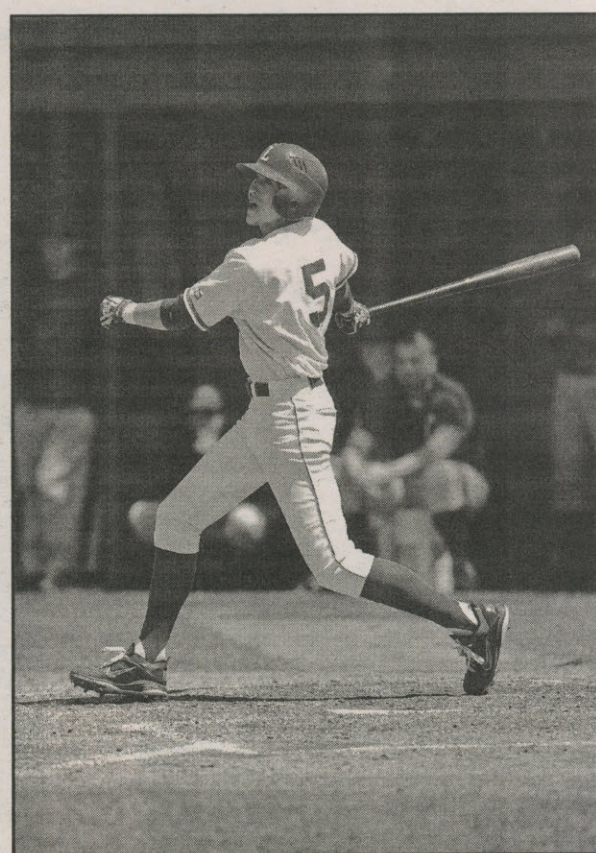


Ducks return to action in spring scrimmage



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Oregon Cheerleaders showed their support for both the Ducks and military at the Spring Game April 30.



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Shortstop Matt Myrmo hits an RBI at Tuesday May 3 against Chemeketa.

Football overshadowed by respect and remembrance

By ALAN K. FOX • Sports Editor

Autzen Stadium is known for its exciting atmosphere when hosting Ducks football games, and during the spring game the excitement was there. But it had company. The stadium had a somber and a grateful feeling throughout the game.

The game played host to an appreciation for our military and had multiple occurrences that showcases special moments for the troops.

The most emotional part of the day would have to be the halftime show that featured a military style memorial ceremony for Eugene police officer Chris Kilcullen, who was killed

while on duty during a traffic stop in Springfield.

The ceremony included the traditional folding of the flag with an explanation of what each fold stood for and shooting of cannons.

Once the flag was folded it was handed to Kilcullen's widow and daughter.

The ceremony was concluded with the family being issued a special jersey with Kilcullen's squad number on it with autographs and a very long hug from head coach Chip Kelly.

"It was good for us, and the

community. We're all a unit and when something tragic like that happens," running back LaMichael James said, referring to Kilcullen's death. "We all have to stick together."

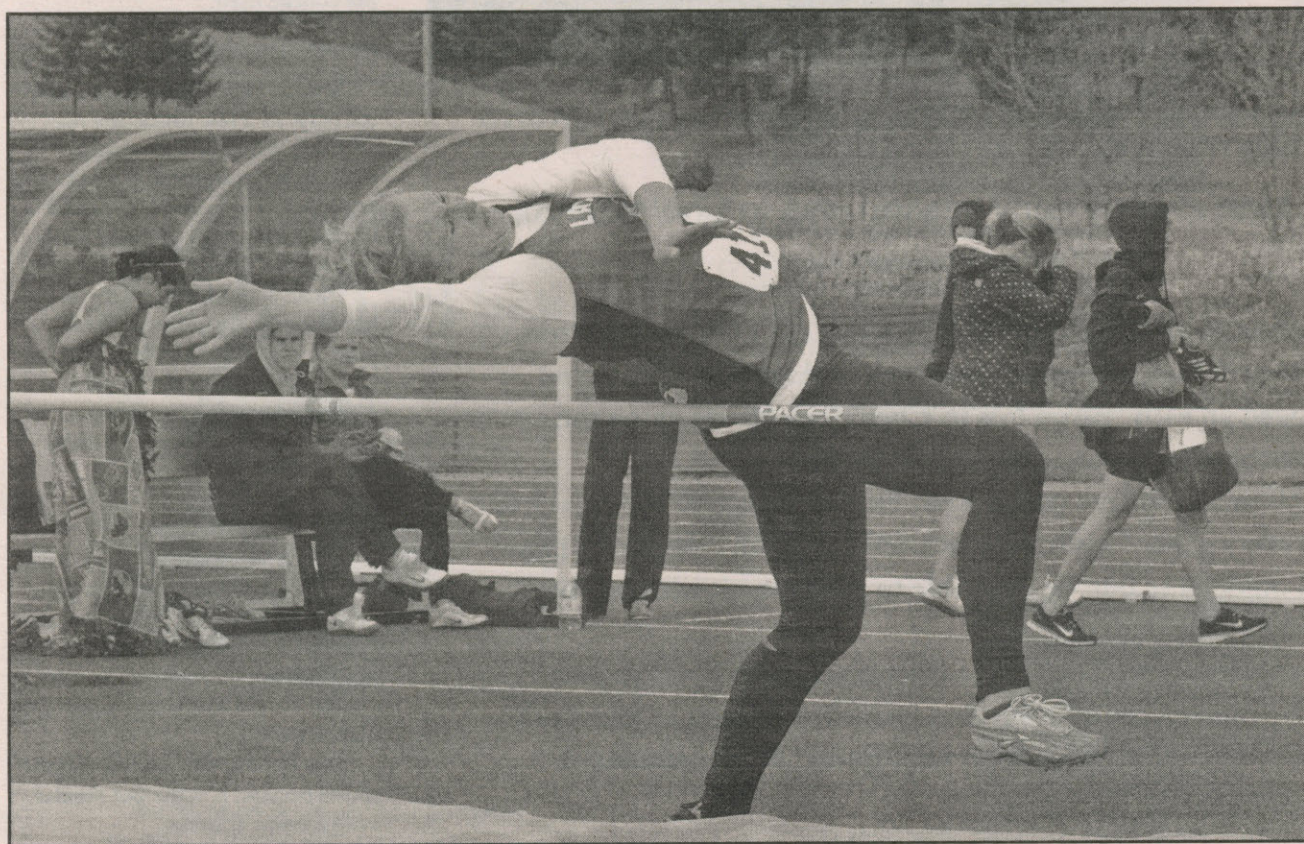
The Eugene community came in full force to show the support for the troops, officer Kilcullen and the Ducks.

They set a Pac-10 attendance record for a spring scrimmage with 43,468 people in attendance, which out did last year's

record by nearly double.



Read Alan K. Fox's feature on Kenjon Barner on our website, lctorch.com



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Samantha Poppe finished second in the highjump on her way to a seventh overall finish at the NWAACC multievent May 3-4.

TRACK

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Formolo also finished third in the 100-meter dash (11.54 seconds) and fourth in long jump (20'1" feet), javelin throw (45.06 meters), and 1500 meter run (4:54.25 minutes).

Also receiving overall team points for LCC was freshman Trevor Prater

who finished sixth in the decathlon with 5,448 points. His top performance came in the pole vault when he finished second with a vault of 13'7, a personal record for him.

Poppe finished the meet with two top-5 finishes in the long jump with a distance of 16'2" and her top finish of the meet was in the high jump where she finished second with a height of 5'1".

As a team, the Titan men finished in second place, earning them 11

points. And, on the women's side, they finished fifth earning them two points.

All the points from top eight finishes in the multi-events will carry over to the 2011 NWAACC Outdoor Championships, which will be held at Spokane Falls Community College in Spokane, Wash. on May 23-24.

The Titan track and field will return to action on May 6 at Hayward Field on the University of Oregon campus, when they perform at the Oregon Twilight.

BASEBALL

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"It felt really good to be able to stick with the pitching approach coach has for us," Spencer said. "We try to attack the strike zone and invite contact from hitters."

With the win, LCC (19-15, 14-8 Southern Region) now trails first-place Mt. Hood by three games in the Southern Region standings and plays host to the Saints this weekend.

"We are inching closer and closer to Mt. Hood and I believe the way we played today will carry momentum over to Saturday," Linscott said. "Two wins this weekend will put us in great position down the final stretch of the season."

In the first game, Linscott controlled the pace by throwing seven innings, giving up only three runs — one earned — with two hits.

The Titans jumped out to an early 2-0 lead through the first four innings on RBIs by Spencer and freshman Dan Copeland. The Storm would come back and score runs in 3 consecutive innings to tie the score at 2-2 entering the bottom of the fifth inning.

LCC jumped over Chemeketa in the bottom of the fifth and put the game away by scoring five runs in the inning on four hits to go up 7-2.

Although the Storm would score a run in the bottom of the eighth inning, it wouldn't prove to be enough as freshman pitcher Zach Kayser threw the final two innings and closed the door on any possible Storm rallies.

Sophomores Jimmy Sanchez and Matt Myrmo each contributed two hits and an RBI while fellow sophomore Darrell Hunter

went 2-for-4.

The Titan bats came out with a bang in the nightcap, scoring 11 runs on 11 hits including a three-run home run by sophomore Joe Offer.

After trailing 4-1 entering the bottom of the fifth inning, the Titans went on to score seven runs on five hits, this was highlighted by Offer's two-out, three-run blast over the left field fence.

"That was my first home run since my senior year in high school. So, to finally get one out after coming close a fair amount of times these past two seasons felt great," Offer said.

Freshman Elliot Sherrell had a big two-run single in the inning also, scoring Hunter and sophomore Tym Pearson from first base. Both Hunter and Pearson had run-scoring singles in the inning.

LCC tacked on three more runs in the bottom of the sixth inning led by Spencer's two-run double. Sophomore Josh Schlegel added the other RBI in the inning to cap off the scoring for Titans.

Spencer led the way on the mound for LCC, throwing six innings and only giving up one earned run on two hits. Freshman Jordan Van Engers threw a perfect seventh inning giving up no runs to close out the game.

"It was really nice to have Kayser in game one and Van Engers in game two come in and slam the door like that," Lyle said.

Sophomores Sanchez and Hunter each had two hits in the game while Pearson added another hit and RBI.

LCC returns to action May 7 when the men host Mt. Hood in a doubleheader showdown of the Southern Region's top two teams. First pitch is set for 1 p.m.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Our view

Student gov't should be competitive

Who?

The editorial board consists of Editor Eder Campuzano, Managing Editor Andy Rossback and Features Editor Sanne Godfrey.

Write us

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

Unopposed seats — really? Seriously?

The college can't even pay people to serve on student government.

Seriously. All ASLCC seats are unopposed with the exception of Multicultural Coordinator.

All student government officials receive stipends — as in a real job. The president and vice president get 12 credits of tuition each term in office — free of charge.

Who could turn that deal down?

While some students are campaigning as "write-ins," we suspect that relatively few

people will take the time to write in a candidate. Besides, electing someone who did not turn their application in on time says a lot about how seriously they take the position.

Competition in student government is important. It gives candidates a reason to try harder. It breeds innovation. It gives students a choice — unopposed elections undermine democracy.

Student government has extensive responsibilities. They manage large amounts of your student fees. When

elections are unopposed, the possibility of corrupt or incompetent leadership increases.

Of course, the organization does remain a learning lab for students with an interest in politics. It provides an incredible opportunity to learn about the ins-and-outs of government.

The lack of candidates in this year's election stems from a larger problem on campus — a lack of participation — that no one seems to have an answer.

Lack of participation is a disease that many community

college campuses carry.

Students typically only spend 2-years on these campuses and really never get settled in.

We don't think it always has to be like this though. LCC is the exception to many rules — why not this one, too?

The answer everyone is seeking is:

You.

It's too late now. Voting is winding down but won't you consider running next year? You'll do service to your fellow students and gain real-world government experience.

MAY 3RD, 2011...



Prevent further shootings

The outpouring of attention that our community has shown toward the tragedy of Officer Chris Kilcullen's shooting has warmed my heart. Our law enforcement officers are heroes, every day. Though the ceremony and procession of law enforcement vehicles has been a memorable expression of our gratitude to Kilcullen's service, and even murmurs of naming a highway after him, I believe the best way to honor him is to do what we can to prevent future tragedy.

Let us remember that his shooter, though severely mentally ill for many years and mentally disabled, was able to legally

purchase her handgun last year from a local sporting goods store. Though most who suffer from mental illness are not a threat to themselves or others, there needs to be a better mechanism in place to exclude the dangerous ones during a routine background check. What's more, ALL gun sales should include such a thorough background check, including private sales, not just from gun shops. Sunday, May 8, there will be a gun violence awareness march by Million Mom March, starting at 2 p.m. at EWEB plaza. Join me and let's bring change to our firearms background check system.

Jason Kilgore
Junciton City resident

LETTER POLICY

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Bin Laden questions remain

ON A SIDE NOTE



EDER CAMPUZANO

I'll never forget the day.

It was my second week as a freshman at McMinnville High School. During the summer I'd use the television in my room as an alarm. On Sept. 11, 2001, at 6:30 a.m., it turned on.

It was tuned to NBC and you can imagine what I was watching when I woke up that morning. I, along with the rest of the world, witnessed the biggest attack on American soil in 60 years.

Over time, it was revealed that Osama bin Laden, who was then most known for his 1993 World Trade Center car bomb and 1998 bombing of two U.S. embassies in Africa, was behind the attacks.

I watched as the United States declared war on the Taliban-controlled government in Afghanistan for harboring bin Laden. Two years later, then-President George W. Bush declared war on Iraq in order to displace Saddam Hussein and disarm the country he claimed held "weapons of mass destruction."

Then, nine years and 233 days after the Twin Towers fell, I sat at my computer when a Twitter update popped up on my browser. "BREAKING: Obama to issue unusual Sunday evening statement in 30 minutes," read the Huffington Post's latest tweet.

At approximately 8:30 p.m. Pacific time, President Obama addressed the nation. Less than one week earlier, the president produced his long-form birth certificate to appease those who claimed he was born outside this country.

After the conference, I began to receive messages, tweets, emails and Facebook updates.

"You hear about that bin Laden stuff?" read one text. "Dude, Obama's getting re-elected."

We asked for your stories on our Facebook page. Where were you when Obama made the announcement?

"Talking on fb. All the posts started popping up!" wrote Kelli Lindsay.

"I was at home studying for a math test ... all of a sudden my husband came running

towards me saying Osama had been killed," Marina Gross wrote.

Andrew McClellan was the one person who responded on Twitter.

"Honest truth, I was just logging into StarCraft 2 when the news arrived. Chat channels were abuzz with the news. Good riddance!" he wrote.

Plenty of late-night hosts joked about how the president's announcement cut into The Celebrity Apprentice, a show produced, created and hosted by the man who cried for weeks for Obama to produce his birth certificate.

Jon Stewart at "The Daily Show" speculated that there were only two things for which Obama could possibly interrupt the NBC show. Obama might take over the program to berate Trump a bit more as he did during the White House Correspondents' Dinner.

"The more likely scenario, as Hollywood has taught us, is when a black president interrupts your show, is that a meteor is heading toward Earth," Stewart said in reference to Morgan Freeman addressing the United States as its president in "Deep Impact."

The news dominated the front page of every major newspaper the following morning and produced follow-up after follow-up. The New York Times ran a special section on Tuesday that dealt exclusively with bin Laden's death.

The reactions in New York were understandable.

"I'm glad he died before me," said a ground zero worker who's now tethered to a respirator after inhaling the toxic fumes produced by the fires on site on Sept. 11.

And now, less than a week since the announcement of the death of America's, nay, the world's most-wanted man, there's a lot left in the air.

Did the Pakistani government know about bin Laden's whereabouts? Where are the other 10 surviving extremists who helped plot the 9/11 attacks? When will our troops come home from Afghanistan?

The answers to these questions may take awhile, but one thing's for sure right now: just as the sound of my television turning on and displaying a smoking World Trade Center building will forever be crystal clear in my mind, so will the Twitter update that invaded the lower right-hand corner of my Firefox browser ten years later.

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What does Osama bin Laden's death mean for the United States?

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"For me, I don't really watch the news. I guess it just means that people can feel more secure and safe after 9/11."

— Rachel Cowger, early childhood education



"Most of the public will probably swallow it as the truth. I think it's just another reason for us to continue war elsewhere."

— Jeremy Wilkie, electronic technology



"I think it's a good moral victory, but I'm not sure if it makes us any safer."

— Sam McClean, environmental economics



"I think it's a victory for us. I think it brings us all back together and we get to remember what 9/11 was really like. Having that all come back is a true appreciation of what we've struggled for. It brings a sense of pride whether you're for Obama or against him."

— Jennifer Thompson, undeclared



"I think it was something for the president to get reelected. I don't really feel like it's real. There wasn't any legitimate pictures and it's so close to election time and it just seems really staged."

— April Beans, human physiology



"It's a moral booster for our troops and the American people and I think they can take some credit in that. It's not going to win the war on terrorism by any means."

— Austen Thomas, international relations



"Hopefully, it means we can bring our troops back so we don't have to continue to have them over there."

— Tyree Newman, psychology



"People who have been grieving losses on 9/11 will be a little better able to move on."

— William Baugh, undeclared

YEMEN

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Al-Hababi has been in the United States for more than a year working toward a college degree. He was hoping to go back this summer for his sister's wedding. But due to the revolution the embassy has closed and he is unable to go home.

"My heart will not let me leave my family and my country," he said.

The revolution in his country is also affecting his schoolwork.

"It's really hard and stressful," he said. "It affects everything. As a student we have to have a good environment to study."

Jennifer Falzerano, the director of International Programs, said that dozens of the college's students were affected by the revolutions.

"International Programs works to support students at all times but especially when there is a crisis in their home countries or families," Falzerano said. "While the Internet helps students stay connected, it is really hard to not be able to hug your family or be with them when these things happen."

She says the department has methods in place to keep students connected with their families and other support services at the college.

"International Office calls, emails and checks in with students, offers them people to talk to, connects them to counseling, and works to help them find financial resources if that is necessary," Falzerano said. "Mostly we try to let them know they are not alone and that the campus cares about them."

The distance between Al-Hababi and his family has been one of the hardest things he says he's had to overcome. Al-Hababi grew up in Sana'a, the capital of Yemen.

He was born to one of the nation's wealthier families.

His father was involved in politics and when he died two years ago his brother took over the position.

Al-Hababi's brother has been actively standing by the people who are calling for a new president. He sends letters to television channels like Al-Jazeera and Yemeni television channels in which he expresses his support for the people.

The Al-Hababi family has opened their home to the less fortunate by providing medication, in essence turning the house into a hospital.

While his family has a significant amount of political power, Al-Hababi has never agreed with the practices of the government and has spoken out against the government.

"I didn't vote for my father. [My family] used to tell me to stop [protesting the government] because of the danger. They fear for trouble, but they know I love my country," he said. "We have the freedom to talk, but not the freedom to do. If you form an organization the government starts watching you and then one day no one can find you."

He said that the countries where revolutions took place, such as Tunisia, Egypt and Libya, were all under bad leadership.

"I feel good because it's going to change, but I feel bad about many people in the country being killed," he said. "Yemen has been in a bad situation since [President Ali Abdullah Saleh] began his presidency. People wanted change. When the revolutions started in Tunisia and Egypt they were ready to step up and face him."

While he doesn't agree with the way the president treated the people in Yemen, Al-Hababi is afraid to go back to his native country.

"If I'll be back I expect to get killed. Like everyone," he said. "I'm scared for my life."

VETERAN

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lives, but I will not rejoice in the death of one, not even an enemy. Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that," his wall reads.

As Rodriguez thought about bin Laden's death, he began to describe the scenarios he faced in Iraq. It wasn't easy.

Beads of sweat slowly appeared on his forehead when Rodriguez began to dwell on these memories. One was of his first experience with a convoy security squad.

"My very first mission I was the gunner on the scout vehicle and we broke down. The vehicle that took over for us hit the [improvised explosive device] that would have hit us," Rodriguez said. "It was a small IED and it blew out the front tire. They lost control because they were doing like 55-60 mph and they flipped."

If his vehicle had been in the lead, Rodriguez would have been killed instantly. His Humvee was outfitted to lock the deck gunner into place during the drive, which would have kept him erect as the vehicle flipped. It simply would have crushed him.

He also spoke of the whistle mortars make when they fly overhead in the black of night, the sound of bullets flying in the distance, the thud of bullets hitting their target, and the sound of an [rocket-propelled grenade] exploding as a firefight ensued on the horizon.

These were the sounds Rodriguez heard late one night as enemy combatants overtook the nearby Iraqi police station.

Yet, even through all of this battling, all of this war, all of the damage started by Osama bin Laden he did not celebrate when the man was finally slain. He knew it made little difference to the war.

"I don't think it's going to change a thing, honestly," Rodriguez said.

While citizens danced in the streets, the U.S. National Guard was put on alert.

"They are more on guard now because of what has happened," Veterans' Club President and former Marine Corp. Lance Corp. Mark Saxton. "The veterans that I have talked to are really worried about retaliation from Al Qaeda. We are just wondering how long it is going to be before they retaliate."

Daniel Schmidt, a former U.S. Army specialist, agrees with Saxton and Rodriguez.

"Just like with any organization when you take out the head, someone is going to stand there to replace him," Schmidt said.

SENIOR

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comes from the community.

"It is important that those who have benefited from the program, those who have volunteered, and those who are aware of the benefits of our community, to let Congress know that they are the life of the funding," Rowlett said.

There are currently 75 companions for the program and they see an average of 600 clients a year. The program works within Lane County with 32 different organizations, Senior and Disabled Services is the largest.

"We are hoping to be around forever. We have senior companions who have been in the program for as long as 25 years," Susman said. "They have a reason to get out of bed, get out there, and help other people maintain their quality of life. And that helps them in certainty of their quality of life."

Rowlett says one of the most important things to preserve the program is to raise its visibility in the community. He thinks that everyone who has participated with the program realizes how valuable it is in order to keep seniors living independently. The Senior Companion Program is looking recruit approximately 10 new volunteers for the program.

Through the visits that companions make once a week with their clients, they are to be able to help the clients maintain their highest degree on independence, dignity and overall health as possible.

Those interested in more information may contact senior and disabled services at 541-682-4038.

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