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Former LCC student Cherokee Hale (right) shakes hands with OfficeTeam Division Director Jennie Joiner during the Job Fair on April 18 in the Center for Meeting and Learning. Specializing in administrative staffing services, OfficeTeam was one of 32 different employers at the event. Attendees had the opportunity to win prizes, including a tuition waiver for a three-credit class at LCC and a \$100 gift certificate to the Titan Store. This is the 22nd annual job fair hosted at LCC, with the goal of bring together local employers and job seekers.

Symposium speakers to delve into democracy

Seven guests will deliver lectures on racial and political issues during two-day event.

BY JOE HANNAN
Reporter

The fifth annual Lane Peace Symposium: People Powered Democracy Confronts Corporate Rule will take place from April 20 to April 21 in the Longhouse. The event begins at 10 a.m. with an introduction by Lane Peace Center Chair and social science instructor Stan Taylor.

"The Peace Center's mission statement is 'fostering peace through education,'" Taylor said. "In our country, change has always emerged from grassroots organizations."

Seven speakers at the symposium will present lectures on a broad series of topics ranging from indigenous lands and people, the military-industrial complex, ending corporate personhood, Move to Amend, to constructing multi-racial organizations.

Move to Amend is a national organization dedicated to abolishing corporate rights and corporate personhood from the Constitution. In a 2010 decision, the Supreme Court ruled corporations are en-

titled to personhood.

David Cobb will speak on both days about corporations, the Constitution, multi-racial issues and Move to Amend. In 2004, Cobb was nominated as the Green Party Presidential candidate.

"We have people from many states coming together to plan and organize to amend the U.S. Constitution," Cobb said. "The Supreme Court perverted our democratic republic by creating corporate personhood — corporations hijacked our country."

On April 21, Cobb will speak, along with George Friday and Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap, about the need to create a "multi-racial movement for democracy."

Friday field organizes for the Bill of Rights Defense Committee, and Sopoci-Belknap is a spokesperson for Move to Amend.

Taylor said part of the symposium will be dedicated to "decolonizing ourselves," to be more aware that minority groups are often left out of the larger plans of change.

"Ethically, it's the right thing to do. Even deeper, it's the only way

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Stan Taylor
social science instructor

we can win," Cobb said.

Taylor, who is also the faculty adviser for LCC's Occupy club, said the club and Occupy Eugene partner to host local events. The group will hold a protest "tree sit" on Earth Day, April 20.

"I celebrate and honor Occupy. We frequently collaborate with Occupy and have had tremendous success, and what we see are that the central demands are the same" for both Occupy and Move to Amend, Taylor said.

The Bill of Rights Defense Committee is a nonprofit grassroots organization that works to restore the rights and principles of the Bill of Rights to America.

Friday will speak on both days of the event to raise awareness "that corporations are increasingly ruling our country and jeopardizing our freedom."

"How do you make that real to the majority of people? We translate the lessons from Move to Amend and Citizens United to the practical person," said Friday.

Citizens United is an organization that dedicates itself to return the power of government to its citizens. According to its mission statement, the organization seeks to reinstate the founding fathers' vision of the U.S. by instilling "traditional American values of limited government and strong families."

Friday will also lecture on the importance of making political movements inclusive of all races and minority groups.

"I'm going to remind people that we are best positioned to win when we have a broad and deep coalition of people, including age, class, gender and background," Friday said. "We have to go beyond the familiar and known to create transformative justice that is real for everyone

— this is something that hasn't existed before."

Alternative Radio creator David Barsamian will present a lecture titled "Uprisings: Kashmir to Cairo to Wall Street" at 8 p.m. on April 20. Barsamian will detail his own experience in India during the conflict over Kashmir with Pakistan. In 2011, Barsamian was deported from India. He will also speak on the Arab Spring and Occupy as the framework for major social change.

Max Rameau will present his organization, Take Back the Land, on April 21. In 2006, Rameau created a movement to reoccupy foreclosed and vacant homes by moving homeless families into them and physically barricading the home, barring authorities from evicting the occupants.

SOU Native American Studies coordinator David West will speak about "Military and Industrial impacts upon indigenous lands."

For more information regarding the symposium, contact Taylor at (541) 463-5820 or visit <http://www.lanecollege.edu/peacecenter/>.

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EDITORIAL

Tuition increase a necessary evil

Earlier this school year, LCC's Board of Education voted to raise next year's tuition from \$84 a credit to \$86 a credit, mainly to cover increased costs.

But now, LCC officials say they must increase next year's tuition yet again, by another \$2 to \$5 per credit. Officials project next year's enrollment will remain stagnant. The Oregon Legislature's cuts to the Community College Support Fund leaves LCC — which has a \$317.8 million budget this school year — short by \$5.8 million of what they need to keep up with personnel and other costs next school year.

For every \$1 per credit increase to tuition, the college raises \$450,000. As such, despite the increased burden placed on students, raising tuition is the fastest path to balancing the budget. The budget committee is considering tuition increases that would offset between \$900,000 and \$2.25 million of the \$5.8 million deficit.

According to the school's budget, LCC students paid \$38 a credit in 2002. This school year, we pay \$84 a credit. Tuition has more than doubled in just 10 years. LCC students now pay 51 percent of the college's operational expenses.

So why lean on students yet again? Why not cut expenses? Administrators say the college is already functioning with a minimum number of faculty, staff and other employees, and contracts won't allow them to lay off employees this late in the year. They're proposing some cost-cutting measures all the same, and also consider-

ing spending down a stabilization fund, or a kind of savings account, by more than \$2 million.

Raising differential fees for dental hygiene and nursing programs could add up to \$196,000 to the pot. Increasing class sizes, cutting some under-enrolled classes and adding to the workload of some support staff could contribute another \$369,000.

Even if you beat this budget to a bloody pulp, another increase in tuition is unavoidable.

We at *The Torch* think another \$3 per-credit tuition increase would be a fair amount to ask students to contribute.

No one wants tuition to go up, but the reality is that state funding has been decreasing for years, while costs have risen with inflation and enrollment. Improving LCC by adding new programs, degrees and services has added costs as well.

Gov. John Kitzhaber wants 40 percent of Oregonians to earn four-year degrees, 40 percent to earn associate's degrees and 20 percent to earn high school diplomas by 2025, yet college costs continue to climb, making this goal ever more unattainable. It's frustrating to hear politicians proclaim the importance of academic degrees while they continue defunding education.

Students need to stand up for themselves and demand an increased societal investment in education. They can do this by writing their elected leaders.

Or they can just continue to watch their tuition bills and their college debt increase.

GUEST COMMENTARY



BY MARIO PARKER-MILLIGAN
ASLCC President

Taking a stand
on tuition

We (students) are now paying a majority — that's more than 50 percent — of the college's operational expenses. With student loan debt exceeding the trillion dollar mark, and federal and state need-based aid diminishing, public institutions like LCC should be doing everything necessary to protect students' money.

A few years ago, LCC moved away from cutting paper checks as a way to disburse financial aid and outsourced that process to a company called Higher One. This move, in essence, was a way for the college to save money during a time of recession and provide students with an innovative way to receive and use our money.

Now, five years later, we are looking at several proposals from companies like Sallie Mae, Blackboard and Higher One to do more of the same. However, I don't think students want more of the same. We don't want a company that is going to charge us if we use their debit card as a debit card. Who else is tired of coming all the way up to the main campus to use one of the two ATMs that are available in town?

These are grants and loans that students have been "awarded" based on actual need, and that our institution of higher learning is letting us be forced to pay fees to access them is criminal. Let's not forget the interest rates we'll be paying on top of all of this.

Before LCC signs any more contracts with companies such as Higher One, I would insist that we, the consumers, not be forced to opt in, or pay fees to access our money, and we should demand more than two ATMs for the 12,000 students who rely on this service. Just because this scam of a service is affordable for the college doesn't mean it's affordable for students.

WAY TO GO

- Early classes are exhausting and lengthy lectures during rainy days produce yawns, but smiling students remind us consistent sun is right around the corner.

- Lane's track and field team is running towards a prime spot in the NWAACCs, with dedicated coaches bracing the Titans against fierce competitors.

- The cafeteria is on a roll — literally. After 5:30 p.m., students might have the chance to snag a free egg roll when purchasing food.

- Students utilizing the many bus routes on campus aren't just helping the environment. They're opening up parking spaces too.

HELL NO

- Students and faculty need to make the effort to attend more productions on campus. Support the arts and come see these performers show their skills. They shine.

- Students catch a lot of flak for skipping classes this early in the term. Instructors should be held to the same standards. Even when holding a class, it's important for students and instructors to relay deadlines and expectations — and to be present.

- Everyone has to use the restrooms on campus. Don't desecrate them with graffiti and excess trash.

- School spirit is great, but Titan gear that isn't in school colors doesn't promote anything but confusion.

'Just doing the work,' but this time as a writer

THE WHISTLE BEAT



BY LEAH AVERETT
Features Editor

And I really did want to write, but careers such as writing and being an artist seemed impractical for a girl growing up in a conservative Texas town in the 1970s.

So, while raising three independent, wonderful children, surviving divorce and single parenting, and eking out a living, I waited to plant that instructor's seed.

Working at *The Torch* as a reporter and features editor are my first steps towards growing that seed and eventually writing about the issues that matter most to me.

My ultimate goal is to write about the com-

plexities of the medical system and the effects on people like you and me.

But, for now, it's all about school, firing up the rusty neurons and marching them across the long-forgotten paths of tests and homework.

Brain plasticity — I'm counting on you.

Surprisingly, the tools I need to be an effective reporter are many of the same skills developed at the bedside as a nurse involved with patients' lives and while working in the unpredictable medical environment.

Asking questions to understand the heart of the problem, the ability to take on dramatic events, digging for truth and upholding ethical standards are common to both occupations.

I am beyond thrilled to be back in school soaking up subjects never learned and to be working at *The Torch* with a talented, committed group of creative minds.

No doubt, downsizing, and living on far less money than I made as a nurse is challenging, but it's my one life, and, as they say, journalism opens up a window to the world.

ASLCC

Senate funds NASA event

GSA plans Day of Silence.

BY JOE HANNAN
Reporter

At its April 18 meeting, the ASLCC approved a \$2,000 funds request for the Native American Student Association to hold a storytelling event in May.

Currently, ASLCC's Vote or Vote campaign has registered 1,900 students to vote. Its goal is to reach 2,500 by April 24, the last day to register for the primaries.

The Gender Sexuality Alliance will hold a movie screening of *Big Gay Movie* on April 19 at 2 p.m. in Building 17, Room 308.

On April 20, the National Day of Silence, GSA will have a series of events beginning at 10 a.m. with silent activities in Building 1, Room 206, as well as an outdoor scavenger hunt, followed by a silent luncheon. Between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., students will ride LTD buses from the LCC station to the Eugene and Springfield stations in a silent bus ride.

At 4 p.m., the groups will rally at the LTD Downtown Station and go to UO to take part in the Breaking of the Silence celebration at the EMU amphitheatre.

BikeLane representatives will meet and discuss the future of the BikeLane program at the next ASLCC meeting on April 25.

On April 19, ASLCC will hold orientations for the candidates running for student government next year. Beginning April 23, candidates will campaign throughout LCC, and voting will take place the following week.

Tuition increase on the table

The increase could yield up to \$2.25 million.

BY KINZLEY PHILLIPS
Editor-in-Chief

After continuing a \$3 per credit tuition surcharge and raising it another \$2 per credit earlier this year, the college is looking to raise tuition again after state funding projections fell \$5.8 million short of the needs for next school year.

At the April 18 budget committee meeting, administrators discussed possible resolutions for the shortfall, though decisions are not yet set in stone.

Options include raising tuition anywhere from \$2 to \$5 per credit, in addition to the current \$86 per credit. This would generate between \$900,000 and \$2.25 million in revenue for the college.

Students are already paying 51 percent of the colleges operational costs, Chief Financial Officer Greg Morgan said.

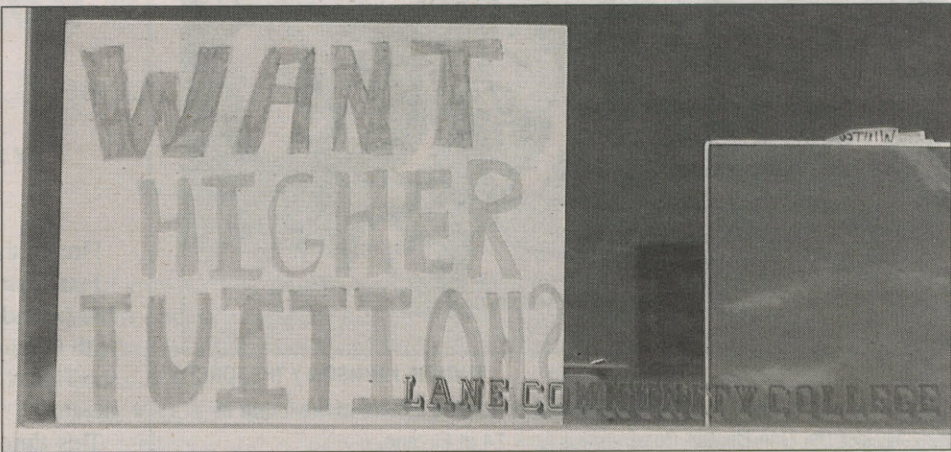
"We now get more money from tuition and fees than we do from state support," Morgan said.

The college has projected a zero increase in enrollment next year, so the budget committee does not want to quantify that as a source of increased revenue.

However, many other options were examined to help fill the gap, including using the entirety of the college's stabilization funds, \$2.25 million.

The board created the stabilization fund to be used in this situation, President Mary Spilde said, which is why she's comfortable with spending it in this instance.

"I used to say 'to see us through the peaks and valleys of state funding,' but now there



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This sign in ASLCC's Building 1 office poses a question to passing students as LCC considers a tuition increase that would cost students between \$2 and \$5 per credit.

aren't any peaks. There are only valleys," Spilde said.

She also said it would give the college leverage when bargaining for increased funding for the next fiscal biennium.

In addition, the budget committee looks to temporarily divert general fund allocations for certain student services to reallocate \$748,907.

"It's pulling things extra out of other pockets. That's not going to change how we're doing business," Morgan said.

Differential fees for certain programs, such as nursing and dental hygiene, could increase as much as \$1,000 per year per student. These are programs are targeted because they have lower instructor-to-student ratios, and offer higher-paying, in-demand employment post-graduation.

"We're going to charge a few (differentiated programs) more because the programs are more expensive," Spilde said.

Though it is too late in the year to lay off employees, the budget committee did discuss the possibility of leaving vacancies unfilled as a means to save money.

"The thing here is that we're already stretched so thin, we've taken a 40 percent increase in enrollment without an increase in staff," Spilde said.

The college is projecting \$1 million in entrepreneurial growth to help fill the deficit.

The budget committee is examining all places where increased productivity and cost reductions are possible, said Sonya Christian, vice president of academic and student affairs.

On April 16, students met to discuss possible resolutions for the tuition hike. They presented ideas and service requests to ASLCC Treasurer Tracy Weimer, the student representative to the budget committee.

Weimer said these included cultural competency training for all faculty and staff, open access to the gym, increased health center staff, and increased staffing in the financial aid department.

"Our exercise is to close the budget deficit, not to develop additional staffing," Christian said.

The Associated Students of Lane Community College

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Lane Community College Student Groups

International Students Club	Thursday 4pm	Bld 11 Rm 249
Student Production Association	Thursday 4:15-5:15	Bld 6
Learning Garden Club	Date	Room
OSPIRG	Monday & Wednesday	Center Bld basement
Phi Theta Kappa	Wednesday 4pm-5pm	Bld 19 rRm 232
Student Nursing Association	First Monday of the Month	Bld 30 Rm varies
Jazz Club	Thursday 1pm	Bld 6 near music lab
Engineering Club	2nd & 4th Wednesday 6:00pm	Bld 16 rm 211
Green Chem Club	Bi-Weekly Tuesday 12-1pm	Bld 16
Future Geologists of Oregon	Bi-Weekly Tuesday 12-1 pm	Bld 16
PEECE	Sunday 5pm	Off Campus
Sustainability	Friday, Saturday, Sunday Tuesday 2pm	U of O Knight Library Cafeteria
Collaborations Club	Friday 1-2pm	Center Bld
Black Student Union	Monday 1pm	Bld 1 Rm 212
Native American Student Assoc.	2:30pm Fridays	Longhouse
Gender & Sexuality Alliance	Tuesday 1pm	Bld 1 Rm212
Jewish Student Union of LCC	Thursday 1:00pm	Bld 1 Rm 212
Mecha de LCC	Fridays 1-2pm	Bld1 MCC
APISU	Thursday Noon	Bld 1 Rm 212
Table Tennis Club	Thursday 6:30-9 pm	Cafeteria
Disc Golf Club	Bi-Weekly Thursday 6pm	Cafe Yumm (Franklin Blvd)
Dance Club	Wenesday 2:30 pm	Bld 5 Rm 136
Occupy L.C.C.	Friday 10am	Bld 1 Rm 212
Lane Speech & Debate Club	Thursday 6pm-8:30	Center Bld Rm 437
Midway Sports	Monday & Wednesday 11am-2pm	Greens next to Center

GSA DAY OF SCILENCE

Thursday 11-2pm, tabling in the cafeteria. We will be having sign-ups for folks to pledge to participate in Day of Silence in whatever capacity they have.

Thursday 2-4pm Bld 17 Rm 308, aka the forum building, there will be film showings.

Friday from 9-noon, there will be silent activities going on including a silent scavenger hunt in the Student Resource Center Building 1, room 206. From 12-1PM in building 1, room 212, there will be a silent luncheon for the students attending the Silent bus Ride. From approximately 1-4PM, there will be the Silent bus ride through Eugene and Springfield. When everyone meets back up at the Downtown Center, we will have a silent March to the UO. The festivities should be over by 5PM unless students are taking part in the UOs Night of Noise.



EUGENE JOHNSON / THE TORCH

Titans third baseman Blake Montague scores during the bottom of the fourth inning against the Linn-Benton Roadrunners April 14 in Eugene.

BASEBALL

Titans get reality check

Lane splits consecutive doubleheaders.

BY JON FUCCILLO
Sports Editor

The Titans baseball team took advantage of its opponent's sloppy mistakes in game one of a doubleheader against the Chemeketa Storm on April 17, only to lose in game two.

The team improved to 14-6 overall and 8-2 in the Southern Region.

In game one, the Titans picked up a 6-4 victory in the pouring rain in Eugene.

The Storm managed to make five errors and all six Titans runs were unearned.

With the score tied at 3-3 in the bottom of the eighth inning, the Titans managed to add three insurance runs on a line drive down the right field line off of the bat of freshman first baseman Alex Cornwell.

Four Titans saw action on the mound. Freshman Zach Eyster came in as the relief pitcher in the top of the sixth inning and was credited with the victory. Freshman Zach Kayser recorded the save in the ninth inning.

In game two, the Storm battled back and won 8-5. Titans freshman and Portland native Nic Coffman was credited with the loss on the mound.

It was the second doubleheader in a row in which Lane lost its second game.

Titans freshman second baseman Shaun Boehm went on a tear.

At a home game on April 14, the Titans proved human and ended what had been a seven-game win streak with a doubleheader split with the Linn-Benton Roadrunners.

In game one, the Titans picked up where they left off and won 13-7.

Boehm helped his team get on the scoreboard right away with a two-run homerun to deep left center in the bottom of the first inning. Boehm also had a two-run double in the bottom of the fourth inning along with a two-run single in the bottom of the seventh inning. He finished the contest with 6 RBIs.

"Sean is my dude," Titans sophomore shortstop Daniel Katayama said. "He has talent that I have never seen before."

Katayama added, "I feel so comfortable hitting in front of him ... he always picks me up."

Titans first-year head coach Josh

Blunt said Boehm continues to impress.

"He has pretty much been the same since day one," Blunt said. "He can flat-out hit. He is our best offensive player every day."

In back-to-back games, Boehm went 7-for-8 with two homeruns, four doubles and 8 RBIs.

"I'm seeing good rotation on the ball right now and keeping posture," Boehm said. "Just living in the moment."

Titans freshman third baseman Blake Montague went 3-for-3 with three singles, two walks and scored two runs in the winning effort.

Although Titans sophomore Dawson Phinney had a bumpy start on the hill, he was still credited with the victory. Phinney pitched five innings and gave up five earned runs, scattered nine hits and struck out one.

"Dawson didn't have great stuff on (April 14), but as usual he competed and kept you around," Blunt said.

In game two, the Titans lost 8-4 in nine innings. The second game of a doubleheader is scheduled for seven innings.

With the game tied at 4-4 in the top of the ninth inning, Titans freshman center fielder Spencer Smith came in relief and gave up four runs and took the loss. Smith did go 2-for-3 with a double and 3 RBIs to help the cause.

The Titans ended the game with only four hits in the second game.

"We didn't get hits when we needed them in the second game," Boehm said.

Blunt said there's a lot to learn from a loss, especially after winning seven league games in a row.

"I think it's hard for them," Blunt said. "I honestly think it's good to lose because adversity is what makes you as a team."

Blunt's goal coming into the week was to split doubleheaders. Instead, the team won three out of four games.

"It's about winning the week," Blunt said. "If you can win every single week, you're going to be in the playoffs. It's tough to lose in nine innings. In the same token, it kind of brings you back to earth."

The Titans now turn its sights to the Mt. Hood Saints, which visits Eugene for a doubleheader on April 21. First pitch is slated for 1 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Lane flies high at Chico Twilight

Titans record 'about a dozen' personal bests.

BY JON FUCCILLO
Sports Editor

Finally, the moment had arrived. Freshman Brandon Nash (6'1", 155-pounds) had been flirting with 6'6" in the high jump during the Titans' last two track and field meets.

This time, Nash surprised himself with a personal record in Chico, Calif. He cleared 6'9.75" to finish tied for second at the Chico Twilight on April 15.

"I feel like it has been in the making for a long time," Nash said. "I think I did a really good job of putting it all together. I was really happy doing that."

Titans head coach Grady O'Connor wasn't as surprised with the result.

"(It was) quite a breakthrough," O'Connor said. "We knew he had it in him (but) we didn't know it would happen so quickly."

Chico State junior Michael Souza won the high jump with a PR of 7'0.25".

LCC's school record in the high jump is 7'0". Nash said it's a matter of time before he breaks that record.

"It's a matter of perfecting my

technique," Nash said. "I'm ready to move up. I think 7' is realistic. It's within my reach."

Nash was one of "about a dozen" Titans that set PRs at Chico.

It was sunny and close to 70 degrees during the two-day meet in Chico, Calif.

"We had a tremendous meet," O'Connor said. "I don't want to single out any group. It was, top to bottom, a great meet for everybody. I feel like we're in a great spot with about five weeks to go."

O'Connor said it was important for his team to bond during this two-day trip.

"It was a fun meet," O'Connor said. "Our groups so often train in their groups. This (Chico Twilight) puts everybody together, and we're able to get to know one another and come together as a squad."

Sophomore David Formolo went 15'6" to finish in second place in the pole vault.

"I know I am better than what I showed that night," Formolo said. "But I'm not going to waste time fretting about it when I have more chances ahead of me to do what I need to do."

Sophomore Tara Carlton fin-

ished second in the pole vault with a PR of 11'10".

Freshman Shay Applegate finished in second place in the long jump (5.49 m).

O'Connor remains optimistic.

"I'm still going to be a little guarded," O'Connor said, "just because we have been good on paper going into NWAACCs in the past."

Some of the team will head to UO's Hayward Field to compete in the Oregon Relays from April 20 to 21, while others will head to Oregon City to compete in the Clackamas Invite.

"We will have a small contingent at Oregon and Oregon City," O'Connor said. "We're still not sure who will get sucked into what meet yet."

"You just have to have the mark to get in. It's a pretty substantial mark," O'Connor said. "It's also a valuable weekend for recruiting because it's a big high school meet as well."

At the Oregon Relays, high school athletes will compete as well in their own meet and look to impress college recruiters.

On April 27, LCC will host the Titan Twilight.

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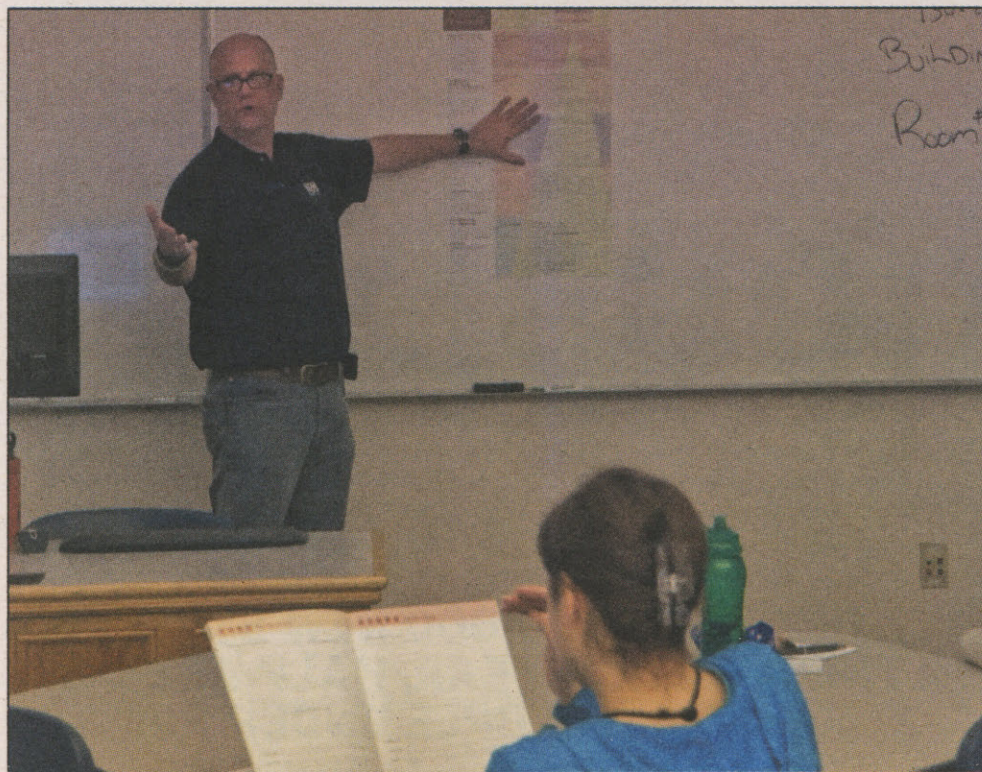
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CLUB OF THE WEEK

Phi Theta Kappa fosters student growth

Honors club aims to recognize student excellence.

BY LEAH AVERETT
Features Editor



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Phi Theta Kappa President Dennis Cooley explains the club's requirements during its April 18 meeting.

A sense of community, multiple scholarship opportunities and international academic recognition drives the members of Phi Theta Kappa International Society.

"Phi Theta Kappa is about celebrating your academic excellence and achievement — recognition for your hard work," said Kaitlyn Worman, vice president of the Sigma Zeta chapter of PTK.

The Sigma Zeta chapter of PTK began at LCC in 1968. PTK is the only official honor society for two-year colleges recognized by the American Association of Community Colleges, according to the LCC website.

Sigma Zeta's communications officer, Annie Dutchover, said she joined the honor society over a year ago to participate in the service projects like Food for Lane County, Fall Creek cleanup, and organizations such as Solve Oregon Litter and Vandalism.

"It's nice to be able to get an idea of what my community is about and understand what different nonprofit organizations stand for and what they do — to build connections with people," she said.

Students also join the honor society for the increased scholarship opportunities, socialization with peers and to boost the impact of their resume with the PTK status, Dutchover said.

"As a student, I found a home. I never fit in with the jocks and drama students," chapter president Dennis Cooley said.

He said he dropped out of high school, got his GED in 2006, and returned to college as a nontraditional older student.

"I've done something different and got different results. I'm not saying ... I know everything, but I know how to learn," Cooley said.

Worman stressed that PTK and LCC's Honors Program are two different entities with separate requirements, purpose and goals.

Over \$37 million in scholarships are provided exclusively to PTK members, Dutchover said. Membership requirements and applications are posted on the LCC website.

Members are required to maintain a 3.25 cumulative GPA.

Dutchover said the local chapter has over 120 members on its Facebook page, but obtaining an accurate PTK membership count is difficult due to its application process.

Dutchover encouraged students to join PTK, as they plan to offer varied social activities such as bowling and disc golf.

"We are definitely not cliquish, and have all kinds of people, and all ages. We have shy people that don't talk too much, but we treat them with a lot of respect and don't leave them out of things, and we have social butterflies. There are a lot of different personalities here," Dutchover said.

Last weekend, the LCC PTK officers attended the annual international convention in Nashville, which offered more than 70 workshops. Students raised approximately \$5,000 through various fundraisers, such as the Civil War car smash and Oscar the Ogre, an amount that was matched by a grant from ASLCC, Dutchover said.

In addition to the Nashville convention, she said the funds would cover student costs of attending the regional convention in Utah this May, with money left for next year.

Dutchover said learning proper table manners in a professional setting, making proper introductions for yourself and others, and remembering names were valuable tips she learned in a professional etiquette workshop.

Cooley said the officers who went to Nashville had a wonderful experience and they hope to offer similar workshops in the general PTK meetings. He said possible topics include the dangers social media pose to a student's career, leadership, scholarships and teambuilding.

Convention workshop speaker Jon Acuff provided a memorable quote, Cooley said: "Stop telling yourself you are too busy. You have just the right amount of time to do what matters."

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LCC hosts Earth Day events

The solar station ribbon-cutting ceremony kicks off Earth Week at 10 a.m. on April 19, with LCC President Mary Spilde presiding. Participants can then tour Building 30 at 11 a.m.; the Learning Garden at 12 p.m.; the native sustainable landscaping at 1:30 p.m. and again at 3 p.m. Earth Week also includes the Peace Symposium from Friday to Sunday. The Institute for Sustainable Practices and the Council of Clubs are hosting local nonprofits and sustainability-related businesses in the cafeteria on Monday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

LCC, ASUO women's centers to provide free transfer information session

The Lane Women's Center and the ASUO Women's Center will sponsor a session for prospective transfer students on April 20 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Building 1, Room 202.

Jessica Rojas, an LCC graduate now working at the ASUO as a nontraditional student advocate, will deliver the presentation.

Topics covered will include scholarships, resources and support groups for nontraditional students. For more information, call the Women's Center at (541) 463-5353.

Bloodmobile to visit LCC

The Bloodmobile is coming to LCC from April 24 to April 25. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, please email fullerj@lanecc.edu or call Judy Ann at (541) 463-5564.

myLane updates PIN requirements

To improve information security and enable self-service password changes, LCC is changing the password requirements for myLane accounts.

The passwords are being converted to a pass-phrase with a minimum of 12 characters and a maximum of 16 characters, using a combination of letters and numbers.

You will not be able to change your password/PIN to your new pass-phrase until April 23. You will need to change your security questions before April 23 so you can reset your PIN if you forget it.

Bond leadership hosts open house

The Bond Leadership Team and Facilities Management and Planning invites community members to review the project options developed by the architects from SRG Partnership at an open house on April 20, in Building 19, Room 220.

Session 1: Friday, April 20, 10 a.m. to noon. Options will be displayed during the two-hour block and a presentation by the architects will be made at 10:30 a.m.

Session 2: Friday, April 20, 2 to 4 p.m. Options will be displayed during the two-hour block and a presentation by the architects will be made at 2:30 p.m.

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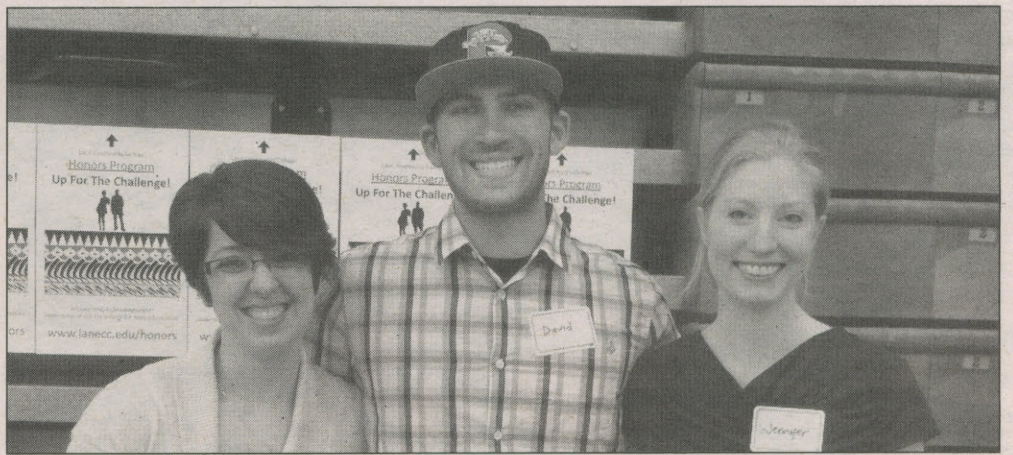
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Honors Program coordinator Jen Hare (right) poses with honors students Amber Snell (left) and David Guajardo at Lane Preview Night in Winter 2012.

LCC offers honors courses

Students 'go the extra mile' for success.

"(The Honors Program) is about creating a group of people that love to learn..."

Mary Gross
nursing major

BY LEAH AVERETT
Features Editor

Diversity, creativity and a love of learning unite and inspire growth for the members of LCC's Honors Program, said Mary Gross, a member and nursing major.

"The Honors Program is not designed with the intent of just finding the most intelligent people, just for the sake of doing that. It's about creating a group of people that love to learn, and want to be in an environment that fosters creativity and ideas," she said.

LCC and Portland Community College are the only two of the 17 community colleges in Oregon to offer an honors program, program coordinator Jennifer Hare said.

LCC offered its first honors class last summer, Art/Design Mural Painting, and 25 students are currently enrolled in the honors program, she said.

In an effort to meet the goals of students across the learning spectrum, the college decided to offer a program for those desiring more challenging coursework, faculty coordinator Kathleen Morrison-Graham said.

"We wanted to serve a student population that hasn't been served before, which is our highly motivated, high-performing, high-achieving students, to give them the opportunity and environment so they can reach their maximum potential," Hare said.

Kaitlyn Worman, a pre-med major who was one of the first students in the program last year, said she encourages students to try the honors classes out, even if they've had negative school experiences.

"In high school, I carried, like, potentially the world's lowest GPA, and I definitely wasn't a good student, and it contributed to the nervousness coming into college. But I found out how easy it is to get the straight A when you work hard and are dedicated to it," she said.

Worman joined because she wanted to be challenged in different ways, share different viewpoints and wanted more one-on-one time with the instructors.

"The professors are willing to help in any way possible. They don't want to see you get behind or see you lose track and are willing to bring you back up to speed," she said.

The opportunity for faculty to develop courses with more focus on

independent, in-depth research components, allows for more creativity, civic growth opportunities, and civic leadership, Hare said.

"All of the instructors that have decided to be a part of the program and are excited about the things we are able to do now and the possibility of doing more in the future as more curriculum is developed," Gross said.

Students enrolled in the program must complete 24 honor credits with a grade of C or better in each course and a minimal cumulative 3.0 GPA, along with other requirements, to graduate with honors.

Students not in the Honors Program, but who are prepared to complete honors-level coursework and have passed the writing requirement, can take some of the honors courses.

Honors courses are offered three ways. Students can enroll in an honors class and complete honors-level work even if they are not members of the program. Students may request the honors option and complete honors-level work, even if they are not part of the program. Honors students also enroll in seminar classes exclusive to the program.

Students can expect about 20 percent more work in an honors course, according to Gross.

She said this sounds like a large amount unless you break it down into hours per week. A capstone project, which entails independent research, is also required towards the end of the completion of the Honors Program.

The goal for 2012-2013 is to add six more courses from a variety of disciplines, Morrison-Graham said.

Hare said she invites students to consider the program as an opportunity for transformation, as it provides a wonderful springboard to success. She said students embark on a journey with their fellow classmates through the curriculum, and learn to develop their ideas and thoughts, not just regurgitating facts, but processing the knowledge.

"We are all really dedicated, willing to work hard, and we all really care about school and take our studies seriously. It means something to us. We aren't just coming here every day to come here, but have goals we want to accomplish and are willing to go the extra mile," Worman said.

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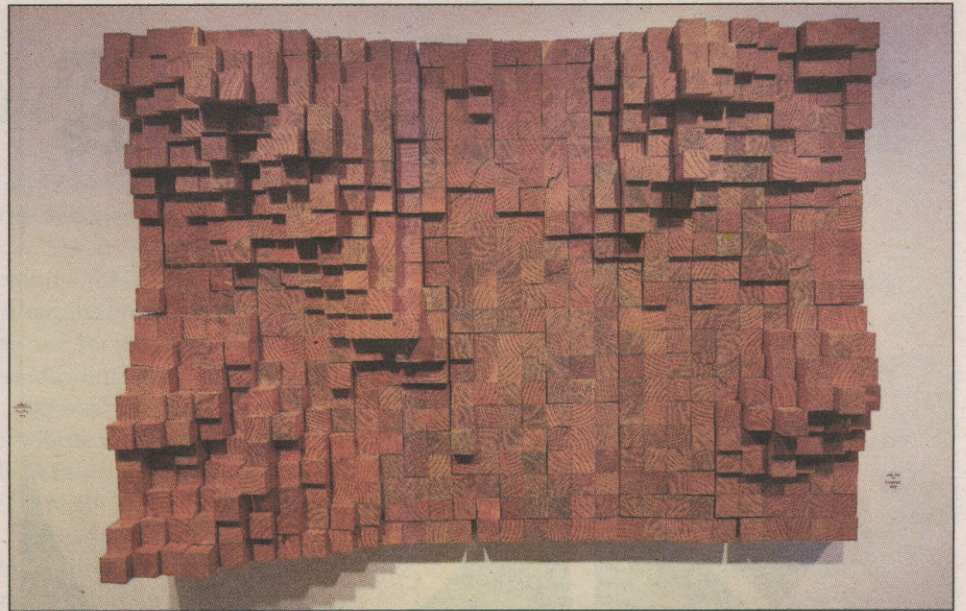
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LCC accounting student Ariana Moreno examines "Over the Top," a sculpture by Paul Powers.



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"44° N, 123° E" by Christian Dray is one of the several pieces on display in the Juried Student Art Exhibition inside the Building 11 art gallery. The show runs April 16 through May 3.

a DIFFERENT VIEW

BY CHELSEA VAN BAALEN
A&E Editor

The annual Juried Student Art Exhibition opened April 16 with approximately 30 pieces selected by local artist Betsy Wolfston.

"It is intense to watch the process," said Jennifer Salzman, instructor and art gallery committee chair. "Jurors respond differently to each piece of work. There is no way to know what a juror is going to respond to. Each year is a new experience."

Students can submit pieces from any medium, and Salzman said that they submitted a great variety of work. This is the only juried exhibit hosted by LCC in which students can submit their work.

Melissa Johnson, a second-year fine arts major, had two pieces selected for the show, "Ancient Dwelling" and "The Surface Is Fitting."

Johnson also does work-study in the gal-

lery, so she saw all the pieces submitted.

"It was fun to see the magnitude of what was brought in," Johnson said. "I learned that the show's outcome is really specific to a juror's taste."

Johnson said jurors are able to visualize an end result each year, and that this year's exhibit has an earthy, calming feel to it.

Wolfston also selected a few pieces from the exhibit as award winners. Arts Division Dean Rick Williams said some of the awards come with cash prizes for the artist, including the two prizes he awards.

"It was really difficult," Williams said. "There are a lot of great pieces in this show." Williams said he looks at the skill, craft, message and appeal behind each piece.

"At least half could have been award winners," Williams said. "I think it's a great exhibit."

The award-winning pieces and students will be announced at a reception on April 19 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Building 11.



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