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**IN BRIEF**

**LCC starts Native American language program**

Lane Community College is poised to become Oregon's first community college to offer an American Indian language course, thanks to a \$1 million gift made to the college last year from an anonymous donor.

Interest income from the donation will be used to invite an Indian scholar to spend a year at the school laying plans for the new language program.

The college has not yet decided which language it will offer, in part because that will depend on the

background of the person it ultimately hires. But LCC President Mary Spilde said it will be a language spoken by a Northwest tribe and said the school hopes to choose a scholar by this summer.

Ultimately, the college hopes to offer a program rigorous enough that students who pass the native language class will be able to transfer the credits to a four-year university.

**Twin Falls native confirmed as Watergate Deep Throat**

TWIN FALLS, Idaho — The former FBI official whom The Washington Post confirmed Tuesday as the source known as "Deep Throat" is a Twin Falls native who attended the University of Idaho and consistently denied being the Nixon administration insider who helped the newspaper expose the Watergate scandal.

W. Mark Felt, 91, is a 1931 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 1935 graduate of the UI. He worked as an administrative assistant to U.S. Sen. D. Worth Clark, D-Idaho, before receiving his law degree from

George Washington University and going to work for the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C., as a lawyer in 1941.

He began a 31-year career with the FBI in 1942 and was the special agent in charge of the Salt Lake City office from 1956 to 1958. In the early 1970s, it was widely speculated that Felt was FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover's hand-picked successor, but he never rose higher than associate director before retiring in 1973.

On Tuesday, Vanity Fair magazine announced Felt had revealed his role as Deep Throat in a forthcoming story. The Washington Post confirmed the claim in a story posted on its Web site Tuesday afternoon.

Although scholars and journalists frequently speculated about Felt's role in exposing the scandal that brought down the Nixon administration, Felt had consistently denied he was the unnamed source until the interview in the July issue of Vanity Fair.

— The Associated Press

**Meyer: Memorial service will be held Saturday**

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He is survived by his parents, Mary Allison and Tony Meyer; a brother, Emery, 15; a sister, Elle, 13; and a large extended family.

"I'm still believing it's not real, hoping it's not real," Meyer's mother said.

His father described him as a gentle-spirited person, recalling a story from Meyer's early childhood.

"When Joel was little, we took him to a parade in Sisters, ... and candy was being thrown to all the kids in the crowd. Joel grabbed a handful of candy and saw a child in a wheelchair who wanted to get some but couldn't reach. Joel started crying and told us about the boy. Mary Allison searched for a half an hour while Joel sobbed. That's the kind of person he was. He was just really generous," he said.

Family described Meyer as a committed Christian, a good student, a strong athlete and a sensitive person without enemies.

"He loved the University of Oregon," his mother said. "He had great aspirations. He loved life, he loved journalism and was so excited about his last year at the University."

University student Ryder Redfield said he had been best friends with Meyer since second grade.

"I've known him as the happy kid that he grew up to be," Redfield said. "There's lots I want to say. He was a great friend."

Friends remembered Meyer as an intelligent student with a promising future. The junior, a journalism major with an emphasis in electronic media, had worked as an intern for the local paper in Sisters, The Nugget Newspaper, and contributed to the student-produced TV show "Duck U."

University adjunct assistant professor Rebecca Force knew Meyer from her Introduction to Electronic Media course and taught him again this term in her Reporting for Electronic Media class.

"He was absolutely wonderful — really neat," she said. "I don't know if anyone who ever met him didn't just like him."

Describing Meyer as charming, smart and genuinely nice, Force said she had been sharing memories of Meyer throughout Tuesday with students who knew him.

"Twenty-one years isn't a lot of time to write a good story, but he did. He wrote a great story in his 21 years," she said.

Several students sent e-mails to the Emerald to share their thoughts and memories of Meyer.



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Friends remember Meyer as a fun-loving guy who always put family and friends first and who enjoyed journalism, sports and video games. His sudden death reverberates throughout the community as those who knew him share their memories and grief.

"Kind, intelligent, and funny as hell," University student Kristin Knudson wrote. "All I have is what I feel in my heart, it is strong, it is deep and it is forever. You were amazing, you were my friend, and I will never forget the hours we spent in the journalism lab, the laughs shared over silly stories, and your willingness to jump around with me on the front porch of Taylor's."

University students Kristina Nunez and Maggie Peressini wrote of Meyer's sense of humor and warmth.

"The first time we met you your goofy smile lit up the whole room," they wrote. "You were an extremely loving guy who knew how to make people smile through your simple, caring gestures."

Greg Kerber, assistant dean for Student Services in the School of Journalism and Communication, had Meyer as a student in his Freshman Interest Group college connections class and also worked with Meyer as his adviser.

"He was very, very nice," Kerber said. "He was smart, mature, pleasant. He worked hard and took school seriously. It's a real loss to family, friends and the University."

Eisenbarth met Meyer as a freshman living in the residence halls together and says she remembers her friend as a "Seinfeld"-watching, spontaneous, funny sidekick.

"It was amazing to watch him interact with people," Eisenbarth said. "He was truly unique in his ability to engage himself with other people. He was so genuine. His friendship was one of mutual love that you don't find often in people."

Eisenbarth said that Meyer wanted to be a sports newscaster and that all his friends knew he would make it.

"He had a great sense of humor and wit — he was so smart," she said.

Griffin, Meyer's friend since freshman year, said he would always remember the "goofy-ass smile" Meyer always wore.

"There's never going to be another Joel," Griffin said.

A memorial service for Meyer will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at Sisters High School. The family has requested that Meyer's friends attend and bring with them photos and memories of their son's life in Eugene.

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