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Bond Measure passes;
funds to update college

Incumbent Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy excitedly discusses the elections with Matt Keating, founder of the LCC Students for Obama group, and Mario Parker-Milligan, its current president. The three joined the hundreds of people at the Lane County Fairgrounds who gathered for the Nov. 4 election watch party. Photo by JB BOTWINICK/The Torch

College combined
politics,
community
in victory

By WILLA BAUMAN
Managing Editor

Lane County Bond Measure 20-142, which approves \$83 million to update and renovate LCC's aging infrastructure and instructional technology, passed by 13 percent on Nov. 4.

Approximately 75,884 Lane County

voters voted in favor of the Bond Measure, while 59,544 opposed.

Since a local option levy that would have provided \$1 million to update LCC was voted down last election cycle, LCC President Mary Spilde said the college ran a different campaign.

"With the local option levy, I think we took it for granted that the community was well aware of our budget problems," she said. "The good news was that there wasn't as much at stake."

Spilde said that the campaign for Bond Measure 20-142 focused on raising community awareness of LCC's mission, role and needs. "We did a lot more on getting information out to the community," she said, citing a round of Com-

munity Perceptions surveys that helped gauge external responses to LCC.

Spilde also said there had been an emphasis on directly connecting to the community through canvassing and phone banking.

"I did phone banking most nights," she said. "Several times people said, 'is this a recording? Is this really the President?' I said, 'yes, this is the president.' That changed an undecided to a yes vote."

Several local businesses and community leaders endorsed the Bond Measure through the Lane League, which focused

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STUDENTS,
STAFF
COPE WITH
SMOKING
CHANGES

Citations may cost
violators \$10 for
refusing to move to
designated areas

By TARYN ACKELSON
News Editor

Smoking locations were moved before the beginning of Fall term to push designated areas away from main entrances, walkways and the center of Main Campus.

The areas were moved in an attempt to cut down on the risk of passersby inhaling secondhand smoke. Unofficial smoking areas — created when the large cement ash receptacles were moved — were also removed.

"They can walk down to the cafeteria now without having to go through a cloud of smoke. So really overall I think it's been pretty positive," Wendy Simmons, Employee Wellness Program coordinator, said.

Simmons reported positive responses from students and staff.

Keeping smokers accountable for remaining inside the designated smoking areas is regulated by public safety on a complaint basis or if officers see smokers outside the designated areas.

"It's the same policy we had before," Simmons said.

Smokers found beyond the designated areas will be asked to go to the nearest smoking area and repeat offenders will be issued a \$10 citation.

Katherine Vos, director of Public Safety

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Lane Tubers Café:
Achieving Dreams

Video contest will award up to
\$500 for Bookstore merchandise

By JAMES ANDERSON
Reporter

LCC is hosting an online video contest about student ambitions called Achieving Dreams.

The contest site can be found on Lane Tubers Café, LCC's YouTube page. Entrants are allowed to use 60 seconds of video

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Random Facts

- Jan. 10, 2001 Mary Spilde was chosen to be LCC's sixth president by unanimous resolution of the Board of Education. "We strove for the best, and we found the best," said Board Chair Robert Ackerman. Spilde served as LCC's vice president of instruction from 1995-2001. She began presidential duties Aug. 15, 2001.
- Winter term, 1996 LCC's online catalog for 1995-96 was added to the college's website for the first time.
- LCC's Dental Administrative Assistant Program was developed July 2003.

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And the winner is...



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SEX WITH BEN Abstain at your own risk

In every sense of the word, abstinence is the safest sex there is. You put yourself out of any possible contact with sexually transmitted diseases of all kinds and are in no danger of getting pregnant or impregnating someone else. Unfortunately, as safe as it is, pushing abstinence leads to the highest frequencies of teen pregnancies, teen abortions and STD cases in areas where abstinence is preached as the only method of safe sex.

I can't argue that the safest sex is no sex at all, but in the real world, with real people, no sex isn't something you can count on from young people. It's that ever-present flaw in our history where an idea that looks great on paper yields strikingly different results when applied to reality.

If someone doesn't want to run the risk of contracting unwanted pregnancy or HIV, then no one should stop that person from abstaining from sexual contact.

However, if that person feels the benefits outweigh the risks of having sex, he or she should be aware of the numerous methods of protection.

We no longer live in the dark ages, people. We have condoms, birth control pills, emergency contraceptive pills, diaphragms and a plethora of efficient and time-tested tools to lower the risks associated with sexual intercourse.



Bennet Mohler
Arts Editor

I still cannot find a reason why there are still people in America, supposedly one of the most developed countries in the world, who would consider withholding knowledge of these tools. These are tools to protect people from STDs and unwanted pregnancies. People, especially young people, need to know these options are out there and how to use them.

Ignorance is the most dangerous thing we expose children to, not sex. Arming them with the idea that abstinence is the only way just won't cut it. They have no way to protect themselves from fatal conditions such as AIDS.

How can we claim to be a socially mature culture when we are actively withholding vital information from our children?

If you look at the statistics, the areas where abstinence-only education is the only kind of education funded by the state, teen pregnancies, abortions and STDs are dramatically

higher than communities where the state funds actual sex education.

If the end justifies the means, abstinence-only education has no justification whatsoever.

When a person is in a situation where sex is a possibility, if for whatever reason they decide to do it, doesn't it make sense that they should do it protected rather than unprotected?

The abstinence-only supporters would argue that the person "just shouldn't do it!" This takes the human component out of the equation. Maybe that person just wants to have sex. Besides the risks, why should that be a problem? This can no longer be part of the argument because we have ways of eliminating those risks.

Now what is the argument? Here's the abstinence-only supporters argument stripped down to its true archaic nature: sex is bad. People shouldn't have sex for any other reason than procreation. The idea of people having sex for a reason other than that is wrong.

Well, people are entitled to their beliefs, but that doesn't mean they can be legislated, especially when the outcome is actually harmful to a community. I don't see how it benefits this country in any way if we are helping to spread HIV.

It seems this country is still stuck with an

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Letters to the Editor

Capitalism offers more freedom for individuals, the market, businesses

It is human nature to want to be successful and independent. The only system that works to give financial success and independence is capitalism. It may not be perfect, but it is better than the alternatives.

Socialism forces people to share their resources. Extreme socialism, far left progressive liberalism leads to communism, which removes people's rights and steals their freedoms. It creates a form of equality but tends to make the vast majority equally poor and miserable.

I personally believe that the ultimate goal of the extreme left in this country is to eradicate most individual freedoms, take from people who work hard, give it people that do not, and

water down national pride.

A good example is how the left in this country does not appear to want us to win the war we find ourselves in; some would call that subtle treason. In other words, this may possibly be the only time in our history that we surrender while mostly winning a war in many fronts.

Why would anyone want to reduce our national pride, redistribute our hard-earned income? Hand over more control of children to the state rather than the home where they belong?

The answer can only be to water us down so much, reduce our self worth — both individually and nationally — that we are forced to give up our sovereignty and freedoms in favor of a global socialist government, one in which we are numbers instead of names.

This leads to big brother controlling every aspect of our lives from birth to death.

On another note, does anyone know why at first progressives promoted abortion and euthanasia in this country? Why this culture of

death? Why is some human life more valuable than others?

The modern abortion movement really started in the early 20th century for the sole purpose of population control of the black community and other so-called undesirables. Two-thirds of most all abortion clinics sprang up in the nations poorest neighborhoods, I believe for this purpose.

Of course, the liberal progressive leftists won't tell you that because they are too busy sugarcoating it with nice sounding words like "women's choice."

Remind you of something? Hitler's nice sounding words for the infamous holocaust was "the final solution to the Jewish problem."

So folks, in closing we need to really educate ourselves, know what our morals are, and fight for them. Learn all the facts and details and place our votes wisely while we still can at least exercise that cherished right.

Tom Busch
Former LCC student

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
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PRESIDENT
BARACK OBAMA!!

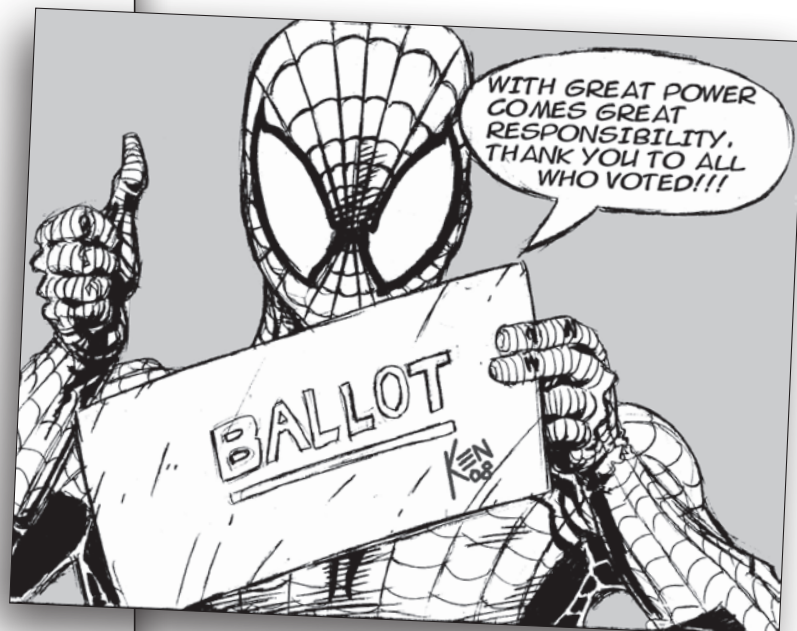


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Letters to the Editor

Where's the safety in public safety?

Part I

The other morning I woke up to a news report of an armed man taking a classroom of fifth graders hostage and I thought of the Child Care Center; I read of domestic violence that leads to injury or death to a woman, I think of the Women's Center; each time I hear of a college shooting I think of Students First and the Center Building. Each time I ask myself if the college is prepared to respond to one of these acts and if the Public Safety office is properly staffed, equipped and trained to handle those types of incidents, and each time I have to say that both are not.

The officers of the Public Safety Department have been very vocal to their managers about their inability to adequately protect the students, staff and visitors of the college. The problem lies with the failure of the college leadership to support the Public Safety Department and bias on their part towards the department. It stands to reason that if the college does not support the Public Safety Office, they then must not have a serious concern for the safety of the officers, students, staff, faculty and visitors of the college. As a former Public Safety Director stated "they don't give money to departments they don't like" or the statement of a former senior administrator who told officers at a meeting "the sight of your uniforms, patrol cars and emergency lights gives me a visceral feeling in my stomach."

I would ask people reading this if they would be willing to work alone at a job that required them to confront potentially dangerous persons suffering from mental health and substance abuse issues, career criminals, anger management problems, domestic abuse issues or walk up on a known armed person to determine if they are legally carrying a firearm or a potential Virginia Tech shooter waiting to erupt. People on campus very seldom hear about it, but Public Safety officers deal with those issues frequently.

Officers respond to calls from instructors, staff and students concerning persons acting strangely or having anger issues. Those officers have no way of knowing if the person has a history of violence, or is just having a bad day. But officers willingly place themselves between the potentially violent person and others.

The primary purpose of each Public Safety officer on campus is the safety and security of all persons on campus. Whether it be a student, staff member or visitor. But equally important is the safety and security of the officers themselves.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health defines workplace violence as violent acts, including physical assault or threats of assault towards persons at work or on duty and can range from offensive language to homicide. Public Safety officers are subject to workplace violence on a continuing basis. Officers within the department have been assaulted, had knives pulled on them, been sprayed with chemical agents and threatened with shooting.

Most people on campus only see Public Safety as those who conduct traffic stops, "harrasing" people on skateboards and drive around campus. I know of numerous students and staff members who are extremely grateful to Public Safety officers for the help that they received.

Within the last year, two female instructors experienced repeated stalking incidents on campus; both stalkers had been students of the instructors. One subject brought a large knife to give the instructor as a "gift". The other subject was committed to the Oregon Mental Health Hospital for court ordered psychiatric evaluation.

Since January 2001 until Oct. 29, 2008, there have been 1,990 incidents reported to and documented by Public Safety. That averages out to almost 249 incidents each year on campus. Reported incidents include: burglaries, thefts, disorderly conduct, stolen vehicles, vehicle break ins, criminal trespass, sex offender contacts and registration, warrant service, stalkers, stalking and restraining order violations,

drug offenses, menacing, harassment, suicidal persons, suspicious persons, etc. These reports also include outside agency assists where Public Safety officers assisted local law enforcement and emergency medical personnel both on campus and on the roadways adjacent to the college.

In February 2008, the U.S. Department of Justice released Campus Law Enforcement Survey 2004-05. In that survey it was determined that the national average for officer to student ratios was 2.3 officers per 1,000 and rising to three officers per 1,000 students.

LCC reduced officer levels as a cost-savings measure. Since 2006 the Public Safety Department has seen a 30 percent reduction in personnel that leaves the main campus with only six full-time officers and one administrative person; down from 10 full-time officers and three full-time administrative staff. I know of no other department that sustains that level of cuts.

As a result of Public Safety cuts, employees and students should not be confident that Public Safety can adequately protect the students, staff and visitors of the LCC or respond safely to incidents. Based on the LCC business website, there are over 35,000 students enrolled for one or more classes at LCC. If you estimate that 50 percent of those attended classes on the Main Campus that equates to approximately 17,500 students, an officer to student ratio of 1:2,916. If the administration only values the safety of the full-time enrolled students, then the ratio is much closer at 1:1,666, based on a full-time enrollment of 10,000 students.

It is my opinion that all students, taking one non-credit class or are full-time enrolled, are entitled to the same amount of safety services on campus.

WD Perkins
Officer, Public Safety Department

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overall negative perspective on sex. We're more focused on stopping kids from having sex than making sure they're protected if they decide they want to.

Before contraceptive techniques, sex almost always meant children. Children, especially when they are unplanned, can be a burden on a family. Naturally, families wanted to avoid this, so it made sense to stop young people from having sex.

The situation is different now and we need to update our perspective. We can't seem to embrace the fact that sex is no longer just for procreation. It's also for recreation. It's true that it can be dangerous and that's why, like with any recreational activity, we must provide knowledge and techniques to protect people while engaging in the activity.

Perhaps the stigma of sex makes it hard to address this issue rationally.

Instead, let me apply it to another field to put it into a better perspective. The best way to avoid getting into a car accident is to refrain from driving. Instead of telling people to buckle seat belts and obey traffic laws, we should instead teach abstinence-only driver's education, because it's the only way they'll truly be safe.

Man, I'd love to get the statistics of auto-fatality rates in whatever town funded that kind of driver's education.

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Lane County, nation receive election results

Community gathers as polls close

By TARYN ACKELSON
News Editor

Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008, marked a momentous day for Americans as the campaign trail came to an end and Barack Obama was named the President-elect.

“Well, I don’t like talking about the no-hitter in the ninth inning, but when the game’s over I think we’ll be very pleased,” Matt Keating, chapter coordinator for Lane Students for Barack Obama, said as results reached the Lane County Events Center at 8 p.m. on election night.

The room erupted in applause and voices as it was projected that Obama won. People jumped up and down, hugged one another and cried tears of joy.

Election night held importance for LCC in the form of Bond Measure 20-142. The approved measure will provide much-needed funding for infrastructural improvements. President Mary Spilde and several notable members of the LCC faculty were present at the Lane County Events Center to witness the results. Results were posted live as ballots were counted.

Lane County Elections reported that ballot counting temporarily came



LCC President Mary Spilde awaits the LCC bond measure election results at the Lane County Fairgrounds. Photo by JB BOTWINICK/The Torch

to a stop between 4:30-6 p.m. on Election Day when ballot-counting software experienced a failure. The system had to be “brought back up using the recovery procedures developed previously” to deal with this type of situation. Ballot counting resumed at 6 p.m.

“There’s not a piece of bad news tonight,” LCC Education Association union President Jim Salt said. The faculty union has been campaigning for several months to spread the word about the importance of Measure 20-142 and for the future of LCC.

“I feel proud of my country and I feel so pleased that finally we’ve bro-

ken through that glass ceiling,” Mayor Kitty Piercy said. Piercy celebrated more than just her results in the mayoral race. She was ecstatic to see the outcome of the presidential election and Bond Measure 20-142.

Piercy’s opponent, former mayor Jim Torrey, did not attend the Lane County elections event.

The race for the U.S. Senate was still too close to call on Nov. 5. Jeff Merkley and Gordon Smith were neck-in-neck at 47 percent with 6 percent going to Dave Brownlow. Merkley secured Lane County.

Kate Brown was elected Secretary of State by beating Seth Woolley and Rick Dancer. Dancer won in Lane County.

Ben Westlund took the majority for the state and in Lane County in the election for State Treasurer.

The County Commissioners races show that Pete Sorenson will serve as South Commissioner while the battle for the north is still too close to call. Bobby Green and Rob Handy were within 200 votes.

Congressman Peter DeFazio swept the race for representative Congress 4th District which is comprised of Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Josephine, Lane and Linn Counties. DeFazio was first elected to the U.S. Congress in 1986.

There was a voter turnout of 70.61 percent. Of the 210,911 registered voters in Lane County 148,929 ballots were cast as of 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 5.



Mario Parker-Milligan, LCC Students for Obama president, leads a chant of “yes we can!” along with Devin Jazdzewski at the Lane County Fairgrounds election night coverage event on Nov. 4. Photo by JB BOTWINICK/The Torch



Peter Walker and his daughter Emily watch President-elect Barack Obama deliver a speech shortly after Republican nominee John McCain’s concession via big screen at the Lane County Fairgrounds. Photo by JB BOTWINICK/The Torch

LANE COUNTY MAYORAL RACES

Coburg

Judy Volta

Cottage Grove

Gary Williams

Creswell

Bob Hooker

Dunes

Eric Hauptman

Eugene

Jim Torrey, 48 percent
Kitty Piercy, 50 percent

Florence

Phil Brubaker

Junction City

Dwight Coon

Veneta

Sharon Hobart-Hardin, 50 percent
Sharleen (Sherry) Hunter, 48 percent

LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES

Eugene

20-145 Bonds to fix streets
Passed
20-146 External police review
Passed

4J School District

20-137 Five-year tax levy
Passed

Creswell

20-141 Motor vehicle fuel tax
Failed

Veneta

20-140 Bonds for swimming pool
Passed

LCC

20-142 Bonds for infrastructure and technology updates
Passed

Crow-Applegate-Lorane School District 66

20-147 Renewal of five-year tax levy
Passed

Marcola School District 79J

20-148 General obligation bonds
Failed

Siuslaw School District 97J

20-139 Five-year tax levy
Failed

Santa Clara Rural Fire Protection District

20-143 Five-year local option tax
Passed

South Lane County Fire and Rescue

20-144 Five-year local option tax
Failed

Willamalane Park and Recreation

20-138 Levy for after-school programs
For, 49 percent
Against, 50 percent

Fern Ridge Library

20-149 Five-year local option levy
Passed

Results as of 7 p.m., Nov. 5

Group nabs 1,406 new voters

Student Vote Coalition falls short of goal, provides non-partisan resources

By TARYN ACKELSON
News Editor

After the Student Vote Coalition collected 1,406 new student and staff voter registrations, it moved on to preparing students to make educated decisions on their 2008 ballots.

The SVC fell short of its registrations goal of 1,500. Continuing efforts from last year, members of the Associated Students of LCC, the Oregon Student Association and volunteers poured hours into asking LCC students to register to vote.

“We worked all the way up until the 14th,

the last day to register anybody,” Meghan Krueger, Associated Students of LCC communications director said.

After the registration deadline, the SVC focused on providing students with non-partisan information, making calls to remind students to vote and on informational presentations of ballot measures.

An estimated 250-275 ballots were collected in the unofficial drop boxes set up by Bette Dorris of Life and Leadership Development.

Krueger said that student reactions have been varied.

She said that students were expecting their votes to count toward the overall outcome of the presidential election and that “there are a lot of others that were very nervous.”

Some students were very nervous before the elections results were announced and others were just excited to have been able to vote in the 2008 elections.

“As long as we all voted we can be happy that we had our voice in there,” Krueger said.

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on raising awareness and goodwill towards the college, not fundraising. Members of the Lane League did presentations on behalf of the Bond Measure to rotaries, Kiwanis clubs, and the Lions, Spilde reported. “It was the community speaking up for Lane.”

The Bond Measure also helped bridge Eugene’s political gap, attracting endorsements from politicians on both sides of the political spectrum. Mayoral candidates Jim Torrey and Kitty Piercy both strongly endorsed the bond, as did many other local politicians.

Spilde recognized the bipartisan nature of the bond, and reported that she presented to both the Democratic and Republican central committees.

“Last night at the fairgrounds, a woman said my presentation at the Republican central committee changed her vote from a no to yes vote,” Spilde stated.

The college’s Political Action Committee contributed better organization and informational abilities than the local option levy campaign had seen, Spilde explained. Chaired by

John Lively, PAC helped raise funds, which allowed the campaign to have a coordinator, print advertisement materials, and a better organizational staff. “Having a vibrant PAC really doing work helps,” Spilde said.

Bond Measure 20-142 will provide \$83 million for infrastructure and instructional technology renovations. Some of the areas to be targeted include LCC Main Campus aging boilers and piping, which have caused damage in the past, and improving classroom equipment, especially lab materials for the science classes. The funds will allow the college to make major renovations without overly taxing its operational budget and having to raise tuition.

“We knew we had a lot of support in the community,” Spilde reflected about the recent vote, “but certainly to translate general support to economic support speaks to how much we’re really needed in hard times. We’re a place for people to get skills before they lose their job in the next wave of closures. This is a safe haven, a good place for them so they can get new jobs.”

Charging ahead with campaigns

OSPIRG plans events on and off campus for Fall term

By WILLA BAUMAN
Managing Editor

Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group will continue its campaigns this year with numerous upcoming events.

OSPIRG's Get Out the Vote campaign culminated on Nov. 4 with over 2,000 pledges collected and 5,801 text messages reminding people to vote. The student group tabled Nov. 3-4 in the cafeteria, asking students who had already voted to sign banners that will be taken to Salem.

On Nov. 4, over 600 students had signed the banners. "We want to let

[legislators] know LCC students are voting and they should pay attention to what we say," Katie Taylor, who works on OSPIRG's Campaign for a Healthy Oregon, said. "It's really important that students are voting."

OSPIRG's hunger and homelessness campaign is planning its second annual hunger banquet on Nov. 21, a joint effort with the University of Oregon's OSPIRG chapter. The banquet will be hosted at UO to demonstrate socioeconomic inequality among the world's citizens.

Participating students will be given a ticket identifying them as upper, middle, or lower class. They will be treated accordingly.

"The highest class, which makes up 15 percent, will get a whole dinner," Jeni Swan, who works on the hunger and homelessness campaign, said. "The middle class gets rice, beans and water. The lower class, about 50 percent, just gets rice and they sit on the floor." After the "meal," everyone will

get dinner, Taylor added.

The Hunger Banquet is open to all UO and LCC students.

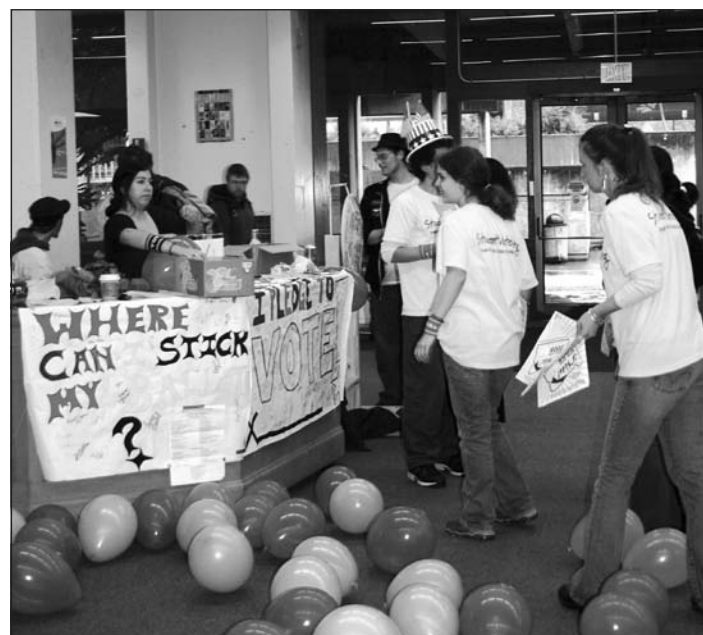
The health care campaign is hosting a viewing of Michael Moore's exposé on the American health care system, "Sicko," on Nov. 11, 2 p.m. in Building 17 on LCC's Main Campus.

The campaign is also planning a trip to Salem, which will be open to all students.

Taylor encouraged students who are interested in attending to contact OSPIRG for transportation information.

Ben Ramsden-Stein, LCC OSPIRG campus coordinator, enthused about OSPIRG's recent Make Textbooks Affordable campaign victory, with new national legislation encouraging open source and low-cost textbooks.

"We're celebrating our textbook victory over the summer," Ramsden-Stein said. "I'm excited about our Truth About Credit campaign. We were featured in the New York Times."



OSPIRG representatives table in the cafeteria in a last minute Get Out the Vote effort. Photo by LANA BOLES/The Torch



Beginning Winter term the student transportation fee will be raised from \$19 to \$22. The fee will pay for higher costs related to student bus passes and parking lot maintenance. Illustration by JB BOTWINICK/The Torch

Increased fares lead to higher fees

Students pay \$3 more beginning Winter term

By TARYN ACKELSON
News Editor

The LCC Board of Education approved a \$3 per-term increase to the \$19 transportation fee because of rising Lane Transit District fares.

Students enrolled in credit classes at the LCC Main Campus currently pay \$19 in transportation fees, but will pay \$22 Winter term 2009. Students taking credit classes at satellite campuses will continue to pay \$5 per term.

Funds generated from the transportation fee provide students enrolled in classes on Main Campus with a discounted 10-week LTD bus

pass and help pay for expenses related to the maintenance of parking lots.

An average of \$150,000 of funds generated by the transportation fee is dedicated to maintaining the more than 4,000 parking spaces at LCC's Main Campus. Replacing asphalt and repainting stripes are two of the main expenses related to parking lot upkeep.

LCC President Mary Spilde said that the actual cost of maintaining parking lots is closer to \$200,000 per year.

Greg Morgan, chief financial officer of college operations, does not believe that increased enrollment

and additional cars on Main Campus will create a greater need for repairs and said that deterioration of parking surfaces is related to time and weather.

"The idea is, if you ride the bus it's free, but if you decide to park, then we cover the cost of parking," Morgan said.

"I don't have any problem paying for that because I use the bus pass. If I didn't use the bus pass, that means that my parking, where I'm going to park, is kept up," Associated Students of LCC Senator James

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Workshops target LCC students, UO transfers

Career and Employment Services presents scholarship strategies

By TARYN ACKELSON
News Editor

Ongoing scholarship workshops are offered at LCC to help students prepare for upcoming deadlines of award opportunities.

Fall scholarship workshops are organized by the Career and Employment Services to aid students as they begin applying for 2009-10 scholarships. The next workshops will be held on Nov. 12 from 3-4:30 p.m. and Dec. 11 from 2:30-4 p.m.

"We talk about how to make it a little bit less overwhelming to apply for scholarships," Jackie Bryson, student adviser, said. "The whole focus of the workshops that we do generally is just to make it easier, give students a general introduction to scholarships."

Key topics will include research methods, how to fill out applications and tips on organization.

The November workshop will focus on scholarships for University of Oregon transfer students and will be presented by UO Scholarship Coordinator Michelle Holdway.

"Students who are planning on transferring this year or next year, it would be a good one to attend," Bryson said.

Those who attend can expect to learn how to locate scholarship opportunities, tips on completing competitive applications, strategies for transfer students and UO specific scholarship programs. This workshop will be held in Building 17, Room 309.

In December, the workshop will be held in Building 18, Room 102. Similar information will be available in a broader format, providing stu-

dents with the tools to fill out scholarships well before deadlines in the spring.

Registration is required and students can sign up for the free workshops in the Career Center in Building 1, Room 102.

After Nov. 26, students will be able to register for LCC's 10th annual College Financial Aid and Scholarship Workshop scheduled for Jan. 24, 2009. Future and current LCC students are invited to attend free of charge. A class registration number is required for registration. Those interested should visit the Career Center for more information.

Bryson says that a strong grade point average can give eligible students an edge in competing for scholarships. Essays and volunteer work are also important factors in successfully applying.

"It's never too early to start getting organized and getting ready for scholarships," Bryson said.

The Lane Foundation Scholarship booklet will be available in January and features around \$600,000 in available scholarships. The Career Center will discuss applying for those funds and help students fill out the application.

LCC had \$1,356,046 in funds in the 2007-08 Lane Foundation. The foundation fundraises year round and receives most of its money through donations made by faculty, local businesses and community members.

The annual Harvest Dinner also serves as a fundraiser for the Lane Foundation. The 2008 Harvest Dinner was held on Oct. 24 and sponsors included Trillium Community Health Plan, BI-MART, Pacific Source Health Plan and Pepsi.

Service comes full circle

Phi Theta Kappa gives back to the LCC community through wellness, meals

By TARYN ACKELSON
News Editor

Phi Theta Kappa, LCC's honor

society, is collecting textbooks as a fundraiser for the many service ventures it organizes throughout the year.

The LCC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Zeta, is collecting books through bins located on Main Campus and donations from various departments. Last year, major contributors included the Nursing Department, Computer Information Technology and the Center Building bins.

The textbooks are sent to Better World Books, an organization that

strives to keep books out of landfills by sending books to those in need of affordable education. The books are sent to Third World countries needing updated educational tools. In addition to working with non-profit organizations like Books for Africa, Better World Books also sells books online.

"Phi Theta Kappa is big on being 'green' and decreasing the carbon footprint, and they keep books out of landfills," Sigma Zeta Adviser Velda Arnaud said.

Better World Books has collected over 11.4 million books through ac-

tive book drives at over 900 libraries and 1,600 colleges and universities, including LCC. The national campaign sent five cargo containers for Books for Africa.

"Just because one year a textbook is good and the next year it's not, the information is the same and can be used," Jeff Phillips, president of Sigma Zeta, said.

Books that are not accepted by Better World Books are often donat-

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“All of the artwork follows a political undertone. Some are more subtle than others and hold different meanings for different people.”

— Erick Hoffman
UO Director of Communications

Howard and Patricia Farber collected Cuban avant-garde art pieces during a winter trip to Cuba in 2001. The exhibit was first displayed in the Harn Museum of Art at the University of Florida on May 29, 2007. “Cuba Avant-Garde” will be at the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art until Jan. 4. **Photo by BEN LUNDBERG/The Torch**

Art inspired by the island

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art hosts ‘Cuba Avant-Garde’ exhibit

By **SCOTT HARTMAN**
Reporter

“Cuba Avant-Garde: Contemporary Cuban Art from The Farber Collection” has traveled all the way from Florida to the University of Oregon, where the talents of various artists are displayed through visual art, music, dance and discussions. The exhibit will be on display at the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art from Oct. 4, 2008 through Jan. 4, 2009.

The collection includes paintings, media art, sculptures, photos and other various forms of visual art created by contemporary Cuban artists.

Howard and Patricia Farber started this collection of contemporary Cuban art on a winter trip to Cuba in 2001.

“We worked with the Latino community on and off campus to help create the bilingual art exhibit,” UO Director of Communications Erick Hoffman said. Each of the pieces of art comes with a side note about the artist and the artwork in both English and Spanish.

“The Cuban Avant-Garde exhibit is a traveling exhibit that actually originated at the University of Florida,” Hoffman said. The exhibit premiered May 29, 2007 at the Harn Museum of Art in Gainesville, Fla.

The pieces presented at the exhibit come from 42 different artists representing the Cuban community. The artists range from those still residing on the island to others who have moved away but still carry their Cuban roots.

The exhibit features many works of contemporary political art dating from current pieces of work to the pivotal times of the late 1970s and early 1980s in Cuba, which gave rise to the New Cuban Art movement. This was a time when a new sense of political openness was produced in the contemporary world of Cuban art.

Some of the featured artists include Abel Barroso, Armando Marino and René de Jesus Peña Gonzalez. All of these artists span a wide range of interpretations from sculptures that contain an obvious message to intricate paintings to subtle photos that feature political messages.

Barroso’s “The Cold War Has Ended,” is a wooden sculpture that resembles an assembled Erector Set. The sculpture depicts the figure of a plane colliding into a building. This symbolism of the 9/11 attacks holds many political meanings that are different for all people.

“All of the artwork follows a political undertone. Some are more subtle than others and hold different meanings for different people,” Hoffman said. The wide array of interpretation makes this collection diverse.

Examples of the more subtle political images are found in Peña’s photos, “Cigarette” and “Black Man’s Underwear,” from the series “White Things.” The simple photo of a black man smoking a cigarette holds more meaning than is apparent at first glance. This is also true of Peña’s photo “Black Man’s Underwear,” which speaks of corporate America by using Tommy Hilfiger as an example for describing Cuban ties with American economics.

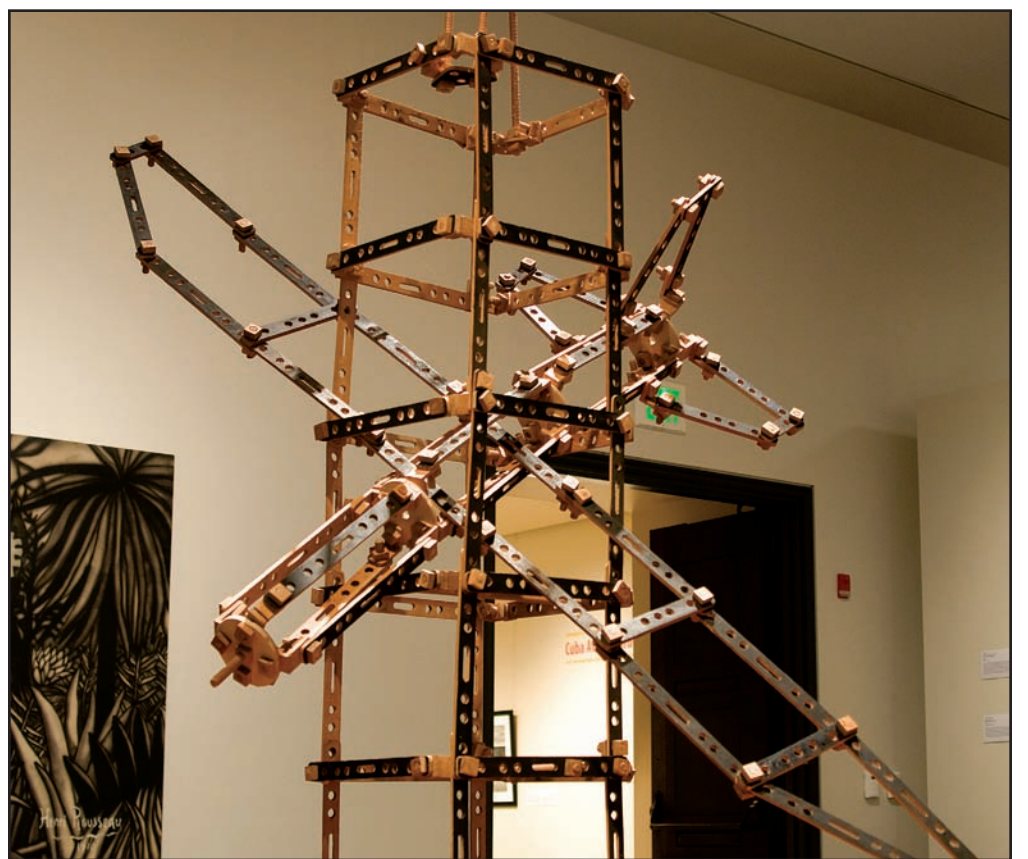
One of the most recognizable pieces of artwork is Marino’s “The Raft.” This painting is of a 1950s style car with several legs and feet propping it up. The watercolor painting is not the original piece of art. “The original was actually a sculpture that was then transposed into a painting,” Hoffman said.

“Cuba Avant-Garde” is not just an art display: it includes events in commemoration of Cuban art.

On Nov. 5 and Dec. 3 at 6 p.m., the Schnitzer will host live Latin music performed by students and faculty of UO’s Chamber Music on Campus.

Another scheduled music event is a Nov. 7 concert. Jessie Marquez will perform from 6-8 p.m. Marquez is an American singer and songwriter with Cuban roots. She plays jazz, bossa nova and Cuban-style music. Tickets are on sale for \$10 or \$8 for Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art members.

Another exhibit event is a dance workshop Nov. 19 from 6-8 p.m. The Latin dance workshop will be led by Linda Staver of StaverDanceSport. A partner is not required to attend. Cost is \$3 per person.



Abel Barroso’s “The Cold War Has Ended” evokes powerful memories of the attacks on the twin towers on 9/11, exemplifying the political undertones of the exhibit. **Photo by BEN LUNDBERG/The Torch**



Since UO Director of Communications Erick Hoffman felt it was important to make the exhibit bilingual, all of the pieces at the exhibit are presented with a side note about the artist in both English and Spanish. **Photo by BEN LUNDBERG/The Torch**



Combining newer techniques such as digital technology with more traditional methods such as oil painting, Cristina Clarimon's collage-based art is colorful and dramatic. She often incorporates elements of nature into her work. **Photos by JAVIER MAGALLANES/The Torch**

'10 Reasons Why...' exhibit showcases New Mexico artist's work

LCC Art Gallery presents a collective body of mixed media focusing on the elements

By **DEIDRE JONES**
Production

The latest exhibit on display in LCC Art Gallery in Building 11 is "10 Reasons Why..." by New Mexico artist Cristina Clarimon. Clarimon's work is a series of mixed-media pieces she described as "loose pages of this fragmentary story."

"There are commonalities among them. Perhaps there's even a subtle thread running through all of them, but each one is self-contained."

Her collage-based art is colorful and dramatic. She often combines newer techniques such as digital technology with more traditional methods such as oil painting.

"They could be seen as items in a ledger or a diary," Clarimon stated in a press release. "Moments that have already come to pass and have somehow tweaked the direction of my life."

They are not literal descriptions of such events, but rather metaphors comprised of both the experience and my reaction to it."

At first glance, the paintings may appear to be a concoction of colors and randomly assembled pieces of photographs or construction paper.

Upon further investigation, however, the complexity of the marks and strokes, the different layers within each piece and the amount of time and energy put into work becomes more evident.

"I change my mind about the pieces and rework many of them ... I'd probably still be working on it if I had not made the conscious decision to turn the page," Clarimon said.

Clarimon said she rarely gets attached to her works, although she makes exceptions. "Pieces in which I use my father, for instance, those are usually pieces I keep and do not put up for sale."

A dated photograph of a young woman also recurs in Clarimon's work.

"She could be the [heroine] or the villain ... I don't really know who she was, but I found her very endearing," Clarimon mused. "She appears in the pieces as an iconic figure who is also ... enduring and struggling."

The symbolism behind her work features recurrent concepts of elements such as wind or fire.

Clarimon uses a wide variety of colors and concepts. Many of her paintings consist of bright intense blues, reds and greens to represent water, fire and earth.

Clarimon's works are marked by the adaptability and a broad range of interpretations.

"There's something ominous about the black cloud in the corner, despite the fact that I like rainstorms," Clarimon said about the piece titled "Refuge."

The elements of nature used throughout her work are especially open to interpretation; Clarimon takes advantage of this ambiguity.

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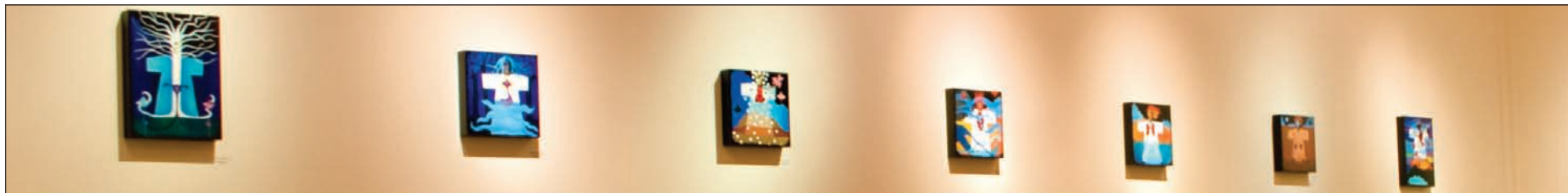
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— **Cristina Clarimon, artist**

terpretations reflect who they are, too," Clarimon said.

Clarimon's artwork in the gallery is for sale and ranges from \$150-300. If interested, contact Jennifer Salzman at 463-5864 for more information.

"10 Reasons Why..." is on display through Thursday, Nov. 13.



"10 Reasons Why..." will be on display in Building 11 through Thursday, Nov. 13. Prices for the artwork range from \$150-300. **Photos by JAVIER MAGALLANES/The Torch**

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Local coffee, local beer, local art

New Zone Art Gallery's new themes involve beverages, live music venue

By **BENNETT MOHLER**
Arts Editor

New Zone Art Gallery has been around for 25 years presenting experimental work from local artists. Its annual Salon de Refuses has become increasingly popular over the years along with the First Friday ArtWalks which are held the first Friday of every month to showcase whatever new exhibit is being displayed at the gallery.

This month, New Zone is hosting a new theme show in the back room entitled "Coffee, a Beer, and some Art: Take a Sip of Eugene." The show starts Nov. 7 and runs through Nov. 29.

"It'll be a fun show," Steve LaRiccia, gallery coordinator, said. "I'll be bringing in a piece myself."

For the opening reception Friday, Nov. 7, beer and coffee will be served in the back room, where the show is scheduled.

"In the room with the art, there's going to be local beer and coffee companies serving their products," Tony Brown, gallery publicist and organizer of the event, said.

Beer will be provided by the Eugene City Brewery and Ninkasi. Coffee will be provided by Full City and Wandering Goat. Rogue Brewing Company will be providing cases of beer for the event, but it will not be at the reception to serve it product.

The opening reception will also



Hans d'Hallory uses oil on canvas to address the two themes of the "Coffee, A Beer and Some Art" exhibit with his pieces "Beer" and "A Pot Poured Out." The opening reception for the show starts at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7. **Photos by JB BOTWINICK/The Torch**

include food, beverages and live music provided by local group Uncle Stumbles. The event begins at 5:30 p.m.

"We expect a good turnout," LaRiccia said.

The theme for the artwork displayed will be beer, coffee and anything relating to Eugene.

Tony Brown was inspired to put on the show after he moved to Eugene in early 2007. "One of the things that drew me to the Northwest, and Eugene in particular, was all the microbreweries," Brown said. "Plus, I think the coffee here can be stronger than other places."

The artwork submitted ranges from paintings to sculptures and

everything in between. Most of the works submitted are themed around coffee. There are also some landscape paintings of Eugene.

Brown will be submitting his own work to the show as well. "It's basically a drawer full of old coffee cups." The title is two pieces of dialogue with a husband asking, "honey, have you seen my coffee?" and the reply being "check your coffee drawer."

While the show will be on display for a month, Brown encourages people to come to the opening reception. "I think it will be more exciting on First Friday because the vendors will be giving out samples of their work."

There will also be a silent auction that will run throughout the duration

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New Zone Gallery Publicist



of the show. Benefits from the auction will go to Food for Lane County. The silent auction is not inclusive just to Brown's show. Pieces donated for the silent auction won't all share the theme of coffee and beer.

"Some of the works donated for that cause may not be on topic,"

Brown explained.

"It's important for people to know that New Zone is a non-profit organization," LaRiccia said.

"Eugene's a unique place," Brown said. "I thought it'd be a cool to do a show of the things that drew me to this place in the first place."

Music, art, poetry, everything in between

World Café hosts free-form artistic workspace every Thursday

By **BENNETT MOHLER**
Arts Editor

World Café hosts not just an open mic every Tuesday, but an impromptu jam, communal painting and open poetry readings. Anything goes at this rather inaccurately billed "open mic."

"If someone wants to spin around the floor and pick their nose, then they're welcome to do that, and we'll all clap," Geo Bitgood, co-founder of the open mic, said. "It's a loving, open environment."

World Café started the open mic in January with Liam O'Grady, baker at World Café and fiddle player, hosting it. This was a more conventional open mic, but the event didn't last long.

It was revived by World Café employees Joe Savage and Jackie Thelen in the late summer.

"Liam started it and it just died out," Savage said. "Me and Jackie were traveling the states, and we came back and found that it wasn't going on anymore, so we started it back up."

The open mic started small with only Savage sitting in the corner, singing and playing guitar. Other employees would join in to jam, including O'Grady and baker Graeme Pletscher, who plays saxophone. People began to come in and read their poetry aloud as well.

"It started out as just an open poetry thing, but then people came over and started jamming and it was so wonderful," Bitgood said.

Music is the main focus of the event, but there's always a wide variety of mediums for artistic expression.

"It seems to be different every night. There's always a different crowd," Pletscher said. The setup is extremely unofficial as well, with no sign-up sheet of any kind or any sort of organization.

"The idea behind it is a sense of a collective community," Savage explained.

Usually, the night starts off with one performer playing a short set. Other performers are welcome to join in and jam, or even play their own material.

There is also a communal painting on one of the tables where people are encouraged to grab a brush and make their own contribution. People sit at the tables and write poetry on the spot, which they can read aloud later in the evening.

"We're trying to create an environment to have an open artistic space where people can share ideas," Savage said. "It's totally open to any contribution that anybody has. It's really low-ego."

"We'll just start playing whatever," Pletscher said. "My favorite part about it is it's just a great way to meet



World Café employees and regular participants in the weekly open mic night include Geo Bitgood, Joe Savage, Jackie Thelen and Liam O'Grady. Open mic night, which usually turns into an all-out jam session, is held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. **Photo by JB BOTWINICK/The Torch**

musicians."

The open mic is every Tuesday at World Café, located at 449 Blair Blvd. in the Whiteaker neighborhood. The event starts at 7 p.m. and ends around 10 p.m.

Donations are accepted so event organizers can purchase equipment to support the event. Currently, the

open mic operates with whatever the participants bring, whether it be instruments or painting supplies. World Café may have the only open mic in town that doesn't have a microphone.

"We have no mic, no nothing. We're gonna start putting out a donation bucket for a house PA and

we're looking for a piano," Savage explained. "We're also trying to get a projector."

The open mic welcomes people of all ages to participate.

"Everyone and every thought is welcome," Bitgood said. "We don't have an agenda or a specific setup. We just have ideas."



Like hockey fights? You'll love the Generals

Generals forward Carl Lehtola (18) of Irving, Texas makes his move against a Rogue Valley Wranglers defender. The Generals are second to the Seattle Jr. Totems in the Junior A North Pacific Hockey League standings. The Generals will battle the Jr. Totems in their next home game Nov. 30 at Lane County Ice Center. **Photo by JB BOTWINICK/The Torch**

Eugene hockey team begins its fourth season; eyeing national tournament

By TYLER PELL
Sports Editor

The Eugene Generals, a Tier III Junior A hockey team, has begun the franchise's fourth season in the Northern Pacific Hockey League.

Generals General Manager Flint Doughtchak calls the Generals a "stepping stone" that allows players to move onto college level, or sometimes even professional hockey.

The Generals were established four years ago by Eugene resident Ken Evans, who wanted to give local players a platform to hone their skills and ready them for the next level of hockey, whether it be collegiate or professional.

"My best memory of the Generals was from our very first game, as an expansion team we were expected to get run over by the [No. 1 in league] Fort Vancouver Pioneers," Eugene Generals Public Relations Director, Chris Bilder said. "But we came out and beat them in back-to-back games to start the season, and didn't lose until our ninth game."

That victory helped set the tone for the Generals, and they haven't looked back since.

They made the playoffs their first season, and every season since. The bar has been set so high in fact, that Generals Coach Jay Miller not only expects his team to make the playoffs, but is also looking for the Gen-

erals to have their most successful season ever.

"We're going all out for nationals," he added.

So far the Generals are on the right track; their 11-3 record is good enough for second place in the Pacific Division.

Because the Generals are an amateur team, their players are not paid; unlike the Portland Winterhawks, a semi-pro team that plays on roughly the same level of competition. Players choose to play at the amateur level to maintain eligibility for college hockey.

"There's a similar level of play as the Winterhawks, same age players, recruited from the same camps, but players for the generals keep their amateur status," Doughtchak explained.

In context of the youth sports scene, junior hockey can be compared to Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) basketball or American Legion baseball. Providing a place for amateur athletes to improve skills and get the attention of scouts.

The Generals recruit players from all over the country and Europe. Their front office utilizes hockey camps in places like Colorado, Alaska, Washington, Illinois and British Columbia to find the best possible talent for the team. After yearlong recruiting efforts, the Generals host a camp in Eugene to select players for their up-

coming season.

The Generals recruiting efforts have paid huge dividends; the franchise has been hugely successful since their inception in the 2005-06 season.

The Generals play teams throughout the Northwest, going as far south as Medford, Ore., as far north as Seattle, Wash. and as far east as Idaho.

Although the Generals haven't built as big of a fan base as other teams in their division, Doughtchak believes it will come in time.

"As far as the team's success on the ice we've surpassed expectations. Right now we are focusing on expanding the team's fan base. The hardest part is getting people to come, but once they come the first time, they usually come back."

Doughtchak noted hockey's fan friendliness, as the main reason fans get hooked.

"Hockey is a wonderful sport to watch, the difference in quality of watching a sport live compared to on television is the greatest in hockey," Doughtchak said.

Bilder added that the Generals are a stable franchise, and are here in Eugene to stay.

The Generals are also represented well at LCC because players want to remain eligible in the NCAA.

"A lot of our players attend Lane to get college credits so they don't use up their eligibility," Bilder said.



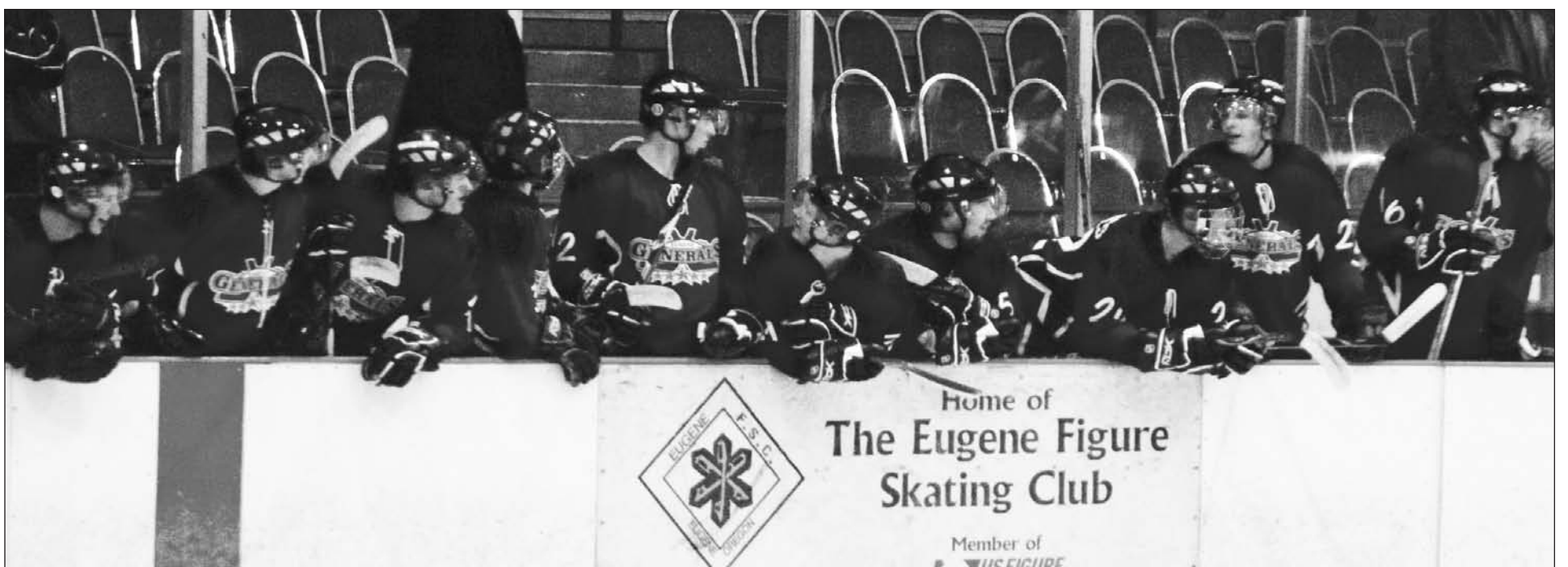
Generals forward Michael Frei approaches towards the goal. Frei was last year's Most Valuable Player and is currently ranked first in the league for goals and third for points. **Photo by JB BOTWINICK/The Torch**

Another reason fans may be interested in the Generals is the fabled hockey fights. Players on opposing teams settle their on-ice differences by dropping the gloves and duking it out.

"We average almost one fight a game. This team isn't as focused on

fighting as other teams are, but we're not afraid to get into it if we have to," Miller said.

Anyone interested in watching the Generals will have to wait until Nov. 30, when the Generals play its next home game against Seattle at the Lane County Fairgrounds.



The Generals players relax on the bench during their season opening game at home against the Rogue Valley Wranglers on Sept. 26. The Generals record this season against the Rogue Valley Wranglers is 5-0. Their all time record against the Wranglers is 9-0. **Photo by JB BOTWINICK/The Torch**

SPORTS LINE

Patriots mistakes prove costly



The best rivalry in the NFL was lacking some of its usual luster last Sunday night when the struggling Indianapolis Colts hosted the New England Patriots sans Tom Brady.

After Brady went down with a torn ACL, this game wasn't supposed to be worthy of the prime time treatment NBC gave it, but surprisingly it surpassed expectations as the two former AFC powers went back and forth all game long. Neither team had much margin of error, and it was clear that both teams would have a hard time getting separation from the other. Instead, both teams tried to be the last team in the lead, and let the other team lose the game.

Unfortunately for the Patriots, its last lead came with eight minutes left in the fourth quarter when Adam "Benedict Arnold" Vinatieri booted a 52-yard field goal, giving the Colts an 18-15 lead.

There were a number of directions Patriots players could point their fingers, but Matt Cassel, the so-called 'Achilles heel' of the 2008 Patriots was definitely not one of them.

It was Cassel, Brady's unproven back-up, starting this season for the first time since high school, who proved to be the most steady and potent offensive weapon for the Patriots. Cassel didn't pick apart the defense as masterfully as Brady could, but he did move the ball up and down the field as well as he has all season. It was also the first game all season Cassel didn't get sacked, which had been one of his biggest weaknesses.

However, the finger could be pointed at Patriots receiver Jabar Gaffney, who let a perfectly thrown 40-yard bomb from Cassel slip through his fingers late in the third quarter that would have put the Patriots in the driver's seat. Instead, they settled for a game-tying field goal.

David Thomas also deserves his share of the blame. With the Patriots working their way down the field into Colts territory late in the fourth quarter, the Patriots tight end was flagged for an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, turning a manageable third and one into a brutal third and 16. The penalty ended up stalling the Patriots drive, killing its momentum and ultimately any chance of a Patriots victory.

Patriots players weren't the only ones to blame. Being a future Hall of Famer, coaching genius Bill Belichick was not the person many of us expected to be at fault. He did craft a beautiful game plan that kept the Patriots close throughout the game, but it was his cavalier use of the Patriots precious timeouts that proved to be costly. The Patriots were unable to stop the clock as the Colts were able to burn minutes off the clock late in the fourth quarter, eliminating the small chance the Patriots did have for a late scoring drive.

Football, like most sports, is a team game. But when wide receivers drop passes, when blockers lose their focus and when coaches burn unnecessary timeouts, winnable games become wasted.

At 5-3 the Patriots are still in a position to win in the division, especially if Cassel continues his ascension towards becoming a legitimate NFL starting quarterback. Now if only the proven Patriots players and coaches can hold up their end of the bargain.

Titans star goalkeeper suffers season-ending knee injury

Torn ACL will keep Foster on the sideline

By TYLER PELL
Sports Editor

Ali Foster's season came to an abrupt end in an LCC home game against Clark College on Oct. 24.

Foster, the star sophomore goalie, suffered a devastating knee injury when she landed awkwardly in the goalie box early in the first half.

Foster admitted the physical pain was excruciating, but actually she had to endure an even more excruciating feeling. "The pain was tough, but I knew almost immediately that my season was over, and mentally that pain was much, much worse."

Being forced out of a game early is not something Foster has often experienced. "I've never had to come out of a game in my life. Even with a broken wrist, I've dealt with it and stayed in the game," Foster said. She added that her teammates knew it was serious after she let out a scream, something she has never done on the soccer field.

Head Soccer Coach Dean Smith realizes the consequences of losing his outstanding goalie.

"It affects our whole team, absolutely," Smith said.

The loss of Foster weakens not only the goalie position, but also the sweeper position, the Titans defense and subsequently the entire team. Smith had to replace Foster with Sabel Maguire, the Titans sweeper and the team's best defender. The team's depth has also been compromised since its best reserve defender has now been thrust into a starting role.

Smith also said that he is interested to see how this young Titan team will respond. "We hope it's positive. We've got a lot of young players so we'll see."

If the Titans' last two games are any indication, the team is handling Foster's loss well. They picked up two crucial conference wins against Chemeketa Community College and Southwestern Oregon Community College last weekend.

Despite Foster's injury, she still sees herself as a valuable teammate. "I know if I keep my spirits up and my head up, the team will also."

Foster has decided to travel with the team and take a hands-on approach to help Maguire adjust to her new role.

Although Foster's career at LCC is over, she still believes soccer will be in her future. "I'm hoping my stats will be enough for a team to give me a chance," she said.



Ali Foster hopes the eight shutouts she recorded this year will be enough to land her a spot on a four-year school's soccer team. Photo courtesy of Brent Ellison

Titans score two big wins, suffer even more injuries



Titans freshman midfielder, Mackenzie Fegels fights for a loose ball. Photo By Ben Lundberg/The Torch

Team looks to end regular season with strong finish

By TYLER PELL
Sports Editor

The Titans came away with two key wins this past weekend that will keep them in the hunt for the No. 1 seed in South Region of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges.

Oct. 31 the Titans knocked off Southwestern Oregon Community College 3-1, and followed that performance up with a 3-0 shutout of Chemeketa Community College on Saturday.

The wins didn't come without a price however, as the Titans lost two more players for the season to knee injuries.

Sophomore defender Taylor Tomlin and freshman defender Kamrin Wilgus both suffered serious knee injuries in the game against SOCC that will keep them sidelined for the rest of the season.

The injuries couldn't have come at a worse time: the Titans defense was already thin because sweeper Sabel Maguire moved to goalie after Ali Foster went down two weeks ago.

"It's all been about adjustments right now. Our top scorer is now playing sweeper. Our sweeper is playing goalie ... but the girls are making the best of it," Head Soccer Coach Dean Smith said.

The wave of injuries dealt to the Titans forced the team to play without any substitute players in Saturday's game against Clark College, but Smith is hoping freshman defender Kourtney Parks can return to the field this week after being sidelined the past four weeks with an injury.

Heading into the final week of the season before the playoffs, the Titans can still finish as high as first, or as low as third in the South Region of the NWAACC.

"If we win this Friday, we're guaranteed second, so we're looking at this as a must-win game," Smith said.

With just one game remaining, the Titans will be out for redemption this Friday against CC, as the try to avenge their Oct. 24 home loss to the Penguins.

Cross country team prepares for championship meet at NWACCs

The race is on: Saturday in Battle Ground, Wash.

By TYLER PELL
Sports Editor

The 2008 cross country season is culminating Saturday, Nov. 8 as both the men's and women's teams will be among the 14 teams racing in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Championship meet.

Both the men's and women's cross coun-

try teams won the Southern Regionals last weekend in Oregon City, Ore. However, they will be facing stiffer competition this weekend.

"We've been gearing our entire season towards this race," Head Cross Country Coach Travis Floeck said.

In the team competition, Spokane Community College is the favorite to win on both sides, although Floeck believes the LCC women have a decent chance of knocking them off.

The men should battle Everett Community College for second place, but Floeck will be the first to admit that anything is possible.

"All we have to do is run the best we can

run, not even worry about our competition. If we do that, things should fall into place," Floeck said.

Coming off an impressive win in the regionals, Leah Twombly — last year's runner up in the championship meet — will have her work cut out for her.

"The conference has really improved since last year, but she will definitely still be in the mix," Floeck said.

Floek also believes both Lukas Fenley and Travis Stevens have a chance to place in the top five for the men.

"This team has worked hard all season for this race. As long as we push ourselves and focus on running our best race, we should be just fine," Floeck stated confidently.

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and Housekeeping at LCC, said that citations are only given if a person refuses to move or put out their cigarette. The goal of public safety concerning smoking on campus is to “steer people in the right direction,” Vos said.

LCC student Jacason Shalilaski has been “told to quit smoking once, but never asked to move.”

Debra Roach, an administrative specialist with Public Safety, said that the designated smoking areas are “hardly ever enforced.” Roach said that it is not only the responsibility of Public Safety, but also of the faculty and staff to step up and ask smokers to move when they are seen outside of designated smoking areas.

“The problem is getting word out about the changes. We’re still trying to get word out that there are these areas and this is the policy,” Simmons said.

Moving the smoking areas was part of a one-year evaluation period to observe how LCC would react to limited smoking locations, and the possibility of a smoke-free campus.

Plans to go smoke-free are not definite. Before Fall term, President Mary Spilde acknowledged that there would be considerable student resistance to the possibility of a campus-wide smoking ban.

A taskforce was created in response to student and staff complaints about smoking on campus. Last year a campus-wide survey was administered and received 5,200 responses, 800 from staff and 4,400 from students.

In the survey, less than 11 percent of students and only five percent of LCC employees reported smoking everyday.

Results showed that 63 percent of students and over 65 percent of LCC employees support a tobacco-free campus.

“Our main goals were healthier



If a student is caught smoking in a non-designated smoking area and refuses to relocate after being asked, Public Safety could issue a \$10 citation. Photo by JB BOTWINICK/The Torch

air, accessibility and healthier community within the campus,” Simmons said.

“Based on the surveys and the original complaints, that’s why we decided to move some of the areas.”

Smoking areas at LCC are marked with a “designated smoking area” sign. LCC has 10 smoking areas, nine providing cover or

shelters.

“I wish it would be some place you don’t have to walk by,” LCC student Rosa Anaya said.

Portland Community College plans to become a smoke-free campus Fall term 2009.

Oregon has banned smoking in public areas, including bars and bowling allies. The ban will take effect January 2009.

LANE TUBERS CAFÉ, From Page 1

to articulate their aspirations and history at LCC.

Prizes will be awarded on creativity and excellence in telling student stories and are sponsored by the LCC Bookstore.

Awards include \$500, \$250 and \$100 in bookstore bucks that can be redeemed only for LCC Bookstore merchandise.

“The content is an illustration for the community of just how diverse the community is and how exceptional the programs are here ... how creative the personalities here can be. We’re giving something back to the community in the form of prizes,” the self-proclaimed key master and gatekeeper of Lane Tubers Café, Matt Keating, said.

The process includes shooting and editing a video, starting a free account on YouTube, uploading the piece to the site and designating friendship status with Lane Tubers.

The contestants will be rated by a panel of judges including Keating, the Executive Assistant to the President Tracy Simms and other students.

The due date for submissions is Friday, Dec. 5.

“Most students don’t have their own video equipment. A trip to the Media Arts Department with an L number and someone can check out a camera. The equipment is accessible to everyone,” Keating said. “The nice thing about this contest is that it allows students to participate in a medium like visual arts and video that they may not normally work with. What makes their story unique is what they’re trying for and they can win several bookstore dollars.”

John Lindsey, a Theatre Arts major, submitted the first video entry for the contest.

“It’s an amazing opportunity for LCC students,” Lindsey said. “You’re not competing with students from other schools and it’s only 60 seconds [long].”

Lindsey said it was the first video

he’s made and it was a learning experience. It took him an entire day to shoot the video and three days to edit it. “It was pretty intense,” Lindsey said.

“I had to approach several people to ask them if they’d be in my video,” Lindsey said. “I even was followed by security a couple of times. I don’t know why. I didn’t engage them. One thing is for sure, nobody is in my video that doesn’t want to be.”

Lindsey said that he wanted to leave the video open so that it could include questions students might be asking themselves as they attend LCC.

“I think it’s cool, since I think I average about \$400 a term in the bookstore,” LCC student Abigail Mathews said, after reading the contest rules. “It gives [students] a chance to tell their stories and inspire other people.”

Lane Tubers Café not only hosts this contest, but also displays a variety of video contributions covering several subjects that LCC students may find interesting.

“Tubers is open to anyone ... you can go straight to it online or access it from the LCC site,” Keating said. “It’s similar to the accessibility of the YouTube site. Anyone can post anything on there providing it’s not offensive. We’ve already had a lot of hits on the page so far.”

“Lane Tubers is a vehicle that’s open to all students at LCC to highlight their personalities and favorite programs at LCC, for example culinary arts, aviation, nursing and theatre arts. Using the personalities of the people, we like to feature the various programs here,” Keating said.

All entries will also be considered for feature spots on Lane Tubers Café and possibly LaneTV. Video submissions are subject to the LCC Student Code of Conduct and Lane Tubers moderators reserve the right to exclude any inappropriate and uninspiring videos.

TRANSPORTATION FEE, From Page 5

Manning III said.

“In all actuality, this campus is not centrally located. If the LTD could get away with not having bus routes out here I’m sure they would. It would probably save them a lot of money. But I’m glad they come here,” ASLCC Treasurer Eric Edmond said.

LTD charges \$122 for a three-month bus pass, compared to the 10-week term passes available through LCC, which save students between the ages of 19-64 \$100 or more on bus fare.

“It’s certainly appreciated that it’s less and it’s a bonus of being a student,” Alex Julian, business major, said. Julian rides LTD using her LCC bus pass and feels that the increase is worth it to continue to receive discounted fares.

Eighty percent of LTD’s income is generated through income tax. In 1971, a funding ordinance implemented a payroll tax on employers within the LTD service district and a comparable self-employment tax was established in 1994.

“LTD also receives ‘in-lieu-of’ payroll tax subsidies from the State of Oregon, based on state employment within the service district,” the LTD website reads.

During economic crisis income taxes are volatile, causing LTD’s revenue to suffer as a result of layoffs throughout Lane County at a time of increasing demand for public transit. At the same time, operational costs are increasing, including the rising price of gas.

“LTD’s in trouble and we’re being charged \$3 extra,” ASLCC President Josh Canaday said. “You’re looking at a \$9 increase for the year. Is \$9 more for that bus pass worth it? Most students will say ‘yes.’”

“I think it’s going to affect the students because it’s less money in the hands of students,” Manning said. “But it’s still going to be an awesome deal. Unfortunately, I think this is just something we’ve got to grin and bear.”

Megan Chase, a student who drives to LCC, doesn’t think many students will be affected by the increase. She would like to see the funds improve parking availability on Main Campus.

The transportation fee was put into place to minimize parking lot fees and deferred a possible parking pass. Parking meters or passes would require enforcement leading to additional overhead for LCC.

“The primary part is, it’s just the most cost-effective way to cover the cost of providing 4,000 parking spots,” Morgan said.

The LCC Board of Education approved the \$19 fee in 2003. Since 2004 English as a Second Language students taking classes on Main Campus or the Downtown Center are also eligible for the LTD bus passes.

“The last time we raised it was from \$16 to \$19 two years ago. There’s almost always an annual fee increase, and there was an annual fee increase last year too, but [LCC] absorbed it,” Morgan said. “The increase this year is larger than most.”

Grants that pay students per credit do not cover additional fees, like the transportation fee, and the money has to come straight out of the students’ pockets. Canaday believes that fees should be included in the cost of tuition so that financial aid and grants will pay for the actual costs of college, including fees.

“The fee that you pay should not be a fee; it should be in the tuition. Overall, it’s better for students [for it] to be done that way,” Canaday said. Canaday stated that this is a larger factor at four-year universities where the fees and tuition are higher and students have to pay more out of pocket.

Compared to the University of Oregon which has more busses frequenting campus bus stops and less parking available, most of which require commuters to pay a meter, many ASLCC officials feel that \$22 per term is a bargain.

The Associated Students of UO website says that LTD bus passes are provided to UO students for “free” as an additional benefit for paying incidental fees totaling \$202 dollars per term in 2006-07. LTD receives \$815,857 annually from UO through mandatory student fees.

The transportation fee does not cover the cost of security on campus, as was reported in an earlier article.

“We do give people the opportunity to donate, if they want to park in the wrong place, or if they want to speed and run a stop sign,” Morgan said. Opportunities to contribute through fines and tickets are just a small amount of revenue that Morgan said does not even begin to cover the cost of security and parking lot enforcement, which are covered by the general fund.

PHI THETA KAPPA , From Page 5

ed to Saint Vincent de Paul. “We’ll take any books because we want to keep them out of the landfills,” Phillips said. Sigma Zeta will also accept children’s books and novels.

Working with Better World Books acts as a fundraiser for Sigma Zeta. They collect around 200-300 books each term, receiving 25 cents for each book used and sold by Better World Books.

Fundraisers are Sigma Zeta’s only source of revenue. It receives no money from student fees, like LCC clubs and other student programs.

Harvest baskets providing needy LCC students and their families with all the fixings of a Thanksgiving dinner are one of the services paid for with funds raised through Better World Books. For the past several years Sigma Zeta has accepted applications for LCC families that could use a helping hand in providing a large fall-holiday dinner.

“We fill boxes with a turkey and all the fixings, from beginning to end, with desert,” Phillips said.

Sigma Zeta will host a wellness fair featuring local agencies to inform stu-

dents of a wide range of services provided in Lane County.

Phi Theta Kappa is given a topic of study every two years. This year it is “paradox of affluence” and Sigma Zeta is focusing on the wellness of LCC students and the greater community.

The Wellness Fair information tables and presentations will be in the LCC cafeteria from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 18.

“We really wanted to have it the week before finals week because we thought everyone would be stressed, but they’re stressed already. So the impact on students would be to gain some skills and gain some resources they can go to,” Arnaud said.

Phi Theta Kappa provides learning opportunities through education, fellowship, service and leadership as well as several scholarship opportunities through LCC and for students transferring to four-year universities.

Membership in Phi Theta Kappa requires a 3.25 grade point average, or higher. Once accepted, there is an \$80 lifetime membership fee.

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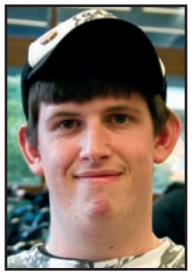
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