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**BY JON FUCCILLO, RYAN KOSTECKA
AND LINDSEY KIDWELL**

The Titans took the top seed in the Southern Region and will compete in a double-elimination tournament over four days with the hopes of raising the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges championship banner in Titan Court.

"Our goal is to go all the way," freshman point guard Kersey Wilcox said.

Head coach Greg Sheley is hoping to lead the Titans to its fourth NWAACC championship since he took over the program in 1999.

According to Sheley, it won't be easy.

The Titans still have a couple of things to improve on and get contributions from everyone on its freshman-laden team.

"To do that (win a championship) we have to play well and execute at the half court," Sheley said.

The Titans clinched the Southern Region Championship with a 62-53 victory on Wednesday, Feb. 22 against the Umpqua Riverhawks, upping its record to 22-4 overall and 12-1 in the Southern Region.

The Titans will square off with the No. 4 seed from the Northern Region on March 3 at 4 p.m. at the Toyota Center in Kennewick, Wash.

(Look on lcctorch.com for the extended report.)

Senate tables funds requests

MEChA and Phi Theta Kappa will receive a decision on Feb. 29.

BY RYAN KOSTECKA
Senior Reporter

ASLCC will wait another week before voting on two requests for student funds totaling over \$18,000.

At the Senate's Feb. 22 meeting, MEChA asked for \$9,582 for its annual summer car show.

More than half of that would pay for MC Magic to come from Arizona and perform at the show. MC Magic, whose real name is Marco Cardenas, is a Mexican rapper, songwriter and record producer from Phoenix.

"He is extremely well-known in the Latino community, but also with the African-American community as well," MEChA club member Himer Oregon said.

Oregon said the event was "extremely successful last year" and was featured on the local evening news.

He said MEChA is expecting thousands of guests to attend the car show. Admission to the car show will be free.

Phi Theta Kappa, LCC's honor society club, is asking for \$8,490 to send four club members to an international convention and six club members to a regional convention.

The international convention, in Nashville, Tenn., is three days long and designed to be a leadership convention. The regional convention will be held in Orem, Utah.

"It's a great honor to be selected to go on these trips, and we hope to help educate the leaders of tomorrow through these conventions," PTK President Dennis Cooley said.

Debate Club wins against NWCU in first competition

LCC students Tim Eckley and LynDel Simmons win big at Whitney Houston Memorial Debate.

BY JOE HANNAN
Reporter

LCC debaters Tim Eckley and LynDel Simmons topped their fields in the Whitney Houston Memorial Debate Feb. 18.

Eckley placed first in wins and second in speaker points, taking the overall tournament, while Simmons placed second in wins.

LCC competed against Northwest Christian University in the tournament, held at NWCU in Eugene.

The tournament consisted of six rounds, selected by Dr. Doyle Srader, NWCU's director of forensics. Competitors were judged in two categories: debate wins and speaker points.

Competitive debates begin with one contestant providing an affirmation of the topic while another works to negate the premise.

Debaters were judged on their speaking ability, the progression of their arguments, how much sense their arguments made and the relevance of their arguments to the topic.

In round five, Debate Club President Krysten Branson successfully defended the position "you can drink milk with a cup, but you can't cut wood with a cat."

"A cat's purpose is not cutting wood," Branson said.

Next, her opponent, NWCU debater Michael Ward, argued that given

enough time, one could cut wood with a cat's claws.

The debate took nine minutes.

In round six, Simmons won by affirming the topic "an essential aspect of creativity is not being afraid to fail."

Her opponent, NWCU debater Eric Fromm, spent the majority of his negation invoking a Sun Tzu quote and praising Star Wars director George Lucas for his ability to overcome adversity.

In her rebuttal, Simmons repeated a Sun Tzu quote of her own, eventually scoring 27 points to his 26 in a debate that spanned more than 30 minutes.

Simmons said her participation in

the Forensic and Debate Club has been a crucial component of her education at LCC.

"I think it will be useful with my major, which is psychology, and it's a good way of becoming comfortable with public speaking," she said.

The Whitney Houston Memorial Debate was Simmons' third debate.

Eckley, who came to the team with three years coaching debate in high school, competed for the first time in seven years.

"I just joined the team two and a half weeks ago, and have only had two days of practice," he said. "This definitely was not easy. I just want to learn more for next year."

Branson advised prospective mem-

bers to "be outgoing and ... able to form thoughts on the spot about a wide range of things, like politics and global issues," she said.

"Debate Club is a good way to travel and meet new people," Branson said.

LCC will debate again at Oregon State University Feb. 24 through Feb. 26. Several schools will participate.

"The team has a good mix of experienced and inexperienced debaters. This term we have seen a lot of growth," said William Anderson, the Debate Club's coach and an LCC instructor.

The Debate Club meets weekly in the Center Building, Room 431, Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Lakers, Titans score no points with boorish behavior

We've all heard the phrase "be a good sport," which goes hand in hand with sporting events, but there is an unfortunate trend in college sports today: the display of poor sportsmanship by both fans and players, and this trend is sending the wrong message to our youth.

During a two-week span, words were exchanged between Lane's men's basketball team and the Southwestern Oregon Lakers' players and fans — both in Coos Bay on Feb. 1 and then again in Eugene on Feb. 15.

On Feb. 1, the Titans won an intense 92-89 contest with the Lakers. As they walked off the court, Lakers fans booed while Titan players chanted "score-board" repeatedly. That didn't sit well with Lakers fans.

When the rival schools battled in Eugene on Feb. 15, the Lakers flipped the script and won 80-75. Lakers fans directly attacked our players with verbal abuse, calling one of the Lane players the N-Word at halftime when the two teams were filing towards their respective locker rooms.

At least one Titans player responded with a racial epithet of his own.

A fan, along with close to a dozen other fans, was escorted from the gym for the shocking display of ignorance.

Athletics are meant to be fun and inspiring. It's a battle between two teams fighting for a common goal: victory.

When the teams take the court, they're also representing their respective colleges. Once the fight is taken off the court, it is associated with the name on the jersey — not the name of the athlete, but the name of school. Such squabbling, this exchange of racial epithets that has no place in 21st century dialogue, tarnished the reputations of both Lane and SWOCC.

The athletes of both teams would do well to remember that a victory is accomplished through three-pointers, not the N-word. By that token, fans should prioritize cheerleading their team, not goading the opposition. Trash-talking is a losing game for everyone involved.

CORRECTION

In the Feb. 16 issue of *The Torch*, reporter Jennifer Hernandez was incorrectly identified in a byline as Veronica Hernandez. *The Torch* would like to apologize for this error.

WHEN AUTO CORRECT GOES WRONG



Good sportsmanship the key to winning the game that matters

As a former high school and college athlete, I've experienced firsthand taunts from fans.

Taunting opposing players is one thing, but it is never appropriate when fans direct racial slurs at players.

What brings me to this subject is an incident between Lane's men's basketball team and the team from Southwestern Oregon Community College on Feb. 15.

As both teams filed to their respective locker rooms at halftime, players exchanged racial epithets, and one Caucasian-Lakers fan told a Lane player, "Fuck you, (N-word). Fuck you ... let's go. Let's get it on."

This show of obvious racism nearly ignited a brawl between the two teams, but coaches and public safety officers intervened.

As a former athlete, I can relate to tempers flaring on the court and players "trash-talking" with one another. It's a part of the game, a byproduct

of the competitive spirit.

That "trash-talking" usually lasts only through the game, and once it is over, the members of the two teams exchange handshakes and show good sportsmanship.

Sportsmanship triumphs at the end of the day, in most cases.

However, in some cases, fans take it too far and get personal.

I've had racial slurs and threats directed at me while I participated in athletics.

I remember being personally attacked twice, once during and once after basketball games against my high school team's cross-town rival.

While playing at the home court of the rival team, I heard opposing fans

KOS'S CORNER



BY RYAN KOSTECKA
Senior Reporter

yelling, "We'll see you after the game with bats, fucker ... your sister better watch her mouth before we close it for good."

It was a terrible show of sportsmanship from the fans and almost ignited a brawl.

A teammate of mine started chirping back at the fans, and before I knew it, my own school's fans were running across the court.

Faculty and administrators of both schools eventually resolved the situation, but the damage had been done. Sportsmanship didn't triumph on this night.

During my junior year of high school, we lost to our cross-town rivals, this time on a last-second shot.

As I lay on the court, stunned from

the defeat, opposing fans ran over to me and started yelling profanities. One even spit on me.

The scene outside of the gym was so intense that cops and faculty from both schools had to diffuse the situation, and I needed an escort to leave the game.

This was just a high school basketball game — no world championship or anything on the line. Just two teams playing for pride and bragging rights in their hometowns.

Once again, sportsmanship lost.

Sportsmanship isn't something that should "usually" triumph. It should always win.

Inappropriate personal and racial comments have no place on a basketball court, let alone anywhere else.

We have to remember that although the key is to win the game, athletics are intended to teach sportsmanship. Good sportsmanship will allow the athletes to mature from kids to adults and teach good values along the way.

Electronic age affects interpersonal communication

Have you ever gotten a message from someone, misinterpreted it, and given an inappropriate reply?

How about avoiding responding to a message you really weren't sure how to answer?

These are two examples of how electronic communication can prevent effective interpersonal communication from occurring organically, the way it would in a face-to-face conversation.

To find out more about how these new conversational mediums affect our relationships, I interviewed Suzanne Bunker, an Interpersonal Communication instructor at LCC who has used her communication skills to maintain a healthy marriage for 31 years.

"In terms of college students between 18- to 25-years-of-age, who have pretty much had electronic devices available to them their entire lives, are more comfortable with electronic conversations than they are face-to-face," Bunker said.

Some communication theorists say electronic communication has an up side because it allows people to connect with estranged relatives and other individuals they may not feel comfortable communicating with in person.

Others believe that it is a less personal forum for discussion that can prove hazardous in conflict management because it allows us to filter self-expression and avoid addressing issues up front.

"Face-to-face demands more of us in terms of communication skills and behaviors," Bunker said.

Bunker stressed the importance of being mentally present in the moment for the dynamic of the relationship to shift from being self-focused to understanding both points of view.

The day before Valentine's Day I had to end a relationship. The reason: he refused to communicate with me about a disagreement that would have been easily resolved in person. I

LANE'S LESSONS LEARNED



BY KINZLEY PHILLIPS
Editor-in-Chief

was upset and embarrassed because he'd blown me off when he was supposed to meet a number of my friends. I received only 31 words via two text messages, with no apology, about the issue before the breakup. He had ignored my calls, texts and attempts to meet in person for two days before I decided I didn't deserve his disregard.

All I wanted was an apology and to have my feelings validated and I would have forgiven him. Had this conflict been effectively communicated face-to-face it probably wouldn't have escalated as it did. But the thing that bothered me the most that he refused to respond, disrespecting me.

Bunker explained that when someone doesn't receive a response from someone, they immediately begin to question the other person's commitment to the relationship and their own self-worth. However, often a lack of response relates to not understanding the issue being communicated, feeling judged by the sender of the message, or not wanting to share values on a given subject.

In this instance, as it turned out, he was not being entirely honest about his reason for blowing me off, and I suspect that is why further communication didn't occur.

When dealing with conflict it is always best to discuss it in person and avoid electronic communication because it's difficult for commu-

nicators to feel listened to and validated, ask questions to clarify, and avoid passing judgments. It also doesn't mandate an immediate response.

Bunker says the best steps for diffusing conflict are to make public that you're not in agreement, stop any yelling or emotional berating, take a break if you are hungry or tired so that you don't get negative, and realize that conflict management takes compromise and flexibility.

Community college students in particular tend to have a lot going on in their lives in terms of extra-curricular involvement, whether it's children, athletics, part-time employment or commitment to student groups. This can present a challenge in maintaining or even initiating interpersonal relationships, but it is integral to our happiness as humans to have physical and verbal validation.

"We darn well need dates and friends in the busyness of our lives, they remind us that we're okay. We get reminded of our self-worth, we get validated, we get hugged and kissed," Bunker said.

However, there are a lot of skills that go into being an effective listener and a good conversationalist that many students don't have time to focus on.

I learned a lot from taking Bunker's class, that I apply that when dealing with stressful situations with family, friends, co-workers, classmates and romantic counterparts. I developed tools such as perception checking, identifying body language cues and effective listening skills that help me be a more effective communicator.

If you don't have time to take an interpersonal communications course, Bunker suggests committing to being present in the moment with the person you're speaking with, listening, validating, complimenting and asking questions, not to criticize, but to gain information.

DR. HAT



BY JON FUCCILLO
Sports Editor

Let's talk about sex, baby...

Sex! There, I said it.

Forgive me, Mom and Dad, but this column is all about sex and how healthy it is for you. Heck, if it weren't for sex, I wouldn't be here to share my insight.

Now that, that's out of the way, let's get down to business.

When you're in the mood, the last thing that you're thinking about is: How can sex benefit my health?

I'm not here to persuade you one way or another. I'm just here to educate you with the facts.

Sex amounts to more than short moments of pleasure. According to scientists, sex is extremely beneficial for our overall health. Too little sex might have negative repercussions, and too much sex can lead to potential infections and toying with your immune system.

According to a 10-year study conducted by Queens University in Belfast, Ireland, sex on a regular basis lengthens the human lifespan.

The study indicated that for men of the same age and health, those who had orgasms more frequently had half the death rate of men who did not have frequent orgasms.

And if going to college, working a part-time or full-time job and raising a family is a source of stress, sex can even lower stress levels and blood pressure.

If anything, sex can help those who are in need of a diet and losing weight. With all of the strenuous diet plans that are out there, why not rely on safe sex with your partner? According to an article that was published in Forbes, a sex session can burn up to 200 calories — about the same as running 15 minutes on a treadmill. According to that article, when aroused, the pulse rate rises from 70 beats per minute to 150, the same as athletes competing at full force.

Sex can also burn those unwanted calories that we struggle with. According to WebMD, 30 minutes of sex burns 85 calories or more.

Once again, I'm not here to push sex on anybody. I just wanted to help some college students who are in need.

But before you jump into the sack with just anyone, don't forget protection and contraception.

There are plenty of sexually transmitted diseases out there that people need to be informed about. STDs can be difficult diseases to detect.

Diseases such as chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis and herpes are among some of the most common STDs out there.

One in four adults has herpes, and there are approximately 1 million new cases of herpes each year. So practice sex — safely.

Here's to your health!

WAY TO GO

- The student who stays after class to ask what they can do to get the most out of the class.
- The vendor who cooks hot food outside the Center Building, braving the cold to serve us delicious meals.
- Public Safety worked with the Springfield Police Department to arrest a man who allegedly swindled his church with a fraudulent tale of end-stage pancreatic cancer, which is among the lowest acts imaginable.
- Titans head coach Greg Sheley guided the women's basketball team to the NWAACC championship tournament. On Feb. 22, the Titans beat the Umpqua Riverhawks 62-53 and clinched the championship in the Southern Region.
- Eugene's sporting some new bicycle safety measures: green bike lanes, bike sharrows and bike traffic signals.
- Midterms are finally over! We hope you did well. If not, let us know. We're curious as to what courses are the most challenging.

HELL NO

- The student who stays after class to sweet-talk the instructor into giving an extension on a project due the week before.
- People speeding in the parking lot. Do you really want to spend your financial aid beating a manslaughter beef?
- Teachers who post office hours that amount to "by appointment only" — that kind of defeats the purpose of drop-in help.
- The cafeteria will close at 5 p.m. beginning next week, signaling that LCC should make some new hires before legions of starving Titans swarm the food court.
- Library staff talking loudly and allowing students to check Facebook while others stand in line to print assignments, setting a bad example for library patrons.

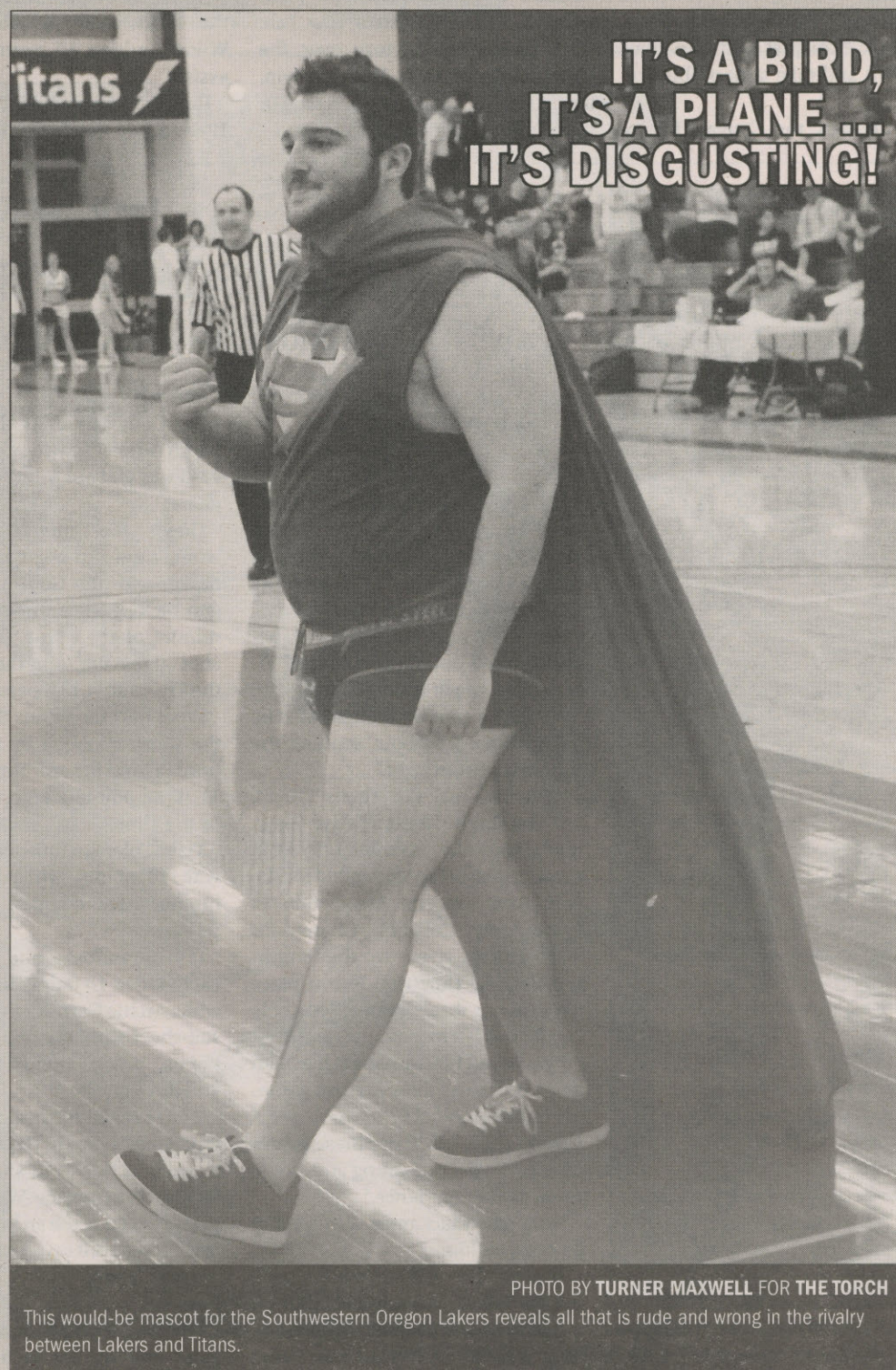


PHOTO BY TURNER MAXWELL FOR THE TORCH

This would-be mascot for the Southwestern Oregon Lakers reveals all that is rude and wrong in the rivalry between Lakers and Titans.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ten-game win streak propels Lane to top seed

Titans turn in another pair of victories.

BY JON FUCCILLO
Sports Editor

OREGON CITY — With one game remaining in Southern Region action, the Lane Titans can sleep a little better at night knowing they've clinched the region title.

It all started with a victory over the Clackamas Cougars.

The team traveled north to Oregon City Feb. 18 and defeated rival Clackamas 65-58 in another intense and scrappy contest.

"I'm excited for the kids, because it's not every year you can win a Southern Region title," Titans head coach Greg Sheley said after the game.

Sheley had mixed emotions about the victory.

"I was a little frustrated with the way we finished this game," Sheley said. "We worked so hard to put ourselves in position to finish it, and we were kind of careless in the last two minutes."

With the win, the Titans improved to 11-1 in the Southern Region and 21-4 in the season. The win was also their ninth in a row.

The team's last loss came at the hands of the Chemeketa Storm, when the Titans lost 67-57 on Jan. 14. During this win streak, the Titans have outscored their opponents 746-464.

Sophomore guard Reed Levings paved the way for the Titans, finishing with a double-double (15 points and 10 rebounds).

Levings also had four steals on the defensive end.

"Over the last five games she has been able to help us out a lot and

start picking up the scoring," Sheley said. "She came up big for us tonight."

During the winning streak, Levings has averaged 12.5 points and 8.0 rebounds.

Levings, the lone sophomore on this year's team, looks to bring elevated leadership during this year's Northwest Athletic Association of Community College's Championship Tournament games, from March 3 to 6 at the Toyota Center in Kennewick, Wash.

"This is everything," Levings said. "We're going to try to win the whole thing."

"(Levings) grabbed our jerseys and said we're not losing this game," said freshman forward Megan Shields.

Freshman guard Kersey Wilcox added a game-high 16 points in limited action due to foul trouble. She was 4-of-10 from the field and 8-of-9 from the charity stripe in 23 minutes of action.

On the season, she's averaging a team-high 15 points per game. Wilcox fouled out with 1:15 left in the game.

Shields added 9 points and 10 rebounds. She had a scare late in the second half when she went tumbling to the ground, holding her knee in pain, and left the game with 9:16 left. The Titans were up 50-45 at that point. Shields would later return to action after taking a breather.

"It hurts," Shields said after the game. "I'm just going to play through it and take a lot of ibuprofen."

With the loss, the Cougars fell to



PHOTO BY RYAN KOSTECKA FOR THE TORCH

Titans' sophomore guard Reed Levings fakes a pass just before driving for a basket against the Clackamas Cougars on Feb. 18.

9-3 in the Southern Region and 17-6 overall. The Cougars are currently tied with the Chemeketa Storm for second place in the Southern Region.

Lane beats Umpqua 62-53

Lane's women's basketball team won its 10th game in a row Feb. 22 with a 62-53 victory over the Umpqua Riverhawks. With the win, the Titans clinched the No. 1 seed in the Southern Region.

The Titans led 32-26 at the half. Freshman guard Joleen Chanco had a big evening with 16 points, nine rebounds and four steals.

Freshman center Megan Shields added 12 points and eight rebounds, while freshman guard and the Titans' leading scorer, Kersey Wilcox, added 15 points and five assists.

The victory put the Titans at 22-4, 12-1 in the Southern Region. The

Titans return for a game against the struggling Portland Panthers (4-19, 0-12 in the Southern Region) at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The Titans will then head north to Kennewick, Wash., to face the No. 4 seed in the Northern Region on March 3 at 4 p.m.

The Northwest Athletic Association of Community College Championship Tournament is from March 3 to 6 at the Toyota Center.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cougars shred Titans' NWAACC hopes

An 84-71 loss ends Lane's playoff dreams.

BY RYAN KOSTECKA
Senior Reporter

OREGON CITY — Lane's men's basketball team's playoff dreams came to a halt on Saturday night as they suffered an 84-71 loss to the Clackamas Cougars in Oregon City.

"It was a tough loss obviously, being knocked out of the running," Titans head coach Bruce Chavka said. "This isn't a spot we thought we'd be in, but now it's about sending the sophomores out right."

With the loss, the Titans (10-14, 4-8 Southern Region) have been mathematically eliminated from the four playoff spots eligible for the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College's Champions Tournament given to the Southern Region. They trail fourth place SWOCC by three games with only two games left to play.

"We have 11 freshman on the team and need to use these last two games as building blocks for next year," Chavka said. "We'll use these games as a way to get our young guys some more game experience."

Lane and Clackamas were tied at 33-all at halftime.

The second half started out well for the Titans as Tyler Coleman hit a basket within the first 20 seconds. That was the only lead the Titans would have for the rest of the game.

The Cougars led 46-41 on a Taylor Dunn 3-pointer, which capped off a 13-6 run with 14 minutes left in the game.

Down the stretch the Titans weren't able to respond basket for basket with the Cougars. The Cougars hit 8-of-9 free throws in the final minute of the game. The Cougars shot 50 percent from the field, while the Titans shot 43.6 percent.

What hurt the Titans the most was the sharp shooting by the Cougars from behind the arc. The Cougars hit 11 three-pointers compared to five by the Titans.

Tyler Coleman finished the contest with 18 points, while his younger brother Alex chipped in with 10 points.

Levi Strandberg and Levi Green each added 10 points for the Titans, while Archie Garrett proved to be the stat-sheet-stuffer once again with six points, five rebounds, four assists and three steals.

"I'm excited for next year, I really am," Chavka said. "This year was a learning curve for us since we had a lot of guys to replace. We'll get a couple weeks off at the end of the season and then start it up again."

It's all about pride from here on out.

"We are playing for love, love of the game and love for each other," Garrett said.

Umpqua downs Lane 73-60

The Titans suffered their fourth straight loss on Feb. 22 when they fell to the Umpqua Riverhawks 73-60 in Roseburg. Although the Titans out-rebounded the Riverhawks 67-35, it wasn't enough to overcome a night in which the Titans shot 30 percent from the field and 23 percent from the three-point range.

Freshman center Tyree Newman continued his solid play for the Titans when he led the team in points and rebounds — 10 and nine respectively. Freshman forward Alex Coleman also continued to raise his statistics towards the end of the season, posting 10 points and five rebounds.

Riverhawks guard Coleton Baker led Umpqua with game-highs of 34 points and 10 rebounds.

The Titans will return to action in their last game of the season when they host the winless Portland Panthers at Titan Court, on Saturday at 6 p.m.

The Titans will be honoring sophomores Darrell Breazell, Daniel Ketchum and Nick Lindsey before the game, as it will be the last game these men play in their Titan uniforms.

"It's been real battling with them (sophomores Breazell, Ketchum and Lindsey) every practice and playing next to them on the court," Alex Coleman said. "They are all my homies and I hope they continue playing and their journey takes them where they want to be."



PHOTO BY JON FUCCILLO FOR THE TORCH

Titans guard Tyler Coleman pulls up for a jumper late in the second half in their Feb. 18 game at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City.

CELEBRATING ASIAN HERITAGE



PHOTOS BY TURNER MAXWELL
Assistant Photo Editor

Eugene's 27th annual Asian Celebration gave community members the opportunity to experience various aspects of Asian culture, including dance, food, martial arts demonstrations, music and crafts.

The event was held on Feb. 18 and 19, and is the longest running Asian festival in the state of Oregon.

Top left: Priya Cardan and her daughter perform a South Indian Classical Dance.

Top right: Lion dancers from the Chinese American Benevolent Association prepare for their show.

Bottom right: Two lion dancers occupying the same suit scare away the evil spirits and usher in a weekend of good fortune.

Bottom left: Students from the International Cultural Service Program prepare food for the okonomiyaki demonstration. The okonomiyaki is a Japanese vegetable pancake.



THEATER

Exploding Love, Act III:
Recycling the set

Each piece of the set will find a second life.

BY KYLE WEBB
Reporter

At LCC, students recycle more than soda bottles and last term's essays. The Student Productions Association recycles its sets.

James McConkey, SPA's technical director, said he is very aware of the possibilities for sustainability while making and remaking the various sets for any given theater performance.

"We reuse material until it can't be used again. Then we recycle it," McConkey said.

He said the students and staff who work on sets for a performance are taught to use screws instead of the traditional — and quicker — fasteners like staples and glue, which hamper SPA students' ability to reuse construction materials.

"This is not a new thing. It just makes sense," McConkey said, noting that many theaters reuse material for sets and props.

"We put things together on a shoestring. We are sustainable, by necessity," said Tim O'Donnell, SPA's student activity coordinator.

"Any theater this size will do this," O'Donnell said.

McConkey said he not only pushes for a sustainable approach to material already in use, but

he also looks for material that is needed for projects at places such as BRING recycling.

"Along with being recycled, items at BRING are (vintage)," McConkey said.

"We get stuff from BRING, then recycle what we can't use back to BRING," he said.

SPA Technical Manager Mollie Clevidence said not only do they recycle the material they can't use, but they also let staff and students take some home.

"We have a teacher who comes and gets some material for firewood from our old stuff," Clevidence said. "I'm pretty sure our old material has been used to make shelves in someone's house too."

Clevidence said anyone is welcome to take SPA's recycled materials from the cans located at the back of Building 6, but should ask for permission first.

The storage shed behind the stage workshop holds everything from old couches and chairs to staircases and flats.

Flats are the movable bases to which props and furniture are attached.

"Flats and staircases will always be needed," O'Donnell said.

Clevidence said volunteers are welcome to attend SPA meetings in the Blue Door Theater, Thursdays at 4:15 p.m.

"We're cool. Come work with us, and anyone can come help," she said.

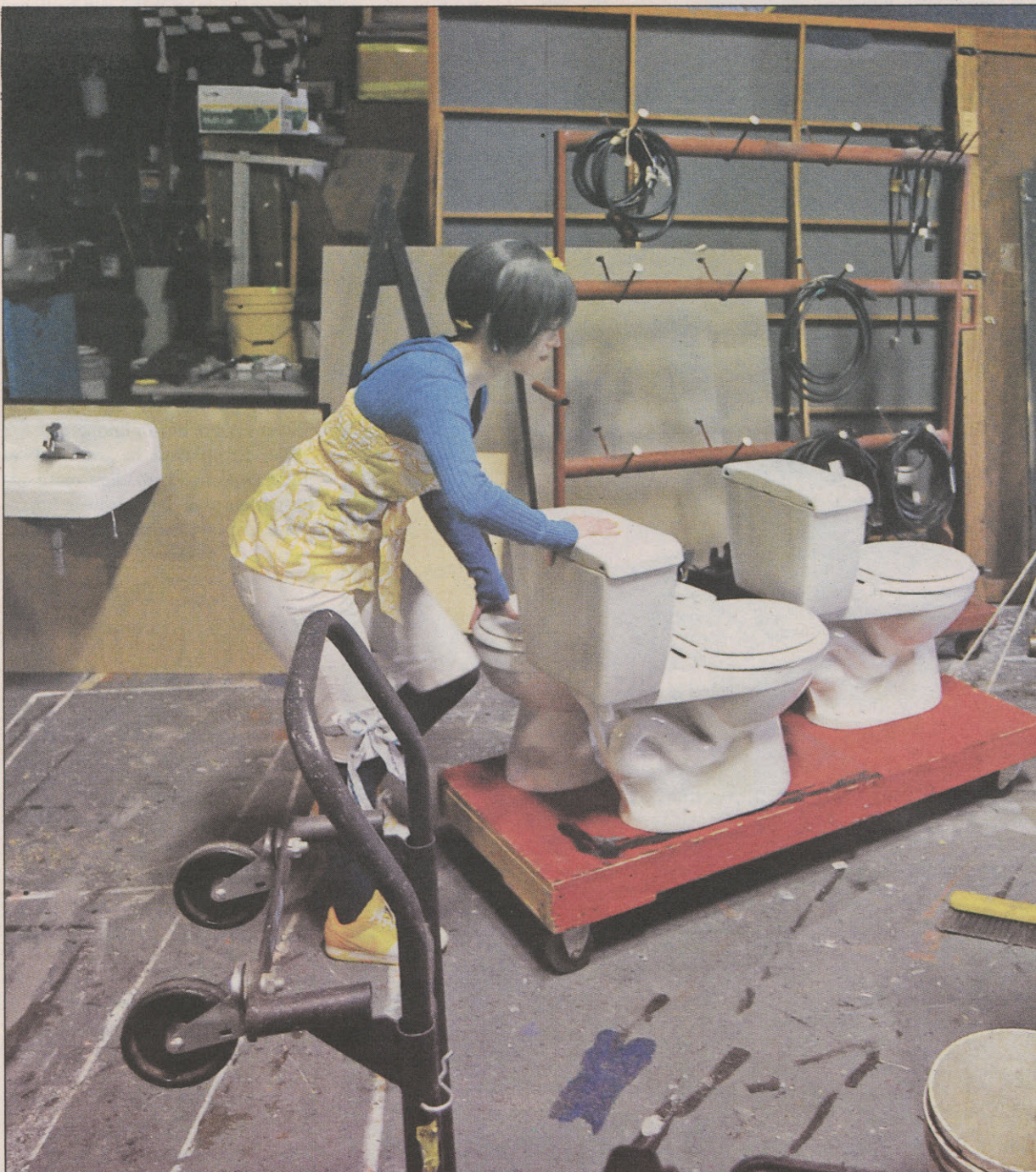


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LCC student Polly Bond, who played the officer in *Exploding Love*, wheels toilets from the play's only set, a courthouse bathroom.

OUTSIDE THE BOX



BY CHELSEA VAN BAALEN
A&E Editor

And now for the losers...

From the second the nominations for this year's Academy Awards were released, critics and film fans alike gathered around their televisions and computers to see who got the nod, and who should win.

As an amateur cynic, I'm taking a look at who shouldn't get the nod. Don't place your bets on the following:

Best Actor: Everyone in this category gave amazing performances, but Demián Bichir (*A Better Life*) has my vote for most likely to not succeed. Brad Pitt, George Clooney and Gary Oldman have the clout with their performances, and Jean Dujardin (*The Artist*) received a Golden Globe. Sorry, Bichir.

Best Supporting Actor: Any actor in this category is sure to lose this award to a much more deserving Jonah Hill (*Moneyball*). He's the surefire win.

Best Actress: After more hype than a Sasquatch sighting, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* couldn't stand its ground against the Swedish original. And while I commend Rooney Mara for her performance, her name doesn't weigh against the likes of Meryl Streep (*The Iron Lady*), Glenn Close (*Albert Nobbs*) or Michelle Williams (*My Week with Marilyn*).

Best Supporting Actress: Melissa McCarthy (*Bridesmaids*), Jessica Chastain and Octavia Spencer (both from *The Help*) gave three of the most talked about performances of the year. Unfortunately, this leaves Janet McTeer (*Albert Nobbs*) and Bérénice Bejo (*The Artist*) out in the cold.

Best Director: I love Woody Allen's films, but he just doesn't deserve the statue for *Midnight in Paris* because Allen hasn't evolved in 40 years.

Best Animated Film: I just can't see *Kung Fu Panda 2* standing up to *Puss in Boots* and *Rango*. I have nothing against pandas, but who doesn't love a sheriff chameleon or an outlaw cat with a delightful Spanish accent?

Best Makeup: Sorry, but *The Iron Lady* doesn't stand a chance against makeup artists who turned Glenn Close into a man in *Albert Nobbs* or Ralph Fiennes into the noseless Lord Voldemort in the last *Harry Potter* film. Taking Meryl Streep down Stuffy Brit Road is hardly a feat of makeup engineering at all.

Best Song: Call me pro-Muppet, but "Real in Rio" (*Rio*) isn't, to paraphrase Jules Winnfield, in the same ballpark, league or sport as Bret McKenzie's "Man or Muppet." It's not even in the same stratosphere.

(Drum Roll) Best Picture: *The Help* just doesn't have what it takes. While the film warms the heart, wells up the eyes and sometimes causes a smile, it just isn't to the caliber of films like *The Descendants* or *Moneyball*.



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From left to right: Jaime Anderson on bass, Jon Meagher on guitar and vocals, Mireya Salgado on vocals, LCC student Robbie Ballard on drums and UO student Erik Andrus on guitar. Together, they make up Jon E. Smokes and create what Anderson calls "psychedelic gypsy music."

Jon E. Smokes self-medicates with music

Local band features LCC and UO students.

BY KYLE WEBB
Reporter

The local music scene welcomes another uniquely Eugene sound from Jon E. Smokes, a funky reggae eclectic rock band coined from the Butthole Surfers song with the same title.

And on Feb. 26, Jon E. Smokes will be heard over the airwaves on the Rockin' Rome show, hosted by radio station 91.9 KRVM Eugene. The band will be interviewed and play four or five acoustic songs.

The band is comprised of five members: Jon Meagher on guitar and vocals, Robbie Ballard on drums, Erik Andrus on guitar, Jaime Anderson on bass, and Mireya Salgado on vocals.

When it comes to their sound, Meagher said, "It's always changing and ever-evolving."

Anderson described their music as "very conscious music, like psychedelic gypsy music."

Listeners may recognize classic rock, soul and reggae in Jon E. Smokes' songs. Their music can be heard at <http://www.reverbnation.com/jonesmokes>.

Meagher said the band came together because "everything happens for a reason," and explained that similar personal experiences contributed to the formation of the band. The true beginnings of Jon E.

Smokes started with Meagher and Ballard.

Both sustained back injuries at their respective jobs, but they agreed that they turned to music as a form of healing.

"When life gets you down, get up and move," Ballard said.

"I started playing more and more music on my guitar and writing songs. The roots of the songs planted and from there the band grew," Meagher said.

Anderson joined the band two years ago, ending Meagher's and Ballard's search for a bassist that lasted for nearly two and a half years.

"I picked up the bass in the third grade," Anderson said, "but I can play anything else I can get my hands on."

Salgado was singing in her middle-school choir when her mother got

her precocious preteen into the UO choir.

Along with her vocal addition to the band, Salgado is starting her own cupcake business from her home called Cupcake Remedies.

"My passion is music and baking," Salgado said. "I just might have to make Jon E. Smokes a signature cupcake."

Ballard and Andrus are the only members in school, with Ballard studying sustainability here at LCC and Andrus majoring in psychology at UO.

Ballard's interest in sustainability has led the band to take a more conservative approach when it comes to printing flyers or merchandise.

"Music first, not merchandise," Ballard said.

Along with being environmentally aware, Jon E. Smokes supported Voter Power, a nonprofit medical marijuana clinic, by volunteering and playing a show for them. Its understanding of musical influences on society is strong and it can be heard in its songs, which are based on personal experience.

Jon E. Smokes will play two upcoming shows, one on Feb. 29 at the Whiskey River Ranch in Springfield at 8 p.m. and another on March 2 at the Cornucopia Maize Lounge in Eugene at 10 p.m.

For now, Jon E. Smokes practices three times a week and is waiting for a call from Studio bCd in Eugene, where they plan to get into the recording studio to record some of their 24 original songs.

With the versatility to play both acoustic and full-set shows, Jon E. Smokes is looking for booking.

The band can be reached at jnesmks@gmail.com. For more information, go to its website at <http://www.reverbnation.com/jonesmokes>.

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MEET THE BOARD

LeClair champions LCC as agent of transition in down economy

Board member is also a physician and counselor.

BY LEAH AVERETT
Assistant Features Editor

Respect for community college students and their commitment to improving their lives despite economic hardship led Dr. Gary LeClair to run for the LCC Board of Education three years ago.

"LCC has a lot of people that have been out of the workforce for a while, students not dependent on daddy's money, and women in transition. That's where the college really shines," LeClair said.

LeClair, 66, represents Zone 3, the district that includes the Marcola and Springfield districts. A physician since 1971, he has a fulltime gynecology practice at Women's Care in Springfield. In 1998, after four years of night school, LeClair obtained a master's in marriage and family counseling, and he is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist.

LeClair describes himself as a practical man who likes moving forward and doesn't like extensive debating at meetings. He is excited about planning for the future of LCC and the downtown campus.

"His patients are crazy about him. As a doctor, he is extra loving, and has a deep concern for his patients," said Lauren Lozowick, a LPN who was worked for LeClair for 9 years.

She said in addition to being well credentialed, LeClair is down-to-earth, fun, and eccentric with an "amazing sense of humor" and varied interests.

Initially, LeClair said, he wanted to follow in his parents' footsteps and become a teacher, but decided to specialize in obstetrics and gynecology so he could be more involved with women and their families.

"I love women; they are emotionally

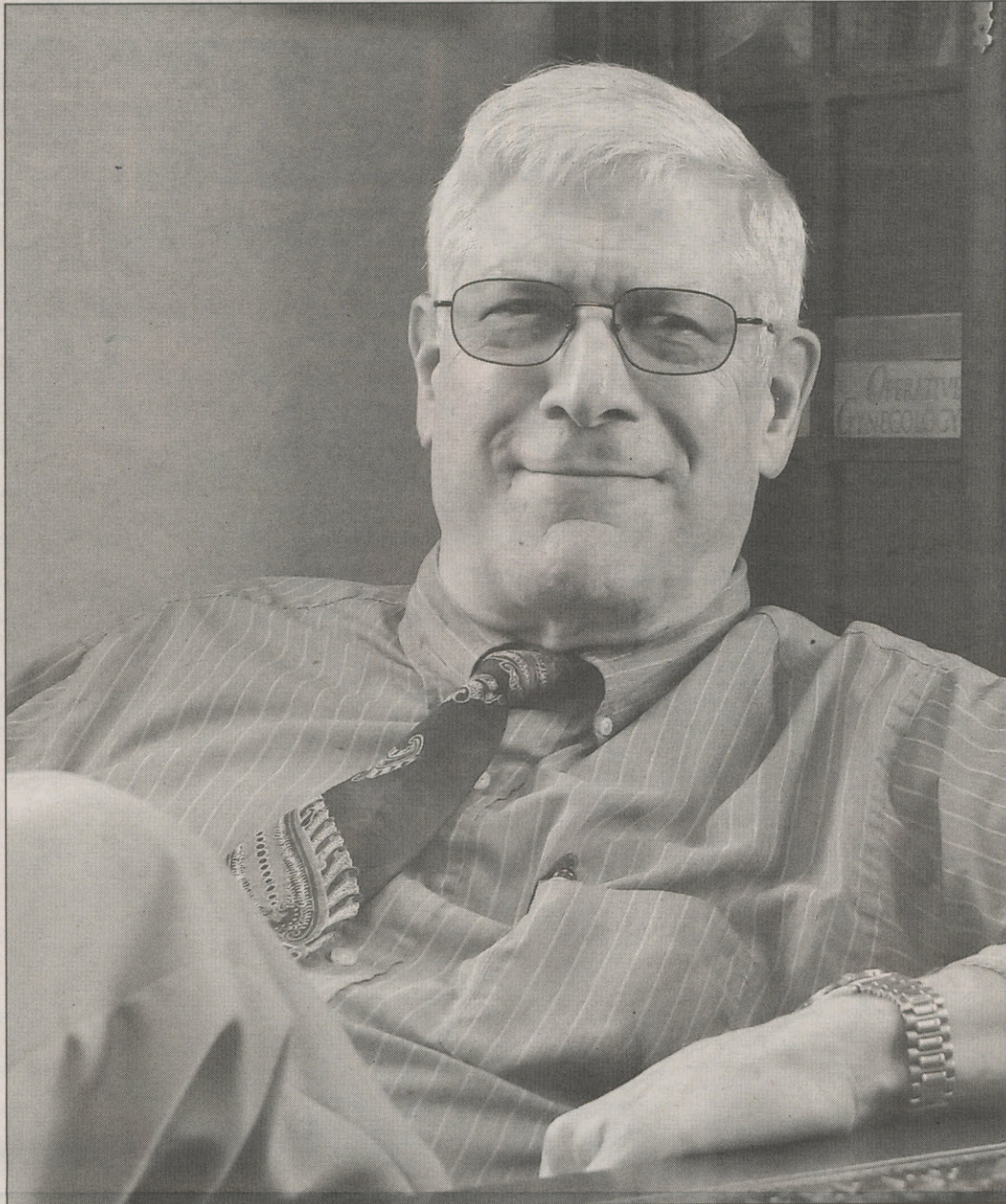


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Dr. Gary LeClair, a gynecologist and family counselor, serves the LCC Board of Education as the elected representative of District 3, which includes Marcola and Springfield. LeClair has served the board since winning the election in 2009.

available, and real easy to talk with. I loved delivering the babies, but the malpractice insurance became so expensive, I gave it up in 1987. I don't miss the long nights," he said.

When he's not working, LeClair hunts; goes to the opera, symphony and ballet; and takes photos. He is planning an African safari in August with fellow photographers.

"I usually take pictures of people — people with kids, people in the squares, candid photos. Landscapes are boring," he said.

LeClair met his wife over six years ago on Yahoo.com. Janice Friend was the second woman he ventured to meet, but it was her "25th one-time date" in the 18 months she used the Internet matchmaking sites.

"She was the second one that same day. I had a date that morning — no chemistry, then met Janny for dinner and that was it," he said.

Friend said her expectations were low, but she was surprised by his honesty, integrity and choice of meeting places. He didn't select the ho-hum Starbucks; he picked Soriah, a romantic restaurant.

When they decided to marry she wanted to keep her maiden name and LeClair said he respected her decision.

"He told me, 'That's good. It will make me seem like a touchy-feely, new-age kind of guy,'" she said.

LeClair's 87-year-old mother-in-law, Barbara Friend, calls him "a Renaissance man."

"It's stimulating to be in his company," she said.

LeClair summarized his passions and pursuits in one simple statement: "I have the world's greatest life."

(Meet the Board is an ongoing series intended to introduce students to their Board of Education representatives. These officials play important roles in making decisions regarding tuition, college policies and the future of LCC.)

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Disorderly conduct

A group of students were reported to Public Safety for being disorderly in class on Feb. 8.

Theft

A wallet was turned in to lost and found in Building 1. On Feb. 9, the owner claimed the wallet, found \$80 missing and filed a report with Public Safety. There is no further information at this time.

Unlawful possession of marijuana

Public Safety received a report on Feb. 13 that a male was observed smoking marijuana on the southern access road. He was given an order to appear.

Disorderly conduct

On Feb. 13, a female harassed a student in the Center Building. Public Safety could not locate the perpetrator.

Disorderly conduct

On Feb. 14, Public Safety issued an order to appear to a disorderly male in the Counseling Department in Building 1.

Code of Conduct violation

On Feb. 17, a male was found drinking alcohol in his vehicle in Lot N and received an order to appear.

Theft

On Feb. 21, Public Safety helped the Springfield Police Department serve an arrest warrant to a student on LCC's main campus.

The Register-Guard reported Charles W. Embleton III of Springfield was arraigned on first-degree theft charges of accepting donations.

Allegedly, Embleton claimed he had terminal cancer and received approximately \$1,700 in donations.

NEWS BRIEFS

Dance department to premiere Collaborations

Three performances of Collaborations, the latest effort from the LCC dance department, will be held on Feb. 23, 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ragozzino Performance Hall. Tickets are \$10 each. All proceeds go to support student scholarships in the dance department.

BSU to honor Black History Month

The Black Student Union is honoring Black History Month with two events. On Feb. 24, Teju Ologboni will perform from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Longhouse.

On Feb. 26, SALUT: Celebrating African American Musicians of the 20th Century, will be held from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the

Ragozzino Performance Hall. This performance will feature members of the BSU alongside the African American special emphasis unit of the VA Roseburg Healthcare System. There is no admission for either event. The BSU will accept donations made to their foundation/scholarship fund.

In memoriam: Former board member Dean Webb dies at 87

Former Board of Directors member Dean Webb passed away Feb. 9 at age 87. Webb served on the board from 1964, the year of LCC's founding, until 1971 in the Zone 4 position. Webb was a well-known dentist in the community, practicing from 1948 to 1971 in Cottage Grove.

The Associated Students of Lane Community College

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Multicultural Center | Building 1 | Room 201
Student Resource Center | Building 1 | Room 206

CLUB OF THE MONTH

Students promote early childhood education

Club takes learning to a child's level.

BY ALLIE CHURCH
Reporter

An LCC club that champions early childhood education needs writers and photographers to contribute to a blog and Facebook page that will highlight resources and services for teachers, parents and caregivers.

The club, Proponents of Excellence in Early Childhood Education, meets in Building 25, Room 201, every Friday at 3:30 p.m. to discuss a range of topics from diapers to toys to childhood exercise.

They recently started a blog and a Facebook group. The blog, at paint-newsletter.blogspot.com, will review children's books, highlight the best teachers and provide other resources.

"Children that go to preschool do better later in life," said Tracy Kennedy, chief officer for PEECE. "They have lower high school dropout rates, lower instances of teen pregnancy and drug abuse, and are more likely to go to college."

Members exchange tips, tactics, and teaching strategies.

"It's a way to get your feet wet without paying for a \$300 course in childhood education," said another chief officer, Ash Robinson. "We want to teach people how to teach kids."

"The push-down method used for elementary school kids — where kids sit at a desk and memorize facts — doesn't work for small children. These kids use play as learning, which people don't get," Robinson said.

The goal of PEECE is to alleviate misunderstandings about child development and education.

"People have limited information on how to teach kids," Kennedy said. "Markets that don't know what children need are trying to sell them toys that aren't appropriate," and parents and mentors of kids buy into this flawed system.

PEECE wants parents, mentors



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Kasey Wetzell, a student-teacher at the Early Childhood Development Center, helps children during recess at the center's playground.

and anyone who cares for children to join.

People who can offer childcare voice are especially welcome, whether or not they attend LCC.

Additionally, PEECE is considering collaborating with the Co-op Family Center, which offers its own seminars and workshops, but needs to raise money to pull it off. Fundraising would also pay for a visit to a childcare exhibit in Portland, another group goal.

The traveling exhibit, called the "Wonder of Learning," inspired the formation of PEECE. It originated in Italy, and it teaches the "100 languages of children." These "languages" consist of dancing, painting and several other mediums, and the exhibit demonstrates how children learn through playing and exploring their interests. For more information on the "Wonder of Learning" exhibit, which will visit Portland this spring, go to the Port-

land Children's Museum Web site at <http://www.portlandcm.org>.

PEECE will participate in "Superhero Day," which will take place in the LCC cafeteria on May 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. featuring a pancake breakfast and activity booths for children and families, including a face painting station.

Members of the Council of Clubs support the group and its endeavors. Alfonso Macias, a Council of Clubs board member and an

ASLCC senator, said PEECE hopes the club will bring visibility to the LCC Family Center, and wants to plan events such as family day with inflatable play rooms and more.

"Everyone in the council is up for it," Macias said.

Prospective members are encouraged to attend a Friday meeting and visit their blog or Facebook group to receive updated information. Inquiries can be emailed to peececlub@gmail.com.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Human sexuality goes beyond birds, bees

Instructor Peggy Oberstaller covers a wide spectrum of topics relating to sex and reproductive health.

BY MAYGAN BECKERS
Reporter

LCC students can delve into anatomy, fetishes, contraception, even reproductive cancers in Peggy Oberstaller's human sexuality class.

"A lot of times people come in thinking we're going to talk just about sex, but there's so much more involved than that," Oberstaller said. "Just as there's a lot of diversity in our city of types of people within sexuality, I am trying to give them the education and teach them the same kind of diversity."

The class examines the physiological, psychological and sociological factors that affect the development and expression of one's sexual nature, said Oberstaller, who has taught human sexuality at LCC for eight years. Other topics covered include variant sexual behavior, do-

mestic abuse, childbirth, adolescent sexuality and sexual dysfunction.

"Surprisingly, I want to come to this class. I enjoy my peers and my teacher. We're always engaged and doing something whether it's in a group, in partners, or watching a video and going along with the worksheet," education major Bailey Chism said. "It's very hands-on."

Out of every topic taught in this course, Oberstaller enjoys teaching the atypical sexual behaviors most. She is intrigued with how the body and mind work, and calls the subject of human sexuality complex. She is fascinated by human nature.

"Being a health teacher, I always like to correlate all of the things you think of to keep yourself healthy — exercise, eating right, not smoking — to maintain your sexual function in health throughout your lifetime," Oberstaller said.

Oberstaller says students show a genuine interest, learning the material while laughing and having a good time. Oberstaller believes everybody can relate to this course because "everyone is sexual or not sexual in some way, by choice."

"I learn as much from my students about the unusual things that are out there. I learn from them, they learn from me. It keeps me on my toes," Oberstaller said.

Students say they have enjoyed the lively class discussion.

"Anatomy was my favorite part because it's interesting to learn how everything functions and what everything is. Sexual health is an interesting topic. It's controversial on some things and others not," nursing major Cailen Arnold said. "It's interesting to learn about stuff that people know about, but don't talk about."

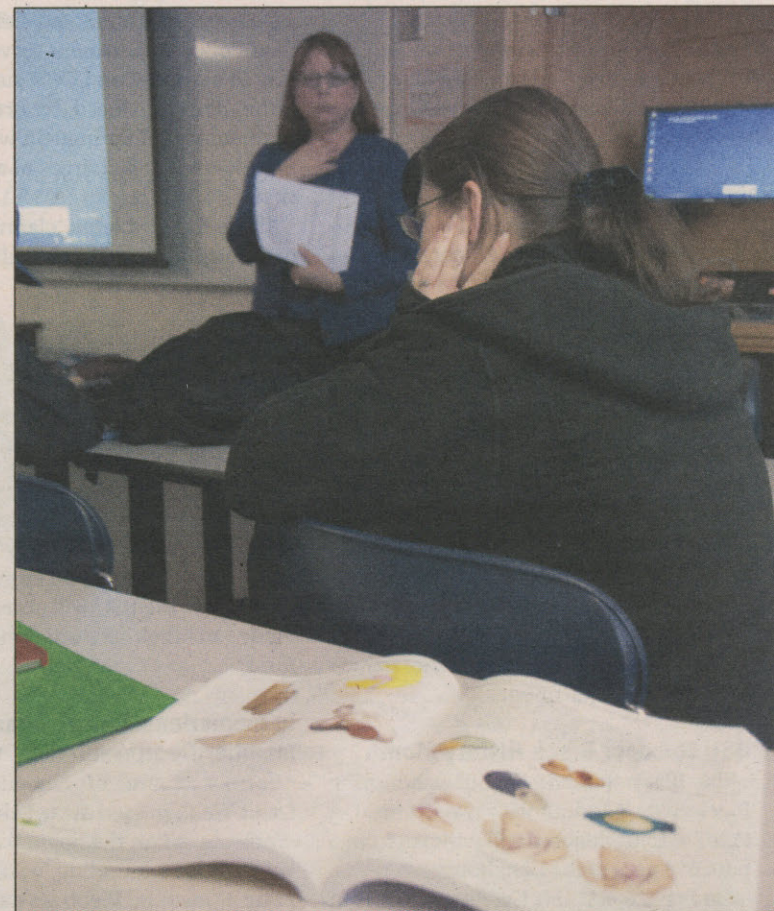


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Instructor Peggy Oberstaller leads her Human Sexuality class in a lecture regarding abortions. Upset by the content of the lecture, student Ashley Lavender (right) covers her ears.