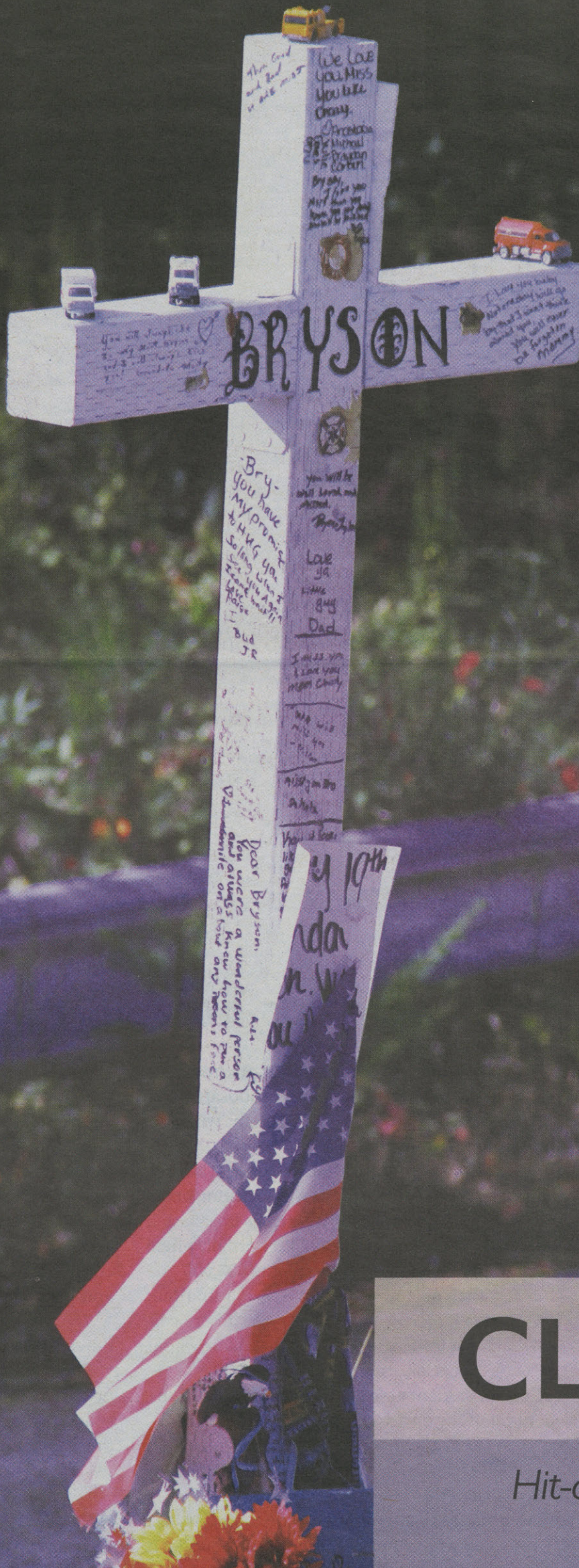


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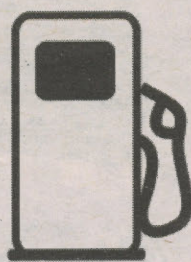
Former Lane student Bryson Krissie was killed in a June 6 hit-and-run accident along 30th Avenue. Krissie's memorial is near the west entrance to Lane. Cottage Grove resident Jason Manske, 31, entered a plea of guilty on charges stemming from the hit-and-run at an Aug. 28 hearing. Manske will serve six years in prison, with an opportunity for early release. (See Page 3)

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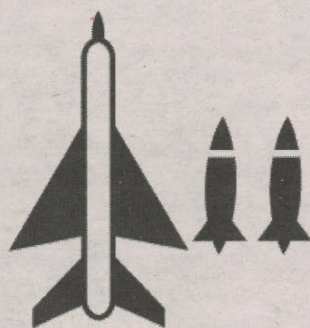
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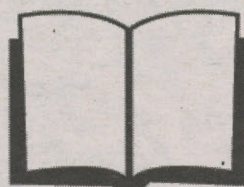
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ASLCC salaries belong in budget talks

Lane's student government made progress last week with its budget, fielding two proposals and possible ideas for how to solve problems with shortfalls and projections.

Originally, as reported in the October 3, 2012 issue of *The Torch*, the ASLCC was counting on a projected \$40,000 carryover in savings from last year. They then projected a \$4,000 shortfall, which was later replaced by an approximate \$95,000 shortfall, then an approximately \$75,000 shortfall.

One wonders how the student government will fill what went from a budget pothole to a sinkhole.

The ASLCC's largest single expense is the \$80,000 in student activity fee revenue that will be spent retaining an attorney to provide legal assistance to Lane students.

The second largest? The student government's own salaries. The cost of these two expenses increased since the 2011-12 school year.

The third largest category for ASLCC's budget is its travel expenses.

While both budget proposals ASLCC President Merriam Weatherhead presented at the student government's Oct. 10 meeting include drastic reductions to the travel budget, neither proposal

includes cuts to the \$63,100 in stipends awarded to the executive, staff and senators who serve ASLCC.

The salaries and travel expenses would be almost excusable as educational, if it weren't for the sheer size of spending on these categories. Currently, they account for 33 percent of the budget. In the most conservative of Weatherhead's proposals, stipends and travel still account for 31.8 percent of expenses, while clubs and programs receive more drastic reductions.

The Torch urges ASLCC to make the right cuts in the right places.

Specifically, we are calling on ASLCC to first negotiate the cost of the lawyer and associated spending by any means necessary — especially if the services are not used by Lane students or not used often.

Second, the ASLCC must consider pointing the knife at its members' stipends. No one wants to trim his or her own salary, but in these uncertain times, student leaders might need to forgo some pay for the common good.

We urge ASLCC to spend more on students directly instead of themselves and the kind of programs that benefit the few over the many.



JOSHUA PURVIS / THE TORCH

Next to the end of a guard rail is former Lane student Bryson Krissie's memorial. Krissie, an 18-year-old Lane student and volunteer firefighter, was the victim of a June 6 hit-and-run accident along 30th Avenue.

HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS

Victim's mother urges prison without early release

BY SEAN HANSON
Managing Editor

In a written statement registered with the Lane County Courthouse, Bryson Krissie's mother asked her son's killer to make the best of his six-year prison sentence.

"I ask that you take this time you are about to get and put it to good use," she wrote. "Think about the life you took and the life you are living and make it better."

On June 6, 2012, 31-year-old Cottage Grove resident Jason Manske hit Krissie, an 18-year-old Lane student and Goshea volunteer firefighter, as he walked the shoulder along 30th Avenue after dark. Witnesses said Manske sped away.

An ambulance took Krissie to Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend. Two hours later, he was dead.

Oregon State Police arrested Manske June 8 and charged him with criminally negligent homicide, failure to perform duties of a driver to injured persons and tampering with physical evidence.

The first two charges, both Class B felonies, stem from the initial hit-and-run, while the third charge, a Class A misdemeanor, stems from Manske's attempts to repair and hide his 2005 Chevrolet Silverado from police.

Manske spent three weeks in the Lane County jail before he was granted supervised release under 12 conditions, some of which precluded him from leaving the state, using illegal drugs or alcohol, and operating a vehicle.

A grand jury indicted Manske July 12 on the charges indicated in his arrest warrant. After he was assigned a public defender, Manske initially registered not-guilty pleas on all three charges at a July 16 hearing.

After six weeks of negotiations, Manske and the Lane County District Attorney's Office reached a plea agreement, at which point Manske pled guilty to the three charges and a previous drug charge.

Manske waived the customary lapse between conviction and sentencing and, in accordance with his plea agreement, will spend six years in prison

with an opportunity for early release.

He will also pay \$36,796.90 in restitution, to compensate Krissie's insurance company for funeral expenses and the Lane County Victim Services Program for the hotel accommodations provided to Krissie's family during Manske's sentencing.

Oregon will permanently revoke Manske's driving privileges.

In her statement, Krissie's mother urged the court to commit to sentencing without opportunities for early release. Through Victim Services, she asked not to be identified.

"I am asking the court to please make Jason Manske spend the entire 75 months in prison without early parole. ... I do not think that the last two and a half months that he got to spend in the comfort of his home with his family should count as time served," she wrote. "As a family, we didn't get time off or more time with Bryson. We will have to suffer with this for the rest of our lives."

(News Editor Jeff Knebel and Graphics Editor Eugene Johnson contributed to this report.)

#BRIEFLY

#boardofeducation

The Lane Board of Education unanimously moved Monday to accept recommendations from the Bond Leadership Team on how to proceed with future construction projects.

In 2008, voters passed an \$83 million bond issue for Lane based on estimated costs to construct a specific list of projects. Supporters assumed that matching state funds would become available for two of the projects, according to Board documents.

\$31.4 million remain after several projects have been completed. Six projects remain from the original list.

Since 2008, three unanticipated events surfaced:

- The uncertainty of state capital construction funds;
- Lane has adopted a long-range plan that has influenced the physical growth of the campus, and there are insufficient funds to complete the remaining bond projects as originally scoped;
- the unanticipated \$6 million in additional revenue from the sale of the remaining bonds and \$1 million in Oregon Lottery bonds for the remodel of Building 18.

The Board will next meet Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Building 3 board room.

#aslcc

ASLCC will hold its weekly meeting 4 p.m. in the Building 3 board room. Topics up for debate are another round of discussion about their budget and re-ratification of GSA, The Table Tennis Club and ratification of the Hospitality and Culinary Program Student Club.

The ASLCC will also hold an election for a senate pro tempore and corporate secretary.

The meeting is open to the public.

#healthinsurance

Lane will no longer be offering an optional health insurance plan to cover potential major injuries for students in the advanced technology programs.

While the Health Clinic on campus offers most of their services to students at little or no cost above the mandatory fee of \$12 per term, supplemental insurance is available in the private sector for students who want the additional coverage.

Advanced Technology Department Dean Pat O'Connor said he recommends the additional coverage for students in the advanced technology field who are subject

to environments in which serious injuries are possible.

For more information regarding services available to Lane students at the Health Clinic, log on to <http://www2.lanecc.edu/healthclinic>.

#councilofclubs

Council of Clubs met Oct. 16 and tabled a \$10,000 funds request from the Student Nurses Association.

The SNA is seeking funding for a return trip to Thailand. During the 2011-12 school year, they worked with Thai doctors and nurses in helping those in rural areas get medical attention.

Representatives from the club said the funds request will help pay for plane tickets for 10 nursing students to attend the trip.

The SNA will be requesting \$7,000 from the ASLCC in addition to the \$10,000 from Council of Clubs, to help offset the \$22,000 cost of the trip. The Council tabled the request until its Oct. 23 meeting for further discussion.

The Council was also briefed by ASLCC adviser Barbara Delansky regarding special events planning and logistics.

The council will meet Oct.

23 in Building 1, behind the ASLCC-operated store on the second floor.

#laneconcerts

At Lane's fall faculty concert, "Faculti Potpourri," instructors will play a variety of music, from Indian tabla drumming to Schubert piano pieces and will conclude with Hummel's Septet No. 1. The concert will begin Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ragozzino Performance Hall in Building 6.

The Oct. 25 concert will

feature Hung Yun Chu and Genevieve Mason on piano, Cheryl Denice on oboe, Elizabeth Hoffman on flute, Josh Humphrey on tabla, Scott King on French horn, Clark Spencer on viola, Justin Stowe on tuba, David Strtaka on cello and Nathan Waddell on double bass.

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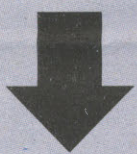
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ASLCC continues balancing budget

Uncertainty plagues student government finances

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\$359,497**



**Proposed Expenses
\$275,630**

BY TAYA ALAMI
Reporter

Grappling with uncertain revenue projections, ASLCC leaders last week began pitching spending proposals that would keep student government in the black, even in the worst-case scenarios.

ASLCC set spending in May 2012 based on a projected \$329,601 in revenue, including \$40,601 in unspent money they expected to carry into this fiscal year.

Draft budgets in the months since have that carryover waffling between \$5,000 and, recently, a "mysterious" \$70,000, ASLCC President Merriam Weatherhead said.

Despite this year's original ASLCC budget, Weatherhead said the student government had a deficit going into September.

Weatherhead's proposals would bring expenses down to a total of \$275,629.75 in case the carryover disappears completely, leaving the ASLCC with only \$289,000 in revenue from student activity fees — \$7.44 per term per student — and the ASLCC-operated snack shack in Building 1.

Weatherhead said ASLCC approved all but one request for funds last year, with little to no oversight or awareness of the account's current balance.

When asked by ASLCC Senator Colette Buchanan how ASLCC was able to fall into such a large deficit while anticipating savings, Weatherhead said ASLCC was never briefed on how much it was spending, or how much was available to spend.

"We didn't watch how much we were spending on events," Weatherhead said. "We didn't watch how much we were spending on personal things like office supplies — things like that."

Weatherhead said the student government received a mysterious \$70,000 that appeared in its account after the start of the school year.

"We're kind of confused about where it came from, what it actually means and if we have it," she said.

Although Weatherhead said she was terrified by the amount of potential cuts at first, she thinks it isn't as bad as it seems.

"There (are) a lot of things that we can change, and a lot of things we can be more fiscally aware of as well," she said.

Weatherhead presented two balanced budgets as examples of what ASLCC could do, but she said they were not official budget proposals.

"I'm presenting you with information, and I'm presenting you with options," Weatherhead said. "But this is y'all's budget, and this is y'all's decision."

The greatest expense in ASLCC's budget is the

Legal Services Program, which will pay \$80,000 to an attorney on retainer and \$34,658 in salary and benefits to a legal secretary. This attorney provides free legal aid to Lane students.

The second-greatest expense in the ASLCC budget is the amount of student activity fee money student leaders choose to pay to themselves.

The ASLCC president, vice president, treasurer and multicultural coordinator will earn a combined \$19,800 this year, an \$1,800 increase from last year. ASLCC appointed staff will receive a total of \$22,700 in stipends, a \$2,200 increase, while ASLCC senators will earn a combined \$20,600 dollars — a \$100 increase from the 2011-12 school year.

"I know our student government is among the highest-paid in the state," ASLCC Vice President Tajo Ouermi said. "If you notice, our student government is the strongest one in the state regarding a lot of things that we do. It's obvious."

Ouermi said the ASLCC could reduce the costs of its elections by \$200, and that the student government should investigate potential reductions in its utilities bills and advertising budget.

Because *The Torch* is partially funded by student activity fee revenue, Ouermi said ASLCC should be entitled to free advertising.

"I can't speak to whether or not they would give it to us for free," Weatherhead said, "but that would be very cool."

(Editor's note: *The Torch* prints advertisements at a reduced rate for any Lane program funded wholly or partially by student activity fee revenue, which includes the ASLCC. As an independent newspaper, *The Torch* is funded entirely by student activity fee and advertising revenue. Two part-time faculty advisers to *The Torch* earn salaries from Lane. *The Torch* only receives money from the student government when the ASLCC purchases advertising space.)

Weatherhead also said she wants to eliminate Lanestock, an annual on-campus music and arts fair, which according to her would save \$4,000. The suggestion received audible approval from student leaders at the meeting.

Weatherhead said she hopes \$74,967 in cuts will encourage ASLCC to think more critically about what they approve this school year.

"We had \$4,000 of deficit, and we budgeted for a \$40,000 carryover — so that's a scary number," she said.

Weatherhead and ASLCC Treasurer Matthew Yook issued copies of the budget for student leaders to review prior to its Oct. 17 meeting.

ASLCC is expected to move forward with their budget in their next regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Building 3 board room.



**Legal Services Program
\$138,658**



**ASLCC Payroll and Benefits
\$104,648**



**ASLCC Travel
\$40,633**



**ASLCC Operational Expenses
\$22,738**



**Club, Union and
Program Support
\$40,633**

TITANS TAKE FLIGHT

Aviation technology cleared for takeoff

By Taya Alami and Robert McElligott



For students in one Lane program, staying up late can kill more than just a grade.

Students in the college's aviation and maintenance technology department work with heavy machinery and dangerous chemicals and must go to greater lengths to stay safe in the classroom.

"If you're not very observant and you don't pay attention to what you're doing — yeah, a propeller could kill you," aviation maintenance student Matt Terada said.

A key department at Lane, the aviation program hit the news after a Sept. 28 emergency landing, the first such incident following 30,000 hours of safe flying.

Both the instructor, who was injured, and the student walked away from the crash, which remains under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board.

Apart from putting a premium on student safety, the department is preparing students for jobs in an ever-growing field, and wants to attract more women, soldiers and international students.

"We've been strongly encouraging women at career fairs, and making sure women are depicted in our marketing," aviation director Steve Boulton said.

One in five aviation maintenance and flight technology students are women, Boulton said — the most ever in Lane's history.

"It's a priority for the college to achieve a better gender balance in nontraditional fields," Advanced Technology Division Dean Pat O'Connor said.

Boulton said Lane's aviation program is a prime opportunity for veterans receiving benefits from the post-9/11 GI Bill, and the college is in talks to bring prospective Chinese pilots to the program.

Students in the program attend classes at the Eugene Airport, where they fly airplanes while using a full range of air-traffic control and radar surveillance and practice flying on parallel runways, without the congestion and delays of bigger airports.

"I believe this is the best place to train because of the size and nature of the airport," Boulton said.

He said being able to teach students how to fly

in the elements of Oregon gives the flight technology program an edge over other flight schools in drier climates, like Arizona.

"We love having them on the field. It's great to have a facility that's actually teaching folks how to fly, and the maintenance facility as well," Deputy Airport Director Catherine Stevens said. "It's a great addition to our airport."

Boulton said the relationship between the program and the airport is reciprocal.

"This program plays an integral part in the Lane County economy," Boulton said. "If we weren't here, the first thing that would happen is the FAA would shut down a tower, and that would be a huge step down for the airport. It would greatly reduce federal funding, and greatly reduce commercial airline traffic."

Airports in the United States receive funding based on the number of flight operations. Flight technology estimates that accounts for 50 to 70 percent of operations at the Eugene Airport, bringing mutual perks to the airport and the college.

Boulton sometimes worries about the high-cost department being cut, saying such a reduction in airport operations would cause a massive ripple throughout the economy.

The aviation maintenance technology program is one of the original programs from Eugene Technical Vocational School, which would become Lane Community College in 1964.

Lane integrated the aviation maintenance and flight technology programs into one department five years ago — a move Boulton said has had many advantages for both programs.

"It's all aviation," Boulton said. "We have flight tech classes on aircraft systems and structures. We also provide some aspect of training for (aviation maintenance technicians) to communicate with pilots, like for taxiing, for example."

Boulton estimates the completion rates for the programs to be in the range of 80 percent — among the highest at Lane.

"We have very driven students," he says. "They're bright, motivated, passionate — and consequently, they finish."

Students say that the department often feels like a second home. It's very common for the flight technology program to hire former students as instructors. In fact, all of the current flight technology instructors are former students.

"It's really like a family out here. We have an open-door policy," Administrative Coordinator Peggy Sherman said. "Our number one thing is for students to feel like they can come to us."

Sherman credits student success to the department's friendly environment and passionate people.

"We really want everyone to achieve," she said.

Aviation maintenance students pay about one-sixth as much as the estimated \$60,000 their colleagues in flight technology must pay to complete their program, and earn almost double the \$25,000-per-year that entry-level commercial pilots make.

Despite these advantages, aviation maintenance is no picnic.

"It's a lot of work," student Grant Dahlgren said. "But it's interesting. We get to learn a lot of stuff."

Job prospects for graduates are promising, Boulton said, as commercial pilots around the world are required to retire at age 65, while demand for pilots and mechanics continues to rise in developing markets, especially in Asia.

According to Boeing's market outlook for 2011 to 2030, the aviation industry will add 460,000 pilots and 650,000 maintenance technicians before 2030.

In the past, graduates of the aviation maintenance program haven't been solely confined to working in the aviation industry, and have gone on to work with a variety of technologies, including race cars, robotics and turbines.

Dahlgren said he plans to work on "birds" — a term for helicopters — after he graduates.

"The thing that gives an opportunity to go into different fields is because we learn so much in all the aspects of aviation," aviation maintenance student George Imer said. "We learn hydraulics, electronics, mechanic aspects, the oxygen systems — so you can get into pretty much anything you want to."

TITANS RIGHT ON TRACK

Runners climb the ranks one race at a time

By Ryan Kostecka



Macauley Wilson

Head coach Mike Blackmore said the Lane cross-country teams are on track to achieve their season goals.

The men are aiming to win the NWAACC Championship while the women want to earn a berth in the championships and continue to improve every week, and the Titans are well on their way to proving their moxie for the season.

Both teams return to action Oct. 19 when they run in the Beaver Classic in Corvallis.

After that, the Titans will compete in the Southern Region Championships Oct. 27 at Lane and then move on to the NWAACC Championships Nov. 10 in Spokane, Wash.

At each race, the men are proving they have formed a deep team that is living up to preseason hype.

"The men's team is a talented group that can take a shot at the title if they all run their best at the NWAACC Championships," Blackmore said. "But it seems that when one of them slips a little, another steps into that place. And that is the sign of a team getting it done for each other."

In the first meet of the year, the Oak Knoll Loop Run in Independence Sept. 15, the Titans took second place with a team score of 50 points, good enough to beat four-year college Willamette University. Lane returned Sept. 22 to take first place in the Northwest Classic among community colleges with an overall team score of 70 points and five runners in the top eight.

The Titans' next meet was the Oct. 6 Western Washington Classic in Bellingham, Wash., where they took sixth place among the 16 teams competing. Lane was the only community college to compete at the event.

Lane earned a third-place finish at the Oct. 13 Adidas Classic in Portland, where freshman Elias Gedyon continued his strong season with a second-place finish in the 8,000-meter run.

Gedyon, a three-event All-American in the 2011 NWAACC Track and Field Championships, is the Titans' top runner.

Gedyon was the top finisher for Lane at the 9,000-meter Oak Knoll Loop Run. He placed first for Lane at the Western Washington Classic. Gedyon finished his 10,000-meter in 31:42, 30 seconds behind the first-place finisher. Gedyon also placed second overall at the Adidas Classic, out-running multiple nationally ranked competitors from larger universities.

"Elias is capable of winning as long as he is ready to respond to whatever happens up front during the second half of the race," Blackmore said. "He is obviously a very talented athlete and needs to bring his game every day if he wants to be the distance runner he is capable of being over the next several years."

Blackmore believes the Titans are a deep team with multiple guys able to win each race.

"Jacob Berkner is by far the most consistent guy on the team, both in workouts and races. Aaron Kirch, Caleb Patrick, Javier Velasco and Theo Puentes have each had one race that was a pleasant surprise and just need to be more consistent," Blackmore said.

The Titans' women have so far been successful in their season by improving each week on their overall and individual team scores.

"We are happy to have a full team that works hard to improve every time we race. We aren't in the running for a top-half finish in Spokane, so our goal is to continue learning to race well," Blackmore said.

As a team, Lane first competed in the Oak Knoll Loop Run and finished third. Its next event came a week later, when the women competed in the Northwest Classic and placed fifth with a team score of 134 points, only 9 points behind NWAACC foe Southwestern Oregon Community College.

After taking a week off from competition, Lane returned to compete in the Western Washington Classic, where freshmen Macauley Wilson and Blair Harris placed among the top finishers. Most recently, the Titans ran in the Adidas Classic and placed sixth.

Wilson has finished first among Titans in every race of the year.

Her highest finish came when she placed fifth at the Oak Knoll Loop Run and 18th at the Northwest Classic.

"Macauley is someone we feel lucky to have brought in at the last minute," Blackmore said. "She is going to improve dramatically over the next two years."

Harris and freshman Rochell Pappel have finished second and third, respectively, in multiple races.

Altogether, the Titans are healthy entering the last half of the season and just placed six runners in the top 40 at the Adidas Classic, their best results of the year so far.



Elias Gedyon



EUGENE JOHNSON / THE TORCH

Sophomore midfielder Emily Strome gets pulled down to the turf by Green River sophomore forward Karly Dedmon in a game Sept. 29 in Eugene.

COLUMN BY RYAN KOSTECKA
Sports Editor

In sports, some teams look to assert their physical dominance with the hopes of breaking their opponents.

The Titan women's soccer players don't break.

Their opponents may not be playing to hurt the Titans but they've completely hammered and battered the Titans repeatedly.

Lane takes its fouls and moves on with the game. The Titans don't retaliate with the cheap shot or look to harm their opponents.

Lane has recorded four yellow cards while their opponents have been tabbed for two.

Although this would make it seem like Lane is the more physically dominating team, that's not so.

Two of the yellow cards received have been because of bad challenges, meaning the Titans mis-played their opponent and fouled them, nothing intentional. The other two yellow cards were the result of a Titan player colliding with the opposing goalie, an automatic yellow card regardless of intent.

It takes a lot for an athlete to hold back after being kicked, tripped, thrown and beaten to the turf. The Titans play with such maturity that they don't care what happens to them as long as they are the ones walking off the field with their hands raised in victory.

They are one of the toughest teams I've been around in my college career, which includes playing football and baseball at Lewis and Clark College.

I wouldn't be able to do what the Titans do game in and game out. If an opponent were physically pounding me, I would fight back. If I got hit, I'd hit back harder. But that's just me and the way I play the game.

If I see a teammate get inappropriately fouled, my other teammates or myself will seek revenge. We

don't aim for permanent injury, but we definitely make it known that we won't be walked all over or beat down without a fight.

Lane women, on the other hand, seek revenge where it hurts the most: on the scoreboard.

Opponents will continue to batter and beat the Titans throughout the season, which will consistently result in free kicks. If Lane doesn't retaliate, they'll continue to take advantage of the opportunities.

Many of the Titans have said they don't retaliate because they're too focused on the end result. They'd rather be fouled and get the victory than

retaliate and get benched.

That's honorable. That's impressive.

This strategy has paid off for the Titans, who have posted a 6-3-3 record and sit in second place in the Southern Region, one game behind first-place Clackamas.

Led by just a few sophomores and multiple freshmen in the starting lineup, they are showing maturity beyond their age.

Rather than getting caught up in the physicality of the game, they are making sure their only concern is the victory at hand.

SPORTS UPDATE

Women's Soccer

Overall record: 6-3-3

Southern Region record: 5-3-1

Results:

Sept. 29 at Eugene
Lane 1 - Green River CC 0
Oct. 6 at Mount Vernon, Wash
Skagit Valley CC 1 - Lane 0
Oct. 10 at Shoreline, Wash
Shoreline CC 3 - Lane 0

Upcoming:

Lane vs. Clackamas CC, Eugene,
Oct. 17 at 3:30 p.m.
Lane vs. Southwestern CC, Eugene,
Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.

Baseball

Upcoming:

Lane vs. Northwest Baseball, Eugene, Oct.
20 at noon

Cross Country

Results:

Men: Third place, Elias Geydon - 2nd overall
Women: Sixth place, Macauley Wilson -
29th overall

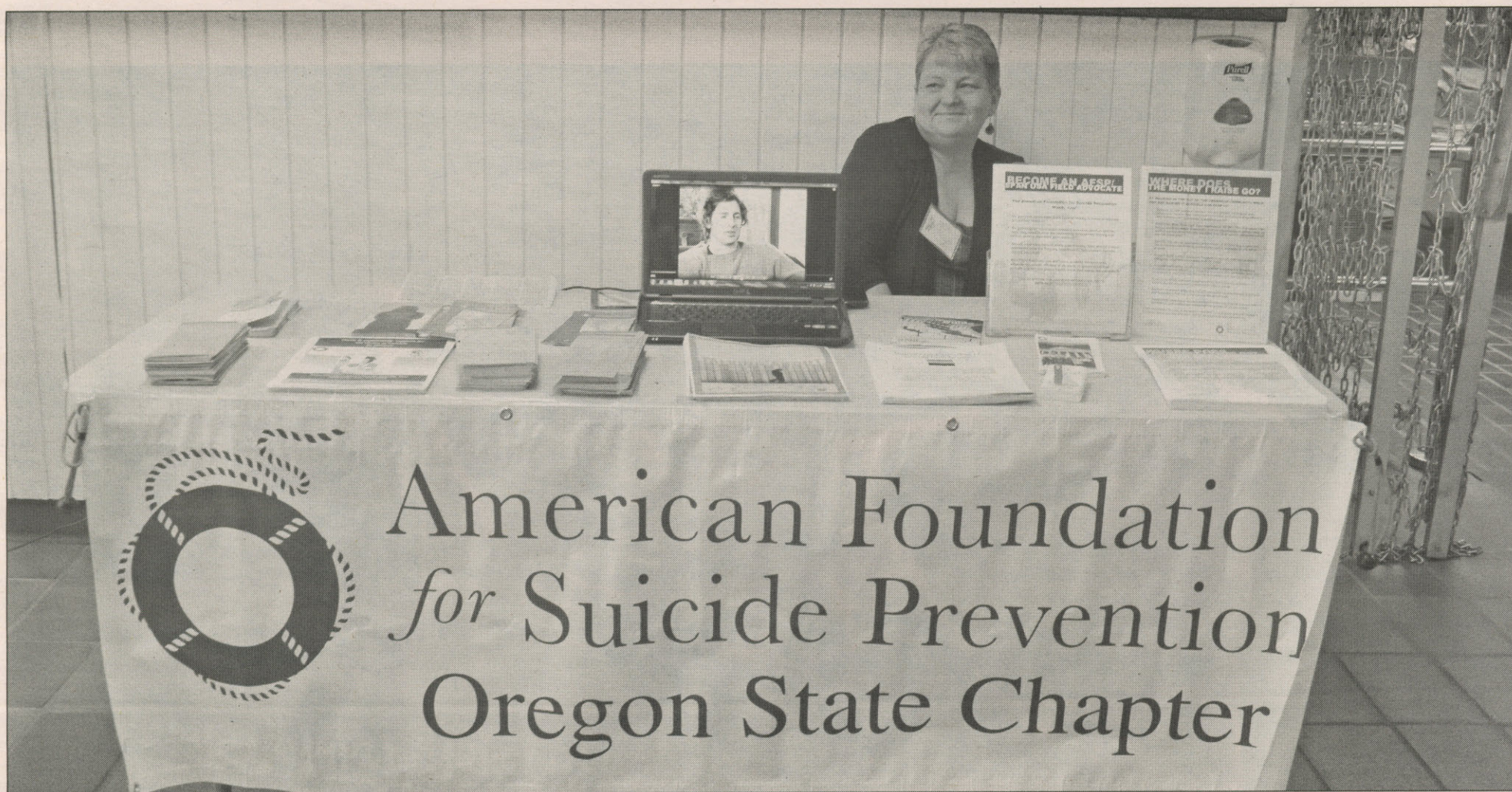
Upcoming:

Lane at Beaver Classic, Corvallis, Oct. 19

Women's Basketball

Upcoming:

Lane at Oregon Institute Technology,
Klamath Falls, Oct. 20, 1 p.m.



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American Foundation for Suicide Prevention executive board member Tawna Righter is one of many exhibitors at the Health and Awareness Fair.

Tragedy inspires fair to help others

Staff showcase resources for struggling students

BY KYLE WEBB
Features Editor

Rachel Nice committed suicide in April 2012, and a coalition of Lane students, faculty and staff are working to prevent future suicides by making the community aware of the services the college offers to struggling students.

The Rachel Nice Health and Awareness Fellowship aims to promote an increase in the mental and physical health of Lane staff and students and remove the stigma of those suffering from a mental illness.

Many of the students in the Fellowship were close to Nice and wanted to help students understand suicide prevention and how to deal with stress in healthy ways.

"In Oregon, suicide is the No. 1 leading cause of death for 15- to 34-year-olds," Tawna Righter said, "surpassing accidents and disease combined."

Righter is the Oregon chapter secretary for the American Foundation for Suicide.

Bonnie Carpe, nursing student, said the mission of the Fellowship and the Health and Awareness Fair is "to bring students and faculty together on the same page — as one happy family."

Carpe, a close friend of Nice's, said many of Nice's close friends, including herself, used the fair as a healing process to cope with her death.

"She called me Mama ... she lived with me off and on," Carpe said, "She was like my daughter — she meant the world to me."

The Fellowship created the Health and Awareness Fair, from Oct. 10 to Oct. 11 in the Center Building cafeteria, to bring health resources to the

attention of students and staff. Organizers distributed information about physical and mental health, suicide warning signs and prevention, as well as the availability of counseling to students on Lane's campus.

The fair had tables at which various resource groups provided information.

Susan Shipp, assistant dean of counseling and advising, attended to let students know about the counseling and advising resources available at Lane.

Along with advising, Lane offers personal and crisis counseling to students, Shipp said. While Shipp provided general information about where students and staff can get counseling and advising, many booths had more specific information.

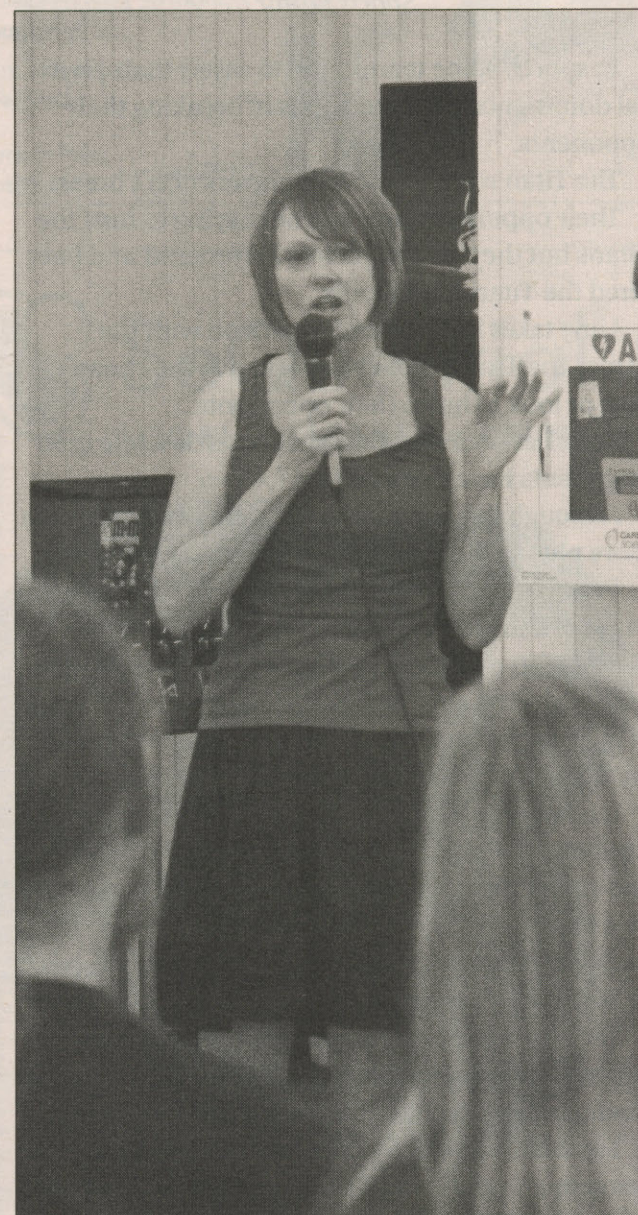
Social Science instructor Mark Harris gave resources for those suffering from substance abuse and cultural adjustment therapy and for those returning from war, prison or homelessness.

"It is free to all students, staff and their families," Harris said.

He said different cultures approach recovery in different ways and it's important to know there are different approaches someone can take in recovery or seeking help.

Along with the resources at the tables there were free flu shots available, presentations by community members and Lane faculty, musical performances and class demonstrations. The presentations ranged from suicide prevention tips to how to cultivate healthy lifestyles.

The response to the fair has given the Fellowship the drive to want to continue this event in the future, and Carpe said the fair will return next year.



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Laura Jones from Oregon Research Institute presents at the Health and Awareness Fair.

FULL METAL BENEFIT

By CAMERON RITCHEY

Reporter

Eugene's metal community had an axe to grind with cancer this past Saturday, Oct. 13, with the Heavy Metal Cancer-Slaying Benefit show.

Local bands that included three Lane students took over the Oak St. Speakeasy to raise money for Emily Nyman, who is fighting a recurrence of Hodgkin's lymphoma. By the end of the night, they had raised more than \$2,000 to help her.

"It was amazing. I wasn't expecting that many people — lots of people I didn't know at all, who just showed up for the cause," Nyman said.

Nyman said she is currently fighting the medical insurance system, hoping to get coverage for her treatments. In the meantime, she said it's hard for her to work, and bills — medical or otherwise — continue to come.

More than 100 people found their way down the stairs at the corner of Oak and Broadway streets. They were treated to performances by Septic Burial, Elohim, Bloodlust and Tormentum, as well as a raffle drawing. Prizes included gift certificates for movies at Cinemark, tattoos, skateboard decks, car stereos, and a Jackson guitar and case from McKenzie River Music.

Among those attending was Tactics Board

Shop Marketing Director Jeremy Conant, who provided several custom-painted skateboard decks that read "fuck cancer" for the raffle.

When he was contacted by the benefit organizers, Conant said, he saw an opportunity to get Tactics involved in the local community while also allowing his employees to show off their creative sides. He was also personally invested in the concert.

"I've been a metal dude since the '80s," Conant said.

The night was hosted by Randy Settles, who also performed with Elohim and Bloodlust.

Nyman opened the night with a short speech thanking everyone for coming, and also called out winning raffle ticket numbers throughout the night.

"No matter what kind of music we listen to, we can all come together. We're all metal," Nyman said in her speech.

Settles understands what Nyman is going through, having dealt with cancer himself. Settles fought prostate cancer three years ago.

Fortunately, his military medical benefits paid for his treatment.

When Settles heard Nyman's insurance would not cover the treatment she needed, the musician had a brilliantly simple idea.

"All of us thought: 'Why don't we throw a benefit concert?'" Settles said.

The concert grew to include the raffle

and also a professional barbershop station. Attendees could unleash their metal side or show solidarity with Nyman by getting their heads shaved. Justin Sprague was the first one in the chair, and the barber efficiently shaved off his mop of blonde hair.

"It seemed like the right thing to do," Sprague said.

While shaved heads, metal spikes and black leather were prevalent, in typical Eugene fashion, rockers and concertgoers dressed in a variety of styles. From cargo shorts and boat shoes to slacks and formal vests, the night showed that a good cause and music can bring people together. This was not lost on Sky Skizz, lead singer of Tormentum.

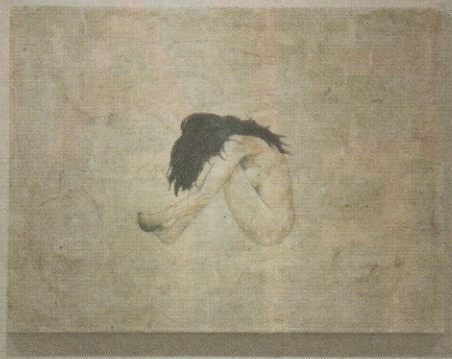
"An extreme metal show isn't probably what most people would expect for a benefit show, but it goes to show that there are people who do care," Skizz said.

A show like this doesn't just happen, though. Settles took point and spent considerable time and effort lining up bands, securing a venue, and soliciting donations for the raffle, which many Eugene businesses were generously willing to contribute. Settles had high expectations for the show, having invested so much time and effort on behalf of his friend.

"It's gonna be killer," Settles said before the concert.

And it was.



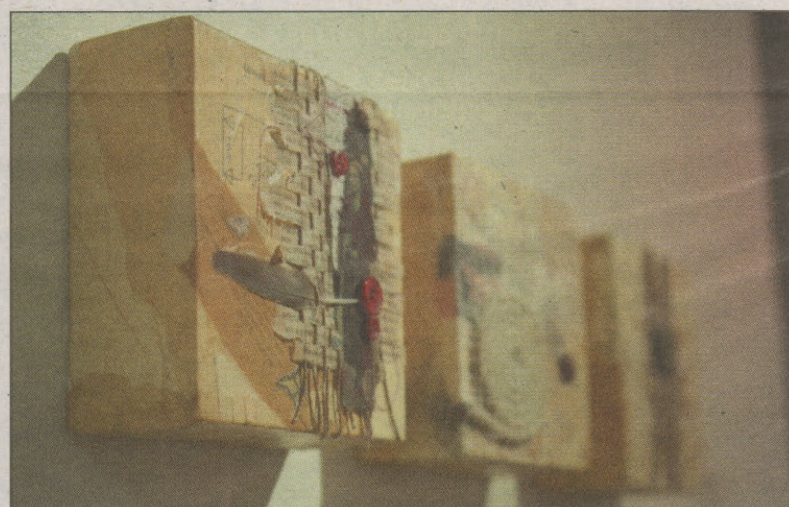
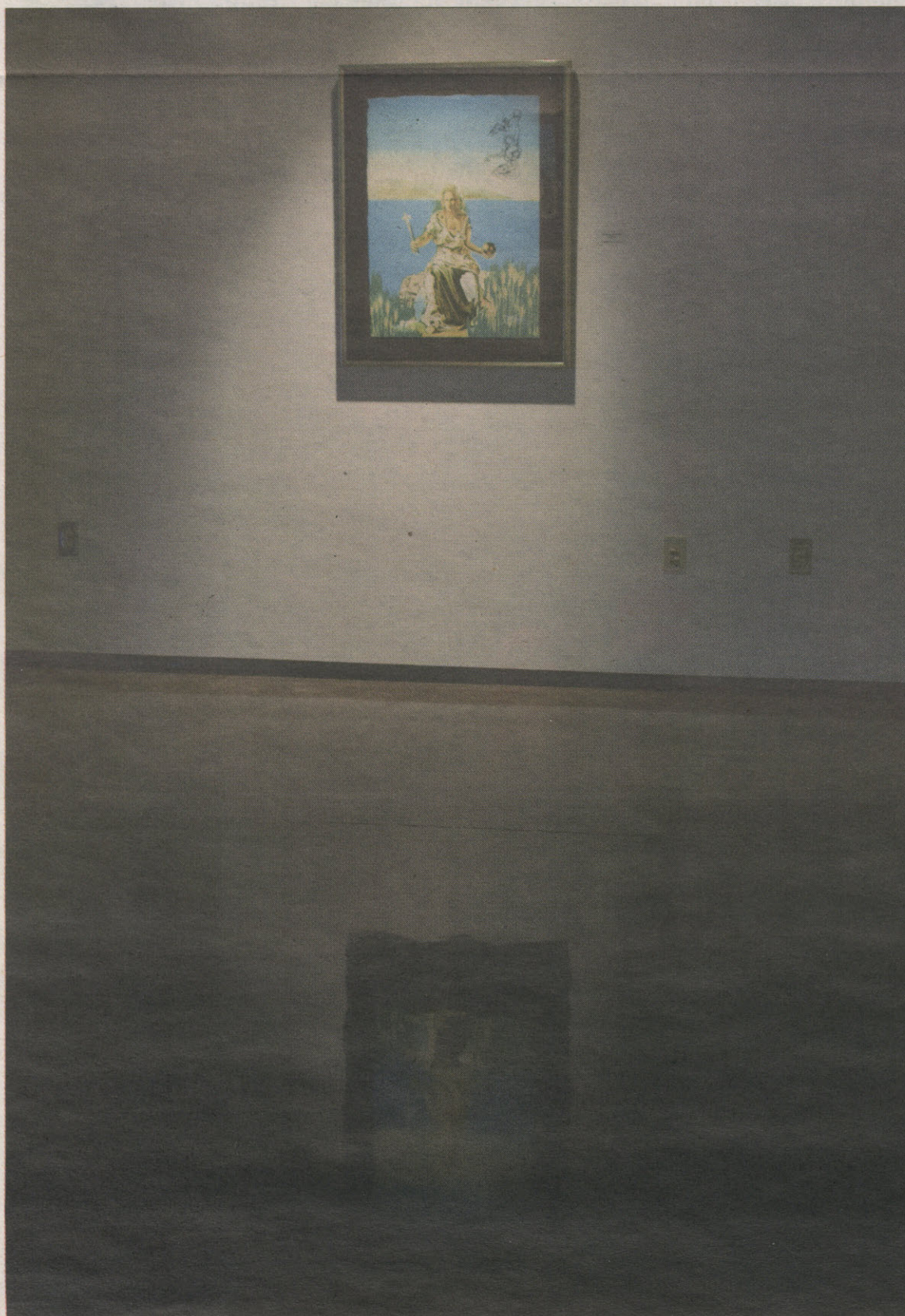


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Gina Hartmann's three-piece mixed/ink and gouache series, titled *sleeping fates*, are part of the show "Sentiments" in the Building 11 art gallery. There will be an open artist lecture Oct. 25 at 3 p.m.

Two exhibits bring new view to Lane

Gallery set to showcase 'Visions of Surrealism' and 'Sentiments'



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Gina Hartmann's mixed/encaustic pieces titled *Hope* (above), *I held his hand* (middle) and *go to sleep ...* are also part of the show. *The Coronation of Gala* (left) and other works by Salvador Dali are on display through Nov. 8 in the art gallery.

Lane's art gallery is presenting two new exhibits beginning Oct. 15 in the Building 11 main art gallery and its sister gallery.

"Visions of Surrealism," a collection of four Salvador Dali lithographs donated to Lane's art program, is on display in the main art gallery.

The titles on display are *Obsession of the Heart*, *The Mystery of Sleep*, *The Coronation of Gala* and *Enigma of the Rose*. The exhibit runs from Oct. 15 to Nov. 8.

"Sentiments," by Gina Hartmann, is on display in the sister gallery, just outside the main art gallery.

Hartmann is a Portland-based multimedia artist known for traditional forms and exhibit ecosystems, according to a press release by marketing specialist John Watson.

"Sentiments" runs from Oct. 15 to Dec. 6 with a lecture Oct. 25 at 3 p.m. and a reception immediately after.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Both exhibits are free.

Kyle Webb / Features Editor