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Longhouse entering final stage

Pooled water from recent rains collects on the concrete floor of LCC's Longhouse, reflecting the newly constructed ceiling and cedar support beams. Photo by ISAAC VIEL/The Torch

New building to provide cultural and educational activities for community

By WILLA BAUMAN
Managing Editor

LCC's longhouse is nearing its final stage. James Florendo, steward of the longhouse, hopes it will be completed by next fall.

"Last year's target was to have walls and roof," Florendo stated. "That's where we're at now."

Once built, the Native American Longhouse, located at the west edge of Main campus by Gonyea Road, will serve as a meeting place for LCC's growing native student population. The longhouse will also house Native American classes and educational activities for the greater community.

"This is for all Lane students," Florendo stressed. "We all need to look outside our culture and embrace all world-views."

Florendo estimated LCC's native student population to be approximately 200 students, a growing but still small percentage of LCC's total student population. He feels the longhouse will provide "cultural support" for students.

"It's going to be an incredible building. It already has that kind of air about it and you sense a very different feeling from the rest of campus. A lot of students contributed and you can feel that in there," Florendo said.

Before the longhouse's interior can be completed, more fundraising needs to be done. Donna Koechig, associate vice president of instruction, put the total cost of the longhouse at approximately \$1.64 million.

"We've secured 1 million so far not counting all the in-kind donations," Koechig said, adding that since initial inspection, cost of materials has skyrocketed so much that the

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Workers canvass campus to register voters

Oct. 14 goal set at 1,500 students, staff; volunteers needed

By NICOLE WEBER
Reporter

With elections around the corner the Student Vote Coalition is working to make sure LCC students are registered to vote.

Currently, there are about 10 voter-registration recruiters comprised mainly of student government members and a few volunteers. Those volunteers and council members are working around campus, talking to students about everything from their financial aid to their mode of transportation, all in the hopes of finding out about student issues and concerns.

Recruiters are working to inform students about the ballot issues that concern them, helping people decide if voting is a good way to get involved

and work to make the changes they would like to see.

"Voting is one of the best ways students can get involved and make a difference in their community," Associated Students of LCC Vice President Jonathan Morton said.

The Student Vote Coalition is comprised of members of ASLCC and Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group in association with the Oregon Student Association.

The Oregon Student Association is a non-profit organization started by students in the 1970s. Megan Krueger, ASLCC communications director, explained that the staff work to keep all members of the Student Vote Coalition informed on current legislation, legislative work being done by students and for students. The OSA also works to

maintain communication between student governments.

The OSA, ASLCC and OSPIRG have regular coalition building meeting to stay informed and organized. OSPIRG and OSA coordinators meet once a day to check the status on the voter registration campaigns. The entire collation, comprised of the three organizations meets once a week to update each other on progress and courses of action.

Both ASLCC and OSPIRG look for volunteers to help recruit new voters. Some people are "really excited" when they hear about the efforts to recruit voters and the issues on the ballot, Krueger said.

ASLCC offers leadership training to

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Survey includes students, faculty in planning process

Bond Leadership Team looks to LCC community for input on possible campus changes

By LANA BOLES
Editor in Chief

A survey to gather student and faculty input regarding the use of bond funds will soon be available on ExpressLane.

Bond Measure 20-142 will be on the November ballot for Lane County and, if passed, will make funds available for updating instructional facilities, equipment and technology of LCC.

LCC's Bond Leadership Team has formulated a five-question, open-answer survey to determine student and faculty member's ideas for the allocation of those funds.

"We're looking at the college like it's a tool, and the people that use this tool are the students and the faculty," Associated Students of LCC Vice President and

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Random Facts

- On Nov. 29, 1965, LCC held its first student body election. Titan was selected as the school mascot, and the student newspaper was named The Torch. That same month, the first issue of The Torch was published.
- The Grateful Dead played at LCC on Jan. 22, 1971, in a benefit for financial aid and the White Bird Clinic. Over 7,000 people showed up.
- In 1995, LCC’s webpage hit the cyber world for the first time, followed by fiber optics and a wide area network installation. One year later, in 1996, the college would offer its first online course: “Parenting,” taught by Linda Reipe.
- LCC changed its face in 1998 by selecting a new logo in March.



No emission transportation

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New at Lane: compost bins in the cafeteria

We live in a finite planet: a simple concept whose implications are hard to swallow and often ignored. Yet, some people and institutions understand the need to address this truth and take appropriate steps toward a more sustainable existence.

Lane Community College is one such institution. The college has taken many steps in this direction already: from signing the Talloires Declaration, to hiring a campus Sustainability Coordinator to establishing money/resource-saving energy and recycling initiatives. The school has also been collecting food waste from the kitchens and has now expanded its compost program by offering compostable cafeteria products and installing post-consumer compost collections stations in the student cafeteria. You will now notice three bins in the cafeteria: compost, recycling and

trash. Signs and examples are posted around campus so be sure to educate yourself on what is and what is not compostable. Generally, only food scraps and designated compostables can go into the compost bins. Avoid plastics like coffee cup lids, Pepsi cups, plastic silverware, candy wrappers, ketchup packets etc.

We need to return the materials we have taken back to the Earth, not senselessly bury them in toxic landfills, for which there isn’t the space. I encourage folks to participate by ensuring that only compostables are placed in the compost bins and by sharing the knowledge with your friends and classmates. The compost will be collected in biodegradable bags made from corn and sent to Rexius, a yard debris and compost facility in West Eugene.

According to an April, 2007 audit, over 55 percent of the waste created at

Lane Community College is compostable. “Diverting our food scraps and compostables to Rexius, rather than sending them to the Short Mountain dump will save the college about \$40 per ton and can potentially increase our waste diversion rate up 20 percent to 75 or 80 percent,” states Mike Sims, campus Recycling Coordinator. “These savings can be re-routed to create more green jobs on campus and help further Lane’s sustainability efforts.” So, not only is composting environmentally responsible, it is cost effective as well. Look for the new compostable products in the cafeteria!

If you are interested in learning more or becoming more involved, send me an e-mail at geobitgood@hotmail.com.

Geo Bitgood
LCC Recycling Assistant

Letters to the Editor

LCC bond measure needs your vote

I noticed an interesting juxtaposition between two articles on the front page of the Register Guard for Oct. 2.

The first article was by Edward Russo in which he stated that while Mayor Piercy and her challenger, Jim Torrey differ on many things, they both agree that job creation is Eugene’s most pressing need. I would assume that would be the case for the rest of Lane County as well.

The second article was written by Matt Cooper in which he listed and evaluated the purpose and cost of a number of measures that will be on the ballot for the voters of Lane County to decide in November.

One of the measures is 20-142, a measure which will allow Lane Community College to update its buildings and its teaching technology. For over 40 years, Lane Community College has worked to strengthen over 40 technical programs to train students and workers and, thereby, helping them to upgrade their skills in order to become employable. This function is certainly consistent with the goal of job creation.

It seems to me that Mr. Russo’s article has identified the major need for not only Eugene but all of Lane County and that is to create more jobs, and Bond Measure 20-142 would allow Lane Community College to continue its job of preparing the citizens of Lane County to

perform those jobs.

Therefore, it would seem to me that job creation is the problem and Lane Community College is the solution to the problem. Please join me in voting YES on Measure 20-142.

G. Dennis Shine
Springfield, Ore.

Empower yourself and vote in November

It’s November again and this year will be very monumental where our country moves in our future. Young voters are turning out in large numbers because they care about what has been happening to them.

When we unite on issues we are strong. Legislators must listen to us when we turn out in such large numbers. We won a historical victory in 2006 for Oregon colleges and universities since 1999. We could do this because of the amount of students that we registered.

A friend told me once when I was complaining about an issue that I needed to do something about it or shut-up. I believe that people don’t really deserve to have any freedoms if they aren’t willing to vote to protect them. Many people died selling their own lives to try and create a place with the amount of privilege that people have now. I am not going to have made them waste their lives.

With the issues at stake and future of the world every person eligible should empower themselves and vote.

D. Ross Jensen
ASLCC senator

One vote that did make a difference

I would like to discuss the importance of voting.

Recently, I met a woman who spoke about the importance of each and every vote. She described to me that one year she procrastinated filling out her ballot and took it to the elections office at the last minute, literally.

She arrived at the office about one minute before closing time and submitted her ballot. She had voted on an educational bond measure that passed by only one vote.

For me this story was an inspiration. There are many people who believe that one vote can not make a difference, and to them I say “One vote will not make a difference, if you do not vote. If she had decided to not vote the bond would have been denied.

Each vote cast is at least one vote. Each vote not cast, is a voice with no face. So I encourage you to vote, for your own good, and the good of us all.

James C. Manning III
ASLCC senator

Public Safety is keeping it green

Security switches to electric vehicles for easier access to campus

By TYLER PELL
Reporter

LCC's Public Safety Department has added a new vehicle to its fleet, one of the green variety. The vehicle, called the T3 Motion, looks like a cross between a Segway and the Disney character Wall-e.

The T3 is 100 percent electric, releases zero gas emissions, and also gets the electrical equivalent of over 500 miles-per-gallon of gasoline. The Public Safety Department is confident that this new vehicle will allow officers to maneuver around LCC's labyrinthine inner-campus area in ways they never have before.

Public Safety's vehicle fleet includes two Jeeps and a Ford Taurus, which are best suited for parking lot patrol. However, because all of those vehicles serve the same purpose and have upwards of 200,000 miles on their odometers, the need for a new more versatile vehicle was a top priority.

"Patrolling at a lower cost was very important to us," Associate Vice President for Finance, Greg Morgan, said. He added that it costs about 10 cents per day to run the T3, and the college is already seeing savings in fuel costs.

The T3 cost LCC \$10,000, and the batteries, which should last at least five years, were another \$2,000. That puts the price tag of the T3 at about half of what a new police cruiser would cost.

In addition to low price, it was important to the Public Safety Department that new equipment fits LCC's lofty sustainability standards. For that reason, Director of Public Safety, Katherine Vos, was excited about the addition of the T3.

"Earth friendliness was very important to us. It will really help us cut down on our gas consumption, which is more important now than ever," Vos said.

Perhaps the most important feature of the T3 is its maneuverability. The Public Safety Department has been looking to improve its inner-campus accessibility for years.

The high number of ramps and elevators in the inner-campus area makes patrolling challenging. The T3 has a zero-degree turning radius, meaning wherever the T3 can fit, it can turn around. In fact,

the T3 has such a good turning radius it doesn't even have a reverse gear.

Chantel Thomas, one of LCC's seven full-time officers who are authorized to use the new vehicle, said the T3 will allow Public Safety to patrol the heavy traffic areas with ease.

"The T3 has already improved Lane's overall safety, and will help cut down on things like student-on-student theft, which has always been a problem, especially during lunch," Thomas said.

In addition to cutting down on theft, Thomas believes that the T3 will allow Public Safety to have a bigger presence in and around campus while enabling them to be more friendly and helpful with students.

Because of the T3's diminutive appearance compared to a police cruiser, the Public Safety Department hopes it will promote a better relationship between campus security and students.

In the past, Public Safety used golf-carts to supplement their vehicle fleet, and will continue to do so. The T3 is not only easy to maneuver on LCC's ramps – something golf carts cannot do – it can also easily fit into elevators.

Vos is happy to finally be able to patrol every part of LCC's campus. "The police cruisers and Jeeps will still be used in the parking lots. The T3 will be used primarily in the inner-campus area."

Although the T3 has a meager 25 mph top speed, its best attribute for campus security will be its speed.

Vos and Thomas agreed that the T3 will make LCC safer because public safety's response time will be roughly twice as fast as it used to be.

"Being more places in less time will be extremely beneficial to Lane's overall security," Thomas said. It also has cut the door-check time in half, from three hours to about an hour and a half.

Besides the batteries, which will need to be replaced over time, the T3 has virtually zero maintenance costs, and every part of the T3 can be found in Eugene.

Because the T3 is a brand new product, it is impossible to say exactly what its shelf life is. However, Vos expects the T3 to be around for a long time.

The T3 is only available to law enforcement and security agencies. They are becoming very popular with mall-security.

LCC is the first Oregon college to purchase a T3, although that designation may be short lived. According to Greg Morgan, representatives from the University of Oregon have already come to LCC to take a look.



Public Safety Officer Bob Olafson shows off LCC's newest addition to the team: a personal mobility vehicle made by T3 Motion of Costa Mesa, Calif. The all-electric vehicle can reportedly reach speeds in excess of 25 MPH and is projected to help save the school money due to its low operational costs compared to petrol-powered vehicles. Photo by ISAAC VIEL/The Torch

Education isn't only for students

New Academic Technology Center supports faculty, staff with a variety of tools to make teaching more effective

By NICOLE WEBER
Reporter

At the dawn of Fall term 2008, the former Instructional Technology Center became the Academic Technology Center.

"Information Technology is IT and Instructional Technology is IT," ATC Coordinator Michael Levick explained about the name change. "It caused all kinds of confusion."

The purpose of the ATC is to support the faculty and staff in the use of the technology LCC provides both in classrooms and with online programs such as Moodle. Many aspects of this support have always been available to faculty and staff but with the new name came some new features.

The help desk is new to the ATC and LCC this year. The help desk is staffed by Learn and Earn students who route phone and online help requests to the appropriate staff member. The help desk ensures quick and efficient problem solving by qualified staff, according to the ATC website. The help desk can direct inquiries and answer questions about Moodle, videos, slideshows and just about any questions staff may have about using Internet resources and in-

class equipment.

The website is another new feature of the ATC. Support requests, self-help sections, details about the drop-in lab and workshop schedules are all available on the ATC website. The self-help section offers instructions on online courses and Moodle, both of which are becoming increasingly popular at LCC.

The ATC also created a new recording studio that allows instructors to record and edit both audio and video. The center installed a new projector for the workshop instruction station and new Mac computers funded by the Office of Instruction and the IT department at LCC. The Macs can "dual boot," meaning that they can be used as either a Mac or a PC depending on what the instructor requires.

But not everything at the ATC is new. Many of the departments within the ATC, such as the IT help and webmasters, have been around LCC for some time but only with the creation of the ATC have these departments been brought under the same management.

The webmasters are part-time instructors who also help introduce new technology to the rest of the faculty. They are the "research and development arm of the ATC,"

Levick said. They help answer difficult questions about the current technological tools on campus and look for new and better programs and methods for using technology as a teaching tool.

"Lane is increasing its online instruction, almost doubling every year," ATC Webmaster Meredith Keene-Wilson said. Some classes are being put online to increase the number of available sections and still others, such as a non-credit course in making effective Ebay listings, wouldn't even be possible without having completely internet-based classes.

LCC recently received a \$6.8 million School Improvement Fund grant that will be used to put more professional technical programs online. This is not just for classes but entire programs, explained Levick. LCC's Computer Information Technology department brought in an instructional designer who has been successful with teaching online science courses, as well as a programmer to work with staff to begin putting these programs online.

LCC participates in a statewide program that offers some professional technical programs online that are available to students at other community colleges. These col-

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leges reciprocate by offering their specialty courses to LCC students. This allows students from a larger geographical area to participate in specific programs.

The webmasters are also working on Open Education Resource modules for LCC. OERs are a way to freely share teaching and learning materials online for use in both online and traditional courses. The idea is that these could replace textbooks, thereby decreasing education costs to students and providing instructors with better teaching tools. The only complication to this, according to Keene-Wilson, is that it would require hours of research to filter through the material and pull out the good information.

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Candidates come together

Piercy and Torrey agree: LCC needs funding from Bond Measure 20-142

By WILLA BAUMAN
Managing Editor

Mayor Kitty Piercy and former mayor Jim Torrey put down their gloves on Oct. 6 to come together in support of LCC. Both mayoral candidates spoke in favor of Bond Measure 20-142, praising LCC's role in the community and enthusing about the positive changes affected by the bond.

If passed, the county measure would provide LCC with \$83 million for infrastructure and instructional technology renovations. Some of LCC's current infrastructure, such as piping and boilers, has been in place since the seventies.

"LCC's a chance for the first two years to cost less," Piercy said. "It offers a better life for anyone who works hard for it – and a better life for our community."

Torrey spoke to the financial aspect of the Bond Measure. "LCC's bond proposal is the best tax bargain on the November ballot," Torrey stated. "We need to ensure LCC can continue to serve the community and help people improve their lives and the lives of their families."

Behind the eyes of a killer

Eugene author provides chilling accounts and backgrounds of shooters in 'School Shootings'

Book Review
by LANA BOLES
Editor in Chief

On May 21, 1998, heavily armed Kip Kinkel, 15, walked into Thurston High School in Springfield, Ore. killing two and wounding 25 in one of the nation's worst school shootings ever.

Outsiders reported that the Kinkel family appeared loving and supportive. Both parents were educators who were thought of throughout the community as great teachers and model parents.

In "School Shootings – What Every Parent and Educator Needs to Know to Protect Our Children," Joseph Lieberman points to the "above average" upbringing of Kip and many other school shooters. "What made their children's attacks especially disturbing was the very fact of the apparent normalcy of their homes," Lieberman writes.

Lieberman points to an interview on ABC's "20/20" where Kip's sister, Kristin Kinkel, was asked by Barbara Walters if she ever suspected "that Kip was a violent kid, that anything like this could have happened?"

Kristin replied, "In my wildest dreams, never."

So what happened?

Lieberman delves into the history and psychology of the tormented individual who begged to be killed after murdering his parents and opening fire on fellow classmates.

"School Shootings" is at once disturbing and riveting, never letting the reader up for breath.

In the initial chapters, the history of school shootings Lieberman provides is like an attack on the senses. The information comes so fast and continuous that it is almost painful. At times it is overwhelming.

Periods of highly concentrated information, where Lieberman lists the deeds of various murderers, are intense and often confusing. The incidences are introduced one right after

another so they all blend into a horrible collage of homicide.

Also confusing is Lieberman's habit of switching between first and last name, requiring the reader to consult the initial reference of their full name, in order to know to whom the author is referring.

From beginning to end, the horrors of various school shootings are visited from multiple angles. Lieberman draws connections between warning signs, state of mental health, history and family life of many school shooters.

In a multifaceted portrait of a murderer, Lieberman lays a foundation of understanding. Using Kip as the centerpiece, the personal stories of school shooters, their families and their victims are brought to the pages in such nightmarish detail that it simultaneously leaves the reader terrified, confused, curious and enlightened.

Youthful killers involved in gruesome multiple murders have become so commonplace that many are no longer shocked by reports of another school shooting unless it happens in their community.

Lieberman forces the reader to recognize reality: school shootings are a regular occurrence in the U.S. and may happen in any school.

Whether this book was written as a scare tactic or not, it will undoubtedly succeed as such.

The Eugene Police Department is conducting school shooting scenario training at Willamette High School throughout October. "School Shootings" may not have prompted this defensive maneuver, but this is a book with the power to educate and provoke active preventative measures.

"School Shootings" is so thorough that, without reading like a textbook, it could serve as assigned reading for any class that addresses preventative training, psychology of school shooters or societal roles in these scenarios.

A chilling look behind the eyes of murderers, "School Shootings" is an intense trip into a painful world that is an unfortunate part of reality.

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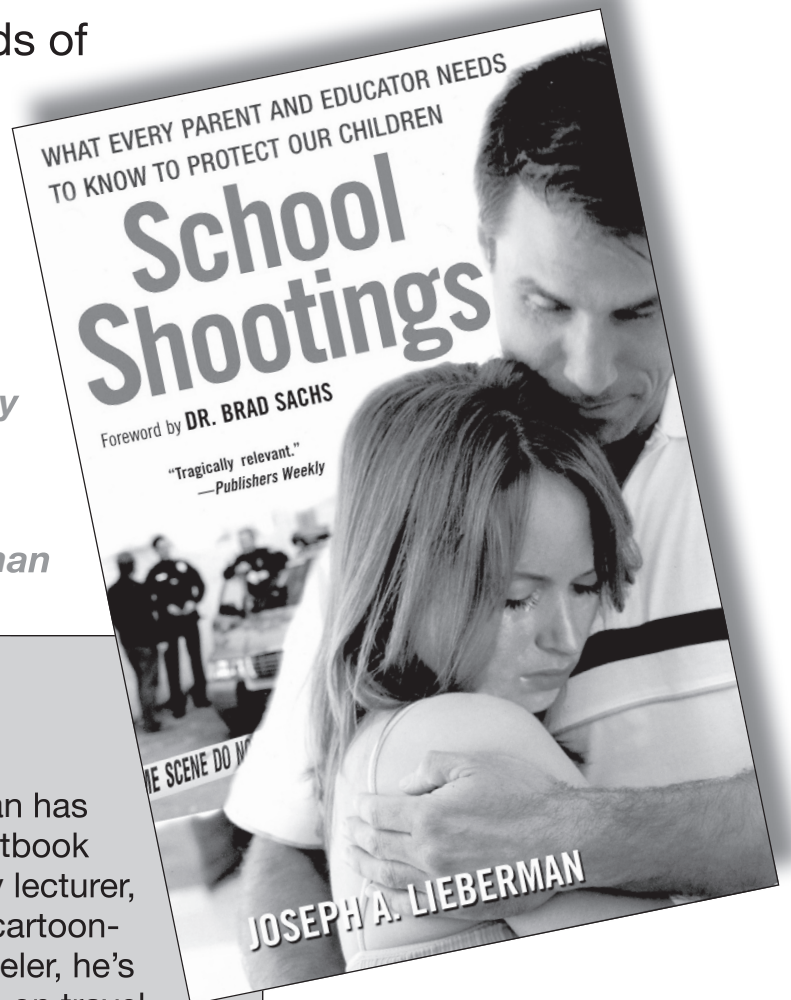
—Joseph Lieberman

Bio:

Joseph Lieberman has worked as a textbook writer, university lecturer, photojournalist and cartoonist. An extensive traveler, he's published two books on travel in addition to over 600 articles on travel, art, fashion, food and lifestyle.

He moved to Eugene in 1999 and taught computer, composition and English as a second language at LCC in 2000-01. He is currently working on a book addressing the commonalities between suicidal school shooters, workplace avengers and fanatical terrorists.

Lieberman said he wants "to write the definitive book on school shootings."



'School Shootings – What Every Parent and Educator Needs to Know to Protect Our Children'

By Joseph A. Lieberman
Citadel Press Kensington
Illustrated. 366 pp.
\$14.95.

This book may be found in the LCC Bookstore.

Hult Center makes music mere accessible

Students get online discounts for performances at the mere price of 10 bucks

By JOEL DEVYLDERE
Reporter

Full-time LCC and University of Oregon students can now experience the arts at the Hult Center for just \$10 per showing. The discount-ticketing program, recently launched online, brings into official collaboration the efforts of the Hult Center and its resident arts organizations to provide affordable tickets for world-class performances to college students in the area.

Raychel Kolen, director of public relations for the Eugene Symphony, hopes the unified program will raise awareness about the availability of \$10 student tickets.

"We've been doing it for a long time; we just found out that no one knew about it. So we're joining forces," Kolen said. "It's important for students to have access to these forms of entertainment without a cost barrier."

She also mentioned ensuring future audiences for the symphony was part of the reason they have been offering cheap tickets

to college students. "[Discounted seats] can be anywhere from the upper balcony to the very floor of the orchestra," Kolen said. The seating for \$10 student tickets is all over the floor.

Tickets normally cost \$27-66, with a \$15-ticket option for the upper balcony sides.

The Eugene Symphony generally has 30-100 students receiving the discount tickets out of a nearly-always sold out 2,400-seat venue. Kolen works to ensure that there are as many tickets as needed for students.

Not limited to Eugene Symphony showings, the \$10 showings include performances by many local fine-arts groups, including the Mozart Players, the Eugene Ballet Company, the Eugene Concert Choir, the Eugene Opera and the Oregon Bach Festival.

According to the Hult Center's website, the ticket program also includes special events like CIRQUE d'OR, performed by Golden Dragon Acrobats of China which features "daring feats of athletic discipline and grace, brilliant costumes, theatrical

spectacle, music and dance, both ancient and contemporary."

"Well, I think it's great. Pretty much anything that plays at the Hult Center is awesome," Kellee Mendenhall, music technology major, said. "It's great that they make these tickets available to us."

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“*I guess I would consider going to a Hult Center performance at \$60 a ticket ... but at \$10, it's more affordable. No one here really has a lot of money.*”

—Chris Wrightsor, biology student

has a lot of money," Chris Wrightsor, biology major, added.

To LCC students skeptical about the symphony and other fine arts performances, Kolen has a contemporary comparison: "It's kind of like a rock concert in that it's very different to experience in person than listening to it on your iPod," she said. "Try it. Each person is really different and it affects them in different ways."

Take it from the pros

Art faculty showcase work in gallery exhibit

By BENNETT MOHLER
Arts Editor

Every year the full-time and part-time faculty of the Art Department get a chance to show the students what they're made of, or rather what they've made.

The annual Faculty Art Show displays teachers' work in the art gallery in Building 11, giving faculty an opportunity to showcase their work to the LCC community, be it brand-new pieces or works they have had for years.

"There's an element of interest that's been increasing over the years," Jennifer Salzman, gallery director, said about the exhibit. "Students love it."

"It's good for students to see what their teachers are doing and it's good for the faculty to see what the other faculty are doing," Andreas Salzman, art instructor, said.

Andreas has worked as an instructor at LCC for five years and has been featured at the Faculty Art Show all five years. Andreas's piece "Keelson" is a three-dimensional wood sculpture that represents transition for Andreas.

"I moved up here with my family 5 years ago and I'm still in that transition mode. With this piece I'm trying to express getting on a boat with your family and going on an adventure," Andreas explained.

After its stay at the Faculty Art Show, "Keelson" will be moved up to the Josephia Kate Gallery in Portland.

Other full-time faculty members such as Lee Imonen, Ellen Tykeson, and Satoko Okito will be displaying pieces at the gallery. Newer LCC art teachers such as Rob Adams and



"Keelson" by Andreas Salzman, "Waits, and Measures" by Tom Rohr and "Maine-Soran, Niger, West African" by Hannah Dillon. Photo by JAMES KENNEDY/The Torch

Katherine Ali also have artwork at the show.

"Kate was a former student at LCC and now she's a new teacher," Jennifer said.

Okito's piece at the show is an abstract painting that is listed as "Untitled." "It's actually titled 'Light Thrusting Into Darkness,'" Okito explained. "It says 'Untitled' just because I didn't apply the title to the people running the show in time."

Okito's described by her piece as "completely abstract" and "related to change."

"It's important for students to

know that they are learning from people who are going through the motions of being an artist," Jennifer said.

"The show provides a variety of pieces, a variety of concepts, and a variety of structures," Okito said. "It's a very vibrant department."

"I believe we have the best arts facility in the Northwest and this is an extraordinary show with great diversity on both medium and content," Rick Williams, dean of the division of arts, said.

The exhibit features 30 pieces including sculptures, paintings,

photographs and prints, and will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

The gallery is also selling T-shirts and 2009 calendars for the duration of the shows.

"All the proceeds are going to raise money to support our gallery," Jennifer said.

A reception showcasing the gallery was held Wednesday, Oct. 8.

"I'm pretty excited. I haven't seen most of these people for three months. It's good to see what they've all been up to," Andreas remarked.



"Blue Books" by Elizabeth Uhlig. Photo by JAMES KENNEDY/The Torch



"Portrait of Suzanne Arlie" by Adam Grosowski. Photo by JENN KARLEN/The Torch

'Doubt' is a definite must-see for theater aficionados

Lord Leebrick produces another hit with a harsh minimalist piece

Play Review
by BENNETT MOHLER
Arts Editor

With only four cast members, Lord Leebrick Theatre Company presents a powerful story about deception, conflicting values and moral obligation.

John Patrick Shanley's "Doubt: A Parable" tells the story of a nun fighting to expose a seemingly friendly priest's sexual abuse of a student in a parish in the mid 1960s. Shanley's play tackles a very broad subject using only a few characters to represent all sides of the issue.

While only four actors appear on stage, the story involves a multitude of characters described vividly by the existing cast; they become three-dimensional human beings as tangible as the actors on stage.

The main conflict of the play is between the traditionalist and stern Sister Aloysius, played by Janet Steiger Carr, and the likable and progressive Father Flynn, played by Patric Knight. These two characters represent polar opposite schools of thought on the issue of education in this intense dialogue.

Aloysius's stern exterior set her up in the beginning of the play as a cold, heartless, un-



Left to right, Janet Steiger Carr (Sister Aloysius), Danielle deLuise (Sister James) and Patric Knight (Father Flynn) battle conscience, sin and parochial duty in an intense look at humanity and its failings. Photo courtesy of LORD LEEBRICK THEATRE

wavering old hag. Her conservative perspective on how to teach children through discipline and alienation provides one extreme that the audience probably won't agree with right off the bat. Flynn, on the other hand, provides the more modern and open-armed interpretation of education. Unfortunately his "open-armed" nature extends further than what would be considered appropriate.

Danielle deLuise plays a third character, Sister James, who serves as a foil for Sister Aloysius, although she is not in as direct conflict with Aloysius as Father Flynn. Her honest enthusiasm about teaching is quickly dismissed by Aloysius in the beginning of the play as innocent

and ineffective. Here, Aloysius is portrayed in a very antagonistic manner, yet quickly we see her in a more positive heroic light defending the children it seems she cares nothing about. One of the most interesting things about Aloysius is how she doesn't really change throughout the story. She is in every sense a static character. However, your perception of her changes to one of sympathy, simply because the situation she's in has changed.

Due to events set in motion by the naïve, albeit well-intentioned James, the conflict between Aloysius and Flynn goes beyond a simple difference of moral standings and enters into the issue of protecting a child from abuse. Soon,

Flynn's outwardly charming demeanor becomes one of sinister deceit depending on whether or not you believe Aloysius's accusations.

The accusation, as simple as it is, quickly spun out of context into a conflict of morals that will leave the viewer with no definite answer at the end of the play. Aloysius's last three words make sure of that.

As for this particular production, Carr owns the stage throughout the duration of the play. Her portrayal of this unlovable yet sympathetic character is flawless and concise.

She quickly establishes a seemingly non-empathetic, heartless character and then has the audience rooting for her the remainder of the story. Unfortunately Knight's portrayal of Father Flynn is somewhat more lacking. Knight gives off a sense of contrived emotions and starchy dialogue that really dehumanizes the character. Whether this is intentional or not is difficult to say as perhaps we are not meant to sympathize with this character. deLuise's take on Sister James is solid. Although the character lacks a lot of substance, deLuise does a better job than Knight making the character believable.

Although a small role involving one scene, Donella Elizabeth Altson's portrayal of Mrs. Muller, the last piece of the puzzle in the story, so to speak, is astounding. The dialogue between her and Aloysius is one of the most powerful in stage history.

"Doubt" will be playing through Oct. 18 and is a must-see for anyone with the slightest bit of interest in theater. Similar to Lord Leebrick's previous production of "R&J," a grandiose story is told with only four voices. With the feature film version of the play coming out in December, the play is also well timed.

"I have not the slightest proof of anything, but I have my certainty," Sister Aloysius states. Do you doubt her?

Breaking through cellular haze

A guide to choosing the right phone through five must-ask questions

By **BOB RODGERS**
Reporter

Cell phones – the words can be a source of daily enjoyment or a lightning rod of anger. Although there are many different providers, they are all very similar in the way they do business. From a long-time insider in the cellular industry, there are five questions that can guide consumers, helping to avoid the frustrations and receive maximum service in a sellers’ market.

What’s better: prepaid or postpaid?

Choosing either option comes down to a person’s situation. How often will the service be needed? Generally, using over 200 minutes per month will require postpaid. What about paying monthly bills? Prepaid services do not charge deposits and have no contracts. Whether customers are looking for text, pictures, TV, walkie-talkie or global positioning system, both post- and prepaid have packages available.

What about contracts?

There is no other way around them unless the customer buys prepaid service. If more minutes or fewer minutes are required asked questions. Many companies will require the customer to renew the contract. Ask the provider before switching it up. Customers should not accept phone discounts unless willing to accept contracts. Companies need to recoup the money from the discounted new phone. Need a newer phone and don’t want to sign for more years? Buy a phone off EBay or Craigslist and avoid signing that pesky contract. Also, most carriers won’t allow someone to sign up for a new contract every six months just to



get a new phone. There is a limit to discounts. **Where is the best place to do business: online or at a mall?**

Cell phone companies have their own corporate-owned stores but they also have their products sold via third-party franchised stores locally or online. Individuals may find cheaper prices at third party stores or online. However, employees at franchised stores may not have direct access to personal accounts or the same training as corporate employees. Because some third-party stores do not have direct access to customer accounts, if there are issues with a phone or service not covered by the return policy, these stores may redirect customers to a corporate store to resolve issues. There’s no wrong place to purchase service, but it helps to be aware of the dif-

ferences. Some places allow haggling the price of the handset or stores can include free accessories. So don’t be afraid to wheel and deal.

Should the customer think about a warranty or insurance?

Since many people take their cell phones everywhere, phones can be exposed to elements that other electronic devices aren’t. Cell phones are bound to break. Every new phone purchased has a warranty, but each carrier handles the warranty process differently. Some carriers handle the warranty in the store while other carriers refer customers back to the manufacturer. When deciding whether to purchase insurance, be clear with the warranty policies of the carrier first and then ask questions about the cost of deductibles. The most important detail in asking

about warranties and insurances is the time it will take to get a phone fixed or replaced. Many cell phone carriers do not give same-day service for phone problems.

What happens if there are billing issues?

Cell phone carriers, like many other types of businesses, won’t find the billing errors. It’s up to the customer. Although some carriers will assist with billing issues in the local store, many redirect customers to a billing center. Either way, make it easier by having the bill in hand and try to decode the problem before making contact. Having an idea of why the bill is not right and having a specific credit amount will make the representative more receptive to resolving the issue. *Bob Rodgers has worked for over five years in the cell phone industry for multiple national carriers. He is currently employed by one of the four main national carriers.*

A resourceful college: not wasting a thing

LCC’s grade-A compost serves multiple purposes

By **DILLON BLANKS**
Reporter

Many students and faculty have noticed since their return to school this term that the ponds just beyond the soccer fields are empty. Since LCC opened, the ponds at the entrance of the school have been used to contain and cleanse all liquid waste that comes from the college’s drains. Anything that was flushed, washed or rinsed went directly from the school through a sewage line and into the ponds by which people drive upon entering the college. The waste would sit in the ponds and natural bacteria and other elements of the environment would cleanse it. This cleansing process has been going on since the school opened, but changed due to the bond that was passed in 1995 stating that LCC needed to “upgrade the sewer lagoon system.” As a result, LCC has a treatment plant for all waste coming from the

school just beyond the ponds on the opposite side of I-5. The process of LCC’s sewage treatment has been modified to meet the bond’s requirements. All waste from the school now goes directly to the treatment center to undergo a natural treatment process. It then gets pumped back into the ponds for further purification. The new treatment process is finally complete but it was not easy. LCC has been trying to empty these ponds for three summers, but the warm season was so short the sludge left in the ponds didn’t have time to dry before rain came again. So what’s happened with the sludge now? “That bio-solid waste has been worked on over the years by bacteria, so then it had to be tested to make sure that it was nontoxic,” Bob Mention, planner of the Facilities Management and Planning Department of LCC, said. “Now it’s been tested and the tests came back that there wasn’t anything bad in there ... that determines what we can do with it,” Mention said. LCC has already done a lot with the waste. “It was grade-A compost. Because it was grade A we were able to use it for composting, and that’s the best quality,” LCC President Mary Spilde said. The compost has dried and there are piles of

it throughout campus grounds, most of it by the longhouse. It has been used to level out some of the fields south of Buildings 18 and 19, between the parking lot and street behind Building 12. Once the longhouse is completed, more of it will be used for landscaping in that area. “It’s not very aesthetically pleasing to see a bunch of holes with what looks like a bunch of mud,” Spilde stated. But she finds it worthwhile for two reasons: first, “it’s much more environmentally friendly and sustainable to let it dry naturally, test it and then use it. The second is it saves us a lot of money.” If LCC decided to have the compost shipped away to another location it would have cost the college \$100,000 per pond. “Every penny that would have gone to shipping the sludge off some place is a penny taken from serving the students,” Spilde said. The ponds were used in other ways before LCC got the new treatment plant. The water from the ponds irrigated the fields at LCC. Clean water would get mixed up with water from the ponds, which acted as a fertilizer. When the fields were watered during the summer, LCC had to keep people off them for several days until the water took its course through the ground. Now that the water from the pond has been

treated more intensively, LCC can use that water on the fields and it will be completely safe for people to access those areas while they are getting watered. “Lane has a really good reputation for looking at the environment ... trying to be sustainable, and trying not to put too big a footprint in the environment,” Spilde said. “I don’t think they should be using a bunch of nasty waste all over the place to grow a bunch of stuff,” LCC student, Bill Hess, said. “I know very well you don’t need to use nasty human waste to grow plants around a college campus. Just sending our waste and filling the ponds back up with it? You know, there’s other alternatives for that.” “There are a lot of things like that you’d be grossed out about if you knew,” Yaicha Schelin, pre-law major, said. “The fact is that’s where our fruits and vegetables come from, maybe not our own human waste, but animal waste. I think as long as it’s organic and there aren’t any harsh chemicals that could harm anyone ... it doesn’t really bother me.” Now that the rainy season has returned, LCC won’t be using water from the ponds on the fields, but the dirt will continue to be used for landscaping. All ponds were drained and the first pond is almost full again.

Bike vs. van time trial results

Local efforts prove cycling is the most cost effective form of transportation

By TARYN ACKELSON
Sports Editor

Lee Norris, 62, a long-time resident of the Eugene area and cycling activist, compiled a comparative time trial between his bicycle and his van.

“I wanted to see how the bicycle stacked up against the automobile as transportation around town,” Norris said.

Navigating high traffic streets and highways, Norris timed himself while driving to several locations around Eugene in a Dodge Caravan.

Mounting his Kona touring bike, which he also rides on cycling tours around the Northwest, he repeated the experiment using bike paths, alleys and back streets. “I want to show that it is easy to get around town by bicycle and avoid traffic. This is why I did not take the same route on the bike that I did on the car,” Norris said.

Obedient to all traffic laws on both the bike and in his motor vehicle, he timed each of the 11 segments of the course until he reached the front door of his destination. This included the time it took to park the van or lock up his bike.

Roundtrip the time trial was 19.1 miles and took two hours and four minutes by bike and two hours and 10 minutes by van.

There were only three of the 11 segments that proved to have a quicker commute by automobile than by cycling. One of which, segment five from the Campbell Senior Center to the University of Oregon Book Store, was just one minute faster by car.

“Today there is opposition to bike paths around the Eugene-Springfield area. I believe that in the future, that

will change. Times are going to get harder and people will find out the bike path system in place around the Eugene-Springfield area is the most cost-effective form of transportation that there is,” Norris stated.

Norris also designed a new bike path that allows cyclists to keep away from busy roads, which he believes is the major reason why many are afraid to start using bicycles to commute around town.

The route evolved over several years and runs from the Irving area in West Eugene to 35th Street on the east side of Springfield. “With this route, a person living in Santa Clara and working at the new hospital out in Springfield can now get back and forth to work.”

“Having bike paths and safer routes takes the stress off of cyclists and off of motor traffic in general, and improves the quality of life in the area ... With this route, it is possible to ride from one end of the Eugene-Springfield area without ever riding on main traffic streets,” Norris said.

There is one obstacle that remains in the way of connecting the bike route to the Willamette bike paths: the Delta Gravel pit on Division Road. “All I want is this much-needed bike path. I am not out to close the Delta Gravel pit,” Norris said. Until Norris or other cyclists are able to find another solution, they must ride under Division Road or under the Belt Line Highway on River Road.

The bike path designed by Norris is not yet widely used by Eugene cyclists. Norris believes that posting signs would aid cyclists in navigating what he feels is the safest route for bikes.



BIKE



VAN

- Santa Clara bus terminal to Joe’s Sporting Goods: 2.2 miles
- Joe’s Sporting Goods to Valley River Center: 2.2 miles
- Valley River Center to Autzen Stadium: 2.6 miles
- Autzen Stadium to Campbell Senior Center: 1 mile
- Campbell Senior Center to University of Oregon Book Store: 2 miles
- UO Book Store to Amazon Pool: 1.3 miles
- Amazon Pool to Lane County Court House: 2.2 miles
- Lane County Court House To Safeway on 18th St: .7 miles
- 18th St. Safeway Store To Lane County Fairgrounds: .3 miles
- Lane County Fairgrounds to Red Barn Store: 1.4 miles
- Red Barn Store to Santa Clara bus terminal: 3.2 miles

12 Minutes	15 Minutes
9 Minutes	17 Minutes
10 Minutes	12 Minutes
4 Minutes	8 Minutes
13 Minutes	12 Minutes
7 Minutes	10 Minutes
21 Minutes	13 Minutes
14 Minutes	7 Minutes
4 Minutes	6 Minutes
9 Minutes	12 Minutes
9 Minutes	18 Minutes

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– Lee Norris

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Titans at the top of the heap – and all tied up

Women’s soccer team faces a series of challenging competitors

By **TARYN ACKELSON**
Sports Editor

The Titan women’s soccer team found success just out of reach in the past two weeks with four tied games and a shutout, resulting in a record of 5-2-6 for the year.

The Bigfoot women’s soccer team of Spokane Community College was shut out 4-0 on Saturday, Sept. 27, when it was faced by the Titans of LCC in Spokane, Wash. In the first half, Spokane scored an own-goal, giving a point to LCC for a 1-0 lead.

The second half saw Forward Kayla Stewart secure two goals for her team, the first of which was followed a minute later by a goal contributed by Midfielder Mackenzie Fegels.

“There’s a lot of people out there who aren’t selfish and they’ll pass me the ball when I’m open. There are opportunities that need to be finished and when our teammates pass each other the ball it’s like we’re playing together as a team,” Titan top scorer, Stewart said.

SCC would travel for the rematch on the Titan home field one week later on Oct. 4, resulting in a 2-2 tie. Sabel Maguire, defender, scored a goal early in the game off of a pass from Midfielder Jamie Addington. Stewart scored the second goal at the 61-minute mark. Forward Karli Clark received a yellow card for a minor physical violation.

Head Soccer Coach Dean Smith says that Maguire is not only one of the top scoring players for the Titans, she is also leading the best defense in the league. LCC faced Columbia Basin College in the same fashion, first on the road in Pasco, Wash. on Sept. 26 and a week later at home; both games holding the teams in deadlock with tied scores.

On Friday, Sept. 26, a 0-0 tie kept both goalies busy, and LCC Goalkeeper Alexandria Foster fought hard to allow no goals. “It doesn’t matter if the score is 0-0 or 5-0, she’s always ready. She’s the best keeper we’ve

had in the three years that I’ve been here. The most determined and the most competitive, and that’s what you want,” Smith said.

In this game Fegels was penalized with a yellow card when a player from the other team “grabbed her shirt and almost tugged her down. As she was tugging her down, [Fegels] swiped her hand away so she wouldn’t go down and the ref. yellow carded [Fegles] for getting the girl’s hand off of her,” Smith said. Fegels was penalized while the other player was not, typical of many penalties given in soccer.

The Hawks of CBC came ready for a rematch on Friday, Oct. 3, only to settle for the second of two ties, this time leaving the teams with one goal each. Stewart put one past the CBC goalie before the one-minute mark, assisted by Katlyn Shaw.

Both Maguire and Fegels received a yellow card. “Sometimes you just have to let them know who’s stronger,” Fegels said of earning a yellow card. Tuesday, Oct. 7, the Titans battled last year’s NWAACC Champions, Clackamas Community College, and finished with a 0-0 tie. The tie against Clackamas placed the women’s soccer team as one of the top contenders for the NWAACC Championship.

“It is frustrating to tie a team,” Stewart said. “We’re on the edge of being number one in our league, and so we have a lot of pressure on us right now.”

Despite injuries and illness experienced throughout the past two weeks, the women’s soccer team has fought hard to prove they want to come out on top. Stewart is already focusing on goals for the end of the season. “It would be nice to get a banner up there in that gym, next to all those basketball banners,” she said.

This weekend the women’s soccer team will travel to Washington to take on the Warriors of Walla Walla Community College on Friday, Oct. 10, and to Ontario, Ore. on Saturday, Oct. 11, to compete against the Treasure Valley Community College Chuckars.



LCC forward Katlyn Shaw fights Spokane defender Olivia Handwerk for ball control in the Saturday, Oct. 4, game played at LCC. **Photo by ISAAC VIEL/The Torch**



LCC Midfielder Aili Johnson concentrates hard on the ball while she sets up for a pass in the Saturday, Oct. 4, game played at LCC. **Photo by ISAAC VIEL/The Torch**

Upcoming Soccer Games

Friday, Oct. 10
vs. Walla Walla Community College
In Walla Walla, Wash.
2 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11
vs. Treasure Valley Community College
In Ontario, Ore.
Noon

Friday, Oct. 17
vs. Southwestern Oregon Community College
At LCC
3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18
vs. Chemeketa Community College
At LCC
Noon

Friday, Oct. 24
vs. Clark College
At LCC
3:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 31
vs. SOCC
In Coos Bay, Ore.
2 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 1
vs. Chemeketa
In Salem, Ore.
Noon

Friday, November 7
vs. CC
In Vancouver, Wash.
1 p.m.

Playoffs

Monday, Nov. 10
Tie Breakers
1 p.m.
Location TBA

Wednesday, Nov. 12
Round one
Time and location TBA

A sneak peak at baseball 2009

Off-season play gives coaches a look at what spring may hold

By **TARYN ACKELSON**
Sports Editor

The Sept. 27 scrimmage at Corban College in Salem yielded mixed results for the LCC baseball team when it faced the Warriors in a doubleheader.

The Titans swept the Warriors 6-0 in the first of two games, but LCC was left with a significant loss in the second: Warriors 11, Titans 5. Early in the second game there was hope for another victory, but after a 3-0 lead in the second inning, the Titans gave up too many runs to come back and had to settle for a split.

The fall-ball team only practiced for five days prior to the doubleheader against Corban. Head Baseball Coach Rob Strickland said the off-season experience will help new players “grasp college ball” and feel what it’s like to play at a new level. Playing during the fall allows the team to learn how to react under the challenges of back-to-back games, Strickland said. During the regular baseball season in the spring, the teams of the Southern region of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges are forced to play doubleheaders each time they face an opponent to fit all of the games into the season.

“There’s a lot of things going on right now.

We’re just trying to focus on getting back on pace ... and getting our enthusiasm for baseball back right now,” Jeff Lyle, assistant baseball coach, said.

Major differences between fall baseball and the regular season seem to be the number of mistakes made by the players. “The number of mistakes made in fall are one quarter to half as many more than during the regular season,” Strickland said. He added that there are more physical rather than mental mistakes during the fall and the team will be working to eliminate these between now and Spring term.

“It’s a little different, getting our arms back into shape. Everyone is competing for positions again and just feels good to be back out after the summer,” Catcher Kyle Hansen said.

The level of talent is comparable to that of last spring, due in large part to the 17 returning players. This takes away the need for a major recruiting effort for the 2009 program.

“It comes back to our returners. They’ve been through the program, they’ve been through the losing season last year and they’re doing a good job at reminding everybody that we won’t go through this again,” Lyle said.

“There should be a lot of leadership and people should know what they’re supposed to do and be able to handle their emotions and stay positive,” Jody Potter, returning player,

said.

Strickland, returning as head coach for his fifth year, is a key element to a successful season in 2009. “He’s a great coach and he really knows what he’s doing. He puts more into this field than I’m sure any other coach in the state does. He doesn’t get a lot of help from the school, so he’s out here putting in everything he can. That’s what makes this program run,” Hansen said.

Another strength may lie in the hands of transfer student Chris Vitus. Last year, Vitus was drafted in the 48th round, and in the 49th previous year, to play professional baseball for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. Vitus was a Eugene resident long before he made the switch and came to LCC from Mt. Hood Community College, which placed third in last year’s NWAACC playoffs.

“It’s the same league, not too much is different,” Vitus said. “I’m glad to be back in my hometown.” Four of the sophomore players that helped guide the Titans through a strong season in 2008 moved on to play for other universities. Eric Brown, Scott Carpenter and Dan Schlottmann signed with Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, Miss., while Brett Swett will be playing for Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Tex.



Sophomore Lukas Fenley and freshman Travis Stevens lead the LCC cross country team in the Charles Bowles Invitational meet on Oct. 4 at Willamette University in Salem. Photo courtesy of TRAVIS FLOECK



Guarding the Point
Bob Rodgers

Bring on October sports fest

Welcome back to another year of the critically-acclaimed sports column Guarding the Point. Winning a second place award from the Oregon Newspapers Publishers Association probably doesn't constitute being 'critically acclaimed' but it's a nice thought.

You know what else is a nice thought? October.

What's not to love about October? The leaves changing colors, the smell of wood-burning stoves in the air, Halloween hijinx, and of course the absolute vertex of the sporting universe.

College football is in full swing and bowl games are right around the corner. What's not to love about college football games? Where else can you hear one song played 38 times in a row for 4 hours straight – besides a high-school kid's iPod – and not get sick of it?

I'm loving the underdog schools this season like the Fighting Mormons of BYU, the Nerdy Kids of Vanderbilt and the "we haven't beaten Oklahoma in 20 years" Missouri Tigers.

The NFL is starting to sort out the pretenders from the contenders.

This is the year that the NFC will finally overtake the AFC for conference supremacy. My early pick for the Super Bowl is Dallas vs. San Diego. It's hard to imagine that America's most popular sport once had a penalty for excessive crowd noise – yeah, awesome!

Major League Baseball, the sport where you can see a plethora of teams battling it out in the playoffs with an overall .600 (or worse) winning percentage for the season.

It's all good. I'm finally seeing exhilarating, meaningful baseball which compels me to watch something I wouldn't normally view without inebriation. I'm leaning towards a Red Sox/Dodgers World Series.

Hockey is back! Just think of it as a cooler version of soccer – literally and figuratively. The NHL is America's forgotten sport and if last year's Stanley Cup Finals were any indication, this year will be even more addicting. Although hockey moms may not approve, Craig MacTavish was the last NHL player to sign the no-helmet waiver during the 1996-97 season.

Last but not least, the NBA will make its triumphant return at the end of the month as well. Five sports and so little time – I can barely keep up with all my Podcasts and sports magazine subscriptions.

Off and running on the right path

2008: LCC cross country runners racing with team in mind

By TYLER PELL
Reporter

The LCC cross country team is looking to put its disappointing 2007 season behind it, and if the first three races are any indication, the Titans are well on their way.

First year Head Coach Travis Floeck is the first to admit the 2008 team may not be as talented as last year's team. But he also believes that their "team-first attitude," which was noticeably missing last year, could be enough for the team to improve on last year's third-place finish at the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Championship Meet.

The runners' first meet at Willamette University on Sept. 20 served as a good barometer for the season. "We treated this meet more like an exhibition, so we held a few people back but overall we ran great," Floeck said.

Both the men and women had a top-10 finisher. For the men it was freshman Travis Stevens, who placed tenth in his first collegiate meet.

Sophomore Leah Twombly, who was the runner-up in the conference meet last year, also finished tenth.

The following week, LCC hosted the 2008 Northwest Cross Country Classic. The men had two top-five finishers in that meet, as lone sophomore Lukas Fenley turned in an impressive third-

place finish with a time of 16 minutes and 14 seconds. Freshman Travis Stevens continued to impress, coming in four seconds behind Fenley, and finishing fifth in the 5,000-meter (3.11 miles) race.

Fenley, LCC's only returning runner on the men's side, believes the team is on the right track, and should continue to get better as the runners get more experience at the college level.

On the women's side, Twombly set the pace once again with a time of 19 minutes and 50 seconds, earning sixth place. Sophomores Annie Hayward and Katherine Barnhart finished eighth and ninth respectively.

"We're doing really well so far. We all came into the season in good shape which has really helped us, especially in these first few meets," Twombly said about the women's team.

Inclement weather plagued the team's third meet, which again was held at Willamette University. "We had a lot of runners fall at many points throughout the race," Floeck said. "But the girls executed very well, and ran a very patient race."

"The conditions were far from ideal," Fenley added.

Despite the nasty conditions, both the men and women came in third among the participating teams of the NWACC.

For the first time this season, the men ran an 8,000-meter (4.97 miles) race. Once again Fenley lead the team with a time of 26 minutes and two

seconds. Travis Stevens finished 14 places behind Fenley, turning in a time of 26 minutes and 23 seconds.

Floek is very pleased with the way his team is running thus far. "The first few meets have gone very well. The kids are buying into the 'team-first' attitude, which will really pay off as the season progresses."

Although cross country is an individual sport, Fenley acknowledges how important a full team effort has been. No runner exemplifies that better than sophomore Joe Churchill.

Churchill, one of the top runners on last year's squad, is rehabilitating a stress fracture that will keep him out for another few weeks. "He won't be anywhere near full strength, but he wants to do everything he can to help his teammates," Floeck stated. He added that Churchill will be very important to the team because of his ability to push his teammates at practice.

The cross-country season is all preparation for the NWAACC Championship Meet on Nov. 8, in which every Northwest community college will be competing. "Our training in practices and in meets is geared totally to making sure our runners are running their best come Nov. 8," Floeck said.

Right now, Spokane Community College is the heavy favorite to win the conference championship, but results from the first three meets show LCC and Everett Community College are not far behind.

Top NWAACC finishers – Charles Bowles Invitational Oct. 4

Men				Women			
Place	Runner	School	Finishing time	Place	Runner	School	Finishing time
17	Jimenez, Rigoberto	Spokane CC	25:33.85	12	Carlyle, Laura	Whatcom CC	18:30.48
19	Sanchez, Herschel	Spokane CC	25:36.40	24	Durrance, Amy	Spokane CC	18:45.35
35	Yilma, Yon	Everett CC	25:57.30	44	Owens, Karen	Spokane CC	19:17.81
36	Reeder, Max	Spokane CC	25:58.44	45	Twombly, Leah	Lane CC	19:18.59
40	Fenley, Lukas	Lane CC	26:02.33	50	Owens, Katie	Spokane CC	19:30.33
41	Simpson, Josh	Whatcom CC	26:02.64	52	Page, Sheryl	Mt. Hood CC	19:35.76
42	Jenkins, Cory	Whatcom CC	26:03.13	55	Hall, Megan	Everett CC	19:38.71
44	Jimenez, Humberto	Spokane CC	26:06.53	57	North, Lauren	Whatcom CC	19:44.04
54	Stevens, Travis	Lane CC	26:23.40	60	Bailey, Armarose	Spokane CC	19:48.15
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– Kathy Ging, Lane County Round-Up director



Lane County Energy Round-Up features speakers and presentations by local leaders of the alternative energy movement on issues ranging from electric cars to mass transit. The doors of Harris Hall are open to the public at 6 p.m. on Oct. 16. Photo courtesy of STEPHEN BRENNER

Driving conservation

Lane County Energy Round-Up makes an appearance for a third year

By LANA BOLES
Editor in Chief

Lane County Energy Round-Up brings together interested individuals, local businesses and energy experts for the third consecutive year.

On Thursday, Oct. 16, the Round-Up will provide a stage for speakers and panelists to answer the question: how can we prepare for our transportation future?

The keynote speaker is the co-founder of Plug-InAmerica.org: President of the Southern California Electric Vehicles Association, Paul Scott.

The doors of Harris Hall, located at 125 E. 8th St., open to the public at 6 p.m. The free event starts at 7 p.m. with opening remarks from Pamela Driscoll, co-director, Green News Network and Lane County Energy Round-Up.

Ian Hill, co-founder of Sequential Biofuels, will discuss local solutions to energy problems, followed by an address about the future of mass transit by Ilona Koleszar, attorney and member of Residents for Responsible Rapid Transit.

“I believe that the more that people get together in their local communities to discuss our current energy situation and potential strategies for developing solutions, the more likely that the inevitable changes ... will directly benefit those local communities,” Hill said.

Scott will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. to make the case for electric cars. “I drive on sunshine. My electric bill last year was \$44.08,” Scott said. “My focus going forward is to get EVs on the road and power them with renewable energy.”

Scott is featured in the 2006 documentary “Who Killed the Electric Car?”

The theme of this year’s Round-Up is energy-efficient transportation.

The evening will wrap up with a panel discussion and forum featuring Pete Sorenson, Lane County Commissioner and former state senator; Will Klausmeier, founder of Sylvatex, developer of low-emissions, renewable diesel fuel; and Mike Hatten, principal engineer of Solarc Architecture and Engineering.

Klausmeier has been an organizer since the first Round-Up and spoke at the first two. “This can make a difference by having an informed public that knows how to make informed decisions on these issues,” Klausmeier said.

People can learn a lot from the Round-Up, Sorenson said. “There’s a lot of practical infor-



Will Klausmeier will be a panel member. Klausmeier is the founder of Sylvatex, a developer of low-emissions, renewable diesel fuel. Photo courtesy of STEPHEN BRENNER

mation on how one person can make a difference.”

The speakers emphasized the importance of making changes, stating that conservation is accessible to everyone, that every action makes a difference.

“Conserving doesn’t cost a dime,” Klausmeier said. “Conservation saves anyone money.”

The speakers emphasized the urgency of the environmental situation.

“The problems we face are enormous. I know how a person can reduce their impact on the planet in a very significant way. I have to share this information as broadly and as quickly as possible to mitigate the damage to the extent possible,” Scott said.

The Round-Up is sponsored by Eugene Water & Electric Board, Emerald People’s Utility District, Springfield Utility Board, Lane Electric Co-op, Sequential Biofuels, Energy Design Company, Solar Assist, Eugene Weekly, Energy Trust of Oregon, Oregon Department of Energy, Helios Resource Network and West Wind Forest Products.

Organizer Kathy Ging, Round-Up director, believes that educating the public is essential. “We have an enormous potential here to teach people how conservation works.”



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Sequential Biofuels, an alternative gas station, which also promotes sustainable foods, is one of the many local sponsors of the Lane County Energy Round-Up. Sequential Biofuels co-founder Ian Hill will discuss local solutions to energy problems. Photo by CURTIS MCCAIN/The Torch archives



LONGHOUSE, From PAGE 1



Todd Smith of LCC's Facilities Management and Planning looks over the intricate blueprints for the Longhouse project. Although funding to complete the project has yet to be fully secured, workers have been able to complete the main shell including the roof. Photo by ISAAC VIEL/The Torch

longhouse has doubled in price. So far, money for the project has come in the form of donations from tribes, student groups and private donors. In 2006, LCC students approved a student fee to raise money for the project.

"I'd like to thank the students for their financial and spiritual support," Florendo said. "When something like this takes as long as it takes, I know it's difficult for students to see they've contributed."

The Native American Longhouse project began over 20 years ago, and has been delayed numerous times because of lack of funding.

Bond Measure 20-142, if passed, would provide funding for LCC infrastructure renovation, but will not include funding for the longhouse.

Florendo remembered that the last bond, which will expire this year, also left the longhouse off its list of priorities. If the longhouse had received bond funding, Florendo said that building would have been completed by now.

Koechig stated that since the bond was created to address renovation costs, and not new construction, a building such as the longhouse didn't qualify.

Despite setbacks in fundraising and a 20-year wait, Florendo and Koechig praised the administrative support the project has received, especially citing LCC President Mary Spilde's continued encouragement. "It reminds you and helps you think that yes, our worldview is valid. People do want to hear it," Florendo said.

When completed, the longhouse will be the only longhouse on an Oregon community college campus, and only one of four on higher education institution campuses in the state. "Ours actually looks like a longhouse, the way they're constructed in the Northwest," Florendo explained, contrasting LCC's longhouse with the building at the University of Oregon.

SURVEY, From PAGE 1

Bond Leadership Team member Jonathan Morton said.

Starting Oct. 10 and running about a week, the survey will pop up immediately after logging into Express-Lane.

The Bond Leadership Team and Facilities Council will use the information to formulate possible changes to campus.

The Facilities Council is responsible for creating a master plan for renovations and a set of design guidelines to direct architects and landscape architects.

"If we're going to be making changes in this school, it would be a good idea to talk to the people who use it to find out what changes are going to be most effective," Morton

said.

The survey will ask what students and faculty like and don't like about campus. It will ask how campus could be made more user friendly.

There will also be an opportunity for students and faculty to write a wish list.

For anyone who feels that the space provided is not enough, there will be a link for additional comments.

"We want to make sure the college is growing properly with the enrollment so that all the students can be taken care of in the way that they need to for their education," Morton said.

"In the long run your input will help other students down the line have a better education and a better experience here," Morton said.

ATC, From PAGE 3

Despite that time-consuming drawback, Keene-Wilson decided to put this theory to the test last year when she taught a course employing the use of OERs. "Everyone loved it. Test scores and projects that came in were just as good, if not better, than previous ones," she said. If OERs are successful, the ATC would make those materials available through Moodle.

SoftChalk and Camtasia are two new programs the ATC webmasters have in the works for LCC instructors and students. SoftChalk is an online, interactive lesson that would allow instructors to create learning activities, self-quizzes and other various tools for students.

Camtasia is another program to aid in online instruction. Camtasia allows instructors to record what is going on their computer screens and add audio to create videos.

This could be used to show students how to use software, record a power-point presentation with the lecture or something as simple as projecting a list of websites and resources and having the instructor explain what is

and is not useful to students through an audio track.

For those who want to learn how to use these programs or better their skills, the ATC offers a wide range of workshops for faculty.

Instructors can learn how to do anything from using Moodle to identifying plagiarism to learning the basics of LCC's technology, which is especially important for new hires at LCC.

The ATC website has a schedule of workshops which, depending on time and topic, fill very quickly. Levick has been working with instructors who have been unable to attend due to scheduling or available spaces to hold smaller classes to ensure that all faculty needing help are receiving the support they need for this ever-expanding technological foundation for education.

With the number of multimedia tools, software programs and increase in online classes available, the ATC is always looking for the best ways to make the benefits of this spectrum of information available not only to the faculty and staff but also to the students, Levick said.

VOTE, From PAGE 1

those students interested in volunteering. OSPIRG will often set up informational tables in visible locations and approach students about getting involved in the issues that matter to them, OSPIRG intern David Gomez explained.

All three organizations share a common goal. "Get as many students registered as possible in a nonpartisan way," Krueger stated.

Issues on the ballot are especially important to students this year, Morton said. Many of the issues relate directly to students and their community.

"Politicians don't listen to our age group because we don't vote," Gomez said.

Students vote to have a voice and make sure they're being represented, Krueger pointed out. "This puts pressure on legislature."

In 2007, the legislature more than doubled financial aid for Oregon, Krueger explained. "That was the most investment we had in our university since 1999."

"Student voices are stronger than they ever have been and we're not screaming and yelling to get heard now," Morton said.

The Student Vote Coalition is nonpartisan. The issues that ASLCC and OSPIRG bring to the table are related to students, such as loans and financial aid or health care and environmental issues, Gomez said.

"Education should not be a privilege," Krueger emphasized. "We want access to higher education to be a major commitment for our legislatures. I feel like it's a good reinvestment program in moving Oregon forward."

Often, a few votes could be the tiebreaker and even though it isn't a huge difference, it is a

difference, Gomez explained.

Legislatures have won by only a few votes and it is "imperative to have a voice," Krueger said.

But some students don't feel that way. "I can't make a difference" or "I'm voting for the revolution" are two common responses Krueger and Gomez have heard. "I feel that goes back to they don't think they can make a difference," Krueger explained. A dislike for candidates and a lack of faith in the system are also reasons that many students choose not to register or vote.

"I believe in the electoral system, but in today's society, it comes down to trying to decide the lesser of two evils."

"Morality and obligation have been replaced by big money and agendas," LCC student Robert Holmes said.

LCC has a goal of registering 1,500 students by the Oct. 14 deadline. The United States Student Association is hoping to double its 45,000 students registered in 2006 for a goal of 90,000. Currently, the USSA has registered around 50,000 students across 11 states encompassing 50 campuses.

The OSA reported registering 1089 students across the state on Wednesday, Oct. 1. Their current goal is to register 40,000 students before deadline, which would exceed 33,000 registered during the last presidential election in 2004.

On Thursday, Oct. 2, Krueger reported that the Student Vote Coalition registered 623 students since the beginning of Fall term.

These numbers are "not as high as we hoped, but that means everyone is registered and that is the main goal," Morton said.



The Student Vote Coalition has registered more than 623 students since the beginning of Fall term. The coalition may be found most days in the cafeteria working towards the goal of registering 1,500 people by Oct. 14. Photo by LANA BOLES/The Torch

The main goal is to inform students and if nothing else, get them to vote from the bottom up on the ballot because the majority of issues relating to students and the community are at the bottom of the ballot.

The second part of the vote drive will be an effort to educate voters on the ballot measures and candidates in a non-partisan way. Fliers about bonds and measures relating to students

are available at the voter registration booth in the Center Building.

As the deadline grows closer, the goal is to be as visible as possible.

With a booth in the Center Building from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. everyday and going from class to class to recruit voters, the Student Vote Coalition is hoping to "catch that student who is slipping through," Morton said.

Think About It

‘What is your opinion on the bailout?’



“It goes against all the principles of capitalism ... if they failed in what they were doing, they should be allowed to fail and new people will rise up to fill the niche.”

Zeke Chavarin
English



“I feel that too much attention is being placed on whether we’re bailing them out or not rather than how the country got there in the first place. Throwing \$700 billion at a problem isn’t really a solution; it’s a band-aid.”

Lloyd Booth
English literature



“As far as the stock market, you’ve got to look at it in the long term. Just riding it out is something you’re going to have to do ... I try not keep all my stock or investments in one basket. Things are going to happen with the government that you have no control over.”

Gloria Martin
Human services



“I think the bailout is a really poor solution that focuses entirely on the banks, corporation and loan institutions. I think it was their way of handling business that caused them to get into difficulty in the first place ... we’re certainly not bailing out the little guy.”

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Peace studies



“I’m not sure I trust it, just ‘cause I don’t trust the administration. I don’t know if it’s really going to bail us out at all. Really, I think it’s going to hurt the taxpayer more than it should ... the people who got themselves involved in it should be responsible, not the taxpayers.”

Sam Nyburg
Fisheries and wildlife science



“I’m not too informed on everything that’s going on. It seems like we’re just pouring more money into the economy, but from what I heard it seems positive.”

Kayla Jackson
Undecided

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