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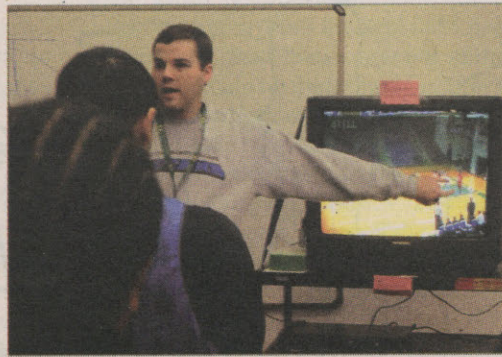
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The Titans' basketball teams emerged victorious from their Feb. 1 bouts with the Southwestern Oregon Community College Lakers. The women won 98-43 while the men won 92-89. The Titans are pictured here in training. Clockwise from left: guard Danielle Schmidt is defended by teammate Brandy Blackburn in a Jan. 31 scrimmage; the men's basketball team listens as assistant coach Jordan Altman reviews footage from a recent game; and Altman leads the men in a study of their opponents' strategy.

New student board to examine fees

BY CHELSEA VAN BAALEN
A&E Editor

Students will have the opportunity to join ASLCC as part of the Student Finance Board this term, Senate Vice President Jenny Lor said.

The SFB will be comprised of seven student positions, four of which will be filled by students who apply and are appointed to the positions.

The remaining members will be comprised of two members from the senate and ASLCC Treasurer Tracy Weimer, who will serve as the board's chair.

Lor said ASLCC is looking to fill these positions this term. The SFB will be charged with examining how the money received from the mandatory student fee — \$47.75 per student — and where that money is spent.

President Mario Parker-Milligan said that some organizations on campus receive a portion of the student fee, but "there's no (student) oversight on where that money goes."

Regardless of the amount of student representation, every organization receiving money will be held to the same standards.

"We're not going to exclude anyone," Parker-Milligan said. "Everyone's going to get the same request to present a budget."

He added that the board creates another set of checks and balances.

Lor said that she hopes the SFB will create more transparency.

Helen Garrett, executive dean of student affairs, said she is thrilled by the creation of the Student Finance Board.

"Being involved in student government is just as much a part of education as sitting in the classroom," Garrett said.

Aside from serving on student government, Garrett said the students would develop professional skills as well.

"They'll learn communication skills around budgeting, and how to set up systems," she said.

Lor said that in order to participate on the board, students must meet certain criteria required of all ASLCC members. This includes maintaining a 2.0 cumulative GPA and completing six credits per term.

She added that students will most likely be asked to submit a cover letter and résumé, and that the ideal candidate has an interest in finance.

All ineligible members remain

ASLCC

Senate votes to keep Parker-Milligan, Selix on board after contentious public hearing.

BY KINZLEY PHILLIPS
AND RYAN KOSTECKA
Editor-in-Chief; Senior Reporter

The five-week battle over ASLCC President Mario Parker-Milligan's academic eligibility concluded in a lengthy, tumultuous debate that dominated the Senate's Feb. 1 meeting.

After pressing for their resignations last week, the Senate voted 7-2-1 to retain Parker-Milligan and voted 8-1-1 to retain Vashti Selix, the ASLCC's gender and sexual diversity advocate.

"I was swayed by the students who came and spoke on behalf of Mario and Vashti," Senator Corrine Mooney said. "I learned things about each of them that I didn't know that changed my idea of them and how I should vote for them."

Parker-Milligan, Selix and Senator Danielle Brandon were all found in violation of the ASLCC constitution after last fall term for failing to either complete six credits or maintain a 2.0 GPA.

After two executive session meetings in consecutive weeks, they reached a decision on Jan. 18 and gave Brandon an informal injunction that allows her to retain her post but requires her to abide by certain stipulations.

These stipulations mandate that she maintain a 2.5 GPA, complete six credits, check in with executive members at midterms and finals, and if her grades drop below the required 2.5 at any point



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ASLCC President Mario Parker-Milligan listens as the Senate debates his fate.

in the term then she will not be allowed to travel.

Brandon agreed to these terms on Jan. 23 and remained a voting member of the Senate.

After the Jan. 18 meeting, the Senate also asked Parker-Milligan and Selix for resignations from their respective posts. On Jan. 23, both of them denied the request for resignation and asked to hold a public hearing in which students could come and speak to the Senate on their behalf.

"Everyone deserves a second chance, especially those who have done so much for our college like he has," teary-eyed speaker Chic Fernandez said on behalf of Parker-Milligan at yesterday's hearing. "Life happens. School happens. He deserves a second chance."

Among those speaking on behalf of Parker-Milligan were Black Student

Union representative Eric Richardson, former Senator Matthew Smith and former ASLCC Vice President Wesley Smith. Each of the speakers reinforced Parker-Milligan's leadership skills and potential.

Many speakers, Parker-Milligan included, said it was unfair for the Senate to push for the resignations of Parker-Milligan and Selix after allowing Brandon to retain her post.

"You give one a chance, give him a chance, but hold him accountable. You guys have more power than him to hold him accountable," Smith said.

Parker-Milligan summed up his statement to the Senate when he said, "I haven't given up on you, and my wish is that you don't give up on me. I do all of this work because I think this is the right

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ASLCC violates own constitution

The ASLCC debased its own constitution in choosing to retain three members who violated the eligibility requirements.

According to Article 5.1 of the constitution, "All students elected or appointed serving in ASLCC governance or committees, shall be required to enroll in and complete each term at least six credit hours and maintain a 2.0 term GPA."

President Mario Parker-Milligan and Senator Danielle Brandon failed to meet the credit requirement, while Gender and Sexual Diversity Advocate Vashti Selix failed to meet the GPA requirement.

The ASLCC gave Brandon a pass while asking Parker-Milligan and Selix to resign.

Parker-Milligan and Selix refused to resign and requested a public hearing

in which testimonies could be made on their behalf.

Brandon was only allowed to continue after she accepted the stipulations given to her by the ASLCC. Senators said she was allowed to stay because she violated only the bylaws and not the constitution. However, she took a no-pass — which counts for no credit according to LCC — putting her under the six-credit requirement and in violation of both the constitution and the bylaws.

At the Feb. 1 meeting, the Senate voted to "waive the bylaws and uphold the constitution" and allow each of the three members to proceed in their positions under stipulations set by the Senate. However, each of these instances is a direct violation of the constitution and not singularly the bylaws. Though the Senate can waive the

bylaws, the Senate does not have the right to simply waive the constitution. Just like the federal government, they cannot do so without an amendment.

According to the constitution, amendments require a two-thirds vote by LCC students in an election.

This means students were denied due process: the right to vote in an election on whether this contradiction to the constitution reflects the interests and opinions of the student body.

Seven weeks after grades went out and students became aware of their ineligibility the Senate finally made its decision. But during this time, Parker-Milligan traveled to Baltimore for a conference using ASLCC funds — a perk from which he would be restricted in the future, according to the Feb. 1 ruling. While he is still allowed to travel for state events, he is

no longer allowed to travel to national events on the students' buck.

Had this process been carried out more efficiently and entirely in the public eye — something Senator Corrine Mooney suggested should have happened from the start — he would have never been allowed to travel to Baltimore using student fee money.

The Torch still respects how seriously the Senate took these decisions, but criticizes the neglect of the constitution, and the efficiency of the process by which these decisions were reached.

We ask that ASLCC amend the constitution to reflect these changes and the decisions they reached, which are currently unconstitutional. The ASLCC, as a governing body, should not consider the validity of its constitution on a case-by-case basis.

A LITTLE SPEED BUMP → FOR SAFETY



Patients with chronic illness need insurance

I'm a 25-year-old first-year journalism student at LCC. But I'm also a Crohn's disease patient who receives crucial infusions of a drug that prevents inflammation every six to seven weeks at the Oregon Clinic in Portland.

Crohn's disease is expensive and time-consuming, both mentally and physically. Without health insurance, these infusions would cost anywhere from \$8,000 to \$10,000 a visit. Thank God I have health insurance through my parents' plan, but that plan will run out in mid-September when I turn 26.

My parents pay around \$3,600 a year to insure me — a far cry from the \$70,000 to \$85,000 annual price tag for my treatments. I am very fortunate and blessed to have a good plan through my parents for now.

My friend Danny, on the other hand, suffers from Crohn's disease without

insurance. Unable to afford the infusions and other treatments that would keep his symptoms at bay, Danny battles through constant pain and flare-ups that range from fatigue and joint pain to rectal bleeding and severe diarrhea.

According to the U.S. Census, nearly 50 million Americans were without health insurance in 2010. That means that approximately one in seven Americans are without health insurance. One in three Americans aren't as lucky as I am to be covered by private health insurance.

Nearly one in four Americans between the ages of 18 and 34 — the age range of many LCC students — lack

DR. HAT



BY JON FUCCILLO
Features Editor

health insurance. Many of the uninsured who suffer from chronic illnesses (like Crohn's, asthma, arthritis and diabetes) put off preventative treatments and eventually end up needing more expensive emergency care.

People with chronic diseases are suffering. They shouldn't have to worry about how they'll pay for their treatments. People with chronic illnesses should receive free treatment for a disease they didn't ask for in the first place.

Since starting my IV infusions I have been at ease with my disease. It's

helped me maintain a balance. I've started taking classes again, and I've found freelance work. I can finally keep food down. I'm fearless when it comes to the possibility of flare-ups. I wish my friend Danny could have the same peace of mind.

In just eight months, I'll be too old to get insurance through my parents, and I'll be right there with Danny and the other 50 million uninsured Americans. Remember how my treatments cost \$70,000 a year? A pill form of this drug could make the treatment much more affordable, but that's years away from reality.

I have hope that one day I will find a career with good health insurance, but for now I am depending on the Oregon Clinic to provide me with free treatment when my insurance runs out.

It's a lot to ask, but like millions of other Americans, it's my only option.

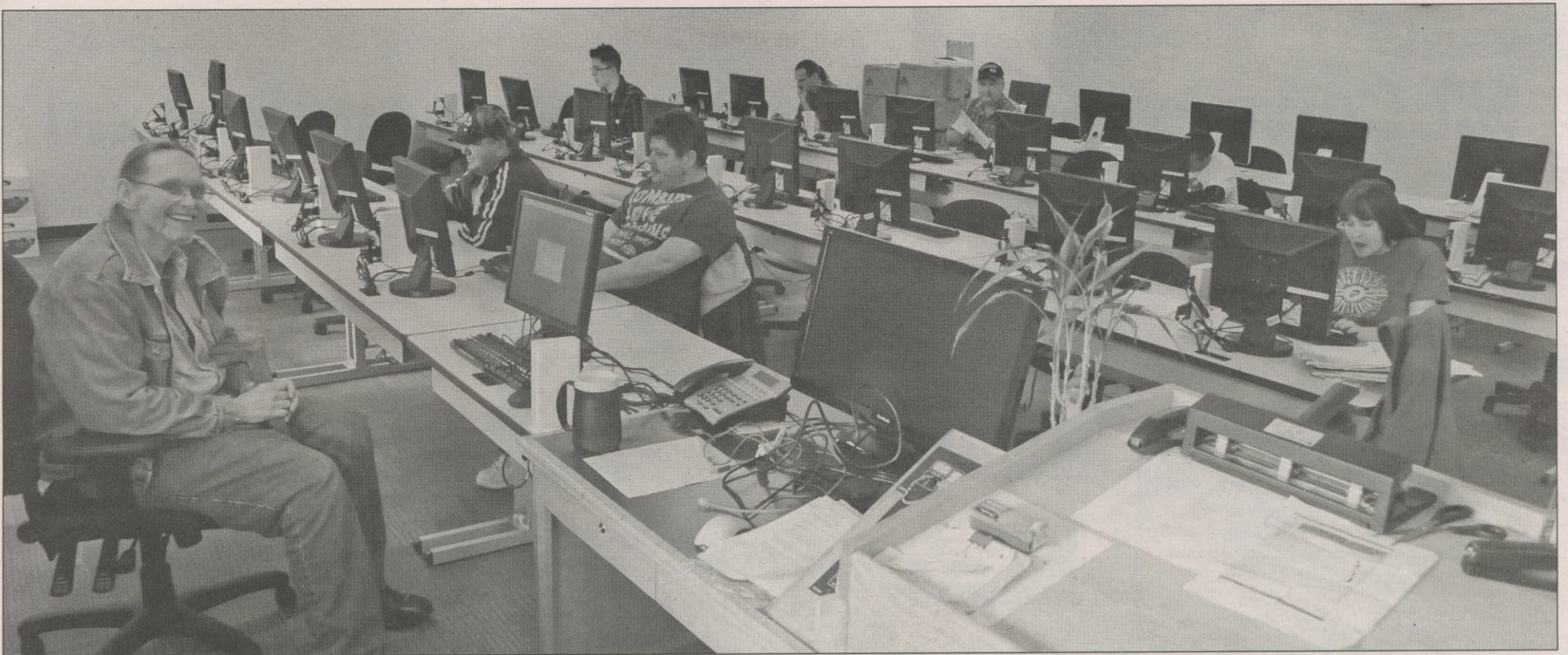


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David Peaslee (left) is available to assist any student using the new computer lab, which is located in Building 2, Room 216. The library also offers computers for student use.

Computer lab brings new technology to LCC

BY EUGENE JOHNSON
Photo Editor

No computer? No problem.

In Building 2, Room 216, a new faculty-staffed computer lab has opened its doors to students, and the LCC Library has desktop and laptop computers reserved for student use. The lab is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are 22 mini-desktop PCs and five large iMacs. All a student needs to use this lab is his L-number and password.

Attending college nowadays almost mandates computer access.

With the increasing cost of tuition, books and other supplies, many students do not have enough money to buy their own — a need, technology department coordinator Barbara Barlow said, that is met by the lab and the library.

"I like knowing that my work has helped in the direct success of students over the last 12 years," she said. Barlow has played an integral part in keeping a lab available to students.

The lab PCs have the latest version of Microsoft Office installed, and the Macs have the full Adobe Creative Suite 5.5. Students enrolled in graph-

ic design, video production or photography courses will benefit from this, Barlow said.

There are 54 PCs and 10 Macs available for use in the library, which also offers circulation, reference and technical services — along with a qualified staff to help students. Laptops are available to be checked out by students for use in the library.

There are 28 laptops, two laptops equipped with software for people with disabilities and 30 netbooks. The library is open from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday.

There are a number of Ethernet ports available upstairs for students that require an uninterrupted connection to the Internet.

"It is exciting to see more access for students," Interim Library Director Marika Paneda said. Paneda said an online survey in December showed a lot of positive feedback from students about the services available at the library.

David Peaslee, co-coordinator of the new lab, is pleased to see the technology in use.

"It is fast and reliable," Peaslee said. "The only drawback comes from my

background in hardware troubleshooting for students."

Because the server is located elsewhere, Peaslee helps students navigate the plethora of programs installed on each computer.

LCC Network Administrator Dale Duvall has seen a lot of change during the last 15 years he has worked here.

"Computers are becoming a more ubiquitous part of life and recently there has been an explosion in mobile devices," Duvall said. "We are always trying to stay on the sharp edge of technology."

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Domestic Assault

On Jan. 3, Public Safety assisted Oregon State Police when a male was involved in an alleged domestic assault involving a female victim. OSP collected statements and the two individuals were separated. The information was forwarded to the Lane County District Attorney and the investigation is now closed. The perpetrator was originally charged with assault, which was later reduced to physical harassment, a Class C misdemeanor.

Outstanding Warrant

On Jan. 10, between 10 and 10:30 a.m., Public Safety assisted Oregon State Police with an arrest concerning an outstanding warrant for failure to register as a sex offender. The individual was taken into custody and booked at the Lane County Jail.

Theft

On Jan. 13, between noon and 12:10 p.m., a cell phone was reported stolen from the women's locker room. The victim could not confirm that she locked her locker, and the case is under investigation.

Harassment

On Jan. 19 at 9:30 a.m., a person reported a telephonic harassment incident. Public safety identified the perpetrator and the case is under investigation.

Disorderly Conduct

On Jan. 19 at 9:55 a.m., two students engaged in a shouting match in Building 5. The case is still under investigation.

Theft

On Jan. 24 at 9 p.m., a student found she was missing money out of her wallet that was in her purse and said that someone took it out of her wallet.

Harassment

On Jan. 24, between 9 and 10 p.m., a student claimed her stolen bag was seen carried by another student and demanded to see if it was hers. Public Safety responded and discerned that it wasn't the student's bag.

Outstanding warrant

On Jan. 25 at 2:30 p.m., Public Safety made an arrest on an outstanding warrant.

Purse-Snatching

On Jan. 27 between 12 and 12:05 p.m. in Lot B, a failed attempt at a purse-snatching took place. The third-degree robbery charges are pending and the investigation is ongoing.

The Torch offers Public Safety briefs as a community service. If you have any tips, call Public Safety at (541) 463-5558. For emergency assistance, call Public Safety at (541) 463-5555 or dial 911.

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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MEET THE BOARD

McCown aims to improve communication

Former ASLCC President Tony McCown represents North Eugene on the LCC Board of Education.

BY LEAH AVERETT
Senior Reporter

LCC instructor Stephen Candee said it has been gratifying to see boardmember Tony McCown's dedication to the LCC community. McCown represents District 2 — North Eugene — on the LCC Board of Education.

"He is very balanced — not a strong ideologue — he's pragmatic. He can see things from various viewpoints," Candee said of McCown.

Dismayed by the damaging communication style that many leaders use, especially when faced with a crisis, McCown said he was spurred to run for office to champion for a better path.

"The vitriolic nature of how people communicate gets in the way of progress," he said.

Central to McCown's progressive efforts and plans is a commitment to demonstrate that he can work with individuals that have different views than his own.

"Everyone is an ally ... I focus on common vision instead of our gaps in values," he said.

During the election, McCown didn't need Facebook to create a winning strategy. He walked. He talked. He organized groups of people. Together, they knocked on countless neighborhood doors to convince Lane County citizens of McCown's genuine commitment to serve as a leader that focuses on collaboration instead of conflict. He spent \$100 on flyers to spread his message, and his "opponents" spent \$12,000.

The people responded to McCown's enthusiasm and ideas, and he was elected to his first term on the LCC Board of Education in July of 2007, at only 24 years of age.

Re-elected in 2011, McCown remains the youngest of all the LCC board members by several decades. He initially ran because he felt it essential to give a voice to his specific demographic.

"We were unrepresented. I was young — a student, a father — and I wanted to make changes," McCown said. He served as the student body president at LCC in 2004-2005



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Board of Education member Tony McCown with his two children Kesey (left) and Kyron (right.) McCown was a former ASLCC President.

before transferring to UO to get his degree in planning, public policy and management.

McCown has been instrumental in the LCC downtown project. He cited it as an example of the way municipalities have created collaborative partnerships while resources have declined in the current economic climate. He acknowledged that more discussions are on the horizon as decisions are made about the old downtown campus, and that he will not consider the new campus a success unless acceptable plans are agreed upon for the old space.

"It is not a success if we simply tear it down and trade one hole for another," he said.

One of McCown's many ideas is to make LCC a "zero-waste" campus. He also envisions a network consisting of partnerships between local farmers, LCC's Learning Garden and the OUS Lane Extension Service to grow more local, organic food.

His former wife, Theya, talked about McCown's "heart for LCC," community colleges in general, and how committed he is to keeping colleges accessible and affordable to everyone. She said that LCC gave him the motivation to follow his passion of building local community and the confidence and skills to promote his many ideas.

McCown states that his two children motivate him to make his world better. Although divorced, he shares custody of his 6-year-old son, Kyron, and 4-year-old daughter, Kesey.

"Although the marriage didn't work, I couldn't have found a better person to have had children with. He's an excellent father," Theya said.

When not busy with his children's activities of ballet, football, and basketball or his community outreach, McCown has fun cooking and loves to use fresh ingredients.

Smiling widely, he said, "I have this secret idea that if I just dropped everything I could be a chef somewhere."

Freelancing as a campaign organizer, and working as a contracted insurance salesman takes up many nights and weekends. Serving on the LCC board is strictly an unpaid position, but he laughingly said, "I get a sandwich sometimes."

(This is the first of an ongoing series intended to introduce students to their Board of Education representatives, who play an important role in making decisions regarding tuition, college policies and the future of LCC.)

SPEAKERS IN ISLAM

Lecture focuses on link between government, religion

BY KYLE WEBB
Reporter

Dr. Mark Juergensmeyer's Jan. 27 lecture, entitled "Global Religion and the Arab Spring," focused on the relationship between religion and government.

The lecture was the latest in the "Speakers in Islam" series and brought Juergensmeyer from University of California, Santa Barbara where he teaches sociology and global studies.

Juergensmeyer discussed his personal experiences with the volatile link between religion and government.

He presented photos of himself with Egyptian protesters combating the regime of President Hosni Mubarak, during which demonstrators staged a flash mob protest.

"This was the first revolution through social media, like Facebook and Twitter — sort of a flash mob of protesters," Juergensmeyer said.

The lecture also covered the feelings many Americans have regarding terrorism.

"This feeling of being under siege due to attacks like Sept. 11 is a tough

thing to deal with — not only individually, but also on a political and global scale," Juergensmeyer said.

"The policies we adopted to stop terrorism have caused more anti-American hate and terrorism," Juergensmeyer said.

While Juergensmeyer covered many different groups and factions of people and their religions, he did not emphasize any one more than another.

Allie Church, an LCC student, said she attended the lecture because it was extra credit for a class "but I'm glad I came, he was interesting and well received."

"He's better than in the book," Peace Health volunteer David Beurman said, referencing his textbook, "Terror in the Mind of God," which Juergensmeyer wrote and is used in a class at the University of Oregon.

Along with giving lectures, Juergensmeyer is working on another book that he said might be finished next year.

The next "Speakers in Islam" lecture is set for today, with Spelman College religious studies professor Jamillah Karim discussing the Nation of Islam in America and Muslim feminism.

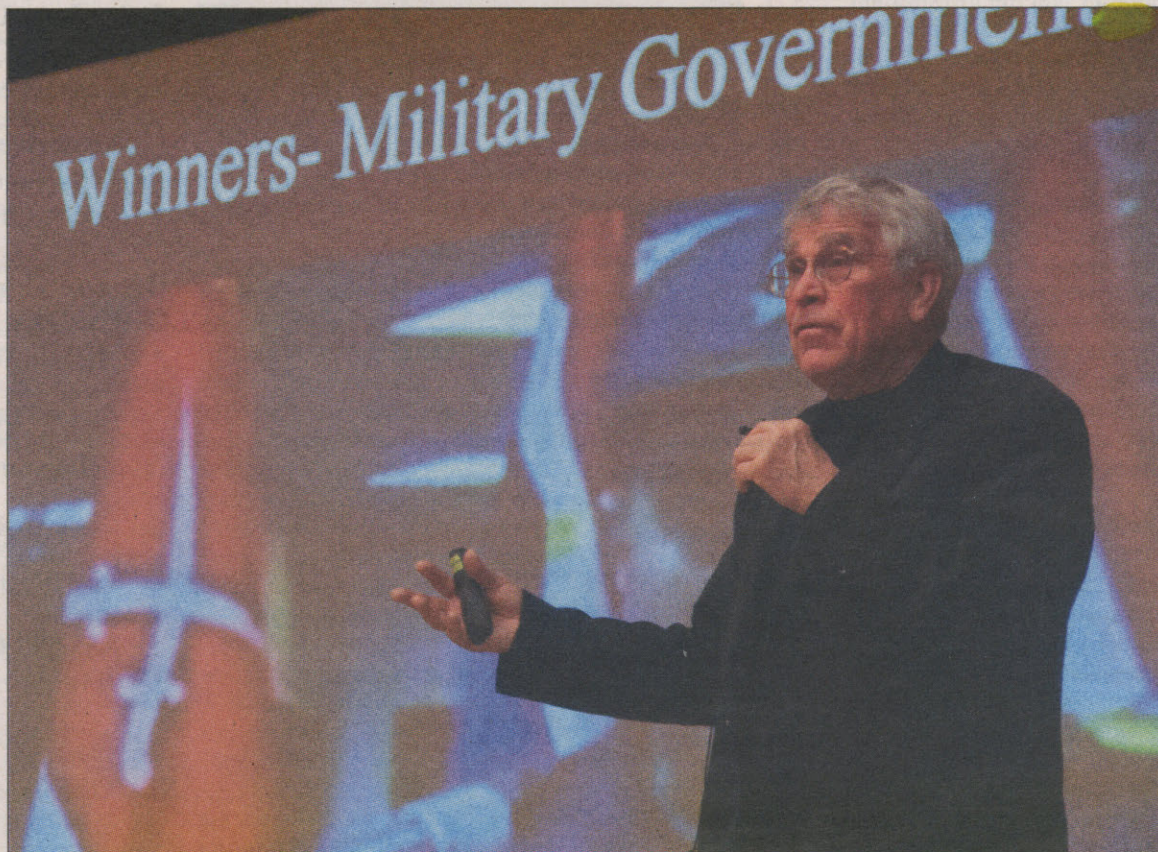


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Dr. Mark Juergensmeyer gave a lecture on Jan. 27 entitled "Global Religion and the Arab Spring" and discussed some of his experiences with the relationship between religion and government.



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Sportscaster dials in career

BY JON FUCCILLO
Features Editor

Michael Konowitz had two strokes between the ages of 1 and 3.

"I very vaguely remember the second one happening. That honestly might be my earliest memory," Konowitz says of his second stroke, "It's about taking what you got and making it a gift. Making it something that you're proud of and enhances your life."

Today, the 25-year-old UO journalism graduate is making a name for himself behind the microphone at Lane Community College basketball games, where he's served as a play-by-play announcer for the last three years.

Titans fans can listen to his broadcast at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/lcc-basketball> or by logging on to <http://www.lanetitans.net> and clicking on the Titan Radio/TV link.

Konowitz grew up in the North Bay and attended Sir Francis Drake High School in San Anselmo, Calif. Here he first became fascinated with sports, especially the concept of sports broadcasting and being the voice behind the microphone.

"It was a natural progression to do sports broadcasting," he says. "I loved it just as much as I thought I would."

It hasn't been an easy journey for Konowitz, who says he doesn't take a single day for granted and understands that he has a long ways to go.

"I had to re-learn to walk after my first stroke and second stroke," he says. "I had surgery in fifth grade to correct my left leg growing in the wrong direction. I've learned to walk basically three to four times. I still do a lot of stretching and exercising; it's a continual process."

Konowitz adds, "Growing up, I was a normal kid who wanted to play and play video games. I kind of didn't always take my physical therapy as seriously as I should have. It's all a part of the big words: the balance in life!"

Konowitz has everything going for him these days. He has a sense of calm and direction. He's shown that he isn't afraid of failure and knows that, with hard work, he will achieve any goal that lies in front of him.

"I've worked pretty hard for it," he says. "I've also had a lot of people help give me these opportunities and help bring me along and show me the ropes — even toss me around when I kind of needed it."

Konowitz compares his future job to being an actor seeking his first Oscar: It's a very competitive business that many want, but few can have.

"The dream in my profession is

obviously working for ESPN and the networks," he says. "It could happen someday. You can't just be focused on a destination; it really is about the journey."

For now, Konowitz enjoys the perks of covering Lane basketball and the coaches do too.

"It's been amazing," he says. "Because you're never sure if you're going to like something when you do it. And the only way you'll find out is to throw yourself into that fire. It's the dream job."

LCC Athletic Director Greg Sheley says, "Michael added another way for us to reach out to our friends and family who follow Titan basketball programs. He is very knowledgeable and gives good insight for our fans."

Sheley, who coaches the women's basketball team, knows the job can be hard sometimes but he feels confident in Konowitz's progression.

"His knowledge of the players, teams and coaches is great. That takes time and research, which he is willing to do," Sheley says.

Men's head coach Bruce Chavka says he loves what Konowitz brings to the table.

"He is a professional. He puts in a lot of time into preparing for the individual games," Chavka says. "This season he is traveling to all the road conference games and he took a three-day trip with us to our cross-over tournament."

It wasn't until Konowitz's fifth year at UO that he decided to contact Lane Director of Student Recreation and Athletics Brett Ellison for a potential job covering basketball games.

"I was the campus TV sports producer at the time. It was called Duck U TV and Duck U Sports," Konowitz said.

Ellison fell in love with the idea, and Konowitz was on board.

"I jumped right on it," Konowitz says. "I went to Brett Ellison and the LCC athletic department and said, 'Hey, I want to broadcast your games.' I started doing the games online; that's kind of how it got started."

"I love Michael," Ellison says. "What Michael has done kind of brought us up to par. It's time. It's effort. It's my goal to retain him and have him do baseball. It would honestly be great to make him the voice of the Titans."

Konowitz says Eugene has been an ideal place to live, though he misses the California sunshine.

"It's been a great time out here," he says. "It's been a little cold for my California blood ... fantastic college town."

Michael Konowitz (in blue) broadcasts coverage of men's and women's basketball games.

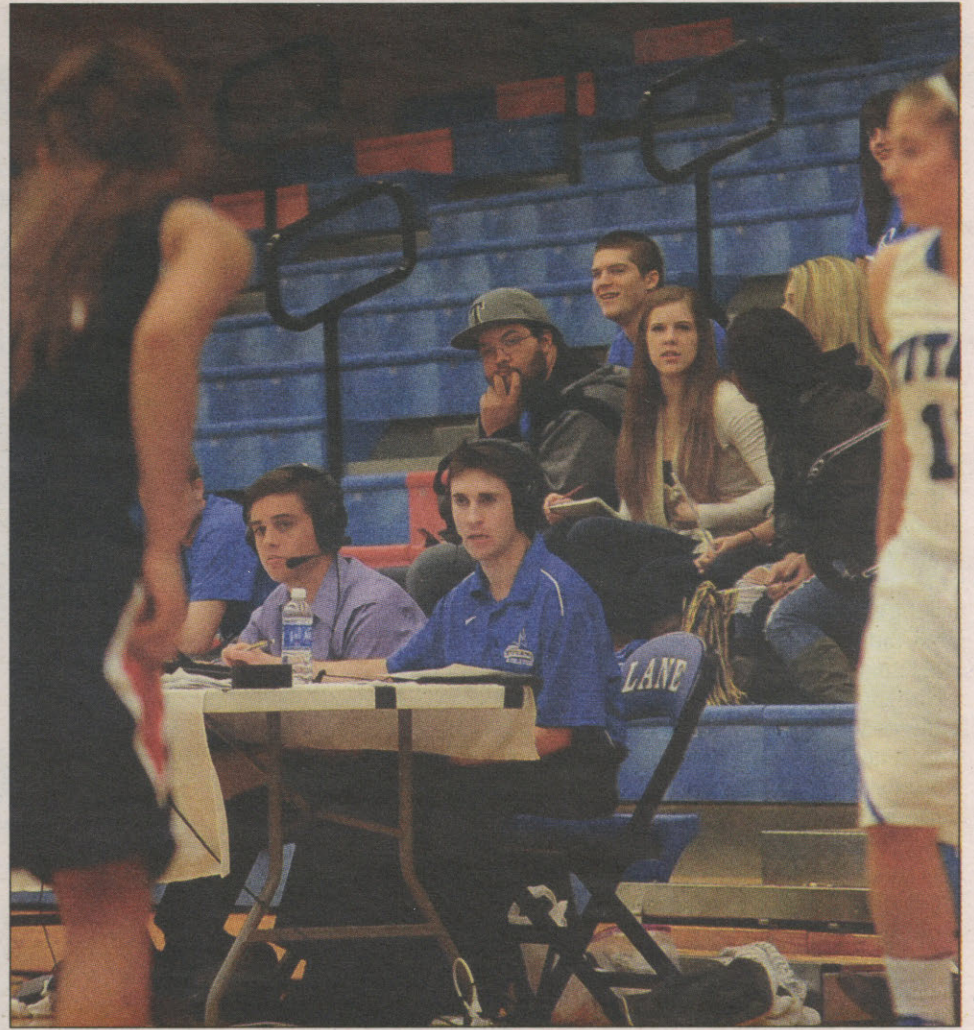


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"It would honestly be great to make him (Michael Konowitz) the voice of the Titans."

Brett Ellison

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OUTSIDE THE BOX



BY CHELSEA VAN BAALEN
A&E Editor

When it's not so entertaining

Over the past 13 weeks, I've talked about finding entertainment, whether it's on campus, in the community or in your own home. This week I'm talking about finding it on your own time, rather than your invaluable class time.

With the digital age came a huge influx of new tech toys to play with, from iPhones, iPads and laptops. And while these are all entertaining, fun devices, when you belong in class, these devices belong in your bag.

As an off-campus student, I have bills to pay, rent checks to write and groceries to buy. Yet a chunk of my money goes toward tuition — make that a hefty, giant chunk.

And yours does too.

Which is why I am dismayed at the amount of times I see students checking their Facebook profiles, emails or Farmville empires while an instructor delivers a lecture.

I understand that not every lecture is the most fascinating and taking notes may be daunting, but each student commits to taking their classes the moment they sign up.

On the other hand, each instructor takes the time out of his or her busy life to spend up to three hours trying to give students the educations they pay for. Take a moment and imagine your life outside of class: picture your friends, family and the movie you're dying to see this Friday. Guess what? Your instructor has a life too! If he or she can take time to focus on giving a lecture, you can take time to focus on listening to it.

Do you ever get mad when you're talking to your friend over coffee only to look down and see that person texting? Imagine if you were telling a story to 150 people and 30 percent of your audience was doing the same thing.

When instructors give you permission to bring a laptop to class, they aren't giving you permission to Tweet about your breakfast, read on your Kindle or watch YouTube videos posted by your friends. They're giving you access to take notes and enhance your learning.

Don't get me wrong; I love my laptop, cell phone and Kindle as much as the next person. However, I also understand that the classmate behind me doesn't want to watch as I scroll through photos, Twitter feeds or Gawker's news content.

While New Year's is now a month behind us, it doesn't mean that all resolutions must be finalized. You can make new ones all year long. Think about the way you utilize class time. Starting tomorrow, silence the cell phone, leave the laptop at home and save the Kindle reading for bedtime. You'll be amazed at the difference.

I must warn that there are potential side effects when it comes to classroom technology withdrawal. Within a week you may find yourself engaging in random behavior: participating in class, taking better notes, doing your homework because you actually understand it and actually getting to know your instructor. Stay calm; it's part of the process.

And the best part? Your Facebook, Twitter and texts will all still be there once class is dismissed.

THEATER REVIEW

'Love': a fiery show to see



Skeeter (Joseph Tanner Paul) and Winona (Megan Simon) sort out their differences during an *Exploding Love* scene.

With great dialogue and memorable moments, *Exploding Love* shines a new light on the idea of commitment.

BY CHELSEA VAN BAALEN
A&E Editor

When Skeeter uttered the line "I'm not your average psycho," it became clear to me that the Student Production Association's production of *Exploding Love* was not going to be your average play.

A one-act play by Joseph Coyne, the show centers on Skeeter's attempt (Joseph Tanner Paul) to stop his ex-wife's nuptials by strapping a bomb to his chest and threatening to blow up city hall. In the process, he manages to take hostages, explain the meaning of marriage and show that people will, in fact, do absolutely crazy things for love.

EXPLODING LOVE

When: 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. Free showing on Feb. 2 with donation of two cans of food.

Make that a men's bathroom, where the play is set. Simplistic, the bathroom adds a touch of humanity to the shenanigans on stage. The audience surrounds three sides of the stage, proving problematic at some key points of the play.

While the actors make do, I found myself wishing I could switch seats to catch various scenes from a better angle. However, this adds to the near-sitcom feel of the play, and by the time it was over, I almost forgot I was in a theater.

Aside from the set, it's the dialogue that really sets the play on fire. Dawson Shadd and Samantha Rose White are impeccable in delivering some of the funniest lines of the play as Rory and Fran, an almost-to-the-aisle couple.



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Skeeter (Paul) and an officer (Polly Bond) begin negotiations.

White nails Fran as a bridezilla, desperate to wed, while Shadd brings to life a character that has to be dragged to the final "I might."

To top it off, Sean Dugan as Zeke, a so-called "dog angel," completes the scene. Dugan is so convincing, you'll almost believe his character's hippie, dog-loving philosophies are his own. Not to give anything away, but a particular rendition of "Who Let the Dogs Out?" will have you nearly out of your seat laughing.

The show itself is short, making it a perfect way to spend an hour during a cold, rainy month. The energy is inescapable and never-ending, a rocky roller coaster to the very end. And just when you think you have the play figured out — who will end up with whom, who might get blown to smithereens or locked away in hand cuffs — everything changes. The end product was ten times better than I ever imagined it could be.

Yet, at the heart of the bombastic hilarity is the common theme of love. If it's one thing we can learn from the couples struggling to get to the altar, trying to find a way back to each other or seemingly thrown together, it's that romance never follows a painted Harlequin guide. In fact, don't be surprised if it comes with a stick of dynamite or two.

Faculty to show off its pipes

BY CHELSEA VAN BAALEN
A&E Editor

Three vocal instructors will perform for the community, and their students, in the Ragozzino Performance Hall on Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

The show will feature vocal instructors Gene Chin, Alison Slade and Siri Vik, with several instrumental accompanists.

"We have three fabulous singers together," said instructor Barbara Myrick, who will accompany some of the pieces on piano during the concert.

Myrick said that having students in the audience could add to their learning experience as they can see their instructors "using their voice in a dynamic way."

Slade said she enjoys performing and still gets nervous prior to a concert, something that relates to students.

"It puts us on the same level on some aspects," Slade said. "It's nice to be able to deliver a performance to the students you're trying to inspire in class everyday."

Vik said that the show is called "Aspects of Love," a title that comes from a song in the show as well as its proximity to Valentine's Day.

"We decided to center it around love, which is easy to do," she said. The concert will incorporate selections from a variety of musical styles, including opera, showtunes and songs by The Beatles.

"It keeps the program open and accessible to anybody," Vik said.

Slade said, "It's very diverse, which makes it fun for the audience and fun for us."

Admission is \$8 for students, staff and seniors, and \$10 for the public. Proceeds will benefit scholarships for the music department.

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Titans' freshman guard Seqoyia Tillman looks to score against double-team defensive pressure by the Panthers on Jan. 28 at Portland Community College.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Titans score 101 against Panthers

BY JON FUCCILLO
Features Editor

Freshman guard Danielle Schmidt proved she isn't your ordinary reserve player for Titans' head coach Greg Sheley.

Schmidt scored 18 of her game-high 20 points in the second half, to help the Titans win their third straight Southern Region game 101-47 over the struggling Portland Panthers on Jan. 28. It was the most points the Titans have scored so far this season.

"It was a lot of fun to watch Danielle play with confidence," Sheley said. "She has a good skill set and did a lot of very nice things in the second half."

Schmidt recorded her first double-double of the season, scoring 20 points on 8-of-15 shooting from the field, while pulling down 10 rebounds and dishing out seven assists.

Freshman guard Joleen Chanco also recorded her first double-double for the Titans, with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

"I had no idea," Chanco said of her first double-double. "I felt it tonight, and I was just really relaxed. I wanted to help my teammates and keep attacking the basket."

Three other Titans finished the contest in dou-

ble figures. Sophomore guard Reed Levings finished with 14 points on 5-of-7 shooting from the field, in 26 minutes of action.

Freshman point guard Kersey Wilcox struggled from the field (2-of-12) but finished with 14 points. Freshman guard Madison Moore chipped in with 10 points.

"I knew I had to focus on the basics," Levings said. "Get my feet set, and just let it fly."

Leading 51-32 after a sloppy first half, the Titans pulled away with a 35-4 run midway through the second half and outscored the Panthers 50-15 in the second half.

"Wow, I know we pulled away, but that is impressive," Sheley said of the second half. "In the second half we settled into a zone and limited them to one shot for a good amount of time, which helped put the game away."

Eleven Titan players scored points in the winning effort, something Sheley was very proud of after the game.

"Our bench has been solid, especially as of late," Sheley said. "It is always nice to get a big victory and allow everyone to get some quality playing time. We substituted freely throughout the game."

"It's really exciting to get opportunities for the girls who are there practicing everyday and

working their butts off. Our bench really got the energy going for us all and it carried over the whole game," Schmidt said.

After struggling from the field (30.6 percent) in the first half, the Titans came out of the locker room with a chip on their shoulder. They finished the second half shooting 57.6 percent (19-of-33) from the field.

The Titans dominated many of the statistics, including offensive rebounds (25-15), total rebounds (68-35) and points off the bench (51-16). The Panthers only shot 20.5 percent from the field (15-of-73) and 5.6 percent from behind the 3-point line (1-of-18).

"I was pleased that we rebounded so well," Sheley said. "It was a goal of ours to dominate the boards tonight. I would have liked to have made a few more shots, which would have led to a few less rebounds."

Freshman guard Kiara Berry led the way for the Panthers with 9 points and eight rebounds.

The Titans next home game is Feb. 4, when they host the Mt. Hood Saints (7-11, 3-4 Southern Region) at 4 p.m. at Titan Court.

"Everybody is nervous, but we know how good of a team we can be and have to live up to that potential," Levings said of the mentality heading into the second half of conference action.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Titans put Panthers on endangered species list

BY RYAN KOSTECKA
Senior Reporter

According to Lane head coach Bruce Chavka, the men's basketball team would have to get contributions from everyone in order to win on Jan. 28 in Portland.

"With Tyler (Coleman) out sick with strep throat, we were going to need our entire team to step up tonight," Chavka said.

All 12 Titans scored and played significant minutes as Lane throttled Portland Community College in a 71-36 victory that more than made up for the absence of the Titans' leading scorer.

The Titans led from start to finish and used the asset of a deep bench effectively as they outscored Portland 49-0 on points off the bench.

The Titans used a suffocating defensive strategy the entire game that forced the Panthers into 23 turnovers. In return, Lane scored 22 of its 71 points off turnovers.

Lane limited Portland to 31 percent shooting while only allowing three Panther players to score in the entire game.

Taylor Pettiford led the Panthers with a game-high 29 points but only got seven other points from two of

his teammates.

The game started out slow with the Titans holding a 12-8 lead at the 10-minute mark in the first half.

"I wasn't pleased that we started playing the game to their (Portland) level," Chavka said. "We were able to rectify that, get it situated and roll from there to the win."

Lane would then use a 12-3 run over the next six minutes to take control of the game at 24-11, a lead they did not relinquish.

A three-point play by freshman Richard Seamster capped a 6-0 run and put the Titans up 30-13 going into the half.

Lane came out hot to start the second half using a 16-3 run to put the game out of reach with 12 minutes left.

Sophomore Darrell Breazell keyed the Titans' run as he scored four points, grabbed three rebounds, dished out three assists and came away with two steals during that time period.

With Lane up 58-30 and five minutes left in the game, freshman Gonzalo Duran scored six points and grabbed three rebounds to lead the Titans on a 12-0 run over the next three minutes.

Freshman Derek Cornell scored



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Freshman forward Archie Garrett drives baseline towards the hoop in NWAACC Southern Region matchup at Portland Community College on Jan. 28.

two of his team-high 12 points with one minute left, which put the Titans up 71-36 for the final score.

"We came in really well-prepared," Seamster said. "The team played really well together; it was nice to see."

For the game, Lane shot 48 percent from the field and out-rebounded the bigger Panther team

30-20.

The Titans return home for a Southern Region game against first-place Mt. Hood at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4.

"It's a team game and we got a lot of team players, and they all stepped up," Coleman said. "Now we just got to get ready for the second round of region play."

THE FOX TROT



BY ALAN K. FOX
Sports Editor

Aldridge rises up

When the Portland Trail Blazers selected Tyrus Thomas with the fourth overall pick in the 2006 NBA draft, fans in the Rose City began to grumble with the thoughts of draft mismanagement once again, for their beloved team.

Moments later, those thoughts were washed away when former Trail Blazers General Manager Kevin Pritchard traded the rights to Thomas and Viktor Khryapa for the second overall pick in the draft, LaMarcus Aldridge.

Aldridge possessed something the Trail Blazers had been missing: a big man who could shoot from range and had more than a single year experience on the college hardwood.

His rookie year was far from stellar. Towards the end of the season, the forward was diagnosed with a heart ailment and he missed the remainder of the season. He averaged a career-low 9 points and five rebounds per game. Even with lackluster numbers, he was named to the NBA All-Rookie First Team.

Nearly every season since, Aldridge has improved his numbers in all categories at a steady pace. In no season was this more apparent than his second season, when he finished third in the voting for the NBA's Most Improved Player award.

After the 2008-09 season, Portland awarded a \$65 million contract to the emerging forward out of the University of Texas, showing that they were fully committed to having Aldridge become a star on the squad.

After a solid 2009-10 season, Aldridge began to blossom as an elite NBA star when Portland's three-time all-star, Brandon Roy, went down with what turned out to be a career-ending knee injury.

He finished the season with career highs of 21.8 points, 8.8 rebounds and 1.2 blocks per game.

After the long NBA lockout this season, and a short return to the hospital for his heart condition, Aldridge has become a beast — debatably the best power forward in the Western Conference — and he has not gone unnoticed by the league and national media.

He is on pace to set career highs in all major statistical categories, and has become the full-fledged leader of Rip City. He has really stepped up to fill the void left by superstar Roy.

Aldridge was recently been named as a finalist to make the USA national team for this summer's world championships, and has consistently been towards the top of the ballots to represent the Western Conference in February's NBA All-Star game in Orlando, Fla.

Trail Blazers fans everywhere are hoping that Aldridge can lead the team to the team's first playoff series victory since the 1999-00 season.

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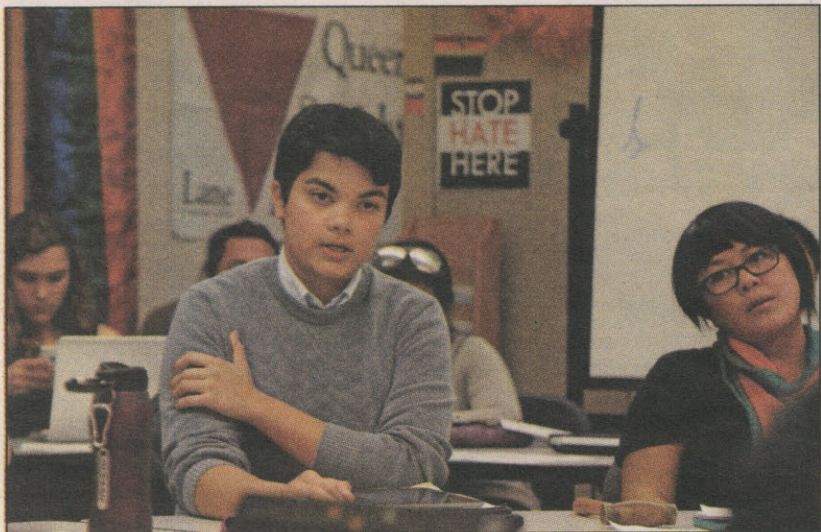


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ASLCC Gender and Sexual Diversity Advocate Vashti Selix answers questions from Senate members regarding her eligibility to hold office.

ASLCC: Hearing gets personal

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thing to do. I ask all of you to do the right thing here."

Selix delivered a pragmatic and personal statement about why she believes she should keep her position. She explained that she was surprised by the circumstances of her ineligibility, and stressed the importance of her position and the effect a vacancy could have on LGBTQ students.

"I took this job and I applied for this job because this is my passion. You know, this is the work I want to do right now. This is the work I want to do in the future," Selix said.

Those who spoke on behalf of Selix were XYZ President Norma Osborn and LCC student Blake Phetteplace. Additionally, ASLCC Vice President Jenny Lor presented a letter of support written letter Oregon Student Equal Rights Alliance Co-Chair Amira Caluya.

Senate member LynDel Simmons said, "It just shows that her heart is in her work, and it's not just all about the money."

After hearing all of the testimonies on behalf of Parker-Milligan and Selix, the Senate voted separately on each case to determine their fates as ASLCC senate members.

Selix received eight out of 10 votes in a motion to keep her position, as long as she abides by the same stipulations laid out for Brandon. Multicultural Programs Coordinator Tajo Ouermi abstained and Brandon voted no.

Parker-Milligan received seven out of 10 votes in a motion to keep his position. Simmons and Senator Thomas Fiorelli abstained and Brandon voted no.

He will retain his position with the stipulations of a 2.8 GPA, six completed credits, check-ins with the executive members at midterms and finals, and a restriction from travel out of the state of Oregon for any ASLCC funded events.

"Mario and Vashti stayed because they are a big part of this Senate," Sen-

ator Veronica Rodriguez said. "They stayed at their positions because we need them, and overall, I'm very happy the way it ended."

Simmons said she abstained because, despite deeply moving public testimonies, she felt he still violated the constitution and should therefore not be eligible for his position.

"If you're going to stick to the letter of the constitution, it said you must pass six credits," Simmons said. "He willingly, knowingly went in violation of the constitution and did not take the steps necessary to put himself back into eligibility."

Simmons said this sentiment reflects her constituents' opinions as well.

"Personally, the only students that have come to me and said anything to me have said that they want us to uphold the constitution and not waive it just to keep a friend in office," she said.

ASLCC Treasurer Tracy Weimer said a central concern of ASLCC members was that friendship and fear of future conflict might interfere with the integrity of decisions made about the members in question.

"That's the kind of honorable personality that we're looking for, the kind of integrity that we want to see," Fiorelli said. "The ability to separate work and friendship and the ability to show that we hold all students on ASLCC to the same standards as every other student in school."

Before the hearing began, Blair Adams resigned her post as Senate secretary in order to prioritize school and homework.

Simmons and Rodriguez both accepted nominations for the position and will come to next week's meeting with prepared statements as to why they believe they should be given the job of Senate secretary.

The secretary is required to record all meetings, construct the meeting minutes and distribute them to Senate members. On average, the job takes an additional two to three hours a week.

ASLCC

Dance, debate clubs ratified

BY RYAN KOSTECKA
Senior Reporter

The Senate voted on the ratification of LCC's Forensic and Debate Club.

The Forensic and Debate Club has been a club here at LCC in the past, but was inactive last year due to the transfer of the president. This year, there are 20 members in the club and they are actively participating in national competitions.

Many of the topics that the club debates on stems from serious topics such as the U.S. government,

foreign affairs, morals, to not-so-serious topics such as the best superhero of all time.

Also, the ASLCC approved the ratification of LCC's Dance Club, which is currently in its second year, the members of which often attend dance performances together.

The club is hosting a dance party in its Building 4 studio on Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

"Everybody is welcome to the dance party and use it as a way to let go of that stress of midterms," Dance Club member Geo Bitgood said.

OEIB defines education goals



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The Oregon Education Investment Board hosted the first of seven community outreach events at LCC's Center for Meeting and Learning on Jan. 26. The focus of the discussion addressed questions regarding Gov. John Kitzhaber's new statewide education plan referred to as Oregon's 40/40/20 Goal. There was also an opportunity for local community members to give feedback on current issues and future programs.

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