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Senate decision postponed

Public hearing scheduled for Parker-Milligan and Selix.

BY KINZLEY PHILLIPS
Editor-in-Chief

ASLCC President Mario Parker-Milligan and Gender and Sexual Diversity Advocate Vashti Selix will have a chance to fight for their positions in a public hearing during ASLCC's Feb. 1 meeting, according to a unanimous vote by the Senate.

"I have committed myself fully to this role since June 1, 2010, and I have no intentions of quitting any time soon," Parker-Milligan said.

Last week, the Senate asked Parker-Milligan and Selix to resign because they had become academically ineligible. ASLCC's bylaws require members to earn six credits each term and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA.

Both Parker-Milligan and Selix missed this week's meeting because they are attending the Creating Change conference in Baltimore.

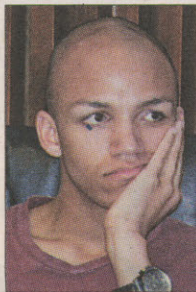
"We are held to higher standards than many other colleges in the state of Oregon because we have benefits attached to being members of ASLCC. We have monetary benefits included in that as well. We believe that if student money is going to be allocated in that direction, we should be held to the same standards as any other student, whether it be Phi Theta Kappa or student athletes," Senator Thomas Fiorelli said.

Senate member Danielle Brandon was also deemed academically ineligible after Fall Term, but the Senate voted to suspend its bylaws and allow her to retain her position under an informal injunction with additional academic requirements: to maintain a 2.5 term GPA, earn six credits and periodically meet with counselors.

Only Brandon read her response at Wednesday's meeting. She explained that after enrolling in nine credits she took a no-pass in a Math 111, putting her below the six-credit requirement, but protecting her 3.9 GPA.

"The senator in question only had violated a portion of the bylaws (but) not with the constitution. This is exactly why each of the members should not be disciplined in the same measure," Fiorelli said.

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Danielle Brandon



Vashti Selix

MUSIC IN THE AIR

Through the combined effort of LCC and UO music programs, students jazzed up the Ragozzino Performance Hall for the Oregon Jazz Festival.



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Speakers on Islam come to LCC

Lectures seek to present Islam in a new view.

BY KYLE WEBB
Reporter

A speaker from the lecture series "Speakers in Islam" will be coming to the LCC campus in an effort to bring awareness to the many aspects of Islam and its surrounding ideologies.

"The goal of the series is to promote informed and academic dialogue about Islam by bringing experts in Islam studies to LCC," said Frederick Colby, member of the "Speakers in Islam" planning committee.

The "Speakers in Islam" series was started during the 2010-2011 academic year and plans to continue with many speakers and a film festival, all scheduled later this year.

"The goal is to bring awareness to a place that has a lack of awareness using scholars to speak in a balanced way," said LCC instructor Clif Trolin. "It's education, and part of education is to break through biases people have."

Dr. Mark Juergensmeyer, professor of so-

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Clif Trolin
Instructor

cology and global studies at University of California, Santa Barbara, will deliver a lecture entitled "Global Rebellion and the Arab Spring."

It is set to cover how political movements among Arabs and Muslims in the past year can be interpreted through similar movements worldwide.

"Juergensmeyer has interviewed lots of terrorists from a lot of different religions and knows about a lot of groups within different religions," Trolin said.

Juergensmeyer will also speak about the role of religion as a factor in what he calls a "global rebellion" in the contemporary world. The lecture is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 27, in the Center for Meeting and Learning, Room 226. The lecture is free and open to the public.

"This series will present Islam in many different lights," Trolin said.

On Feb. 2, Jamillah Karim, associate professor in the Department of religious studies at Spelman College in Atlanta GA, will deliver lectures entitled "The nation of Islam: Radical Islam or American Religion" and "Black Muslim Feminism: Sunni Muslim Women and the Nation of Islam."

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ASLCC needs both sides for true public hearing

ASLCC President Mario Parker-Milligan has convinced the Senate to grant him a public hearing before deciding whether or not to remove him from office due to his academic ineligibility.

While The Torch supports the opportunity for public input, we regret the proposed process and its inevitable effects on the senators' ability to perform as student leaders during this time.

For the last two weeks, the public has watched this situation unfold in meetings and in the media.

While ASLCC quibbles over its dirty laundry and the personal failures of its members, it becomes more and more apparent that other matters have taken a backseat. Even Parker-Milligan admits the demands of these injunctions have distracted ASLCC members from their other official business.

A public hearing will only slow things down for yet another week. One of two votes cast today was for the senate to agree 8-0 that Parker-Milligan, and Gender and Sexual Diversity Advocate Vashti Selix deserve a public hearing.

Next week will be spent addressing this process — and how many weeks after that?

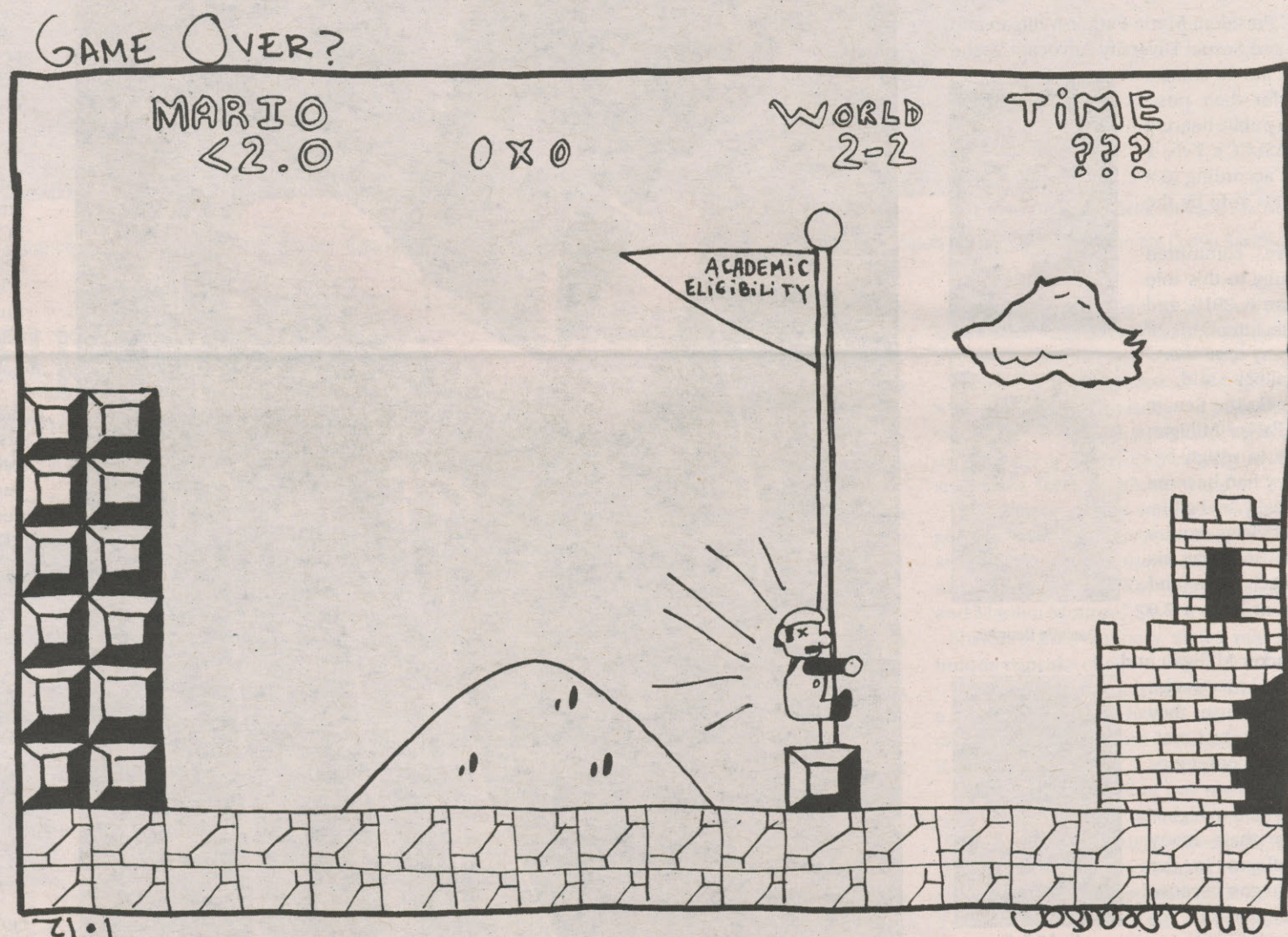
What is even more unfortunate than this distraction is the level of student apathy towards the goings-on at ASLCC meetings: At the Jan. 25 meeting, only three of approximately 15,000 students were present in the gallery. Students at LCC's main campus pay almost \$50 per term for a mandatory student activities fee. This adds up to more than \$300,000 going directly to ASLCC, a sum controlled by a senate bogged down by infighting.

Next week, Parker-Milligan will haul in as many supporters as he can find to speak to his character and his effectiveness as president, according to statements made by senators in yesterday's meeting.

Balance to any situation is vital. When it comes to the possible removal of an ASLCC president, both sides need to be represented at next week's hearing.

The Torch calls on all students, whether they support Parker-Milligan or root for his removal from the presidency, to stand up, speak out and be counted.

(The next Senate meeting will be held Feb. 1 at 3:30 p.m., at a location to be determined.)



GUEST COLUMN

Ditch smart phones, keep it simple

BY SONJA TAYLOR

I am an iPhone addict. I overtext. I have been known to play Plants vs. Zombies and Words with Friends in crowded rooms. I have checked the weather, my email and Facebook hourly, or more frequently if the conversations around me were really dull.

Recently, motivated by the possibility that I might overtext my new relationship to oblivion, and the fact that my phone carries way too much personal information, but mostly the relationship, I decided to downgrade my phone.

It should be noted that I had already curbed my texting habit a great deal, and it still seemed like too much. I blame Steve Jobs. Before I got an iPhone, I never texted. It seemed too complicated and mysterious, and why couldn't people just call for goodness's sake?

By contrast, the texting format on iPhone creates a blissful mechanism for the cathartic unburdening of one's soul. I could write novels and send

them instantly to unsuspecting recipients, and I did. The hunt-and-peck necessity of the keypad was no problem. It was clear I needed to remove the avenue of temptation. I needed a new phone.

I went to an AT&T store and looked at what was available. Everything looked incredibly complicated and loaded with features.

Miss Customer Service came running to the rescue. I looked into her eager eyes, and took the plunge. "I need a dumb phone." She looked at me like I was crazy but quickly tried to accommodate me.

"Let's see what we can do for you," she said, and looked me up on her computer.

It is interesting to note that the word "downgrade" does not exist in the lexicon of cell phone technology. Miss CS checked my account and told me, "You're not available for an upgrade yet, but you could add another line and transfer your number to the new phone. That would only be an extra \$10 a month, plus a one-time \$30 activation fee, plus \$20 for the phone."

The \$20 phone to which she was referring was the same one that I had purchased for my son and had I bought it outright, without adding a new line, it would cost \$239. Also, that phone still looked too smart to me. It had a keyboard — no help there for keeping me from sending massive texts.

I asked the lady, "Don't you have any really cheap simple phones that I could just buy?" (I wanted also to avoid signing up for another two years of AT&T service, since I plan on moving to Verizon as quickly as possible).

She said, "Oh yes!" and took me around the corner to a row of cheap phones where I found an almost complete match for the phone I had owned prior to my love affair with iPhone. Thirty dollars, and 30 minutes later, I was disconnected from Steve Jobs, and had re-entered the Luddite world of cell phone use.

(Sonja Taylor is an instructor for University Studies at Portland State University. She was the 1992-1993 editor-in-chief of The Torch.)

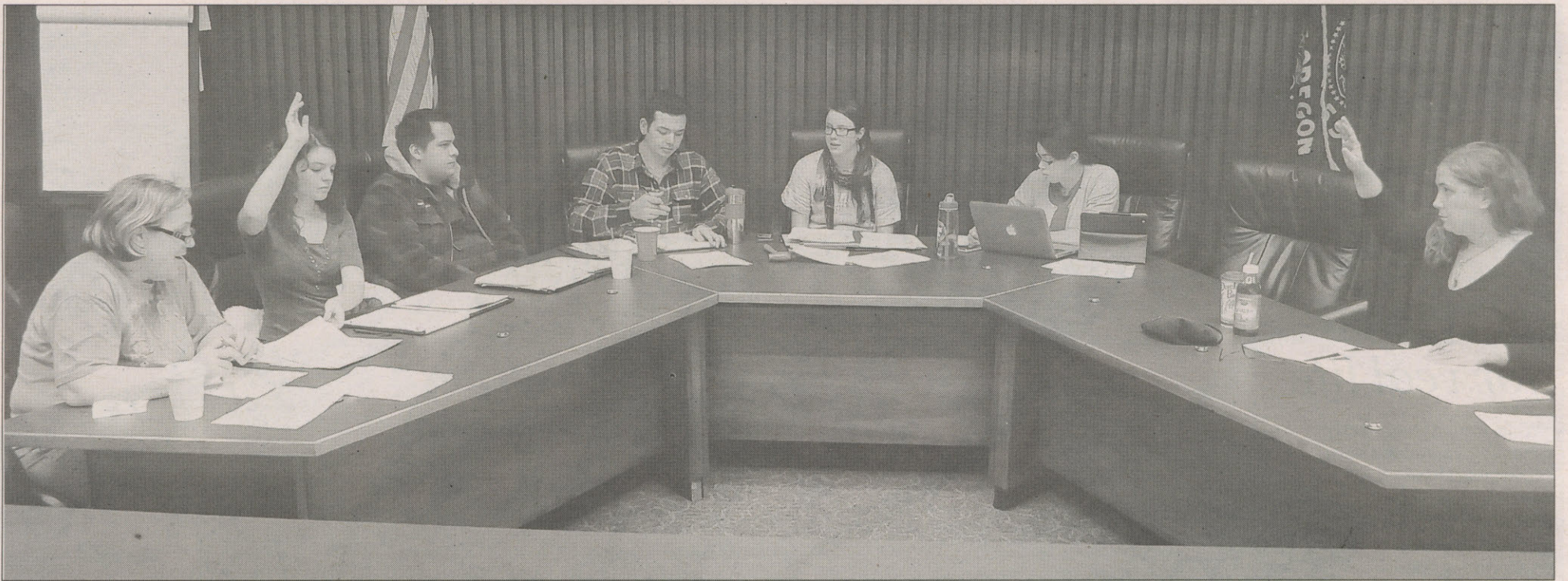


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ASLCC senators review the minutes of the previous meeting on Jan. 25 in the absence of three members, who were attending the Creating Change LGBTQ conference in Baltimore.

ASLCC: President seeks support

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Treasurer Tracy Weimer said the reason behind asking for Parker-Milligan's resignation is academic eligibility.

"He no longer qualifies for office, in violation of Article V of the bylaws," she said.

However, the allegations against the president don't stop there.

Senator LynDel Simmons said "he's overstepping his authority" and "he got busy pointing fingers at other people, and I don't like that."

Fiorelli worries that the students of LCC may not always be Parker-Milligan's top priority, and that state involvement often occupies more of his time than campus issues.

"I know Mario has told us that he does a lot of stuff from home and makes himself available. Although personally I have had a lot of inquiries from students stating the opposite, I do know that visibility is very important," Fiorelli said.

Parker-Milligan said he would like to outline for the Senate during the regular session his weekly agenda, including meetings and time commitments. He said he keeps track of his hours and can provide them to the Senate.

Additionally, Parker-Milligan said he could furnish transcripts to prove his GPA met the requirement, but has not done so.

Weimer said she believes academic transcripts should be public record for student politicians.

"Academically, I don't think it's a violation (of his right to privacy) because it's a requirement of office," Weimer said.

Both she and Simmons offered to furnish their transcripts to The Torch and suggested other ASLCC members also offer them for publication.

Senate Vice President Jenny Lor said next week's public hearing would "provide the voting body with any necessary information they might not have already."

Parker-Milligan said he would also like to bring in character witnesses to testify in his defense during the public hearing.

"I do plan on having a number of folks who were on student government, students outside of student government, and former colleagues," Parker-Milligan said.

Weimer said that unless he can bring professors in to testify that he's qualified for office, this would not have any bearing on the decision in regards to his eligibility.

"I wouldn't bring any professors, I think this is a student issue," Parker-Milligan said.

"The reason I should stay is that I want to help re-establish and improve the relationships between the executive (branch) and the Senate," Parker-Milligan said.

Weimer worries that Senate members' opinions might be swayed into keeping him in office "if it becomes an emotional plea."

If, after the public hearing, the Senate decides to proceed with the forced resignation, it needs a two-thirds vote (seven of the 10 voting members) to pass it. However, as presi-

dent, he can still veto this decision and force them to come to a second two-thirds vote.

If Parker-Milligan is removed from office, Lor would become president, a position she said she'll accept.

Because Selix's position as gender and sexual diversity advocate was created this year and is thus not part of the constitution, she could technically apply for her appointed position again should the Senate force her to resign.

"If that particular person returned for the position I see it as highly likely," Fiorelli said, referring to whether he thought the Senate might reinstate her.

Parker-Milligan and Selix missed Wednesday's meeting because they were attending an LGBTQ conference in Baltimore, at a budgeted cost of \$3,500. This is the second year they've attended the conference. Student fees have paid for the trips for four students each year.

"The people who are going to be going were on the selection committee. There was a controversy about the exact trip last year because the same thing happened," Weimer said.

Fiorelli explained that the initiatives and activities of ASLCC are often launched and guided by the Oregon Student Association and do not arise organically from student government the way he thinks they should.

"Some people question whether that portion of the student fees is needed, and that's an example of how it is. If we didn't have them, we wouldn't be doing much," Fiorelli said.

"It's fine to work on state issues and OSA, but we need to focus on campus issues," Fiorelli continued.

"It's part of my job as president to represent the students on a statewide level," Parker-Milligan said, "It's unfortunate that some people don't believe those issues are important enough."

Several members of ASLCC said the debate over resignations and injunctions has hindered the Senate's business.

"One thing I want to say is that it's difficult sometimes without the leadership that is necessary for student government to do its job," Fiorelli said.

ASLCC functions despite absences due to conference

BY LEAH AVERETT

Senior Reporter

The ASLCC met Jan. 25 and managed to work through its regular session agenda despite executive session fireworks.

In a statement from the gallery, Shawn McMurtrey, a first-term student running for a student Senate position, suggested making the fitness center, gym and weight areas more accessible for students not enrolled in a physical education class.

"It would promote health, give students something to do between classes ... be a stress reliever," he said. His suggestions included building an outdoor basketball court, an outdoor volleyball court, and setting up a tent and putting elliptical machines in it.

Treasurer Tracy Weimer went over the financial report for the fiscal year that began July 1, 2011. Several expenditures were inaccurate due to delays in coding the costs correctly.

Brad Hinson, Division Dean of Technology at LCC, is working on updating the Lane website.

"The current site isn't student-centered, and we want to create a next-generation website. We would love to get more feedback," Hinson said.

Suggestions were made to create links to specific scholarship information, The Torch and to ensure the site is accessible for the hard of hearing and the blind. They are planning to launch the new website in Fall 2012. It will not affect MyLane.

Hinson said they are still in the research phase of finding out "what is working, not working, or just pointless." The current plan is to let students create the design for the new site. For incentives, they will offer prizes in a contest in which students use PhotoShop and other programs to actually create the new design for the LCC site.

They will offer gift certificates for the runners-up and an iPad for the first-place winner. Although the chosen design will be copyrighted by LCC, the winning student will receive the attribution.

"We want the site to be by the students, for the students," Hinson said.

Committee updates on Lanestock reported that there is a large committee of 15 people that will discuss it next week.

President Mario Parker-Milligan, Vice President Jenny Lor, and Gender and Sexual Diversity Advocate Vashti Selix are in Baltimore, Md., for the Creating Change LGBTQ conference. Their emailed statements, in response to last week's informal injunctions and informal forced resignations were read.

Parker-Milligan said there are staff openings for communications director and campus events director, as well as two open Senate seats. Applications are available in his office.

Senator LynDel Simmons said student groups from around the state have been going to Salem once or twice a week to talk to representatives about ballot issues pertaining to funding education.

"We are hoping to take 75 written stories and take 15 people to the legislative session and testify, to tell personal stories ... single parent, displaced worker ... how lack of funding will affect them," Simmons said.

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OUTSIDE OF THE BOX



BY CHELSEA VAN BAALEN
A&E Editor

Prepped for real life

While writing these weekly columns is enjoyable, I must confess that I have more than just that driving me. I am constantly working on my writing skills for the day when I am on the other side of the tape recorder, getting interviewed for my first job.

My instructors are constantly reminding my classmates that we are young professionals, just terms away from graduating into the workforce. Getting a good job after college is a feat in today's economy, but there are many ways you can prevent a post-graduation, hello-unemployment funk.

The key thing is to show evidence of capability to your future employers. Evidence can include any skills in which you demonstrate proficiency. For me, it's clippings of articles (maybe even this column).

That's right: somewhere in my house are stacks and stacks of newspapers. And as a public relations and advertising student, I have evidence of my work in those areas as well.

Take a moment and focus on your future. What do you want to be doing after you throw your cap into the air?

Sure, spring may feel months away, but it'll be around the corner before you realize it.

Several LCC students might already be one step closer to their choice job before they even graduate.

Students in the Student Productions Association are getting real-world experience organizing and performing plays each term.

While this might seem like a huge undertaking on top of homework and essays, it can also be a fun opportunity to get immersed in a passionate profession.

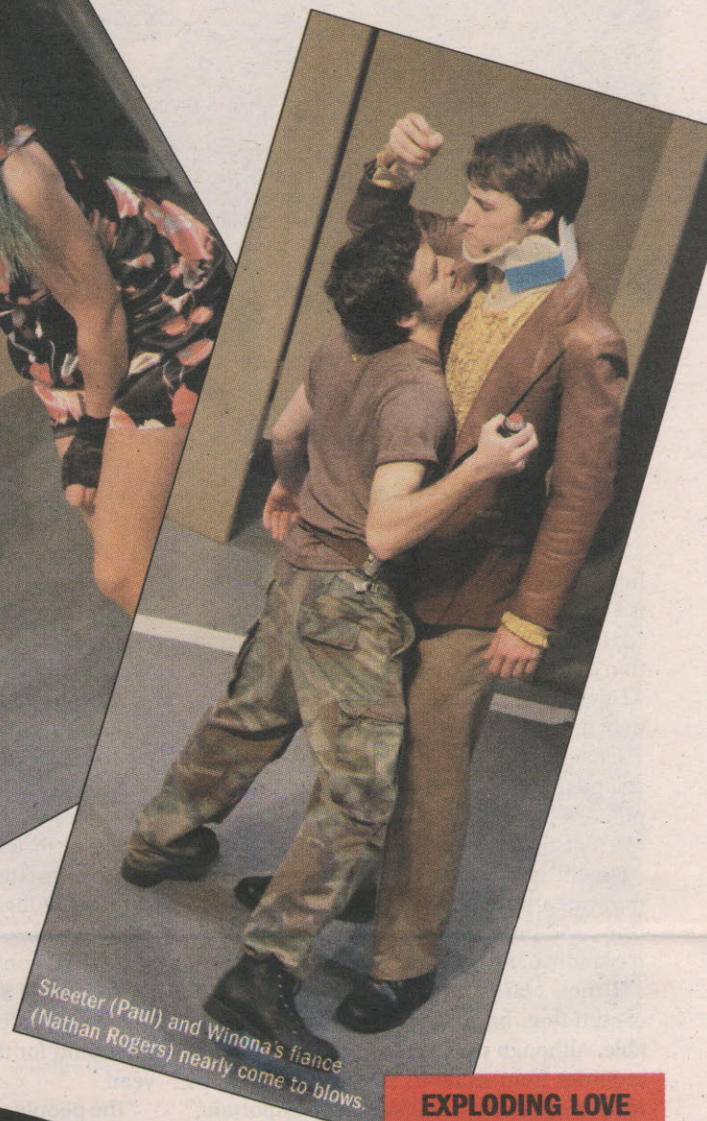
This past weekend, the jazz department performed with UO's jazz program and famed musician Jesse Lewis.

After hours and hours of practice, these students can show they are capable of working hard towards performing in a big event, something that may be crucial in their future.

The dance program has been known to be rigorous but rewarding. Every day, students are training their bodies to move in fantastic ways and learning choreography for performances because it is something they love.

And while each of these fields is uniquely competitive, these hardworking students have already begun the long path of their careers.

Why wait until you graduate to start doing what you love? Everyone has to start somewhere; try starting today.



READY TO EXPLODE

The cast of *Exploding Love* talks characters, scenes and, of course, love.

It might not be every day that one straps a bomb to his chest in the name of winning back his ex-wife, but this won't stop the audience relating to *Exploding Love*, said LCC student Joseph Tanner Paul. "People always do crazy things for love," Paul said. Joseph Coyne's 1995 play shows the events that unfold after Skeeter, played by Paul, threatens to blow up city hall to preempt his ex-wife's impending nuptials. In the process, Skeeter accidentally takes two men hostage in a bathroom.

"My character, Skeeter, is madly in love with his ex-wife and he wants nothing more than to not give her up," Paul said. Megan Simon plays Winona, Skeeter's ex-wife. "She's one of those people who lives day by day," Simon said of her character. Simon also drew similarities between Skeeter and Winona's fiancé.

"They are both the same in a way. She's trying to find the same thing she had with Skeeter with someone else," Simon said. Dawson Shadd, who plays Rory, a hostage, describes him as "a guy who's very comfortable with the life he's living." "It really is like a sitcom, people in a real situation

making a comedy of it," said Kenny Stuck, who plays the detective. While the emphasis of the play is on the potentially explosive love triangle between Skeeter, Winona, and her fiancé, Simon and Paul explain that it is truly an ensemble play. Paul said that one scene requires the entire cast to be on stage. "It's so much fun. Everyone's in character and having a good time," Simon said of the scene. "We have a really good dynamic ... You're working off each other's energy." Assistant Director and Stage Manager Tim O'Donnell said the play has come together well. "All of our actors are really professional and they work their butts off to get it done," he said. The play itself is fairly short; something O'Donnell said is a good thing. "It has a very different energy to it that's fun and refreshing," he said. "You never have the chance to lose the energy of the show." While the characters may seem a little over the top, Paul said the audience might see a little bit of themselves in the roles on stage. "Everyone can relate to love (and) relate to the crazy things people do for love," he said.

EXPLODING LOVE

When: Jan. 26-28 at 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 2, 3-4, 9-11 at 7:30 p.m.; and Feb. 5 at 2 p.m.

Where: Blue Door Theatre.

Cost: \$8 for students, staff and seniors; and \$10 for general admission.



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PHOTO BY EUGENE JOHNSON FOR THE TORCH

Ty the Titan shoots some hoops with some of the younger fans during halftime at Jam the Gym on Jan. 21.

Lane scores 532 for the community

A charity food drive brings in 532 pounds of nonperishables for FOOD for Lane County.

BY RYAN KOSTECKA
Reporter

What a night!

The fifth annual Jam the Gym, hosted by the Lane Community College athletic department on Jan. 21, has been a success every year, according to Athletic Director and women's basketball coach Greg Sheley.

"Like the past couple years, we once again had a great turnout and were able to fill up three barrels worth of food," Sheley said.

Last year's Jam the Gym event raised 430 pounds of nonperishable food, which was a mark that Brent Ellison, Lane's recreational club sports and special events coordinator, was hoping to surpass this year.

Ellison's wishes came true when he received a phone call from FOOD for Lane County, which reported that Jam the Gym raised 523 pounds, almost 100 pounds more than last year.

"That's great," Ellison said. "It's awesome knowing we passed our goal of last year and hopefully next year we can continue to improve some more."

The night turned into a great spectacle for everyone at the event.

The fans also got to see a thrilling women's game, in which the Titans came out on top, 71-68, over rival Clackamas Cougars. They were treated to raffles and prize drawings, including a free-throw shooting contest for two lucky fans.

"John Scholl (head cross-country coach) did a great job putting all the activities together and running them for the night," Sheley said. "I think all the fans, especially the kids, enjoyed that."

In a partnership with Bi-Mart and FOOD for Lane County, the Titans asked all fans to bring nonperishable food items to put in barrels as they entered the gym. Fans who made a donation were granted free entrance and could participate in the activities.

Among the other listed activities available to all fans were opportunities to meet Ty the Titan, the college mascot, and several student-athletes from all sports at Lane. Also, the first 500 fans in attendance received free Jam the Gym T-shirts, courtesy of Bi-Mart.

Out of the estimated 800 people in attendance there were many student-athletes representing

their respective teams and having fun.

"Jam the Gym is always a fun experience," sophomore soccer player Kiki McDonagh said. "It gives us athletes time to get together and support each other while also helping out a charity."

The entire baseball team showed up to support the basketball teams, as did most of the women's soccer team. Also getting into the Titan spirit was the track and cross-country teams, as they helped work the front entrance and pass out T-shirts.

"It was great to see them out there supporting the cause," Sheley said. "I'm sure they brought some cans, got a shirt and had a great time, so it was nice to see."

This is the second benefit that Lane Athletics has held. On Oct. 26, the women's soccer team supported breast cancer research, donning pink uniforms, giving out T-shirts to the first 200 spectators and accepting donations.

"We try to pick out one time each term to get everybody to come out and support whatever it is we have going on," Sheley said. "We've done it with soccer, just did it for basketball, and now we have to figure out what to do for track and baseball."



PHOTO BY EUGENE JOHNSON FOR THE TORCH

Freshman Megan Shields fights off an Umpqua defender Jan. 25 at Titan Court.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Titans send Riverhawks back to nest

BY LINDSEY KIDWELL
Reporter

In the game of basketball size doesn't always matter, and that was apparent during the Titans' 74-65 victory against its Southern Region rival, Umpqua Riverhawks, Jan. 25 at Titan Court.

Coming into the game, the Riverhawks (11-8, 4-2 Southern Region) banked on their size and rebounding history to win games.

"We thought we were big enough on the inside to keep them from scoring," said Riverhawks' Head Coach Dave Stricklin. "Our time preparing was spent on stopping the guards."

Riverhawks' sophomore, Deanna Tupai, gave the Titans a run for their money with 29 points and eight rebounds, but didn't have her team to back her up.

"We prepared really well, but we came out and overlooked it. We didn't work together at all," said Tupai.

The Titans, led by head coach Greg

Sheley, claimed the victory with an impressive 55 rebounds against the conference's top rebounders.

"We have to be able to shoot the ball well because of their size advantage, and we have to limit their easy basket opportunities, whether that's with layups in transitions or second and third chance opportunities," said Sheley.

The game got off to a quick start and stayed close for most of the first half. The Titans finished up the half with an 8-0 run over a period of five minutes and went into halftime ahead 38-28.

The Riverhawks, in trouble at halftime, came back and trailed by one, 56-55, with less than seven minutes to go in the game.

Coming off of three consecutive double-doubles, freshman Megan Shields ended the game with 26 points and nine rebounds. This was Shields's fourth game in a row scoring in double figures. She's averaging 11.4 points and 6.3 rebounds per

game.

"As a team we had 55 rebounds tonight. Even though I was one off, someone else made up for it," said Shields after the game. "I wish I would have gotten the double-double, but someone else stepped up and took one for me."

Shields finished the contest with a team-high 26 points, finishing 12-of-18 from the field, even though she sat out 15 minutes of the game after early foul trouble.

The Titans walked off the floor satisfied with how they played and exhausted from defending such a big team.

"It was really nice to see the kids be so successful in that type of situation. That team is so big and so strong, to out-rebound them was amazing," said Sheley.

For now, the Titans can bathe in the glory of a huge victory, but soon they will be back on the grind as they travel to Portland to take on the Panthers (4-13, 0-6) Saturday, Jan. 28 at 4 p.m.

THE FOX TROT



BY ALAN K. FOX
Sports Editor

Kelly's unfinished business

Being under the national spotlight is something to which the University of Oregon football team has become accustomed over the last three years.

All three of those seasons were by the hands of head coach Chip Kelly and his trademark visor.

The national media turned the spotlight on nice and bright late on Jan. 22, when there were multiple reports stating that Kelly was taking his East Coast swagger and high-speed offense back to the Atlantic to become the coach of the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

As midnight approached, the reports retracted to state that Kelly was going to stay in Eugene.

The confusion even inspired The Register-Guard to print a front page reporting Kelly's departure — then stop the press, and print again — correcting the headline and reassuring fans of Kelly's follow-through for the UO football team.

The truth is that Kelly felt that he has unfinished business at Oregon, and he knows that as long as he continues to be successful, the NFL will continue to be knocking on his door.

Recent history shows that coaches who make the jump from the college ranks struggle to make it to the top of the NFL coaching chain.

Oregon has only had one coach in the programs history move on from the Ducks to the NFL. Rich Brooks, who the field inside Autzen Stadium is named after, left Eugene to go coach the Rams, but was unable to take the team to glory.

Pete Carroll was the last high-profile coach to leave the conference and he has had a pretty lackluster career with the Seahawks — other than the win in the wild card round of last year's playoffs against the Saints.

It's hard to know if any of these issues helped Kelly make up his mind, but one thing we do know is Duck fans nationwide are happy to know that he will be leading the Ducks out of the tunnel for a fourth season.

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PHOTO BY TURNER MAXWELL FOR THE TORCH

Titans' freshman guard Tyler Coleman drives past defenders for the layup at the Jan. 25 home game against the Umpqua Riverhawks. Coleman finished the contest with 13 points.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Titans secure first conference victory

At home, Lane soars by Umpqua Riverhawks 85-77.

BY RYAN KOSTECKA
Reporter

Lane Community College Men's head basketball coach Bruce Chavka got what he was hoping for at the end of the night. It wasn't pretty though, as the Titans went on to defeat visiting Umpqua Community College 85-77 for its first conference victory of the year.

"I said I was hoping we could finish a game and we finally did," Chavka said. "It was a little rough towards the end there but we finally proved to ourselves that we can win in this conference."

Freshman Levi Strandberg led four Titan players in double figures with 17 points while fellow freshman Tyler Coleman, 13 points, hit 8-of-10 free throws down the stretch to clinch the game.

"Being able to stay mentally tough down the stretch has been a focal point for us (Lane) as of late," Coleman said. "To be able to hit those (free throws) down the stretch, that was big for my teammates and I."

A 3-point basket by Coleton Baker, game-high 37 points, gave the Riverhawks a 12-7 lead through the first five minutes of the game.

"The shots just started falling for me early and my teammates did a great job of finding me when I was open,"

Baker said.

After Baker's 3-point basket, Lane went on a 20-3 run over the next nine minutes to take a 27-15 lead with seven minutes left in the half, prompting Umpqua head coach Richard Robles to call a timeout and stop the bleeding.

After the Riverhawks were able to cut the lead within four, 29-25, Lane went on 11-0 run over the next two minutes to get the lead back to double digits.

They would remain in the lead going into the half, 43-32.

Strandberg put up 10 points in the half while freshman Richard Seamster came off the bench to knock down nine points, including going 4-of-5 from the free-throw line.

The second half started out much like the first, with Umpqua playing well and cutting the lead to six, 51-45, five minutes into the half.

The Titans would then sub out many of the starters and replace them with Darrell Breazell, Alex Coleman, and Seamster. Together, those three turned up the defensive pressure and accounted for six steals in the next 10 minutes of the game.

"I came into the game and focused on defense first," Breazell said. "We have plenty of scorers on the team and when our bench plays well, we are tough to beat."

With one minute left in the game and the Titans up nine, Lane's Tyler Coleman took over.

Going along with his eight free throws in the end of the game, Coleman grabbed four rebounds and had two steals to secure the victory.

The Titans' bench outscored the Riverhawks' bench 28-14 while also shooting 28-of-34, 82 percent, from the free-throw line as a team.

"Our bench really stepped up for us tonight," Chavka said. "We got a lot of kids playing time, which will help us as the season goes along."

With the win, the Titans improve to 1-4 in Southern Region play, 7-10 overall, and will travel to Portland on Saturday, Jan. 28, to take on a PCC team still looking for their first victory of the season at 6 p.m.

"Hopefully we go up to Portland on Saturday and take care of business," Chavka said.

UPCOMING GAMES

Jan. 28: At Portland Panthers, 6 p.m.

Feb. 4: At home vs. Mt. Hood Saints, 6 p.m.

Feb. 8: At home vs. Linn-Benton Roadrunners, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 11: At Chemeketa Storm, 6 p.m.

Feb. 15: At home vs. Southwestern Oregon Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

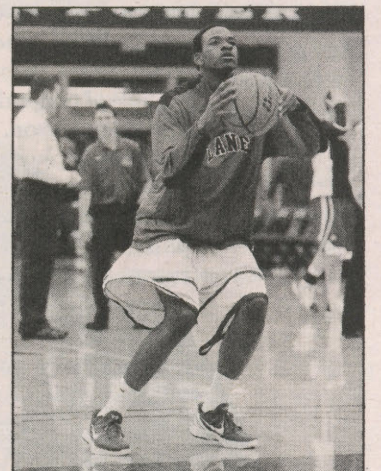


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PLAYER SHOWCASE TYREE NEWMAN

(FRESHMAN FORWARD)

Q: How long have you been playing sports?

A: I have been playing on an actual team since the 9th grade, but I played on the playground all the time before that.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete?

A: LeBron James.

Q: What has been your favorite moment as an athlete?

A: Winning my league championship my senior year.

Q: What is your favorite sports team?

A: The Miami Heat and Oakland Raiders.

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: Space Jam and Power Rangers.

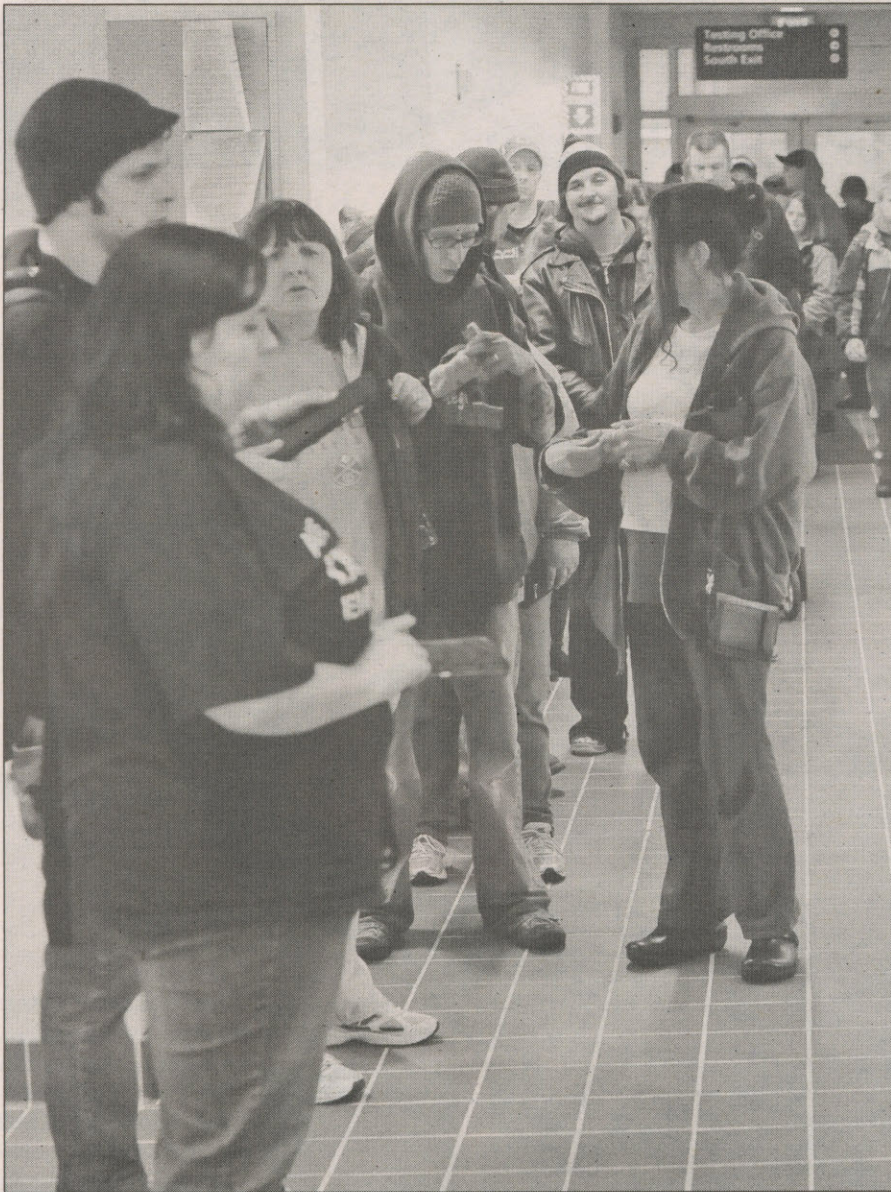


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Students wait in line to withdraw funds from one of only two Higher One ATMs on campus. Financial aid was delayed for a day and was finally disbursed Jan. 20.

Award delay is explained

A computer glitch kept aid from students for 24 hours.

BY MAYGAN BECKERS
AND KYLE CHASE
Reporters

Financial aid refunds landed in bank accounts one to two days later than 8,900 LCC students expected last week, causing them to vent their frustrations on social media sites while LCC officials scrambled to explain the hold up.

The delay originated with a computer error in Banner, also known as MyLane, which allows students to manage classes and financial aid. During the disbursement, funds transfer to Higher One, a

“... There was never any intention of holding anything back from students.”

Helen Garrett
Executive Dean of Student Affairs

company that acts as a kind of financial aid middleman between colleges and students. Students then receive their refunds.

Because of this error, LCC was unable to deliver money students expected Jan. 19. Students with Higher One cards received funds on Jan. 20. However, those with an electronic funds transfer (EFT) had to wait up to two additional days for the transferred funds to be processed into their bank accounts.

Administrators said this delay had damaging consequences because most students need financial aid to help them pay for basic living expenses. LCC's Interim Director of Enrollment John Hamblin estimated that the error delayed approximately \$17 million from reaching students.

“This was not a human error. As soon as we found out, we had staff working around the clock to clear it up. In our implementation, moving forward, our goal is to not

keep anyone in the dark,” Hamblin said. “We want to put mechanisms in place and strengthen our communication to assure that this doesn't happen again.”

Helen Faith, director of LCC's Financial Aid Department, issued a letter of explanation for the delay for students to provide to creditors. She urged students to do everything possible to waive or reverse any negative consequences such as late fees, contract termination, or reconnection fees.

“It's no human's problem; systems just fail sometimes. This is the first time we have had a delay. The delay has absolutely nothing to do with the company Higher One,” said Helen Garrett, LCC's executive dean of student affairs. “They are one of the fastest companies that get the loan disbursements out.”

Garrett said some student's posts on Facebook about the delay were hurtful. Openbook, a website that displays any Facebook users' posts by searching for specific words, yields several posts critical of the Financial Aid Department.

“So I must send out a big THANKX to Lane Community College for the epic screw up regarding our winter disbursement,” wrote Will Maver, according to Openbook. “I, like thousands of others, depend on this to pay my bills!!!!!!”

Garrett said LCC regrets that this delay impacted students for a single moment, and she doesn't expect it to happen again.

“I just want to reaffirm that we get it. We understand that students are living off of financial aid and times are tough. My hope is that those of us working at the college will come to appreciate the comments students had and the intense anger that was shown. We are in times where people are literally desperate to make ends meet and I think we need to do everything we can to have sensitivity to that. This one incident just highlighted how tough they are,” Garrett said. “The most important thing to know is that there was never any intention of holding anything back from the students.”

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Religion brought into the light

BY KYLE WEBB
Reporter

“See the darkness, hold onto the light” is the philosophy LCC instructor Clif Trolin implements in teaching Religions of The Middle East.

The class covers Judaism, Christianity and Islam “from the perspective of the religion rather than outsiders,” Trolin said, “which is a steep thing to ask.”

Trolin wants students to understand their own limitations. To explain, Trolin quoted Meister Eckhart, a medieval Dominican monk who said, “God save us from god.”

“He was saying we all have tendencies where we limit God into a box we formulate from our own traditions,” Trolin said, meaning that if everyone frames God within the limits of their own perceptions, it becomes harder to see common ground across the other religions and other concepts of God.

Political science major Krista Gray said the class “offers a broad understanding of the three religions.”

She said Trolin is very knowledgeable, “and I love his enthusiasm in class.”

Trolin's said his approach is to neither hide nor focus on the darker, controversial aspects in covering the religions, such as religiously motivated terrorists and other extremist groups.

“I'm not going to deny things about these religions, although they are very often presented by others falsely,” Trolin said. “It is important not only about presenting them factually but also showing their beauty. All these religions are children of Abraham.”

“They all contributed too many other (religions) and among themselves, they all share philosophical traditions of Aristotle,” he said.

The goal of the class is to teach students how to appreciate the basics of all three religions covered.

“This is a survey class — that means three religions in ten weeks,” Trolin said. “It is important for the students to understand what is Judaism, what is a certain religion.”

“LCC is a perfect place for an introductory class and very appropriate for the first two years of a student's education in college,” Trolin says.



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Religions of The Middle East instructor Clif Trolin gives a lecture to the class on Thursday, Jan. 19. The class is held Tuesday and Thursday in Building 13, Room 102.

“Clif is not a teacher, but a game show host,” said LCC student Barry Sommer, who plans to transfer to Northwest Christian University.

With a chuckle, he added, “He gets us to let loose and laugh, which gets us thinking, which leads to good questions being asked in class.”

Trolin has a background in religious studies from the Graduate Theological Union at University of California, Berkeley, “where prayer was considered to be an art form, although my art form was actually pantomime,” Trolin said.

“In my undergrad at Brandeis University I had a class where I experienced 10 different religion services, which pushed me to see I wanted to teach this stuff,” Trolin said.

The class meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. in Building 13, Room 102.

The Associated Students of Lane Community College is HIRING!!

OPEN POSITIONS:

CAMPUS EVENTS DIRECTOR and COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR TWO (2) STUDENT SENATE SEAT VACANCIES

Applications can be found in the ASLCC in Building 1, Room 206 & 210

Applications for **Staff Positions** are due on **Feb. 1 at 5:00pm** to the ASLCC Chief of Staff /or the President in the ASLCC Office.

Applications for **Senate Seats** are **OPEN** until filled.

If you have any questions, email the Chief of Staff at weatherheadm@gmail.com.

Interested students must be enrolled in 6 credit classes and have a cumulative GPA of 2.5. ASLCC Staff positions are required to work 15 hours a week, will receive a \$300 monthly stipend, and a 6-credit tuition waiver. Student Senators are required to work 10 hours per week and receive a \$200 monthly stipend.

CLUBS FAIR THIS FRIDAY!

ASLCC Council Of Clubs is having a CLUB FAIR on Friday, January 27 from 10am-3pm in the cafeteria. The Club Fair is an opportunity for you to see the fun things happening on your campus and learn how to get involved!!

ASLCC SENATE MEETINGS

Every Wednesday @ 3:30pm Building 3/ Boardroom

ASLCC COUNCIL OF CLUBS MEETINGS

Every Tuesday @ 2:30pm Building 1/R00m 206

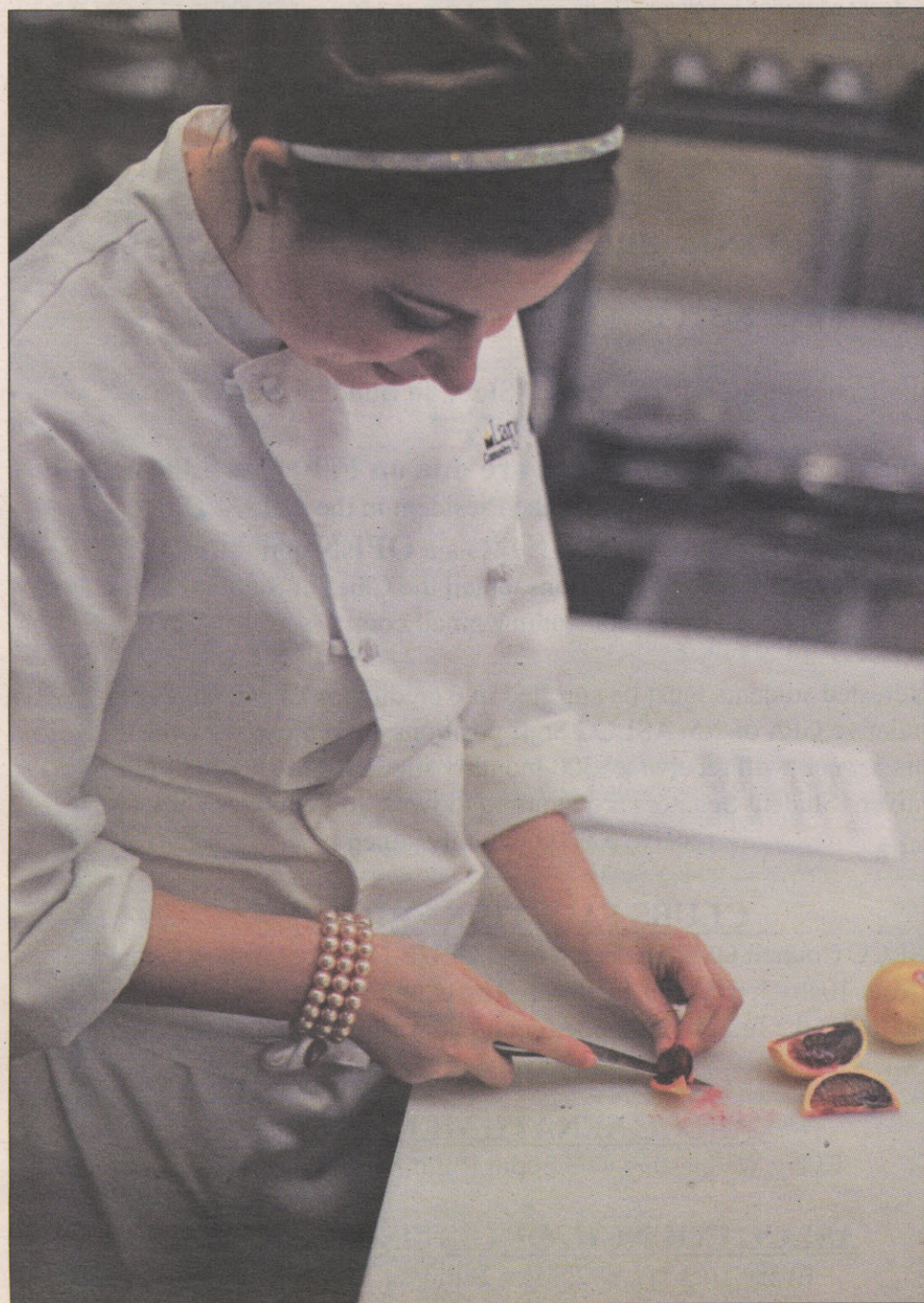


PHOTOS BY EUGENE JOHNSON FOR THE TORCH

Above: LCC student Shelby Rife bakes red velvet cupcakes with cream cheese frosting in her north Eugene home. Below: Rife cuts the skin off a blood orange for a compote during a baking class in the Center Building.

Cookin' up a future

Shelbie Rife fashions a business from her culinary education.



BY JON FUCCILLO

Features Editor

Sixteen months ago, LCC student Shelby Rife found a future in cupcakes.

As you enter her North Eugene home, you're instantly met with Michael Jackson blaring in the kitchen from her iPad.

Shelbie is in the kitchen, making red velvet cupcakes with cream cheese frosting. The smell lingers in the kitchen, where she is smiling and patiently awaiting her final product.

Shelbie, who has already received an associate's of arts degree in culinary arts, is back at LCC working on a degree in hospitality management. She says she has applied a lot from her learning at LCC into her small business, My Buttery Fingers.

"Her dad and I are in business (Rife's Home Furniture)," says Tammy Rife, Shelby's mother, "I think it's cool that she's trying to dabble (and) learning the pitfalls. She's learning as she goes."

Shelbie caters to customers who are holding events in Lane County — including bridal showers, weddings, baby showers and other customers, with a wide selection of delectable recipes.

What started as finding different recipes on the Internet soon blossomed into creating her own recipes from scratch — something she has mastered in the last year and a half.

"I just started on Internet recipes," Shelby says. "Then I started making my own recipes, using what I've learned from culinary school."

Some of those recipes include fan favorites: Cherry Coke, coconut almond and snickerdoodle cupcakes to name a few.

Shelbie has mastered more than 1,000 different types of cupcakes.

"I can make any cupcake that you can imagine," she says. "Business has been really good."

Shelbie bakes from home and hopes to someday open up her own shop when the time presents itself.

"I'd love to own my own shop," she says. "Maybe somewhere like Seattle or another big city."

Shelbie's grandfather, Donald L. Jones, says the sky is the limit for his granddaughter.

"I could see her having her own bakery," Jones says. "I think she would do quite well. She can cook anything."

"I've been really proud of her for sticking with it," he says. "Nowadays so many kids give up. But she stuck with it. It's exciting to see her do something she really loves. If you can find something you love, it's not work."

"My ultimate dream would be to have a lingerie and cupcake business. People would be able to take classes there. I have always admired (women like) Kat Von D from L.A. Ink and Marilyn Monroe," Shelby says.

Shelbie's own culinary tastes make her a unique cupcake chef.

"I don't even like cupcakes," she says with a smile. "I take one bite of my cupcake and check for moistness and texture, and then I set it down."

Shelbie bases all of her recipes on customer feedback. She says her father, Kevin, acts as her "designated taste tester."

Prices for her cupcakes vary, depending on the ingredients and the amount ordered. Her base price is \$15 per dozen.

"I do it all from scratch," Shelby says. "Some people think it's expensive and some people don't."

Baking cupcakes hasn't always been a walk in the park for Shelby. She said the amount of good times in the industry has overshadowed the amount of bad. But hard times are bound to happen.

"I've sat on the ground crying," Shelby says. "It hasn't always been easy. Cupcakes have collapsed."

"One weekend I had to do 500 cupcakes for all different things. It was intense. It always seems like I get all the orders all at once," she says.

Tammy enjoys watching her daughter excel and seeing Shelby "pleased with herself and enjoying what she's doing."

Shelbie started as a pastries chef at The Hilton Hotel, where she started creating her cupcakes and soon realized that there was a calling there.

"It got me excited about it," Shelby says of her experience at The Hilton Hotel.

This term Shelby is taking her first baking class. Many might assume that it would come natural, but she begs to differ.

"I'm nervous," she says. "I do things my own way. Now I have to work in groups and be somewhat civil."

