



Proposed agency miffs Ed Board

Fears loss of autonomy, authority

BRETT STANLEY
Editor

The LCC Board of Education discussed the potential creation of a statewide governance organization that would nearly eradicate the college’s autonomy in a variety of areas during its Nov. 17 meeting.

Board member Roger Hall called for and motioned for the board to mount “severe opposition” to the Statewide Governance Proposal.

“It’s nothing less than insane,” college president Mary Spilde said during discussion.

The proposal creates a statewide agency with broad regulatory authority over the entire higher educational system in Oregon.

According to Spilde, the proposal solves some problems for Oregon universities by creating problems for community colleges.

The proposed state agency, titled the Oregon Higher Education Policy Board, would meet quarterly, according to Spilde, and would have a devastating impact on how community colleges are allocated funding, among other things.

In effect, the agency would centralize educational policy and removes governing

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Scholarship recipients honored

EDER CAMPUZANO
Editor

The folks who were honored during the Lane Foundation’s Shining Star Scholarship reception on Wednesday all had stories to tell.

Some of them have been on the street. Others were motivated to go back to school after losing a job or loved ones.

And still, there are a few who would have had to spread themselves thin at a second or third job without financial help.

Melissa McDowell was the reception’s keynote speaker.

She told how she had lived at the Eugene Mission while nine months pregnant with her twin daughters. After finding a part time job and securing safe housing for herself and her girls, McDowell set her sights on LCC.

She wanted to earn a degree in mathematics so she could eventually teach at a college level. The Joan Thomas Math Scholarship, administered through the Foundation, allowed her to work towards that dream.

“The money has been a godsend, but so has the process itself,” she said. “Knowing there are people in this world who support me like this is indescribable.”

The reception was meant to give scholarship recipients at LCC the opportunity to meet the people responsible for the creation and funding of their awards.

Register-Guard Publisher Tony Baker began the evening by thanking donors and the students who put the awards to good use, referring to the programs at the college as “high-quality, accessible education” before introducing college president Mary Spilde.

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ASLCC BUDGET

“We’re definitely looking to reserve as much money as possible.”

— ASLCC President Mario Parker-Milligan



President Mario Parker-Milligan, left, and Vice President Wesley Smith are shown at a recent ASLCC meeting.

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FINDING A BALANCE

\$21,000 awaits student government earmarks, according to a recently ratified budget; President Parker-Milligan says the senate will be responsible with the money and stock its reserves

BRETT STANLEY
News Editor

ASLCC has nearly \$170,000 to spend this year in addition to two reserves totaling \$42,070, according to budget documents.

The budget includes a surplus from last year and makes provisions to save money for future generations of ASLCC.

Currently, there are no plans on how to spend the budget and according to ASLCC president Mario Parker-Milligan, communications director Tracy Weimer and treasurer Geo Bitgood, not all the budget will be spent.

“There’s no goal to spend everything we get,” said Parker-Milligan.

Some of this year’s budget will be placed in a reserve fund to be used by future student governments.

“We’re definitely looking to reserve as much money as possible,” Parker-Milligan said. “We’re trying to be responsible.”

According to Parker-Milligan, the savings accrued by not spending all of ASLCC’s budget will go towards ensuring funding for future generations of ASLCC.

Programs and initiatives will have a backup plan should funding fall short, or should ASLCC or the college stop collecting student fees.

However, students who paid fees this year would not benefit from having that money spent on ways that benefit the student body.

Parker-Milligan hopes that students see how ASLCC spends money this year as “positive.”

Credit students pay \$7.44 to ASLCC each term.

Based on attendance, ASLCC will collect a total of \$249,984 for the 2010-2011 academic year. However, part of the budget is spent on fixed and static expenses, something Bitgood conceptualized as “rent and bills.”

ASLCC’s fixed and static costs

ASLCC FUNDS	
REVENUE	
STUDENT FEE REVENUE	\$249, 984
PREVIOUS YEAR SURPLUS	\$157, 531
TOTAL	\$407, 515
FIXED EXPENSES	
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SALARY	- \$16, 164
LEGAL SECRETARY	- \$54, 808
ATTORNEY’S SALARY	- \$40, 000
LEGAL SERVICES UTILITIES	- \$400
LEGAL SERVICES “OPERATIONAL SUPPLIES”	- \$1, 500
STATIC EXPENSES	
ASLCC STIPENDS	- \$58, 250
UTILITIES	- \$2, 500
POW WOW / DENALI	- \$15, 095
“PROVISION FOR BAD DEBT”	- \$7, 500
FUNDS EARMARKED FOR RESERVES	
PRIMARY RESERVES	- \$19, 691
SECONDARY RESERVES	- \$22, 379
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
TRAVEL BUDGET	- \$50, 000
TALENT	- \$10, 000
SPECIAL EVENTS	- \$50, 000
OFFICE SUPPLIES	- \$30, 000
ADVERTISING AND MEDIA COMMUNICATION	- \$5, 000
FOOD	- \$2, 500
MISCELLANEOUS	- \$21, 728
BALANCED BUDGET	

include staff salaries and legal services, ASLCC stipends, utility payments, and funding for the powwow and Denali, the college’s arts and literary magazine. Fixed and static costs for ASLCC total \$196,217. This is deducted from this year’s \$249,984, leaving a “working” budget of \$53,767 for the 2010-2011 year.

An additional \$157,531 surplus from last year is added to ASLCC’s

budget, creating a total of \$169,227.

Currently, ASLCC’s “usable” budget provides \$50,000 for travel expenses, \$10,000 for “talent,” \$50,000 for “special events,” \$30,000 for office supplies, \$5,000 for advertising/media communication, \$2,500 for food and \$21,727 for “miscellaneous” expenses for a total of \$169,227, according to ASLCC budget documents.

Pep rally animates student athletes

EDER CAMPUZANO
Editor

Bronte Jorgenson stood among a crowd of fellow Titan athletes, handing out refreshments and cheering as Ty the Titan, the college’s official mascot, introduced himself to staff and students during a pep rally on Nov. 10.

The freshman forward for the women’s soccer team whooped loudly as the six-foot mascot made his way through the crowd, shaking hands and posing for pictures.

The event was the first of its kind in college history.

Until now, LCC didn’t have an official mascot on par with that of Puddles the Duck or Benny the Beaver to tout before sporting events.

Tracy Simms, executive assistant to LCC President Mary Spilde, confesses that it’ll be awhile before Ty achieves that type of recognition.

Nonetheless, the “Feel the Power” rally was met with much excitement by the athletes who were present, particularly the women’s soccer team, who faced off against Shoreline that afternoon during a playoff match.

“It makes us feel good that people come out to support us,” Jorgenson said. “It also makes us aware that we have something to prove.”

The event began at noon in the cafeteria when Campus Events Coordinator Eric Richardson introduced the Titan athletes through a slideshow featuring photos of each team in action.



EUGENE JOHNSON / THE TORCH

Thomas Bautista exhibits a raffle prize during LCC’s first pep rally, which featured new mascot Ty Voltage. About 50 students and athletes turned out for the event.

A DJ presided over the event, accompanied by a Macbook and a set of turntables.

Soon after the slideshow, Richardson asked a few athletes in the crowd to participate in a spirit competition.

The contestants whooped, hollered and jumped in order to pump up the crowd.

Track and field runner Angelyn Salyer took part in the competition. She showed off her spirit by jumping high into the air and

cheering loudly.

“I don’t really have stage fright,” she said. “I like getting people pumped.”

Many athletes, Salyer and Jorgenson among them, admit the rally helped boost their school spirit.

The rally may have been a success. The Titans claimed a 1-0 victory over visiting Shoreline that afternoon during a women’s soccer playoff game.

ON CAMPUS

OF FOOD AND FLASH MOBS

A modified flash mob bombards the LCC cafeteria during lunchtime Nov. 15. Dance Club members (from left) Sierra Thomas, Janam Gill, Geo Bitgood, and Jackie Thelen perform a dance routine for unsuspecting students.

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Life as a student means life on a budget

LISA BALL
Reporter

For many, being a student means one thing: You’re poor. You need to stretch every dollar as much as possible. Well, we’re here to help. We know you need to dress and entertain yourself, so here are a few places in Eugene and Springfield where you can take care of some of your most frivolous needs without breaking the bank.

Clothing

The best deal around is the 50-cent clothing sale at the Salvation Army store, 640 W. 7th St. They have a huge clothing inventory, and each week they rotate tag colors. Clothing that has been on the racks the longest goes for 50

cents. Jeans are usually around \$4.99. Other top spots include the Goodwills at 1015 River Road and 885 Seneca St. and the St. Vincent de Paul store on High Street.

Resale Clothing

If you’re looking to sell or trade, it’s tough. Consignment centers may take 5 out of 20 items you bring. Buffalo Exchange on 131 E. 5th St. is the toughest for trade. However, the place employs fashionistas, so their items are usually very up to date style-wise. The wildest resale stores are definitely Deluxe at 1331 Willamette St. and The Redoux Parlor at 780 Blair St. They also re-upholster clothing, so taking your old red velvet material could gain you a new

leather jacket, or store credit.

Electronics

Though their prices aren’t as low as they used to be, NextStep Recycling in Eugene and Springfield has decent prices on used electronics. The firm acquires many of its items through donation and can be found at 2101 W. 10th Ave. in Eugene and 1483 Mohawk Blvd. in Springfield. The St. Vincent de Paul Warehouse store at 2345W. Broadway in Eugene also offers a moderate selection of used appliances and electronics.

Vintage

Without a doubt, Nobody’s Baby 465 E. 13th Ave. in Eugene has the best vintage selection

around. And the prices are lower than you’d expect. Puttin’ on the Ritz at 350 E 11th Ave. is another local hotspot for vintage clothing. Both of these stores are near the University of Oregon campus, so you can rest assured that each visit will yield different results.

Home and Garden

Bring Recycling at 2446 Franklin Blvd. in Eugene will surprise you. Not only can you find a closet door or a sink, but there are a plethora of odd items that you might find an artistic use for such as glass doorknobs. Maybe you can turn ‘em into a coat rack?. Their pricing is sometimes surprisingly high, but that’s why the good Lord invented bartering.

CHANGING LANES



ANDY ROSSBACK

Everybody has a story

You’re probably thinking that’s a pretty cliché headline sitting under my face this week.

So? What of it?

It’s the truth.

The intent of this column is to shine some light on the lives we live as students. I regularly write about problems that I am personally confronted.

I write with my tongue in my cheek (I talk like that, too). It’s my hope that you’ll relate to my sometimes entertaining experiences.

If you read my column regularly, you’ve learned a lot about me, my fascination with riots and a strange knack to wear socks backwards.

However, it’s not my only goal here.

I want to share your life, too. Just like your math professor always says about asking questions: If you have a problem, someone else is likely in the same boat.

Stories are abundant at community colleges.

Maybe your story is the answer to someone else’s struggle.

Maybe it’s ironic.

Maybe it’s sad.

Let’s get to know each other as a school. Let’s seek to define ourselves as a population. We see each other everyday — yet, it still seems a bit dry and empty.

We are all here for one reason on another. For a lot of us, an extraordinary circumstance or something beyond our control led us here.

Pardon my intrusion, but let me pose these questions:

Who are you? Why are you here?

And a third:

What are you up against? Is it money? Ailing health? The procrastination bug? Addiction? Kids to care for? Spread too thin?

Don’t be shy. You’re one in 16,829 students here.

Although, we can keep it private if you desire. No names. No faces. Just stories.

My office phone number and e-mail address are attached at the bottom of every single column.

The funny thing about stories despite being inert, is that they all have an uncontrollable desire to be told.

I’m in the business of telling them.

Yes, it’s true. Everybody has a story and they’re all worth telling. What’s yours?

Grades on life support?

Don’t forget that Friday, Nov. 19 is the last day to drop any class you may be been doing poorly.

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NEAR CAMPUS

PTK picks up trash along 30th

Organization collects 30 bags of garbage

ALANDO BALLANTYNE
Reporter

From the looks of them you would never know, but the group who worked to clean up 30th Avenue between Interstate 5 and Spring Boulevard this past Thursday morning was no ordinary cleanup crew.

The road crew was made up of members of Sigma Zeta — LCC’s chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

In 2006, the organization adopted the stretch of highway under the leadership initiative of member Megan Worman. The project fulfills the group’s primary mission of community involvement.

Since then, PTK meets three times a year to clean up the stretch of road. For some members, it was a first experience with the club.

“This is my first time doing it,” Mark Saxton said. “I think it went well. We all got together and had as good of a time as you could possibly have picking up trash along the road.”

Senior members of the organization have noticed that the cleanup encourages others to follow suit.

“I’m glad that people are littering less,” PTK President Matthew Ray said. “We picked up 30 plus bags in the Spring term and yesterday we had 15. It’s a great decrease in trash.”

Club Adviser Velda Arnaud says that the less trash people see on the side of the road, the

less they will litter.

The road cleanup is only one of many service-minded activities the group does annually. Recently, PTK members volunteered to work with college groundskeepers to plant 122 chrysanthemums around campus.

After the Veterans Day service project ended at noon, the group met on the Main Campus for a potluck and a project planning meeting. Each year PTK adopts a different mission related to a national theme set by the honor society’s headquarters in Missouri.

For 2010, the LCC chapter of the organization chose “How does the dissemination of information influence the individual in the community?” as the question its mission would surround.

The honors society plans to publish an online handbook with detailed information and step by step instructions on how to organize an event at LCC.

Ray explained that part of the challenge of organizing an event such as Lanestock at the college is facilitating and organizing the necessary coordination between different departments.

“Everyone lives in a little tower, and nobody knows how to communicate between the towers,” Ray said. “It’s going to be hard, but we’ll come through and make something happen that this school’s never had before.”



TORCH FILE PHOTO

Students watch live music at Lanestock 2010 which took place on June 2. Lanestock was recently ratified as a club. Organizers have not selected a date for the event.

Lanestock plans to slash budget

HANNAH HYNES-PETTY
Reporter

Lanestock Annual Celebration Club pledged to reduce its budget by 50 percent, according to LACC vice president Matt Smith during the Nov. 2 Council of Clubs meeting.

Last year, the event cost \$10,525.49. More than half was allocated for the stage and professional sound system, according to last year’s Lanestock budget.

“A considerable amount was spent on the stage and this year we don’t want to spend half our budget on it,” LACC treasurer Tracy Weimer said.

“Last year we kept running into a problem because a lot of people wanted to give money but they wanted to be a sponsor. And we didn’t want it to be a corporate event. We wanted it to be student-based.”

Lanestock received funding from

ASLCC and Sonja Christian, vice president of academic and student affairs and chief academic officer. ASLCC approved \$10,000 and Christian pledged \$2,000.

However, Lanestock has three outstanding bills, totaling \$300. DJ Jackson Myron is owed \$50 due to his W-9 form being rejected. Dirty Commies are also owed \$50, though the band members are homeless and the club has had trouble locating them, according to Weimer.

The band Uncle Stumbles is owed \$200.

“I’m not sure why Uncle Stumbles didn’t get paid, but [Eddie Berlett V, president of LACC] is working on getting the others paid,” Weimer said.

Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Zeta Chapter, worked more than 300 hours for last year’s event.

“Considering that it was raining pretty hard, it was the middle of

the week, during classes, and the first one, it was pretty good,” club member Mark Saxton said. “It had several things going against it.”

He hopes to see the club continue the work that was done last year.

The club was ratified during the Oct. 25 ASLCC senate meeting.


“We want it to be a collaboration, like a huge club event,” Weimer said. “We want to make it as inclusive as we can.”

According to Weimer, last year there were just five people in charge of Lanestock. Now, the mission of the club is to “get as many people involved as possible” with the support of ASLCC and Council of Clubs.

“Last year there was a complaint about language, and we want to make sure that it’s a family event. There will be no swearing on the stage this year,” Weimer said.

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Council of Clubs (Nov. 30 th)	Bi-Weekly, Tuesday 3:00-5:00	Bldg. 1, Room 206
BSU – Black Student Union	Weekly, Wednesday 1:00-2:00	Bldg. 1, Room 201
LSU – Latino Student Union	Weekly, Tuesday 11:30-12:30	Bldg. 1, Room 201
NASA – Native American Student Assn.	Weekly, Friday 3:00-4:00	Bldg. 1, Room 201
LASA – Lane Arts Student Association	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday 1:30-2:30	Bldg. 11, Alcove
SPA – Student Productions Association	Every other Thursday @ 4:15	Bldg. 6, Blue Door
Geology Club	Weekly, Monday 1:00-2:00	Bldg. 16, SRC
Jazz Club	Weekly, Wednesday 3:15-4:15	Bldg. 6, Band Room
Table Tennis Club	Weekly, Thursday 6:30-9:00 PM	Cafeteria (South wall)
LCC XYZ (formerly QSA)	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday 4:00-5:30	Bldg. 1, Room 212
LCC Dance Club (LCCDC)	Every Other Thurs 18 th 3:00-4:00	Bldg. 1, Room 206
Learning Garden Club	Weekly, Monday 12:00-1:00	In the Garden
Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Zeta Chapter	Weekly, Thursday 4:00-5:30	Bldg. 19, Room 232
ADDA (American Design & Draft Assn.)	Weekly, Friday 11:00	Bldg. 18, Room 206
Lanestock Annual Celebration Club	Weekly, Friday 1:00-2:30	Bldg. 1, Room 206
APISU (Asian - Pacific Island Student Union)	TBA	Multicultural Center
LCC Smokers Club (Clean-up Crew)	TBA	Cafeteria
Veterans Club of LCC	Weekly, Tuesday 12:00-1:00	Bldg. 19, Room 241

Attention Graphic/Arts Students: ASLCC Logo Contest!

Contact the student government office at 541-463-3171 or come to Building 1, Room 210.

Volunteers Needed!

- The Longhouse is in need of volunteers to help finish the logs! The projected grand opening is rapidly approaching; please help complete this onsite cultural museum project.
- The Pow Wow is on December 4th, here on Lane’s main campus. Please come to the Multicultural Center for more information about helping out.

Student Club Fair (focusing on the Physical, Cultural, and Emotional Health of our community)

Come meet your fellow classmates and learn about student groups on campus. All recognized student groups are welcome to present and new student groups are encouraged to come mingle with the student leadership at LCC. Contact the Multicultural Program Coordinator – Eric Richardson richardsons@lanecc.edu or Building 1, Room 210 for more information.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Students with outstanding requirements for financial aid have until Nov. 24 to submit all necessary documents to Enrollment Services in order to qualify for the Oregon Opportunity Grant. The deadline has been moved up from the original February deadline by the State of Oregon.

Advance registration is now open and students have until Dec. 2 to pay any outstanding balances on their Fall term statement in order to retain their Winter term classes.

The Performing Arts department will host a series of concerts starting Nov. 11 in the Performance Hall. The series will end Dec. 3. Tickets for all performances are \$5 general admission, \$3 for students and seniors. The shows and times are as follows:
Nov. 23: Lane Symphonic Band and Lane Faculty Jazz Sextet, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 1: Lane Gospel Choir, 3:43 p.m.
Dec. 2: Spectrum Vocal Jazz, Lane Chamber Choir and Lane Concert Choir, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3: Lane Jazz Ensemble, 7:30 p.m.
For more information, contact John Watson at 541-463-5161.

Donations for the Whiteaker Community Thanksgiving Dinner are currently being accepted by Beverly Farfan in Building 19, Room 231 and Sue Thompson via her mailbox in Building 5, Room 205. For \$15, staff and students may sponsor sleeping bags to be distributed during the dinner. For more information, contact Farfan at 541-463-5395.

The “I can, one can” campaign seeks donations for Food for Lane County’s food pantry. The food drive has a goal of 500 pounds of food to hand out during the holiday season. Collection barrels are available in the gym, Center Building cafeteria, Building 1 and Building 19, Room 231. For more information, contact Beverly Farfan at 541-463-5395.

MEETING NOTES

Two clubs receive council funds

Council of Clubs doles out \$600 to organizations

HANNAH HYNES-PETTY
Reporter

Council of Clubs approved \$600 for two different organizations during its meeting Nov. 16.
A \$400 request for the Native American Student Association and \$200 request by the LCC Dance Club were given the green light by council members.

NASA will use its \$400 to provide a host drum for the Dec. 4 powwow.
The organization receives approximately \$8,000 from student fees annually, according to council co-chair Geo Bitgood.
“This is an additional funds request to what they have,” she said.

“I hope everyone understands the mission of the powwow is the same as the school’s,” said Eric Richardson, Bitgood’s co-chair.

The Dance Club’s \$200 request is meant to reimburse the organization for baking supplies purchased for its bake sale. The money will also cover the cost of baking at New Day Bakery, where club president Jackie Thelen works.

“You need money to raise money sometimes,” Richardson said.
The council also discussed its upcoming activity fair. The event will be held Nov. 22-26 in the cafeteria. Each club on the council will be represented and have its own table. A jazz band will also be present.

“Next week’s Council of Clubs Activity Fair can be our way of showing solidarity and understanding for having diverse perspectives and interests,” Richardson said.

The council also welcomed OSPIRG’s new campus organizer, Stephanie Ratekin.

Currently, OSPIRG is working on a pinwheel petition drive. The pinwheels are signed by supporters and mailed to President



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Ayisha Richardson-Brown, a digital literacy program manager from Next Step Recycling, speaks to members of the Council of Clubs during a Nov. 16 meeting in the Multi-Cultural Center.

Barack Obama’s administration.
“It’s a visual representation of our support for clean energy,” Ratekin said.
OSPIRG is also holding a raffle to support the Energy Service Corps. The money will benefit energy assessments in low-income housing.
The council celebrated the success of the Nov. 10 pep rally where \$300 worth of Titan gear was distributed.
“Tracy Simms is definitely looking to do it again,” said Richardson.
Simms is the executive assistant to LCC President Mary Spilde and was a driving force for the college’s acquisition of the Ty the Titan mascot.
Ayisha Richardson-Brown, the digital

literacy program manager at Next Step Recycling attended the meeting to urge the council to help “bridge the digital divide” between people who have technological access and those who don’t.
Richardson-Brown, a former LCC student, stressed the importance of volunteers at the electronics recycling center and asked the council to help raise awareness on social equity through “providing technology and recycling education for the community.”
During its Nov. 2 meeting, the council approved a \$600 funds request for the LCC Table Tennis Club. The athletics department approved an additional \$125. The funds will purchase uniforms and send members of the club to a Nov. 20 tournament.

Student government earmarks \$3,600 for office supplies

BRETT STANLEY
News Editor

ASLCC approved its own \$3,644 funds request for office supplies.
The request was approved with a seven-vote majority with two votes against and one abstention.
ASLCC Treasurer Geo Bitgood and State Affairs Director Kienan Wear voiced dissent against the funds request with Bitgood casting a “no” vote. Wear, who is not a senator, does not vote.
Senator Diego Davis also voted no.
Both Bitgood and Wear felt \$3,644 could be better spent on the student body.

In a separate interview on Tuesday, Bitgood commented that she felt the funds request was “excessive” though she did say the funds would be put to good use.
“It deserves to be called into question by the students,” Bitgood said.
Effectively, the approval of the funds request allows student government to upgrade its offices with a portable white board, a mountable whiteboard and two power tables that allow senators and ASLCC staff to plug in various electronic devices, including their laptops.
Currently, there are not sufficient wall outlets to meet the

needs of the organization. The tables are meant to address that concern.
The fund request also provisions for a mini fridge, something Bitgood had initially asked for. The funds request also provides \$600 for “miscellaneous” office supplies.
During summer term, ASLCC also approved spending about \$10,000 on upgrades for computer equipment.
Student government voted to approve donating \$200 and 10 percent of one week’s worth of profits from its Snack Shack operation to the Whiteaker Community Dinner taking place

Nov. 25.
Former ASLCC President James Manning also attended Monday’s meeting and spoke from the audience, urging this year’s senators to move forward with open source textbooks.
Under Manning’s administration, ASLCC had pledged to support an open source textbook initiative after the Board of Education gave it control over a \$320,000 surplus the college had acquired.
While the funds themselves do not belong to student government, the board chose to give senators a say in how the funds were administered.



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CROSS COUNTRY

Men finish
THIRD

Women finish fourth at NWAACC tournament

ALAN K. FOX
Sports Editor

The Titans cross country season came to an end on a cold misty day Nov. 13.

Clackamas Community College in Oregon City was the stage for the team's performance during the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges' Championships.

Both the men and women were looking to improve on their performances at the NWAACC Southern Regionals, where both teams finished second behind Clark on Oct. 30.

Coming into the meet, the men were projected to finish fifth. The team came into the competition focused and were able to finish in third, earning LCC another trophy to add to the case.

"The men had a very gutsy showing and all the guys wanted it today, and it showed," head coach John Scholl said. "We don't have the talent, depth, or front-runners that Spokane, Everett, and Clark do, but we definitely showed that we can compete with the best when we need to."

The top finisher for the men was freshman Jacob Berkner, who finished 12th in the 8k run with a time of 26:40.87.

The only other Titan runner to finish in the top 20 was freshman Aria Kiani, who finished 19th with a time of 26:53.04.

"The meet went very successful. Our team was expected to come in fifth, but Coach Scholl told us that if we wanted to be top-3 we'd have to want it," Kiani said. "I think we executed the race very strong, staying packed is what got us to slip into that third place spot."

"Our team seemed very confident coming into this race, and for good reason," sophomore Sean Kohles, who finished 45th overall, said. "After each race the Titans got wiggly with it and moved mean, and it showed up in the results."

The women, on the other hand, came into the meet projected to be among the top three finishers and possibly the favorite to take home the title.

The women ended up finishing fourth, just seven points behind third-place finisher Everett.

"There were four strong teams and probably the toughest competition in the past decade for the championships," Scholl said. "Several coaches felt that this race could have four different results if the race was run four different times."

The Titans were led again by NWACC Southern Region champion sophomore MaCayla Claver, who finished seventh-overall with a time of 19:01.47 in the 5k race.

Claver, who came down with an illness days before the meet, earned herself NWAACC All-American honors for her performance.

Freshman Rachel Jensen finished three seconds behind Claver and finished eighth.

"Today wasn't our day to win, but I'm still proud of how our teams competed," Jensen said.

The Titans had two other runners finish among the top 20. Freshmen Laura Jackson and Gylany Crossman finished 14th with a time of 19:14.28, and 18th with a time of 19:22.83, respectively.

"I really enjoyed running on the fast course at

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ABOVE: Miguel Nieves ran with a broken foot at the NWAACC Championships all the way to a 32nd place finish on Nov. 13.

MaCayla Claver earned All-American honors for her 7th place finish at the NWAACC Championships on Nov. 13.

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What have
you learned?

What have you learned this Fall term?

While I have been gaining knowledge in my classes, I really feel that I have taken in a lot from the Titan athletes and coaches during the soccer and cross country seasons.

I had no clue what cross country was about and how it all worked, other than the fact that they ran in dirt for the most part.

I didn't even know what 5k or 8k really meant.

With the help of the runners and coach John Scholl I have really started to understand the sport during the last two months.

I've also begun to enjoy what was going on.

I remember the first meet I attended. For the Puma Invite in Portland, I showed up really confused on what was going on and also what to look for.

My anxiety level was pretty high I have to add. So, what I did is I followed assistant coach Tatyana Pozdnyakova around like a lost puppy looking for its parents.

With her help, I was able to navigate around the course and knew where to go for best possible photos.

I noticed at the NWAACC championships this last weekend that I was really into the event and totally understood what was going on.

Going into the soccer season, I was once again somewhat clueless of what was going on as far as the rules went.

Close attention to World Cup

I paid close attention to the World Cup over the summer so that I would have some type of understanding of the game and team lineups.

I was super excited to see what our team could do this season, since I had an interview with head coach Dave Ellis back in the spring about this experience and the new recruiting class.

As I continued to watch the team grow together before my eyes and start to gel into something special, it began to get more exciting.

The soccer team showed me something that I had never seen.

They had formed a bond of unity that was like any team I was a part of had.

It was really nice to see.

So, I want to hand out a sincere thank you to all of the people, athletes, coaches and trainers for your help and cooperation throughout this season of fall sports.

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TITANS OF THE WEEK



Miguel Nieves
Cross Country

Nieves was selected as Male Titan Athlete of the Week based on his performance at the NWAACC Championships, where he ran with a stress fracture in his foot and placed 32nd in a heat of over 80 runners which helped lead the Titans to a third place finish.

Katie Bidwell
Soccer

Bidwell was selected as Female Titan Athlete of the Week for the second time this season based on her overall performance on the season where she led the NWAACC in assists during the regular season and scored the only goal in the first round playoff win for the Titans.



Soccer women end season

Shutout loss to Walla Walla dashes Titan hopes of advancing in playoffs

ALAN K. FOX
Sports Editor

The Walla Walla Warriors claimed a 4-0 shutout over the Titans on Nov. 13, dashing any hopes of a championship trophy for the women's soccer team this season.

The defeat in Washington came three days after the Titans bested the Shoreline Dolphins at home during the first round of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges playoffs, 1-0.

The Titan defense (11-6-2, 8-4-2 Southern Region) executed a game plan that kept the Walla Walla offense slowed down for most of the first half of the second round game.

The Warriors (18-0-2, 13-0-2 Eastern Region) scored their first goal of the game minutes before halftime when freshman midfielder Marianne Johnson scored off an assist from freshman midfielder Samantha Johnson inside of the 35th minute.

In the second half, the Titans were able to stick to the same plan against the Warriors' offense before giving up three goals in a matter of 11 minutes.

The NWAACC season leading-scorer, sophomore forward Margo Hickman scored the fourth and final goal of the game inside of the 66th minute off an assist from Jones.

"That second goal is what killed us," Titan freshman defender Kiki McDonagh said. "It brought down our spirits and we didn't know how to get our confidence back and fight. We let down as a whole team and they fed off that and earned 2 more goals."

LCC played host to Shoreline in a first round playoff game.

The Titans controlled the ball for the most of game.

Most of the Dolphin offense came from long kicks down the field in hopes that another teammate would catch up to the ball.

Freshman goalkeeper Marah Baker led the defensive charge with her performance in the box, earning her fourth shutout of the season.

The only goal of the game came inside of the 11th minute when NWAACC season assist-leader Katie Bidwell scored off of an assist from freshman forward, Jenna Lewis. Bidwell plays forward for LCC.

OREGON 15, CALIFORNIA 13

LUCKY DUCKS

Oregon escapes upset by two points

ALAN K. FOX
Sports Editor

The top-ranked Ducks had to rely on a stingy defense to avoid an upset against Pac-10 rival Cal during a matchup on Nov. 13 in Berkeley, Calif.

But Oregon prevailed 15-13 during the team's lowest-scoring game of the season.

The Duck offense (10-0, 7-0 Pac-10) has averaged more than 50 points and 550 yards a game but was held to just one offensive touchdown and 317 yards against Cal.

The team's only offensive touchdown came off a 29-yard touchdown pass from Darron Thomas to Jeff Maehl three plays into the third quarter.

The Golden Bears (5-5, 3-4) had a chance to get ahead early in the fourth quarter when kicker Giorgio Tavecchio, who admitted the noise from the Oregon fans disrupted his rhythm, was called for a false start on a field goal that was good.

The ball was moved back five yards and Tavecchio missed the following attempt.

Cornerback Cliff Harris continued to be a force for Oregon on special teams. He returned a punt for a 64-yard touchdown. With that return, Harris has tied former Cal Bear DeSean Jackson's Pac-10 record from 2006 with his fourth punt return touchdowns on the season.

"Tell you what, he's [Harris] a big-time player," Maehl said. "He continues to make plays when we need them most."

Heisman-hopeful LaMichael James was held to a season-low 91 yards and rushed for less than 100 yards for the second time this season. This was the first game that James has not scored all season.

James moved into second place

on the Oregon rushing list with his 2,968 career rushing yards.

"Their front seven is probably the best seven we've played against," said James. "They're really good."

The Duck's defense didn't let the Bears take more than 200 yards of offense. Linebacker Casey Mathews admitted he was a little surprised about it.

"I wasn't expecting that, especially in the second half," Matthews said. "It feels really good to come through for the offense this time. We did pretty good, but we should do that every week, no matter what the offense does."

Head coach Chip Kelly echoed similar sentiments.

"I have confidence in our defense," Kelly said. "I know if our defense goes on the field, that they're going to do a good job, and they did."

The Oregon offense ran a ball-control offense to finish the game with 9:25 left, which included short runs by Kenjon Barner, James and Thomas to run out the clock and seal the win.

Oregon has reached the 10-0 mark for the first time in the football program's history, and snapped a three-game losing streak to Cal in Strawberry Canyon.

The team's 15 points was the fewest for a victory since a 14-10 win over Arizona on Oct.21, 2000, and the lowest point total for the team since the eight points they put on the board against Boise State in the 2009 season opener.

The Ducks have a bye week this weekend.

The team returns to the field on Nov. 26 at Autzen when they host Arizona for a 4 p.m. kickoff. The game will be televised on ESPN.

XC

Scholl was disappointed with way season ended for women

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NWAACCs," Jackson said. "I know that I put in a lot of effort and I feel that I had a pretty good race to show it. Everyone worked really hard as a team and I feel that the hard work definitely payed off."

Scholl was disappointed that the season ended the way it did for the women.

"Our women's team ran tough, but it just wasn't our day," Scholl said. "All the gals gave everything they had, but it's too bad that the results didn't show it. I'm bummed that our gal's season had to end this way because they've come so far since the beginning of the season."

Although the women were visibly disappointed, they remained upbeat about their performance.

"Our team gave an overall good performance in the NWAACC meet," freshman Lisa Martin said. "There were a lot of competitive teams, and I thought we did a great job in doing our best to compete."

"Some of the team just had an off day, and that happens in running," freshman Caitlynn Holmes said. "It's too bad it happened to us at NWAACCs, but I'm still proud of how our girls fought through it and did the best that we could on that day."

All but four runners on the Titans' team are freshmen and should be returning for next season. The team is excited to improve on the success and growth that it gained over the season.

"Knowing that most of our teammates are freshmen next year will have once again a even more solid team," Kiani said.

Martin says that since many of the runners — both men and women — are in their first year at LCC, it makes next year look doubly exciting for the Titans. Scholl agrees.

"Several of these guys are freshmen, which bodes well for next cross country season," Scholl added.

Overall, Scholl was very happy with the season as a whole.

"I'm proud of all of our runners and coaching staff," Sholl said. "Again, I wish the results really showed how well we actually performed today, but each one of these kids should walk away feeling good about how they ran today and throughout the season."

Both the men and women runners will participate in track and field during the spring. The strides that both teams have made during the fall have the coaching staff looking forward to March.

"After seeing how our entire team has improved and gotten stronger over the season, I'm excited about the track season that gets rolling in March 2011," Scholl said.



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Here's a tip from the Eugene Water & Electric Board:

Eliminate phantom power consumption by unplugging devices that aren't in use.

Electronic devices such as TVs, DVD players, computers, and coffeemakers with a clock can account for as much as 10% of home energy use. These hidden energy wasters appear to be off but are really on standby or phantom power. For more tips to reduce energy use, visit **eweb.org**.



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EDITORIAL

Culture still exists on transitional campus

The cafeteria in the Center Building was business as usual on the morning of Nov. 10.

Students sat down to begin their lunch throughout the building.

Then it happened.

ASLCC Multicultural Director Eric Richardson turned on a microphone and, aided by a DJ, started a pep rally.

In a school where most students aim to finish in two years and move on, it's a tad difficult to breed culture.

LCC's main campus is pretty far detached from Eugene and Springfield.

It's a commuter campus.

The age divide may alienate students.

The turnover in clubs and organizations is nearly annual.

So how do you encourage students and, heck, even staff, to have school spirit? We don't have the answer, that's for sure.

But what occurred in the cafeteria on Nov. 10 is part of a solution. Students were introduced to Ty the Titan, the college's new mascot.

Athletes exhibited their school spirit in a display that was entertaining. And free

refreshments and snacks were handed out to folks in the crowd.

For one hour, the gaggle of students, staff and administrators in the cafeteria were united in a way that LCC hasn't seen recently.

Weaving through the athletes, the energy was contagious. Women's soccer had its first playoff game that afternoon and, at least according to forward Bronte Jorgenson, the support from the rally was uplifting.

It also put the pressure on. The whole school was watch-

ing.

The women prevailed, by the way. They'll be in Walla Walla next week to play the second round.

What this all boils down to is that LCC has a unique culture. Let's celebrate that. Visit the Art Gallery in Building 11. Check out Student Production Association performances. Make the trip out to cheer on one of our championship teams on the field or the court.

Who says you've got to be a Duck to be proud of your school?

Though the day has passed, don't stop honoring veterans

Veterans Day is meant to honor those among us who have made the decision to put their lives on the line for an idea, for a tradition, for every single one of us who is proud to call the United States our home. One of my good friends, who is currently serving in Afghanistan, put it this way: "A veteran is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check payable to the United States of America for an amount up to and including their life."



Jesse Gray
Reporter

Talk about a powerful statement. It seems that a lot of people, including myself, have lost sight of what Veterans Day is all about. One would think that as someone who has a lot of friends serving overseas and a brother who is serving in Guantanamo Bay, I would be sensitive to those who have gone before and served this country with pride, honor and commitment.

Sadly, a lot of us get so caught up in our own lives that we forget that just because we get a day off, those who are fighting in our name do not get that luxury.

I do not write this commentary with the intent to chastise those who do not partake in Veterans Day activities or memorials, but rather to give a fresh reminder of the sacrifice that our men and women overseas make every day.

My own brother missed the birth of his only son so that he could make this country safe. I know there are those of you who disagree with our motives and our reasons for fighting the war on terror. This is not the place for that discussion.

I would ask that for a moment you do not think about the reasons for us fighting but, instead, think about the men and women who do as they are told day in and day out to uphold the honor of being one of the protectors of this country.

Perhaps I am one of the few, but I consider it an honor and a privilege to live in this great experiment that we call democracy.

I am proud to be a citizen of the United States.

I know we have our problems and, no, we are not a perfect country, but the advances that we have made in personal freedom and liberty shine into the darkest corners of this world.

I am proud that we have free elections that do not end in bloodshed. I am proud that we can freely vote for our ideals and our beliefs even if we are not in the majority.

I am proud that, as average citizens, our voices are heard in the halls of Congress from Washington D.C. to Salem, Ore.

To this end, I must take into account that without the selfless sacrifice of countless citizen soldiers who took the burden of defending all of the things that make me proud upon themselves and paid the ultimate sacrifice, we would not be the bastion of liberty that we are.

For all of those who have served, you have my gratitude.

For all of those who have perished defending the ideals that made this country what we are, may God bless you and keep you.

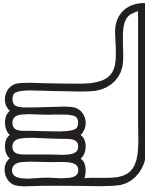
For all of our men and women who are currently serving, thank you for your selfless sacrifice.

Thank you for your commitment to this country. Thank you for defending my life, my freedom and my liberty. We, as a collective country, owe you a debt that we cannot repay.

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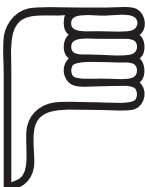
'Tis the season

We know that by the time holiday season comes around, we'll probably go berserk at the mall after hearing U2's rendition of "(Christmas) Baby Please Come Home" for the billionth time. For now, we can't get enough of that holiday cheer. Just walk into a coffee shop and you'll notice all of the specialty drinks you won't get during any other time of the year. Enjoy it while it lasts.



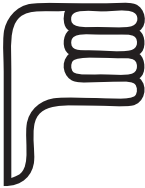
Terrible parkers

If you drive to school, we're sure you've experienced this: one bad parking job encourages others to follow suit. When one guy (or gal) parks ridiculously close to the car on their left, the folks who park on that vehicle's right give it ample space, thus cutting into the adjacent space. So, please, when you have to sidle out of your car because you've parked too close to the guy (or gal) next to you, take a moment and straighten it out, eh?



It's crunch time

With a little more than two weeks to go, it's starting to get a bit tense around campus. Friends are missing dates to study, folks are tearing their hair out because of stress and we're pretty sure our sports editor wrote every inch of copy in his section in the five minutes leading up to deadline.



IN YOUR WORDS

Select comments from lcctorch.com

Response to "It's the little things in life," 11/10

"Andy [Rossback], yes it was the Native American medicine bag, and what really happened was that you were given a lobotomy in an ancient traditional method. What you passed through the head of... Well, you know how it came out, was frontal the lobe of your brain. This is a common punishment inflicted on editors who print stories that are "out there" and I think you need take special note! The next operation is even more painful. I advise digging a little deeper for better material as we are the ones who have to read what you write. I'm just trying to help, buddy!"

John Meyer

Response to "Out for blood," 10/25

"This article inspires me to go and donate for the first time. I'm one of those people that say I have a common blood type so why do I need to donate. So from this day on I'm going to make every effort to donate."

Amanda Webb

THINK ABOUT IT

“Have or will you be donating to a charitable cause this holiday season?”



“I volunteer with the city of Eugene parks. I help with planting native plants, trees and shrubs. Fall is the best time of year for that. I also help with the removal of invasive species.”
Brent Desgrosellier, Architecture



“I have not decided yet.”
Dell Hardin, Photography



“I have not. I don’t know. I just have not thought about it.”
Jerry Bishop, Music



“No, because I don’t have any money. Otherwise, I would give to the Children’s Miracle Network.”
Geoff Westing, Drafting



“No. I don’t have a lot of money. I would donate to the American Diabetes Association if I could.”
Stephanie Goodell, Undeclared



“First Place Family Center, yes! It is at 19th and West Amazon because they deal with low income and homeless families ... It’s a non-profit organization, St. Vincent DePaul. It’s for families. It’s for children.”
Jenna Clark, Human Services



“Yes, Catholic Community Services. I do my community co-op there and I’ve seen just how many ways they can touch each family all year long as well as through holidays.”
Debra Herron, Human Services

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Gilma Greenhoot Scholarship donor Frances Cline, speaks to guests at the Shining Star Scholarship reception dinner on Nov. 17. Shawnell Tolliver (left) and Jasmine Rivera (right) were both recipients of the Greenhoot award.

RECEPTION

Spilde: Community colleges provide quality education
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“I’m very proud of the quality of education that community colleges provide,” Spilde said, referencing the 98 percent graduation rate that LCC’s nursing program boasts in comparison to the 78 percent statewide average. “We are very proud of the fact that we prepare our students very, very

well for life after Lane.”
After several presentations were made by major donors, the floor was opened for scholarship recipients who wanted to speak about their experiences.
Among them was Lynette Lester whose husband had triple bypass surgery earlier this year. In order to make ends meet and continue her studies, Lester applied for and was awarded a Shining Star scholarship.
“If it hadn’t been for me getting a scholarship, I guess I wouldn’t have been able to take this term off work,” she said. “And that would have impacted my education very negatively.”

BOARD

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authority from community college district education boards across the state.
The policy board would also have the power to administer financial aid and how student assistance programs allocate funds to students. It would consist of 15 members, to be appointed by the governor and approved by the state legislature.
“I think we need to fight this like crazy,” board chair Tony McCown, said.
The Board of Education also heard from Chief Financial Officer Greg Morgan and discussed bond options for funding the

construction of the new downtown campus.
“We have to get the money now,” he said.
Morgan urged the board to approve the issuing of Recovery Zone Bonds to potentially save \$2.5 million in interest costs over the life of the downtown campus project.
The ability to issue the bonds comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
According to the board’s proposal, the ability to issue recovery bonds expires this December.
The resolution allows for the issue of up to \$22 million in bonds to fund the completion of the downtown campus project.

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